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# The Sesquicentennial Jubilee

By CAPTAIN GEORGE S. PAPPAS, '44

Assistant Sesquicentennial Director

Hundreds of educators from all over the world, representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, representatives of the Armed Forces, and many alumni assembled at West Point on 20 May to participate in the Sesquicentennial Jubilee. The President of the United States; the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Chief of Staff of the Army; and General Matthew B. Ridgway were among the many governmental officials present. Foreign delegates included ten Ambassadors; fifty-eight military, naval and air attaches; the commandants of twenty-three foreign military academies; and representatives of many colleges, universities, and cultural institutions.

Guests began arriving on Monday afternoon. The registration center had been established in the ball room in Cullum Hall. Here cadets received the guests, briefed them on the program for the Jubilee, assigned them their housing, and completed other registration requirements. Monday evening, the Superintendent, Major General F. A. Irving, received over three hundred guests at an informal buffet supper in the West Point Army Mess.

Tuesday, 20 May, dawned a cold, rainy day. A hard drizzle continued throughout the morning and developed into a hard rain by noon. General Irving announced at noon that the inclement weather schedule would be followed.

The original plans called for an outdoor Convocation at the natural amphitheater on Trophy Point. The delegates were to assemble in the North Area of Barracks after robing and were to march through the East Sallyport, across the Plain between two ranks of First Classmen to Trophy Point. In the amphitheater, a large speakers' platform had been erected and appropriate seating arrangements had been made. The amphitheater was to have been decorated with the flags of the many nations represented in the audience and with the flags of the governmental officials and military officers participating in the Convocation. The original schedule included a retreat parade and review in honor of the President. However, the inclement weather necessitated the transfer of the ceremony to the Field House and the cancellation of the parade and review.

While final preparation of the Field House was being made Tuesday morning, registration continued in Cullum Hall. Guests who had already registered were taken on tours of the post. These tours included a motor inspection of many points of interest and

stops at the Cadet Chapel and the new Visitors' Information Center.

This Information Center, which was established under the auspices of the Sesquicentennial Steering Group and the Public Information Office, is located in the old Field Artillery Gun Shed at the south end of the Post. The Center contains an inclusive display pictorially presenting the academic, tactical, and character training received by the cadet; a cadet model room; a display of figurines showing the development of the cadet uniform; a small motion picture theater which periodically shows the film "This Is West Point" to the public; an information desk; and a snack bar. The center was designed by Colonel Ralph E. Kelley, USAF, the Sesquicentennial Exhibit Officer.

The Presidential party arrived by special

train at the West Shore Railroad station at 10:30 A.M. After being officially welcomed to the Military Academy by the Superintendent, the President and his party proceeded to Trophy Point. Here Mr. Truman received a twenty-one gun salute and inspected the guard of honor. The party then proceeded to the Superintendent's Quarters. During the morning, the President toured the post and visited the Cadet Chapel. Here, Mr. Truman listened to a brief organ recital by Mr. Mayer and then played the organ himself. The Presidential party moved to Washington Hall in time to watch the Corps march in for luncheon.

The Corps was joined at luncheon by the various delegates and other visitors. The President sat at a table with nine cadets from Missouri: Cadets H. L. J. Van Trees, R. F. C. Winger, J. H. Elliott, W. W. Noll,



President Truman with Vice Admiral Hill, Superintendent, U.S.N.A., and Major General Irving, Superintendent, U.S.M.A., at General Irving's quarters at West Point on 20 May 1952.

A. Kreigh, J. R. Logan, L. C. Wagner, J. L. Loomis, and R. V. Tompson. Following luncheon, Mr. Truman spoke informally to the Corps. The President emphasized the necessity for acceptance of responsibility by the Corps, and especially their responsibility for preparing for their future careers. Mr. Truman also praised the many contributions to national security made by the Military Academy and its graduates.

Following luncheon, the delegates proceeded to the Army Theater, which had been converted into a robing area. Robing booths for groups of twenty-five delegates had been set up. An officer aide was in charge of each group of delegates; a cadet assisted him in performing his duties. At approximately 1:15 P.M., the movement of delegates to the Field House began. Delegates entered buses in the tunnel under the gymnasium and were taken directly to the Field House where the Grand Marshal, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton; the Vice Marshal, Colonel Marion Carson; and the Assistant Marshals, Majors Benjamin J. Gault and Joseph J. Thigpen, assembled the Academic Procession. Within thirty-five minutes, the movement of over four hundred and fifty delegates had been completed.

At 2:00 P.M., the Academic Procession began, upon a signal from the Grand Marshal, General Fenton. The Procession moved from the west end of the Field House across the front of the audience to the seats reserved for the delegates. The following was the order of the Procession:

The Grand Marshal  
 The Sesquicentennial Flag Bearer  
 The Undergraduate Council  
 The Faculty of the United States Military Academy  
 Former Professors, United States Military Academy  
 Representatives of United States Armed Forces Schools  
 Delegates of Colleges and Universities  
 Delegates of Learned Societies and Cultural Institutions  
 Delegates of Foreign Military Academies  
 Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps  
 The Vice Grand Marshal  
 The United States Military Academy Academic Board  
 The Chief of Chaplains of the Army  
 The Bishop of Atlanta  
 Former Superintendents, United States Military Academy  
 The 1952 Board of Visitors  
 The Sesquicentennial Executive Committee  
 The Sesquicentennial Commission  
 The Speakers  
 The Superintendent, USMA, and the President of the United States.

The Sesquicentennial Flag Bearer was Cadet Clyde A. Selleck, Class of 1952, Chairman of the Undergraduate Council, which was composed of a First Classman from each

company of the Corps of Cadets. This group served in an advisory and coordinating capacity throughout the Sesquicentennial period.

The Faculty of the United States Military Academy was represented by the professors, associate professors, and assistant professors of the various academic departments. The Department of Tactics was also represented. The following former professors of the United States Military Academy were present: John C. Adams, Former Professor of English; Colonel Arturo Carbonell, former Professor of Military Hygiene; Major General Robert M. Danford, former Commandant of Cadets; Brigadier General Paul Harkins, former Commandant of Cadets; Brigadier General Gerald J. Higgins, former Commandant of Cadets; Brigadier General George Honnen, former Commandant of Cadets; Brigadier General Earl McFarland, former Professor of Ordnance; Brigadier General Royal Reynolds, former Professor of Military Hygiene; Colonel Henry Shaw, former Professor of Military Hygiene; and Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, former Commandant of Cadets.

Following the former professors of the Military Academy marched the representatives of eighteen Armed Forces Schools of the United States. These representatives marched in the order of the founding date of their various schools. Heading this group was Colonel Ralph D. McKinney, representing the Signal School, which was founded in 1861. Senior officers in the group included Lieutenant General Harold R. Bull, Com-

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Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, The Grand Marshal, followed by the Sesquicentennial Flag, leads the Academic Procession into the Field House at the Jubilee Convocation.

mandant of the National War College; Major General John DeF. Barker, Commandant of the Air University; Major General Roscoe C. Wilson, Commandant of the Air War College; and Commodore R. W. Bates, representing the Naval War College.

The Armed Forces Schools were followed by the representatives of colleges, universities, learned societies and cultural institutions, and foreign military academies. These delegates also marched in the order of the founding date of their respective institutions. Leading the group was Dr. Cesare Barbieri, delegate of the University of Bologna, Italy, which was founded in 1088. Dr. Federico de Onis represented the Literary University of Salamanca, Spain, which was founded in 1200; and General of the Army Omar N. Bradley was the delegate of the University of Cambridge, England, which was founded in 1284. General Bradley, however, as a speaker of the day, marched in the rear of the procession. Representatives of schools and societies from many foreign countries — South Africa, Australia, French Indo-China, the Philippines, Syria, West Germany, Switzerland, to mention only a few—were present. Thirty-five foreign military academies sent their commandants or representatives. These delegates included Major General David Dawnay, Commandant of the Royal Military Academy of Sandhurst, England; General Marcel J. Jouvot, Commandant of L'Ecole Polytechnique, France; Brigadier General Nestor Souto de Oliveira, Commandant of the Military Academy of Agulhas



President Truman at Luncheon with cadets from Missouri in Washington Hall on 20 May 1952.

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Former Professors, U.S.M.A., followed by Representatives of the United States Armed Forces Service Schools.

Negras, Brazil; Brigadier General Sanchez Hernandez, Director of the Military College of Mexico; Colonel Emeric d'Arcimoles, Commandant of the Military School of Dar El Beida, French Morocco; Colonel Patricio Borrromeo, Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy; and Lieutenant Colonel Tesfa Desta, Assistant Commandant of the Haile Selassie I. Military Academy and Staff College of Ethiopia.

Next in the order of march were the members of the Diplomatic Corps in Washington. The Ambassadors; several Ministers, Chargés d' Affaires and Counselors; and fifty-eight military, naval, and air attaches, represented the foreign delegations. These representatives marched in the order of diplomatic protocol.

The Vice Marshal, Colonel Carson, led the next segment of the Procession. Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board, headed the Academic Board, which marched in the order of the seniority of its members.

The Chief of Chaplains of the Army, Major General Roy H. Parker and the Bishop of Atlanta, the Right Reverend John B. Walthour, former Chaplain, U.S.M.A., followed the Academic Board. They were followed by members of the Presidential staff: Major General Wallace H. Graham, personal physician to the President; Rear Admiral Robert L. Dennison, Naval Aide; Major General Harry Vaughan, Military Aide; and Brigadier General Robert Landry, Air Aide. The former superintendents were represented by Major General Francis B. Wilby, superin-

tendent from 1942 to 1945. The Board of Visitors, the Sesquicentennial Executive Committee, and the Sesquicentennial Commission were integrated by order of rank. These individuals marched in the following order: Rear Admiral Arthur G. Hall, Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and member of the Commission; Brigadier General John C. McQueen, USMC, representing a member of the Commission; General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Commandant of the Marine Corps; the Very Reverend John A. Flynn, member of the Board of Visitors and President of St. John's University; Mrs. Katherine St. George, Member of Congress and former member of the Board of Visitors; General Matthew B. Ridgway, member of the Executive Committee (the other members of the Committee—General Alfred M. Gruenther, Lieutenant General Lauris Norstad, and Brigadier General William E. Crist, former Sesquicentennial Director, were unable to attend inasmuch as all were on duty overseas); Vice Admiral H. W. Hill, Superintendent, United States Naval Academy; Admiral William M. Fechteler, Chief of Naval Operations and a member of the Commission; the Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, General Nathan F. Twining, who represented General Hoyt Vandenberg, a member of the Sesquicentennial Commission and Chief of Staff of the Air Force; General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff of the Army and a member of the Commission. Three other members of the Sesquicentennial Commission were next in the order of the Procession: Secretary of

the Army Frank Pace, Jr.; Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball; and Secretary of the Air Force Thomas K. Finletter. (The Sesquicentennial Commission was appointed by Department of the Army General Order Number 44, dated 23 April 1952. In addition to those members who were present, the following were also named in the Order: the Vice President of the United States, Alben W. Barkley; the Governor of the State of New York, Thomas E. Dewey; the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sam Rayburn; the Secretary of Defense, Robert Lovett, who was also designated chairman of the Commission; and Vice Admiral Merlin O'Neill, Commandant of the Coast Guard. General of the Army Omar N. Bradley was also named a member of the Commission and the President consented to act as Honorary Chairman.)

The speakers of the day, each with an escort, then followed. Colonel Oscar J. Gatchell, Professor of Mechanics and a member of the Sesquicentennial Steering Group, escorted Dr. Karl T. Compton, Chairman of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a member of the Sesquicentennial Commission, and the representative of Cambridge University, was escorted by Colonel Herman Beukema, Professor of Social Sciences and a member of the Sesquicentennial Steering Group. The Superintendent, Major General Frederick A. Irving, escorted the President.

All marchers from the Vice Grand Marshal to the end of the Procession were seated on

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Delegates of Colleges and Universities and Delegates of Learned Societies and Cultural Institutions.

the speakers' platform. When all had taken their places, the Grand Marshal, General Fenton, announced that the Convocation would begin. The United States Military Academy Band, under the direction of Captain Francis E. Resta, played the National Anthem. The Bishop of Atlanta, the Right Reverend John B. Walthour, then gave the Invocation.

General Irving welcomed the delegates and guests. The Superintendent traced the development of the Military Academy through its one hundred and fifty years of existence. Concluding his introductory remarks, General Irving stated that, "However, we are not gathered here today to extol past records, glorious as they may be, but rather to draw lessons therefrom and inspiration by which the future may be met with even greater success." General Irving then introduced Dr. Karl T. Compton.

Dr. Compton began his address by presenting congratulations to the Military Academy on behalf of the colleges and universities. He stated that he took special pleasure in presenting this message as a representative of an engineering school, since the Military Academy was the first school for training engineers in this country, and because engineering has always been a part of its curriculum.

Dr. Compton cited the reports of two boards of consultants, of which he had been a member, which had surveyed and evaluated the West Point educational program. He commented most favorably upon the ob-



Dr. Karl T. Compton addresses the Jubilee Convocation in the Field House.

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jectives, the methods of instruction, and caliber of instruction at West Point. Dr. Compton remarked upon the wide variety of positions in which graduates had found themselves after leaving the Military Academy. He then outlined the objectives of the Military Academy, both as set forth by Act of Congress and as established by the changing functions of the Armed Forces. Dr. Compton concluded by saying "We are justly proud of the past record and the present effectiveness of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. We congratulate it, General Irving, on its 150th birthday and are confident of its continued effectiveness and prestige."

After the singing of "The Corps" by the Cadet Choir, General Irving introduced General of the Army Omar N. Bradley.

General Bradley, in his opening remarks, stated that it was difficult for a graduate to speak of the Military Academy, for praise would seem immodest and unbecoming, while disparagement would be disloyal. He stated that every graduate was grateful for the opportunities he has been given for education, for accomplishment, and for service to his country.

General Bradley emphasized that a great part of the contribution the Military Academy has made to the nation is due to the effort of the men who have been in charge of the training and the instruction of cadets. Their constant devotion to duty and sincere efforts to prepare each cadet for his career have upheld the highest traditions and principles of the Academy.

"Democracy, discipline, honor, integrity, logic and common sense—these are the guiding principles which develop the American military mind," General Bradley said. He then discussed the use of the term "military mind" by many writers, analysts, and critics. He stated that some of these people describe the military mind as being a separate entity from the American civilian mind. He then compared the military mind to the legal mind, the medical mind, the labor mind, and the management mind. General Bradley added that, "If this so-called military mind is to be measured in terms of what it has accomplished for our country, especially when its professional merit is tested in war, then I am proud to be among those who are so labeled."

American military leadership is far more suited to the character of the American democratic soldier than would be a "Prussian-type" discipline. General Bradley paid tribute to the American soldier. He said "It is from our 'G.I. Joe' of World War II, and his long line of valorous ancestors, that we can derive our credo of military leadership." General Bradley then listed these qualities of leadership, based on his experience with the American soldier: fairness, diligence, sound preparation, professional skill, and loyalty.

Concluding his address, General Bradley said, "If every graduate of West Point—and every young officer in the Service—gives the American soldier the inspired leadership that he deserves, the United States Military Academy will always be worthy and respected."

I could wish nothing greater for the Academy and its graduates on this occasion of its Jubilee anniversary."

After General Bradley had completed his remarks, the United States Military Academy Band played the "Sesquicentennial Fantasy," written by Captain Resta for the Jubilee. The Superintendent then announced that, because the address of the President was scheduled for a nation-wide broadcast it would be necessary to alter the original order of the program. Instead of singing after the President's speech, the Cadet Choir sang the "Alma Mater" at this time.

At 3:30 P.M. the President of the United States was introduced by the Superintendent. Mr. Truman's address was covered by all of the major networks and was broadcast at the time of its delivery or, by transcription, later in the day.

Before beginning the prepared text of his address, Mr. Truman spoke informally. He remarked upon the pleasant luncheon he had had with the nine cadets from his home state.

The President enumerated the multiple official positions he held by virtue of his office. He then said, "Under the Constitution, the President has power to pardon anybody for anything but impeachment. . . So exercising my authority, as President of the United States under the Constitution, I direct the Commandant of West Point to relieve all the special punishment that is going on on the Post today, and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I direct General Irving to carry out that or-

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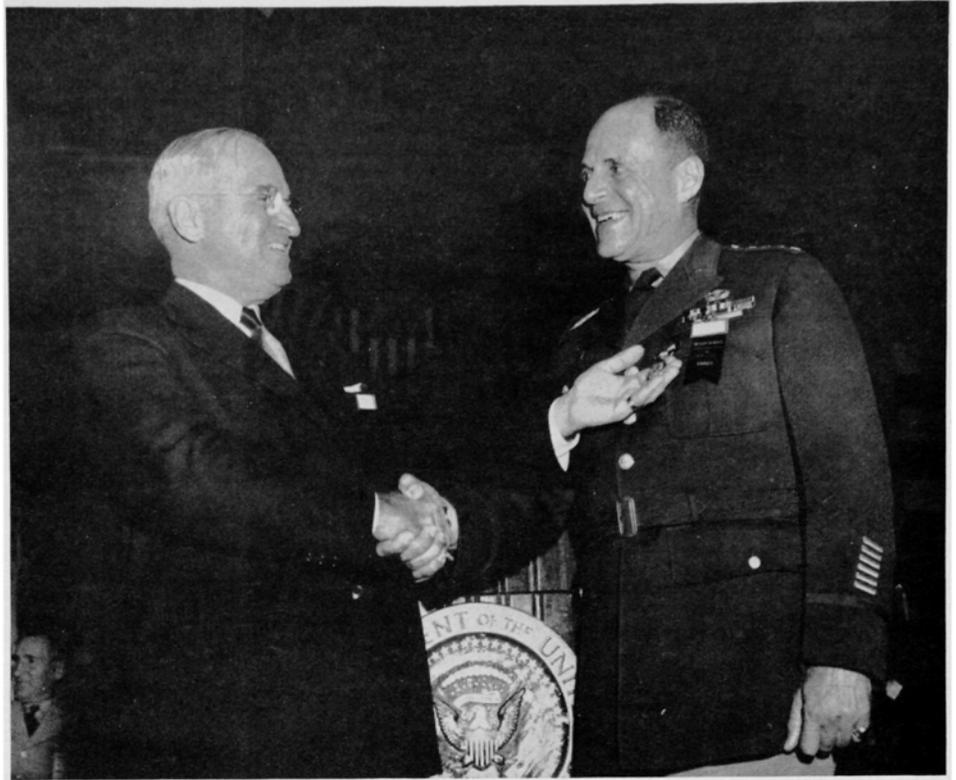
Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps.

der." A tremendous cheer from The Corps echoed throughout the Field House at this point.

Mr. Truman then began his prepared address. The President discussed the state of affairs in the United States at the time the Military Academy was founded in 1802. He stated that there had been a great deal of opposition to the founding of a military academy for many years previous to that date. Mr. Truman said that this opposition to establishment of a military academy was a part of the argument over whether the United States should have strong national defenses, an argument which has continued to the present day.

Fortunately, Mr. Truman, continued, these arguments did not prevail against the common sense of men like Jefferson. The Military Academy was established. West Point has repaid the country many times over for every cent it has cost, Mr. Truman said. He added that, while we have learned from experience that it is expensive to maintain a strong national defense, we have allowed our armed forces to dwindle time and time again, "And there are people right now," Mr. Truman said, "who want us to relax and cut down on our defense program. They are just as wrong as they can be. We must pay the cost of preventing a world war—or we will surely have to pay the immensely greater cost of fighting one."

The President then stated that the United States is a peace-loving nation; that our people have never been warlike; . . . but that the policies of the Soviet Union are ex-



President Truman awards the Distinguished Service Medal, Second Oak Leaf Cluster, to General Ridgway at the Jubilee Convocation.

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actly the opposite of our own. However, he continued, the free countries can, by proper and adequate defense measures, make clear to the Kremlin that aggression would be doomed to failure.

The President then discussed the Korean War and the truce talks. He stated that the United Nations negotiating team had done a masterful job in the face of great provocation. Their insistence, Mr. Truman said, on the essentials of a just and honorable armistice has caused the Communists to realize that the United Nations will not sacrifice principles to obtain that armistice.

Mr. Truman made reference to the problem of exchange of prisoners, which is at present being discussed by the negotiators. He stated that under no circumstances would United Nations prisoners be forced to return to their Communist masters at bayonet point. "We won't do it," he said. "We won't buy an armistice by trafficking in human slavery."

The President then discussed defense production, stating that the level of production has risen sharply. He compared production in January 1952 with the level of production in January 1951. He then discussed the world situation, speaking of the state of affairs in the Far East and in Europe.

Mr. Truman concluded his address by stating that freedom is being preserved without a frightful world war. If this preservation of freedom is to continue, he added,

"... we must have steady nerves and stout hearts." \* \* \* \* "The young men here at West Point," he said, "are called on to play a great part in the tremendous effort we are making." \* \* \* \* "Your opportunities are great because the task ahead of you is great," the President said. He concluded, "We need—all of us—to draw on the wonderful tradition of resolution and courage which has been cherished for 150 years in the life of the cadets here at West Point."

When the great applause of his speech by the audience had ended, the President asked General Matthew Ridgway to step forward. He then read the citation awarding General Ridgway the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal, for "... exceptionally meritorious service to the United States and to the free people of the world. . ."

General Ridgway thanked the President, saying, "Consummate consideration, I believe, was never more evident than in this thoughtful act by you, sir, the Commander-in-Chief, in awarding this high decoration in the presence of my wife, my comrades, and this notable assemblage at this great national institution which has served our nation so faithfully for a century and a half. I am grateful beyond words."

The Superintendent, General Irving, then came forward to the tribune and presented the President with a portrait of the first graduate of the Military Academy, Joseph Swift, as a memento of Mr. Truman's visit to West Point on the occasion of the Ses-

quicentennial Jubilee. General Irving, in his remarks, traced, briefly, the visits to West Point of the Presidents of the United States from the time of Washington. After Mr. Truman had thanked the Superintendent for the gift, General Irving announced that the Convocation would be concluded with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Chief of Chaplains of the Army, Major General Roy H. Parker, and the Recessional procession of the distinguished guests. General Parker pronounced the Benediction and the distinguished guests marched from the Field House.

After a period of relaxation, the guests assembled once again in Cullum Hall. Here the Superintendent held a reception in honor of the many delegates. Guests were received by General and Mrs. Irving, Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., and the Dean of the Academic Board, Brigadier General Harris Jones, and Mrs. Jones. Hostesses at the reception were several wives of officers of the garrison, including Mrs. Chauncey L. Fenton, Mrs. Herman Beukema, Mrs. Oscar J. Gatchell, and Mrs. Thomas W. Hammond.

Many of the delegates and official guests had brought members of their individual families with them. Since only the delegates and official guests had been invited to the official luncheon and to the Jubilee Banquet, both held in Washington Hall, the members of their respective families were entertained in the West Point Army Mess at noon for luncheon and in the evening for

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Members of the Board of Visitors, U.S.M.A., members of the Sesquicentennial Executive Committee, and members of the Sesquicentennial Commission.

dinner. Again, several wives of officers of the garrison, acting as hostesses, assisted in caring for the many guests at these two events. The presence of these ladies did much to make the many visitors feel more at home.

The delegates and official guests began to assemble in Washington Hall before 8:00 P.M. Promptly on the hour, the Cadet First Captain, Gordon D. Carpenter, called the First Class to attention. The Reverend Frank E. Pulley, Chaplain of the United States Military Academy, then gave the Blessing and the Jubilee Banquet began. During the banquet, a string ensemble from the USMA Band provided appropriate dinner music.

At the conclusion of the meal, the Superintendent came to the tribune to start the program of speeches. In his introductory remarks, General Irving reviewed the events of the six-months-long observance of West Point's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. He then introduced Dr. George D. Stoddard, President of the University of Illinois, who brought greetings from the colleges and universities of the United States.

After presenting the greetings of these institutions, Dr. Stoddard said that the Military Academy "stands in the first rank of our oldest and best colleges—an example of what can be accomplished by an unswerving devotion to high standards." He said that West Point reveals a trend in modern education, for the Military Academy is the base of a life-long educational system conducted by the Army for the cadet after graduation

and for his fellow officers who obtain their commissions through other means. Dr. Stoddard called the Military Academy a gift from the American people to themselves. He concluded by saying, "We celebrate the dramatic success of an idea, an idea that has proved to be fateful for the Republic—the idea that the peace-loving—to maintain the peace—must keep forever strong."

General Irving then introduced Dr. Robert M. MacIver, representative of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, who brought the greetings of the colleges and universities of other nations.

The universities of the free world share the feeling that, in these fateful times, they have learned what West Point has done and is doing to safeguard the common cause of civilization, Dr. MacIver said. "The learned institutions for which I speak here," he continued, "are joined with you in a common cause." "They have learned" "that no great cause is won by might alone. Might must be armed by the word." He said further that knowledge creates power and renews the word and the doctrine of the world in which and by which we live. Dr. MacIver concluded by emphasizing that in our doctrine lies the one enduring moral, the one faith that brings enduring morale on which depends redemption and the indication of right.

The Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, Admiral Harry W. Hill, who represented the United States Armed Forces Schools, was then introduced by the Superintendent.

Admiral Hill said that in time of adversity one discovers who one's friends are. "I think that, through the one hundred and fifty years that we are celebrating tonight, plus twenty-seven years in addition, this nation, whenever these adversities have arisen, has found out \* \* \* upon whom it could depend and I must say that one organization that it has always been able to depend upon has been the Army. \* \* \* "I think that this Academy always has been and always will be the provider for that nucleus of this great group of Army officers who will be our leaders in time of adversity." "I can tell all who may not know it already that we at the Naval Academy find it a terrific challenge to try to meet the standards established by this Academy. We admire this Academy and everything it stands for and we admire the output that comes from here. We admire the integrity, the honesty, the morale, the sense of leadership, the professional proficiency that comes from here and it really gives us a target to shoot at." Admiral Hill concluded by saying, "We know, we feel completely confident, that if we could be here one hundred and fifty years from now, the record of achievement would be even greater."

The Commandant of the Military Academy of Agulhas Negras, Brazil, Brigadier General Nestor Suoto de Oliveira, was then introduced by General Irving as the representative of the foreign service academies.

Speaking in Portuguese, General Nestor Suoto de Oliveira said that throughout its history, West Point ". . . true to its traditions and in pursuit of its principal object-

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Distinguished guests and speakers, with their escorts.

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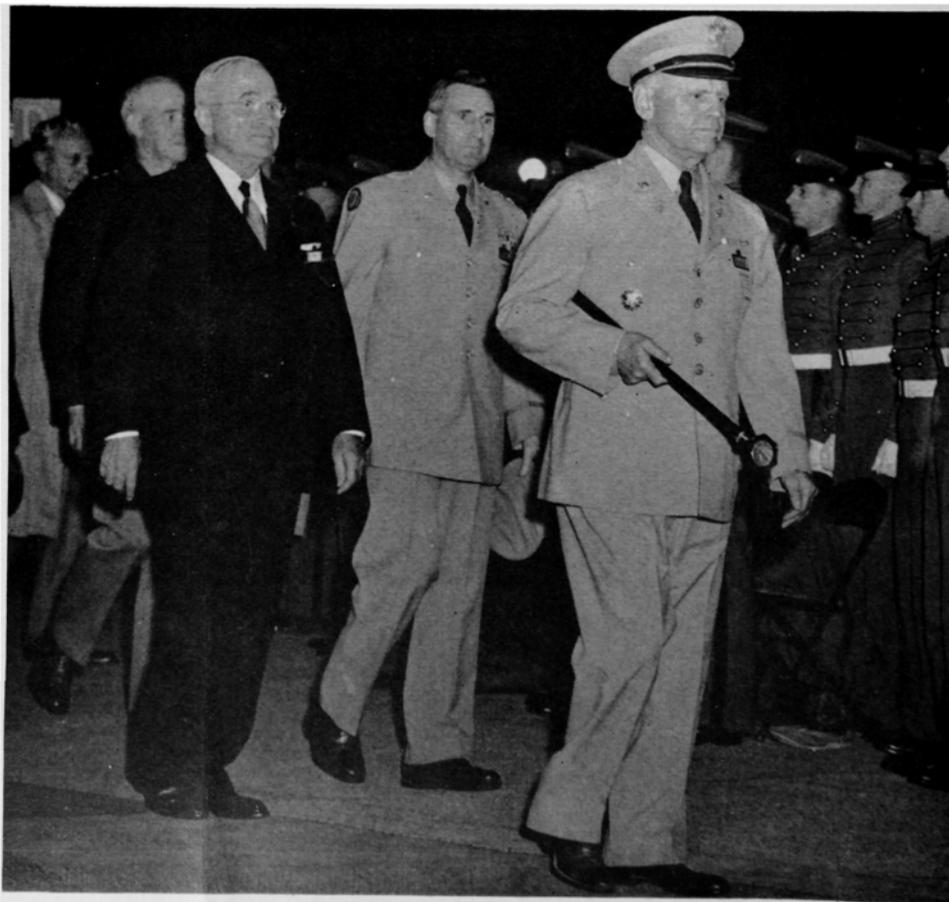
General of the Army, Omar N. Bradley, escorted by Colonel Herman Beukema, and President Truman, escorted by General Irving, enter the Field House in the Academic Procession.

ive, has combined and fused the gallantry, fortitude and spirit of the American soldier with the ingenuity, resourcefulness, generosity and industry of the American people." He then mentioned some of the more outstanding graduates of the Military Academy and emphasized their devotion to the motto of West Point, Duty, Honor, Country. "West Point is thus the faithful mirror in which we have been able to see the image of the American nation at its best," the general said. He concluded by paying tribute to men of West Point who have been killed on the battlefields of the world, especially during the present century, saying, "By their death, those men of West Point have gloriously enabled the world to keep alive the supreme ideals of Democracy, Justice, and Freedom."

General Irving then introduced Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, President of Johns Hopkins University and also President of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Society for the Advancement of Sciences, who presented greetings from the learned societies of the United States.

Doctor Bronk mentioned that he had spent his boyhood in the Hudson Valley saying, "I was nurtured on a deep affection for this institution and this place. I little thought that after my youthful transfer to the Navy

The Grand Marshal, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, leads the Recessional of the Academic Procession from the Field House at the conclusion of the Jubilee Convocation. Immediately following General Fenton are President Truman and General Irving.



I would ever be permitted to express in public that early affection for West Point and my gratitude to her graduates with whom I was later privileged to serve." He related that six early graduates of West Point had been among the few who founded the National Academy of Sciences. "In these times which challenge our nation to greatness in the defense of human freedom, scientists and scholars look to you in order that our country be ever armed," Dr. Bronk said. "Scientists and scholars are especially aware of their gratitude to your graduates and of their hope in the Corps of Cadets, for our freedom to inquire, to teach and to debate depends upon defense against armed aggressors who suppress intellectual freedom," Dr. Bronk continued. He concluded by saying, "We are grateful that you of the Army are willing to let us serve with you, for we would say of our country, as you say of your alma mater and your country, Guide us aright, teach us to keep our national honor bright, for thee to fight."

The Representative of the foreign learned societies, General Marie-Pierre Koenig, delegate of the French Academy of Moral Sciences and Politics, was then introduced by the Superintendent.

General Koenig, speaking in French, said that there was once a time when men who devoted themselves to the sciences, arts, and letters looked with commiseration on the men who prepared for war in time of peace. This attitude, he said, has changed, for today the same ideals of liberty, justice, and fraternity unite the freedom-loving peoples for the defense essential to preserve civilization. "West Point is a crucible in which

are molded and forged the officers of your armies and the pick of their leaders," General Koenig said. "This greeting is also a very affectionate one, because it is being addressed to the ardent American youth which consecrates its life to a calling whose high ideals we all recognize."

General Irving then introduced Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, President of the Association of Graduates and Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Steering Group.

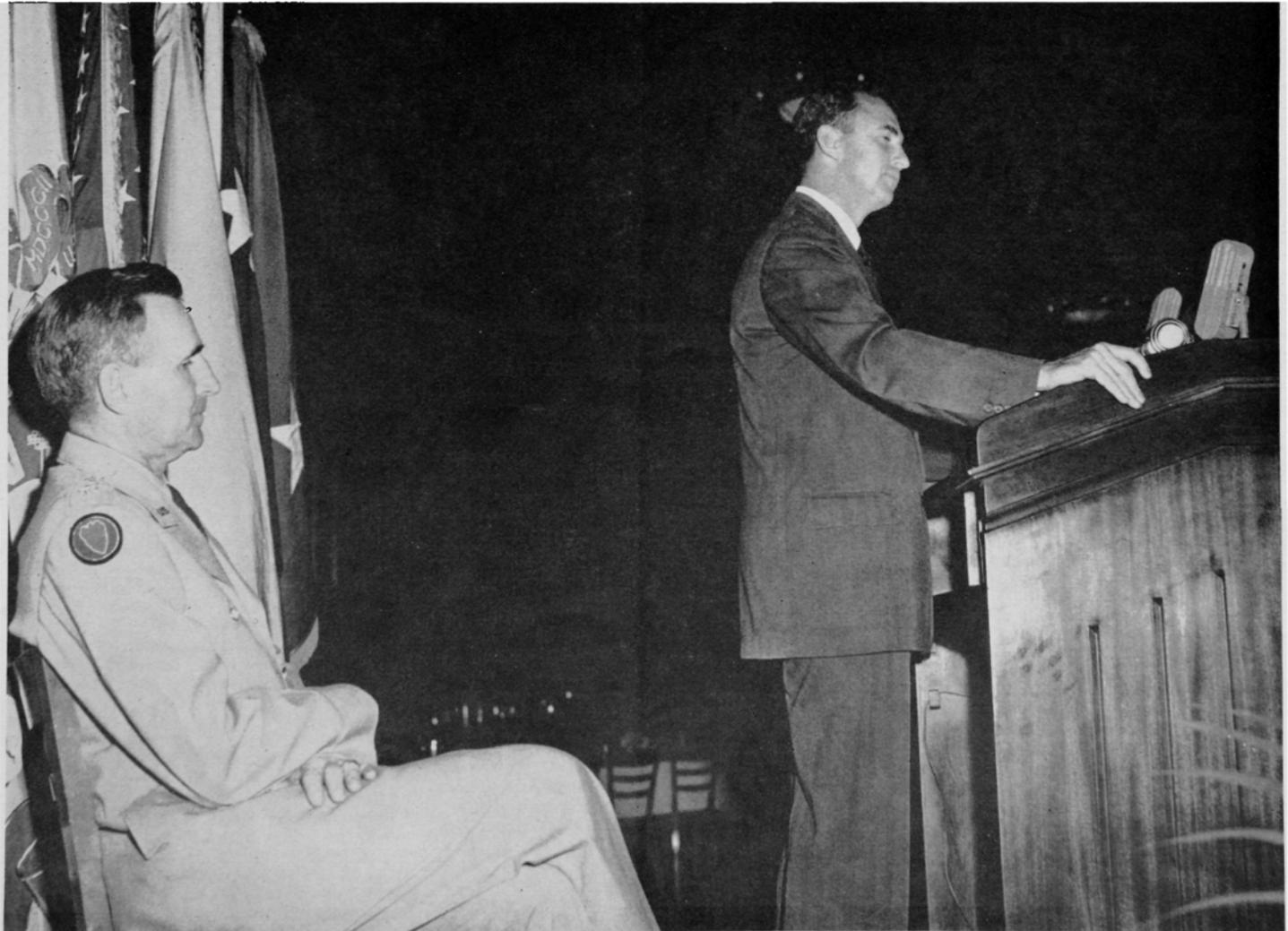
General Fenton reviewed the steps taken in the planning, organization and operation of the Sesquicentennial. He paid tribute to the cooperation and assistance given by many officers at West Point and in Washington, including Generals Taylor, Moore and Irving, three successive superintendents of the Military Academy, by the Chief of Staff of the Army, and many officers of the General Staff, by General Alfred M. Gruenther, and by the Secretary of the Army. He said that the Academy was fortunate in having had two very able Directors of the Sesquicentennial: first, Brigadier General William E. Crist, then Colonel Thomas W. Hammond. General Fenton said that it was only fitting that the Secretary of the Army, who had presided at the Inauguration of the Sesquicentennial, should make the principal address at the final major event of the commemorative period. He then introduced the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Frank Pace, Jr.

After making a few informal remarks regarding his pleasure in being able to be at West Point, Mr. Pace told his audience that a peacetime Army such as the United States

had in the 1930's would never return. "It seems doubtful," he said, "that the Army, within our generation, will ever be less than three or four times its pre-war size." The Secretary established a standard of responsibility for the leaders of our Army of today when he said, "We must prevent a war if possible, we must be prepared to fight a war if necessary and guide the nation to its fullest potential in strength." \* \* \* \* "West Point has grown and matured with the years, adjusting its requirements in a changing world." He concluded by saying, "the great hope of mankind for peace lies in the close working of the civilian and the military to generate the strength which will make war unpalatable even to those who might seek it."

The Superintendent then resumed his place at the tribune. After thanking the many guests for coming to West Point to participate in the Jubilee, General Irving said that he hoped they would return to visit on informal occasions as well as at formal events. He then thanked the representatives of the many institutions who had brought messages of congratulation or gifts from their respective organizations. With a final thanks to these delegates and guests, General Irving declared the Jubilee at an end.

The guests then left Washington Hall. Many of them departed for their homes immediately. Others remained at West Point to participate in guided tours of the Academy the next day. With their departure from Washington Hall, however, the final major event of the West Point Sesquicentennial came to a close.



The Honorable Frank Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Army, addresses the audience following the Jubilee Banquet in Washington Hall.

# Report of the President

## OF THE

# Association of Graduates, 1951 - 1952

### Members of the Association:

This year, as in previous years, I consider it advisable to begin my report by stating the mission of our Association as given in the Charter and Constitution:

"To acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives and methods of the United States Military Academy; to acquire and preserve historical materials relating to that institution; and to encourage and foster the study of military science there by worthy young men."

Please note that there is nothing in our mission that implies or suggests that our Association has anything to do with the command or administration of the Military Academy, or that it has any duty or right to undertake an investigation—of whatever character it may be—concerning this institution. In regard to the honor violations of a year ago, our Association handled the matter in accordance with its mission, as follows: By the direction of the Trustees of our Association, our central office mailed the Superintendent's report on this incident to all graduates, whose addresses were then known to us, just as soon as it was released. In the October 1951 issue of *Assembly* we included a further and more complete report by the Superintendent—and in the January 1952 issue of *Assembly* we included a statement from the Corps of Cadets. Also, last fall, I visited the West Point Societies in Detroit, Chicago, Columbus and Philadelphia, for the purpose of finding out their attitude regarding the action taken and the Superintendent's report on the honor violations. I also gave them as complete a report as I could and attempted to answer all their questions. Complete support of the Academy was found at every meeting. In the October 1951 and the January 1952 issues of *Assembly* it was stated that our Association was in no way connected with the so-called "Interim Committee of West Point Graduates" or with any other committee with a similar objective. We also informed the West Point Societies of our position—as well as hundreds of individual graduates who wrote to us for information.

As a matter of fact, the West Point Honor Code belongs to the Corps of Cadets. Unless the Corps wants an Honor Code no authority can force it on them, and unless the Corps enforces the Honor Code it ceases to exist. Honor violations are properly problems to be handled by the Corps of Cadets, the Commandant of Cadets, the Superintendent and the Academic Board; and for final action, by the Department of the Army. Our Association has never questioned the integrity of any link in this chain of operations.

Régarding the so-called, self-appointed "Interim Committee of West Point Graduates", I wish to say that this committee was invited by the Superintendent and by me to come to West Point at the very beginning of their operations, to obtain authentic information as a foundation for whatever they had in mind. They have not accepted these invitations. After I found that they were unwilling to come to West Point and orient

themselves on the situation, I would have nothing further to do with them.

As our Association is organized, with its central office located in Cullum Hall, it is an integral part of West Point. The President of our Association has actively participated in the Sesquicentennial Anniversary; he is a guest member of the Superintendent's Information Committee and, through the courtesy of the Superintendent, he participates in many of the other activities here at the Academy.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association is a Staff Officer of the Superintendent,



Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, President of the Association of Graduates, addresses the Annual Meeting of the Association in Washington Hall on June 2, 1952.

in addition to his responsibilities as Secretary-Treasurer of our Association.

The Editor of *Assembly* is necessarily in close touch with many activities at West Point, as these are sources for much of the material for our quarterly alumni magazine.

To accomplish what we consider the most important part of our mission, that is, to acquire and disseminate correct information about West Point, it is essential that our Association be closely integrated with the Academy. This phase of our work comes under the head of Public Relations, and Public Relations for the Military Academy are functions of the Superintendent.

To be more specific, our Association works closely with the Public Information Office, with the Superintendent's Information Committee, with the Academic Departments, and with the Director of the Sesquicentennial. The Public Information Office and the Superintendent's Information Committee furnish us with most of the material we send to the West Point Societies. Twenty-three Circular Letters were sent to these Societies during the past year, in addition to a great

amount of other material. The Public Information Office also keeps these Societies informed by sending them press releases and other pertinent information about West Point.

Any member of a West Point Society who receives, reads and digests all the information sent to the Societies at the instance of the Association of Graduates, will be well posted on West Point, and will be able to discuss intelligently most questions pertaining to the Academy.

The Superintendent's Information Committee establishes the policies governing public relations, and almost everything we send out is screened through that Committee and the Public Information Officer. Our central office has worked in close liaison with the office of the Director of the Sesquicentennial in all public relations matters during the Sesquicentennial celebration, and it also assists the Academic Departments and particularly the Department of Social Sciences, with respect to cadet activities. When cadets appear throughout the country as debating teams or otherwise, our Association advises our alumni where the cadets will be; and, on many occasions, these alumni, whether they be members of West Point Societies or not, may hear either formal talks by the cadets or may participate in formal discussions with them. In accomplishing our part in the public relations mission of the Military Academy, we deal with practically every activity at West Point. Therefore, one can readily see that being closely integrated with West Point is an absolute necessity, if our Association is to carry out its whole mission efficiently. And, I believe the Superintendent will agree with me when I say that the Association of Graduates is a distinct asset to West Point in almost all activities in which the Academy is involved with our alumni or with the general public.

I do not wish to give the impression that our Association is under the domination of the Superintendent. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, has its own governing body and is a separate entity. However, its most effective work can only be done by close cooperation with the Academy.

The West Point Societies and all subscribing alumni have available to them the quarterly alumni magazine, *Assembly*, and the annual *Register of Graduates*. The Societies and their members have, in addition, the information sent to them through the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies. This latter organization was formed three years ago and consists of a representative from each West Point Society, two officers of the Superintendent's Information Committee, the Public Information Officer at West Point and the Editors of *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates*—the latter two being members ex-officio. This year's meeting of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies is described in an article elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

I have dwelt at considerable length on this most important phase of our mission because

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# Address by the Superintendent, U. S. M. A.

MAJOR GENERAL FREDERICK A. IRVING, U.S.A.

To the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., in  
Washington Hall at West Point on June 2, 1952

Fellow Graduates, Gentlemen of the  
First Class:

I am always glad to welcome you back to West Point on the occasion of the June Week activities. It is the high spot of the year for us when the alumni return. It is appropriate at this time, as our Sesquicentennial Year comes to a close, to review briefly the events of that year and to indicate the highlights of the program.

The first event of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration took place on January the fifth with the observance of "States Day". This ceremony appropriately emphasized the relation of the Military Academy to all the States and Territories. Our guests included Governors and Adjutants General, or their representatives, of all the States. The Secretary of the Army, Mr. Pace, presided and our principal speakers were Governor Dewey, General Clay, and General Walsh. Upon that occasion, the flags of all the States were presented to the Military Academy by the National Guard Association, and they furnished just the touch of color required for this Cadet Mess Hall, where the ceremony was held.

One amusing incident occurred during this presentation when, at the moment of unfurling, all flags came fluttering down except that of Virginia, which apparently refused to join the Union. It was suggested that this occurred because the principal item on the menu for that day was Yankee Pot Roast.

It was also noticed, later, that the word, "Iowa", when viewed from the center of the Mess Hall, appears in reverse, and bears a remarkable likeness to the word, "AWOL", so that we have been accused of fostering false precepts in our instruction of the Corps of Cadets.

That evening the Military Academy Band and the Cadet Glee Club gave a concert at Carnegie Hall for the benefit of the Army Relief. From this concert, approximately \$6,000.00 was realized. This was a very successful affair, and most of the credit must go to General Crittenger, Commander of the First Army, and to the West Point Society of New York, headed by Colonel George De Graaf.

On January twentieth, the unveiling of the portrait of General Lee in his Confederate uniform took place at a program which had been conceived some year or two ago. This event was designed to symbolize the unity of the country at the present time—a unity which is sorely needed under present world conditions. By this act, we hoped to finally end the "War between the States". I invite you to inspect this portrait, as well as that of General Grant. These portraits will hang on each side of a large window in the Library.

Our next event, on March the sixteenth—Founders Day, was an unusual one in that we had a large banquet here in the mess hall at noon, at which the Corps of Cadets was present as well as graduates from many parts of the country. The Chiefs of Staff

of the Army and Air Force, General Collins and General Vandenberg, appropriately made the principal addresses, as they are the two Services in which the cadets are commissioned. General Harris Jones delivered an address at Thayer Monument on that occasion.

The final event of the Sesquicentennial occurred on May twentieth, when the Jubilee Convocation took place. The events sched-



Major General Frederick A. Irving, Superintendent, U.S.M.A., addresses the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall on June 2, 1952.

uled for that day included a luncheon in Washington Hall, a Convocation in the afternoon in the amphitheater near Battle Monument at which the President of the United States, General Bradley and Dr. Compton were the speakers; a review of the Corps of Cadets, and a banquet in Washington Hall at night, with Mr. Pace as the principal speaker.

About 600 distinguished guests honored us with their presence, including university presidents from all over the world, ambassadors, attaches and other prominent persons.

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and it rained all day. This made it necessary to hold the Convocation in the Field House and the review of the Corps of Cadets was cancelled.

However, events went off smoothly despite the conditions, and the day was considered a success. Many guests remarked that the flexibility with which the events of the day were carried out was more impressive than if no obstacles had been encountered.

In between these principal events, we have had many incidental features, including a

series of lectures by distinguished military men and civilians, several large conventions of distinguished rank, such as the New York State Historical Society, the American Ordnance Association, and the National Security Industrial Association, the members of which all departed enthusiastic supporters of West Point.

Then, too, as a part of our Sesquicentennial, we invited the two outstanding cadets of each ROTC unit from all the universities and colleges throughout the country to spend a long weekend at West Point. They came in four groups, lived with the cadets, and attended all of their activities. We have had a very favorable reaction from this program. Many colleges have written to us requesting that it be continued and requesting that they be allowed to send other groups.

Altogether, I think that the publicity which we have obtained from the Sesquicentennial has been extremely favorable for the Academy.

So much for the Sesquicentennial.

I think it is also appropriate at this time, to give you an outline of our surveys, studies, and activities which resulted to a certain extent, from the affair of last summer.

Such an event as that, of course, could not take place without a great deal of introspection on our part and we have endeavored to ascertain the causes and to survey all activities and procedures that we carry on at the Academy. However, let me say right now that no great reforms can be expected from these surveys. West Point has been very well run through the years—and I refer to the years before I was assigned here. The most effective action to prevent any recurrence of such an event has already been taken by the discharge of those involved. In conducting our studies we, of course, had to be careful to eliminate the emotional element; and, also, we had to avoid interfering with our current activities during the academic year; therefore, the boards appointed to study the various areas were spread out as to time and have been conducted throughout the year. Some are even now in their final stages.

The first step was to appoint a board under Colonel Bartlett to survey the whole affair—to examine all the evidence—and to inquire into the activities and opinions of all elements on the Post, especially those which might in some way be connected with the affair. The purpose of this board was to make recommendations as to those areas which needed further and more intense study. As a result of the board's efforts, certain additional studies were undertaken and others were added later.

I will enumerate briefly, and in some instances discuss, the studies that were conducted of the various activities.

One area which received considerable attention was that of the psychological segregation of athletic teams, especially the football team, from the rest of the Corps.

This was considered to be a contributing factor in the affair and was gone into rather thoroughly by the Bartlett Board. Now, of

course, the division into groups is not something which is peculiar to West Point, but is present in all colleges and, to a certain extent, is unavoidable. A short time ago, I read an article in an alumni magazine of one of our Ivy Colleges, which deplored the sharp cliques which existed in that college and stated that: the intellectual group was calling the athletic groups "rough necks", and the athletic groups were calling the intellectuals "pinko", and other groups were feeding to a certain extent.

It is natural, I suppose, that men who engage in the same activities—especially an activity which requires performance under stress—shall be drawn closely to one another and tend to seek each other's companionship at all times; that, I think, is natural. However, we must avoid any sharp grouping or cliques at West Point, since our graduates will serve together off and on throughout the rest of their lives. We must, therefore, try to de-emphasize any cleavage which might exist, or at least minimize it to normal levels.

One method of controlling this somewhat is to make sure that any group—and particularly an athletic group—will not receive any special privileges that are not necessary. In this connection, there are two extreme views.

One view holds that *all* cadets should perform *all* duties when scheduled, without deviation; and then, if there is any time left for practice of their activity, they may take advantage of it.

The other view is that their activities should take somewhat of a priority. They should be given all the consideration necessary so that they can perform their activity most efficiently.

Of course, neither of these views is the correct one, and our principle, I think, should be that participation in athletics is an additional mission, an additional duty—a duty which is valuable to the Corps of Cadets and to the Military Academy. Therefore, the individuals comprising that group must be given sufficient time and opportunity to execute that mission satisfactorily without, however, encroaching upon more essential training. It is the same principle we recognize when we excuse a cadet who goes on guard from attending classes that day because he is required to carry out a mission which is important for the community as a whole. Likewise, the upper class gymnasium instructors are excused from academic work for such time as is necessary for them to carry out their functions. We must be very careful that the special arrangements made are adequate for the performance of the mission but infringe to the least possible extent upon other activities.

As an example, we excuse members of the intercollegiate teams from parades, intramurals, and close order drill during the season of the particular sport, in order that they may practice, because intramurals and parades come just at the time that practice is taking place. Close order drill could be carried out under our present arrangements, but only at the expense of study time and a certain amount of physical effort.

We allow athletic squads late suppers and the privilege of going direct from the gymnasium to the Mess Hall. Thus, they gain 15 or 20 minutes additional practice time without trespassing upon any other activity.

This question of practice time is very important to us because, under our conditions, our squads probably receive only a fraction of the time that squads of other colleges are able to obtain.

We allow the squads training tables for obvious reasons, and we excuse them from Saturday Review and Inspection on the days of the games.

There are a few other privileges or arrangements; but I think you will agree that, if we are to participate in intercollegiate athletics at all, they are necessary. We have surveyed the arrangements that have

been in effect in past years, and we have eliminated several as being unnecessary and undesirable on account of the aspect of special treatment which they involved. For instance, this last year we required the attendance of athletic squads at tactical instruction, even though it encroaches upon their study time throughout the winter period. We have required punishments to be served on Sundays, where heretofore they were held until the end of the season. We have made certain changes in the schedule of new cadets, so that they strictly conform to all the others, and we shall continually review the arrangements for athletic squads in order that the idea of special arrangements shall not crop up, either on the part of the individual or of the other members of the Corps.

Another area of study was the question of tutoring and extra instruction. By tutoring, I mean that help in advanced academic work which has gone on in the Corps since time immemorial, I suppose—such help as a "hivey" roommate would give to his "goat" roommate, or which some especially brilliant member of the Corps would give voluntarily to any cadet having difficulty in academics. A few years ago a tutoring system along these lines was organized for the benefit of members of the Corps squads, especially the football squad. It was supervised by an officer and executed directly by especially proficient cadets who volunteered their services to help any member of the squad who might be in difficulty. This system was very efficient, and it was not abused. It was not a cause for the recent affair. However, we have seen fit to abolish that special organization; and, in the future, no tutoring will be conducted except that which takes place in each company, and it will be supervised by the company tactical officer and the cadet company commander. Any cadet in a company having difficulty—not simply athletics—will be able to obtain this instruction. We thus get away from any element of special treatment for athletes, and we think that each company will take great pride in being able to bring along the athletes in that company. By this system, also, we think that the athletes will be drawn more closely to the rest of the Corps.

In the area which we have examined, of course, is the Honor System. I want to emphasize at the start that the Honor System is sound and that the indoctrination in it in the past, as far as I can determine, has been thorough. However, we have seen fit to explore this area along with others, and a cadet board was appointed to look into it from their viewpoint, while a board of officers was appointed to look into it from the viewpoint of the regulations and academic work. These boards have made certain recommendations with respect to clarifying regulations and with respect to avoiding the use of the Honor System in enforcing regulations. These recommendations are now being considered, and a few may be adopted. Some of these recommendations affect procedures which were in force long before my day as a cadet, so that you can see the research has been far-reaching.

One item which has been especially prominent in the discussions with respect to last summer's affair was the question of identical writs. I am sure that all of you realize that the system of identical writs has extended back many, many years—probably beyond the cadet days of most of you gentlemen here today. We have absolute confidence that the Corps can live up to this system; and, therefore, it is a proper one. After all, we do not build character by eliminating all temptation. However, although the cadets and the staff of the Academy do not feel that the system was improper, a Department of the Army directive made it necessary to change the system so that the same writ is not given on different days at the present time.

One of the early suggestions which drew our attention was the question of an athletic policy with respect to the encouraging of boys with athletic ability who wished to come to West Point. This was very carefully studied, and our recommendations were submitted to higher authority, and approved. Briefly, it is considered proper to encourage this type of boy to try to get him to West Point under the following conditions:

That all rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Eastern Colleges Athletic Conference, to which the U.S. Military Academy has subscribed, are strictly complied with;

That all candidates are thoroughly screened for scholastic aptitude, character, and personality—to the end that efforts may be concentrated on young men who give promise of outstanding success as cadets and as officers;

That an accurate picture of cadet life is presented, including the restriction of Fourth Classmen, prescribed academic course, and the infrequent vacations;

That the candidate understands that an athlete can expect no privileged treatment at the U.S. Military Academy.

In short, we welcome boys with potentially high military and athletic and leadership qualities, who can maintain the same standards and expect no special treatment, and who desire to make the military service a career.

One other area of study which is going on at the present time, is that of the organization of the Military Academy. You may not realize that this institution is somewhat unusual. First of all, it is a college. It is a city—with all that that implies. It is a military organization—with military forces and staffs. It is a national monument. And it has connected with its activities a civilian organization, the Army Athletic Association, which is not strictly subject to the usual military channels. These features present certain complications; and although, in general, our organization is sound, there are one or two features, particularly with respect to the functioning of intercollegiate athletics, which probably need changing; and, in due time, such changes as are necessary will be made.

Certain other studies have been made, or are being made, along the lines of academic eligibility of Corps squads, the Aptitude System, and the question of privileges and extracurricular activities of the Corps of Cadets.

Few changes are believed necessary in these areas, but they are being examined as a part of the overall project of surveying all activities.

This gives you a brief idea of the areas and surveys which have been made during the past year. We intend to be continually alert to the necessity of change, and to the necessity for evaluation; and, when necessary, we intend to promptly make those changes.

I believe that the morale of the Corps has improved recently and is of a high order.

During this Sesquicentennial Year we realize the necessity of not looking back with complacency upon past accomplishments, but rather of taking inspiration from our past record with the determination to improve our record in the years to come.

It is a tradition that, during the time that this continent was forming, when the mass of water which developed into the Hudson River was breaking its way through the mountains and reaching towards the sea, it came up against West Point and tried to push it aside but, being unable to do so, had to go around it, thus forming The Point. For billions of years that on-rushing water has been trying to eliminate The Point; and we take that as a symbol that, as long as we stick to our ideals and standards, West Point will stand; and, by standing, it will provide the major element in preserving the national security.

# Report of the 83rd Annual Meeting

## OF THE

### Association of Graduates, U. S. M. A.

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, N. Y., June 2, 1952

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by the President, Chauncey L. Fenton, '04. At General Fenton's request, Reverend Joseph P. Moore then gave the Invocation.

2. The President thanked the Superintendent for permitting the Association to use Washington Hall for its Annual Luncheon and Meeting. He also expressed his thanks to the Commandant of Cadets, to the Treasurer, U.S.M.A., to the Signal Officer, and to all those who participated in making the luncheon meeting a great success. He extended his appreciation to the Corps of Cadets for their splendid spirit of cooperation in making facilities available for our attending Alumni.

3. The President then stated that he also desired to extend his thanks to Colonel McComsey and to Colonel Branham: to Colonel McComsey for his loyal and efficient work as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Graduates, and to Colonel Branham for his superior work as Editor of *Assembly*. General Fenton said that these two men have been indispensable.

4. The reading of the report of the last meeting was dispensed with, since it was published in the July 1951 issue of *Assembly*.

5. The reading of the Treasurer's Report was omitted, since it appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

6. The President informed the meeting that he would omit the reading of his complete report since it would be published in this issue of *Assembly*. He then proceeded to speak only of the principal features of his report.

7. The President:

a. Informed the meeting that, pursuant to the instructions of the Board of Trustees, telegrams of greeting were being sent to our oldest living graduate, Brigadier General Frederick S. Foltz, '79; to Generals of the Army MacArthur, Eisenhower and Bradley, to Generals March, Collins, Ridgway and Clark, and to Brigadier General Wood.

b. Informed the meeting that the oldest living graduate, Brigadier General Frederick S. Foltz, was unable to be present.

c. Presented to the meeting the oldest living graduate present, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881.

d. Presented to the meeting individually the three-star generals present, namely, Lieutenant General Geoffrey Keyes, '13; Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenger, '13; Lieutenant General Henry S. Aurand, '15; Lieutenant General Maxwell D. Taylor, '22; Lieuten-

ant General Orval R. Cook, '22; and Lieutenant General Laurence S. Kuter, '27.

8. To speak for the distinguished alumni present, General Fenton introduced General Wade H. Haislip, Class of 1912.

9. General Haislip then addressed the meeting:

"General Hodges, General Fenton, Fellow Alumni.

It is not entirely inappropriate for a member of the Class of 1912 to talk to you today, because this is not only our 40th Reunion but this year marks the passing to



General Wade H. Haislip, Class of 1912, addresses the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall on June 2, 1952.

the retired list of the last member of our class on active duty. So we now qualify fully and are able to criticize anything we don't like and say what we please. When General Fenton phoned me a few days ago, he asked me if I would talk to the alumni and I asked him what about. He said, "Anything you want to," and I said, "How long?" he said, "Not over five minutes." Several of my classmates down there promised me that if I didn't talk over five minutes they would applaud me and that the volume of applause would vary inversely with the length of time I talked.

I want to talk about two things just for a few moments. The first is the Sesquicentennial. I came up here on May 20th, on a day just like yesterday, for the Jubilee Convocation, which was held in the Field House after a miserable morning of pouring rain and all the trouble and turmoil that we had, just as yesterday. I saw hundreds

of representatives of the great universities of the entire world in caps and gowns to do honor to the Military Academy. I heard the President talk. I heard Dr. Karl Compton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology talk, and then I heard Omar Bradley talk in his simple, inimitable way. This was one of the most impressive ceremonies that I have seen in many, many years and I am just as sorry as I can be that I did not come up here every time any special event was put on. I want to congratulate, certainly, the people who did the planning, put it on, for the wonderful job that they did, and I can assure you that all these great savants, if you want to use that word, were proud to be here. They were proud to be invited to sit and do honor to the Military Academy.

Now the next thing I want to talk about just for a moment is that tragic, heart-breaking thing that happened last year, and I want to say right now, for what it is worth, that I have full and complete confidence in the courage and integrity of our Superintendent, Fred Irving. I not only approve what he did, but I fully and completely approve the way he did it. The Academy has survived that and, in my humble opinion, it is stronger than ever, and I believe that an overwhelming majority of the graduates of this institution are completely and entirely behind the Superintendent and approve what he did. The fact that we did come out of this thing in such a sturdy fashion proves the real worth of the place and all the things that are behind it. And now, in conclusion, and I hope I won that applause, I want to say what I was told to say in the first place and that is to offer a greeting to all of the alumni who have come back to their Alma Mater to celebrate this occasion."

10. At this time, General Fenton paid tribute to Colonel Oscar Gatchell, Class of 1912, by the following remarks; "I am sure we are all proud of the position West Point occupies in the field of education today, but are we aware of where the responsibility rests for bringing the Academy to this position? I can say, without fear of contradiction, that it rests with the Academic Board. This group of men gets little recognition for the extremely important work that they do, yet there is little doubt that they would all be general officers if they had not accepted the appointment as professors. As a representative of this group, I am going to call on Colonel Gatchell to say a few words. Colonel Gatchell is Professor of Mechanics, Class of 1912, and will retire in December of this year. Colonel Gatchell:"

11. Colonel Gatchell then addressed the meeting:

"Mr. President, General Hodges, General Haislip, General Irving, Gentlemen.

In behalf of my colleagues, the Academic Board, I wish to thank General Fenton for the kind tribute he has just paid us. We

appreciate it very much and I am sure we shall continue to strive to be worthy of what has been said. As for myself, I consider it a great privilege and an honor to have had the opportunity to serve here at West Point and to participate in the working out of the problems with which we have been confronted. Not only in academics—which is my particular field—but as members of the Academic Board we have also met many general problems which have arisen due to the fact that we are living in a world with a changing attitude.

Some twenty years ago, when I was attending a faculty dinner at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the principal speaker of the evening made the statement that in 1912 a momentous change occurred in the world. Well, I was perfectly ready to go along with that statement because I was ready to admit that when the Class of 1912, my class, graduated from the Military Academy something was bound to happen. Then he went on further to say that up until that time graduates from colleges and universities had pursued pretty much the same particular subjects in their careers, in their courses at college, as their fathers had pursued twenty-five years ahead of them. Well, that was a source of particular personal interest to me, too, because my father graduated just exactly twenty-five years ahead of me and it was true that the courses I took here were not very different from the courses he took here. Then the speaker said that after 1912 all this changed; that so many new things came into the world that academic curricula had to change. Well, it is true that here at West Point—it changed here. It probably didn't start immediately, let us say right after World War I. But since then there have been many changes. I have seen most of them. I won't attempt to enumerate them; I couldn't enumerate them in the five minutes that I have, but I just want to remind you of a few typical ones. Of course, the first is in the size of the Corps. The Corps of Cadets today is over six times as large as it was when I came in. Then, we have a tremendous increase in the physical setup of the Military Academy. When I came here, the Old Chapel stood where the East Academic Building is. Also, we have had changes in academics; Geology, Mineralogy and Astronomy have given away to Electronics, Nuclear Physics and Automotive Engineering. The old harness room down in the Riding Hall is now occupied by the Jet Engine Laboratory of the Department of Mechanics; the horse is gone. We have our modern military training area at Camp Buckner in place of the old summer camp . . . and so on . . . many things like that. The Corps of Cadets itself, the daily life is quite different; movies, radios, smoking cigarettes almost anywhere and any time. Probably the most prominent feature is that on Sundays now there is no reveille and breakfast is optional. Fundamentally, however, West Point has not changed. These changes I have referred to are more or less superficial and have been brought about by the efforts of the staff and faculty to keep us abreast with the rest of the world as an academic institution, and to keep up with our modern mechanized Army. But just the same, through it all, the discipline and integrity that were instilled by Sylvanus Thayer, about 135 years ago, still prevail. The cadets are imbued right down to their hearts with the same sense of 'Duty, Honor, Country' as has ever been in the past. Just as you can't make a second lieutenant by pinning bars on his shoulder, neither can you make a West Pointer out of a graduate of the Military Academy unless he carries out in the light with him the tradition and traits we try to instill in him here.

As I now approach my separation from active duty at the Military Academy, I would like to leave this one thought with you;

that human nature being what it is, there are bound to be some who go through here that do not absorb all of what we try to give them, but by and large, I give it as my fixed opinion that the graduates of today . . . the proportion of the graduates of today, who are truly West Pointers, is just as high as it ever was, and I assure you that the members of the Class of 1952, which is graduating tomorrow—some of whom are with us this noon—are going to leave this Academy as West Pointers. That is my parting thought."

12. Upon the invitation of General Fenton, the Superintendent, Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, gave the meeting a survey of the Sesquicentennial events previously held at the Academy. He also commented upon the recent honor violations at the Academy, and gave his analysis of the affair—made as a result of many board proceedings. (The Superintendent's remarks are published elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.)

13. The President then requested the Secretary of the Association to present the slate



Colonel Oscar J. Gatchell, Class of 1912, addresses the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall on June 2, 1952.

of officers and trustees recommended by the Board of Trustees to be the officers of the Association.

The Secretary of the Association read the following slate:

For President:

Chauncey L. Fenton, '04

For Vice-Presidents:

Troup Miller, '02

Douglas MacArthur, '03

William E. Morrison, '07

Oscar J. Gatchell, '12

Lucius D. Clay, June, '18

For Trustees to Serve Until July 1, 1955:

Allan M. Pope, '03

James W. Riley, '06

Russell L. Maxwell, '12

Dwight D. Eisenhower, '15

Frederick A. Irving, April, '17

Edmund B. Bellinger, June, '18

G. Bryan Conrad, Nov., '18

William H. Kyle, '22

Walter J. Renfro, '34

Hiram B. Ely, Jr., '44

For Trustee to Serve Until July 1, 1953:

Garrison H. Davidson, '27

14. General Fenton then called upon Major General Russell L. Maxwell, Class of 1912, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for his comments.

The following are the remarks made by General Maxwell:

"Members of the Association:

My remarks are tended to impress on you the solemnity with which this committee undertook its very serious task of nominating these gentlemen for carrying on the business of the Association. We are quite conscious that through the work of the Nominating Committee, we may hope to extend the participation of the members of the Association in the management of its affairs. In some ways, we departed from the traditional method of selecting trustees and vice-presidents this year. The selection of a trustee who is not located within a hundred miles of West Point, and who is currently stationed in Washington, to serve out the term of one year—an unexpired term—caused by the resignation of one of the members, was a departure. The reaching down into the younger classes, which I believe represents a move that has been much discussed during the time I have had any connection with the affairs of the Association was likewise a departure. The selection of vice-presidents is not only from the classes who are having their reunions here this year, but from classes who are having their reunions next year and other classes represented here today. The selection of a vice-president, who may receive consideration later for the post of Executive Vice-President, was made to permit our President to delegate some of his very arduous duties in connection with the management of the affairs of the Association.

Now, it is not a departure from the past practice to select as President a man who knows what is to be done; a man with the courage and with the spirit to undertake this work, and who is also available to do these things that we all realize must be done in the best interest of the Association and the Academy."

15. With the nomination of President before the meeting, General Fenton turned the conduct of the meeting over to Brigadier General Beverly F. Browne, Class of 1901, a Vice-President, who then presided. The nomination of General Fenton as President was seconded and unanimously passed.

16. General Fenton presided during the remainder of the meeting. In accepting the nomination as President, General Fenton made the following remarks:

"Gentlemen: This is the sixth time that I have accepted the presidency of our Association. Every time I have felt it a greater honor than the time before. I have tried to be a good president of the Association over the past five years. The Nominating Committee and the Trustees asked me if I would be willing to serve another year, and I told them that, if it was the desire of the Association, I would. I want to say that this past year has been a tough one in a good many respects, but I feel very grateful for the support that has been given by the great majority of our graduates. Hundreds of letters from graduates throughout the Service have been received. The spirit of West Point will help us all to promote the interests of West Point. As far as I am concerned, I cannot accomplish anything as President without the cooperation and help of the members of this Association, and I know I can count on them."

17. General Fenton placed the nomination for the vice-presidents before the meeting and also the nominations for the trustees. The nominations were seconded and unanimously passed.

18. After the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Reverend Frank E. Pulley, Chaplain, U.S.M.A., the meeting approved its own adjournment at 2:12 P.M.

—JOHN A. MCCOMSEY, '24,

Secretary.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.

APRIL 30, 1952

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1952.  
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ending April 30, 1952.  
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ending April 30, 1952.  
 EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ending April 30, 1952.  
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of April 30, 1952 and income received thereon during the year ending April 30, 1952.

### EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1952

ASSETS	
SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)	
Irving Trust Company.....	\$162,590.17
CASH IN BANKS:	
Irving Trust Company (Checking Account).....	\$ 26,746.76
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Checking Account).....	8,982.69
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Savings Account).....	13,185.43
Newburgh Savings Bank.....	8,185.31
Harlem Savings Bank.....	10,000.00
Bowery Savings Bank.....	10,000.00
	\$ 77,100.19
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 4,754.61
Total .....	\$244,444.97
LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1951 .....	\$ 41,473.75
Add: Increase during year (See Exhibit B).....	7,735.60
	\$ 49,209.35
ENDOWMENT FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1951 .....	\$172,439.69
Add: Increase during year (see Exhibit C).....	7,277.49
	\$179,717.18
CULLUM FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1951 .....	\$ 9,698.43
Add: Increase during year (See Exhibit D).....	236.91
	\$ 9,935.34
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' SALARIES.....	\$ 184.40
DEFERRED INCOME (WEST POINT PLATES).....	\$ 16.59
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF COST OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES .....	\$ 627.50
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 4,754.61
Total .....	\$244,444.97

### CHANGES IN THE GENERAL FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1952

INCOME	
Payments on Life and Annual Memberships.....	\$ 8,435.50
Annual Dues.....	109.00
Gain on West Point Plates.....	1,862.24
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	466.60
Cash Contributions .....	8,872.97
Transfer from Endowment Fund.....	6,015.56
Sale of Medallions .....	882.80
Sale of Badges .....	527.50
Miscellaneous .....	24.40
	\$ 27,196.57
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries .....	\$ 9,867.82
Printing .....	1,175.20
Freight, Express and Postage .....	642.78
Telephone and Telegraph .....	481.28
Cadet Awards .....	255.00
Advertising—HOWITZER .....	275.00
Payment to Author of MEN OF WEST POINT.....	1,000.00
Supplies .....	1,050.76
Miscellaneous .....	724.98
Purchase of Office Equipment .....	331.65
Janitor Service .....	260.00
Medallions .....	1,900.00
Badges .....	1,016.50
Rosettes .....	480.00
	\$ 19,460.97
Net Change (Increase) .....	\$ 7,735.60

EXHIBIT C  
 CHANGES IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND  
 DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1952

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	
Contributions .....	\$ 7,291.56
Less—Transfer and brokers fees .....	14.07
	\$ 7,277.49
<b>INCOME</b>	
Interest and Dividends from Securities .....	\$ 6,139.56
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Safekeeping of Securities .....	124.00
	\$ 6,015.56
Total Additions .....	\$ 13,293.05
Transfer to General Fund .....	6,015.56
Net Change (Increase) .....	\$ 7,277.49

EXHIBIT D  
 CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND  
 DURING YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1952

<b>INCOME</b>	
Interest on Savings Account .....	\$ 4.51
Interest from Securities .....	237.50
	\$ 242.01
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Safekeeping of Securities .....	\$ 5.10
Net Change (Increase) .....	\$ 236.91



The senior tables at the Annual Luncheon and Meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall on June 2, 1952

**SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, APRIL 30, 1952 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1952**

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Book Value at April 30, 1951	Purchases or Gifts	Redemption Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfers Expenses	Face Value of Shares April 30, 1952	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis April 30, 1952	Approximate Market Valuation April 30, 1952	Interest and Dividends Received
June 4, 1931	One unit 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., 5 1/2% debent, due 3/27/40	100	1.00					100	1.00		237.50
and 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., capital stock NP		9,500.00	9,500.00					9,500.00	9,500.00	9,215.00	237.50
May 8, 1950	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										
	Total Cullum Fund		\$ 9,501.00						\$ 9,501.00	\$ 9,215.00	\$ 237.50
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Request of \$10,000 to the Association of Graduates by General George W. Cullum, under the stipulation that after investment the income is to be used for current expenses of the Association but only as long as the principal remains undiminished. If a loss in the amount of the principal occurs, income is to revert to principal until the bequeathed amount is again attained.</p>											
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>											
May 21, 1929	N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co. Mortgage Series F-1 Ctf. 5 1/2% due 7/1/39	941.67	941.67		650.00			291.67	291.67	72.92	6.56
July 25, 1929	TG & Tr. Co. Ptn. Ctf in B/M. 373-87 92nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Series 170860							5	62.50	75.00	21.28
Aug. 1, 1933	First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y., common PV \$7.50	5	5,050.00					50	5,050.00	5,175.00	3.50
July 30, 1940	Kansas Power & Lt. Co. 4 1/2% cum. pfd. stock PV \$100.00	6,000.00	6,000.00					6,000.00	6,000.00	5,175.00	225.00
May 31, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G. 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 5/1/53	4,000.00	4,000.00					4,000.00	4,000.00	5,892.00	150.00
June 26, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G. 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 6/1/53	1,000.00	1,000.00					1,000.00	1,000.00	3,928.00	100.00
Jan. 27, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F. due 7/1/54	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	979.00	20.00
Aug. 15, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F. due 7/1/54	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	91.40	
May 18, 1944	Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. 4 3/4% cum. pfd. stk. Series A. PV \$50.	100.00	5,000.00					100.00	5,000.00	4,900.00	237.52
Aug. 30, 1946	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. due 8/1/58	33,000.00	33,000.00					33,000.00	33,000.00	31,251.00	825.00
June 30, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. due 6/1/59 Reg.	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	80.90	
Aug. 8, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F. due 8/1/59	13,000.00	13,000.00					13,000.00	13,000.00	12,311.00	333.00
Apr. 7, 1948	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 12 yr. current income 2 1/4% due 4/1/60 Reg.	3,000.00	3,000.00					3,000.00	3,000.00	2,886.00	80.00
July 19, 1949	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 12 yr. current income 2 1/2% due 7/1/61 Reg.	25,000.00	25,000.00					25,000.00	25,000.00	24,593.75	625.00
Jan. 10, 1950	U. S. Treas. Bonds 2 1/2% due 12/15/72-67	300	13,050.00					300	13,050.00	15,825.00	825.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Sears Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock N.P.	100	4,987.50					100	4,987.50	5,700.00	350.00
Mar. 30, 1950	McGraw Elec. Co. Com Stock Par \$1.	100	1,650.00					100	1,650.00	1,975.00	210.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Seeger Refrig. Co. Com. Stock Par \$5.	200	2,662.50					200	2,662.50	3,400.00	
Aug. 18, 1950	No. Am. Car Corp. Com. Stock Par \$5.00	40	2,425.00		2,425.00			40	1,000.00	860.00	40.00
Dec. 29, 1950	Int. Minerals Chemical Corp. Com. Stock Temp.	40	3,300.00					40	3,300.00	6,875.00	
Jan. 30, 1951	Merck & Co. Com. Stock	40	1,000.00					40	1,000.00	860.00	40.00
Mar. 30, 1951	Globe Union Inc. Capital Stock Par \$5.00	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	96.90	
Mar. 30, 1951	U. S. Savings Bond Series G Current Income 2 1/2% due 5/1/62	100	4,362.50		4,362.50			100	4,362.50	11,000.00	100.00
Apr. 26, 1951	Eastman Kodak Co. Com. Stock	100	9,712.50		9,712.50			100	9,712.50	11,000.00	540.00
Apr. 26, 1951	Texas Co. Capital Stock	100	8,300.00		8,300.00			100	8,300.00	4,730.00	184.00
Apr. 26, 1951	Phillips Petroleum Co. Capital Stock	100	8,300.00		8,300.00			100	8,300.00	10,450.00	360.00
June 1, 1951	U. S. A. Savings Bond Series F. 12 yr. due 2/1/63	200	75.00	75.00				200	75.00	74.20	100.00
June 11, 1951	Texas Co. Capital Stock	110	4,362.50	9,712.50				110	9,712.50	11,000.00	540.00
June 28, 1951	Eastman Kodak Co. Com. Stk. Stock Dividend	200	8,300.00	4,362.50				200	8,300.00	4,730.00	184.00
July 21, 1951	Phillips Petroleum Co. Capital Stock	120	2,425.00	2,425.00				120	2,425.00	10,450.00	360.00
Sept. 18, 1951	Merck & Co. Common Stock	4	416.00	416.00				4	416.00	3,330.00	60.00
Oct. 1, 1951	Merck & Co. Cumf. Conv. 2nd Pfd.	24	2,784.00	2,784.00				24	2,784.00	2,694.00	7.60
Oct. 1, 1951	Merck & Co. \$4 Conv. 2nd Pfd.	80	2,560.00	2,560.00				80	2,560.00	2,694.00	45.60
Feb. 5, 1952	Merck & Co. Common Stock									2,220.00	16.00
	Total Endowment Fund		\$ 147,904.17	\$ 30,635.00	\$ 25,450.00		\$ 14.00		\$ 153,089.17	\$ 161,992.67	\$ 5,525.06
	Total		\$ 157,405.17	\$ 30,635.00	\$ 25,450.00		\$ 14.00		\$ 162,590.17	\$ 171,207.67	\$ 5,762.56

Examined and found correct:  
 C. H. MILES,  
 Colonel, F.C.,  
 Fiscal Officer, U.S.M.A.

JOHN A. MCCOMSEY,  
 Colonel, Arty.,  
 Treasurer.



THIRD ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
**The National Public Relations Committee**  
OF THE  
**West Point Societies**  
PROJECTS FOR 1952-1953 ADOPTED

By COLONEL WALTER J. RENFROE, JR., Professor of Foreign Languages, U.S.M.A.

On the evening of May 31, 1952 the third annual meeting of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies was held in the West Point Army Mess. Visiting representatives of eight West Point Societies met with the local Military Academy members of the Committee for dinner as guests of the Association of Graduates and for a discussion of public relations projects to be stressed during the coming year.

Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Retired, President of the Association of Graduates, presided over the meeting. The following members of the Committee were present:

West Point Society of Boston: Col. John Chambers, '23.

West Point Society of Chicago: Col. J. K. Tully, April, '17.

West Point Society of the Monterey Peninsula: Brig. Gen. W. H. Hobson, '12.

West Point Society of Hartford: Col. Leslie Holcomb, '23.

West Point Society of Los Angeles: Col. Charles F. Crain, '94.

West Point Society of New York: Lowell Limpus, Ex-'24.

West Point Society of Philadelphia: Major Samuel Edelman, Ex-'10.

West Point Society of San Francisco: Col. J. L. Hayden, April, '17.

Editor of the annual *Register of Graduates*: Maj. Gen. R. M. Danford, '04.

Editor of *Assembly*: Col. C. N. Branham, '22.  
Public Information Officer, USMA: Col. J. B. Leer, '36.

Representatives of the USMA Information Committee: Col. C. P. Nicholas, '25;  
Col. W. J. Renfro, '34.

Secretary of the NPRC: Col. J. A. McComsey, '24.

In addition to the Committee representatives listed above, a number of the Trustees of the Association of Graduates and several other guests attended the dinner and the meeting. Major General Irving, Superintendent of the Military Academy, and Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board, joined the group at the end of the dinner.

Although it is one of the less conspicuous June Week activities, the annual meeting of the NPRC may well have considerably greater long-range significance than the traditional ceremonies. It is here that specific public relations projects are adopted, intended to bring to the attention of the

general public throughout the United States those aspects of the educational system at the Military Academy considered most timely for public presentation. The NPRC was formally established at a similar meeting at West Point on June 3, 1950. At that time its charter was adopted, specifying as the purpose of the Committee: "To guide and facilitate the efforts of the West Point Societies in disseminating correct public information about the United States Military Academy." The Committee is composed of one delegate from each West Point Society; the Editors of *Assembly* and of the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*, ex officio; the Public Information Officer, USMA; and two members of the USMA Information Committee. The Committee's functions are:

1. To meet annually at West Point.
2. To exchange information and study the current public relations problems of the Military Academy.
3. To formulate a long range program of public relations objectives to serve as a guide for the West Point Societies; and to review this program annually.
4. To prepare an annual schedule of specific public relations projects suitable for accomplishment by the West Point Societies during the year following the meeting.
5. To discuss ways and means of accomplishing these projects.
6. To discuss plans for the organization of new West Point Societies.

At the 1950 meeting a Long-Range Program was adopted. Last year's meeting saw this program changed slightly, and the current meeting reaffirmed the 1951 version without change. The Long-Range Program has as its general purpose that of presenting to the public a correct, balanced, and modern picture of West Point. The objectives enumerated in the program stress generally the position of West Point as a national institution of great importance to the country's security; the nature and importance of the academic aspects of the four-year course; and the emphasis on the development of character, leadership and integrity at the Military Academy.

General Fenton opened the 1952 meeting by reading the Charter of the NPRC. He then made brief comments on his concept of the role of the NPRC, and the necessity for close coordination of Committee projects with the general public information policies established by the Superintendent, showing the interrelationship between the NPRC, the

USMA Information Committee, and the Public Information Office at West Point.

General Fenton then called on Colonel Charles P. Nicholas to explain the proposed reaffirmation of the Long-Range Program. Colonel Nicholas explained the consideration given to the program by the NPRC members stationed at West Point, and stated that no specific recommendations for changes in the program had been made by the Societies. It was then decided by unanimous vote that the Long-Range Program approved at the meeting of the NPRC on 2 June 1951 should be reaffirmed and continued in effect for 1952-1953.

Colonel Nicholas next took up the list of specific public relations projects for 1952-1953, explaining how the list had been drafted by NPRC members at West Point in the early spring, and how it was based on suggestions received from West Point Societies, from the USMA Information Committee, and from the Public Information Officer. After brief comments and suggestions had been made by Major Sam Edelman and Colonel Herman Beukema, the following list of specific public relations projects for the coming year was adopted:

1. To create public awareness of West Point's continuing contribution to national security by emphasizing the role being played by West Pointers in current events.
2. To emphasize the true nature of the academic course at West Point, showing the part it plays in accomplishing the mission of the Military Academy and pointing out the proven excellence of the system of education at West Point.
3. To explain, on appropriate occasions, the fact that the influence of "Duty, Honor, Country" underlies the entire educational system at West Point and to clarify the Honor System.
4. To continue to encourage well-qualified young men to seek appointment to West Point, actively stimulating the interest of *outstanding* boys.
5. To give the alumni a balanced and up-to-date picture of West Point, seeking their effective participation in the public relations program and eliciting their continuing support of and loyalty to the Military Academy.

The memorandum listing the above projects also contains a number of suggestions for the accomplishing of each project.

General Fenton next called on Colonel James B. Leer, Public Information Officer of the Military Academy, for a review of

public information activities conducted by his office. Colonel Leer traced the history of the USMA Information Committee, established in the spring of 1949, and explained the relationship between the Information Committee, the NPRC—which was founded a year later—and the Public Information Office. He stated that all news releases sent out by his office have gone, in the past year, to each West Point Society as such, and, in addition, to the NPRC member of that Society. He referred to the NPRC Newsletters, sent out from West Point by the Secretariat of the NPRC about once every two weeks. Colonel Leer then explained the various types of publicity featuring the Sesquicentennial Year of the Military Academy: about twelve major articles in such widely read national magazines as *Colliers*, the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Life*, *Look*, and the *National Geographic Magazine*; many feature newspaper articles; about 30 radio and TV broadcasts; various articles in specialized journals, including several of the Service publications. Colonel Leer mentioned the functioning of the Visitors' Bureau—a part of his office—which arranges for the reception and escort of all official visitors at West Point. His office also maintains a list of potential speakers among officers stationed at West Point, some 50 of whom have been called on in the past year to speak about West Point at various meetings away from the post. The Sesquicentennial Jubilee Convocation saw about 175 writers and radio and television specialists converge on West Point, the largest group representing publicity media ever to assemble at the Military Academy. Finally, Colonel Leer estimated that the film "This is West Point" had been shown between 150 and 200 times in the past year before audiences of considerable size. He stated that this film has appeared twice on major television networks.

Following Colonel Leer's presentation there was considerable discussion of the possibilities of showing "This is West Point" commercially. General Beverly F. Browne, '01, then discussed some of the problems he had encountered in presenting a true picture of West Point to his civilian friends. He stressed particularly the desirability of personal contacts as compared with the distribution of printed matter; and recommended that any explanation of the Honor System stress the need for it in the officer's later career as well as in cadet life. He also suggested emphasizing the varied activities of the normal day of the cadet; the fact that cadets are sworn to serve the United States; and the fact that the West Pointer's lifetime of service is an economical investment for the government.

Colonel Lincoln, Professor of Social Sciences, U.S.M.A., spoke of the cadet's part in public relations concerning West Point, pointing out that the cadet is West Point's best "salesman". He mentioned the activities of the West Point Debate Council, the West Point Forum, the visits of the ROTC cadets, and stated that it was principally suggestions of cadets that led to the formation of the Information Committee in 1949. Colonel Lincoln ended his remarks by emphasizing the fact that West Point must look to the future and that we must all make sure now that West Pointers of the present day are being properly prepared to play their role in future years.

General Fenton next explained the activities of the Association of Graduates, pointing out that the West Point Alumni Foundation, publisher of the annual *Register of Graduates* and of *Assembly*, is a separate organization from the Association, although the two work in close cooperation with each other. General Fenton referred to the NPRC Newsletters and to the book "Men of West Point", sponsored by the Association of Graduates and written by Colonel Dupuy especially for the Sesquicentennial year.

General Fenton concluded by terming the Association a part of the "West Point team", and that, as such, the Association maintained close contact with present-day West Point and worked in close cooperation with the Superintendent's public relations agencies.

There followed a general discussion of the problems facing the NPRC. It was proposed that the West Point group of the Committee take a more active part in encouraging the formation of new West Point Societies, and in coordinating the public relations efforts of the NPRC and the Societies. Colonel Hayden, of the San Francisco Society, repeated his previous request for a more complete exchange of information between the various Societies. It was agreed that the Secretariat of the NPRC would furnish each existing Society with the names of several cities in the geographical area of that Society, where the formation of new West Point Societies might be undertaken. Lists of graduates in those cities would also be furnished, as well as a sample constitution for a new Society. The Societies agreed to sponsor this move within their respective areas.

The problem of how to interest younger graduates in the activities of the various Societies was then brought up. It was pointed out that the younger graduates in any locality are usually on active duty, have little spare time in which to engage in Society activities, and are transferred frequently. The point was made that it is often hard for Societies to secure up-to-date addresses of graduates in their areas, especially the younger ones. Colonel Crain explained that the Los Angeles Society had effectively enlisted the help of the younger graduates by electing some of them to office in the Society.

Lowell Limpus, NPRC delegate of the New York Society, urged all members to write and telephone to the city editors whenever they read favorable articles about West Point in their local papers.

Before the adjournment of the meeting, General Irving reviewed briefly the activities of the past year, especially those related to the Sesquicentennial. Major Edelman then proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"We, the Officers of the several West Point Societies assembled at West Point at our annual conference on this 31st day of May 1952, by unanimous vote adopt the following resolution:

1. We hereby convey to the Superintendent, Staff and Faculty of the United States Military Academy our complete confidence in their action regulating the Honor Code and our congratulations that they have refused to compromise with Honor.
2. We wish to express our deep appreciation to the officers of the West Point Alumni Foundation for their efforts to maintain the publication of the *Register* and *Assembly*, which are integral parts of our alumni activities."

After further brief discussion the meeting was adjourned.

The decisions taken at the meeting point to an active year and give promise of considerable broadening of the activities of the NPRC.

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

(Continued from page 12)

I fear that some of our members do not fully understand the effective efforts that our Association has been making in this respect. This is not a new policy of the Association, but it has been emphasized in every one of my annual reports—already published.

I would be remiss if I did not emphasize again the importance of every West Pointer

being a subscriber for *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*. The extent to which our members read these publications, or have them available for reference, largely determines the extent to which we can carry out our mission.

Another part of our mission to which we devote considerable attention is the cadet phase. Among other of our activities in this respect, and in order to stimulate an interest on the part of cadets in our Association; to develop in them a broader interest in West Point; to give them a better perspective of what West Pointers have done in the world; and to make them aware of West Point's great value to the Nation, our Association awards prizes annually to cadets for writing articles on West Point for publication; our Association gives a \$50.00 prize annually to each of the three cadets who have written the best articles on deceased graduates (these articles are published in the *Pointer*); and at the end of each academic year, our Association awards a United States savings bond to each cadet of the Second, Third and Fourth classes who stands No. 1 in his respective class in military efficiency and leadership.

One of the most important public relations projects that our Association has undertaken recently is our Sesquicentennial book, *Men of West Point*. This book portrays, against a background of history, the services that many of our distinguished graduates have rendered to the Nation. It is the most comprehensive answer to the question: What has been the value of West Point to the Nation during the last 150 years? that has ever been attempted. About 9,000 copies of this book have been sold already and it is believed that it will continue to be in demand for many years to come.

The membership of our Association is growing steadily. Approximately 90% of our living graduates are now members. I hope sometime we can reach 100%.

It is obvious that it takes considerable money to run our Association, with all of its various activities. In our Fund Raising Letters sent out during the past four years the need of a larger Endowment Fund has been explained. I wish to thank all of those who have so generously responded with gifts and contributions. It has been my hope to impress upon all our graduates that a contribution to our Association is a good investment in one of the great institutions in the world—West Point.

The report of the Treasurer appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

I would like to say that, in my opinion, there never has been a time in the history of our country when the dissemination of correct information about West Point has been more important than it is today. Integrity is needed now more than ever before, and integrity is the rock on which this institution is built. West Point is one of the greatest bulwarks of freedom in the world today, and I know of no finer service that a West Pointer can render to West Point and the Nation than that of spreading the gospel expressed in our motto,—Duty, Honor, Country.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I am very grateful for the support received from the Superintendent and his staff, from the Vice Presidents of the Association, the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, the Editors of *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates*, the Librarian at West Point, the West Point Societies, and from many individual members of our Association. Without this wholehearted cooperation nothing worthwhile could be accomplished.

—CHAUNCEY L. FENTON, '04,  
President.

# WEST POINT SOCIETIES

For the information of all of our alumni we publish below a list of these local West Point organizations and their principal officers at present of record in the office of the Association of Graduates at West Point. Further information concerning these societies and their meetings may be obtained by inquiry to the Secretary of each.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ALABAMA Birmingham, Alabama

*President:* Mr. William L. Martin, '07  
600 North 18th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.

*Vice-President:* Lt. Col. Graham Kirkpatrick, '25  
1476 Milner Crescent, Birmingham 5, Ala.

*Sec'y-Treas.:* Mr. John J. F. Steiner, April '17  
Rm. 1214, Alabama Power Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Ala.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Bakersfield, California

*President:* Lt. Col. Drexler Dana, November '18  
410 Fairway Drive, Stockdale,  
Bakersfield, Cal.

*Sec'y-Treas.:* Mr. Richard E. Shaffer, Ex-'49  
P.O. Box 1200, Bakersfield, Cal.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA Ford Ord, California

*President:* Maj. Gen. Ernest J. Dawley, '10  
Robles Del Rio, Monterey County, Cal.

*Vice-President:* Brig. Gen. H. W. Schull, '99  
Box 2097, Carmel, Cal.

*Sec'y-Treas.:* Brig. Gen. G. Douglas Wahl, August '17  
Rt. 1, Box 416, Carmel, Cal.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF MIAMI Miami, Florida

*President:* Brig. Gen. Ernest D. Scott, '98  
Melaluca Lane, Bay Point, Miami, Fla.

*Secretary:* Col. Richmond T. Gibson, '15  
3621 Monserrate Ave., Coral Gables, Fla.

*P. R. O.:* Col. H. B. Lewis, June '18  
Pan American Bank Bldg., Miami, Fla.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA San Francisco, California

*President:* Brig. Gen. E. H. Marks, '09  
693 Hilldale Ave., Berkeley 8, Cal.

*1st Vice-Pres.:* Col. R. B. Hutchins, '19  
3501 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

*2nd Vice-Pres.:* Col. H. S. Isaacson, '27  
G/2, Hq. 6th Army,  
Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

*Secretary:* Col. Morris H. Marcus, '21  
A/G, Hq. Sixth Army,  
Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

*Treasurer:* Lt. Col. H. H. Critz, '35  
G/1, Hq. 6th Army,  
Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

*P. R. O.:* Col. James L. Hayden, April '17  
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*1st Vice-Pres.:* Lt. Col. John P. Doidge, '28  
2717 S. Marion St., Denver, Colo.

*2nd Vice-Pres.:* Col. Harvey Barnard, Jr., '38  
2026 Hudson St., Denver, Colo.

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2945 So. Clermont St., Denver, Colo.

*Ass't Sec'y:* Mr. Donald R. Lunney, '45  
2876 So. Glencoe St., Denver, Colo.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT Hartford, Connecticut

*President:* Col. James V. Walsh, '20  
15 Knollwood Road, Bloomfield, Conn.

*Vice-President:* Col. Harry Pierce, April '17  
75 Center St., Wethersfield, Conn.

*Secretary:* Lt. Philip H. Raymond, '22  
18 LeMay St., West Hartford, Conn.

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4401 Beach Blvd., Orlando, Fla.

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Los Angeles 17, Cal.

*Vice-President:* Col. Keene Watkins, '29  
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*Sec'y-Treas.:* Col. Loper B. Lowry, '20  
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Chicago, Illinois

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## GENERAL FENTON EULOGIZES COLONEL THAYER

Colonel Thayer was eulogized by General Fenton, President of the Association of Graduates, at the Alumni Exercises on June 2, 1952:

"Men of West Point: Today, as in previous years, we have gathered here to pay tribute to the Father of the Military Academy, Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, whose body rests in the West Point Cemetery and whose monument is here in our midst. Customarily our act is a simple one. Through the solemnity of prayer, the laying of a wreath, and the singing of "The Corps" and the "Alma Mater", we pay homage to the man who created, in its essentials, the Academy of today, although he relinquished the Superintendency almost a century and a quarter ago. When he came here as Superintendent, he did not reorganize or reform West Point—he rebuilt it.

Heretofore it has seemed neither necessary nor possible to put into mere words the feelings within our breasts. However, on this occasion, during the Sesquicentennial of this great institution—one of the important landmarks of its history—it is fitting that we should attempt to eulogize briefly the Man of West Point whose heirs we are through the Spirit of West Point.

The Academy's motto, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, is itself the expression of the ideals exemplified by Colonel Thayer. The impress of his character on succeeding generations is responsible for the great achievements of "The Long Gray Line", of which we are proud to reckon ourselves a part.

Much has been written about the principal features of Colonel Thayer's system of instruction and discipline at West Point. It is unnecessary at this gathering to enumerate them in detail. Suffice it to say that what made him a truly great educator was his devotion to three principles which still constitute the foundation upon which everything worthwhile and distinctive at West Point rests. These are: first, character, complete integrity and devotion to duty; second, a curriculum as broad as is consistent with the requirements of professional training; and third, insistence that each cadet exercise his own faculties to the utmost of his ability.

Before Colonel Thayer relinquished the Superintendency, he had received the plaudits of the foremost educators of his day. The pre-eminence of the Military Academy in mathematical, scientific and engineering subjects was universally acknowledged throughout the United States. And, most important of all, Colonel Thayer had graduated a group of young officers whose professional attainments immediately placed them on the same level in public esteem as the foremost practitioners of medicine, law and theology. For the first time in American history, officers of the Regular Army became truly professional men.

On Founders Day this year, the Association of Graduates recognized the greatness of Sylvanus Thayer by placing a bronze wreath in perpetuity on this monument. And now we, his sons of today, assembled here in this hallowed spot, pay tribute to this great man by raising our voices in song and acclamation, and by bowing our heads in prayer."

## Association of Graduates Awards

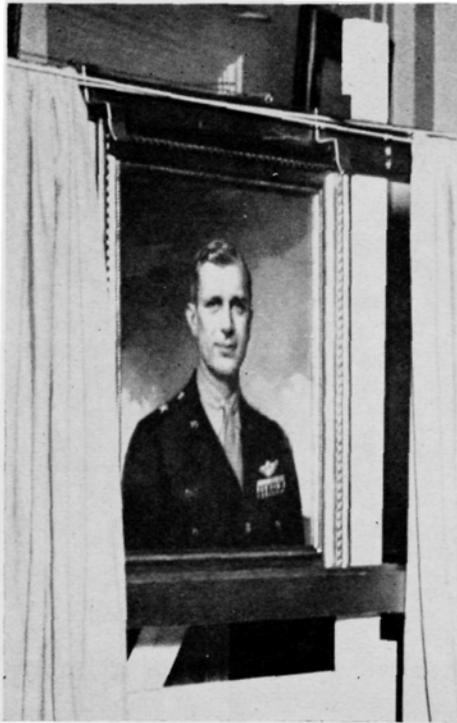
In keeping with annual custom, the President of the Association of Graduates, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, presented a United States Savings Bond to the

cadet of the Second, Third and Fourth Classes who was out-standing in military efficiency and leadership during the past academic year. These awards were made at the evening meal in the Cadet Mess on Sunday, 1 June, and were given to the following cadets:

Cadet Robert E. Barton, Second Class,  
Cadet Marion F. Meador, Third Class.  
Cadet William C. Maus, Fourth Class.

## Portrait of Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle Unveiled At West Point

On May 31, 1952 a portrait of the late Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle, Class of 1930, was unveiled at West Point. The portrait was painted by Raymond P.



Neilson, well-known American artist, and was presented to the Academy by Colonel Benjamin F. Castle, Class of 1907 and father of General Castle. The presentation ceremony was held in Cullum Hall, and the presentation address was delivered by Lieutenant General Ira C. Eaker. Mr. James C. Black, of the Republic Steel Corporation, who was instrumental in having the portrait of General Castle painted, unveiled the portrait during the ceremony.

General Castle is honored at the Academy as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously as a result of his action over Belgium on December 24, 1944. When a B-17 caught fire while leading an attack of two thousand bombers against the German Ardennes Salient, he took over the control of the flaming plane and enabled the crew to parachute to safety while he crashed to his death.

The portrait will hang in the first floor corridor of the East Academic Building, along with the portraits of two other Medal of Honor winners—Brevet Major General Alexander S. Webb, Class of 1855, and Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, Class of 1908.

## ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES—PLEASE NOTE!

The following statement has been prepared in accordance with a resolution recently adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates and is approved by the Board of Trustees:

Beginning in 1948, the Annual Luncheon, followed immediately by the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, has been held in Washington Hall (Cadet Mess) on Alumni Day, which is Monday, the day before graduation. This is the only satisfactory place at West Point to hold this Luncheon and Meeting, due to the large number that attend. One of the conditions attached to the use of Washington Hall for this purpose is that it will be vacated at 2:30 P.M., in order that sufficient time will be available to prepare for the Cadet Banquet that evening. Allowing normal time for the Luncheon and Meeting, so little time remains that it is impossible to engage with profit in the discussion of either important questions, which have not been considered previously by the Board of Trustees, or of controversial questions of any character. Besides, not more than 10 percent of our membership have ever been present at an annual meeting.

It seems apparent that the proper way to bring before the Association of Graduates important questions such as a change in mission, greater emphasis on any part of our present mission, broader participation by our membership in the affairs of our Association, change in relationship of our Association with the West Point Societies, change in the manner of electing officers and trustees of our Association, is to write a letter to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., and state fully what you have on your mind, which should include suggestions for constructive action. The matter will then be taken under consideration with the object of reaching a solution which will be to the best interests of the Association of Graduates and of West Point. If a change in the Constitution is involved, our entire membership must be informed a reasonable time before the Annual Meeting at which the change is to be considered. This is the procedure required under our Constitution and which has been followed in the past. If, after this procedure, the matter is still so controversial that more time is necessary for discussion than is available at the Annual Meeting, a special meeting can always be called when the necessary time will be available.

The broader the participation of our membership in the affairs of our Association, the greater will be our service to West Point and to the Nation. The Board of Trustees of our Association wants our entire membership to know that it welcomes suggestions and recommendations and the Board has directed me to publish this statement, so that all will know the most effective way for any member or group of members to have their ideas brought under consideration. As a further step toward carrying out the wishes of our Board of Trustees, I have appointed a committee consisting of members of the Board, with Colonel O. J. Gatchell, a Vice-President as well as a Trustee, as Chairman, to consider suggestions already received and any that may be received in the future.

—CHAUNCEY L. FENTON, '04,  
President of the Association of Graduates.



## Academic Calendar—1952-1953

- 2 September, Tuesday—First term begins.  
 20 December, Saturday—First term ends.  
 22 December, Monday to 26 December, Friday—Term Examinations.  
 20 December, 12 noon, Saturday to 1 January (1953), 5:30 P.M., Thursday—Christmas leave for upper classes.  
 29 December, Monday—Ex-cadets report for admission.

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- 2 January, Friday—Second term begins.  
 3 March, Tuesday—Entrance examinations begin.  
 10 March, Tuesday—Re-examination of ex-cadets.  
 19 March, 3:00 P.M., Thursday to 22 March, 6:00 P.M., Sunday—Suspension of duties.  
 28 May, Thursday—Second term ends.  
 29 May, Friday to 1 June, Monday—Term Examinations.  
 2 June, Tuesday—Graduation.  
 9 June, Tuesday—June entrance examinations begin.

## NOTICE TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO ASSEMBLY

Please note that all inquiries about subscriptions to *Assembly*, remittances therefor, and changes of mailing addresses for the magazine should be sent to the WEST POINT ALUMNI FOUNDATION, INC., 381 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Since second class mail may not be forwarded, *Assembly* is entirely dependent upon its subscribers for prompt notification to the FOUNDATION of all changes in their addresses, in order that successive issues may reach them without delay.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A WEST POINT SOCIETY?

If not, is it because no West Point Society has been organized in the city nearest your home?

Then why not organize one?

Here is the way to do it:

(a) Visit (or write to) the Secretary of the West Point Society nearest you. Learn what his Society does, how it is organized, and what the benefits of membership are.

(b) Visit (or write to) the Secretary of the Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y., for help and advice. The Association can furnish you:

(1) The addresses and names of officials of the West Point Society nearest you.

(2) The names and addresses of some of the other West Pointers in the region near you.

(3) Copies of the Constitution and By Laws of other West Point Societies.

(4) Suggestions on how to get started.

(5) Whenever practicable, the Association will arrange to have a graduate currently on duty at West Point, who knows the Academy of today, meet with your Society to help you get started with your organization.

You don't need a large group of Alumni to begin. Two Alumni can start the organization of a West Point Society. Right from the start you will enjoy the renewal of closer ties with the West Point of today.

## BOOK REVIEW

THE OLYMPIC PAGEANT. By Alexander M. Weyand. 347 pp. New York: MacMillan. \$4.75.

Reviewed by

JOSEPH M. CAHILL,

Director, Sports Information,  
United States Military Academy

In this colorful and interesting work on the world's most important athletic venture, the author—U.S.M.A., '16—has literally turned back the pages of time. He has indeed captured the drama and pathos, the thrills and excitement, that have marked the games since their inception in 1896.

A former Olympian himself, the author competed in the wrestling competition and was signally honored by being selected as a member of the color guard that preceded the United States entry into the stadium at Antwerp, Belgium, in 1920. Then, too, he will always be remembered by West Point graduates as captain of the 1915 football squad and a three time All-America tackle.

With such an illustrious athletic background Colonel Weyand was able to apply his personal experiences in weaving a completely authoritative account of the Olympics in a style that is appealing to all sports enthusiasts.

The achievements of 36 West Pointers are sufficiently meritorious to be recorded in the text. Among those mentioned are General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, '03, President of the American Olympic Committee in 1928; General George S. Patton, Jr., '09, Modern Pentathlon competitor in 1912; and Major General Guy V. Henry, Jr., '98, member of the Equestrian team in 1912.

Other highlights of the book include the behind-the-scenes stories of why Jim Thorpe, one of the greatest athletes of all-time, had to return his medals; why Eleanor Holm, of swimming fame, was barred from competition; how the Nazis protested the use of the "black auxiliaries" in the 1936 games; and how the highly favored American team in 1928 "ate" itself out of the championship.

All-in-all it is an excellent reference book—well worth the space its 347 pages take up on your shelf.

## ALL WEST POINT ALUMNI PLEASE NOTE!

*The Pointer* is published by the Corps of Cadets and is edited and managed by an entirely cadet staff. It contains sports, both intercollegiate and intramural; humor; stories and antics of cadet life; and numerous features of interest to friends of West Point.

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## ACADEMIC BOARD EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

"HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

3 June 1952

*Expression of Appreciation of the  
Academic Board Upon the  
Conclusion of the Sesquicentennial  
Celebration*

The Academic Board, at its meeting on 22 May 1952, unanimously recorded its pride in the dignified series of events, culminating in the Jubilee, which have so fittingly celebrated the Sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy. The Board expressed its conviction that the theme of the Sesquicentennial, "Furthering Our National Security," has been properly accented and that our mission has been successfully performed: the focusing of the attention of educators and educational institutions, military people and military academies, and the citizens of the world upon the Academy, its history, its objectives and methods, and its role in the maintenance of the security of the peoples of the free world. The Board desires to express its appreciation to all those who have contributed so freely and wholeheartedly of their efforts and time to the successful fulfillment of these aims of the Sesquicentennial.

Credit is due first to the members of the Steering Group who conceived the original plan of celebration, improved it and guided the many operating agencies and individuals through the conduct of each of the celebrating events. Credit is due the Sesquicentennial Director and his entire staff. They have worked loyally, diligently and effectively. Thanks are also due to the several committees, offices and organizations charged with specific operations essential to the success of the plan, and to every individual—officer, cadet, soldier, and civilian—who assisted in preparing the plans and in carrying them out.

The Board expressed particular gratification and pride in the response of the Corps of Cadets to its added responsibilities. Members of the Corps have demonstrated their loyalty, devotion to duty, and soldierly qualities under the spotlight of the Sesquicentennial in a manner well befitting the reputation the Academy has earned through these past one hundred and fifty years.

For the Academic Board:

Sgd. R. P. EATON,

Colonel, AGC

Secretary, Academic Board."

## NEEDS OF THE WEST POINT MUSEUM

To complete the new "West Point Room", the West Point Museum needs several items of early cadet clothing, especially the caps worn by our early graduates. The greatest needs are for a *Top Hat* of the period 1814, a *Bell-Type Shako* of the period 1825, a *Mexican War Type Forage Cap*, with whale bone stiffening, of the period 1840, a *Cylindrical Shako* of the period 1840, a *Mexican War Type Forage Cap*, without stiffening, of the period 1857, a *Slant-Top Shako*, with sunburst device of the period 1875, a *White Spiked Helmet* of 1886, the *Spanish American War Type Campaign Hat*, with high peak, the *Campaign Hat*, with black and gold cord, in use prior to 1939, and the *Gray Cadet Overseas Cap*, used prior to 1945.

The Museum will greatly appreciate the donation of any of these items by anyone able and willing to make such a contribution to its valuable collection of early cadet clothing.



By Joe Cahill

The spring season, over-all, was not particularly exciting, although some surprising performances kept interest from waning.

Success was dominant in track and field. The Cadets came through with an unexpected victory in the Heptagonals, and then climaxed the season by beating Navy.

The consensus of opinion tabbed Cornell, with its versatile Meredith Gourdine, as the pre-meet favorite. What the pundits failed to consider was the flaming spirit that permeates an Army squad when challenged on its home ground.

Led by Dick Shea, who goes down in history as the greatest mile and two mile runner ever to represent the Military Academy, Army piled up 50 points in defeating Cornell, the 1951 champion, who finished second

with 42.2. Princeton was third with 34, and Navy fourth with 30.5, in a field of ten teams.

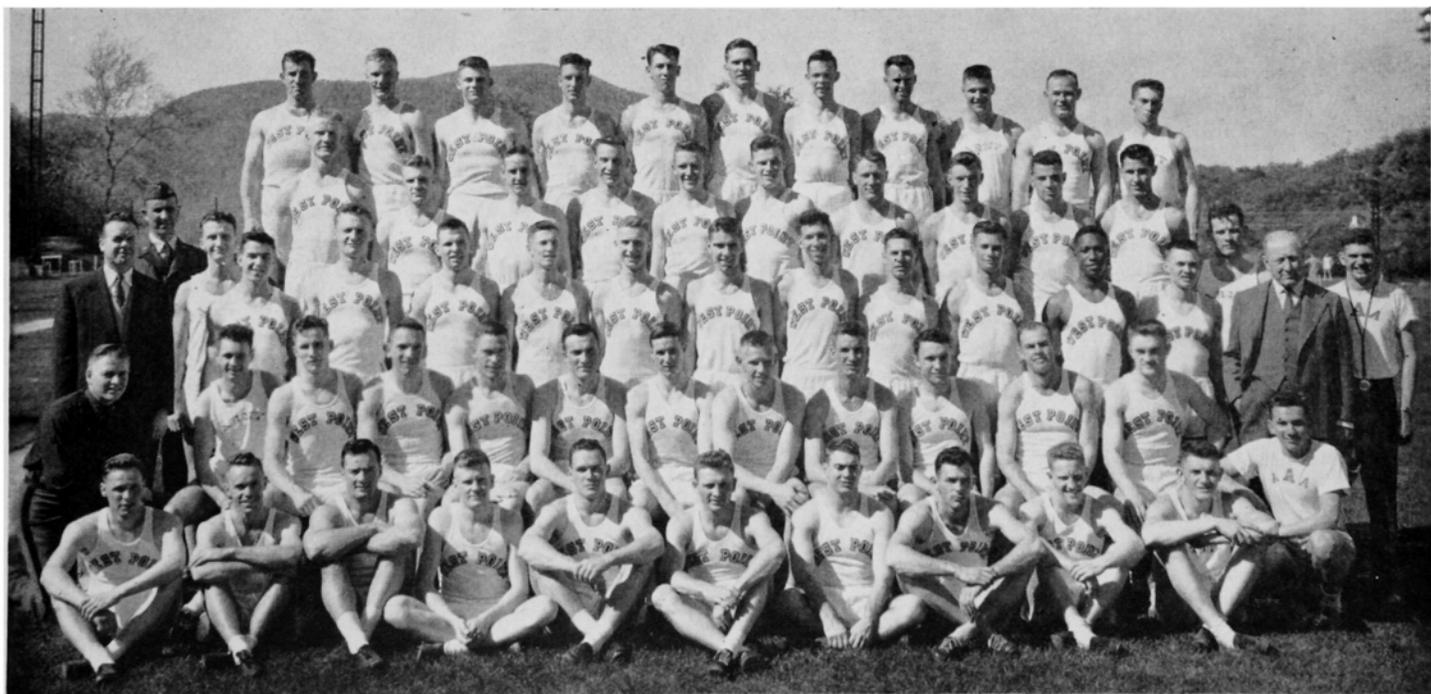
Shea and Joe Perlow shared the spotlight in Army's glittering triumph. Both set new meet standards, Shea running a 4:13.4 mile and Perlow vaulting an even 14 feet. Other Army winners were Bruce Hardy in the century, and the Mile Relay team that catapulted the Cadets into the championship for the fourth time. The foursome of Fred Thompson, Charles Youree, Ed White and Jim Cain, negotiated the four quarters in a sparkling 3:17.6, to assure victory.

The same relay team enabled Army to win the traditional meet with the Middies at Annapolis by a score of 69-2/5 to 61-3/5. President Truman was on hand to witness

the closely contested meet that saw Army win eight events to Navy's seven. In addition to the relay team, other Cadet winners included Shea, mile; Hardy, 100 yard dash; Bill Purdue, high hurdles; Larry Johnson, low hurdles; Bob Day, two mile; Roy Sullivan, broad jump; and Perlow, pole vault.

The golf team, playing concurrently at Annapolis, presented Coach Denis Lavender with the finest going-away present possible; a 4 to 3 victory. This marked the first golf triumph for the Cadets in this Service rivalry, which began in 1939. Lavender, incidentally, has resigned as golf coach and professional here to accept a job at the Charlotteville (N. C.) Country Club.

Lacrosse completed the round of victories over Navy—by a resounding 15 to 4 margin.



ARMY TRACK TEAM—1952  
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR HEPTAGONAL CHAMPIONS

- Front Row: Charles Hanson, Don Geiger, Charles Yocum, Robert Day, Richard Inman, Charles Youree, Paul Schweikert, Bruce Hardy, Dean Welch, Marvin Kortum, Robert Segal (Assistant Manager).
- Second Row: Steve Zelle (Manager), William Bingham, Edward White, Lawrence Johnson, Charles Luther, Warren Eisenhart, Richard Shea, Donald Hegberg, Louis Davis, James Erwine, James Cain, Norbert Szymczyk, Nate Cartmell (Advisory Coach), William Klein (Assistant Manager).
- Third Row: Carleton Crowell (Coach), Major W. L. Baxter (Assistant Officer Representative), Herb Deiss, Keith Born, Sheldon Lustig, Joseph Wilson, Fred Thompson, Joseph Perlow, Edward Dinges, James Effer, Richard Neu, Ira Coron, Gerry Corprew, Donald Kirk-lighter.
- Fourth Row: O'Ferrall Knight, Bill Cory, Charles Neal, William Boyd, Henry Butler, Joseph Rears, John Arnet, James Bowen, Joseph Volpe, John Hughes, Otis Moran.
- Fifth Row: Mario DeLucia, John Bard, David Patton, Charles Brown, Gary Bacon, Stanley Kuick, James Healy, William Purdue, Andrew Underwood, James Moss, Edward Judd.

This monumental total eclipsed the previous high of 13, also set by Army in the 1940 fracas. Morris Touchstone's stickers concluded the season with 9 wins against two losses and a tie. Al Lorenzen, big midfielder, was named for the mythical All-America team.

Baseball and tennis both finished on the short end against Navy. The diamond team was set back 3 to 1, and the tennis team was subdued by the same 8 to 1 score of the two previous years. Both sports had only mediocre seasons.

At the conclusion of the season new captains for the spring squads were named. The new leaders, all members of the new First Class, are John Oblinger, baseball; John Johnson, lacrosse; Ralph Sanders, tennis; and Joe Perlow, track.

Dick Shea continued to dominate the athletic picture right up until he graduated.

He was awarded the Army Athletic Association Trophy for being the outstanding athlete in the graduating class. Approximately 1,200 varsity, junior varsity and plebe athletes were honored at the athletic awards review during June Week.

Tom Maloney, head coach of gymnastics since 1931, was signally honored this year when he was named coach of the United States Olympic team for the games at Helsinki.

Speaking of the Olympics, the Modern Pentathlon team in training here the past year, has had its final try-outs. Three competitors and one alternate survived the final tests. They include, in order of finish, Pfc Thad McArthur, 2nd Lieut. Fred Denman, Captain Guy Troy, and Lieut. Harlan Johnson.

## ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1952

- September 27—South Carolina
- October 4—Southern California at Los Angeles.
- 11—Dartmouth
- 18—Pittsburgh
- 25—Columbia at New York City
- November 1—Virginia Military Institute
- 8—Georgia Tech at Atlanta
- 15—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia
- 22—Permanently Open
- 29—Navy at Philadelphia

# LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the April 1952 ASSEMBLY.

Name	Class	Date	Place
Edward Burr	1882	April 15, 1952	Washington, D. C.
Farrand Sayre	1884	April 17, 1952	Baltimore, Md.
Thomas B. Lamoreux	1890	April 12, 1952	San Francisco, Calif.
Robert L. Hamilton	1891	April 16, 1952	Spokane, Wash.
Louis H. Bash	1895	May 24, 1952	Palo Alto, Calif.
Robert S. Abernethy	1897	June 10, 1952	Summerton, S. C.
Charles C. Farmer, Jr.	1899	May 16, 1952	Miami, Fla.
John S. Upham	1903	July 5, 1952	Los Angeles, Calif.
Charles A. Meals	1904	April 23, 1952	Santa Barbara, Calif.
James A. O'Connor	1907	March 23, 1952	Los Angeles, Calif.
Blaine A. Dixon	1908	April 1, 1952	Glendale, Calif.
James L. Walsh	1909	June 11, 1952	Washington, D. C.
Clarence H. Danielson	1913	May 22, 1952	Bradenton, Fla.
Thomas R. Denny	November, 1918	September 27, 1951	Tucson, Ariz.
Andral Bratton	Ex-1919	May 28, 1952	Savannah, Ga.
George E. Bruner	1919	June 21, 1952	Arlington, Va.
Charles M. Wolff	1919	April 5, 1952	Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
Wayne O. Hauck	Ex-1924	June 24, 1952	Washington, D. C.
Frederic A. Henney	1924	May 22, 1952	Near Smithville, Tex.
Tyler Calhoun, Jr.	1926	May 13, 1952	San Francisco, Calif.
Jerald W. McCoy	1929	April 6, 1952	Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.
John E. Metzler	1932	November 8, 1951	Bay Saint Louis, Miss.
George H. Bishop, Jr.	1933	June 14, 1952	Santa Barbara, Calif.
Aaron W. Tyer	1935	May 28, 1952	Komaki AFB, Honshu, Japan
Eugene J. Carr	1940	May 13, 1952	Dedham, Mass.
Morton C. Carmack	January, 1943	March 10, 1951	Mediterranean Sea
Roderic T. Wriston	January, 1943	January 14, 1952	San Antonio, Tex.
John A. Bruckner	1945	December 31, 1951	Korea
John A. Dille, Jr.	1950	April 13, 1952	Korea



## New Members

We welcome to our membership 437 graduates of the Class of 1952, and 42 other graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,000.

NEARLY 90% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Graduates and former cadets who have not yet joined the Association are cordially invited to write to the Secretary at West Point for an application for membership.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE SEPTEMBER 10, 1952



Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present at West Point during June Week 1952 (center) leads the column of the Long Gray Line to Thayer Monument on June 2. With General Hodges are Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, Superintendent (left) and Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Class of 1904, President of the Association of Graduates (right).

### 1889

*Editor's Note:* Colonel Piper has authorized *Assembly* to print the letter quoted below. We all join in the sentiments expressed therein.

"South Brooklyn Railway Company  
370 Jay Street  
Brooklyn 1, N. Y.  
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April 24, 1952

Dear Colonel Piper,

The Board of Directors of the South Brooklyn Railway Company, at its meeting today, learned with pleasure of the recovery which you, our former President, are making from your recent illness.

The Board sends you cordial greetings, with the sincere hope that your further recovery will be rapid and permanent.

With every good wish.

Cordially,

(Sgd.) Matthew F. O'Connell, Jr.,  
Secretary.

### 1890

Colonel Thomas B. Lamoreux died April 11th 1952, at his home in San Francisco, Cal., and was buried in the family plot in that city alongside of his late wife. In recent years he suffered the loss of sight, but kept informed on current history through the braille system, and by the use of the book-reading phonograph. He was the oldest member of the Class of '90 and was popularly known as "Père"; greatly beloved by all who knew him, his abiding desire was doing good to others; a brave soldier, a Christian gentleman, a faithful friend.

—J. A. R.

### 1891

"Ninety-one" was represented at June Week by Donworth and Sorley, who, with

two members of '87, composed the first four on the march to Thayer monument. Our Member Emeritus, Gen. Hodges, placed the wreath.

With regret we report the death of Robert L. Hamilton at the home of his daughter in Spokane on April 16. For many years past he had enjoyed excellent health, but he succumbed to a heart attack resulting from over-exertion in his garden.

A letter from Bush's daughter some months ago reported him as being in poor shape, but recent inquiries have brought no further news. In general it may be said that our ten surviving graduates are holding their own in a degree appropriate to elderly gentlemen in their middle eighties.

—L. S. S.

## 1894

Four members of the class—Cocheu, Crain, Ladue and Malone—were present for the June Week ceremonies. Don Pablo was particularly interested this year, as his grandson, Paul B. Malone, III, was graduating, and another grandson, Daniel K. Malone, was becoming a yearling. The young graduate and his father, Colonel Kerwin Malone, attended the Alumni Luncheon with Don Pablo, sitting at the 1894 table.

Don Pablo spent two months last winter with members of his family in Sarasota, Florida. There was much social activity, as well as several speaking engagements for Don Pablo. He is now talking of moving to Sarasota, to be near those members of his family who are established there.

Carlos Crain called attention to a march played by the field music during the march-off of the band after the Alumni Review. The music for this march, based on one of the tunes played by the "hell-cats" in our cadet days, was given to the band leader by Carlos some years ago. Christened "The Class of 1894 March", it is regularly played at the Review, and has become an established feature of the ceremony.

The class regrets to learn of the death of Louie Bash which occurred at Palo Alto on May 24th.

—W. B. L.

## 1895

Nuttman was having a lot of trouble with a broken hip some time ago at Walter Reed. He has since returned to his home.

Cavenaugh married Mrs. Josepha Whitney, March 2, in Winter Park, Florida. A church wedding. Miles was best man.

Pritchard was a patient in a Navy Hospital, near Corona, California, for two weeks because of injuries he incurred in an automobile accident on January 29.

Vincent was in the Veterans Hospital, at Bay Pines, for six weeks with stomach trouble, while spending the winter in Florida.

Darrah and wife were in Washington for four days in April.

We may well thank Langdon for his memorial article about Schulz (our No. 1 man) which appeared in the April 1952 issue of *Assembly*, with no detail overlooked and no praise and commendation overstated.

Our "Ninety-five" column is deep in sorrow, if not overcome with grief at this time: On March 29, Mrs. Nissen died in Washington, D. C., and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on April 1. On May 10 Mrs. Watson died in Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was buried in the Post Cemetery, West Point, New York on May 16. The service was conducted in the Old Cadet Chapel by Rev. Frank E. Pulley, Chaplain USMA; several members of the Class of 1922 (Numa's) served as honorary pallbearers; and Mr. F. C. Mayer, the Cadet Chapel Organist, a friend of the family for many years, was the organist. On May 24 Bash died in Palo Alto, California, and was buried there on May 26; Chaplain Norman Edwards conducted the services in Tinney Funeral Home; Zoe Arnett Wettach was the organist.

Many expressions of sympathy have been received by the bereaved, and are acknowledged with grateful appreciation.

—F. B. W.

## 1897

The class held a reunion at West Point during June Week to mark the 55th anniversary of its graduation. The following members and ex-members were present—R. S. Abernethy, A. S. Conklin, J. H. Hughes, C. B. Humphrey, E. H. Humphrey, M. Marline, F. M. McCoy, C. H. Miller, S. M. Milliken, C. D. Roberts, and J. F. Woodyard.

Woodyard came all the way from Mexico and Evan Humphrey from Texas.

We were comfortably quartered at Cullum and ate at the Officers Mess, where we had an informal dinner on the evening of Alumni Day. We all took part in the Alumni Ceremonies on June 2, and the general feeling

was that we were getting far too near the head of the column.

It was a great disappointment to the class that our beloved President, "Sheriff" Conley was prevented by poor health from being present. It was the first time he has missed a reunion. His grandson, Cadet Tom Watlington, came to Cullum and met the members of the class there. He is just as tall as Abernethy.

Only a few days after the reunion, his classmates in Washington had the sad duty of acting as pallbearers for Abernethy. He died at Summerton, South Carolina, his home, on June 10th. His death leaves only 20 of the 68 who graduated with the class still alive.

Conley has received word of the death of Savage—in 1950.

Through the efforts of Altstaetter and the Savannah Society of Military Engineers the monument to the memory of Morgan has been moved to a new site in the reservation at Fort Pulaski, where the monument can be properly cared for. A dignified dedication ceremony was held at the time. Sheriff Conley has written suitable thanks to the Society—and, it must be added, has reimbursed the Society for the expense of the relocation.

—C. D. R.

## 1901

Billy Haskell was very ill in Florida last winter but Mrs. Haskell reported on May 7 that he was recovering slowly. Two Haskell grandsons are now at West Point, John H. F., Jr., and William N., III. We sincerely hope that Billy has fully recovered and we wish him the best possible health from now on. We of 1901 are proud to know that grandsons are carrying on the Haskell tradition.

Bettison, Browne, Lahm, Tidball and Kay represented the Class during June Week. Beverly Browne let the members of the Round Table know, in no uncertain terms, that they should have been there also.

The Round Table had several visitors since our last report. Bettison dropped in on his way from Florida to his home in Villanova, Pa. Pat Newman was there for a goodly number of luncheons—we almost called him a regular—but Pat and Mrs. Newman had to return to their Caribbean home. Jerry Pillow was a very pleasant surprise visitor. He enlivened the table for several luncheons. He and Mary Pillow were here a month or so and gave us great pleasure



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1894-1898

while here. We hope they will come again soon.

The summer vacationists are making plans to get away. Guy Kent and Mrs. Kent leave for a stay at West Point in a few days. Dick Jordan and Mrs. Jordan will leave for New England for the summer, the last of June. Bobby Beck and Mrs. Beck will soon be on their way to the "Land of the sky-blue waters".

We hope the regulars: West, Willing, Browne and Dent, will hold the fort during the summer.

—R. M. B., Jr.

## 1902

### *The Fiftieth Reunion of the Centennial Class.*

Time, the old gypsyman, was bribed to tighten his rein and put up his caravan, Sunday evening, June 1, 1952 in the Red Room of the West Point Officers' Club, where the following fortunate seventeen members of the Centennial Class gathered round the festive board: Abbot, Albert, Bell, Boswell, Black, Edwards, Foley, Griffith, Hannum, Herr, Longley, Miller, T. McCain, Pegram, Rodney, Stewart, Valliant. Arrangements for the dinner were made by a committee (appointed by Longley, our Class Vice-President) consisting of Wilson, Herr and Valliant.

Centuries and century classes may come and go but the midmark is a milestone to be reckoned with. There was many a quip and banter and hasty glances were thrown back over the long trail which has led from the sunshine into the shadows.

Steve Abbot narrated some incidents of his career as a successful ranchman in the beautiful Uintah Valley of Northeastern Utah. Bell reported news of Mahaffey. "Sep" Black dilated upon the sea museum he is promoting in his native coast town of Searsport, Maine. Boswell gave an inkling of his remarkable accomplishments in the cotton fields of the southwest. "Sep" Edwards told of some interesting and happy letters he had received from Vernon before he died. Foley told of recruiting WACS and hunting big game in Canada. Hannum related some of his experiences on the staff of California's Governor Warren. Herr lamented the catastrophe to the Army—the passing of the horse. He maintained that had the horse been retained, it would have

found definite use in World War II, and probably would have ended the war in Korea. Troup Miller gave last echoes from the checkered life of Willie Davis. Rodney let us now how it feels to be a professor emeritus at Michigan State College. Valliant revived pertinent Class history from the records of his library.

These are only a few of the topics indulged in. . .

Practically everybody was tempted to challenge the impossible feat of distilling years into minutes.

To Longley was given a rousing vote of thanks for keeping us so well acquainted with each other through his annual news letter.

Pegram moved, and it was promptly seconded and unanimously carried, that the greetings and best wishes of 1902 be sent to Mahaffey, the only president the Class has ever had. Pat Foley, who expected to stop in St. Louis on his way back west in order to see Mahaf, promised to deliver the message.

Our Vice President, Longley, who acted as toastmaster, read a clipping from a California paper, accounting for the sad and sudden death of P. Bass Zane, at Pebble Beach.

Toasts were drunk to the absent ones.

Letters of regret were read from T. B. F. Smith and John Franklin, and telegrams from Hiram Cooper and (later) from Wild-eye Williams.

The next evening (June 2) at the Club another Class dinner was held with the following Class wives as guests: Mrs. Abbot, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Longley and Mrs. Stewart (Mrs. Albert and Mrs. Bell had already left West Point). There were also present at this dinner: Mr. John Black, of Chicago, the brother of Mrs. Helene Black Abbot and Mr. Fred Black, the son of "Chauncey"

New friendships were made; old associations strengthened. All shared the Class thrill from their presence at West Point's glorious Sesquicentennial.

—E.

## 1903

There has been found a necessity for dividing up some of the work of the Class, and Pope has appointed an executive committee to take over some of it that multiplies as

we grow older and nearer to the 50th Reunion. The executive committee is composed of Schley, chairman, Grant and Cocheu, and Pope ex officio a member.

Pat Lynch passed through Washington recently on his way back from Europe where he made a short visit. He was entertained at luncheon in Washington by Cocheu, Grant, Lynn, Preston and Schley.

Trophy Bendel writes from San Francisco. He has been slightly under the weather recently but is OK again, it is good to report. He still keeps up with his chess, as does Upham. They are probably the two most consistent chess players we have.

Bill Aleshire, who lives at 206 Mallorca Way, San Francisco, has been very much under the weather and, according to Trophy, would welcome letters from classmates. At present he is confined to his bed.

Schley's garden, in which he has previously been reported as taking a keen interest personally, has been included among the gardens on exhibition for the "Georgetown Garden Pilgrimage". This is quite an honor for Julian and Denise.

We have mentioned before that being retired is not an affair of idleness for many of the Class. Bones Tyler, for example, is employed on a project for improving the Orinoco River and one of its tributaries, to make them navigable for ocean-going ore carriers. This is part of a large project of U.S. Steel in the development of its iron ore properties in Eastern Venezuela. He is also on the Memphis Tennessee Harbor Commission. Tyler and Willie Rose live near each other in Bradentown, Florida.

It is reported that the F. H. Smiths plan to make another pilgrimage to Washington for the garden week there.

Alumni Day at West Point, being one of our off-years, was attended by few members of our class. In the long gray line of graduates we had one set of fours, composed of Puss Farnum, George Cocheu, Dorsey Rodney and Allan Pope.

Dorsey Rodney advises us that he has retired but is still keeping up with some of his former college work. He saw Douglas MacArthur when the latter made his most recent speech. They both decided to be present at our Fiftieth.

We have already been assigned one of the rooms in the Club at West Point where we can have our class banquet. Grant has agreed to take the lead in arranging our 50th Reunion plans. More power to him.

It is reported that Turtle has retired from his work teaching mathematics at Man-



50th REUNION, CLASS OF 1902

hattan College in New York. He and Mater are planning to make their home in San Antonio.

## 1904

A note from Cubbison claims that Carmel, California, is a grand place in which to live. 1904 is represented there by George Allin, Cubbison and Win Stilwell, plus numerous children and grandchildren who visit there now and then. Glassford, who lives at Laguna Beach, California, still mixes in things political apparently, for he recently sent Cubbison some papers and advice on how to vote in the California primary. Cubbison visited Meals in Letterman General Hospital a couple of months ago and noted his high morale and uncomplaining attitude in spite of the fact that he was not given much more time.

Now word has come from Meals' sister, Laura, that on 23 April, 1952, he was found to have died quietly in bed in his apartment in Santa Barbara. Death was doubtless a welcome release from the pain and suffering that Meals endured so patiently for so long, but nevertheless it is with sadness that we record the passing of another 1904 man. In accord with his wishes, his remains were cremated and the ashes will be placed in the family plot in Lompoc, California.

In April, Fenton made his annual trip to Washington to attend the conference of American Small Business Organizations and, as he could not stay over until the May luncheon of 1904 Washingtonians, the date of their meeting was advanced one week so that Chauncey could be present. It was a pleasure to note that he appeared as his hale and hearty self in spite of his illness last winter.

Rumor has it that Bob Richardson has returned from his trip to Europe and is at his home in Bath, New Hampshire. We know that he visited his son in France and traveled in Ireland, but we shall look forward to learning more details later.

Reports from Budd and Wright indicate a most enjoyable gathering of classmates at West Point on 2 June 1952, Alumni Day. Copp, Danford, Fenton and Phillipson were also present. As President of the Association of Graduates, Fenton's address at the Thayer Monument Ceremony was exceptionally fine and appropriate. His handling of the meeting of the Association called for most favorable comment and we are happy to congratulate him on his re-election as President of the Association.

—W. B.

## 1905

There have been so many requests for extra copies of Class Letter Number Fourteen, that it appears we may have a "best seller".

At the Alumni Day Exercises on Monday, June 2, the following members of the Class were present for the various activities: Broadhurst, Curley, Doe, Dusenbury, Early, Kunzig, Lentz, Ramsey and Weeks. After the review of the Corps by the Alumni, under the Class Tree in front of the Sixth Division, Broadhurst, in a few well chosen words, on behalf of the Class, presented a lovely wrist watch to his son, Hugh H. Broadhurst, Jr., who was graduated the following day. In addition to members of the Class, the wives of Broadhurst and Weeks and the following sons of the Class were on hand for the presentation: Colonel Thomas W. Hammond, Jr., '29; Lt. Col. Beverly D. Jones, '33; Lt. Col. John H. Daly, '36; and Lt. Col. Louis A. Kunzig, Jr., '39. Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Kunzig were also present. All members of the Class commented on the fine looking sons of the Class who were present and their ability to "carry on"

Several comments were made that young Broadhurst would probably be the last son of the Class to be graduated. However, a little investigation shows that in one case a cadet was graduated sixty-four years after his father's class!

In the afternoon, your scribe, as a representative of the Class, attended a dedication ceremony in Cullum Hall for the Congressional Medal of Honor Plaque, located on the landing of the west stairway leading to the second floor of that building. The name of our classmate, Calvin P. Titus, appears on this plaque, along with fifty-eight other graduates who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by the close of the Sesquicentennial Year, 16 March 1952. Due to a provision in General Cullum's will, no living person's name can appear in Cullum Hall, and the nine living graduates have their names on the plaque masked. It is too bad Calvin could not have been present, as he received his Medal of Honor from President Theodore Roosevelt during the Centennial Exercises in 1902.

Doc Lentz advises that the movie "Sound Off", with Mickey Rooney, will soon be released, with the blessing of the Department of Defense.

Seagrave and his wife motored from California and leased an apartment in Tampa, Florida. They found the climate ideal and the fishing excellent, but they missed their

friends and last March started back for California where they are now located.

Yank Upham is now located in Dallas, Texas, and his daughter, Beth, is specializing in Math at Southern Methodist University.

Wilby and his wife recently returned to New York after traveling around the world by air. A part of that time Wilby was a consulting engineer on Ports and Waterways for the Burmese Government.

—N. F. Ramsey.

## 1906

Bataan Day, the tenth anniversary, when Skinny's troops, then under Ned King, were without food or medicine on that malarial peninsula, were outnumbered many times, were overrun by the long resisted Japs, and began the Death March! The big guns moved up and began their fire on Corregidor. Carlos Romulo, Mike Elizalde, President Quirino, and Skinny were magnificent. I hope you listened in. We, of 1906, do not forget.

Jim Riley, as a trustee of the Association of Graduates, and Earl McFarland, as a former professor, attended the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Ceremonies at West Point on May 20, and they went off magnificently, in spite of war, rain and politics. This issue of *Assembly* gives you the fine speeches and messages at that wonderful affair, that reminded our citizens of the true place of West Point in the Nation.

And speaking of Jim Riley, I have a photo of the *USS Waldron*, in which he traveled around Europe with s.i.l. Shaw, and another photo in which he was celebrating the Sesquicentennial birthday of West Point with s.i.l. Anderson in Mexico City. And also I have a lovely memory picture of the grand visit of Jim and Gene with us at Miami Beach. How they get around! George and Christine Morrow stopped them at Daytona on their way home.

Also I have an invitation to the wedding of Harold Huntley, Jr. to Dorothy Drake in Pasadena, June 7. Hate to miss it.

Also I have a photo of Senator McKew Parr, Sr., Man of the Month of the Newark Athletic Club Magazine. A good biography follows showing McKew diving headlong into the political arena.

Also, a long letter from Gate, via McKew, out of Gate's brushland estate, six miles from Ramona, Cal. in which he speaks of too much arthritis for his active mind to bear.

Also, on a sheet of 1906 class stationery, about 46 years old, a letter from Bill Akin



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out of the Valley of the Moon, Cal., reporting the marriage of his daughter to a Marine husband,—he and Ruth busy in their gardens.

Also a postal from the A&N Club, Washington, D. C. signed McFarland, Loughry, Gillespie, Abraham, Bureson, Riley, and Chauncey Fenton, at a luncheon intercepting Jim Riley on his way home.

Joe Green had a couple trips to the hospital last winter but is getting along o.k. now under the watchful care of Julie.

Joe King is on his way to Gainesville, Fla., to see daughter, Julia, and to Camp Gordon to see Honorary classmate, Josephine, and, perhaps via Dillard, to Lake Okiboji to see oldest daughter, Mary. Joe Green summers at that Lake too. It's in Iowa.

Ma Watson has married and gone with his wife to Oklahoma for residence.

And I got on TV for a local candidate—but he was badly beaten in spite of this noble assistance.

And the spotlight is coming closer to our plebe First Captain and to 1915's General Ike, shining past them both on our Alma Mater, a wonderful compliment for our Sesquicentennial.

—Charles G. Mettler.

## 1907

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of Patsy O'Connor in Los Angeles on March 23, 1952, and of Mary White, wife of Enrique White, at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, on April 15, 1952. Patsy was buried in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California. Boone, Taylor, Wyman, Householder and Eastman acted as pallbearers. Mary White was buried in Arlington beside her son, Edward, who was killed in action in Korea. The Morrisons, Collins, Gutensohn, Rutherford, Wood and Larned represented the class at the services held in the Fort Myer Chapel. We extend our deepest sympathy to Marjorie O'Connor, Enrique White and their families.

While in Alexandria, Virginia, in April we were honored at a dinner given by Rick and Audrey Morrison at the Army and Navy Town Club, at which the Larneds and Oliver Wood were also guests. Paul told us about the Class Book which by the time these notes are published will have been deliver-

ed, and we are sure that he will be interested to know how you like it. He has put a tremendous amount of time and energy into its preparation and richly deserves the gratitude of every member of the class. Only those who have undertaken any similar project can fully appreciate the extent of this task.

Clyde and Margaret Eastman returned from the west coast just before coming up for the reunion and we prevailed upon Clyde to continue his report of classmates visited on their trip. When Clyde left off in the last issue they were in Claremont, California, Daniel Boone's home town. He and Daniel decided to throw a party for all classmates in the Los Angeles area and Daniel opened his home for the affair, which proved to be a most enjoyable one. Present were the Dusenburys, Pattens, Wymans, Taylors, Householders, Eastmans, Boones, George Dailey and Marjorie O'Connor. Leaving Claremont, Clyde and Margaret traveled north by way of the Yosemite, and in Palo Alto they saw the Santschis, who gave them the sad news of the death of Mary White. They by-passed Carmel and missed seeing Judge Henry. Clyde had invited the San Francisco clan, consisting of the Potters, Craftons, Santschis and Thorpes, to join them for another partial reunion. Stiffle's health precluded his coming, but the rest met at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, where they spent a very pleasant afternoon. From San Francisco they drove northward along the coastal highway and after a few days in Portland headed for Quilcene, Washington, to visit the Bartletts. Geoff and Alice gave them a warm welcome, a grand party the night of their arrival, and made it difficult for them to tear themselves away on the following day. Clyde saw almost as many classmates on his trip as returned for the reunion.

Coming back for the reunion were the Wymans, Tom Spencer and Skinny MacLachlan from the west coast. The Lucian Booths, the Bill Ganoes, the Pot Shedd's, Sunny Jim Martin, Warren Lott and Bob Cheney from the south; Ben Castle and his guest, Mr. Earl Findlay, Jimmie and Virginia Collins and their daughter, Agnes. Sloan and Josephine Doak, Clyde and Margaret Eastman and their daughter, Mrs. Massey. Paul and Cecilia Larned, J. B. Rose, Jim Steese, Johnny Sullivan, Oliver Wood, Gutensohn, McNeil and Marley from the Washington area; Dick and Winifred Park from Maine and Roger Alexander, the Herbert Haydens,

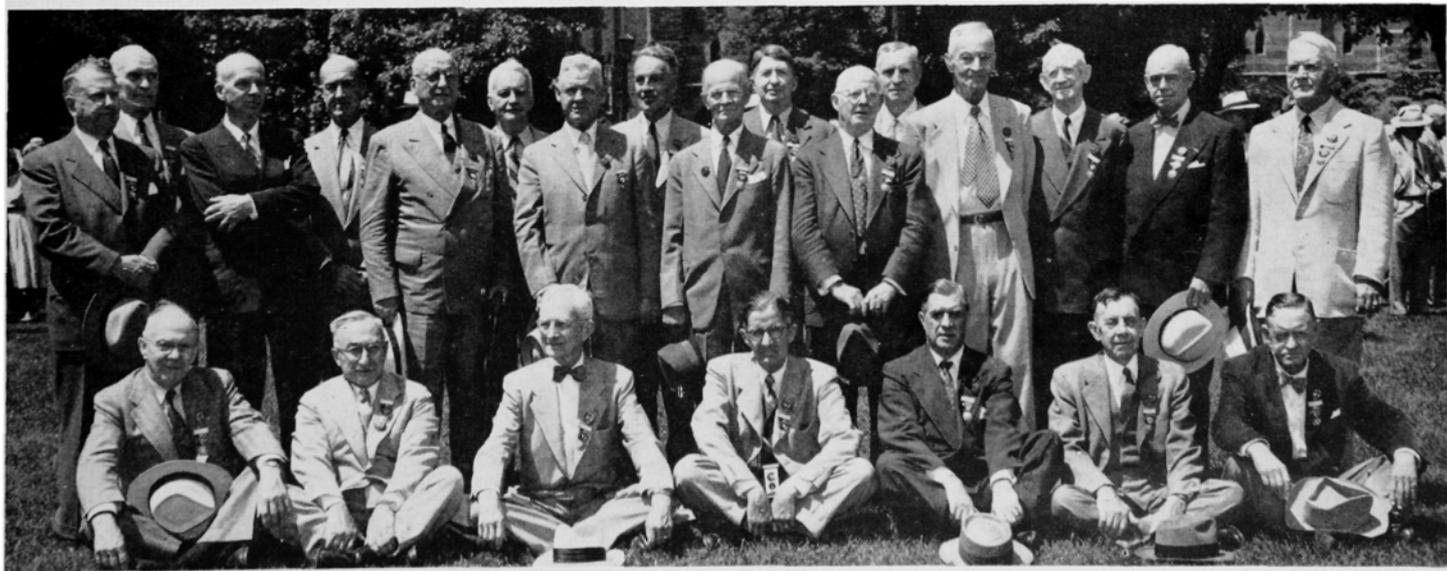
Cincinnatus Somers, Throop Wilder, Cal Stedman and the Wagners from nearby New York and New Jersey.

The reunion got off to an auspicious start on Saturday afternoon with the unveiling of the portrait of Freddie Castle in Cullum Hall. Col. W. J. Morton, Jr., Librarian, USMA, presided at the ceremony. Lieut. Gen. Ira Eaker, under whom Freddie had served in the Eighth Air Force, made a most fitting presentation address and Col. Lawrence E. Schick, Professor of M.T.&G., accepted the portrait on behalf of the Superintendent. The portrait was done by Mr. Raymond P. R. Nielson, one of the foremost portrait painters in this country today, and is a wonderful likeness of Freddie. It will hang in the Library with portraits of others who have been awarded the Medal of Honor. The class has every reason to be proud of its class godson and it is a great satisfaction to know that future generations of cadets will look upon Freddie's portrait and be inspired by his record of achievement.

On Saturday evening the entire class group came up to our home in Newburgh for a buffet supper. The opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new members of the class, completely away from outside distractions, gave us all an enjoyable evening which we will long remember. The only untoward incident arose when it was discovered that Warren Lott has missed his assigned transportation and was among the missing. Roger Alexander volunteered to go to his rescue and brought him up to make the party complete.

The special guest of the evening was Cadet Michael Collins, Class of 1952, our youngest Class boy graduate, and the outstanding event was the presentation on behalf of the Class by Roger Alexander of a silver cigarette box inscribed "Michael Collins—Class of 1952—from the Class of 1907—his father's Class". Michael wrote a most appreciative letter as soon as he reached home after graduation thanking the class for his gift and expressing his pleasure in meeting so many of his father's classmates.

On Sunday it rained all day and all outdoor activities had to be moved indoors or canceled. We were led to believe, however, that all was not entirely lost. Reports of sessions in barracks and tales of strange and amusing incidents by Warren Lott, Johnny Sullivan, Charley Wyman, Jim Steese and others were recounted on the next day. The class made a brave showing at the parade from Cullum, and at the Alumni Exercises



45th REUNION CLASS OF 1907

Left to right seated:—Somers, Rose, Booth, MacLachlan, Castle, Cutensohn, Cheney.

Standing:—Sullivan, Wagner, Stedman, Shedd, Steese, Collins, Alexander, Larned, Park, Wyman, McNeil, Spencer, Lott, Martin, Wood and Eastman.

(Not present when picture was taken:—Doak, Ganoe, Hayden, Marley and Wilder).

at Thayer Monument. The few who missed the parade to the monument arrived in time for the Review.

Three tables were set for 1907 in the Mess Hall for the luncheon and meeting of the Association of Graduates at noon. At the business meeting Rick Morrison, who had to miss the festivities on account of a slight, temporary illness, was elected a Vice President of the Association. In the evening, after Graduation Parade, the Class dinner, the final event of the reunion, was held at Beau Rivage, overlooking the Hudson River, a short distance north of Newburgh. Guests were Earl McFarland, Class of 1906, J. B. Rose, Jr., Class of 1942, and Mr. Earl Findlay. Shortly after all had assembled in the dining room there appeared a forlorn, vaguely familiar figure of a plebe, in as ill fitting a uniform as was ever issued by the Cadet Store, and wearing shoes larger than any ever seen at West Point. His appearance was immediately followed by a smart yearling corporal who brought back distinct memories to all of 1907. No one will ever forget Earl McFarland, one of our more ardent mentors during plebe year. With the arrival of the yearling corporal, the disconsolate plebe was put through all the usual paces, which were executed with a maximum of confusion and a minimum of precision—which only Bill Ganoe could do. This bit of entertainment was conceived by Bill and afforded the class a sparkling bit of amusement entirely unannounced. Roger Alexander presided at the dinner and, following established custom, called upon various members of the class for extemporaneous remarks. The account by Mr. Findlay of his first encounter with the Army on Governors Island, when he was a reporter for the *New York Times*, covering one of the early flights of Orville Wright, was especially amusing.

In connection with the dinner, we have the following confession to make. Due to payments by individuals for cocktails, which were intended to have been included with the dinner, we collected \$24 over and above the amount required. This was turned in to the Class Fund and if anyone wants a rebate, try and get it out of Paul Larned.

For the benefit of those interested, copies of the Class picture, taken immediately after the Alumni Review, may be procured from White Studio, West Point, New York, for \$1.00 each.

Following our reunion at West Point, Jim Steese and Bill Ganoe attended their 50th reunion at Dickinson College, where Bill was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters. The May number of the *Dickinson Alumnus*, announcing the names of those to receive honorary degrees at commencement,

contains a detailed account of Bill's career and his record as an author of history, novelist and lecturer. Our congratulations to Dr. Ganoe.

—H. W. W.

## 1908

Dixon answered his last roll call on April 1st. The funeral, in accordance with his wishes, was private. Cotton's death was reported in this column in the preceding issue of *Assembly*. At his funeral on February 14th, Barker, Brown, Fitzsimmons and Garey acted as pallbearers.

Avery is off for Europe, where his son is stationed. Bonesteel is back in Washington, having returned from his arduous service as a working grandfather. Curry and his wife had a fine trip in Mexico. He reports having seen Gottschalk, Nulsen, Rodgers and Wilbourn during his pause at San Antonio. Curry is reported to have been in Washington on May 12th, but failed to report to his Class President. Hughes and his wife also paused at San Antonio—for about a month.

Hall's younger daughter, Lacey, was married in New York in June. Lyon is a very active printer, and is now President of the San Francisco Retired Officers Association. Muhlenberg and his wife have sold one house at Vista, Cal., and bought another on the same R.F.D. route. Their boy is stationed in Hawaii. Like Curry, they have recently had an enjoyable trip in Mexico.

Pendleton has been running around like a wildcat. He reports attendance at the Mobile carnival where he was a "Knight" in 1910. He also found his 1910 "lady" there, with her husband and son. Pendleton has done a good job of checking up on the class, reporting contacts with Avery, Cummins, Grisell, Higley, Loustalot, Lyon and McIntosh. Their health varies from excellent to fair.

Our most publicized member is Slaughter. He has been civilian defense director for Loudon County, Virginia. He has recently resigned in a somewhat torrid letter about the refusal of the county supervisors to give him any money. The Loudon *Times-Mirror* had the resignation spread all over the first page.

—C. L. H.

## 1909

Jim Walsh died at Walter Reed Hospital on June 11. He had been in poor health for

several months but maintained to the end his keen interest in current affairs and especially in the American Ordnance Association, of which he was President. The funeral service at Fort Myer and the burial at Arlington Cemetery were attended by several classmates and many other friends and associates. He is survived by his wife, Mazie Porcher Walsh, whom he married in 1918, by a brother, Raycroft, and a sister, Miss Rosemary Walsh.

Mrs. David J. Rumbough, mother of Stanley Rumbough, died at her home at South Fairlington, Va., on May 22 after a long illness. The widow of Colonel Rumbough, Class of 1880, she was well known in Army circles throughout her long and useful life.

'09 was represented at West Point on Alumni Day by Bluemel, Farman, Goetz and Van Deusen, G. L. The following sons of classmates are now in the Corps, and giving a good account of themselves: Frederick F. Van Deusen, '53; Andrew F. Underwood, '54; Raymond Nelson Smith, '54.

Invitations were received for the marriage of Ying Wen's son, Victor, to Miss Lai Kwan on June 28 at Old St. Mary's Church, San Francisco.

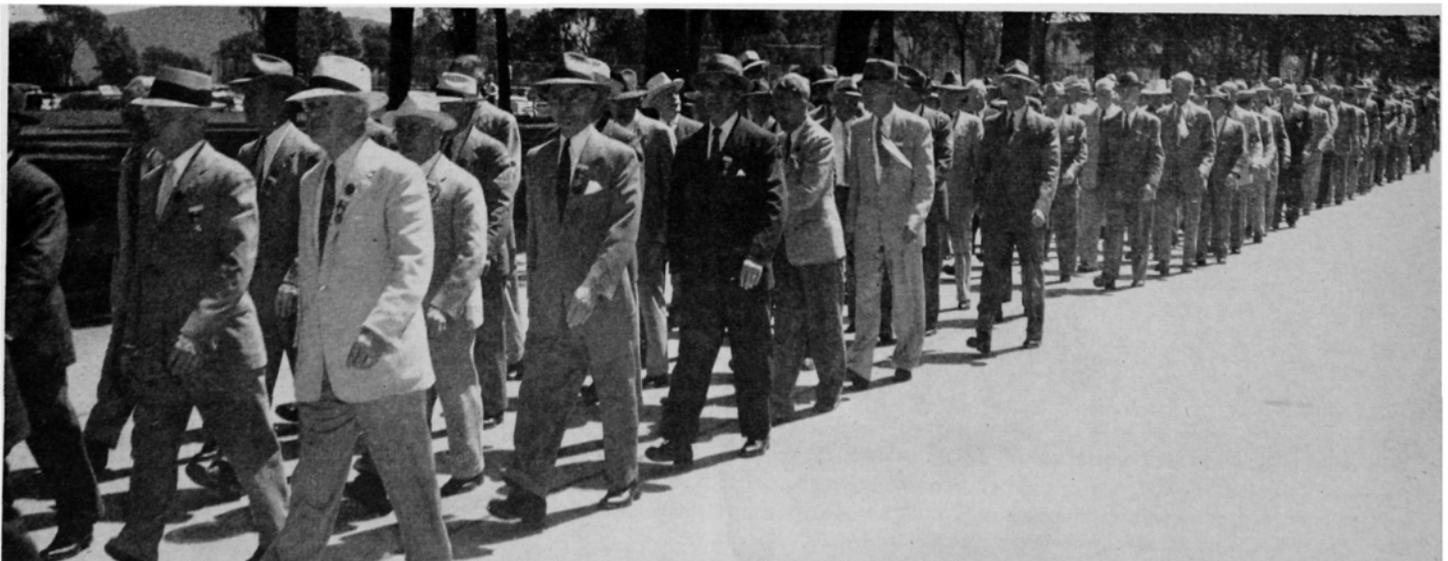
Duke Davis reports that '09 was represented at the last West Point Dinner at the Presidio by Molly Partridge, Gramp Hunter, Rodney Roberts and himself. Caesar Rodney was accompanied by his wife. Bob Sears and wife were in San Francisco this spring, resting from their mountain climbing in South America.

Delos Emmons visited his former command in Hawaii this spring and was the guest of Paul Fagin, owner of the San Francisco "Seals"

Mike and Mary Kelly are selling their property in Connecticut and have built a new home at 508 Valencia Road, Venice, Florida. He thus joins the Florida West Coast colony, which also includes Hermy Meyer, Louie Ford and Merl Schillerstrom.

The Tom Catrons and Henry Munnikhuygens gave a class party on June 22 at the Catrons' home, Grove Park Manor, Baltimore. Classmates and wives in the area Philadelphia — Washington — Richmond were invited. Their guests included the Baehrs, Bluemels, Mrs. Anne Briscoe and son, Chase, Miss Helen Hayes, Lin Herkness, Thruston Hughes, Lees, Millings, Mountfords, Stearns', Thummel, and Wen. From all accounts the arrangements left nothing to be desired and the whole affair was most successful.

—G. L. V. D.



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1907-1914

## 1910

1910 was well represented at the June Week celebration this year. P. D. Uhl, Tony Frank, Pappy Selleck, Sam Edelman and Snakey Dunlop foregathered on Saturday, May 31st, in the 55th Div. of the Cadet Barracks. Rain began to fall that night and continued next day, making things a bit dismal but talking the old days over cheered us up materially. Monday, Alumni Day, dawned clear and beautiful. The parade of the Long Gray Line from Cullum Hall to the Thayer Monument was thrilling. The exercises which followed, accompanied by the singing of "The Corps" and "Alma Mater" by the Cadet Choir, were most impressive. At 3:00 o'clock that afternoon we honored our class son, Clyde A. (Pete) Selleck by presenting him with a beautiful silver cocktail tray. This little ceremony took place on the balcony of Cullum and was attended by Gertrude and Pappy Selleck, their daughter, Jo Anne, with her husband, Mr. Sterling Taylor, the 1910 contingent and a number of good friends, including Mrs. Marian Burbank Knowles, Mrs. Josie Knowles Seligman, Mrs. Janie Knowles Fay, Mrs. Margaret Michie Wells and her son, Cadet David Wells, and Cadet David K. Rice. Pete Selleck's young lady was Miss Dolly Totten, whom he met in London last summer. Pete's record as a cadet was most outstanding. He came out No. 7 in his class and received high praise and comment from different members of the Academic Board. After the formation at Cullum we adjourned to the West Point Army Mess, where Gertrude and Pappy were hosts at a delightful cocktail party in the Benny Havens Tavern. Bob Goetz, Class of 1909, joined us there and it was a pleasure to have him with us. Following this party we went to Graduation Parade, which, as always, was thrilling, and brought back nostalgic memories of forty-two years ago.

Fred Carrithers writes that he and Mrs. Carrithers had an interesting three months trip last winter, fishing, loafing and visiting Phoenix, San Diego and Ensenada and Guaymas, Mexico, and are again at their home at 913 High Road, Manitou Springs, Colorado. As two of their three sons are with the Air Force, the Carrithers have a special interest in that Service, as well as in their own, the Infantry. Their son, Bill, is a co-pilot with a squadron of B-47's at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida. Another son, Dick, has been flying the T-29, the "flying classroom" at Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, California. At present Dick is at Craig AFB, Selma, Alabama, attending the Pilot Instructor School.

—R. H. D.

## 1911

Jim Mooney's notes were so well done that I quote them:

"Joe Mehaffey arrived in town unannounced about a month ago. He slipped off to Ohio for a ten day visit but got back just in time to attend the Wednesday lunch on May 7th. As you probably know Joe had his face lifted as a result of a fall he experienced on his job in Turkey (he says he was tired of looking at the old face anyway). He is really good to look at now. Having never taken on any cares he is residing, at least for the time being, at the Club.

Besides Joe, Speck Wheeler, Curt Nance, Bluntie, Karl Bradford, Bill Morris and I were present. Howell had a conflict due to the fact that Howell, Jr., stationed in California, was paying him and daughter Katherine an all too short visit.

President Emeritus Gus Franke is recovering from an operation recently undergone at Walter Reed Hospital. Mike (Mrs. Franke) is here with Gus. Major Gus, Jr., recently back from Korea, with his family, came this way en route to University of Florida, Gus, Jr.'s new station. He brings from Korea a Purple Heart, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star.

Polly Blunt receives word from Costa Rica that Brother Phil is in better health than for a number of years and that he and Dorothy find very much of real interest to them in living there.

Bluntie has gone Navy and gotten himself a sailboat. He can now sit back and let the breeze do the work."

It is hoped that the last Class Bulletin will inspire those twenty-five who do not subscribe to *Assembly* to do so. Goat Rader is suspected of being among that twenty-five, because he sent his news in to the Secretary of the Association at West Point. This is what he says:

"Still holding down job of city manager, city judge and recorder of the big-little city of Shelbyville, Tennessee. Would like to have any classmates going North, South, East or West, stop off with us."

News from Betch indicates that Psi Holland is moderating a bit since I left Boston.

I expected Franklin Kemble to come down this way in June, but instead he went with Franklin, Jr. to Sandia Base for his new station. Kem doesn't know what for. That is why the change of station and young Kem won't tell him.

Dot and Tod Larned have been on a trip to Havana and have had a visit from son, Bill, daughter-in-law, Peg, and two grandchildren, Gay and Billy.

Had a nice little visit with Johnny Wall when we went to Camden to see the Olympic Equestrian team.

Chink Hall reports daughter Gail graduates from Texas University this year.

Jim Weaver reports that Dave Cowles has made a quick recovery from an operation at Letterman to better his hearing. Young Jim has recently returned from Greece and has command of the 63rd Infantry at Fort Ord. How old we are getting! By the way, young Jim received from King Paul the Collar of Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix.

Nick reports that the Peninsular Sextet met on 31 May with Dorothy and John Bagby in Palo Alto.

Here's hoping that Gus Franke will be back at Myrtle Beach before this is published.

—I. T. W.

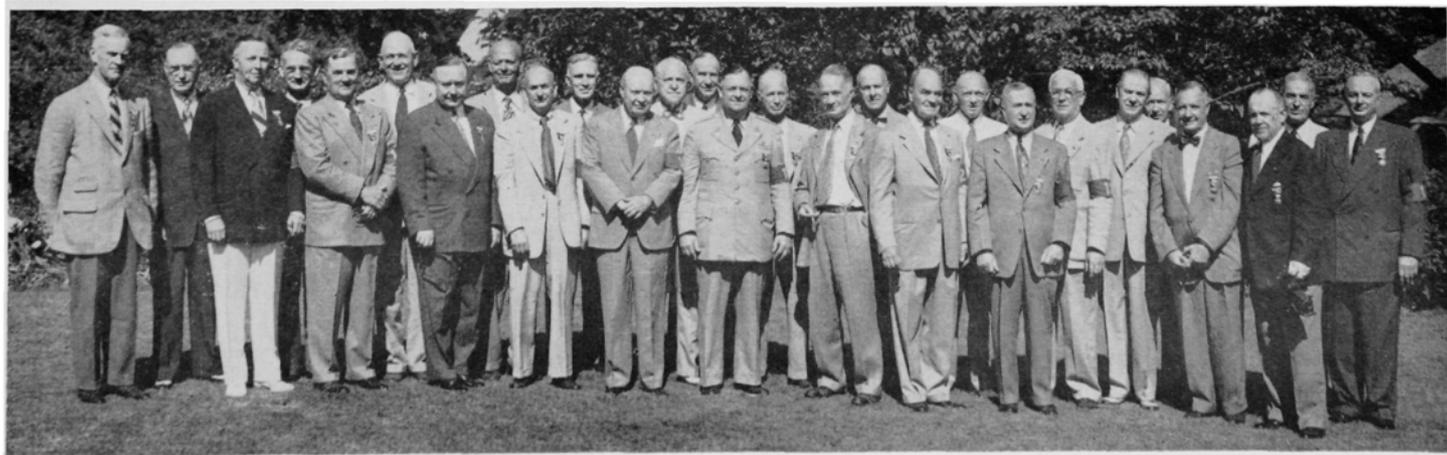
## 1912

The big news for our Class for this issue of *Assembly* is our 40th Reunion, at which we had a fine turnout. Present were: Allen, T. D., his wife, and Terry Allen, Jr., our graduating Class Son; Arnold and wife; Archie Arnold, Jr., and wife; Mrs. R. S. Brown; Chatfield and wife; Chynoweth; Cook, his daughter CeCe, and his granddaughter, Patsy; Crane; Crawford, D. M.; Crittenberger; Day and wife; Deuel, wife and two sons, Thorne III and William; Dick; Drake; Dunmore; Gatchell and wife; Haislip and wife; Hauser and cadet son, Bill; Hinemon and wife; Hobson; Hyatt; Keyes and wife; Glen Kilner, Jr., and wife; Lindt and wife; Malony and wife; Maxwell and wife; Mooney, wife, and daughter, Patricia; Don Phelan (our godson) and wife; Rose; Smith; Snow; Whiteside; Wilbur and wife. Altogether it was a splendid representation and a great tribute to our Class President, now emeritus, Bun Hobson, who, as usual, spared no effort to make it an outstanding event and one to be long remembered.

Most of the men stayed in barracks while the ladies were quartered in the Hotel Palatine in Newburgh. Gatchell's quarters were a rendezvous and a resting place between the strenuous activities of June Week.

Some of the advance guard arrived on Saturday and were rewarded by seeing the colorful Athletic Awards Review, a 15-inning ball game with Fordham, which Army won, and a thrilling lacrosse game with the Mt. Washington Club, the country's outstanding lacrosse team, which Mt. Washington won.

The rest arrived on Sunday. It was a miserably rainy day, but those here in time en-



40th REUNION, CLASS OF 1912

From Left to Right—Day, Rose, Snow, Mooney, Whiteside, Chatfield, Maxwell, Cook, Deuel, Wilbur, Haislip, Drake, Smith, Gatchell, Dick, Allen, Chynoweth, Lindt, Hauser, Malony, Crane, Hyatt, Crawford, D.M., Keyes, Hobson, Arnold, Dunmore.  
Attended reunion but not in picture—Hinemon, Crittenberger.

joyed the very fine Baccalaureate Services in the morning. In the afternoon the Superintendent's Reception had to be changed from the garden to the gymnasium, and the parade for the award of academic stars and prizes had to be called off. Presentation was made on the stage of the Army Theater after the Superintendent's Reception.

The first of the Class affairs was held Sunday evening. The men assembled at the Officers' Club as Maxwell's guests for cocktails. Then followed a stag dinner and a business meeting while the ladies were guests for a buffet supper at Gatchell's quarters.

Bun Hobson presided at the business meeting. The Class officials for the past five years were relieved from further active Class duty and a new slate appointed. After considerable discussion this was agreed to with the understanding that Hobson will remain as President Emeritus without responsibility because of long and faithful service to the Class. The new officers elected were: President—Snow; Secretary—Arnold; Treasurer—Rose. Gatchell will continue as Class Representative at West Point until December when he retires. Notes for *Assembly* should be sent to Snow at "Fairview", Delaware City, Delaware, PO Box No. 326 or (until December) to Gatchell at West Point.

Monday dawned bright and clear and the first big event was the Alumni Parade from the Officers' Club to Thayer Monument, where inspirational memorial services were held. Then the Alumni marched to their places in the reviewing line behind the Superintendent and took the review held in our honor by the Corps of Cadets.

Then came the Alumni luncheon in the Cadet Mess Hall where 1912 was quite in evidence. Haislip had been chosen by the President of the Association to express greetings from the Alumni, and he made an excellent talk, expressing admiration for the manner in which the Sesquicentennial affair had been conducted and approbation for West Point's action in handling the cheating episode last year,—not only what had been done but how it had been done. He expressed the great confidence which an overwhelming majority of our Alumni have in the present Superintendent, General Irving.

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Maxwell gave an excellent explanation of the policies underlying the recommendations made by the Committee.

Gatchell, upon the eve of his retirement, was chosen by General Fenton to respond to a tribute to the Academic Board. He referred briefly to changes which had occurred since the Class of 1912 became cadets, but stated that fundamentally the basic principles inaugurated by Sylvanus Thayer still prevail, and that our graduates are still

"West Pointers" in the highest sense of the term.

The next event was the presentation of a silver cigarette box, suitably engraved, to Terry Allen, Jr., graduating Son of the Class. This ceremony took place in the garden of Gatchell's quarters and everybody was in attendance. Hobson made a brief talk, and then Allen, Sr., presented the gift to his son. Picture taking and light refreshments rounded out the program.

The thanks of all members of the Class were extended to Gatchell and Mrs. Gatchell for their wonderful hospitality in affording members of the Class and their families the facilities of Class Headquarters at Gatchell's quarters 105, and to Maxwell for contributing liquid refreshment at all the class functions.

While the garden party at Gatchell's quarters was in progress the first installment of the Forty-Year Book arrived in time to be distributed.

Then followed Graduation Parade, which was quite up to standard.

In the evening all except the two cadet sons gathered at the Officers' Club for cocktails again as Maxwell's guests, followed by a buffet supper.

Graduation Exercises followed on Tuesday morning and the 40th Reunion was ended. Many telegrams and letters were received from those who could not attend. We missed them and only hope that in 1957 they will be able to be present at our 45th Reunion.

—O. J. G. and R. T. S.

## 1914

Shrimp Milburn has retired, and it is reported that he will coach football and baseball at Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Montana.

Charley Gross is retiring again June 30. He and Ella will travel in Europe returning to the US late this Fall. Charley was in Washington in February and called me just as he was about to leave for Germany. When I asked him why he had not called sooner he said "Well I have ten grandchildren in this vicinity." The Thirty-five Year Book says seven, but that was three years ago. Leland Stanford's eight (claimed three years ago) are now twelve, my own three have become four and Fred Herman is proud of his first.

Bruz and Vera Waddell are on a tour of Europe to visit their son and to give Vera a chance to show Bruz her native land—Sweden. They motored from Los Angeles

to Washington in six days of rain. Some of the Class got together to give them a send-off.

Pete Orton has also come east recently and is not certain whether to stay in Washington or go back to California.

Henry Holcombe has spent all of his spare time for the past two years building himself and Dorothy a house on the Potomac near Mount Vernon. He did a swell job, from planning to carpentry, and on June 8, with the help of his daughter Dorothy and her husband Bill Kabler, they had a house warming by the Washington contingent of the Class.

Among those who took part in the party for the Waddells or attended the one given by the Holcombe's were: Sue and Andy Anderson (J.B.); Helen Benson; Helen and Skimp Brand; Betty and Pink Bull; Dorothy and Reiff Hannum; Benny Hoge; Eva and Fenn Lewis; Bessie and Hal Loomis; Dorothy and Pete Orton; Helen and Paul Paschal; Ruth and Toohey Spaatz; Maude and Leland Stanford; Edith and Pink Ward and daughter Robin.

New Addresses: Snowden Skinner, 39 President Ave., Providence 6, Rhode Island; Ralph Royce, c/o Riddle Aviation Co., PO Box 4632, Coral Gables, Fla. (Res. 1245 No. Greenway Drive).

—H. Brand.

## 1915

The off-year reunion brought back ten of the class for all or part of the festivities. The highlight again was the dinner at the Leone Farm on Sunday evening, where Gene and May once more produced the tops in hospitality. A two-day preliminary fast is hereby recommended to future guests as the one sure means of conditioning for these events. Gerhardt, Hubbard, Ellis, and Beukema with their families; and Aurand, Hess, Stickney and Hyde as singles; were present. Two class sons, J. M. Gerhardt and S. J. Hubbard were present as guests of honor. Their respective dads did the honors in presenting them with the class gifts, along with the deeply appreciated letters from Ike. In turn, the group wired congratulations and good wishes to Ike, home from his battles to still another battle. Aurand and Hess, driving home after the party in Hyde's 1924 Maxwell (Hyde insists it's a \$420 Chrysler, 1938 vintage) rolled to a stop a mile out. Happily, Stickney and the Beukemas, polishing off a final bottle of champagne with their hosts, were still available when



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the footsore trio returned to the farm, ready for a lift or a bunk.

Part-time returnees were Harold and Dorothea James and Frank Stanton on Alumni Day; and the Hobbs for the Graduation Exercises. Ye ed can report that all are in the pink.

Informal bull sessions in barracks and in the Beukemas' garden produced news of some of our classmates, also of plans for the future of those who are retiring. Walt and Betty Hess are headed for the Carolinas, all but set on their plan to establish themselves in the Asheville area. Aurand, due to retire in January 1953, has decided on a combination of leisure and an elder statesman status in Hula-hula land. He will hang out his shingle as "logistician" (hold on to your hat) in Honolulu, ready for professional consultation on any and all problems other than the Beatrice Fairfax kind. His office diary should make interesting reading at the 1955 reunion, if we can bring him back. He is now making his rounds of his numerous relatives, insisting they will never see him again unless they go to Hawaii.

Stickney has by chance located a long-missing member of the class, Ed Hartigan, who resigned in 1912 to start his career as a clergyman. Hartigan served as a chaplain in World War I, and now is Rector of St. Jerome's Parish in North Weymouth, Mass. Dad also tells us that the Ferrises climbed higher on the grandparent ladder when David Wright Ferris let out his first yell on 18 March.

From Orleans, France, comes a heart-warming item: "Brig. Gen. Mason J. Young, Class of '15, deputy commanding general, EUCOM Communications Zone, has been promoted to the rank of Officer in the French Legion of Honor. Gen. Clement Blanc, French army chief of staff, made the presentation on behalf of the French government at colorful ceremonies held in Orleans April 8. French and American troops participated. Gen. Young, who was made a Chevalier in the Legion of Honor during World War II, was promoted to the grade of officer for his services to France in both world wars and in the establishment of the Line of Communications across France."

Note from Dutch Aurand: "On a trip to the Far East, I saw a great deal of Wop Watson, who is doing a perfectly marvelous job with the Japanese police. I also played a few games of cribbage with Ned Zundel, who is the Inspector General of the Far East Command. Dutch and Betty Hess were through here just the other day. I was able to keep them in Honolulu only a few days, because they were afraid they would like it so much that they would decide to retire here, if they stayed any longer."

Tom Hanley, retired after a siege of hospital treatment, ran into further trouble with a severe attack of bursitis. At last report, the medicos had accomplished their mission with several weeks of treatment.

Carl Hocker, born organizer (remember that 1915 Track Team?) turned up as a Republican politician, delegate from Sherman, Texas, to the Mineral Wells convention. His reaction to what happened in that show is awaited with interest.

A dispatch from Dunedin, Florida, indicates that hope of the survival of the Cochran's son, Alexander, has been abandoned. Captain Cochran graduated from the Academy in 1946. Writing to Haw, John Henry comments: "Two jet fighters were engaged in radar interception training off Naha Air Force Base on April 21. A column of smoke was seen over the water and, then, two separate oil slicks. No one saw the planes collide and fall. Alex was the pilot of one of them." Capt. Cochran had flown 50 combat missions prior to the accident. He leaves a widow and a four-year old daughter.

The first 1915 man to reach the White House is—guess who. None other than

Dusky Gillette! The stone tablet commemorating the reconstruction job completed this spring bears his name as one of those who played an important part in the job.

Latest retirements: Walter Hess, 31 March; Jack Davis, Leroy Irwin, Pearson Menoher, 31 May '52. Hess and Davis retired for age; Irwin and Menoher for physical disability. Menoher will settle down in the Asheville area; Davis is a garden enthusiast in Washington.

Bill Coveill, winding up his foreign travels and a long visit in Washington, has settled down in California. John and Louise Kahle enjoyed a delightful cruise in the West Indies during April. Busbee, briefly back from Heidelberg, was a guest at the May luncheon of the Washington junta. Haw reports that the 15 present had a rousing time. Fred Boye, having successfully wound up his fund raising campaign to send the American Equestrian Team to the Olympic Games, unhappily was unable to accompany the outfit.

Sesquicentennial affairs have brought several of the class to West Point on various occasions. Harmon and Hobbs came up for the Jubilee Convocation on 20 May, and Stickney is a frequent visitor, always bringing a welcome rabbit foot for Army baseball games. The darn thing works! Brad made a double—and major—contribution to Sesqui; first with a magnificent address, 15 April, on the "Impact of Modern Technology on the Front-Line Soldier"; and again as one of the three principal speakers at the Jubilee Convocation exercises, 20 May. On that occasion, his subject was "West Point in the Defense of the Nation." Brad's penetrating article on West Point in the 16 March edition of the *New York Times Magazine* struck another blow for the home team.

Ike retired at his own request, effective 31 May. The following day he was received in Washington with an enthusiastic greeting from Brad and the rest of the high brass. His visit to the White House and conference with the President provided the occasion for the award of a fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to Ike's Distinguished Service Medal, in recognition of his outstanding work as Supreme Allied Commander Europe. Then, off with the uniform; on with the cits. At that point, according to *Assembly's* censors, a faint aroma of politics is noted. You will have to buy a newspaper to keep abreast of developments from here on. However, we trust the censors will let us include 1915's greetings (via Fred Boye, as President) and Ike's reply. Here they are:

"1915

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY  
United States At Large

Warrenton, Virginia  
7 May 1952

General of the Army  
Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S.A.  
Supreme Allied Commander Europe  
Headquarters SHAPE  
A.P.O. 55 Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Dear Ike:

Not the least by far of those welcoming you home will be our West Point Class of 1915.

At this time, perhaps more than ever, we wish to re-assert to you individually and collectively the pride, the deep sincerity, the altruistic friendship and the whole hearted confidence of those who forty years ago became your class associates and classmates.

In our opinion we can pay you no higher tribute than to express our full appreciation of the fact that, whatever the future may bring, you will always be to us the "Ike" of our cadet days as well as our Honorary Class President. And, as such, we look forward with keen anticipation to our future meetings.

To our heartiest welcome we add "God Speed"

Most sincerely,  
For the Class of 1915  
Frederic W. Boye  
Brig. Gen. USA-Ret.  
President"

Ike replied as follows:

"D D E  
Supreme Headquarters  
Allied Powers Europe  
17 May 1952

Dear Fritz:

I rarely receive a letter which gives me more of a boost in spirits than did your recent note. It was most thoughtful of you to write and to express such generous sentiments.

Perhaps you sensed that a greeting from my classmates would be particularly heart-warming and reassuring at this time. The friendship and close association over the years which we of 1915 have enjoyed have been the most rewarding features of my service.

With warm personal regard to you and to the rest of the class,

Sincerely,

Ike."

—H. B.

## 1916

As usual at this season of the year, news of June Week stands at the top of the list. Again a son of 1916 walked up to get his diploma on Graduation Day at West Point. It was Stanley Scott's boy, Gilbert, who was the recipient of the sheepskin. On the previous day he had received the Class present, a silver cigarette box from Parker Kuhn, acting in Bill Coffin's absence. A specially touching part of the ceremony which took place in front of the Class Tree was the presentation to Gilbert by his father of the sabre which had been presented by the Class to his older brother, Stanley, Jr., who was the first son of 1916 to graduate and who was killed in action in the invasion of Normandy in 1944.

While this was not a regular reunion year, seven members of the Class in addition to Cramp Jones, who is on duty at the Academy, showed up for June Week. Muma was there, Parker Kuhn, Prickett, Bob Whitson, Jack Nygaard from Italy, Scott and Spike Maulsby, who never misses a June Week if he can help it. Among the Class sons now in the Corps are young Spence, Bill Spence's second son to wear the gray, Finley and Abernathy, the son of John Abernathy, who did not graduate with us and is now a Judge in Pulaski, Tennessee. If we have missed anybody, please let us know. The Class is proud of its sons.

Among other recent Class events we know of, was a garden party and outdoor buffet supper for 1916 and wives in the vicinity of Washington, which was held at Stanley Scott's quarters at Fort Belvoir. Stanley himself was overseas at the time but he insisted the party be held despite his absence. It was Dutch treat and the Engineer Mess furnished the outdoor cooks, food and drinks, and Mary Scott gave us the run of her beautiful home and garden. Those attending were the Cockrells, Pricketts, Walshes, Tarpleys, Gallaghers, Capertons, Blisses and the Garcias. Susan brought a Class grandson for the event, Jimmy Cockrell's son, Chris. By the way this boy has two class grandfathers, Knox Cockrell and Notley DuHamel. Jim Caperton drove about seventy-five miles from Amissville, Virginia, to get to the party. From what he tells us time does not hang heavy in the life of a farmer.

Garcia and his wife, who have been in Washington for about six months, are ex-

pecting to return to Manila about the end of June. He is one of the Class who looks as he did as a Cadet. Two more of the Class have retired since the last *Assembly*. Doug Page retired April 1st and we understand he has settled down in San Antonio. Also, Madame Shugg went on the retired list at the end of May. We have not had word as to his future plans. He showed up at Walter Reed Hospital during May but had gone on leave before we could get in touch with him. When last heard from he was in Boston. Another retired classmate we recently had word of is Junius Houghton. He retired a couple of years ago while on duty at Miami, Florida. Later it was reported that his health was not too good. However, on one of his recent trips south, Bob Walsh saw Junius and he looked fine.

Calvin DeWitt who, for about two years, has been Assistant Chief of Transportation in Washington, has been made Port Commander at the Port of New York. He and Madelaine will have quarters at Fort Hamilton where he will have Jimmy Ruddell for a neighbor. Parker Kuhn and Margaret made a trip to Europe this spring from which they returned just in time for the West Point Graduation.

The Class will be glad to know that Bill Coffin, after a protracted spell of illness, is back on the job as President of the Empire Carpet Company.

—E. G. B.

## April, 1917

Our 35 Year Book, which contains a write-up for almost every member of the Class, giving his current P.C.S. with photographs, was mailed in July to all who ordered copies.

We are all proud of the honors that have come to Matt Ridgway in his selection to become Ike's successor in Europe. We are justified in our pride that now the three top Army spots—Chief of Staff, Supreme Commanders in Europe and in the Far East—are now held by members of our Class. With the Supe also being from the Class, we have scored a grand slam in honors. Then, add Dan Noce's appointment as Inspector General and Bill Harrison's appointment

as Senior U.N. Negotiator for truce negotiations in Korea for good measure, and we realize how high up in the Nation's military leadership our Class now is.

Basil Perry writes: "Preliminary to Dan Noce's departure from EUCOM, where he has been Chief of Staff the past three years, for his new job as Inspector General, Department of the Army, Aaron Bradshaw threw a dinner for him at the Schloss in Heidelberg. Then on the evening he and Mildred were to leave, he was honored by a review followed by a cocktail party in the Casino at Campbell Barracks. We went down to both. In addition to Dan and Mildred, Lila Hall and I saw Katherine Teale (Willis was out of town), Aaron and Gwendoline Bradshaw and Bertie Eagles. We'll miss the Noces over here, you can be sure."

Members of the Class were guests at the wedding and reception in Washington April 19th of Gladys and Joe Collins' second daughter, Nancy, to Mr. Michael Joseph Rubino. Captain Joseph E. Collins, Nancy's brother up from Fort Bragg, was one of the ushers and his wife was a bridesmaid. Out-of-town classmates who were present included Emily and Kivas Tully from Chicago.

Donovan Swanton was reported May 7th by the U.P. as contradicting the recent statements by a former Japanese general who was at Bataan, that the infamous death march actually was a Japanese act of mercy. Donovan, who was on that march, told how many of the prisoners were bayoneted and killed for leaving ranks and were fed nothing but monkey and mule meat during the 62-mile march which the Jap said was but "45 miles, normal with the Japanese Army, under full equipment."

Pescia Sullivan accompanied Wayne Clark to his new assignment in the Far East and will be on his staff there.

21 May was a proud day for '17ers in Washington. Gladys and Joe Collins gave a magnificent reception for Penny and Matt Ridgway at Fort McNair. It was a perfect day and the beautiful grounds never looked more lovely. After the review the some 1,000 guests went through the receiving line in the Collins' quarters and then joined old friends on the lawn. The Army band played familiar Army tunes. Cabinet members and all the top military figures and their

wives were there to pay tribute to Matt for his magnificent accomplishments in the Far East and the new honors that have come to him. Classmates present were: Laura and Percy Black; Morris Barroll (Salonge was ill); Bill Cowgill; Nancy and Johnny Devine; Dot and Bill Eley; Jessie and Clark Fales; Louie Ford and his sister, Ada; Nina and Charlie Gerhardt; Florence Jackson; Laddie and Jim Hayden, who were in Washington from San Francisco for a few days en route to West Point for the reunion; Florence and Make Macon; Adele and Meach Meacham; Mitch Mitchell; Arline and Burnet Olmsted; Helen and Bob Ransom; Lucie Hall and Dave Rumbough; Dot and Steve Sherrill; Enriette and Harry Schroeder; the Sam Smiths; Van Vander Hyden; Mary and George Wooley; Gay and Kewp Yuill.

On 22 May, Matt appeared before a special joint session of Congress and delivered a magnificent address, which was televised and broadcast, and which many of you must have seen or heard. You were reminded, I am sure, of the stirring way in which Matt read the Declaration of Independence at the 4th of July formation at Battle Monument, our first class year. He paid high tribute to the courage and fighting qualities of our divisions in Korea.

Dave Rumbough's mother, Mrs. David J. Rumbough, died in Washington on 22 May. She was the widow of Colonel D. J. Rumbough, USMA 1880, who died in 1912.

Alex Campbell sends these notes from California: Louis Martin retired the 31st of March for physical disability. He and Elf departed early in April on a long motor trip and expect to permanently settle in California after attending our reunion.

Pete and Jule Slaughter have sold their home in Larkspur and departed in early May for their new station, Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Leo and Rothe Erler arrived back from their tour of the Far East on 2 April. They are motoring to Washington D. C., and Lakeland, Florida, for a visit before attending our 35th reunion and reporting to a new station.

Milt and Kathy Halsey are strutting their stuff since their daughter won high scholastic honors and the Phi Beta Kappa Key.



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Alex and Jeannie Campbell have taken up permanent residence in Los Altos, California, where Alex is in a partnership building distinctive homes. He was retired 30 April.

We all were looking forward to seeing Wayne Clark out here but he was called back to Washington due to his new assignment, before he could make the Bay Area.

Bill Heavey, down in Houston, Texas, reports he recently added Louis Ford to the growing list of his classmates he has taken down the Ship Channel on the Port of Houston's air-conditioned 83-foot Inspection Boat, and he extends an invitation to other classmates who may visit Houston in the future to make this interesting trip.

See our 35 Year Book for an account and more pictures of our reunion.

—S. H. S.

## August, 1917

These notes, which tell of our big 35th reunion, are written primarily for those who couldn't be with us. Here's hoping they can come to the 40th.

The beginning wasn't very auspicious, as a heavy rain washed out the Supe's garden party Sunday afternoon. Those who looked for the announced CP on the lawn found only wet grass, and no class representative. Instead of the garden party, a reception was held in the gymnasium, which turned out to be a very pleasant affair. Kit Carson stationed himself at a strategic point and checked in the brethren and their wives, issuing class arm bands to the former.

Then came the picnic at Round Pond. I regret to say that a small minority were so lacking in faith that they feared the picnic site would be under the trees, an uninviting thought under the then-present weather conditions. But your committee had prepared for every eventuality, and the picnic was held in the commodious cabin at Round Pond. Jerry Counts had arranged for excellent food and drink, or vice versa. Among the items served were Old Forester and barbecued rib roasts. With Bill Jenna, Dad Riley, and Red Shaffer present, the singing was bound to be good. Whether it is to be regretted as a sign of old age or not, it must be reported that the party broke up at a reasonable hour, although some of the "younger element" carried on after returning to barracks. (The entire 30th Division was assigned to our class.)

In spite of the festivities of the previous evening, all the men turned out next morning (Monday) for the march to Colonel Thayer's Monument, the exercises there, and

the review for the alumni by the Corps. The loyal wives sat on the sideline and applauded vigorously as our group, one of the largest present, marched by in "perfect" step. Fortunately the weather had changed, and the sun was shining brightly.

Then followed a luncheon for the wives at the officers' club and the Alumni Luncheon for the men at the Cadet Mess. The latter was so well planned that even the speeches were good. Graduation Parade followed a rest period, during which some of the men are reported to have napped.

The class dinner, at the Bear Mountain Inn Monday night, was a most enjoyable affair. The good friend of the class, Mr. John Martin, gave us an excellent steak dinner with all the trimmings. Again there was music, led by Jenna, Riley, and Shaffer. At one point the dinner was interrupted for a short business meeting, which Bob Hasbrouck conducted in a firm and efficient manner. The result of this was that Katy White (Walker G., 1050 Park Ave., New York 28) was elected class Secretary-Treasurer. We know he will prove a worthy successor to our beloved Jack Coffey.

Early in the evening a much-appreciated telegram was received from Vice President Biff Jones, extending greetings to all present and expressing regrets that he had had to drop out at the last minute. A little later Jules Schaefer, Boeing's contribution to the success of the reunion, got our President, Jack Knight, on the phone—way down in New Orleans. It was a treat to hear Jack's voice.

A number of the class had to check out early Tuesday morning, but others stayed to see the Class of 1952 receive their diplomas in the Field House. The simple graduation exercises are always impressive, and Air Force Secretary Finletter made an excellent address.

Those present for at least one event of the reunion were (please forgive errors in wives' names) Ted and Mary Buechler, Kit and Helen Carson, Jack Chamblis, Paul Cole, Leo and Miriam Conner, Hal and Adelaide Cooney, Jerry and Ann Counts, Phil and Tommie Day, Hi and Zelig Ely, Doc Faust, Dutch Gerhardt, Poopie and Elaine Griffith, Bob and Marjorie Hasbrouck, Jack Hawkins, Gordon and Ann Heiner, Mae Heavey, Bob and Kathleen Hoffman, Nig and Dorothy Huff, Otto and Ruth Jank, Bill Jenna, Leo Smith, Paul and Eleanor Kern, Bill and Lucile Kolb, Frank and Mary Meade, Clyde Morgan, Des O'Keefe, Dad Riley, Sam Ringsdorf, Harry and Harriet Rising, Bill Rochester, Jules and Catherine Schaefer, Dave and Ethel Schlenker, Red and Edith Shaffer, Dent and Eleanor Sharp, Dodson and Lois Stamps, Katy and Catherine White, Rudy Whitelegg, Bill and Ann

Whittington, Ray Williamson, and Harry and Mary Wood.

All were especially glad that Mae Heavey, widow of our beloved Jack, could be with us. She was visiting on the post during June Week. We also were delighted that several of the class "exes" could be here. Included were Jack Chamblis, Leo Smith, Paul Kern, and Bill Rochester. Some of us hadn't met up with them since our cadet days, and we hope they enjoyed the reunion as much as we enjoyed seeing them.

Among those who had expected to be here and who had to send regrets at the last minute were Pop Goode (several complications), Biff Jones (an unexpected business development), Bill Reeder (a Congressional hearing; the brass really do work), and Swede Sarcka (illness). We appreciated the messages they sent and the letters of regret from a number of others.

The following statistics may be of interest: number present at picnic, 58; class dinner, 61; wives' luncheon, 24; number of men present for at least one event, 39; wives, 26.

Biff Jones (3262 Aberfoyle Place, N.W., Washington, D. C.) has agreed to write the notes for the next issue of *Assembly*. Send him lots of news by 1 September. After that issue, matters will be in the hands of our new Secretary, who, no doubt, will be calling on various members for help on the column.

—T. D. S.

## June, 1918

At the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates, this June Week, "Laddie" Belling was reelected to the Board of Trustees and Lucius Clay was elected a Vice-President. Two or three months earlier your Scribe was elected Counsel of the West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc.

"Bit" Barth has added a couple of chapters to his fascinating history of the 24th and 25th Divisions in Korea, "Tropic Lightning and Taro Leaf in Korea." The opening chapter of this work was published in a recent issue of the *Combat Forces Journal*. We hope this manuscript will be published in its entirety at an early date. Bill Barriger has been ordered from Chief of Staff, First Army, Governors Island, to Far East Command, effective 8 June '52. Bill's name was sent to the Senate on 29 April for promotion to Major General, A.U.S. Congratulations, Bill!

Bob Bishop has been ordered from Washington to Far East Command, effective 25 August '52; Lane Holman from Industrial College Armed Forces, Washington, to Aber-



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deen Proving Grounds, Md., effective 1 July '52; and Lloyd Mielenz from Office Chief of Engineers to The Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., effective 5 June '52. Eddie Sibert's assignment with the First Army did not turn out to be at Governors Island. He is at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Inez and "Addie" Adcock, Dorothy and "Pat" Casey, and Marjorie and Lucius Clay, all live within a few blocks of each other in New York City; the Adcocks, at 420 East 63rd Street; the Caseys, at 120 East End Avenue; and the Clays at 1040 Fifth Avenue. Lucius has been very busy as part of "Ike's" brain trust. After the Convention in Chicago, he and Marjorie, with Dorothy and "Pat" Casey, will pick up their grandchildren at Fort Leavenworth for a short vacation,—a short vacation for "Patsy" (Casey) and Frank Clay. Frank (Class of '42), who is completing a course at the Command and General Staff College, has just been ordered to Europe. Elsie and Clarence Townsley's son Ed (Class of '49), who is with the 82nd Airborne Division, has just won a Littauer fellowship at Harvard.

Your scribe has been as busy as the proverbial one-armed paper hanger, getting into the production and distribution of a new type of book-end, on which he has a patent pending. It is now being introduced, in "Lucite" models, by Lord & Taylor, one of New York's leading department stores, where the posters say: "WATCH THE STAND-STILL at \$2.95 a pair! This wonderful new book-end will support one book (or several) without tipping or sliding."

Col. R. John West, U.S.A., Ret., recently sent us a copy of the following letter which he had written to "Jigger" Cobb upon learning that the latter's record, at long last, has been cleared to show that his separation from the Service was under honorable circumstances: "Dear Jigger: The good news in your letter has made us both very happy. You did a noble and gentlemanly act. It would be useless for me to go back over that unfortunate period, because I believe you now understand some of the difficulties under which I was working. Later, we both felt, in our own hearts, that you had been given a rough deal. If you ever have a son and care to tell him about your separation from the service, you may tell him for me, that your act was brave, and in no way a disgrace to you or the Service.

"I think Jack Grant is a fine man and I feel personally grateful to him for what he has done for you. It will be a pleasure to write to him and tell him.

"Should you and your family ever come this way, please look us up.

"With very best wishes from Mrs. West and myself,

"Sincerely,

"R. John West."

We hope all classmates will start planning now to meet at West Point next June Week for our 35th reunion. We also hope that "Heinie" Baish will start sending us that news from Boston which he promised nearly two years ago to send us.

Send Class notes to: John L. Grant, care of The Stand-Still Book-End Co., 61 Stanton St., New York 2, N. Y.

—J. L. G.

## November, 1918

From all reports there will be practically a Class reunion in Washington at the Holbrook-Patton wedding when Hank and Helen's Joanne marries Captain George Patton, Jr.

June Week has come and gone again. Stevens, F. A., ably seconded by Mike Jenkins, managed our affairs. Rain forced many activities indoors including the presentation of our class present—a Life Membership in the Association of Graduates and an additional year's subscription to *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*—to each son of a classmate graduating. Sunday was a miserable day and all activities were held indoors. With a bit of prior planning and an assist from Mike Jenkins, Steve had 100% attendance of the sons in the graduating class and their families in the East Gymnasium. Our graduating sons were, Dana, William H.; Freeman, Robert F.; Gibney, John V.; Jenkins, Elmer M., Jr.; Lewis, John H., III; and Stevens, Frederick A., Jr.

Steve made a few brief comments, which appeared to be well received, and presented to each of the graduating sons his Life Membership card in the Association of Graduates.

All in all, June Week was, as always, a memorable occasion. November '18 was represented by the Badgers, Danas, Freemans, Gibneys, Jenkinsons, Lewises, O'Rouark, the Fred Stevens, Van Voorst, Wood and Vidal.

Monday and Tuesday were ideal days and all were in the reviewing line on Monday. Thanks to what seemed to be an unusually big turn-out of earlier classes, we were not as close to the right of the line as we had anticipated we might be, but there is no doubt of our much too rapid progress in that direction.

Wood, W. S., our ex-classmate who went

on to complete a very successful career in the Service, has a son, ex-1950, a POW in Korea—our fervent wishes for his early release.

Lawrence Bixby is having gratifying results with his writing. His articles have appeared in *Readers Digest*, *Open Road* and *Victorian*. His last article has been accepted by *Harpers*, which means a great deal to any writer. He is now working on fiction including a humorous series on the vicissitudes of "Colonel Bopley (Retired)".

Karl Schilling and Fred Pearson represented the Class at the West Point dinner in San Antonio. Karl has moved to Augusta, Georgia, to work for Dupont. Fred has just completed another of his trips and reports:

"Just got back last night from a survey tour and have a bit of information about members of the class in this area. Hope it gets there in time for the next issue.

In Little Rock, Arkansas I ran into Alex McCone, who has charge of the Arkansas Military District. He is fat and happy. Didn't get to meet the 'Redhead' that changed his way of thinking and life after 30 years of bachelorhood. He seems to be quite pleased that she changed his mind for him. Alex told me that Jim and Mary Carroll have reported there but I didn't get a chance to see them.

Spent a night at the gracious and hospitable home of Farrin and Marie Hillard at Shreveport, La. We liked to have never stopped talking. They want the class informed that the WELCOME sign hangs out, and anybody coming through Shreveport or Barksdale Field are to call them and be ready for a visit with them. "Harry" is retaining his girlish figure by keeping his three acre lawn in shape.

In Houston missed seeing Frank Corzelius. He has moved his office from the Commerce Building to the Gulf Building. 'Bill' Cocke was in California supervising the new home he is building out there.

Had a nice visit with Wilson Saville. 'Savvy' has an office in the Neils Esperson Building. He told me his son Rodman, ('48) went into the Air Corps and took up jet flying. He volunteered for duty in Korea, went over and participated in over a hundred missions, has been rotated back and is now stationed at San Bernadino, California. His younger son, David, didn't go to the Academy, but has a regular commission in the Air Corps, is a jet pilot and stationed at Valdosta, Georgia. Savvy also said he had heard that Dave Griffiths was with Amberson and Co., Engineers, and is up around Fort Worth, Texas.

Saw Dick Wheeler at Houston. He is getting along fine and is in charge of Or-



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ganized Reserve Affairs, and is located at the New Armory Building on Highway 90-A in SW part of the city.

I notice I forgot to tell you that Alex McCone has purchased a home in Little Rock, Arkansas, and he and his wife plan on making their future home 'In the Land of Opportunity'."

Bill Blain wrote a grand long letter recently complaining of seeing very few classmates in the prairie country of Colorado, 120 miles northeast of Denver, although he did enjoy seeing the Barnes, Holbrook, Fellers, Norman, Shaler, Griffith and Hixon on a trip to Washington. Bill reports Billie Benton in good form and very proud of one son, his law partner, now on active duty in the J.A.G.C. at Camp Carson.

He sees Corny Hahn now and then at the University of Colorado, where Corny is making a great success of the R.O.T.C. and enjoying life with his most attractive young wife.

Bill enclosed an envelope full of clippings concerning George Kaiser's arrival at Camp Carson where George is C.G.

A fine letter came from Eric Molitor, (C.G. 1 Div Arty), from which I quote in part:

"I have been meaning to write for a long time, and reading your fine class notes in the last *Assembly*, plus the recent annual dinner, finally precipitated this. I am still on my second year in this job and, of course, wouldn't willingly swap it for any other job in the Army. I don't get to see many of our generation, and almost none of our class. Bryan Evans, who was in Nurnberg, went to SHAPE for a few months and is now back in Wurzburg as Exec to Ted Futch, Class of August 1917, who has that military post. I talked to Mac Monroe on the telephone the other day and he said that he and Helen are both well and happy. He is Chief of Staff of VII Corps Headquarters in Stuttgart. Hope to see them in the near future. I saw Maud Muller for a moment at a big briefing last fall during maneuvers. And that is all of the class that I have seen in the two and a half years of this tour. Puss and I have a very comfortable home here with loads of room for friends, and would love to have you visit us if you come to Europe any more. I could show you some of the finest fishing and shooting I have ever seen"

—Bryan Conrad.

## 1919

To round out my summary of the class brass in the last issue I should note that the nominations of Bill Wyman and Willie

Palmer to be temporary Lt. Generals have gone in and will probably have been approved by the time this is published.

Charlie Wolff died at Letterman Army Hospital on 5 April after a long illness. He was buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California on 7 April. Honorary pall bearers were John Armstrong, Joe Odell, Henry Semmelmeier, Tom Waters, and Ike Ritchie. A memorial article about Charlie, written by Doc Martin, appears in this issue of *Assembly*.

Our Washington Secretary, Horace Speed, reports the following:

"We had a nice cocktail party at the Army and Navy Club (Town) on 24 May 1952. Present were Sladen Bradley and Sue; Mike Brannon and Marjorie; George Bruner and Wallace; John Crowe and Anne; Fred Drury and Betty; Les Flory and Dot; John Hardin and Bert; Doc Loper and Ople; Doc Martin and Patty; Tom McGregor and Freda; Dick Ovenshine and Emma; Mary Phillips (Holden was in Europe); Horace Speed and Minette; and Ethel Wyman (Bill is in Korea).

We were much gratified to have Buddy Ferenbaugh and Dorothy come up from Ft. Monroe, where he is the Inspector of Infantry, Army Field Forces.

It was also a pleasure to have Harry M. Rex and his nice wife Mary. He was graduated but not commissioned because of physical disability. He is a Highway Research Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

George Horowitz and Mildred were also in town and helped to make the party a success.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to have as our guests Marian O'Reilly (Walter's widow) and Helen Bryan (Pinkie's widow). Rosa Kerr (Edwin V.'s widow) was to have been with us but was busy taking care of her son who was wounded in Korea. He has been at Walter Reed and has had several operations. She has just taken him home.

Many sent word why they could not come: The Booths were in New York; George Burgess was in Los Angeles; the Joe Cranstons were coming, but at the last minute could not make it; the same applied to Louis Ely and Ham Young; Jimmie Harbaugh was out of town; Ben Hedrick had gone to Nags Head, N. C. for the summer; Tony and Helen McAuliffe were at Valley Forge Military Academy, where Tony delivered the Baccalaureate Address; Jazz Parsons and his wife Anne went to his Mother's; as she was expecting an eye operation; Nate Twining and Maude had a prior engagement; Eddie Starr was on a trip to Alaska; Pee Wee Collier went to Texas to be present at the wedding of his daughter; Urban Niblo's wife

had been in Walter Reed Hospital for some time, and he took her home to Ft. Monroe the day of the party. He is the Ordnance Officer for the Army Field Forces. Harold Ruth, who is the Budget Officer for AFF, wrote that they could not make it this time but would try next time; Bill Dunham, who is living in Charlottesville telephoned that he and the wife would be present next time; Hugh Elliott wrote from his home in Mathews, Va., that they had planned to come but had guests at last minute; Joe Phelps and Marian were coming but she injured her foot and had to have a cast on it; Al Wedemeyer and Dade made reservations with the understanding that they would be present if he did not have to be in Seattle; Logan Shutt wrote from Falston, Md., that they would try to be present next time.

Roland McNamee has moved from Baltimore to 230 Woodcrest Dr., San Antonio 9, Texas. Kenneth Pierce and Marie are now living at 260 Aberdeen St., Dunedin, Fla. He sent his regards to all the classmates. Foster Tate is living near Joe Phelps in Bozman, Md. On a trip to Florida, Mike Brannon saw Dave McLean, living at Lynhaven, Fla.

Mike Brannon also saw Ernest Bixby, back from EUCOM on leave. Ernest, being an old Artilleryman, thought he ought to ride a horse while in North Carolina and ended up in Walter Reed, but has now returned to EUCOM.

A tentative reservation has been made with the Army and Navy Club for another party Nov. 1st. This will celebrate our exit as cadets, while the one last Saturday celebrated our entrance, as close as possible to the actual date. Classmates who are in vicinity Nov. 1st should contact me and they will be more than welcome. Wives are invited also."

S.O. visitors to West Point this past spring have been more numerous than usual. Al Gruenther delivered the final lecture in the Sesquicentennial Lecture Series on the theme "Furthering Our National Security". George Elms, Assistant Commandant of the Army General School at Fort Riley, was a delegate to the Sesquicentennial Jubilee, which was also attended by Nate Twining, who came with the Presidential Party. Ray Burgess, Les Flory, Lee Syme, Syd Gould, and Tom and Freda McGregor, were also spring visitors. Six of the class were present for June Week and/or Graduation, the Bob Carters, Jack Dommoney, Count Wilson, the L. C. Wilsons, Meyer, H. J. D., and your scribe. Sons of the class, who graduated, were J. B. Keely, H. R. Meyer and Drake Wilson (son of L. C.). Lt. R. M. Wilson, USMA 1950, flew back from Germany to attend his brother's graduation. Forrest



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Cookson, PMS&T at Clemson, brought his son up for the June entrance examinations. The boy has a straight A record at Clemson where he is a senior at the age of 18. Frank Davis is under orders to report to USMA as Commandant of the Preparatory School at Stewart Field.

Don Nelson writes from Ethiopia that he has left his ranch in Oregon and, after four months in Paris, is on the job in Addis Ababa as consultant for the World Bank.

Ike Ritchie writes from 23 Fifth Avenue, San Francisco 18, California, that he is now enjoying a life of leisure, but hopes to go to work later on if he can find a job up to his specifications (little work and good pay). He notes that Charlie Wolff's widow, Charlotte T. Wolff, resides at 1270 Drake Avenue, Burlingame, California.

Bally Fennell writes from 1055 Maunaihi Place, Honolulu, T. H. that Capt. John A. Bruckner was buried in Oahu Cemetery on Tuesday, 29 April, after having been killed in action in Korea. He notes also that Mike Makinney and Ben Byrne complete the roster of classmates in Hawaii.

Kyke Allan expects to leave Paraguay in August, flying to London via Casablanca and Tangiers. He will be at Claridge's late in August. He expects to return to the U.S. for October and November.

Ethel Wyman visited West Point after graduation to pick up her yearling son Bill.

—B. W. B.

## 1920

Not since our Thirtieth Reunion have so many members of 1920 visited West Point as during the past four months. Since this column went to press early in March, the two principal events of the Sesquicentennial celebration have occurred. These were Founder's Day on 16 March and the Jubilee on 20 May, both well attended. A total of twenty-two classmates were present at the luncheon in Washington Hall on Founder's Day, and nearly as large a group attended the Jubilee. Then the graduation of eight 1920 sons in the '52 class brought a large contingent to the June Week festivities. The following were present at one or more of these events: Bartlett, W.

H., Bessell, Blaik, Bullene, Collins, J. G., Cul-lum, DeGraaf, Felli, Gilbert, Gillette, Gleason, Johnston, E. C., Kiefer, Leehey, McCullough, McDonald, McNulty, Mitchell, W. L., Poulson, Plank, Rehm, Sand, A. G., Schick, Smith, C. W., Stratton, Sturman, Walsh, West, and Withers.

The presentation of sabers from the Class to the eight class sons in the graduating class was made according to custom at the Class Tree on Alumni Day. Sabers were presented to Edgar A. Gilbert, III, Homer W. Kiefer, Jr., Leon E. Lichtenwalter, Jr., Willard A. McCullough, Corwin A. Mitchell (son of Carl E. Berg), William L. Mitchell, Jr., Thomas A. Rehm, and Peter C. Withers. Bill Bessell officiated this year for John McNulty, whose absence was unavoidably occasioned by the graduation exercises of his daughter in Washington on the same day. The ceremony was attended by all classmates and their families present and was followed by a luncheon for the 1920 ladies, given by Horty West in the garden behind their quarters. During June Week much fun was enjoyed by all of the '20 clan at various "at home" cocktail parties and suppers staged by 1920 West Point residents.

Cadet E. A. Gilbert of the graduating class appeared on the "Mike and Buff" TV show over the Columbia Broadcasting System on May 14th. He made a fine impression in feature interviews with Colonel G. A. Lincoln, Professor of Social Science, U.S.M.A.; Colonel Machen of the Tactical Department, and Mrs. Barth, Cadet Hostess.

The following item appeared in a March issue of the *Army, Navy and Air Force Register*:

"Gen. Lemnitzer Decorated

"Maj. Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, Commanding General of the Seventh Division, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea. The presentation was made at a forward command post by Maj. Gen. Williston B. Palmer, 10th Corps commander.

"Gen. Lemnitzer was leading a surprise attack in the so-called 'Punch-Bowl' area last February 16. His unit became the target of a heavy Red counterfire.

"His calm, unruffled bearing at the spot where danger was greatest, the citation read, 'aroused the enthusiastic admiration of his men and enhanced the aggressive tradition of this fine division.'

"Mrs. Lemnitzer lives at 3286 Worthington Street, N.W."

The same issue announced the nomination of Brig. Gen. John S. Seybold, Corps of Engineers, to be Governor of the Panama Canal Zone.

Jack Curtis writes that his son Charles B. Curtis was graduated from Yale University in June 1951 with an AB degree and entered Navy OCS at Newport, R. I., in November 1951, from which he was graduated as an Ensign USNR in March 1952. Ensign Curtis is now serving on a minesweeper based at Charleston, S. C.

C. D. (B-Food) Pearson represented the University of Utah at the Jubilee Convocation at West Point on May 20, 1952.

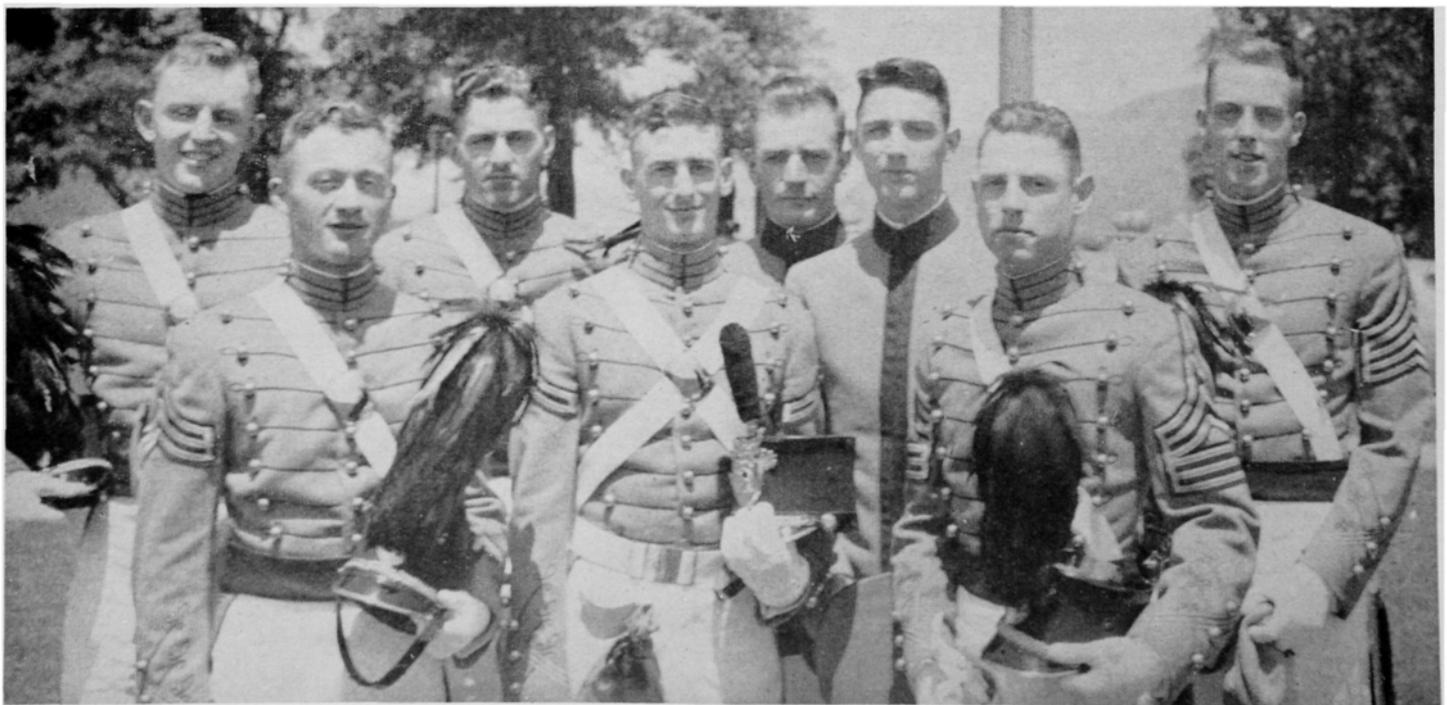
Also present at this Convocation, in addition to the regularly assigned USMA Faculty members of 1920, was Col. George DeGraaf, Retired, of New York City, who attended as President and representative of the West Point Society of New York.

A recently published list of general officer selections carried the following 1920 graduates promoted to the rank of Major General: Homer W. Kiefer and Edward T. Williams.

Also on this list promoted from Colonel to Brigadier General: H. T. Miller.

Charlie West, Class Treasurer, reports that our plea for contributions to the Class Fund, sent out in a letter from Class President John McNulty, has netted only about \$150.00 to date. Only twenty-odd classmates have contributed thus far. If you have mislaid your letter, or, for some other reason have forgotten to donate, please send in your check to Charlie West in care of the 1920 Class Representative, Box 94, West Point, N. Y. The fund is currently in need of replenishing, not only to meet the yearly modest expenditure, but also to create a balance in anticipation of our 35th Reunion in 1955.

Announcement has just been received of the marriage at Garden City, Long Island, of Lt. Willard A. McCullough, son of Brig. Gen. Arthur L. McCullough and Mrs. McCullough to Miss Noel B. Illian, daughter of Mrs. Arthur J. Illian and the late Mr. Illian, also of Garden City. Lt. McCullough was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in the Class of 1952. Classmate Brig. Gen. Arthur McCullough commands the 514th



"SONS OF 1920" GRADUATED IN JUNE 1952

Left to right:—Leon E. Lichtenwalter, Jr., Corwin A. Mitchell (son of Carl E. Berg), Homer W. Kiefer, Jr., Peter C. Withers, Willard A. McCullough, Thomas A. Rehm, William L. Mitchell, Jr., Edgar A. Gilbert, III.

Troop Carrier Wing stationed at Mitchel Air Force Base. Congratulations and best wishes from 1920 to the bride and groom!

Although the details have not yet been received, Bill Bartlett and Ruth have announced the marriage of their son, Hamilton, now a Lieutenant, C.E. Reserve, to the daughter of Don and Priscilla Van Sickler on June 6th in Washington, D. C. It is believed this marriage is the first between children of 1920 classmates. The entire class extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes to these young people!

Writing in the *Army Information Digest* under the title "West Point Through the Years", Lt. Col. William J. Morton, Arty, Librarian, United States Military Academy, describes the period at the Academy from 1 November 1918 to June 1920 and pays a fine tribute to the Class of 1920. He says in part, "The Academy owes a debt of gratitude to the Class of 1920, the plebes mentioned above, for the way in which they rose to their responsibilities and passed to succeeding classes the customs, traditions and above all, the Honor Code of the Corps of Cadets."

—E. C. G., Jr.

### 1921 and 1922

Well, the 30th Reunion has come and gone and those who were present want to express their regret that circumstances kept others from it. Several Orioles are overseas, others on an "on-call" status in the Pentagon, still others stationed where their duties wouldn't let them get away. Then too there are some in business, which takes no breather at graduation time, and several who live too far away to make the trip.

All members of 1921 and 1922 extend their sympathy to Numa Watson in the death of his mother. Mrs. Watson was a great friend of the Orioles, all of whom were saddened by her funeral at West Point in the middle of May.

A total of 29 Orioles were here for at least some part of the reunion, with Chidlaw from Colorado and Wilson from Oklahoma setting the record for distance traveled. The

others present were: Albert, Barrett, Branham, Cook, Crandell, Crary, Douglass, Freeman, Grant, Haas, Johnson, R. H., Klein, Kyle, Lawton, McGowan (Ex-'22), Miller, Mulvihill, Nelson, O'Connell, Smith, P. M., Spalding, Stephens (Honorary '21), Strong, Taylor, M. D., Tyler, Wardlaw and Yale. Twenty-two of them brought their wives, and Marcia Greene was on hand too, although Frank is away at school in preparation for an overseas assignment. The Wilsons brought their two very charming daughters, and four of the Lawton children were also here.

And on two of the days Mr. and Mrs. Burns (Willie's parents) were present. They always find a way to be here on Alumni Day, and this year they joined the class for the picnic at Round Pond on the preceding Saturday.

There was plenty of rain on Friday night, Saturday night, and all day Sunday, but in a sense it contributed to the get-together. Without a lot of outside distractions the Orioles got in some real BS sessions that were most entertaining. Then we had good weather for the rest of June Week, so we wound up feeling that we weren't all wet.

Eddie Clark cabled his best wishes from Hong Kong in time to be read at the picnic.

P. D. Lynch was at West Point for the Jubilee Convocation on 20 May, and was planning to come back for June Week but, between the budget office and Congress, he's being called on for so much manpower information that he didn't make it. George Olmsted got caught in a similar jam on military aid requirements, and Lee, Deputy Provost Marshal General, probably had something of the same sort.

McGowan had a son in the Class of 1952, so he had a double interest in the June Week just ended.

Mudgett has moved from Korea to Japan, where he has a job related to the one he just left. O'Connell is scheduled to go to the Far East on a trip soon and hopes to see Gim and Russ Hensey in Tokyo. Orval Cook also expects to take a trip out that way.

Rumaggi reported in May that he was in the hospital for a little repair work prior to taking a boat ride.

Did you see Cort Schuyler and Max Taylor pictured in the *Saturday Evening Post* article, "Tomorrow They'll Be Famous"?

In March of this year letters were sent to the next of kin of our deceased members, if we had their addresses. Three of them came back—"addressee unknown"! But Miss Bosserman and Mr. Burns wrote in, as did Mrs. Greening, who said "It filled me with deep gratitude to learn that my son, 'Gus' Greening, was remembered by his class of 1922 after an interval of thirty years. I have not kept in touch with Gus' classmates other than reading with interest the occasional press notices about his roommate, General Chidlaw, and it happens that at present I have a nephew, Colonel Lemly (1935), serving under another classmate, General Kastner." And Mildred Gross is living in San Antonio in "a darling house which keeps me busy—I'm no gardener however. Have my home in Washington rented. Will always keep contacts there. It was our home for so long."

Katherine Meyer was in the East just before June Week and spent a couple of days with the Branhams and the Smiths. She said Ham was very busy getting his outfit ready to go to camp, and she couldn't stay for the reunion—probably Ham would be jealous! She phoned Ham from the Branhams but he just couldn't get away.

It is hoped to have an information sheet with the details of the reunion ready for mailing to all the Orioles pretty soon. How about letting it help you to decide to be on hand for the 35th?

—C. J. B.

### 1923

The following members of the Class were here for the Sesquicentennial Jubilee on May 20th: Ken Webber, Lou Marshall, Howard Serig, Les Holcomb, John Noyes, Bill Wedemeyer and myself. Webber, Marshall and Serig came around to my quarters for a pleasant bull fest after the ceremonies were over. Ken's wife and son were with him. Serig is at the Air Force Cambridge Research Center and Wedemeyer is PMS&T at



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Yale. Noyes, I learned, was up representing the American Geographical Society. It seems that he has, without letting the Class know about it, become a geographer of international note, specializing in and writing about the transportation and communication problems of Alaska as affected by geographical factors. He is also a fellow of the Royal Geographic Society of London. He had one of his papers read before the International Congress of Geographers at its Vienna meeting, and he read a second paper before the same body in Amsterdam about a year ago. Incidentally, John has almost finished his history of the Corps of Engineers, which he expects to publish.

The following were here during June Week: the Seebachs, Holcomb, the Haskells, Deke Stone, Ed Love, Pop Harrold, John Chambers and Bill Morton, Wally Whitson was expected, but I did not see him nor did anyone else whom I asked about him. We had a get-together at Quarters 76 after the Superintendent's reception and made a pretty lively evening of it. John Chambers did a masterful job of representing cadet room 1521, though Kenner Hertford and Jamison were not present to aid him. He was telling all the things they did with the 50-lb. can of black powder they got from the Ordnance, when my son, Ashby, appeared with his Kentucky rifle and a big horn full of powder. John took over and, after some technical discussion of size and shape of granulation, he proceeded to demonstrate the proper manner of laying and igniting a powder train on the walk in front of the house. He said the results were not up to expectation because of the damp evening. However, he expects to show what he can really do when we have our 30th reunion.

According to information gathered during June Week, John Salsman has completely recovered from his illness. Charlie Lawrence is doing well at Fitzsimons Hospital. Warren, who had a concussion in Iceland, is recuperating at Walter Reed. No news, other than what was in the papers, was available about Vandenberg, though everyone was concerned and sympathetic.

The following sons graduated this June: Haskell, R. B.; Palmer, G. H.; Roper, H. M.; Seebach, T. M.; McInerney, J. E. and Rutte, R. L.

Ken Sweany sent news of an impromptu gathering of classmates in Korea as follows: "Bob Dulaney was having a little ceremony for Jim Fry, who is now commanding the 2d Division, and the affair developed into a class reunion. There are 11 of us here in Korea, to the best of my knowledge, and 8 were able to get together."

The picture of the group (see cut) sent to

me from Korea, bears the following caption: "Participating in ceremonies in honor of Brig. Gen. James C. Fry, Commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, when he recently (May 6, 1952) visited Brig. Gen. Dulaney, Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea, were (from left to right, front row) General Fry; General Dulaney; Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Lewis, I Corps Artillery Officer; Colonel George C. Mergens, Commanding Officer of 23rd Infantry Regiment; (second row left to right) Colonel Donald H. Galloway of Headquarters, Far East Command; Brig. Gen. Shearer Kenneth Sweany, X Corps Artillery Officer, Colonel Charles W. Cowles, Commanding Officer, Seoul Area Command, and Brig. Gen. O. P. Newman, Assistant Division Commander, 3rd Division. All are members of the Class of 1923, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y."

Sweany continued, "Bob Dulaney turned out his trick honor guard and bugle and drum corps to render the honors. Afterwards, we gathered at his mess, had a few liquid refreshments and then a delicious steak dinner. Some of us had not seen each other for a long time so there was much to talk about. Charlie Cowles and I spent the night there at the 3rd Division CP chewing the rag with Bob and Opie until quite late while the others had to get back to their organizations after supper." (A news release with photo, from Korea, dated 22 May 1952, announced Opie's return to the U.S. on rotation.)

Mike Buckley, who was in Korea at around the same time as the above, gave the following additional information about classmates not included in that report: "I saw Harry Roper for several hours, just after his divisional artillery had been relieved from supporting the 8th ROK Division and was reverting to control of the 7th Division which was then re-entering combat. I spent one day and night with George Mergens, who is commanding the 23rd Infantry of the 2nd Division and who, incidentally, is the oldest Regimental commander in the Eighth Army."

Phil Enslow writes from Germany as of May 14th as follows: "Einar Gjelsteen is now Chief of Staff of Seventh Army. George Heaney has recently arrived at Seventh Army Headquarters and is now Army Transportation Officer. Lee Shafer is Headquarters Commandant and Phil Enslow is Executive Officer, Seventh Army Artillery. Pete Leone is still Exec of Berlin Military Post. Bruce King, Berlin Military Post S-4, has been in the hospital in Munich for some little time. Jeff Binns is still the EUCOM Comptroller and going strong. McInerney

is about to wind up a tour in EUCOM, and Demon Gunn is still EUCOM JA. Phil Enslow's son, Phil, Jr., is now a member of the Class of '55." (Note: A complete list of class sons in the Corps will be given in this column next fall.)

Jefferies wrote on April 27th, "Am Regional Post Engineer here at Camp Crawford for the Island of Hokkaido, the Arctic of Japan. Because of ice and snow I didn't see dirt up here until April. It is a rough job—but keeps me busy."

Wendell Johnson and John Noyes organized a class luncheon for those in and around New York, at the First Army Officers Mess on Governors Island on April 16th. The following attended: Holcomb; Johnson, W. G.; Lord; Minty; Sass; Vandersluis; Wilder and White, J. H. According to Johnson, "Jack White is the distinguished looking, grey haired president of Ames Rubber Co., Hamburg, New Jersey; Vandersluis is Chief of Overseas Supply Division, New York Port of Embarkation, Wilder is in the Foreign Trade Department of Socony Vacuum; Holcomb is Petroleum Sales Engineer for Petroleum Industry Equipment Co.; Sass is head of Science Department of New Utrecht High School in Brooklyn; Lord is Chairman of Board of World Wide Development Corp.; Minty is Commanding General of 26th Air Defense Division; and the writer is G-2, First Army.

"We learned that Les Holcomb still plays his sax; Russ Minty has a pack of bulldogs; Roy has a 95-lb. French poodle and a ranch near Phoenix (for retirement); Vandersluis has a son at Annapolis; Frank Wilder has a four acre 'farm' in Jersey with no crops or animals; Sass is enjoying life as a prof and avoiding the cares of big businessmen like Lord. Jack White agrees that business today is tough."

Ed Lutwack writes that he got a promotion to the home office of the Goodyear Rubber Co. as Assistant Manager, Trade Relations Dept., and has moved to Akron. Charles Dudley Austin announces his new address as 1525 Central Park Ave., Yonkers 2, N. Y. He is with the Field Inspection Office of the New York Ordnance District. Reid, A. D. writes that he is about to take off for Formosa for duty with the Army Section, MAAG. He laments that he was in Venezuela for the 25th Reunion, and now he will miss the 30th.

—W. J. Morton.

## 1924

George Smythe, in command of the 24th Infantry Division, reports that many Herds-



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men occupy responsible positions in Japan and nearby countries. At the time of George's report, Haydon L. Boatner was Assistant Commander 2nd Inf. Div. and since that time we have followed with interest and pride Haydon's capable handling of the riot-torn strife-ridden island of Koje. With GHQ are Shorty Rothgeb, Jack Maher and Dick Stephens. Ken Strother is Chief of Staff and George Crosby is Artillery Officer of the XVI Corps.

Bob Harper, CG of the Air Training Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, sends his best to all the gang in the Thundering Herd. Bob says that Jack Kirkendall is Executive Officer at Keesler and has bought a piece of property at Biloxi and intends to make it his home upon retirement. Bob also informs us that Deck Reynolds and Dinty Moore (JG) are in business in the St. Louis area. Of his family Bob said that he and Peg attended Jo's (his daughter's) graduation from High School on May 28th and he was hard put to make a speech which he found much more difficult than addressing a Chamber of Commerce.

Clint and Mary Robinson announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Grace, to Lieut. William F. Terrell, of Washington and Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 12, in the Fort Myer Chapel. Miss Robinson made her debut in Washington in 1950, and also was presented to New York Society. A graduate of Mount Vernon Seminary, she attended Mount Vernon Junior College. Lt. Terrell, a graduate of Admiral Farragut Academy and the USNA, is now serving in the U.S. Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia.

Bob Miller is senior instructor for the Montana National Guard with station at Helena. Madelaine and children are living in Washington, D. C. Bob, Jr. (a 1st Lt.) is married and has left for station in Germany. Pat will remain in Washington, where she will soon be a sophomore in college. On a recent trip to California, Bob visited Grayson and Ramona Schmidt who are living in Berkeley. Grayson is teaching mathematics in Mills College.

Stewart, J. A., has his own insurance and real estate business in Los Altos, California. His son Jack, a graduate of the University of California is on active duty as a second lieutenant in the Finance Corps. "Stew" reports that Berry, R. W., is in Command of the Western Air Defense at Hamilton AFB, and still retains that youthful look and pleasing personality. Also, that Bill Sexton, Chief of Staff, 6th Army, recently briefed the retired personnel of that area on the current world military situation, doing a fine job; Keiler has recently purchased a new home in Palo Alto, California, his son

Ted is a member of the Stanford University crew; and Elliott, now residing in San Jose, California, is in the real estate business.

Charles G. Stevenson, always on the lookout for news of general interest, forwarded a clipping from the *New York News* of April 8, 1952, which reports that Bill Maglin, Provost Marshal for EUCOM, has been making great strides in reducing crime among GI's. Bill's methods have caused a sharp decrease. He set up "law and order" committees of German and American officials, tackling first the city of Bamberg which was the worst, within two months the number of crimes in Bamberg fell below the average of other cities.

We have only one report of a gathering of Bulls for the annual West Point Dinner in March. Ken Strother, Dick Stephens, Rothgeb and Maher attended in Tokyo. Also, Boatner, Smythe, and Strother attended the reception for General Clark and departure of General Ridgway.

"Rod" Rodieck is assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff as member of the U.S. Delegation, U.N. Military Staff Committee. "Rod" recently attended the United Nations General Assembly Sessions in Paris as one of the military advisers.

Joe Burrell and Karla hope to remain another year at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Recently Joe has seen Dudley, Friedersdorff, Wrockloff, Mabie, Koszewski, Beurket, Howell and Burger. Joe sends best regards to all of '24 and issues a standing invitation to all to drop by for a visit.

Emmer and Louise Cummings are enjoying a visit from their elder son, who is about to become a "yearling". "Czar" Parmly is living in Washington and, according to reports, is with the Central Intelligence Agency as a consultant. John Ramsey has moved into the Nation's Capital and is heading up one of the Divisions in C.I.A.

Here are some quickies in and about Washington, D. C. If you are passing through pick up a phone and you will get results. In the Pentagon are: Bersch, L&L Div. GS USA.—Chazal, G-1 GS USA.—Vic Conrad, Signal Corps—Cummings, Industrial Div. Ord.—Duval, AG Mgmt Staff Div.—Eddleman, G-3 GS USA—Elmore, G-3 GS USA—Glasgow, G-4 GS USA—Lenzner, Signal Corps—Hains, OMA, OSD—Harrison, R&D Ord.—Hass, OCSA—Hill, J. G., G-3 GS USA—Hutchison, G-4 GS USA—King, C. J., Signal Corps—Koch, Army Comptroller—Landon, Hq. USAF—Linn, AGO—McCulloch, Army Comptroller—McCormick, OCSA CI—Mead, Comptroller—Morris, JCS—Triplett, G-4, R&D Army—Sibley, GS USA—Noel, JAGO Army—Simon, Ordnance—Stokes, OCSA, and Willis, G-4, GS USA.

Beurket, Gard, Martin, D. D., Samouce and Schaeffer are at Hq. 2nd AA, Ft. Meade, Maryland. Davies, H. E. in Silver Springs, Maryland.—Hulley retired, and still in school in Washington.—Outcalt, Insurance, Washington, D. C.—Pasolli, Sig, Arlington Hall, Va.—Peterson, Ft. Belvoir, Va.—Pope, PIO 1 CAF Ft. McNair—Raymond, C. S., MOVH, NPA, ODM.—Skinner, L. A., retired, Washington, D. C.—Stebbins, CIA, Textor, O. C. Engrs., Gravelly Pt., Va.—Van Way 1 CAF, Ft. McNair,—and Watson, J. A., Hill Building, Washington, D. C.

Many of the clan were at West Point this past June Week, most of whom came to witness the occasion of the graduation of their son. The following were seen at one time or another during June Week: Vogel, Woltersdorf, Shunk, Eddie White, Lowell Limpus, Bill Halligan, Kidwell, Stubblebine, Dombrowsky, Smith, R. F., Gibbs, Kraft, Tasker, Sullivan and Larry Adams. Our group stationed at West Point is slowly diminishing, with only two on duty there now—Eaton and McComsey.

While on your vacation this summer, please jot down a few notes for the next issue of *Assembly*.

—C. S. R.

## 1925

Our old reliable Jack Chamberlain is away on an extended tour, so the news from the Washington area is rather slim. Daddy Dunn brought young Bruce Clarke to the Class luncheon and everyone feels the Army lost a fine lad to the Navy. Young Bruce did so well at the Navy Intelligence School that they have kept him on as an instructor. Mike Geraghty, from his new base at Fort Meade, is making up for lost time in visiting. He traveled down to Washington a short while ago for the Class luncheon and returned here for June Week. Needless to say the walls still reecho his visit. Bill Ritchie has heard from Jimmy Chanon who is in Germany with the Artillery. Jimmy Barnett is on his way to the Pentagon for duty with the Personnel Bureau, AGO. Those who assembled at the last Class luncheon in Washington were: Bryte, Cabell, Cleaves, Dunn, Geraghty, Holmes, Hopkins, Lansing, McCormick, Ordway, Pettit, Suttles, and Ritchie. John Davis leaves this month for AWC and goes to the West Coast as C/S of a Corps.

Someone sent me a little squib, which I have mislaid, showing that Joe Cleland is feeling his oats again. Challenged every officer in his outfit on the West Coast to race



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him for five miles. Joe is now commanding the 40th Division in Korea and is up for two stars. In fact, the celestial light is falling very favorably on us: Cabell is up for three stars; Joe Cleland and Bill Gillmore for two; and Red Newman and Harold Miller for one.

June Week was extremely quiet for us. Only eleven at the Old Grad's Luncheon: Geraghty, Hamaty, Bryte, Nutter, Carne, McManus, Kelly, Crandall, Nicholas, Alspach and Esposito. Kost and Randall stopped by for a second Graduation Day. Mutt Crandall's daughter Nancy was married here right after graduation to Preston Maddocks, brand new 2nd Lt. Air Force, son of Major General Ray Maddocks. A fine pair of youngsters.

Mutt also has additional cause to celebrate. His boy young Harry nipped a Presidential appointment and will enter in July. Also entering are young Withers, Lansing, and my own oldest youngster. If you will bear with a proud pappy, the youngster is 17 and hasn't graduated from high school yet but he came out first in the Presidentials. George Withers' boy came out fourth. Goat! There may be others of the Class, for I see names on the list such as: Barlow, Bennett, Bradford, Burbach, Caldwell, Clark, Emerson, Evans, Holmes, Johnson, Lewis, Liwski, Lynch, Robertson, and Stephenson. Shall bring you up to date in the next issue of *Assembly*.

I am becoming a little startled at what I seem to have started by announcing a "second wind" contest. Every quarter has brought news of a new addition; but for this quarter I have news of three. Frank Steer in a gem of an announcement raves over his third daughter, born 5 April; George Withers, with chest expanded, announces his fifth son, born 20 May. Don Bailey, writing under date of 10 June says that he has heard Benny Fowlkes became the "antique papa" of a baby daughter three weeks before. If his dates are accurate this puts George and Benny in a tie; but perhaps it doesn't matter, I may receive another report any moment.

George Withers expects to return from the Canal Zone in July; destination unknown. Don Bailey sends us a newsy letter with a pat on the back for our perseverance. On a recent visit to Aberdeen he was reminded of our Class trip there—picture of us taken in the rain on the 16-inch gun, the tear gas gauntlet and the Goucher girls. Ran into Benny Fowlkes, Carl Dutton, and some news of Gus West. Carl is Deputy Commander at Aberdeen, a mighty important post. Says Carl retains youthful features and has lost none of the curly locks. Hears Gus is retired and living as a gentleman farmer in the Blue Grass country, thriving and happy. Don has visited Bruce Clarke, CG of Ft. Hood, and Frank Fraser and Hank Westphalinger at Fifth Army, where they are Deputies for Administration and Operations respectively. Don himself is in command of Central Army AA Command. Thanks a lot Don.

A folder from El Prado Restaurant in Frisco indicates signs of a celebration. It goes (hand writing shaky): "Art Ruppert, Ole Neprud and wife Buddy (Plaster) Neprud gob-festing with wonderful roast beef (\$\$\$) dinners plus Stingers and Kentucky Bourbon. Art—a prosperous cit. bizness man; Ole—a harassed (spelled it right by gosh) Asst G4 6th Army; Buddy? Just Wonderful!!"

Just found the squib about Joe Cleland. It goes " . . . issued a challenge this week to any or all Division staff officers to 'join me in a little jaunt to the shower point' a distance of 4.9 miles. Gen. Cleland went on to say that, on the day of his 50th birthday last week he ran the distance in 45 minutes."

A letter from Jack Chamberlain before he went on his trip reports Hack Cleaves as arriving at the Pentagon for duty with the Chief Signal Officer; Chuck Canham as CO of the 82d Airborne (Maj. Gen.); Bobby Howze on the way from the Caribbean Command to Fort Knox. Incidentally, if you haven't seen Hack's treatise on Teutonic names vs American slang you should write to him for a copy. It made the *Bar Harbor Times*. Hack berated Nick in a note for calling his wife Genie in the last issue. He pouts: "request clarification in next issue, for benefit of many who've known my wife for many years as Gerrie and who may well be puzzled by your marrying me to an alleged and hitherto unidentified Genie, that the discrepancy is typographical only and that the original OAO still gently but firmly rules the roost."

Nat Hale has gone literary and has published a book, entitled the *Virginia Venturer*.

Nick will pound the keys next quarter. He is currently touring the battlefields of the South.

Thanks to those of you who thought to write. It makes the job easy and pleasant.

—V. J. E.

## 1926

The entire class was profoundly shocked to learn of the death of Tyler Calhoun at Letterman Hospital on the 13th of May. Here was a man with humor, sincerity, love of people, and dogged determination. Many of us remember Ty's good natured companionship, his devotion to Marguerita, and his pride in his three lovely daughters. We also recall Ty's cadet track conquests which he won, not, so much on physique as on a great fighting heart. It is hard to lose a friend who was known and loved so well. Ty was laid to rest at West Point, where he had spent ten years of his life—probably his happiest years. A group of friends were on hand to pay homage, and to comfort Marguerita in her agonizing grief. When taps was played it seemed that no bugle call had ever been more sad. It also brought to mind Red Reeder's remark on learning of Ty's death: "If anyone ever deserved a resting place at West Point, it was Tyler Calhoun."

On the 8th of May, Col. Charles F. H. Johnson, President of Botany Mills, passed away at Passaic, N. J. Colonel Johnson had become associated with local class activities in the New York area. Among other kindnesses, he donated the ties worn by those of us who attended our 25th Reunion. In appreciation of his genuine interest in '26, a floral tribute from the class was sent to his funeral.

Oker Wade reports from Tokyo that his wife, Jessie, and his 14-year old daughter, Janie, were with him in Japan for two years. They came back to the States last April to attend the graduation of daughter Ellen from the University of Mississippi. Although only 20, she graduated with academic honors (she undoubtedly takes after her mother). Shortly after graduation, she married a Navy ROTC classmate, who was scheduled to go on active duty immediately.

Oker also reports that during his tour he has seen Doud, Grinder, Doyle, Ringler, Deyo and Hickman in Japan. He adds that Ennis, DeShazo, and Davidson have come through Japan, "mostly in connection with the Korean War"

Of the group named above, we happen to know that Harold Doud is now in Sixth Army Hq at the Presidio. Harold has turned into a real estate operator of considerable acumen, owning property in several parts of the country. General Trooper Doyle has

been ordered to Washington, where he is to be Director of Transportation at Air Force Hq. General Bill Ennis is XVIII Corps Artillery Commander at Fort Bragg, and General Tom DeShazo is Div Arty Commander of the 11th Airborne.

The class extends congratulations to its two new generals, Bill Laidlaw and Red Corderman. Bill welcomed the Cadet First Class to the Ordnance School on their recent visit to Aberdeen, and then went home to start packing for his new station at the Ordnance Ammo Center in Joliet, Illinois. He and wife Wilma look fine, and seem to be enjoying life. Red Corderman runs the Signal Corps Procurement Agency in Philadelphia. He came to the Point recently enroute to his older son's graduation at Dartmouth, and to prepare for his younger son's entrance as a cadet with the new Plebe class.

The Class fires a seventeen gun salute to Boone Gross, who was recently elected President of the Gillette Safety Razor Company. A search of the class files has revealed no higher attainment by any member of the class in the great field of commercial competition. We are both over-awed and proud of his notable achievement. Incidentally, Boone's fame has also been recorded in the June issue of *Fortune*, which calls Boone "a tall, driving, ex-West Pointer with a steamboat voice and a preference for his own way of doing things"

Bob Nourse dropped in from Panama last March. The reason for his visit included, of course, a desire to see how his son Huck was getting along in his plebe studies. Huck weathered the academic storm in fine shape, and is now a fresh new yearling attending the rigorous but relatively pleasant summer training activities at Camp Buckner (on Lake Popolopen).

Harry Johnson reported in from Knox, where he is a member of the Armed Forces Board. He says, "I enjoy my work and think it is one of the best jobs a Colonel of Armor could have in the ZI" We have also heard that Polly is well and is enjoying the fine Kentucky hospitality. Son Harry Jr. stood near the top in the Presidential competitiveness, and is scheduled to join the Long Gray Line with the current crop of plebes. Bob DesIslets' boy is also due to march through the East Sallyport on 1 July to become a fledgling cadet.

Doug Douglas has written from Winter Park, Florida, that he was contemplating a visit with Marvin Peck (the cattle baron) in Sparta, Georgia. Doug said he wasn't going to stay long enough to do any ranch work, as he had become allergic to that sort of activity. He added, "In Florida we don't go in for anything more strenuous than fishing. Of course there is a little game known as 'separating the yankee visitor from his money', but that isn't work."

Fats Walker turned up during June Week and watched proudly while son William Alexander Walker, Jr., marched up to get his diploma and commission in the Artillery. Incidentally, young Bill, the seventh Class Son to graduate, has attained the highest standing to date, being the first son to stand within the top 30% of his class.

Ed Foehl reported in promptly for the annual Alumni Parade, and swelled the strength of the '26 group to almost a squad. In addition to Ed, Twenty-Sixers present were Nelson, Herte, Kane, Walker, Corderman, and Heiberg. Red Reeder ran an absence, but he reports that he watched the festivities from the outskirts.

Nelson, by the way, has just taken command of the Eastern Air Defense Force at Stewart Field. The West Point contingent is proud and happy to welcome Nellie to our neighborhood.

—E. R. H.

## 1927

Comparing the distance to the front of the column with the distance to the rear, as the classes formed for the Alumni Exercises, the Class of 1927 is still in the younger half, by a narrow margin, as we marked our 25th Reunion. Our program was followed without a hitch, and the consensus is that the Reunion was a success. A run-down of those who attended all or part of the Reunion are: Mone and Ruth Asensio, George and Dee Asnip, Ray Bell, Paul and Mary Berrigan, Fox and Susan Conner, Cocky Crume, Ed and Helen Daly, Freddy Day, Blair and Dot Garland, Ed and Marnie Glavin, Jim and Merritt Green, Jack Griffith, Chick and Dody Harding, Charlie and Ollie Harrington, Woody and Betty Hocker, Dutch Holland, Hans and Betty Holmer, Ruby and Gladys Hunter, Larry and Ethel Kuter, Dana and Peggy McGown, Helen McKinney, Tom and Margaret McManus, Kay Moseley, Chris and Mac Nelson, Chubby Roth, Art and Marty Solem, Ken and Viv Thiebaud, Tommy and Sue Thompson, Bob and Jans Turner, Bill and Peggy Verbeck, Julian and Helen West. Ex-classmates were Bill Harris and Reverend M. T. Smith.

Our social program consisted of a picnic in the pavilion at Camp Buckner on Saturday, a Sunday evening dinner at Bear Mountain Inn, and a final dinner on Monday evening at the Officers' Mess. At each, the food was superb and the refreshments were most adequate.

An innovation heretofore unheard of by reunion classes was our Memorial Services, conducted on Sunday afternoon at the Old Cadet Chapel. Our ex-classmate, the Reverend M. T. Smith, O.P., Colonel, Chaplain Corps, U.S.A.R., and who is a faculty member, Dominican House, Washington, D. C., officiated. Father Smith's remarks, "In Memoriam" of our twenty-six deceased graduated classmates, were inspirational and long to be remembered. Paul Berrigan presented the "Salute to Our Classmates" and Ken Thiebaud read the Memorial Roster.

At the Annual Luncheon of the Association of Graduates, we had the four graduating sons, Class 1952, as our guests. As a memento of the occasion, the Class presented to each son an engraved silver ash tray. Those so honored were Manuel J. Asensio, Jr., Macpherson Conner, Henry G. Moseley, and James T. Turner.

Although our reunion program was relatively simple, a lot of planning and work

were involved. The Washington executive committee performed these chores. However, to Jim and Merritt Green, our only class representatives stationed at the Point, a sincere word of thanks to both of you for your time and efforts in perfecting the plans and for your generosity in entertaining at your quarters.

Congratulations to Fred Brown, Hq EUCOM, and Willis Matthews, OSD, who were both promoted to BG's in May.

Losses from the Washington area include Olie Kyster to EUCOM in July; Van Moseley is now serving in a civilian status at Hq FEC, and will be joined soon by Kay; and, Tom Watlington departed in early May for FEC. Our gains will be George Derby to NWC; Lee Washbourne to Hq USAF; Ted Weyher to OC of Ordnance; and, Ralph Zwicker to faculty NWC.

Other changes noted are Art Cobb to USAF; Cocky Crume is PAST, Western Reserve University, Cleveland; Ed Daly, Engineer, Fifth Army, Chicago; P. D. Ginder, Asst C/S, G-2, AFF, Fort Monroe; Fred Granholm, Artillery Ground School, Fort Riley; Howell Jordan, Deputy to an Italian general, Hq Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Naples, Italy; Ed Mechling commands the AF Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Florida; Art Solem to 18th AB Corps, Fort Bragg; Bob White to Army General School, Fort Riley; and Cal Whittle is Transportation Officer, Sixth Army, San Francisco.

Chuck and Mary Ewing spent a few days in Washington during April. Chuck continues as Senior Standardization Representative, USA, on the joint staff at Ottawa, Canada. Virgil Kimm retired from active service on 31 March. Rumor is that he and family may make their home in England.

Your reporter can't think of a more appropriate news item to end this column than the announcement that Gar and Verone Davidson are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter on May 24th. With a family of three boys, one can well assume that now a girl in the family is most welcome. New responsibilities prevented Gar from attending the Reunion, but you can't hold a good man down—Gar was elected a Trustee of the Association of Graduates, the first of such honors to be conferred on a member of the Class. Double congratulations, Gar!

—K. E. T.

*Editor's Note:* Gar Davidson requested Assembly to add the following: "On the shoulders of Ken Thiebaud fell the bulk of

the responsibility for the arrangements for our successful 25th Reunion. That the planned schedule went off so smoothly is a tribute to his fine efforts. The Class appreciates your job well done, Ken. Thanks!"

## 1928

Right after we put the news for the last issue to bed an announcement came from Johnny and Nancy Farra telling of the marriage of their daughter Nancy to Mr. Barry S. Krum, 12 April in Jenkintown, Penna. A couple of weeks ago Johnny and Nancy dropped in to see us, with the bride and their other daughter Frances.

This week Bill Browning and his son Jeff, a Sophomore at SMU, came by—his other boy Bill Jr. had graduated from Yale this month. Bill gave us the news from the Washington area:

"D. B. Smith dropped in at the Pentagon recently—he is C.G. of the North Alaska Air Defense Command and stationed at Ladd Air Force Base. Hank Everest is returning from being C.G. of the Fifth Air Force to be Deputy Commander, Tactical Air Command, at Langley Air Force Base. Tom Nelson and Dutch Hally are to attend the Industrial College. John Grinstead has left OCT and is now Transportation Officer of the Alaskan Command.

Classmates graduating from NWC are being assigned as follows: Ralph Butchers and Paul Gavin remaining in Washington in assignment at the Pentagon; Joe Patter, who has recently received his star, will be Deputy Commandant, Industrial College; Dick Smith is headed for Ankara, Turkey, where he will head the Military Mission there; Mercer Walter is to be in the G-2 Section of the General Staff here in Washington.

Of those graduating from the Industrial College, Rodger Goldsmith will remain there as an instructor. Ed Reber goes to the Far East and Mac Gray (Ex '28) is being assigned to Trieste. George Mundy has just been moved up to Assistant Deputy Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Bryant Boatner, who now commands Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, is due in Washington in July to take over the job of Inspector General. Jack Oakes has recently moved up from Assistant Secretary of the



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Top Row (left to right)—Verbeck, McGown, Kuter, Green, Nelson, Holmer, Conner.  
Middle Row (left to right)—Hocker, Asnip, Berrigan, Holland, Solem, Asensio, Hunter, Glavin, Turner.  
Bottom Row (left to right)—McManus, Daly, Crume, Thiebaud, Harding, Garland, Day.

General Staff to Secretary of the General Staff."

Bill also told us some sad news — Ben Shute's son was killed in Korea and McLemore's wife died at Ft. Monroe. Both of these deaths occurred in the last part of May. Our heartfelt sorrow goes out to both Ben and Mac.

A note from Counihan, in the 3rd Infantry, tells us that Barnes, Middlebrooks, Toni Moore and Jupe Lindsey (Ex '28) are together, and that Van Natta and Cummings are with the 8th Army.

Sam Brentnall wrote Johnny Morrow that he sees Duncan Somerville, Stritzinger, Everest, Barnes, Breckinridge and Hartman. He also said that Maerdian had been made a regimental commander in Korea.

A brief note from Dave Heiman "I have moved to Washington. And effective 1 May started on my new assignment as Director, Munitions Board Calatory Agency. When the housing rat race is settled will move my family from St. Louis where I was a resident of the 'show me state' for over three years. Saw Freddy Dan in Washington some weeks ago while on a trip. He looked fine. I attended the 20th session, Advanced Management Program, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, from Sept. to Dec. 1951. No exams but covered a lot of ground in what was essentially an industrial course."

Paul Johnson writes that he finished a grand year with the 1st Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas, and is being briefed at D/A prior to his assignment to USA Advisory Group to Turkey. He is sorry to miss the 25th but wishes us lots of luck and a big time.

Dick Ludlow writes from Naples: "Sam Myers was recently assigned to CINCNELM Hq. here as Chief, Joint Operations and Plans Division. He is senior Army Officer in that Hq and will move to London with the main body of the Hq. Scott Riggs is Assistant Chief of Staff Logistics, Allied Land Forces Southern Europe, which is located at Verona, Italy. Scott likewise is the Senior American Officer in that Hq."

Frank Falkner completed two arduous (?) years of foreign service in Honolulu last September and is now with the Marines at Camp Lejeune, N. C. It's reported that he is the Senior Army Member of the Joint Landing Force Board. Lately he has received strong support from Roland Brown, another Engineer Amphibian, who is currently a big construction operator as District Engineer at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Now to wind this up with a few last minute items. Bob Frederick is retired and living in the vicinity of Palo Alto, Calif. Luke

Finlay is stationed in Heidelberg and is in charge of off-shore procurement in Europe. Ted Landon is Deputy Commander USAFE in Wiesbaden and Bob Tate is on the same staff as Deputy for Operations. Felix Yost has left Stewart Field and is out in Colorado now.

Ludlam, Boos, Bulger and Malone had sons graduate here on 3 June '52.

That is all for the time thanks to all you who have sent us the news for this column. Keep the little notes coming.

—P. D. C.

## 1929

Let's start with news from the front. Bill Bullock writes as follows from Korea: Logan Clarke departed AG, I Corps, o/a 31 March for Camp Atterbury, Indiana. I understand. Jack Cone commands the 35th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. Korea. Paul Elias is Ordnance Officer, 8th Army. Hugh Mackintosh is QM Officer, 8th Army. Jupe Lindsey is C/S of 3rd Division. Tiny Jark is CG 1st Cav. Div. Arty. (working for your brother-in-law). Luster Vickrey is Chief Operations Division G-3, 8th Army. C. C. Allen is G-3 XVI Corps. Rasmussen and Swede Svensson are in G-2 in Tokyo. Yours truly was Deputy G-3 8th Army from August 14, 1950 to Oct. 19, 1951, from then until 4 May 1952 he was CO, 2nd Div. Arty., from then until this writing he is G-3 8th Army. The latter came as somewhat of an accident. The incumbent G-3, G. C. Midgett, got orders to Tokyo (to be there 2 May). He was to be replaced by Gen. Tom Cross, who was commanding the 3rd Division. Gen. Cross had a heart attack and was evacuated. They yanked me up here 'til Gen. Tom Cross could get a real G-3. As of now, there is no indication that a real G-3 is immediately forthcoming. Poopsheet Carey commands the 10th AAA Group."

A few excerpts from a letter by Jim Gavin are quoted. He is Chief of Staff to Admiral Carney, who commands Allied Forces Southern Europe: "I haven't seen many of our classmates lately since I have been over here. Most of them, I suppose, are in the Pentagon, out in the field commanding regiments, or Generals in the Air Force. On a recent visit of a group from the National War College, Paul Freeman and Tom Sands came through. We had a good visit. You asked how I like Neapolitan life, and I must say very much. I have more than a passing attachment for the place. On October 1, 1943, I had a parachute regiment that came into the city, participating in its liberation.

Now I have a genuine Neapolitan in the family, having had another daughter born over here last September. My wife and three of my daughters are with me, and I believe they all like Naples and environs just as much as I do. I have another daughter who is finishing her freshman year at Cornell this year, and who seems to spend most of her time at West Point."

Tommy Sands, just finishing the NWC, writes: "The National War College class returned on 11 May from its 16-day tour of the major overseas commands somewhat battered but able to take light nourishment. One third of the class made the UK-Northern Europe circuit, another third visited the Central Europe and Mediterranean area and the remainder covered the Far East Command, including Korea. Johnny Theimer and Marshall Stubbs were in the Pacific group, while Paul Freeman and I were in the contingent that made the trip to SHAPE in Paris and to NATO activities in Italy, Greece and Turkey. Classmates encountered enroute were: Clayton Hughes, CO of the air base at Stephensville, Newfoundland; Paul Caraway, Deputy Commandant of the NATO Defense College in Paris; and Jim Gavin, Chief of Staff to Admiral Carney, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe, in Naples. All were flourishing. After graduation on 17 June, Johnny Theimer leaves for assignment in EUCOM, Marshall Stubbs goes to R&D of the Chemical Corps, Paul Freeman to the Staff and Faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk and I to SHAPE in Paris. George Lynch goes from the faculty here to EUCOM."

George Lynch, who is an instructor at NWC, furnished the following: "The National War College rounds out the military education of four Twenty-Niners this June—they are Paul Freeman who will instruct at Armed Forces Staff College, Tommy Sands who joins General Ridgway's headquarters, Marshall Stubbs who reports to the Office of the Chief, Chemical Corps, and Johnny Theimer who departs for an undisclosed assignment in European Command. I am leaving the faculty in July for duty in European Command Hq. Coming to the National War College in August for the 1952-1953 class are: Thompson, W. J., Ranck, J. R., Kutz, C. R. and Bork, L. S. What they have been doing of interest, lately, will have to come from them."

Harley Parks reports as follows from the Pentagon: "After almost four years in the Pentagon, I am being released next month and in July will assume command of Parks Air Force Base, Pleasanton, California. It is a newly activated indoctrination training center. The name association is purely coincidental. I am looking forward to my



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new job very eagerly. Francis Lynch, retired, dropped in on us at Bolling last Sunday. He was down here for one of his periodical physical exams at Walter Reed Hospital. P. K. Morrell also dropped in on us recently. He is presently attending an intelligence school here prior to reassignment to the Argentine Air Mission. I have also seen Ward Abbott around the Pentagon recently. He is here on TDY from the Far East Air Forces."

Tex Connally, who is a judge, gives his fixed opinion of our classmates as follows, and I quote: "Our classmates, in my opinion, are showing their personal and official worth as few classes can boast. It seems to me that '29 has become generally the power behind the throne, and in some cases the power of the throne itself, and I am always delighted to learn of any new individual recognition among them."

I wish Van Bibber would carefully scrutinize Tex Connally's fixed opinion and comment on it for our next *Assembly* column. During our 20th Reunion Van had some definite ideas on that subject. The scene of his rhetoric was the 4th floor of the 54th Division. Those present—Lasher, Zimmerman, Wetzell, Draper, Wynne and a few others who dropped in and out.

Jimmy Hannigan says: "Just received your note saying that John Phillips is en route to this fair city. Delighted to hear it and we'll keep a 'welcome mat' rolled out waiting for him. . . I.D.C. has been thoroughly pleasant and instructive and I highly recommend the assignment to anyone offered a chance at it. I attended the National War College for a month prior to coming over here. Social life here you know already, so I won't expand save to add that it is still going full blast. On my 'Industrial Tour' I did Scotland (or it did me) and this summer my group tours the Middle East for about 5 weeks. . . Saw Merle Thompson (Ecole Superieure de Guerre, Paris (2 year detail) a couple of weeks ago as he took a jaunt to London and Scotland. I bet on the winning horse in the Derby and, in addition to enjoying the horse race, tucked away a dozen pound profit."

George Bush adds: "Daddy Woods, Herbie Vander Heide, and I are the only '29ers here at Benning. My arrival date was July '50, and until two months ago I was director of one of the teaching departments of The Infantry School—the Staff Department. My present job is Deputy Assistant Commandant. . . Daddy Woods has been here since about April '51, and has organized, trained, and commanded the Combat Training Command, our school troops here at TIS. It's essentially the 30th Infantry RCT plus addi-

tional units, with total strength amounting to about 6,000. Daddy expects orders for FECOM in the fall. . . Herbie just arrived about two months ago from FECOM, where he had commanded the 21st Regiment of the 24th Division. He is taking over the Tactical Department here at TIS. . . Gus Herridon, stationed at 3d Army Headquarters but under orders for FECOM, was here at Benning taking a refresher course during the month of May.

Leavenworth sent in the following: Evans, J. B.—Director, Dept. VI, C.&G.S.C. (Non-Resident Instruction): "Here at Leavenworth since November 1949 and good until July 1953. Family growing up rapidly. Shirley married in December 1948 (to the Navy) has produced two grandsons (March '50 and March '52). Sue and Sally, respectively a senior and junior in high school next year, enjoying to the utmost their first continuous chance at an education (3 consecutive years in the same school!) Bill and her favorite eye man (Padfield, KU MED CEN) worked from January '51 to May '52 on cataract removals with complete success—20/20 vision in both eyes! Francis, W. E.—Director, Editing & Publications Dept., C.&G.S.C.: He and Charlotte arrived about the time we did and distinguished themselves by producing a boy in the spring of '50. Steinbeck, Paul — Secretary, C.&G.S.C.: Here about the same length of time we have been. Had a long fight with young Paul and a broken ankle—hospitalized for nearly a year and still on crutches at times—but you'd never hear of it from Paul or Josephine."

Here goes for a compendium of "who's where"—Dave Brown enroute from FEC to command a group in Camp Carson. . . Billy Gear leaving the Staff and Faculty of the AFSC for the ICAF. . . Newt Hunter at AFSC. . . P. D. Harkins a BG and Chief of Plans Division G-3, Department of the Army (now inspecting missions in South America) has Red Cooper and Cal Coolidge as his assistants and Charlie Rau as one of P. O.'s Branch Chiefs. . . Norm Poinier back from Brazil, now at OCAFF. . . Fate Fagg in Air Provost Marshal's Office. He just bought a new house in Seesburg. Ginny and he have 5 kids. . . Dave Buchanan now in OSD-NATO, the Pentagon. . . Ran Kutz now at AWC, Carlisle, going to NWC this August. . . Slim Vittrup at AWC, Carlisle. . . Tony Costello still in G-3, OCAFF, Monroe. . . Paul Freeman, mentioned in General Ridgway's address to Congress. . . Tiny Jark, a BG, commands the 1st Cav. Div. Arty. in Hokkaido. . . Lou Hammond at Knox says that there are only three classmates there, himself heading the Weapons Department, Ed McNally, G-3 of the Armored Center and

McKay Greeley in the process of taking over the Research and Evaluation Department. . . Swede Svensson, in G-2, FEC, was finally smoked out of his hole in the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, when that relic of the '24 earthquake was returned to Japanese control. . . Bob Chard, after chasing personnel matters for G-1, FEC all week can be seen most any weekend at the Koganei Golf Club where he shoots in the low eighties. He even took enough time out to oversee the award dinner at the end of the Spring Tournament. . . Kai Rasmussen, as usual, keeps himself mixed up with all people from all countries. They were all there at a recent affair he and his charming wife gave at the FEC Officers Open Mess. Sometimes you can't tell whether Kai is in the State Department or G-2. . . Charlie Allan keeps track of the G-3 business for the XVII Corps in northern Honshu, Japan. Between his trips to Tokyo and Stateside (including Idaho) his office buddies are getting to know him fairly well. . . Don Zimmerman and his son Mike beat their way around the course a few times in the Koganei Golf Tournament. Between them they managed to come up with a trophy. Looks like having the family around makes a difference! . . . Ward Abbott has been slinging asphalt and concrete since he became Director of Installations for the Far East Air Forces.

Eileen Renshaw very happily sent the following from Washington: "Eddie Mays left for Japan in March. Ruth hopes to join him sometime this summer. Kirkpatrick has orders to the Far East Command after graduation from the Industrial College in June. Renshaw likewise has been ordered to the Far East Command, destination probably Okinawa. While Bill Hamlin is off to Alaska and other spots on a business trip, Ruth is visiting her daughter, son-in-law and year-old granddaughter on the West Coast. P. K. Morrow is in town for a few weeks and will then leave for Argentina to be attached there. Bill Maulsby, we hear, is at Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver. We're sure it won't be long before he's back on the job again. Johnny Nesbitt, whose boy entered West Point last fall, is doing a marvelous job helping other classmates' sons get in. The class of '29 wives got together for several luncheons during the year, which were well attended and most enjoyable affairs. Attention, '29 class wives coming to Washington for station this summer: Call Jackie Nichols, Em. 0897, for information about the next luncheon."

Harding in O&T and Chaffee and Hattan in Opns., G-3 Department of the Army. . . Keeping people out of trouble legally on the first review board in the Pentagon are



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Chandler and Jones. Bat Carns and Joe Ladd are ganging up on the JCS Secretariat.

Doc Kearney is phasing out as head of the Market Center in Chicago and headed for the ICAF. He reports that Anderson, R. L., is AG, Fifth Army, that Dick Carpenter retired as a lieutenant colonel and is in commercial advertising, address 139 N. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park, Ill., that Bob Evans is a big wheel with the U.S. Gypsum Company, he is production manager of the Atlantic Division and vice-president of the Panama Gypsum Company, his address is 300 West Adams St., Chicago. . . Jeff Seitz is G-4ing at 2d Army, Fort Meade. . . George McAneny stopped by enroute to Chicago for station (Food & Container Institute) from Germany. He is the 4 wall handball champion of the Gressen Military Academy sub-post.

I go and listen to Abe Lincoln, lecture every chance that I get. As you know, Abe is away from here almost as much as he stays here. His fine wife, Freddie, is happy that lately he's been around. . . Fellows and wife stopped by for a few minutes. Their daughter married a cadet. He has a training regiment in the 101st Airborne, Camp Breckinridge.

June Week, being an off-year for '29, didn't attract too many from the class. I saw Danny Sundt, Charlie Rau, and Johnny Nesbitt. The class of '27 were here in division strength.

The Jubilee Convocation ceremonies, held here on 20 May in a steady Hudson River Valley downpour, were very impressive. It was, in reality, the last event of the Sesqui-centennial year. Paul Harkins came up from Washington for the day wearing his brand new star. Educators and men of distinction from all parts of the world were present.

How about organizing an editor-in-chief in your area to send in poop for these notes? Cover the waterfront. Tell about the wives and children. My oldest daughter, Linda, is in Bennett Junior College; Anne in Highland Falls High School (Fritzie Lincoln and she are classmates) and Stephen in the Post School. Ethel's Georgia accent was not too affected after two years in England.

LATE FLASHES . . . Lefty Mace writes from Headquarters V Corps that he is now in the G-2 business and likes it. His son Waddy is finishing high school and wants to come here and be a cadet. His fine wife Ginny is well and they all seem to be enjoying their assignment. His daughter Virginia's husband has gone to Turkey and she is going to join her father and mother in Frankfurt soon. Lefty says Tom Griffin commands the 12th Infantry in the 4th Division; that Joe Horridge is 7th Army Ordnance Officer; Chan Robbins commands the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment; and Pee Wee Merrill is Subpost Commander at Grafenwahr training area. . . Paul Caraway, now the head American representative at NATO Defense College, says that so far none of our class has been elected, appointed or otherwise forced into NATO Defense College's sacred, cloistered halls. He mentioned seeing Paul Freeman and Tommy Sands with one of the National War College Groups. He gave them a briefing and had lunch with them. He says he sees very little of Merle Thompson, who is at the Ecole de Guerre Superieure, because both seem to maintain busy schedules. He mentioned seeing Bob Ward as he passed through SHAPE enroute to Holland and that Midge and Midgie are to arrive soon and join him. . . Jim Sladen says that Dutch Kraus is in Heidelberg working in OPOT and that Ed Murphy is the Post Q.M. of Heidelberg. He said he saw Dick Wentworth and that he is with the Air Force in Fontainebleau and is one of Larry Norstad's big wheels. He says that Marge and Pat are fine and that his son Fred is joining them shortly. . . Radius of gyration Thos. J. (Torque) DuBose writes from Wiesbaden, 1602 Air Transport Wing

that Myles Brewster is there and is working for Ted Landon, who is Deputy Commander of USAFE. He said that Myles is in the planning business and is doing extremely well and that he has taken unto himself a new bride. He also mentioned Jack O'Hara over in London, and says that from what he is able to understand O'Hara is working hard for the first time in his life. Tom himself says that he is just completing a three year tour running MATS in Europe and North Africa, which has proved most interesting. He says that he is sailing on the first boat in August for his new assignment—Commanding Officer of the world-wide Air Rescue Service. He feels that it will prove to be an interesting assignment with its world-wide requirements. His headquarters will be in Washington. Everybody in the class can feel safe and secure, now that Torque is going to rescue us all.

—P. H. D.

## 1931

The latest news here at West Point is the losing of the Commandant of Cadets, but what is "The Corps" loss is the Army's gain. Johnny Waters and Bobo Beishline have relinquished their National War College assignments to become One-Star Generals.

June Week came and went and there were four sturdy members of the Class in the Alumni Parade. Charlie McNair appeared from Valley Forge and Dean Herman and his family arrived for a one-day stay while driving through on leave.

Luke Cron has just been detailed as Army Attache to the new kingdom of Libya, with station in Tripoli. Anyone passing through Wheelus AFB, be sure to look him up. Luke reports he gets kind of lonesome out there but can offer plenty of libation, as fire water is cheap.

Mickey Moore, Commanding General of the 13th Air Force is now a Two-Star General.

The largest conglomeration of '31 at Carlisle has been busted up and many have swelled the ever-increasing population of Washington, D. C.

Doc Welsh is doing a fine job at the helm of the Valley Forge Hospital. Incidentally, he retires this coming Christmas.

The undersigned intends to continue these notes as long as there is anything fit to print. When you hear anything that might be fit to print, please forward it on so we can keep you posted as to what is happening.

—Dickson.

## 1932

Well, the Twentieth Reunion of the Class of 1932 has! The consensus of opinion seems to be that it was highly successful. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend, here are some of the highlights.

Who was here: The following classmates appeared sans fumble: Bugs Cairns, Charlie Baer, Ed Chace, Hunter Harris, Ben Webster, Torgils Wold, Ken Zitzman and Harley Trice. (The local gendarmerie also reported the presence of Maddy Garland and Loney Campbell at Graduation Parade). The following classmates and their wives also attended: Frank and Nancy Besson, John and Liz Bowen, Henry and Dolores Britt, Wally and Ann Brucker, Bill and Fran Call, Danny and Ruth Daniel, Frank and Hilda Deisher, George and Betty Descheneaux, Johnny and Vi Gavin, Jimmy and Fran Godwin, Charlie and Harriette Hassman, Bob and Betty Hewitt, Lauri and Edna Hillberg, Tuffy and Mrs. Horner (and the latter's sister), Hutch and Ava Hutchison, Roscoe and Jo Huggins,

Al and Nora Gerhardt, Archie and Helen Lyon, Jim and Eleanor McCormack, Tom and Maxine McDonald, Steve and Thelma Mellnik, Andy and Ruth Meulenber, Bob and Corinne Moore, Milt and Ruth Ogden, George and Carol Power, Ray and Mathilde Stecker, Rachel and Bobby Sundt, and Willie and Alice Williams, and Alice's sister. In addition, Rush Lincoln was here with his fiancée, Dorothy Oxford, and Duke Hoehl had Captain Mimi Palmer as his guest. The Bessons, Bruckers, Calls, Daniels, Deishers, Descheneaux, Gavins, Godwins, Hassmans, Hewitts, Horners, Hutchisons, Lyons, Mellniks, Ogdens, Powers, Sundts, and Williams' brought along some or all of their children and, to make the Reunion more perfect, we were privileged to have Mary Blair and Mary Cain with us for the festivities. All in all, it was a wonderful turnout. The men, and their sons, stayed in Cadet Barracks, while the women and children were housed in the Post School.

The Reunion Dinner on Saturday, 31 May, set the program off on the right foot. We had cocktails in the Gray Room of the West Point Army Mess, and then moved into the Main Dining Room for dinner and dancing. They're still talking here about the '32 group that was going strong at 4:00 a.m.

Unfortunately, Sunday, 1 June, was a miserable, rainy day, but it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of '32. The Superintendent's Reception was well attended, and the group gathered again in the West Point Army Mess for cocktails and a buffet supper. Red McKeown had sent some beautiful pieces of jewelry to be distributed to the class and these were parceled out to those fortunates whose numbers were drawn. Red had intended to appear on Sunday, but was unavoidably prevented from attending. (Our thanks to Red for his thoughtfulness in sending on the jewelry.)

If Sunday was a miserable day, Monday, Alumni Day, could not have been improved upon. The day was clear and sunny, and West Point was never more beautiful. We gathered in front of Cullum Hall for the Alumni Procession to Thayer Monument where the Alumni Exercises were held. Although the procession was replete with quips and repartee, the exercises themselves were serious in nature; few, if any, of our worthies didn't experience a profound feeling as the choir rendered the "Corps" and "Alma Mater" so perfectly. After these exercises, the Alumni moved to the Plain to receive the Review by the Corps. It was generally agreed that the Corps has not gone completely to the hot place, even though a hovering helicopter flew so low as to drown out the music and make marching difficult.

After the Review, the ladies adjourned to the Mess for luncheon, while the male contingent attended the Alumni Luncheon in the Mess Hall. The younger male element of the Class served admirably as water corporals, etc., at each table, and, I'm sure, were as thrilled as their proud fathers watching them.

After the business meeting of the Association, we proceeded to the Post Cemetery for the memorial exercises for our deceased classmates. We placed a wreath on the grave of each classmate buried at West Point, after a few words were spoken at each grave. Special thanks are due Steve Mellnik, who spoke on Erv Somerville; Wally Brucker, on Dan Spengler; Hank Britt, on Roger Black; Jim McCormack, on Jim Cain; Torgils Wold, on Dan Mulcahy; Milt Ogden, on Paul Bunker; and Ed Chace, on Jimmy Cunningham; as well as to Grank Besson, who so feelingly memorialized those deceased classmates who are buried at places other than West Point.

A few random notes on the Reunion: Ken Zitzman was fortunately on TDY in Washington from SHAPE and was able to wangle a few hours off to attend. Bob and Corinne Moore came in from Okinawa; Bob will be with the ROTC at Fordham University.

The Gavins, Hillbergs and Powers had to take off Sunday so as to be back at Carlisle Barracks bright and early Monday morning for a war game at the Army War College. Bugs Cairns, who could easily wear his cadet uniform today, is on his way to EUCOM.

Notes from here and there: By Paige reports from Carlisle Barracks that Gil and Peggy Adams, Jerry and Jeannette Epley, Goody and Alice Goodrich, Tom and Ermine Hannah, Bill and Olga Massello, Mik and Bunny Mikkelsen, Ed and Billie Howarth, and George and Carol Power have been ordered to Washington. Gil goes to the Office of the Secretary of the Army, Jerry to G-1, Goody to JCS, Tom to the Office of Secretary of Defense, Bill and Mik to G-3, Ed to MDW, and George to Office of the Chief of Staff. By, himself, and Suzy, go to XVIII Airborne Corps at Bragg. Frank Britton and Ed Hartshorn go to SHAPE, with Mary Lou and Dottie to follow in due course of time. Lauri Hillberg and George Mather move to EUCOM; Edna and Billie await their port calls. Edna has taken an apartment in Highland Falls. Johnny and Vi Gavin go to Leavenworth, where Johnny will be on the faculty. John and Betty Coughlin go to Monroe with Army Field Forces. Dwight and Flo Beach, Jack and Betty Welborn, and John and Bedie Keating remain at Carlisle on the War College faculty, and Bill and Kay Ellery have already joined the faculty group there.

By reports: "On 9 June we held our final party, featuring a white elephant auction followed by Bingo for the proceeds. The principal prop for the auction was an eight-foot, solid walnut one offered for sale by Jack Welborn. After some argument over legal aspects, it was put on the block and sold to Eddie Hartshorn, who figured it might come in handy if he flies to Europe. The highlight of the evening, however, was Flo Beach's attempt to dispose of a struggling buck rabbit over Dwight's protests. When it became clear (while Flo was holding him up by the ears)—the rabbit, not the Robot—that he was not housebroken (still the Rabbit, not the Robot), the bidding lagged and there was no sale. Even so, the Beach's cleaned up. I myself got a dandy bargain in a plastic handled combination meat saw and orange juicer offered by Frank Britton who hadn't been able to get past Page 3 of the instruction booklet. Captain Ralph Wilson, USN, Naval Academy '32, has been duly initiated as an honorary member

of the Class. You'll find him somewhere in the JCS next fall. And Mary Blair was with us for our party; she sends regards to all her friends". (See cut—for everybody but the rabbit—where did you hide him, Robot?)

Wally Brucker reports that the Washington Chapter wound up its 1951-52 social program on 17 May with a dinner dance at the Army-Navy Country Club which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 50 members and ladies who attended. The next get-together is tentatively scheduled for mid-September, during which the annual election (?) of officers will be held. Wally lists some previously unreported arrivals in Washington: Jimmy Godwin, Hunter Harris, John Hutchison, and Herb Thatcher. On the loss side of the ledger, Chris Dreyer has gone to Newfoundland and Lou Truman to FECOM (by way of Benning). Hal Walmsley and Jim McCormack now have their offices in Baltimore. Hal is moving his family there soon but Jim will continue to commute from Chevy Chase for the time being. Jim, who drives between Washington and Baltimore twice daily via U.S. 1, is contemplating applying for hazard pay. Roy Moore is slated for the National War College this fall. Departures from Washington will be Loney Campbell to an Air Transport Wing in Europe; Bob Hewitt to FECOM; Duke Hoehl to liaison duty with the Army Division Engineer at Portland, Oregon; Harvey Huglin to Great Falls Air Force Base, Montana; D. B. Johnson to SHAPE; Rom Puryear to command the 33rd Air Division at Oklahoma City; Ed Simenson to Guam; and Buck Thielen to Princeton University. Other changes of station include Dan Gilmer from Korea to Sixth Army and Bill Smith to Casablanca. Norm Lanckenau has been retired for physical disability. Steve Braude from Washington, and Lazy Lazar from Fort Baker, California, go to NATO Defense College. Wally says that Lazy recently visited Washington and furnished visible evidence that famine has not yet struck the Pacific Coast.

Mary Cain writes in: "With hesitation I accepted the invitation to be present at the 20th Reunion—now I am wondering why I hesitated. The Reunion will hold a cherished spot in my book of memories. Will the Class of 1932 please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks for a wonderful weekend, barring of course the couple of mornings I was awakened by pixies pounding in-

side my head". It was wonderful that you could be with us, Mary!

Among the new cadets who will report here to the Class of 1956 will be Terry Stewart (the Class god-son); Jeff Childs, Bob Hewitt's son; and Landon Head's son. Margaret Adams writes that their oldest son has just finished his first year at VMI and is now a corporal there. With Army playing VMI in football next season, the Adams' really have a problem in figuring out which team to cheer for!

Other random notes received: Dave Schorr is at Bragg; he had planned to attend the Reunion but was unable to do so as his boss had the same idea. Dave arrived at Bragg in October from Panama. El Davis is with I Corps in Korea but is due back soon for the Army War College Course. Bill Culp is now in Puerto Rico and is due back in July this year. Tom Darcy and Jack Price have things under control at Fort Snelling, where Tom commands the 31st Air Division. Bill Davidson is at Ripon College in Wisconsin. Joe Gill is now at SHAPE, or on his way there. Milt Glatterer is on his way to FECOM. Joe Golden is in Puerto Rico. Beany Goodwin is at Fort Sam Houston. George Grunert is in the investment business in San Antonio. Landon Head is in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. George Kumpe is with the Engineers at Milwaukee. Bill McNulty is at the Army Language School in Monterey, California. Bill Menoher is in Denmark. Bill Moore is on his way to Hawaii, and Del Pryor is due back from the Far East this summer. Harry Quartier is in Europe, and Stan Sawicki is in Berlin. Al Schroeder is attending law school in California. John Steele moves from Hawaii to Camp Hanford, Washington, this summer.

If you've been reading on in the fond expectation that your efforts would be rewarded at the end with an epistle from the one and only Zitzman, I regret that Ken was unable, midst his many duties at SHAPE, to compose his usual contribution.

—Ed Burke.

## 1933

To Fran Gates goes the honor of having the first Class son to enter the Corps, her son Sam finished number one in the competition for the Sons of Deceased Veterans appointment. Congratulations, Fran!

This June Week was a little dull for the Lucky Star boys, just a letdown before that one and only 20th Reunion! Jim Boswell took a week off in order to look out after his Dad for his 50th Reunion. Jim did nobly and made the Alumni Review without the benefit of dark glasses. Bear Eyer was the other visiting fireman that made the Review. Rosy Grubbs blew in from the 38th Air Div., Hunter Air Force Base, Ga. in time for the Alumni Luncheon. Pinky Webster drove up from Mitchel Field for a few hours the day of the Supe's reception.

The Sunday following June Week the local contingent took one of Jake Messersmith's yachts up the Hudson to Bannerman's Island and back to Constitution Island for a picnic. There were kids all over the place and, much to everyone's amazement, they behaved. Dwight Devine was a surprise visitor that day up from Orlando, Fla. on a business trip. He has abandoned the bait business for the water-proofing business. The hurricanes will get you unless you have Devine protection.

When in Washington in early April I went around to thank Spic Gandia for all the poop he sent me and much to my surprise found out that he had departed post-haste for Madrid.

Follows the Odyssey of Lass Mason—after two hectic years in the Pentagon as Dep Chief of the Communications Systems Division of the A.F. he retreated to be a stu-



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dent at the Air War College, enjoyed renewing a delightful association with Marjorie and Bill Ryan, who was holding down a fat-cat instructors job at the Air Univ. Following an annual physical he finds himself in Walter Reed with that same old liver that was damaged while a POW in Japan. He couldn't out-talk the medicos and retire him they did. Having believed all that he had read about California he took off in that direction to participate in the aircraft construction program. However, like yearling furlo, it turned out to be a snare and a delusion and, despite the efforts of Gordon Larson (he makes the smog), he yielded to the lure of Florida. En route he stopped in the Big Bend country at Marfa, Texas, where Bill Daniel's wife and family were awaiting the port call to join Bill in Germany. He claims that old Fort Sam is not what it used to be, but that Bill Frenzell, McClelland and Bob Arnette bear some resemblance to what they used to be. On arriving at Arlington, Florida, he found that the state had room for one more retired brass, and forthwith took over the presidency of Arlington TV, an electronic consultant outfit. The latch string hangs out for all classmates on the banks of the St. Johns river, near Jacksonville, Fla.

The "Reverend" Signer dropped in this spring while east on a business trip for the housewares dept. of the home office of Sears & Roebuck in Chicago. Bill (W. H.) Thompson visited West Point this spring for the first time since '33, he is a surveying and consulting engineer in St. Petersburg, Fla. Frank Kleitz represented New Mexico Mil. Inst. at the Jubilee Convocation ceremony here, complete with cap and gown. He, too, is a recent father (Dec. 1951) and hangs his hat in the Pentagon.

Did you know that Chet De Gavre is an expert carver—his hobby is carving miniature duck decoys. This past fall a Sunday newspaper supplement gave him a three page write-up complete with photos.

Many classmates wonder what Charley Wynne is doing at the hospital in Waterbury, Conn. Why, he merely runs the joint. Classmates are welcome either at home or in the hospital.

George Powers writes from Naples that he and Frank Zeller are going to leave Freddie Coleman to hold the sack as Admiral Carney's special assistant to the C/S, whilst George enjoys learning the facts of life from Jimmy Polk of the Faculty at the AWC and Frank appears doomed to the Pentagon. They have gotten together with Phil Pope a few times, who has been in Rome with the Mil Aid Grp and who is also scheduled to head for AWC.

Annemarie (Susan) takes pen in hand for "too busy" Wally Thinner and writes from SAC, Omaha, Neb. As a result of attending the Air Staff Course prior to heading for SAC she would like to pass on a special tip to visiting firemen going to Maxwell—Bill Ryan makes the best Martinis on either side of the Mississippi. She adds, confidentially of course, that they are expecting an addition this Oct.

Bill Quinn, Billy Clarke and Pete Bellican ganged up to elect Hurlly the Washington scribe, following Spic Gandia's hurried departure for Spain. What he writes about them is strictly censorable. The class luncheon in May had a small turnout, for the War College boys were busy getting the fifty cent strategy tour. June provided them with an excuse for a bang up dinner dance at McNair. There were so many there they couldn't tell who was missing. Among the out-of-town visitors were the Neelys from Bragg, the Fletters from Monroe and the Leydeckers from New York. Charley was visiting Marc Teague for the affair and as a result Truesdell made the supreme sacrifice and lifted the center of gravity out of the chair. The Truesdell better half looks younger all the time and was accused of

being his eldest daughter. That old "K" Co. Don Juan, Gillon, provided one of the evening highlights with his Guy Lombardo slow stuff mixed up with jive and four syllable words. Ed Cahill and wife spent the evening explaining how and why she broke her ankle, they both contend that Ed only beats her occasionally. The real feature of the affair was that Jim Boswell didn't take a drink all evening, maybe because Pat is expecting the stork shortly and he must keep in good driving condition. Other expectants are the Walt Jensens in Washington and the Bob Cyrs in Detroit. The race for the last child in the Class is wide open. The student members of the National War College constituted the committee for the dinner-dance, with Fitz Hartell and wife doing the driving.

Cam Longley just moved to Paris as will Bob Tripp and Meyer, R. J., in the near future. They will join Dodd Starbird and Johnny Cleveland, Elise and children have just sailed to join Johnny. When General Ike returned from Europe, who was in the very center of the activity but the old slicker Pete Carroll, who is headed for the National War College.

Joe Stilwell, Steve Fuqua, Dave Gray, Red Akers, Downing and Dick (RD) Meyer are reported as headed for the Far East, where they will no doubt join Roy Reynolds and Pop Risden. Roy is C/S of the 3rd Div and Pop has taken over Bill Quinn's old outfit.

McClelland called Hurlly long distance from Texas the other night and, for a change, didn't reverse the charges; the occasion was Mac's 18th wedding anniversary. He reports that he is planning to drive one of his refrigerated trucks (Zero Line) to the 20th reunion, so that we can keep the beer cold and well supplied with ice. Bob Arnette has been in business with Mac, but more recently he has been a patient in Walter Reed, where he underwent a successful heart operation and is now back in San Antonio recuperating. It must have been the annual West Point dinner that set Bob back. Bill Frenzell, Jug Shields, McClelland and Blackie Myers all accompanied him to the San Antonio affair. Bob is appreciative of all the classmates and wives who looked after Jean and him while they were in Washington.

Thanks to Hurlly for all the poop.

—C. H. M.

## 1934

June Week, 1952, saw a trickle of '34ers return to USMA for "reorientation" Jim Walsh and John Lawlor drove up from Washington on Sunday, June 1st, participated that evening in an informal class get-together sponsored by Howards and O'Connells, and took in the Alumni Exercises and Luncheon on the following day. They left Monday afternoon for the return trip. Jim is a member of the Joint Staff, assigned to JLPG, and John is a student of international relations, at Georgetown University. John says that Tom McCrary, being PMS&T at that institution, is theoretically his boss. Tom is expecting to change station shortly; John expects to be at Georgetown for two more semesters.

Paul Turner, on a business trip which carried him all the way from Gainesville, Ga., to Vermont, stopped by at West Point for the same length of time as Walsh and Lawlor. Paul reports that the insurance business is good and that the Turner family is fine. P. S. Brown, complete with family, visited West Point for the first time since graduation, showing up just in time to get into the alumni march from Cullum Hall to Thayer Monument. He attended the Alumni Luncheon, too, but disappeared after the chow was gone and just as the speakers began warming up. Perry Griffith sent a last-minute message from Kirtland Air Force

Base, New Mexico, saying he was forced by circumstances to cancel his planned flight back to West Point.

The laurels for the best class reporter go this time to Lee Miller, who, in early April, just before departing on a European jaunt, sent a report of activities in Washington, and then followed up in late May with an account of the people he had seen or heard about on his trip. Lee's early April report contained the following information: "Axel" Waugh was a newly-assigned member of G-4; Shaughnessey was "prepping" in G-2 for an Indo-China assignment; Bill Craig was reported ready to leave soon for EUCOM, while Tom Crystal was due to go to Paris; John Anderson had left in March for St. John's, Newfoundland; Kaspar Beazley, then engaged on an academic paper at home, attended the March luncheon in Washington, as did Bill Ewing, one of our "foundlings", who now works in the Navy's Bureau of Ships at the Pentagon.

Lee's post trip report, dated 21 May, told of the following: Bob Tyson, CO of 36th FA Group; Jack Seaman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, EUCOM; Ted Bilbo, EUCOM Budget Officer; Stan Brown, G-4 Office, EUCOM; Charlie Brown, Deputy Director of Public Information, EUCOM; Charlie White, Deputy Chief of Staff, VII Corps; Bob Adams, G-1, Seventh Army; Dave Routh, G-1, Allied Land Forces, Central Europe. Thanks very much for helping keep this column in business, Lee.

Jack Donoghue sent the following report from Washington in April: "During the 1951-52 season, our Washington roster has hovered around 50 names. Additions just about equal departures. It may startle you to know that about one-quarter of our class members are either on Washington duty or on civilian status in Washington.

"Since 1946, when Seaman organized the first Washington class luncheon, the reunion instinct has fostered a cohesive and continuously developing organization for get-together purposes. We trade on Higgins' name to make use of the Pentagon General Officers' Lounge for monthly luncheons, usually the first Wednesday of each month. On April 2 we had an all-time peak attendance of 30 classmates.

"Washington Club secretaries have included Seaman, Stone, Franklin, Barnes, Anderson, Crystal and now Donoghue. (Apology to anybody whom the aged memory omits.)

"Following are civilians: Fuller, retired, working for CIA; Denson, now in private law practice; Beazley, retired; Lamb, a lawyer for the Navy; Ewing, working for the Navy; Donoghue, a financial news writer and editor.

"On active military duty in Washington are Ashworth, Barnes, Betts, Blair, Bruce, Cook, Craig, Crystal, Dany, Davis, K. L., Darrah, Diefendorf, Donovan, Foote, Gilman, Higgins, Hill, Hubbard, Killian, Lawlor, Luehman, McCrary, Miller, L. C., Norvell, Peca, Rogers, T. D. (at Fort Belvoir), Sanders, Shaughnessey, Simenson, Shuck, Sluman, Smoller, Symser, Stanley, Stark, Stevens, Tibbets, Volekman, Walsh, J. E., Warren, Waugh, Winn, Wolfe, and Yarbrough."

So much for the formal report. Jack also reported a move afoot in Washington for the taking over by '34 of the management of the Cotillion Club, a dance club for Service teen-agers in Washington. This organization, established and supervised until recently by the Class of '24, has a membership of about 200 boys and girls and sponsors some six dances a year, at Fort Myer. We have no definite report as to final action on this proposal. Rumor has it, however, that the Class has indicated strong support of the idea. By the way, Donoghue's address is: 607 Albee Building, Washington 5, D. C.

A recent report on Chemical Corps members of the Class pins them down as follows: Ron Martin, Chemical Officer, Headquarters,

Seventh Army, EUCOM; Kenny Cunin, CO, Deseret Chemical Depot, Tooele, Utah; Pee-Wee Fellenz, CO, 81st Chemical Mortar Group, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Emory Lewis, Deputy Commander, Chemical Corps Research and Engineering Command, Army Chemical Center, Md. (scheduled for FECOM this summer).

Hank Ebel sent in the following information in June: "Just a line to let you know that I am now with the US Army Mission to Venezuela and we are living in Caracas and liking it very much, especially the delightful climate. The only classmate we have seen is Pop Womack, who was here a few months ago to judge some horse shows."

The list of Army students to attend the AFSC course starting in September included Stilson Smith and Dick Weber. The wind-up of this year's course at the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, finds our people scattering as follows: Heck Davall to EUCOM; Meade Dugas to the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth; Hal Edson to Headquarters XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg; Bob MacDonnell reportedly headed for EUCOM. Charlie Johnson's name is on the list of students for the next course at AWC. The Andreas announce the birth of a son, Herbert Henry, at Carlisle Barracks on 16 May 1952. Congratulations!

Tom O'Neil is scheduled to move in August from Camp Kilmer, N. J. to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington. A graduate of that institution in 1949, Tom returns as a faculty member. A recent article in the *Army-Navy-Air Force Register* mentions Don McPherson as head of the Automotive Section at the Infantry School, Fort Benning.

The Sesquicentennial Jubilee Convocation, held at West Point on 20 May, brought back Jerry Higgins in his capacity as a former Commandant of Cadets, and Ralph McKinney, newly arrived at Fort Monmouth, representing the Commandant of the Signal School. Ralph Bucknam and his family also drove up from Long Island, despite the pouring rain, to attend the ceremony.

That exhausts our supply of information for the present. Your letters and gossip are always welcome. How about a few more following Lee Miller's lead?

—W. J. R.

## 1935

The Class will be extremely shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Aaron Tyler in an F-94 aircraft accident in Japan

late last month. I am sure that Pete's loss will be a tremendous one for the Air Force. Probably most of you have seen an occasional press release about his outstanding performance in Korea. His promotion to Brigadier General some few months back was an acknowledgment of the marvelous job that Pete had been doing. A letter from Glenn Thompson received today (5 June) from Japan gives the following: "Monty Saxton, Downs Ingram, and I represented the class at Memorial services held on May 30th, which were very nice. There were lots of people present and many, many flowers".

Somers Dick writes from Fort Leonard Wood that he is now 20th Brigade Exec and that Pickard is G-3, 6th Armored Division. From Germany a note from Milt Rosen has him moving from Garmisch to Darmstadt where he will take over as C.O. of the Sub-Post. John Duffy writes from Third Army down Atlanta way that he is in the G-1 business. Says that he has seen Charlie Hoy, who is in charge of sales promotion for Sears Roebuck in the Atlanta area, and who has gotten himself de-ulcered and in fine shape again. John tells us of Joe Weichmann there in the Comptroller side of things and who recently proved himself a star on the Officers' softball team by belting a homer with two on to win the game, 3-2.

Here are a few addresses that may bring some of you up to date on the whereabouts of some of the class:—Dave Gregg, Engr Sec, EUSAK, APO 301, San Francisco; Bud Russ, 187 Abn RCT, APO 51, San Francisco; Phil Brandt, G-3 Sec, GSUSA, Pentagon; Art Townsend, Dunn and Bradstreet, Jacksonville, Fla.; Bill Yarborough, c/o Navy Fleet Post Office 100, New York; Lee Wallace, US Mission, Iran Imperial Gendarmie, APO 205, New York; Frank Harrison, G-4 Sec, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston; Gilbert VanB Wilkes, PO Box 130, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.; Don Serrem, Lake City Arsenal, Missouri; Allen Peck, TIS, Benning; Wildrick and Segrist, both at AMC, Wright-Patterson, Ohio; Chuck Symroski at AFSC, Norfolk; C. L. Pridgen, Jr., Dept. of Obsn. TAS, Fort Sill. It's gratifying to receive numerous reports on our ex-classmates; let's keep them coming in.

Here at USMA, we really change the guard this summer when Don Phelan and Jack Williamson depart for the Army War College, Carlisle, and Casey Boys leaves to matriculate at the Air War College, Maxwell. That will leave only Break to hold the fort momentarily until joined by John Morgan, coming to the Ordnance Department, and Hugh Exton, probably joining the Tactical Department. This may make a change in the location of Class Head-

quarters desirable, and in accordance with decision of the 1950 Class Meeting. We're dickering with the Washington group, led by Hank Cherry, on this now, and will inform all of the results.

—R. C. B.

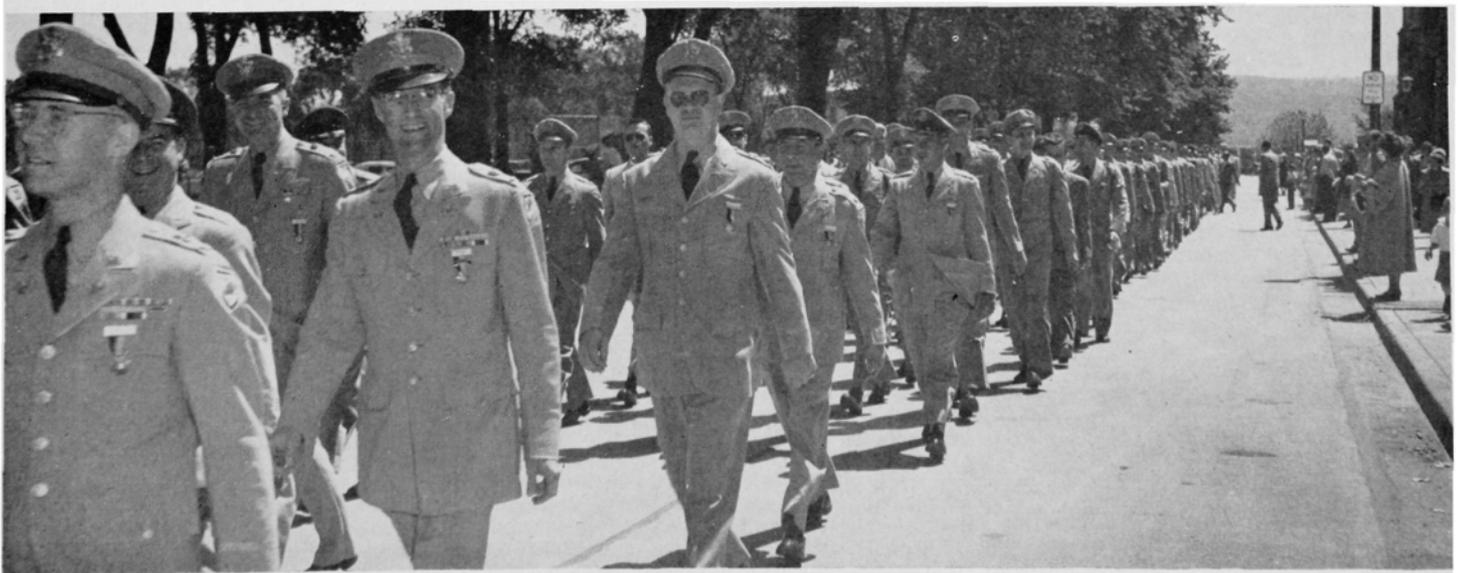
## 1936

"June Week has"—and that completes 16 years for you '36ers. There was certainly a shortage of visiting '36ers during the Sesquicentennial June Week. In fact, I know of only one returnee; Dan and Fran McElheny visited the Academy momentarily on Memorial Day and left the following information: Bob Ferguson in hospital at Carlisle Barracks following appendectomy; Army War College students graduating — Ray Harvey, on orders to JUSMAAG, Greece; Bob Ferguson, Office Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C.; Mac McManus, G-3, D/A, Washington, D. C.; Bruce Palmer to Secretary, General Staff, EUCOM; Ben Turnage and Dan McElheny to Korea; Prussian Heintges to Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe; Rummy Romline, Staff and Faculty, C&GSC, Leavenworth; Jack Chiles, Westy Westmoreland, Bill Hanecke, Orin Swain, staying on Staff and Faculty, Army War College. Bruce Palmer (proud father of Bruce Palmer, III) had previously submitted the above information and enlarged upon it in that he stated he was replacing Howie Snyder and that next year's class, AWC, will have '36 representatives as follows: Ace Miller, Gene Lockhart, Abe Abrams, Chuck Billingslea, Van Sutherland, Bill Yarborough and Jack Kelly.

Letter from Hank Lynn states that he will shortly be assigned to AAA troops in ZI; Bob Kessler on graduation from General Staff course to Atomic course at Sandia and, following that, is scheduled to head for EUCOM. Freddy Gaston will take off in the direction of Washington on completion of the course.

Bob Safford sends greetings from Austria and states those present are: Bob Fisher, Transportation Officer; Ike Smith, Exec G-3; Inch Williams, Exec Officer, Salisbury Military Post, and himself, Deputy Chief of Staff USFA. He also stated that he had recently seen Hank Benson, Al Clark and Tom Lawlor who were just passing through.

Clint True wrote from the Air University that he would be in Washington, D. C., after June 15; that Russ Grohs was in Panama and that George Champion, upon completion of school, would go to D. C. Jess Drain was also attending the Air University. Jack



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Kelly, Sandy McCorkle, Bill Kimball, and Bob Quinn are on Staff and Faculty, Air University.

Monty Monteith states the following classmates are seeing Paris in the Spring: Bill Steele, Bev Powell, Gordy Austin, Bill Meaney, Clark Hosmer, Lip Lipscomb, Mike Michaelis and himself. Walt Faiks is at Fontainebleau. Gordy and Mike will be returning this summer and Mike is slated to be Commandant of Cadets, arriving here 24 July. He is also the proud father of a second daughter, as of June 6th.

An April news release from Fort Sill featured Wilbur Griffith, announcing his assignment as Director of the Department of Airborne and Special Operations at the Artillery School. Griff had recently returned from I Corps in Korea.

Note from Glenn Sikes in Bogota, Colombia, stated that he was Assistant Chief of Mission and Professor of Tactics at their War College, and that he saw Rod and Helen Drake quite often, Rod being there as *attache*.

Bill Connor crashed through with a three-page letter about the DC area and the Pentagonites. They had a class party on May 17th, at which Bill attempted to get all to sign up and give him information he could pass on to me. Those present were: Caye and Bob Curran (by the way, Bob is going to the University of Alabama to work on his Ph D); Barbara and Tom Davis; Maxine and Cliff Cordes; Sis and Eddie Miles; Irma and Ham Morris; Peg and Larry Laurion; Jane and Bill Kinard; Madeline and Mick McCormick (en route to Guatemala); Millie and John Bartella; Ginny and Granny Gunn; Gladys and Glen Hoglund; Betty and Chuck Billingslea; Marge and Charlie Pack; Cece and Wright Hiatt; Grace and Ned Norris (Foreign Liaison Section, G-2); Barbara and Bill Landry; Karie and Ken Dawalt; Fran and Dan McElheny; Steve Holderness; Marcelle and Tiger Janof; Rachel and Edgar Thompson; Jean and Ace Miller; Doris and Wally Barrett; Betty and Bill Davis; Anne Clifton (Ted was out of town); Jo and Pete Garland; Hal and Paul Oswald; Howard Persons; Lucille and Ned Broyles; Jean and Tom Hayes (still with District Commissioner); Betty and Bill Connor; and Ev Hahney, (en route to Paris), looked in for a few moments.

A correction of a typographical error in the last column—"Ted and Peg Clark" should have read "Ted and Peg Klock" have adopted a boy and are in Stuttgart. Liz and Allan Peck are the proud parents of a girl, at Fort Benning. The Ripples are still with the Constabulary in Germany; Willie Hendrickson, big insurance in San Diego; Ben Whipple gushing oil with Standard Vacuum Petroleum in New York City, living in Montclair, N. J.; Ray Cato, AMA in Denmark; Chick Childs at Fort Benning. Bill states that those Washingtonites who unfortunately could not attend the party were: the Bub Clarkes (National War College); the Burnetts (OSD, just back from Puerto Rico); the Noakes (OSD also); the Ben Davises; and Bill stopped here for fear that he might be listing some of those who had departed the Washington area.

Many thanks to all of you who have been so kind as to forward the above information.

As for the West Point contingent only four remain at present and one of those (Dud and Dutch Hartman) will depart in August for EUCOM; Ginny and Cecil Spann to Indian-town Gap, Pennsylvania; Red and Polly Holton to Alaska (Polly wasn't too pleased over the prospects of a whale blubber diet); Ellie and Van Sutherland to AWC. Sally and Tet Tetley, Nan and Jack Daly, Jane and yours truly remain here, with Mike Michaelis to join us in late July.

Dutch informs me that Bob Breaks was located at Edgewood Arsenal, the Jacobys at Fort Lewis, and that Micky Mikkelsen's wife has changed her plans and intends to re-

main in the Philadelphia area while Micky is in the Far East; also that Ollie Haywood is with R&D Command, USAF, Baltimore, Maryland.

I know this is old stuff, but I am going to ask a favor of each of you. Due to the terrifically busy period I have just gone through, our class records are in terrible shape. I therefore request that each of you send me a postcard, giving me your present location (including complete mailing address), your duty assignment, wife's name and nickname, number of children and their names, and any other pertinent details, in order that I may get our card file up to date. Frankly, I have a method in this madness—I hope to have a meeting of the '36ers here, come September, and to turn over this Secretary's job to someone else for a spell. Your cooperation in this project will take only a couple of moments of your time and two cents' worth of postcard, so please comply with my request and urge all those with whom you come in contact to do the same, since many of you fail to subscribe to *Assembly*. I might suggest that a subscription to *Assembly* would help the local Secretary of the class, in that your address could then be checked with the Editor, also located here at the Academy. However, regardless of whether or not you subscribe to *Assembly*, please don't fail to fill out and send in the postcard to me.

I have been remiss in failing to mention that we have two additional BGs in USAF: Casey Vincent, as of 15 July 1951, and T. C. Rogers, as of 4 October 1951. Congrats to them, and should any of the rest of you have stars on your shoulders, please notify me.

Best regards to all, and a happy summer vacation from the dwindling number of '36ers at the Military Academy.

—Jim Billy.

## 1937

Our lead item necessarily concerns the 15th reunion. From personal observation, we think it was a pretty successful reunion. We were sorry that more of the classmates couldn't be present, but we are fully aware of today's military and economic situation. To those of you, returning or not, who answered our questionnaires, our hearty thanks. To those of you who did not answer our questionnaires, why not?! Incidentally, the thanks of the local contingent are extended to Coy Curtis for his thoughtful "thank you" note after his return to Washington from the reunion.

The principal events of the reunion, aside from the regular reviews, parades, speeches and exercises, were:

An informal get-together in the bar of the West Point Army Mess after supper on Saturday, 31 May.

A buffet dinner dance at the West Point Army Mess on Sunday, 1 June.

The dedication in the Cadet Chapel of an organ stop, which was given by Captain Phillip G. Lauman (USN, Retired) in memory of his wife and of our late classmate, Phil Lauman, on the morning of Monday, 2 June. (Apparently this formation was held too early in the morning for the old men of '37, for the attendance was sparse.)

A luncheon for the ladies of '37 at the West Point Army Mess Monday noon while the old grads of '37, having doddered their way through the Alumni Review, were resting in Washington Hall during the Alumni Luncheon and the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates.

The great (and I do mean great) finale was a picnic at Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond Monday evening and Monday night. This formation was highlighted by plenty of top-notch food and drink, some fine professional music and a profusion of amateur talent. All those who were able to agree

on anything agreed that this was a fitting climax to our 15th reunion and that with careful living for the next 15 years we might be able to duplicate it at our 30th reunion.

Special note to Chief Evans: we did not have armbands because of the high cost of same; 37 in lights was duly arranged on the mountainside, but because an overanxious operator pulled a previi a couple of nights early, and such persons as the Supe, the Chief of Staff and the IG became aware of same, the lights unfortunately burned no more. It added up to a swell try but no seegar.

Those who were present for all or a part of the above doings (in addition to the local yokels, Eddy and Bob Besson, Dotty and Jim Cosgrove, Olga and Joe Focht, Dotty and Ed Lee, Dotty and Gashouse Martin, Jean and Bob Palmer, Mary Lou and Kelsie Reaves, Ginny and Charlie Register, Lorrie and Ed Spaulding, and Heitor Arnizaut, our affiliate of the class of '37 from the Brazilian Military Academy, whose wife Lourdes was unfortunately hospitalized as the result of an automobile accident and was therefore unable to join us; Heitor's sister, however was able to be present.) Others were: Nancy and Gus Prentiss, Jim Reeves, Helen and Ray Rumph, Audrey and Danny Russell, Linda and Sally Salientes, Solly Solohub, Ruby and Bob Stegmeier, Irmgard and Willy Williams, Fran and Don Shive, Mildred and Ham Fish, Ann and Bill McKinley, Anne and Bill Chase, Betty and Ollie Connor, Helen and Coy Curtis, Lu and Chuck Dannelly and their two cute daughters, Margaret and Catherine. Trapper Drum, Paul Cullen, Pat and Johnny Frazier, Chuck Harrison, Clark Hyzer, Carolyn and Carl Lyons, Babs and Chuck Pfeffer. We also have the report, although no one had the opportunity to confirm it, that Bill Hipps arrived and departed with great celerity on Graduation Day, 3 June, as a member of the party of Mr. Finletter, the Secretary of the Air Force, who delivered the graduation address. Homer (Chappie, the model cadet) Brett didn't make the reunion but arrived a couple of days later and attend a tapering-off party given for the locals by Dotty and Ed Lee.

Take it by and large, in numbers and especially in enthusiasm, we think that the turn-out was very gratifying for old folks like us who are so widely scattered, so indispensable in our duties and so completely broke. As private citizens, we feel that a vote of thanks is in order for Charlie Register as the reunion chairman, Kelsie Reaves as the man in charge of housing, and Joe Focht, as the social boss. Those of us here plan to leave notes and suggestions in the local class file for the benefit of the fortunate one of you who chairmans our 20th reunion (we should live so long).

The attrition here at West Point for next year is something fearful. Departing are Cosgrove for AFSC at Norfolk, Focht for the Pentagon, Lee for Aberdeen, Martin for the Air War College at Maxwell and Spaulding for the land of the Ottoman Turk. No replacements are scheduled. This will leave here for our representation Besson, Palmer, Reaves, Register and our Brazilian friend Arnizaut. Is the place unpopular, are we too high-ranking or low-ranking, or don't we have any drag with the respective Career Managers?

Paul Whittemore writes from Philadelphia that, after retirement, a whirl as an electronics engineer in a Marine Depot in North Carolina and a fine period in telephone work in the Virgin Islands, he is now working for Philco with the expectation of going to Europe shortly to a job with one of the Military Advisory Groups. Ace Stiegler writes from Suffield, Connecticut, where he is employed by the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company, that he is doing well and keeping plenty busy. Eph Graham writes from Washington that the latest luncheon of the

Washington contingent brought forth Brett, Curtis, Dougan, Graham, Harrison, C. J., Hines, C. B., Holloway, Horrigan, Hoska, Johnson, J. R., Magoffin, Mitchell, McElroy, Norvell, Peale, Posey, Russell, D. C., Salientes, Underwood, Wade, Williams, Tincher, and Max Murray. He also tells us that Luke Hoska is going to the Language School at Monterey prior to an MA assignment in Switzerland; that Max Tincher is headed for an MAG job in London; and that Hoska's departure has left Eph as president of the Washington group, with Bruce Holloway succeeding him as local secretary. Belatedly, the class extends its deepest sympathy to Dottie and Eph Graham on the loss of their daughter, Margaret.

A letter from Curt Low reports himself as Deputy for Personnel in Headquarters, Japan Air Defense Force. He tells us that Swede Ohman has returned Stateside and is scheduled to take a Wing in SAC, and that Sonny Gray took over Swede's command, the 3rd Bomb Wing in Korea. George Holcomb is Comptroller in 5th Air Force Headquarters.

Bull Oden is leaving his job as Chief of Staff of the Mission to Turkey and, after paddling about Europe a bit, is returning to attend the Army War College. Joining Bull there will be Gordon Kimbrell and Bill McKinley. Gordon is returning from Germany and Bill just recently left London.

With this, Spaulding, having done his year, signs off as local secretary. The next voice you hear will be that of Bob Beson, who was foolish enough to miss the meeting at which elections for next year's soirees were held and therefore was an obvious and unanimous choice for the secretary's job. Kelsie Reaves and Charlie Register out-shouted Bob Palmer, so Bob succeeds Joe Focht as the local treasurer.

—Lorrie and Ed Spaulding.

## 1938

Only Glace from Philly showed up to help celebrate this Sesqui-June Week. We hope this year's lack of spirit is indicative of shekels being saved and loins being girdled for the fifteen year gatherin' next June. The few of us here at the Point are prepared to do the spade work to make it a noisy and memorable one. All of which means that each and every member of the class must give out with help, poop, cooperation, and eventually—\$\$\$\$\$. To this dollar end, and also to take advantage of those who are about to leave the Post, a brief meeting of the class was held at Art Collin's; it was up to its usual high standard of verbosity and consumption. A standing vote of appreciation was given to Beardsie Learman for the class picnic at Popolo and Nevin Howell's brilliant literary resiliency was pressed into service for one more month.

The fifteen-year book remains a hot potato. GG, in DC, feels that the mob there can't very well do the job—"just can't get together—" Yet Hutchin brags that at a recent party no less than 57 boys and gals got together to whine, dine and dance. We here on the campus don't get the pitch and have come to the conclusion that the air must be cleared on the matter. A sampling poll is in order and many of you will be contacted in the near future to say yes or no and to deliver up the buck for the book, and to give out with more information on yourselves than you have done in the past fourteen years. Some feel that the book in this age of high prices is a chore to do and its sentimental value not commensurate with the costs; perhaps the same idea of a photo collection of the reunion as was done in '48 is the answer. So be prepared to sound off.

Now for some poop on the class in general: Long, Ewing, Laskowsky, Wright, Siren and Adams are down Turkey-way

this from Adams. Duncan is IG of the 9th Air Force and blesses us with the following: Quote . . . "Bill and Taddy Frederick stopped by here enroute from Lima, Peru, to the AFSC at Norfolk. At recent conference of Inspectors General at Maxwell, saw Moe Lemon, Preacher Wells, both in the inspection racket at USAF level, as well as Vin Miles, current I.G. for USAFE. Among the students and instructors at the Air University are Frank Sturdivant, Roy Brischetto, Bob Snyder. Both Frank and Roy have new additions to their families. Lunched recently at the Pentagon with Van Sickle, Junior Spangler, Spicer, and Dean. At the recent maneuvers in Texas, saw Virg Zoller, who is the new C.O. of the 131st Fighter-Bomber Wing under this Air Force. I shall soon have the extreme pleasure of inspecting him and his outfit. Virg enjoys a fine reputation as a commander and will be a valuable addition to the 9th Air Force. This is about the list of the classmates I have seen since returning from a pleasant tour on the military commission in Brazil. Just prior to my return, Dave Sherrard and tribe checked into Rio to start a 3-year tour there as Secy to the U.S. Delegation on the Commission. His APO number is 676, New York. My new address and current station is Pope Field, N. C., where I have large quarters on the post equipped with 2 guest rooms, ready for occupancy. Would be glad to have any of the class drop by and stay with us when they pass this way. At Fort Bragg, which is adjacent to Pope Field, are Bill Ekman, Jess Thomas and Jack Grubbs, whom I see occasionally."

Brooks Willson has Paine AFB (few miles above Seattle) and Al D'Arezzo is finishing up a tour in the north-west as Act. District Engineer, Seattle.

Credit goes to Hutchin for the following wealth of info (orchids to you, Hutch): "The Washington Branch of our Class sets an enviable record in regularly scheduled class events. Twenty-eight classmates turned out for its March luncheon, twenty-one for May. Fifty-seven guys and gals had a wonderful time at the April formal dinner-dance at the Fort Myer Club where Andy Lipscomb lives and reigns as supreme potentate. Andy Lipscomb, Andy Anderson (R. B.), and Henry Hugin were the Special Committee for the latter event.

"It is most interesting to see the number of classmates (25 so far) selected for attendance this Fall at our top level schools, two to the National War College, eight to the Air War College, eleven to the Army War College, and four to the Armed Forces Staff College. Gibson Sisco and Joe Reddoch will attend the National War College. The Air War College gets Glenn Coleman, Harmon, Isbell, Kenzie, Lemon, McBride, Pardue and Pitchford. The Army War College will have Art Collins, Ekman, Hutchin, Izenour, Lahti, Langford, Lipscomb, Lynch, Sternberg, Wansboro and Works. The AFSC will have Chalgren, Hulse, Hal Moorman and Sherrard.

Paul Preuss is finishing up at the National War College, and Chum Morrison is at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Jack English and Bob York are the first to finish the Army War College; Jack goes to Hq Fifth Army, and Bob becomes an Attache.

Roy Hefebower, a good man fresh from a fat and happy life in Japan, has assumed five different working hats in the USAF Staff. Bob Rhine, having been educated locally at Georgetown University, has orders to utilize his higher learning in Plans Division of G-3. Jack Norris is coming soon to take an Attache course prior to heading for Czecho something or other. Greg Lynn, just finished at the AFSC has gone to work for Army Comptroller. Phil Browning, Desloge Brown and W. W. Smith are stationed at Belvoir and are considered members of the Washington Branch."

In conclusion we will add Don Matheson to the roll of permanent personnel at West Point. Don is now in France, courting a Fulbright PhD, and has been named as the new Director of the Museum. Good Luck to all of youse.

—J\*s\*ki.

## 1939

From a copy of the menu of the Founders Day Dinner in Tokyo, Japan, sent to us by Habecker, we see that Lee Kirby, F Company, one of the few remaining bachelors, his finally deserted single blessedness. He married Helen Rodekuhr on 30 November '51. Others in Tokyo are: Latoszewski, who leaves in May for the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base; MacDowell, who is the Air Force member of the Joint Strategic Plans and Operations Group, Far East Command (he also is returning to the Air War College in May); Joseph R. Reeves, wife Gerry and two boys, are with G-3, Plans GHQ; others include Wisdon, Medusky, Pete Clifford, Ed Gallagher, Glenn, Keller, J. H., Smith, E. P., Huey Long, Charley Mount MacBride and Hillhouse.

Ken L. Scott writes from the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California, that D. N. Hall is taking a six months course in Spanish prior to Attache assignment in Bogota, Colombia, and that Art Mouschegan is taking a year course in Persian prior to assuming Attache assignment in Iran. Ken is completing a six months course in Portuguese prior to becoming the G-3 of the Joint Mission in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. B. S. Evans is completing a year course in Nuclear Physics at the Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, California.

From the Army Navy Journal we see that Julian Ewell is going to the Army War College; that Johnson, S. R., Bane and Showalter are headed for the Armed Forces Staff College. From the Armed Forces Staff College we have word from Seth Hudgins that he, "Gib" Gibbons and "Higgy" Higgins are presently at the School. After graduation in July, Gibbons is to go to the Faculty of C&GS, Higgins to the Pentagon, and Hudgins to Third Army. Seth was previously the Chief of Staff of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

Matt Legler and family stopped at USMA on 20 April. Matt is retired and works for Socony Vacuum in Buffalo. He had just spent a few days with Jim Kelly, I Company, who is stationed at Governors Island. Legler reports that the "Duck" McConville is a consulting engineer in Buffalo. Tom Bartel, retired, living in Chicago area and working for Quaker Oats, reported that he would be on hand June Week to see his brother graduate. He reports that other '39ers at the Chicago West Point Society Sesquicentennial Reunion were John Beier, Troiano, and Nickerson. Ray reports from IX Corps Artillery, Korea, that things could be worse. Ray Marlin, having arrived in Iceland, reports that shoe polish is in short supply. Ray is G-3 on the Joint Task Force. Dickerson, back from Korea in December, reports that he is commanding a battalion of trainees at the Transportation Replacement Center at Fort Eustis. He saw Jack Merrill at Westover Air Force Base where Jack is the Base Commander. He also ran into Florence on a train platform in Vienna, Austria, not so long ago.

Phil Seaver reports that Walt Riley is with Post Headquarters at Fort Sam. Matt Bristol is with the G-4 Section, 4th Army. Matt was a key cog in Supply for "Exercise Longhorn"

A PIO release has "Huck" Lampert as Operations and Training Officer at Tennessee Military District. Huck recently return-

ed from Korea, where he was adviser to the 11th Regiment, 1st ROK Division.

According to the latest roster of '39ers in and around Washington, D. C. we see that about 70 of our classmates are holding down the fort there. Here they are with their duty assignments: Allen, A. W., G-1 USA; Allen, R. W., OOA; Billups, J. S., OSD; Boyd, W. S., AFOIN; Camp, R. H., CINOF; Carpenter, J. W., AF; Cassidy, R. F., G-4; Coffey, J. I., USA; Curtin, R. D., AFOPD; Davis, T. W., USA Ord; Dawley, J. P., RDB (OSD); Davison, Mike, C/S; Dickman, Joe, AFOPD; Dolvin, W. G., G-4; Dziuban, W. W., OSD, OMA; Farrell, Norman, AFSWP; Fitzgerald; Ford, Ed R., 1005 SPIG; George, W. C., USA IG; Ginder, A W USA Ret (CIA); Gideon, R. R., Nat War Col; Glawe, Ben, AF; Greer, R. E., AFOAT; Hamilton, Ed, USA; Hanchin, R. J., MB; Hardwick, S. B., AFOPD; Higginson, G., AFOAC; Hoisington, P. M., AF; Hull, D. F., AGO; Hull, Keith, D/MA; Janowski, R. A.; Kinnard, H. W., G-4 R&D; Kouns, C. W., G-2 USA; Hurth, E. H., JAG; Lennhoff, C. D., JAG; Little, R. D., AFOPD; Maslowski, L. C., G-2, USA; Marlin, R. B., McGowan, N. J., AFDAP; McMahon, R. E., IG; Meals, EOAEC; Megica; Miller, R. B., AF; Minahan, D., CIA; Newcomer, F. K., G-3, USA; Norris, J. K., SSPW; Page, R. W., G-3, USA; Perry, J. G., AFDRD; Pickett, G. E., G-4, USA; Pulliam, Mrs. Patty; Reardon, J. V., DRQ; Rogers, D. J., AFAPA; Romig, E. A., DRD; Samuel, J. S., AFOPD; Schellman, B. H., G-3, USA; Schroeder, E. W., IG; Sears, R. C., AF; Shepard, C. L., AGO; Simon, L. A., AFWSP; Schwenk, J. T. L., G-3; Walton, C. M., AFOIN; Weisemann, H., OQMG; Wendorf, H. D., JAG; Wiekbolt, W., OSD; Williams, R. C., NAORPG; Will, Ray, AFPTR; Wilson, J. W., AF; Wintermute, J. S., ORD; and Wood, O. E., G-4, USA.

Here at West Point many changes will take place this summer. Joe Bowman and Louis Kunzig are scheduled to join forces in SHAPE. Brinker steps up to become an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Sciences, where he will be kept company by Bart Lane and Bill Clark. In the Department of MA&E, Thomason departs for duty in the Far East, Nerney will go to Nashville. Danny Tatum is scheduled to go to the Air War College, Walt Winegar to the Command and General Staff School, and Phil Davidson has just joined the department to teach Military History. Harvey Fraser will say goodbye to the Department of Mechanics on his way to C&GS. Remaining at West Point will be Ted Hunsbedt, S-3, 1802d Special Regiment and the following members of the Department of Tactics: Jordan, Grant, Kobes, McConnell, E. T., Meyer and

your scribe for this month, Joe McChristian. Wallach is expected to join us this summer.

"Sailor" Bryne not only remains at the Academy as Associate Professor of English but has been re-elected as the Resident Secretary of the Class of '39. Please forward information to him for the next issue of *Assembly*.

—Joe McChristian.

## 1940

June Week twelve years later was handled well by Baker, Case, Clay, Donohue, Fowler, Light, Marsh, McDonald, McKenney, Milner, Mueller, Parker, D., Pidgeon, Schockner, Strauss and Wynne, who are stationed at West Point. Baumer, Kent, Mastron, Sattem, Yeager, Brown, G. and Brewerton dropped in to help out.

Abbey, a long time member of the Washington set, is going to the Netherlands. Hank Adams is a Regimental Exec in Korea and Woody Alexander is Training Aids Development Officer in the Office of Naval Research at Port Washington, New York. George Aubrey goes to Army Language School in Monterey, California, in preparation for assignment as Assistant Army Attache, Warsaw, Poland. Balthis is back from Indo China and stationed in the Pentagon. Banks at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, and Barton in the Pentagon. Bayerle is molding character as Assistant Director, Officer Candidate School at Fort Bliss. Baker teaching Math at West Point and building bookcases as a hobby. Beaudry at Aberdeen but slated to go to Leavenworth in the fall. Bengston in the Pentagon. Biswanger has his Master's Degree in Business Administration and is doing Quartermaster work in Boston. Bonham is in Alaska, and Bowlby still with JAMAG in London, where he will be joined by McKenney. Brewer is with the 4th Infantry Division in Germany. Danny Briggs is with the Idaho National Guard as Senior Army Instructor. Britt retired and is living at 2043 Prospect Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Brousseau also with JAMAG in London.

Homer Chandler with JLC in Yokohama, and Ray Clock is in Austria. Coleman is in Headquarters 15 A F at March AFB, Riverside, California. Vic Conley is with 25 Division in Korea and Breeder Cook is a candidate for MA in Political Science at Montana State University. Julian Cook in Alaska and Coontz is with Nevada National Guard. Joe Couch and family on way to Okinawa and Crockett is in the Pentagon. Crown is at Fort Meade and Cunningham is

with an AAA Bn. in Korea. Ben Delamater is with AFF Board No. 1 at Fort Bragg, and de Latour is stationed at Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Joe Donohue grading turn-out writs at West Point. Phil Elliott is in Headquarters FEC. Chuck Esau, with Master's Degree in Business Administration from Harvard, now in Germany. Mickey Felenz in the Office, Chief of Staff, The Infantry School at Benning. Rick Ferrill counting crows at SAC in Nebraska and Sid Fisher is in the Pentagon. Flanders is at Limestone AFB in Maine and Dick Free is in Albuquerque. Ford Fuller and P. J. Moore are in the PMS&T Department at VMI, Lexington, Virginia.

Alan Gee at Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia. Roland Gleszer in the Pentagon and Dave Guy is in Evans Signal Lab at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Hackett at Headquarters 7th Army and Haggard is in Los Angeles, California, and is retired. Heinemann is in the automobile business in Bogota, Colombia. Humphrey reports arrival of Joanne Humphrey recently. He lives in Miami Beach, Florida. Jacobs winding up tour as Military Assistant to the Governor of the Panama Canal and is due home this summer or fall.

Belt assigned to Staff and Faculty CGSC along with Cameron, Shanahan and Sullivan. Clapsaddle, Wendell Coates, Victor Hobson, Larkin, Penney and Wendt finish at Leavenworth and transferred to EUCOM. Clement, Ted Davis, Green, Kasper and Millican to FECOM after finishing this year at Leavenworth. Mike Paulick to Turkey and Quaid to the Pentagon. Tom Muller goes to Fort Benning. Dick Kent finishes course at Air War College and headed for FEC. Kintner in the Pentagon. Read his book *The Front Is Everywhere* from the University of Oklahoma Press. Kolda resigned and is a Civil Engineer for the State of California. His address is 6132 Village Road, Long Beach 8, California. Knapp is a lawyer at Port Washington in New York. Krisberg is with Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C. Krauss is in the Office of Chief of Ordnance in Washington. La Breche is C.O. of an Air Base Squadron in Portland, Oregon. Legere has his Master's Degree and Doctorate from Harvard and is now Executive Officer to U.S. Commander in Berlin. Willis Lewis is in the Pentagon. Phil Loofbourrow is on Formosa.

McKenzie now a student at Air War College and his next assignment is Air Attache in Afghanistan, and Dick Mabee is PMS&T, Santa Barbara College of the University of California. Dudley Maxwell is a designer and in real estate in Fayette-



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ville, North Carolina. His address: 216 Woodrow Street. Bull Marling is the tycoon of the Feather River Trading Company. Write for his catalogue at Rough and Ready, California. Tom Monroe takes to a flying carpet in his next assignment as Army Attache, Baghdad, Iraq. Bidwell Moore at Fort Sill. Jim Rat Moore writing letters to the *Antiaircraft Journal* from somewhere in Korea. Steve Morrissey is PMS&T, Central High School in Jackson, Mississippi. Mullin leaves Philadelphia for Turkey mission.

Norris reports arrival of Barry Boyce Norris recently. Robby is in the Pentagon. Dave Parker, who has his M.S. in C.E., leaves West Point for Leavenworth in August. "Moss-head" Parker, who looks dapper with his hat on, is on the Faculty, AFSC in Norfolk, Virginia. Sam Patten at TAS, Fort Sill. Penney to SHAPE in July. Peterson is C.O. of Bn. in 188th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky. Pidgeon to leave West Point for Fort Bliss. Podufaly is Senior Engineer Adviser, Korean Military Advisory Group. Porte in Texas in insurance business. Reinecke at Hqtrs. FEC. Jake Roberts also at FEC. Rogers at Leavenworth but headed for USMA. Father of five boys. Rosen in the Pentagon. Joe Reubel is at Langley AFB in Virginia. Clayton Rust is Assistant to the District Engineer, Walla Walla District, in the State of Washington. Shaunesey is Commandant, QM Food and Container Institute, in Chicago. Shearer is a student at Air War College at Maxwell AFB in Alabama. Shoemaker in FEC and Shoss is in the Pentagon. Sitterson is Secretary of The Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, Wisconsin. Sleeper announces the arrival of Raymond, Jr. about four months ago. Ray is on faculty of Air War College at Maxwell AFB in Alabama. Smelley is in the Pentagon. J. J. Smith is at Wright-Patterson AF Base. Woody Smith in the Pentagon, as is Harry Stella. Donald Stewart in EUCOM. Stirling is in Topeka, Kansas, and Zeke Summers is in the Pentagon. Swift in Headquarters, 7th Army, and Jake Taylor is a Bn. Cmdr. in Korea.

Thommen, retired, is a sales supervisor in Shell Oil Company, Decatur, Illinois. His address is 70 Stony Ridge Drive, Hillsdale, New Jersey. Townsend is Chief, Infantry Branch, Military Department of University of Florida. He is working on his Master's Degree in Political Science. Vanderhoff is in the Pentagon. Tony Wermuth, with his M.A. from Columbia, living in Heidelberg. Wetherill is at The Infantry School at Benning. Wetzel is at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona. Winton back from Korea and will be a student at CGSC. Landon Witt is in the Pentagon.

Collins is at NYQMPA for duty with the Inspection Service but will leave soon for FEC. Manley Perry is on the Staff of the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee and goes to Leavenworth in August. Otis Ulm to EUCOM in August. Mastran to Leavenworth from Philadelphia. Colacicco retired but is still working for the government in Washington, D. C. Jack Kenney is in the 8th Army in Korea. Hank Daniels coming back from Korea. Don Bennett is an aide to General Clark in FEC. Joe Hardin, Dave Byrne, Bill Farthing, Phil Elliott, Chester Freudendorf, Mickey Rooney, Bill Gildart, Jim Rasmussen and Bob Warren are in FEC. Pillsbury is adviser to Japanese Police Reserve and Jodie Stewart is a Japanese Language student in Tokyo. Schmaltz, Bell, and Manzellilo are also in FEC. Gildart reports birth of daughter about six weeks ago. Hamelin still in Washington. Paul Cullen in Korea. Aber reports seeing Jack Wright, an enthusiastic Airborne Infantry Bn Comdr. Cagwin starting Jump School. Jack Harnett is at SHAPE and hears from the Addingtons and Arnolds, who are in Greece. Pat Merchant still in Portugal. Chuck Noble and Ed Black are in SHAPE. Hank Norman stationed at Langley AFB. Klar is in

Washington. Ed Hendrickson expects to go to CGSC in August. Larry Fuller is on a three-months trip to Korea. Crocker, Dodderidge and Wilcox are in Washington. Dibble comes back from EUCOM this summer. Galbreath in EUCOM as is Ahmajan, Goodrich, and Emery. Yeuell and O'Brien, R. A. are at Eschaffenburg. Bill Bennett still in Panama.

Jim Loewus is PMS&T, University of Nevada, in Reno. Shockner off to Ft. Sill for Advanced Officers Course after tour at West Point. Jack Beiser reports to English Department USMA after getting M.A. in English at the University of Pennsylvania. Skip Fowler is Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanics, USMA. Cagwin now a regimental executive officer in 25th Div. Hazeltine reports arrival of Brian Cahill, now about three months old. Campbell is Comptroller, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, Fort Worth, Texas. Rorick is an attorney and associated with Baker, Hostetler and Patterson, in Cleveland, Ohio. Lives at 8811 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio. Rimmer claims Broadway Mansions, Shanghai, China, as his permanent address. Until he can get there he is summering in dry Oklahoma at Fort Sill. Martin Chandler will complete 6 months course in German at Army Language School in preparation for 3 year tour of duty in Switzerland if all goes as planned. Steve Silvasy reports arrival of Janice Lynne, 12 April 1952. Steve is with 7th Army in EUCOM.

Following are in Washington: Bagstad, Barry, Bethune, Bierman, Cassibry, Dalziel, Delaney, Denno, Dodderidge, Downey, Dunham, Dyke, East, England, G., Epley, Ferry, Floryan, Forbes, Goodwin, Haessly, Harrison, Hennessy, Hoover, Hughes, Jung, Knight, Lemley, McCroskey, McFarland, Maedler, Mendez, Meszar, Milton, Minahan, Munson, O'Donnell, Phillips, Rauk, Renola, Renwanz, Roedy, Spengler, Strock, Swank, Symroski, Tyler, Vaughn, Ware, Webster, Wilbraham, Williams, Wohner, and Zahrob-sky. Yeager has left with June and family for Moscow. Watrous, at Mitchel Field, reports arrival of fourth child, second daughter named Sharon.

I have over 125 poopsheets in by now. If you haven't sent yours in, get it in the mail.

—Hank Brewerton.

## 1941

Orders: To EUCOM: Hoebeke; to Salzburg: Barney and Niles; to Ft. Shafter: Wells; to Bliss: Gray; to FEC: Lanigan; to AWC, Maxwell: Locke; to Hq Second Army, Meade: Crouch; to USMA: Purdy; to OCLL, Washington: Callaway; to FEC: Dixon; to ASA, Wash: Brown, J. T.; to G-3 Wash: Cooper, D.; to NY Proc Agcy, NYC: Zott; to Ft. Shafter: Tansey; to Aberdeen: Tonetti; to Director O&T, CADF, Kansas City: Stalnaker; to USMA: Huffman; to FEC: Maxwell, Hauser and Panke; to EUCOM: Green, J. O.; to 5AF, Japan: Cochran, H. W.; to FEC: Chapman; to C&GSC, Leavenworth: Canella, McCulloch, Strain, Sykes, Kisiel, Aliotta, Delaney, Harrison, Kelley, Faulkner, Lee, J. C. H., Linton, Schremp, Boswell, Layfield; to U of Mo: Coakley; to Sandia: Collison; to England (Dep Wg CO): Brooks; to EUCOM: Scott; to U of Michigan: Samz; to USMA: Coker, S. Y.

Born: DAILY DOUBLE—William C. McIntyre and Mary Kathryn Schilling at West Point on 2 April 52. Barbara Ann Linton at Ft. Eustis on 2 May. A daughter to the Ralph Kuzellis on 10 May in Washington.

Canceled: The 10-year book project. Less than one-third of the class responded—only nineteen sent checks. The committee has returned the checks and filed the Poop Sheets and pictures for possible future use.

Poopy Ellis sent a roster of the European Contingent—Hq EUCOM APO 403: Cam-

pana, Gelderman, Gerace, Danforth, Schremp, Collins, Fowler, Fletcher, Smith, C. L., Henzl, White, T. K.; Hq Seventh Army; Hutson and King; Other Units, CO 42 FA BN, APO 39: Kercheval; CO 20 FA Bn, APO 39: DeSaussure; CO 1st Bn, 26 Inf, APO 1: Marsh; CO 443 AAA Bn APO 46: Spiller; CO 406 Engr Bn APO 403: Brown, R. D.; Exec, 16 Inf, APO 1: Miller; CO 63 Tk Bn APO 1: Fitzpatrick; Augsburg Military Post APO 178: Tyler; S2 18 Inf, APO 1: Von Schrlitz; 18 LA Gp, APO 46: Hoge; HICOG APO 757: Woolwine; CO 95 AA Bn, APO 46: Pigue; CO 118 Engr Bn APO 112: Powell; G4 Com Z APO 58: Rising; Com Z, ADSEC, Verdun, APO 58; Hq V Corps APO 79: Ellis, H. V.; 7726 Aug Det APO 100: McCaffrey; Salzburg: Foster; England: Hall and Corbin; Carney's Hq: Reilly and Curtis; NATO: Tuttle; Fontainebleau: Gauvreau; USFA G3: Greene, L. V. and Cannon. The following Ex-41ers were also reported—EUCOM: Ahern, W. F.; Hq Seventh Army: Butts; Asst G3, 4 Div APO 39: Watson; CO 426 FA Bn APO 46: Froeber. Bill Cummins sent a list of those in the Baltimore and Washington area as follows: Office of the C/S, USAF; Locke; AF Intelligence: Walters, McClure, Detwiler and Kaiser; AF Operations: Sliney; Army Intelligence: Longino; Army Comptroller: Ramey; Hq Air Research and Development Comd in Personnel: Poole; in Intelligence: Cummins; in Development: Heaton; Army Reserve Instr: Male. Seen in the Far East—CO of a Signal Service Battalion in Korea: McIntyre, J. C.; FEAF Opns: Mayo and Cole. Sorry for the brevity again; I had only two letters, plus the gleanings from the *Journal*.

—Burt Andrus.

## 1942

The dust has settled on June Week and things have about returned to normal again. Had hoped to be able to present a complete statement on the financial picture but with some accounts still outstanding as of this moment the view is a bit cloudy—can say, however, on good authority from Jim Hottenroth that the class fund is still solvent. Next issue should have the figures.

All told the session was highly successful, marred only by the fact that all of you could not be here. The three parties, major-domo'd by Doc Charbonneau, Phil Riedel and Hank Harmeling, came off in fine style. Doc's party fell short on the original estimate for liquid supplies, due no doubt to the long dusty trip up; the shortage was made up, however, and no one suffered unduly from the temporary drought. All got home safely.

The total count of '42 on hands came to 74, a very creditable showing and far and away the largest single group to return this year. Herewith a listing of those that did show:

Van Warren, John Short, Bob Fritz, Gene Robbs, Charlie Fergusson, Lu Flanagan, Fran Roberts, Tom Hanley, Rubie Rubenstein, Charlie Howe, Jack Crowley, Ted McAdam, Sam Gustaves, Judy Garland, Pat Timothy, Wiley Baxter, Ink Gates, Jack Rose, Bob Offley, Jim Hottenroth, Lee Cage, Crit Crittenberger, Bob Terry, Doc Charbonneau, Hank Harmeling, Al Otis, Dick Maffrey, Bill Tatch, Charlie Mizell, Andy Low, Larry Adams, Dopey Stephens, Bill Warren, Lee Jones, Bill Plott, Doc Hyde, George Allen, Bob Jordan, Dick Horridge, Kenny Hanst, Claire Duffie, Jim Newman, Jay Hewitt, Tom Rienzi, Sam Cumpston, Al Ward, Roger Barnes, Art King, George Hughes, Obie Obenchain, John Finney, Jim Cockrell, Bob Beers, Bob Rawls, Bud Ryder, Footsie Rickman, Bob Brugh, Phil Wyman, Bunny Bonasso, Matt Redlinger, Don Bolton, Dick Gaspard, Jim Vivian, Floyd Robinson, Dean Short, John Sitterson, Harv Shelton,

Buster Brandon, Dick Wise, Harold Rice, Fred Rosell, El Roy Master, Hal Ogden, Dick Brice, Johnny Atwood, Bill Zimmermann, Ben Hardaway, Bill Shedd, Jake Cooperhouse, and Phil Riedel.

Our ten-year book, *Threads of Gray*, made a hit of course, and all credits for the work done must go to Dick Horrigan, Bob Terry, Van Warren, Charlie Fergusson, Larry Adams, Jim Hottenroth and Wiley Baxter. While handing out bouquets, I should mention those whose efforts made the clan gathering a successful one, Fran Roberts—chief over-seer for June Week, Crittenberger and Bill Shedd, who did the heckling by mail, Jack Crowley—entertainment, Jim Hottenroth and Bud Roecker—finances, John Short—housing and, of course, the party boys, Charbonneau, Riedel and Harmeling. New additions to the permanent party are Pat Timothy—on hand; and Bob Short, Carl Ulsaker, Jake Ballard, Dale Buchanan and Ed Aileo—all due to arrive.

One report from Dick House begs that we correct his personal TO to the extent of one daughter, Mary Lisa, and two sons, Richard and Andrew. Dick, incidentally, is in Washington with JTF 132.

A plea—the compilation of all correct addresses was a terrific task for Crit and Bill Shedd, it would be greatly appreciated if all would include the class secretary here at West Point when sending out change of address cards pending a move. The cards are free so send one to Box 42.

—J. B. R.

## January, 1943

The response to pleas for letters has been gratifying. Eight or ten letters each issue can cover a surprisingly large number of classmates. Keep them coming. The deadline for next issue is o/a 7 September.

News from Mrs. T. Hutson Martin, wife of our departed classmate, Hut Martin, states that the new Reserve Armory in Charleston, S. C. will be named in Hut's honor. Hut's name was chosen from 19 submitted, and was chosen after an exhaustive study of all available records. The selection of our classmate for this memorial is a great tribute to a fine soldier; it reflects great credit on the class, and we all know that it will be a source of deep pride and satisfaction to Mrs. Martin. The story on the armory (dated 2 May) appeared in a Charleston paper. The paragraph on Hut's death stated that "Capt. Martin died from loss of blood and severe shock" after refusing "immediate medical treatment, demanding that the surgeons first operate on the enlisted men serving under him who had been wounded in the same (land mine) explosion." However, Mrs. Martin informs us that a correct statement of the facts is that "Capt. Martin *did not* lose his life finally because of loss of blood, but because uremic poisoning set in, after an extremely exten-

sive operation, lasting hours. He recovered from that operation sufficiently to be able to see a few of the men from his company."

For the 10th reunion the first information available is:

- 1800, 29 May, Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond, Picnic.
- 1900, 30 May, Grill-Room, WPAM, Buffet Supper and Dance.
- 1830, 31 May, Camp Buckner Pavilion, Joint dinner dance with '42, June '43, '44.
- 1230, 1 June, Main Dining Room, WPAM, Wives' luncheon.
- 1900, 1 June, Grill-Room, WPAM, Formal Dinner Dance.

Our estimable President, McDermott, has this to say about the reunion: "During this past June Week the West Point contingent received inspiration for a 10th Reunion Yearbook from two sources. The Class of 1942 published its 10-year book in time for June Week, and all who saw it are convinced we should have one, too. The other source of inspiration was a prodding from Jim Kelleher, who promised to assist in any way possible—from Austria, that is. No one has been inspired to the point of volunteering as editor of the project, but the democratic process is bound to produce a competent staff at the annual business meeting in September—unless, of course, someone in the Washington contingent volunteers in the meantime.

"Regardless of who gets the job, the success of the project depends on the cooperation of each one of us in sending in our addresses, and in answering the questionnaires. By the time you read this column you should have received a questionnaire from West Point. If you have not, please send your address to Maj. R. M. Wood, Ass't G-4, USMA, and we shall mail one to you promptly.

"If you feel indifferent about the whole project we suggest you borrow a copy of the '42 book and look it over. The format they used is four family pictures per page with a biography of each man (written by himself and printed as received) since graduation. Their class had an 80% response, after the editors had done everything but issue summonses to get the questionnaire and photographs in. Let's hope we can do better than '42 in this project—as well as in everything else. We may not get a 100% response, but we promise this: if you are among the delinquent, your picture will be in the book anyway—it will be the identification photo taken of you in beast barracks, with your chin well in, as it should be."

Richardson writes from Paris that he has been working with a special project of Com Z but will return to the ZI to attend the Advanced Course at Belvoir. Roy Sanders still has the Orleans Engineer District. Richardson sees Peggy Knowlton at the hospital now and then (she with kids, he with boils). She informed him on one encounter that Bill's bachelor skiing leave in Germany passed without any broken bones. The peripate-

tic Georgie Rehb dropped by in May. On a visit to Heidelberg Jim saw Johnny and Becky McClure, and reports that their little Chris is a doll. Mac is planning for Engr Div EUCOM. Jim also saw Jack and Barb Upchurch, who's come up from Baumholder in May. Jack is S-3, 17th Armd Engr Bn, 2nd AD, while MacVeigh is Exec of the same outfit. Jim closes with the cryptic remark: "Sorry that more of the class didn't get introduced to the *Richardson Ratskellar* (sic) in Paris. It will probably never happen again."

Jack Upchurch writes from Baumholder, Germany, with further information on MacVeigh, that he has gone on a 60-day TDY in Heidelberg with Hq EUCOM. Jack says Bob Hillman is with the 39th Engr Constr Gp in Karlsruhe as Gp Exec. Jack Wheeler is Exec of 57 Tk Bn, 2nd AD, near Mannheim.

Jack (Upchurch) has heard about or seen the following, but he is not too sure of the poop: Wilbourn—Hq, EUCOM; Paul Ellis—Engr Div, Hq, EUCOM; Pavick—Hq, EUCOM; Fred Smith—Post Engr Sec, Hq, Rhine Mil Post, Kaiserslautern; Changaris—Hq, VII Corps; Grimm—G-3 Sec, 4th Inf Div. It was Jack who reminded us again of that prodigy that should shame and spur the rest of us—that Jim Richardson has five (5) children. Jack's record is good, too; he has three, John, Paul, and Richard.

First news in a long time from Alaska comes from Tom Beeson. Tom suspects he is the only classmate in the icebox. He arrived in Alaska last August to join the 449th Ftr-Intcp Sq at Ladd AFB, Fairbanks. In November he went to the 57th Ftr-Intcp at Elmendorf. They fly F-94 B's. Tom has let us all in on that hitherto closely guarded secret—the identity of the best fighter group in the Air Force. Weather at Elmendorf was mild, only 38 below—mild in contrast with Ladd's 65 below. Tom's only real problem was "fitting into the cockpit while wearing the required flying clothing and survival equipment." The only fitting problems we have at West Point have to do with ordinary clothing and waistlines. Tom is enthusiastic about living conditions (about the same as ZI), highways (one), swamps, tundra, air supply, dog sleds (beware of rabbits and other dogs), fishing, hunting (moose and caribou in the deep freeze). Tom offers us of the rear guard his deepest sympathy—he having suffered, too, through this three-year routine. And so we say goodbye to the far-off land of the moose, the caribou, and the Beeson, and take you now to the far Pacific, to Bill Hardy, our Far Eastern Reporter for this issue.

Bill has been overseas most of the time during and since the war. During his China tour (47-8-9) he saw only Kay Berry. In Japan, at Ashiya AFB, (15th Radio Sq Mobile, APO 75, c/o PM, San Francisco, Cal.) since last July, he has seen Bill Hovde, Terry Ellis, Bob Muldrow, and Jack Daye. Bill has been abroad since graduation; but his experience with the Chinese



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Reds could be the most bizarre. Good reunion story, Bill.

Tom Griess (1215 Norvell St., El Cerrito, Cal.), in a letter too late for the April issue of *Assembly*, reports news of a short reunion in California. Present were Kellogg (at U of Cal completing PhD in Nuclear Physics), Mitch Goldenthal, and Tom. Mitch is SCARWAF (I don't know either) at Beale AFB with an Avn Brigade and will ship out soon to FECOM. At a Founder's Day dinner in San Francisco he saw Johnny Ross, who was in town for a few days awaiting shipment to Japan.

Last summer Tom ran into Johnny Barnes and Don Powell at the Sixth Army ROTC camp. They were then stationed in the ROTC Inf Sects of U of Cal and U of Idaho respectively. He saw Art Grace, too, at camp. Art was at Ft. Lewis in an Engr C Bn, but may have gone since to EUCOM. Johnny White is in Engr Sec of ROTC at Colorado U. Tom hears periodically from Darrie Richards, Jakie Shultz, R. A. Sanders, Bill Knowlton, and Les Harding. (Some of them your correspondent would like to hear from.) Darrie is in Mexico, mapping. Previously, he'd been in Panama, working through all of South America. Jakie is still at Sandia with Special Weapons Project, but he expects to leave soon. Les was at Belvoir for the Advanced Course, but his whereabouts is presently unknown. Tom, himself, is on ROTC duty with Engr Sec, ROTC, U of Cal. He has been there 2½ years, expects to leave in Jan 53. Tom wants everyone who gets near Berkeley to come see or call him. He's in the phone book and can be reached at the University. One last item from Tom's letter is that Dick Evans (retired) is doing very well as an executive in the oil business in Houston, Texas.

The estimable Adrian St. John has come through with a very fresh item (1 June) from the D. C. contingent. The general impression the Saint gives is that everyone is too busy—even for party committees. Nevertheless, the Pentagonians were planning something called a "barge party" for June and a luncheon in July. Since Saint's last *Assembly* notes Berry, Bielecki, Brady, Farnsworth, Gorman, Hovde, Kyle, May, Roberts, Waters, F. B., and Whitlow have departed. De Gruchy, Joe Hamilton, Fred Porter, C. A. Wirt (at Monroe), Muldrow, Vleck, Mack Hatch, G. T. Prior and Lee James have arrived. During June there should be more departures; Shaw will go to Benning for the Adv Course, and Sebesta will go to Leavenworth. But Saint's best news was the wedding of Fran Ripplin and Ed Willcox. Felicitations from us all, Fran and Ed.

An anonymous contributor reports that Bestervelt and Courtney leave the U of Ill with MS's in electronics in August. Destination unknown.

The Highlands of the Hudson, better known as The Rock, contingent will now have its innings. Sam Karrick (departs this summer for Adv Course at Benning) went to Southern Pines for a week in May-June. At the Air Ground School there he ran into Hank Saylor, who is with 6555 Guided Missiles Wing, Patrick AFB, Florida.

Dave Barger (leaving for AC & SS, Maxwell AFB) heard Tim Brown went to FECOM in June. Dave saw Cosgrove and Dannacher during June Week.

Ed Bennett reports that, on a recent trip to Sandia Base, he saw Britt May, Don Thompson, and Ed Carberry—all stationed there. May had apparently just arrived from Washington, judging from Saint's letter. That's the closest track we've kept of anyone yet. Carberry is due to leave this summer. George Watson (on TDY from EUCOM) was at Sandia, too. Ed says George Prior has left Washington for FECOM. It would appear that some of our classmates are moving about rather rapidly. Britt and George ought to send us change of address cards so that we can be sure not miss any of their assignments. Bob Baden, who was with the Cal NG at Bakersfield last issue, has been transferred to Fresno.

Fresh back from snooping the Pentagon, Dana Stewart has Antonioli teaching at Benning; T. Q. Donaldson from EUCOM to G-3 Sec, Pentagon; Kajencki to the Advanced Course at Sill; Shultz to the same; Shortall to visit FECOM; Truex to FECOM in August; Wehrle to AFF test board in Alaska, after finishing at Penn in June; Weber in the Pentagon P.S.'ing VIP's.

Ben Edwards (who leaves for AC & SS, Maxwell AFB, for the Field Officers' Course in July) reports he saw Joe, Nan, and Janet Dover at Maxwell on a recent visit. Joe is A-3, Hq, Air University. He also saw Van Duyn at Maxwell. Van is finishing the FOC and will stay at the base in AU Hq. John and Anne Buckner are still there, too, in AU Hq. At Mitchel AFB on 11 June Ed saw Terry Ellis. Terry was on a visit from Ftr Test Divn, Eglin AFB, and had recently returned from Korea. He is living near Eglin with his wife and one child.

Not already mentioned, but leaving West Point are: Al Toth (EUCOM; Mari will go to England to study while waiting to join Al); Lowell Fisher (AC & SS, Maxwell); Kerig (Washington for language training

and then to attaché dy in Syria); Dan Moore (FECOM). Joining the Academy staff will be Conmy (Tacs); Dettre (Math); Batson (Mechanics); Moses (Post Sig Off); Linn (English); J. E. Roberts (EADF Hq, Stewart AFB).

May here was the usual hectic, party-going month. There just weren't enough days, so that some of us found ourselves party hopping. Class activities included a hobo party (only McD really looked the part) given by Fiss and Hollis at Round Pond on 9 May. June Week parties included a picnic at Round Pond on 30 May and the big dance with '42, June '43, and '44 at Camp Buckner, and a garden party in Dana Stewart's back yard on 3 June. Backing up a bit we should mention Bennett's party in May and Cobb's party on the afternoon of the Buckner party. Needless to say, all were triumphant. We will long remember Sgt Dulaney's charcoal broiled roast beef at Buckner and the cool delight of the tree-shaded garden party—to which Bill Waters' champagne punch added a considerable kick. Seen at the parties, large as life and twice as natural, were Conmy, Kelleher, Barber (Hal has left for FECOM, Fritzie remains here), and Wehrle. We were somewhat disappointed that Howard cut the handle bars down to an over-sized toothbrush, but Howard reported less trouble in handling soups, cocktails, beer, cocktails, water (ugh), etc.

R. N. Smith sent us an announcement of his graduation from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine on 7 June. Out of the Service since August 1948, "starting with a brave wife and 2 daughters, (picking) up Bob, Jr. on 1 Jan 1951," Bob is now a full-fledged M.D. (there was a card to prove it). He will be at the Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, and hopes to make the 10th reunion. Congratulations, and may success attend you in your new career, Bob.

That's all for this one. Some of you moles come up in the sunlight and show yourselves for the 10th reunion.

—Walker.

## June, 1943

George Campbell couldn't make it to West Point for June Week as he had to keep house at Fort Hancock, while Olivia, his wife, gave birth to their fourth child (their first son) at the station hospital at Fort Monmouth.

Bob McCanna took time off from his studies at Columbia University to attend the



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Alumni Luncheon in the Cadet Mess Hall during June Week. He also looked over the quarters situation at U.S.M.A. as he expects to join the faculty in the Social Sciences Dept. this summer.

Walt Mitchell, Dick McAdam, T. K. Oliver, Steve Sherrill, and Joe Boyle stayed in Cadet Barracks during the graduation festivities. Walt is a civilian, retired with an arm and back injury; however, he is looking good and kept both arms busy at all the parties. Mitchell is presently studying at Columbia for a Master's Degree in Business Administration. I forgot to ask Dick McAdam his present assignment, but I believe he is still at Kirtland AFB. T. K. Oliver is presently attending M.I.T. where he is working for a Doctor's degree in Instrumentation. Tom's wife and three children were vacationing in Maine with Oliver's father while T. K. came stag. Steve Sherrill also came stag to our ninth reunion. He is still serving in the Pentagon but hopes to break away soon with some kind of school assignment. Joe Boyle is with an Airborne Infantry unit at Camp Campbell, Ky. He is expecting orders for the Far East soon.

Dick and Caroline Shaefer were also present for June Week. They told us of a wonderful class party held at Bolling Air Force Base on Friday, May 30th. This dinner dance got a terrific turnout from our classmates in the Baltimore, Washington and Fort Belvoir Area. Keep up the good work! Also, everyone must start making plans now to attend our tenth reunion at U.S.M.A. next year. There is a committee here at West Point already starting to work on this project. Maybe you will get some poop through the mails this summer. In the meantime, if you have any questions feel free to write any of our classmates stationed at West Point—some of whom are the following: Bill Westbrook, Earl Olmstead, Pete Ryan, Eddie Curcuru, Bob Clark, Frank Taylor, Steve Gordy, Bob Hancock, Clark Baldwin, Roger Conarty, and Ernie Price.

Now I will try to complete the reporting of this year's June Week. Frank Saul and his wife took time off from Saul's civilian engineering career to attend all of the parties. Fred and Mary Proctor, from Fort Belvoir, stayed with Dick and Marion McCord here at West Point. While Laurent and Doris Pavy stayed with Bob and Virginia Fiss (January 1943). Cajun Pavy commands an anti-aircraft battalion at Fort Meade, Maryland. Fred Proctor is teaching G-3 subjects at the Engineer School.

The reunion parties started with beer at McCord's quarters for all visiting "shaftees" Then Betty and Clark Baldwin had a cocktail party for all classmates, both permanent and visiting, who could make it. On Sunday night, June 1st, there was a big dinner dance at Camp Buckner which didn't break up till early Monday morning. This party caused many stout men of June '43 to miss the Alumni Parade which preceded the luncheon in Washington Hall on June 2nd. That Monday night the class had a wonderful picnic at Round Pond—full moon, open fire, frankfurters, beer, and nostalgic songs. At graduation, Tuesday morning, many classmates were seen with built in ice bags for their caps. Everyone must start making plans right now (and start getting into partying shape) for next year's big tenth reunion.

Bill and Maggie Ray with their two children have just left West Point by airplane for Paris, where Bill is to be General Ridgway's senior aide. Leo Hayes is leaving the Language Dept., U.S.M.A., for the Artillery Advanced Course at Fort Sill. Leo, Dot, and their two daughters expect to leave West Point in August. Eddie McCabe is also leaving in August, but he is slated for the Far East. Helen, his wife, with their two daughters, is going to keep house in Highland Falls, N. Y. John and Alison Beach are going to Fort Benning where John will

attend the Infantry Advanced Course. The Beach's had their fourth child on May 16th—a daughter named Anne Cameron Beach. This gives them three girls and one boy. Tom and Betty Johnston, with their three sons, intend to depart West Point the middle of June and hope to get quarters at Fort Belvoir, where Tom will attend the Engineer Advanced Course. Dick and Marion McCord, with their two daughters and one son, have already left U.S.M.A. and have set up their furniture in Montgomery, Alabama, so Dick can attend the Air Command and Staff School. Preston and Lucy Easley won't leave the Hudson Highlands until later this summer. Shadrach's future assignment is uncertain due to his recent illness and good recovery after an operation that he underwent at the Scott Air Force Base Hospital. Easley thinks he will probably go to the jet transition school at Wichita, Kansas. Perhaps, early next year, if General Clark still needs help, Shadrach will go to the Far Eastern Command.

After graduating from the Engineer Advanced Course, Doug Parham left Fort Belvoir for Taegu, Korea, to join an Aviation Engineer Battalion. Other recent school graduates going to the Far East this summer are Jim Deatherage, Walker Jamar, and Bruce McDowell. Bruce Koch, formerly with the staff and faculty, has gone to Yokohama. Bill Falck, also with the Engineer School until recently, has gone to EUCOM. Two other advanced course graduates were reassigned in the Z.I. Rollo Brant is to attend North Carolina State College at Raleigh; while Jim Nash joins the 419th Engineer Airborne Battalion at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Finally, Art Van Shoick leaves his wife, Ann, and his pretty daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to join the American Army Advisory Group in Formosa.

Sam Pinnell writes that he is going to the Far Eastern Command upon his graduation from C&GSC at Leavenworth this summer.

According to Ralph Young and family, the following classmates are still in the Far East: Buck Coursey, Paul Curtin, Bob DeCamp, and Howard Wickert. Ralph is senior aide to General Hickey. Wally Magathan has just returned from Korea, complete with a promotion to Lt. Colonel, and is to be assigned to Fort Sill. Don Jalbert, also recently from Korea, is working in the Pentagon with the Army G-1. Walt Hutchin is also back from Korea and is assigned to Third Army Headquarters at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Gus and Lynn Brill, with their three sons, write from the Monterey Peninsula that they had a big picnic recently for all classmates and their families. Besides the Brill family the following were in attendance: Rex and Nancy Cocroft, with their three daughters; Bill and Polly Spahr, with their two sons; and Stan and Eileen Staszak. Gus is still attending the Naval Postgraduate School; while civilian Cocroft is studying engineering at Stanford. Bill and Stan are attending the Army Language School.

From Fort Bliss, Chuck Wilson writes that the class had a good turnout for the Founders Day dinner. Wilson and Bill Linton are working with A.F.F. Board No. 4. The following June '43 men are with the AA and GM Branch of the Artillery School located at Bliss: Ed Soler, Luke Wright, Charley Jones, Hal Aaron, and Quellen Boller. Chuck also reports that the Linton's had a new son, Bruce, during April.

Dave Schwartz sent a letter saying he had recently been transferred to Colorado Springs for duty with the Maintenance Directorate of Hq. Air Defense Command. Dave reports that Tom Love is also in Colorado Springs with the Logistics Planning Division and that "Bird Dog" Spalding is keeping them all safe with his ack-ack guns. Apparently Robin Olds also recently spent a pleasant two weeks TDY there.

Seth Frear has sent an interesting invitation for all classmates in the vicinity of

Coral Gables, Florida, to drop in on him at any time and have a cold one. His address there is 1320 Alegriano. I am not sure, but I believe Seth is either studying law at Miami University or is on the teaching staff there.

Ed Wright is presently stationed at Keesler A.F.B. On January 5th his wife gave birth to their baby daughter, Ann Pate Wright. Another recent addition to the class was a baby born to Norma and Joe Weyrick on February 25th at Fort Sill. Joe Weyrick also states that he, Butch Canning, and Max Talbot are all going to FECOM this summer.

More news from recent graduates of the advanced course at Fort Sill reveals the following new assignments: George Alexander to Formosa; Charlie Milmore to D/A, G-2 section; Charles Dickinson to Alaska; and Lou Francisco to Staff and Faculty at Sill. Others remaining as instructors with TAS are John Moses, John Lucas, Bill Tomlinson, Reading Wilkinson, Charlie Crane and Ray Blatt. Clarence Westfall, formerly with the 522nd Inf. Bn. at Sill, has left for FECOM. It is expected that Lacouture will attend the next Advanced Artillery Course.

John Moses was recently at U.S.M.A. on TAS business. He reports that Pinnell's good start at Leavenworth will be upheld by Jim Phillips, who is to attend the next session of the C&GSC. He also thought that Al Burdett and Bill Greenwalt will be attending the same course.

Tim Ireland sends word that things are about the same at Maxwell A.F.B. Ireland, Harris and Hough are on the Staff and Faculty. On June 13th Pat Hurley, Bob Clark, and Tom Brown graduated from the Field Officers' Course. Pat is headed for ADC at Selfridge A.F.B., Michigan. Bob is going to FEAF; while Tom is going to Fifth AF, Korea, via jet and gunnery training in the U.S. Last September the Ireland's had their third daughter. The Harris's expect their first child this August. Tim closes his letter with an invitation for all classmates close to Maxwell to meet him on the golf course.

Grady and wife were recently at West Point visiting the latter's brother (one of the Jones boys, Class of '45). There was a small get-together with large quantities of Jones' beverages. A good time was had by all, especially as we relived all of cadet life with Grady as master of ceremonies.

About five months ago I learned that Lew Webster was shot down over Korea while on a fighter mission. This was on the very day he was promoted to Lt. Colonel. I have been waiting for more details on this sad news before printing same. However, since more details have not been forthcoming, and since Lew's brother (in the Cadet Corps) has confirmed this information, I thought you should hear about it in this issue of *Assembly*.

This is the last column that I will write, due to my change of station this summer. The new reporter for our class notes will be Bill Malone. He starts a three year tour with the English Dept., U.S.M.A., as soon as he finishes his graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Everyone, please keep the news coming in so we can all know what's going on!

—Tom Johnston.

1944

News is slow coming in for this first report since I took over from Joe Cutrona.

A letter from Art Hyman, presumably from Ft. Benning, says Larkin Tully is there with the 508th ABN. RCT., and that Art is leaving soon for an Airborne Advisory job in Siam.

Dean Bressler is at Benning taking the Infantry Refresher Course prior to going to the University of Illinois. Clarence (Wolf) Wolfinger, Susie and the three children are somewhere in Turkey.

Art reported the death of Warren Conlon, but I have no information as to how his death occurred or when. Warren will be greatly missed by all of us, and particularly by his friends in the Airborne, where he had already established a reputation for technical and tactical knowledge second to none.

There was an article in a recent copy of the Hendrix College (Arkansas) Bulletin, reprinted from the Little Rock, Arkansas Gazette, based on an interview with (Major) Dee Pettigrew concerning Guided Missiles. Dee is instructing in the Guided Missile School at Ft. Bliss after having received an M.S. degree from the University of Southern California in both Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics. The Pettigrews now have two children, D. W., III, and Jennie Katharine.

"Fat Jack" Combs writes from Chicago that he, Eileen and four plus children want any classmates passing through to stop and visit—always an empty bed. Call John W. Combs: Antioch 188W2.

Received an informative letter from John Susott, bringing us up to date on his activities. John is in Washington attending the Strategic Intelligence School, after which he goes to Georgetown University, for seven months of studying Arabic, and then to Iraq as Assistant Air Attache. Will probably be in Bagdad for some time. John married Dr. Kay Campbell in 1945 and they now have two boys, John, Jr., age 2, and Daniel, who will be one in September.

Also received a release from Heidelberg, Germany, saying that Otto Steinhardt has been assigned to duty as a Field Inspector in the Construction Section with Heidelberg Military Post Engineers. O. W. has been in Germany since July 1949, formerly in Augsburg. Mary and the two children are with him.

Charles and Dorothy Daniel, with children Tommy and Ann, are living in Friedberg, Germany, about 20 miles north of Frankfurt. Charles, Major, is with 8th Infantry, HQ.

Saw in one of the magazines that John Eisenhower was just graduated from the Armored Advanced School at Ft. Knox, and was said to be on the way to the Near East with Barbara and the three children after a short visit in Denver with his father.

Write me news of yourself and classmates, at 1748 Vinton, Memphis, Tennessee.

—Buford Norman.

## 1945

Last greetings from West Point. Yes, it's true. The end of our three year tour comes this Summer when we'll move West. Don't know yet whether the column will move with us, but more of that later. Here's the news. Will start by giving you a run down on two of the largest centers of population for the class of '45. Walt Galligan took the census for Wright-Patterson AF Base and lists over 40 classmates there or in the area. Blessley, Chesney, Cummings, Findell, Galligan, Gilbert, Hearin, Peterson, Rochfort, and Wohlford are all students at USAF Institute of Technology. Cummings is with faculty, and Nichols is a staff member of the Institute. Others in various other job assignments are Bissell, Bond, Clark, Farrar, Fitzpatrick, Foley, Johnson, Jarrell, Mason, Minor, Munyon, Patterson, Perry, Stick, Swain, Trimble, Trustin, Walker, Whitcraft, and Whitney. Attending Ohio State in Columbus are Avery, Breen, Moran, Seeger, Smith, R. M., Thayer, and Hollis. Basham and Manlove are at the University of Illinois. Most of the aforementioned gathered together for a class party on the 9th of February. No specific news as to whether the Walnut Room of the club is still intact. Let's leave the fly boys for a moment and head West to Indian Country. Dick Carnes writes from there that we've over forty classmates keeping Forty-Five alive and active despite the ordeal of the Arty School and the problem of surviving Fort Sill's awful weather. Most of the class who are there are as of this writing completing the Advanced Course. Many of them have their orders and here they are. To FECOM (Good luck) go Jack Kusewitt, Dick Crane, Laird Wooley, Hap MacIntire, Mark Rivers, Cornelius Wakefield, Bob Lutz, Ray Griffith, John B. Bennett, Jim Christiansen, Tom Fitzpatrick, Keith Nusbaum, J. P. Tyler, Bill Boiler, George Churchill, and Bill Holcombe. Harry Amos pulled down a "fat" Austrian assignment and Ren Fortier ditto to Italy. Don Kohler and George Smith go to Bliss, and Rupe Jernigan, of and from whom we hadn't heard in years, goes to ROTC duty at Auburn, Alabama. Jim Ingham goes to University of Pennsylvania. Orders unknown for the following: Bob Cunningham, Bernie Johnsrud, Jim Hayden, H. M. Starkey, Bob Waring, and Bob Conrad. Remaining at TAS are Ken Scurr, John Wood, Jim Maris, Dick Carnes, and Harry Kelly. A graduate of the school of whom we have personal knowledge is Blackie Campbell, whom we ran into this Spring in the halls of the Metropolitan Opera, of all unlikely places. Blackie will

be attending Columbia this Summer with the end in view of teaching Social Sciences here at WP in the Fall. Wish we were gonna be here to welcome him. Then there is a contingent of Korean returnees who are waiting for the next Advanced Course; Ed Gudgel, Jim Elkey (Major), Bob Dingeman, Rusty Heilbronner, Kinch Bailey, Bill Vinson, and Bob Burgess. Tom Marriot is finishing his third year in the Dept of Communications and will reverse the teacher to student routine next year. You guys hold a back row seat apiece for George Garman and me from here.

That covers those centers. Now for some random notes. Eugene Gasior oriented us on his recent activities. Back from G-3 Section, Hq and Service Command, FEC on 26 Feb. Then he, wife Erma, and son Robert settled down at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, where Eugene was in turn Exec Officer and Deputy Post Commander. Bob Zeidner sent news of himself from far off Turkey, where he is with U.S. Military Mission. Bob was married to Bob Mann's sister, Christine, back on 29 October 1949. One child, a daughter. Currently on orders to join the group at Sill next year. A big man in a big state. That's "Pops" McNeil who sent news of himself and various others out in the Lone Star State. At Founder's Day Banquet in Fort Worth on 16 March, Fred Kochli (PMS&T at Arlington State College. Goes to Benning next year), Bud Skelton (at Carswell), Basil Brockles, Buck Bowen, and Tom were present. Tom was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the West Point Society of North Texas. Brockles is managing a restaurant in Dallas. He and Lois just had third child, a girl. Buck is Engineer with Delhi Oil in Dallas. Tom, himself, is with Mutual Life in Dallas. He married Maura Anderson on 1 Feb in Fort Worth, and has adopted Maura's seven year old son, Ricky. Arch Kimbrough (now out of the Service) owns a construction firm in Dallas. Still a bachelor. Bob Woodward graduated from the University of Texas Law School and is now practicing in Fort Worth.

Major Bates Burnell sent recent news from Korea. He is Bn Exec of the 13th Engrs. Shirley had baby girl (their third child) on 19 Dec last. Other Engineer classmates in Korea include Al Shepard, Doc Hesse, Fred Jones, Bill Gardner, Rock McBride, and Larry Hardin. Majors George Benson and George Casey are still over there, but are due back for Advanced Course at Benning in the Fall. Benson is currently a Bn CO and Casey is a Regimental 3. Another holding down that same job in a different regiment is Major Pete Spragins. Ed Saxby completes the trio of three Regtl 3s.



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1944-1945

Long letter from John Boyce gives news of others here at home. On May 3rd John married Sidney Hinnett and they are now living in Amarillo, Texas. John resigned in 1949 and subsequently attended Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. Got a Master's Degree and is now with the Williams-Boyce Insurance Agency in Amarillo. John Karr is in the same line a little further West in El Paso. George Wyatt has a degree from Harvard Business School and has settled in San Francisco. Sam Scarborough, now a junior at Southern School of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee, expected to be married to Vivien Moss on 27 June. Switching to the Birth Department, in Philadelphia the Burr Coldrens welcomed a baby girl on May 5th. And at Bolling AFB in Washington the Frank Drapers evened things up with a son on 30 Jan. Frank comes up here to Dept of Mechanics next year. Still with babies: The first, a girl, to John and Betty Graham on 6 March, at Camp Campbell. Johnny is under orders to EUCOM. Art Fridl sent welcome news of six classmates at Fort Leonard Wood with the 6th Armored Division. Bob Barr and Fred Rankin are with the Division G-3 Section; Dale Lockard with G-4. Heavy Equipment; Bill Trefz a battalion exec; Tommy Jones is an Arty Bn CO; and Art is a Hv Tank Bn CO. This summer Rankin goes to Cal Tech and the other five to Advanced at Belvoir. Bill Hanes now operating a Chevrolet Agency in Chillicothe, Missouri, on Highway 36. He and Mary Lee have two daughters. Andy Carhartt has just completed the first of his three years at Western Theological Seminary. Has accepted a call as student pastor at Presbyterian Manse in McVeytown, Pennsylvania. Wife and three children already settled there. Elmer Haslett, now with Heritage Gift Sales in Dallas, Texas (what a mess of classmates we have in Dallas!) was married to Betty Long on January 20th. Bob English just finished a course at Johns-Manville in New Jersey, where he is a sales representative. Jack Horner writes from Palm Beach, Florida. Says Cole Bacon has just resigned and returned to Minnesota. Nick Chase is at Guided Missile Base at Cocoa. He and Fran have two girls. Jim Summers also at Cocoa. Jess Gatlin sent some paragraphs on people. Mort and Sue Spiegel now at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson. Johnny and Ginny MacWherter now at Columbia U. To come up here in August. Jay and Steve Allen at March AFB, California. Just finished training in B-47s. This gives him three specialty ratings. Dan Farr and family now at Westover AFB, Mass. John and Kenetha Richards at Hollman AFB, New Mexico. Joined by their third boy last March. Jess, himself, and Audrey and three kids are still at Biggs AFB near El Paso.

Now another quick trip overseas. Four classmates reported with 4th Division in Europe. Orv Post with G-3 Section, Bernie Wichlep is a Battery Cmdr; George Wallace a Rifle Co Comdr; and Joe McCarthy an Aide to the CG. Now back to Korea, from whence Sunny Brett sent a sheet of notes. He is with JOC as Senior Duty O after having flown 100 missions with 18th Fighter Wing. Bruton still with same unit after about 60 missions. Boots Blesse back for his second Korean tour. Simpson flying F-86s to the tune of about 50 missions. Bill Lilley enroute to Korea as of this writing. Jim Horowitz and Jack Pauly also "over". Al Bailey finished his tour there and headed back for the States to Shaw AFB, North Carolina.

Now for news from West Point. As we mentioned earlier, the exodus is beginning. It may be that '45 has reached its high water mark here, for the first group of us came three years ago and are now leaving. John and Jean Bennett and Ted and Betty Lou Adair, and their respective families, are headed for Benning, as are Ann and Jim

Holcombe and their two boys and Jim and Nancy Howe; All for the Advanced Course. Herb and Kitty Price also going to school at Fort Lee, Virginia. And George and Bunny Garman will be traveling my way—out West to Sill. I guess all of this group would join me in saying that our tour back at the Alma Mater has been the high point of our careers to date. Don't ever pass up a chance to come back here. It's a different place from the one where you spent your cadet days. The work has been enjoyable, living conditions are excellent both for families and bachelors, and well we just kinda hate to leave. But a few last notes on the gang here. New arrivals: for the Lochrys (a girl), for the Ochs (a boy), and for the Munsons (a boy—their fifth). Among our June Week visitors were the "Crow" McDonalds, the Don Grosses, and the Earl Wilkinsons. We've reported about the McDonald's Denver doin's before, so we'll just say that the old E-2 crowd of Jones, Bennett, and Mac had a big reunion. Don and Virginia were here very briefly on leave before reporting to Benning. The Wilkinsons were here, but only for Graduation Parade. They were in the East on leave from Nebraska, as I recall. Barney Broughton and Paul Braucher are now at Benning for Jump School. Also Lefty Hylander. Barney reports Earl Hardy and Al Price as being down there too. Baker Carrington is the first of the new 45ers to arrive here. He'll be with the 1802d Regt.

Haven't yet decided the disposition of the column. We may take it with us to Sill, for we've really enjoyed writing it. It's one sure way of keeping track of you all. However if this isn't feasible, we'll pass it on here at USMA. In any case best to all, and continue to use this as a clearing house for news and want ads.

—Jim Alfonte.

## 1946

A sales meeting and vacation enabled your reporter France to make a portion of June Week once again. On Alumni Day I saw the following classmates at West Point: Tom Constant, Al Perwich, John Miley, Rut Hazard, Guy Troy, Wade Kingsbury, Larry Gordon, Van Baker, Tom Blazina, Wes Posvar, "Twill" Newell, Moe Weinstein, Randy Adams, Walt Mattox, Dick Kellogg, Willis Schug, Jim Furuholmen, Bob Coller, Bob Land, Ralph Pennington, Jerry Epstein, Keith Ball, Clyde Denniston, Wayne Anderson, and Jere Whittington. There were some others there, but I missed them. My apologies to any I did miss. The Kingsburys had a bit of nice news to add—their second child, a son, Corbin Wade, was born 18 Feb 52. Also the France family, including our cat "Rabble", wish to announce the first visit of the stork when Samuel William arrived on 20 Mar 52 in Houston, Texas. At least I now know one native Texan.

A classmate in Germany must remain anonymous because I can not say who sent me the following information which I will quote: "I'm in the 552nd AAA Gun Bn, commanding Charlie Battery—have been since April '51, stationed in Karlsruhe. Warren Jungerheld is adjutant of the local subpost and has two children. Bob Hawley, formerly FA and now in Signal Corps, in 774 Sig Service Bn, in Heidelberg. He and Peg now have three kids. Rex Sheffield, CO of Hq Battery, 67th AAA Gun Bn, at Worms. Gunnar Anderson is radar officer of a FA Bn of the 4th Division, at Bad Nauheim. When I last saw him, his wife was staying with his folks in Stuttgart, where his dad is 7th Army Engr Officer. Heard that Russ Speake was somewhere in Germany in the 4th Division."

Bob Kaplan was married in 1949 and resigned his commission that year. At present he is Sales Manager of the Shirtcraft Company and is living at 222 Fern St., Hazelton, Pa. Last Sept a son, James Charles, was born to Bob and his wife Roberta. Les Shade was married on Feb 2, 1952, in Atlanta, Ga., to the former Miss Bobbie Miriam Reaves. Tony and Irene Wesolowski are at Fort Campbell. They have three children, and the youngest, Paul, was born about 6 months ago.

Bill and Phyllis Yancey are now at Selfridge AFB, Mich., having been transferred from Oscoda on the 11th of March. They are living in the Wherry Housing on the Base. Bill is attached to Hq 4708 Defense Wing. John Cassidy should be back from Korea now. He was awaiting a replacement and was due to return to the USA in late March.

On 18 May 52 Charles "Bill" Simpson III, wrote from Hill 432, a company-sized position on the OPLR just south of Pyongyang, in the so-called "Iron Triangle". Bill has command of "K" Company of the 17th Inf (APO 7), and P. I. Barthol was sitting 2,000 meters to the rear on the MLR with his "I" Co. There are no other classmates in the 17th. Boudinot is the Division G-2 of the 7th Div, and made Major a few weeks ago. Bill has seen Rusty Brunson (Hq Co., 3rd Bn, 23rd Inf), John Stannard (C Co., 23rd Inf) and Art Pence (A Co., 23rd Inf) in the past three weeks. There are about half a dozen other 46er's in the 31st and 32nd Regiments, but Bill hasn't seen them. Bill's wife Mary had another baby girl, Elizabeth, on 5 Dec 51, giving the Simpsons two little girls (Margaret—20 months). Mary is staying with her parents, Gen. and Mrs. O. P. Echols, in Pacific Palisades, Calif., while Bill is in Korea.

Max Feibelman seems to get around very well. He saw Whitey Yoeman and H. Lobdell in Washington. They work in the Pentagon. Max spent a weekend with Jim and Jean Carbine in Albuquerque (Sandia Base) where Jim is an instructor. Max spent another weekend with Kenny and Dee Tailman at Hamilton AFB. Kenny was engineering officer for the 82nd FTR SQ, but now is at Moses Lake, Wash. Max married Harriet Metcalf of New York City in Colo. Springs on Dec 15, 1951. He is Staff Special Weapons Officer, Hq ADC.

Fee Hardin came through with a long letter written at Fort Knox. He has just completed the Advanced Course at the Armor School. Hardin returned to the States from Germany in the summer of 1950. He was married a year before that to a girl from his home, and when they did return they had a son, Doug, who was a very young passenger indeed—2 months. The family is now one bigger as of 24 May 52, when Susan Elizabeth was born. Fee is due to report to West Point, where he will be assigned to none other than the Dept. of Tactics. Prior to Fee's Ft. Knox assignment he had been with the 2d Armored Div at Ft. Hood. As the 2nd received orders for EUCOM, Fee was ordered to Knox. George Miller, Wilbur Joffrion, and Duke Wolf came to Knox from Hood also.

Some Infantry officers were offered the opportunity of attending the Armor's Advanced course this past year. Among them was Steve Gray. I had said in the last *Assembly* that Charley Wesolowsky had been awarded what I believed to be the first DSC for our class. Well, Steve arrived at Knox last year with a DSC, so I guess Charley's is the second for the class. The details about Steve's DSC are not known by Fee, but Gray had been with the 2nd Inf. Div. in Korea before he came to Ft. Knox.

Some marriages reported by Fee. George Patton married Miss Joanne Holbrook in Washington on June 14. "Crow" Hill was married on the 19th of May at Benning. Tom McCormick married Bonnie Fleuer of

Louisville on June 6 at Ft. Knox. Tom Pardue (3rd Armored Div) got married on 7 June. Nye, Martin and Edwards were Patton's ushers, and Newell was best man.

Hardin included a list of all the Armor and Infantry men from the class that attended the advanced this past year. With each man's name will be included his new assignment. The men of Armor are listed first. Dick Beckner (1st in the class for the course)—Dept of MT&G, Jake Burney—AFF BD No. 1, Ft Bragg, Jim Day—S&F, Armd Sch, Steve Edwards—Dept of MT&G, Vince Gannon—30th Tk Bn, Ft Knox, Jack Gilham—ROTC, U. of Illinois, Ben Hanson—Sch Trps Armd Sch, Frank Richter, same as Day, Kibbey Horne—U. of Heidelberg, Germany, for a year and then West Point to teach German, Bill Kelty—1st Armd Div. Ft. Hood, Nipper Knapp—Student at Princeton U., Harlan Koch—Student at U. of Ill., Wilbur Joffrion—Student at Tulane, Andy LaMar—FECOM, Art Lochrie—AFF Bd No. 2, Ft. Knox, Bud Martin—U. of Penn and then West Point to teach English, George Miller—doing the same as Martin, Roger Nye—student at Princeton, George Patton—S&F Armd Sch, Ed Roxbury—Columbia and then instructor at the Point, Charlie Simmons—student at Columbia, Kit Sinclair—ROTC Murfreesboro, Tenn., Lew Tixier—Armor Insp Sec OCAFF, John Treadwell—student at Princeton, Wally Wallis—TRUST, Percy Wheeler—S&F Armd Sch, George Webb—student at Tulane, Jack Kopald—3d Armd Div Ft. Knox, Jack Matteson—EUCOM, Mase Rumney—S&F Armd Sch, and Duke Wolf—FECOM. That takes care of the Armor boys; the following list are Infantry men that completed the Armor Advanced Course. Art Bugh—FECOM, Carshall Carlisle—Harvard and then instructor at West Point, Walt Frankland—FECOM, Tom McCormick—ROTC at U. of Rhode Island, Lee Parmly—FECOM or perhaps ROTC at U. of Alaska, Steve Gray—1st Armd Div Ft. Hood, and Bill Lewis—FECOM.

Louis Creveling wrote to tell us of his whereabouts. He is now Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Field Command, AFSWP, Sandia Base, N. M., having relieved Earl Van Sickle, who was transferred to the United Kingdom. Louis has been there since 15 Jan 52. On 29 Dec 51, Louis married the former Ann Harris Cowan in Clarksville, Tenn. Bob Isbell was married on 15 Dec 51 in Clarksville also, and Creveling was at the wedding. However Bob missed Louis' wedding because he was transferred to Operation "Snowfall" at Pine Camp. Bob married Laura Dority, a cousin of Louis' wife.

At Sandia are the McKinnies, Lundholms, Boyds, Carbines, Elders, Dorneys, Hunts, Chapmans, R. B. Stewarts, A. E. Allens, Myers, Teglund, and Hafers. Joe and Barbara McKinney were to leave in June for graduate school. Merl and Millie Hutto left in March to attend the language school at Monterey, Calif., and then will go to Chile on the Military Mission there. The Divers have just recently reported to Sandia.

At Kirtland AFB near Sandia, are John Umlauf and his wife, and M. R. Richards. Both Umlauf and Jack Richards were at Sandia prior to their attendance at the USAFIT for a year. Jack is the only bachelor of the class in that area. Jack and Harriet Cairns are parents of twin sons born in April at El Paso, Texas, where Jack is stationed at Fort Bliss. Cairns is on duty with the N.M.N.G.

The Advanced Class at Fort Sill, Okla., finished on 25 June and by now these men are well scattered. A list of the men in this class was published in the April *Assembly*. Other men that have been at Sill for the past year are Van Baker, Jean Joyce and Bill Stroud.

Ft. Bragg, North Carolina: Stan and Colleen Baumgartner with the Signal Section

of XVIII Airborne Corps. Stan Jr. is now almost 3 years old. Rex and Connie Beasley, with their two children. Rex is a test officer for the FA division of Field Forces Board No. 1. Charley Wesolowsky, who plans to get married soon, is at Bragg now. Bob Malley and Joe Rogers are with the 82nd Airborne. Jerry Collins is there making arrangements for a big show when the cadets visit Ft. Bragg in August. Blan Shattuck, who sent this info, is with the Aviation Service Test Div. of AFF Board No. 1. Blan went to the Army's flying school at Sill last fall, and to Tulsa in the winter. Jack Green and Rut Hazzard were down from West Point to make a jump. Rut is planning to get married soon.

Shattuck saw Frank Cole recently at Wright AFB, Ohio, where Frank is flying B-45s. Bob Crowley is at Belvoir, but expects to be sent to the U. of Illinois this fall. Bob is a bachelor. Gordon Oosting is at Ft. Monroe, Va., as an aide to Gen. Clark. Gordon and Ann Clark are to be married soon. At Ft. Monmouth are Moe Weinstein, Alex Gerardo, Jack Wozencraft, and Jerry and Mary Epstein.

"Hunch" Faires wrote me a letter to let us all in on what he has been doing recently. He lives at 405B Berry Circle, Van Horne Pk., El Paso, Texas. After he finished the Guided Missiles Course in April 1951 he was assigned to the Aero-Propulsion section of that Dept. where he taught math—from high school algebra to differential equations. After being a math instructor Faires was assigned to study a missile at White Sands. He has completed this job and is now preparing to teach one phase of the instruction to a similar group starting soon. The Faires now have a second child, David Hunter, who was born on March 14, 1952, at William Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso. Their daughter Laura is now 3½.

The Parmly family now totals six. Young Michael Eleazar, the first boy, was born recently. Marie and the three girls Beth, Barbara Jane, and Joanne, along with Michael of course, are to live in Fort Montgomery, N. Y. while Lee is overseas. I mentioned in the early part of this column that Lee would go to FECOM or ROTC, U. of Alaska. On 10 May Lee's letter said FECOM and on 9 June Hardin's letter said Alaska.

It has been requested that I put my address in each *Assembly* so that all may see it currently. It is: 812 N. 2nd St., Bellaire, Texas.

—S. E. H. F.

## 1947

A long letter from Bill Cooper brings us up to date on the goings-on at our fifth reunion which I, unfortunately, was not able to attend.

Coop writes:—"The reunion was a huge success with about 30 members of the class attending. It was a miserable day for a picnic, so Bob McCord's USNA brother turned his quarters over to us (he also has an AF brother here) and much fun was had by all. Orchids to Bill Mahlum and Bill Munroe for the coordination on the food and camp site. Wally Veaudry for the billeting of men and plans for women. A big bouquet of roses to Mary Mahlum, who played hostess to the tribe on several occasions. We had a brief business meeting, about 75% of the gang had sent back our cards with much favorable comment on the reunion. The return from our recent letter so far has also been quite encouraging. We received a letter from Jim Egger which informed us that we already have a class fund left over from graduation. We are keeping an index card file on each member of the class and are crediting his card as he complies with our recent letter. It was

recommended that our class president, Frank Boerger, authorize an executive council stationed at West Point with the powers to carry on some business in the name of the class. Several long range plans were put up for a discussion. First of these is a memorial to those who did not return from Korea. Jack Murphy has agreed to carry the ball on this and receive suggestions from all of you plus do some shopping for what would be appropriate. Jack will put out a letter on this during the next academic year so be thinking it over.

Second was a 10-year reunion year book giving the picture of grad., wife and children. After 10 years we felt that the single members could submit names and pictures of prospectives and let the rest of us vote.

A number of other thoughts were brought up and discussed but they will be turned over to Frank Boerger who, I am sure, will participate as soon as he gets settled from his recent change of station. He has just returned from Germany and is on his way to school. His address is still Milbank, S. Dak.

I asked each member who joined us to write a little bit about who he had seen and where, and I think we have covered more than half of the class this way. G. G. Kent, here from Ft. Meade, gave us his version of the "Slaying of Dan Magrue".

Al and Joan Cretella—Al is now a civilian attorney—were here. They have a daughter, Claudia. Bob and Marilyn Halligan were here to present a trophy to the No. 1 Graduate in Electricity. They have two children, Robert—4, and Judith—3. Ed Robertson, a fighter pilot from Korea, is now at Presque Isle, Me. Dick Allen, also single, drove up from Fort Eustis, Va. Others here were Bill McGee, Meade Wildrick, Frank Meadows, and Tom Benson. Dick also said that Kaericher (AF) is researching on Nuclear Physics after a couple of years at Ohio State. Norm Rosen, another bachelor from Belvoir, had a lot of names to add; Sam Starobin, Sam Wellborn, Ray Hails, Jack Schuder, George Levenbach, Roger Bate, Shelton Biles, Jake Jacobson and Al Van Petten are at Belvoir. Bing Perry, Kenny Hatch, and Art Becker are leaving to go to Cal. Tech., George Haugen and Dick McAdoo to University of Illinois, Mel Rosen to U. of Calif. and John Mastin to Harvard. Dick Steinborn goes to MIT. Major Merle Anderson is with the Chief of Engineers, and Pete Boerger is with the Engr Leader's School.

J. J. Williams, here from Aberdeen and escorting very "pro" from NYC, had a list of those at APG, Md. Captains Ike Snyder and Don Burton (trans to Ord), Lts. Willie Clark, J. G. Gaddie, Schnepf, Rachmeler, Richardson, Hank Paul, Bill Smith, and P. C. Callan. Jim and Kay Johnson left their dog, "Mike", home with a sitter in Belvoir. They expect an addition soon. Our hats off to Capt. Bernie Abrams, who made his first trip from Walter Reed to visit us. Though on crutches, his legs are becoming stronger and he expects limited duty in August. He's still single, lives at 2488 Dellwood Drive, NW, Atlanta, Ga. Jim and Donna Smith drove in from Ft. Riley. With them there are Bob Fahs, Bill Webb, Jim Tatum and John McCullough. Ed and Elaine Greene came in from Montclair, having just returned from Guatemala City, where son Ned was born. Jean and June Burner arrived from Pickett, Va. They have a daughter Leslie. Jack and Jill Faith have two boys; Goose Gossett, a wife and daughter; Al and Pat Haig, a son—all at Knox according to Jean. With Jean there for the Adv. Course in September will be Woo Woo West, Bill Webb, Bob McNeil and John Gerrity. Jean told of Jim and Mary Lou Edington in Hawaii with a son and new daughter. Marion Jacques is living in N. Hampshire with son Stevie. George and Lee Lynn came in while on leave in Long Island. They have a son and daugh-

ter and are headed for school in Monterey, Calif. Jim Mattern was with us from Ft. Monmouth. Mike Maloney left his wife "Mockey" home with the two boys in Philly. Mike says that Mal Wright and the Jim Ellises, all three civilians, live within a few miles of each other in Philly. Bert Brennan tells us of Bob and Butch Lilley, with daughter, also stationed at Dow AFB, Me. Bert added that Cecil Fuchs has changed his name to Fox. Hap Arnold was here en route to a 2-year exchange with the RAF. His wife, Janey, is in Texas hoping to join him with the two children for travel. Brent and Jackie Scowcroft came up from Columbia where he is studying prior to arrival here as a "P". Bob and Nancy McCord brought heaps of news from Sill. Finishing the Adv. Course are Dick and Pat Dunlap, have 2 boys, assigned to Sill. Dick and Sue Rantz, 2 girls, assigned ROTC Ohio Univ., Bob Koch, Bob Short and wife, Bill and Dee Brown, 1 girl—ROTC at Harvard, Bill and Marge Henry, 1 girl, assigned Sill, Bill and Doris Sullivan, and maybe others. Attending the Adv. Course in Sept. with the McCords are Bob and Lenore Curtis with 1 girl, Jim and Elaine Robinson, 2 girls and 1 boy, Doc and Pat Haskin with two children, the Dick Littlestones, Tom and Jackie Hayes, a boy and a girl, the John Paules's, Bob and Peggy Montague with two children, Tom Rogers and Ted Spiker. At Ft. Bliss are Willy and Dorothy Knipe with 2 girls. Bob Griffith was here from Mitchel AFB. Jim and Pat Ellis were with us. They have two children and Jim is working with his dad. Mike Dunham flew in from March AFB, couldn't bring his wife Ruth and daughter. Mike had some poop on Bill and Jetta Kuykendall. Dave Odell and Frank Perry are at March; also Bob and Patsy Erlich, Bob Kettner and wife, at Sandia, AFB N. Mex.

Willie Munroe, here with the PIO, was married to Mary Hills in the Cadet Chapel on 28 June. Some of us stationed here were ushers. He has heard from Bob Sattem at Patrick AFB Fla., Muscle Man Mock is at Wright Patterson AFB Ohio, and John L. Kennedy is about to join the Army after five years in the AF. J. J. Murphy, with the Law Dept., will take the fatal plunge in July. Wally Veaudry is off to USNA on an exchange tour. Bill Mahlum has heard from a great number of you in response to our letter. If you didn't get a copy—then we do not have your address. O. E. Brannan left Stewart Field in May for School in Monterey, Calif.

I have heard from Frank and Sue Taylor, who are at Leavenworth, and from Mel and Peggy LeBlanc at Ft. Myer. Also had a letter from Tom Perkins, who is in the hospital with a TB bug he picked up in Korea.

Address: Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio. His wife is nearby, and has had an addition since I heard from Tom. Anne is about to add the third member to the Cooper family. This is about all the news we could get from the reunion, almost forgot to add that John and Jane Mastin joined us, as did George Maloney, who drove up from Campbell, where he left the Buster Littles and R. DeW. Peckham, who had a brother graduate this year."

George Dell married Joy Miller in June '51. He's a law student at Southern Cal., and has been selected as editor-in-chief of the Southern California Law Review for 1952-53.

Jody Johnson, back from Korea in December, is at Nellis AFB as a fighter-gunnery instructor. John Guire is in the same squadron. P. J. O'Connell just finished gunnery school and went back to his permanent base at Clovis, N. M. Jody's address is Capt. Joe D. Johnson, Box 947, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Van Petten writes from the Engr Officers Candidate School that 1st. Lt. Jack Schuder is commanding "D" Co., Capt. J. A. Johnson commanding "A" Co., and 1st Lt. George Hagen temporarily commanding "C" Co. As tactical officers are George Levenback, Ray Hails, John Mastin, Sam Wellborn and Van Petten. Sam has a new daughter and Ray a son. Pete Boerger is in the Leaders Course of ERTC and plans to go to Univ. of Minnesota this year. Shelton Biles is there as aide to General Scott. Bill Cronin, Lantebach and Bob Haldame are at Ft. Myer.

A note from Jim Tatum says: "I am back to duty at Ft. Riley, after 14 months of hospitalization as a result of some chink's marksmanship. Also on the Staff and Faculty here are Bill Webb and John McCullough. Bob Fahs and Jim Smith are both out at Camp Funston in the 10th Division."

Lee Bass is in Washington, D. C., in the Office of the Chief of Transportation, working in connection with rail activities of the Department of the Army. He has a new daughter, Georgia, making a total of two children for the Bass family. His address is 411 Fairfax Road, Hollin Hall, Alexandria, Virginia, and he will be happy to see any classmates passing through.

Willie Knipe writes to say that he has a new daughter, Julia, born on the fourth birthday of their first daughter, Kathryn. He is an instructor in the Propulsion Department of the Guided Missiles School at Ft. Bliss, teaching math. The only other member of the class at Bliss is Tom Perkins, who is convalescing from TB. Tom has been moved to Brooke Army Hospital, where he can be near Gibby and his new daughter. He is in wonderful spirits and recovering on schedule.

John Rantz and his wife have a daughter, Mary Margaret, born at the Station Hospital at Fort Sill on February 7th, 1952.

A note from Bernie Abrams confirms an earlier statement in the column—he's recovering from his wound and should receive limited duty in the next couple of months.

Tom Flattery writes:—"Just a brief note to let my two roommates, Jack Kirby and Jim Enos, know that Gloria Flattery recently gave birth to a first son, Michael Patrick Flattery, born April 14, 1952. It's now two girls and a boy."

Al and Bobbie Geraci have a new son, Stephen Spencer, born May 14.

—Daniel L. Tate.

## 1948

One of the long lost correspondents of this column has finally made his whereabouts known. Rod Saville, now located at Norton AFB in San Bernardino, California, came through with all of a two-paragraph note. In it he didn't say a thing but nevertheless we have heard of a lost sheep. He is back from Korea in fine shape and evidently is in good spirits. Jim Barnett arrived at Fort Leonard Wood as a training company commander in the 6th Armored. Tom Jones is also there, as was Whitson, who since has left for a job as an Aide. Reuben Anderson is back from Alaska and is at Leonard Wood too. Bob Graf and Denny Patterson recently were sent there also. Bob is expecting to go to California Tech for a course in Civil Engineering. Bill Cook is with an Engineer Combat Battalion at Fort Lewis and is to be married on May 28th to Doanna Johnstone of Tacoma, Washington. Joe Aron is at Belvoir as an instructor. Norm Lovejoy was supposed to have been married on March 9th, but I haven't heard if the operation was successful. The lucky girl is Susan Gage Lent of Connecticut. Barnett says that if Dougherty doesn't start massaging his head at regular intervals he will have to start using Johnson's shine wax instead of a hair brush.

Sam Holliday married Joan Arminger, and is now on ROTC at Carthage, Missouri. Dave McNeely married Katherine Sav at Fort Monroe on the 14th of June in the Chapel there. Bob Mathis was married to Greta Gay of Bozeman, Montana, in April.

Bob Taylor, just back from Okinawa, with his new son, Bob Jr., and Jane, is located at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Their address is 455 N. State St., Trenton. Bob has asked me to locate Denny Long for him, so if you read this column, Denny, please write to



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him. I would like to hear from you myself. Sid Berry is living at 046 Heather Lane, Orangeburg, New York, and invites any and all who may come his way to drop by and see him. Bill Lyon and his wife are going to Ohio State University, where he will be Air ROTC Officer. Charley and Dottie French announce the arrival of their second child, a daughter this time, named Terri Sue. Bill Hayden and wife, Mary, have a boy named Charles Cruze now to take care of also.

Heikkinen and John Edwards are at the Air Force Guided Missiles School at the University of Mexico. Bill Madden is at Patrick AFB at Cocoa, Florida, for a while, flying jet planes again. Says he is lonesome to see someone he knows, and wants to know the location of Frank Cancelliere. Lew Chandler is at the Air Branch of the Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Ed Kritzer is at Langley Field. Hank Stelling and Charlie Shook are at Fort Eustis, or are expected there soon. Finnegan and Resnick are at Fort Lee, Virginia. Bill Ryan and Sam Cockerham are also at Eustis, and are still bachelors.

Irv Schoenberg is now on Okinawa, as is Joe Huey. Both are bachelors, but Grim Locke and Sharon are there to keep them chaperoned.

Bill Madden says there is some talk of a get together of some sort here in Atlanta for the Georgia Tech-Army football game this fall, and if that is the case I wish that all who are interested would drop me a note of some sort so that we might get things sort of lined up.

—Charley Nash.

## 1949

It was three years ago that we all graduated and I believe that a book could be written on our experiences since that time. I sincerely hope that some of you were able to return to West Point for June Week, in order that the Class of '49 could be well represented.

Now some notes of interest of those in the States. Bill Terrell has written that with him at Moody AFB are Mosny, Hustad, Eaton, Jamison, Neef, and Gillette. They are all going to school and will soon become instructors. Dave Colgan is flying as a crew member on a B-45 out of Langley, Virginia. Terrell had seen Bill Armstrong, who is at Austin, Texas, and Dick White, who is at Wichita AFB, recently.

Bernie Sabel notified me that Ernie Roberts has been assigned to the ROTC unit at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A letter from Jay Van Cleeff reports that he has been stationed at Westover AFB for the last year and from time to time has seen Bob Pursley, Ray Crites, and Tom Pratt—all stationed at Langley. Bob and Ray are flying B-26's, getting ready for Korea, and Tom is a navigator on a B-45 and should be in England or on his way. Jay had been in Florida and is on his way to Iceland for the next couple of years.

John McDonald sent us a note that he had a new daughter born March 2, 1951, and is now stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Terry and Shannon Smith presented "The Heir to the Smith Millions", starring Mahlon III, on April 11, 1952.

Jack Hodes was married at Fort Bliss in March with Gilbert Cheves, Whittie Whitmarsh and Don Gower as ushers. Jack Ryan has recently been awarded the Silver Star for rescuing a wounded man under fire, and reorganizing his platoon after one half-track was destroyed. John Vogel received the Air Medal for his work as a Field Artillery observer. An announcement was made in Columbus, Georgia, of the engagement of Dick Gillespie to Carolyn Cooper.

They were to have been married in April in Salzburg, Austria. Nothing final has come in about the wedding.

We are sad to learn that Bill McMurray has been reported missing in action in Korea. The report received was that his plane had crashed in the Yellow Sea on April 19, 1952. Bill was flying a B-26 and had flown ten combat missions. He has one son named William Roger McMurray, named for Roger Kulhman, who was killed in Korea in September 1950. We certainly hope that Linda, his wife, has heard from Bill by the time this goes to press.

From Germany Bill Nordin writes that he, Spencer, and Betts are all stationed together at Bamberg. Bill is stationed near Frank Clarke, Patterson, Croonquist, Chandler, Gibson, Dundy, McArdle, Williams and Teece.

A daughter was born to Bob and Margie Swartz in January, who are now stationed at Oberammergau, where Bob is an instructor. Rip and Pat Rowan and their two sons are in Friedberg, Germany. Jack Rust, Dan Williamson, John Magnotti, and John Sutton, with their families, are all still stationed in Germany. Bob Bradley, Alf Hale, George Hoffmaster, Wes Knapp, and Ronald Council are all near one another in Germany.

I imagine that some of you are in the process of being rotated or reassigned and that is the reason we do not have any more news for this issue.

—John I. Saalfeld.

## 1950

June Week — Olympic trials — a touch of the virus—deadline—"So grab your coat, get your hat" and we're off.

I was looking for news from Korea and on the last day J. Clark Duncan came through with scads of poop about the fly boys over there. Some good, some bad. The bad being that Bill Slade was killed when his F-80 crashed—Duncan is flying C-54's all over, and the news on the rest of the boys is: Reinsch and R. R. Smith flying B-29's from Okinawa, Stephenson, Dan Rogers and Cody flying them out of Japan, Frank Thompson, Swedel and Henry flying C-47's, Hal Strickland and Skipper Scott flying Photo Recon in 51's, Mal Ryan in 84's out of Japan, Gabriel and Casserly getting checked out in 86's, Andy Hubbard, Velej, Wright and Dick Drury flying B-26's from France—Kimes, Weber and Cannon winding up 100 missions in 80's; Scofield, Curry, German, Steffensen, Page and Baxter all flying 51's together, True, Moll, McCormack together flying 80's, while Bill Fuller, Brunson and Leavitt are all in 84's. Thank you Dunc.

Glory McBride writes that Bob is with the Far East Liaison Detachment and with him are Vic Cuneo and Jake Allen. Glory is in St. Louis, living with her family, and adds that Marion Nicolay is the only gal in those parts—Pete is with the 3rd Division.

Laneer Wheaton says that Jim is with the 7th Inf in the 3rd. Laneer is at 114 Maplemere Dr., Clarksville, Tenn.

An unsigned note gave forth that in Misawa, Japan, flying fighter-bombers are Pohl, Ryan, MacLachlan and Don Payne. Jim Mitham and George Fifield, and families, are with the attached AAA Battalion there.

Eddie Ramos, fighting with the Phil. Army, took Ross Franklin out on Ross' first patrol. Eddie was attached to the 3rd Div. and ran into Lougheed, Bardos (liaison with the Greeks) and Blair Ross. Eddie is now attached to the 45th Div. and has seen Bob Pierce, Schira, Mangum, Rutledge, Shorty Adams, Slavins and Ritter. On R.&R., Ed-

die ran into Lewandowski and Lamdin in GHQ, and Page and McAlpine in the Tokyo PX.

Dave Ray reports with him are Earnhart, Liechty, George Patterson and Kimes. D. D. said Joe Green went down 90 miles behind the lines and walked away from the wreck—nothing more.

Winding up Korea with bits: Ebner and Love with the 5th RCT, Higgins with the 187 RCT, Jack Ross with the 7th RCT—Gus Hergert expecting to come home, D. B. King a F.O. somewhere—my letter from C-1 just says D. B. is over there.

Europe: K. T. Veley wrote from Bordeaux, France, before he went on a 60 day TDY to Korea, that he and Dick Drury formed a pilot-navigator partnership. Also in that outfit are Melton, Andy Hubbard, Weight and Hendrickson. While in Europe up in Munich, Kelly saw Patty and Tug Greer and McCleary.

McCleary wrote that the class was planning a big reunion party in Berchtesgaden lasting for three days, the 6th, 7th and 8th of June. Mac said he was expecting sixty classmates and wives. With Mac at Bamberg are Henning, Frank King, Rounds, Quarstein, Jackley and Hank Strickland.

No news from Austria except that the Fergusons and Bill Hinds are still there.

Eddie and Dorrie Melton have, with two other families, moved into quite an establishment about 60 miles outside of Paris. It has multi-rooms with a dining room about the size of Cullum Hall, a courtyard, 3 garages, gardens, a lake, piano, gardner and maid.

Leaving Europe, the USS 1950 sails to the deal of deals—Foreign Service in Puerto Rico. Dave Pettit was up on a week's leave and wasn't too unhappy with his job. The Schnoors have had their second child—can anyone beat that???

Back in the States let's start from California and work east ending up with West Point and June Week.

The Gallaghers, from Riverside, Calif., write that they and the Zagorskis are at March Field and love it. Hoover and Goodman, over from Phoenix, spent a week-end with them. Newton is at Spokane, Washington, Mitchell at Travis AFB, Watson, Davis and Monihan are also at Phoenix.

Getting "Deep in the Heart of Texas", Dan McDaniel writes that with him at Bliss are Morrison, Vanture, Rowell, Tate and Gatley. Morrison and Rowell are at the Basic Course, Vanture at the Replacement Center, Gatley at the Guided Missiles Course, Tate is with the 1st Guided Missiles Group, and Dan is a math teacher in the school. Dan's advice is to save old math and engineering books.

Norm Hubbard has been doing quite a bit of traveling. He has gone from San Antonio to Hood to Alaska to Hood and then to F.E.C.M. Norm writes that Lou Hansotte has reported to Ft. Monmouth to take the Basic Course. With Lou on the post as Tacs are Tonningsen and Johns.

Bill Amen is at Corpus Christi as an exchange instructor—pilot teaching the Navy multi-engines. He adds he spent an enjoyable week-end with Bob and Mary Willerford at Williams. Bill says that Dick Slay is an instructor at Reese and he also says he'll be in Corpus till 1 Oct. and has plenty of room for anyone passing through.

Another unsigned note says Bennie Davis, Crichton, Hester and J. J. Baughn are all at Connally. Bennie is to be married in June.

Knauer at Sill writes that a hatful of the boys are present there—Barnes, Willingham, Jacobson (to F.E.C.M.), Splier, Phillips (to F.E.C.M.), Barry, Pick, Roehms and Langren.

A lone hold-out at Camp Carson is Duggins.

While out in the West to pick up a couple: Vlisides at Gunnery School at Luke, and Wallace at Lowry studying an advanced course of "cow" electronics.

Heading East again—Roy Clark—ex'50—a major at Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth.

On a back of a grocery list, the news from the 11th Airborne at Campbell gives forth with Easley going to the 187th, Zavitz to FECOM, Johnsrud, Spike Wood, with Div Arty, Bob Miller and Bob Douglas to EUCOM, Stuart, aide to Gen. Sink, Stanton and Hirsh aides in Div Arty, George Ball to Fort Jackson, Charlie Bell and Tom Ball to EUCOM and Bastar at Knox.

On down to the deep South, suh, Jeanne Rushing says her house is as good as any tourist court in Montgomery—1243 Augusta St. Some of her "boarders" have been Andy Pick, Heit and Tandler—while attending Squadron officers course at Maxwell—and Tankersley, Harper, Rufe Smith, and Smithers—over from Benning. Sounds like the meeting place of the South.

Notes here and there while heading North—Klie at McPherson in Deputy Chief of Staff's office—Marv Rees still in the hospital at Camp Atterbury. Bill Steinberg, Bob Schaffer and Bill Davis all at Indian-town Gap. Jim Nold in the hospital at Walter Reed—and around Arlington the Boylans, Burke Lees and Dreisonstoks are a steady threesome. Mangas is at Knox with the 3rd Armored and with him are Mac Chandler, Paulger and Abe Allen. Our scholars at Harvard went to town, Dick Keller receiving honors as being in the top five percent of his class and Eshelman received a fellowship to be used when he returns from FECOM (29 July reporting date).

At West Point visitors have been Dave Hughes, on way to Benning, Herbert in from Sill, Bill Jones to EUCOM, Friedlanders, Lib Casserly, Sally Strickland, Frank Howards, Charlie Eshelman and Judy Bashore—down for my wedding. The Paul Woods with the Waldors (to England) and Phillips, to FECOM. June Week found a gathering: On Sunday, 1 June, at Quarters 9-B (the Wilson's) a BYOL class party. Those illustrious ones present were Bob Wilson, Sam Smithers, Chuck Tonningesen, Monte Coffin, Jim Lynch, Pop Harrold, Judy Bashore, Angie Howard (Frank's wife), Jeanne Rushing and Joan Page. Those that couldn't make it, but were seen at various formations, Bob Douglas, Marv and June Rees, Dick Rein, Phil Bolte, Phil Harper, George Tilson, Lou Gibney (ex-'50), and Glenn and Ruth Knauer. At the party stories went long into the night and every "plebe" had a good time.

Weddings—Glenn and Ruth Knauer, Ruth and Jim Donovan, Livia and Tom Strider, and if I may boast—Ardath and Gail Wilson.

New ones—not too many this time—Robert Kevin to Sue and Bob O'Connell, a boy to Nancy and Bob Roberts and a girl (?) to the Dean Schnoors.

Am afraid I must take leave, peoples, as putter-together for '50. I'm off for the Olympics as manager of the Pentathlon team (my knees kept scraping the bottom in the pool—that's why I'm not going as a competitor) at the end of the month, then to Benning 4 Sept and then to EUCOM 11 Feb. I'm sure Murph will have someone appointed. Address all the letters to Class Representative, 1950, Association of Graduates, West Point.

It has been fun gang, knowing where you all were. Do the same for the next guy as you did for me and the column will always be full—you too Alaska!!!!

See ya' all around—

—"Zero."

## 1951

It is really heartening the way wives, parents, and fiancées have been sending in the news these past few months. Personally, I think that we ought to nominate Polly Phillips as news representative. The letter I received from her was loaded. Thanks, Polly.

As for rank . . . Bucky Harris swapped his gold bar for a silver one sometime last April. Who's next?

At long last, communications have been reestablished with the Signal boys. Bernstein, Zwerling, Peifer, and Satuloff were on maneuvers with the 24th Sig Bn at Camp Drum, N. Y., returning with the unit to Ft. Devens, Mass. Peifer has since left for maneuvers in Greenland and Labrador, Bernstein and Satuloff to FECOM. Albenda, Barber, McClure, Vellella, Cuny, Edler, Sheriff, and Chapman are Tacs in OCS at Ft. Monmouth. Welsh and Morgan are with the 11th ABN while Shapiro, Wallens, and McIntosh are headed for EUCOM. Wainer is getting back in the blue as a liaison pilot. That leaves only a few Signal boys with broken wires. Thanks, Chuck.

From Fort Hood comes the news that Lenny Shapiro stole the show at the West Point dinner in his rendition of "West Point Today". (Too bad McIlwain couldn't be there for a duet number.) And while we are on Sesquicentennial celebrations, word comes from Tokyo that the boys over there had quite a shindig. Members of '51 present: Guyer, McCray, Parks, Richardson, Stahl, Steele, and Thomas.

It's a Boy! Richard Jay, reporting to Al and Elaine Lichtenberg the 21st of February; Jefferson Reese, born to the Frank Forrests on the 8th of March; David Alan to the St. Marys on the 11th of March; a son, born to the George Scheuerleins on the 12th of March at the St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island; Robert Austin, to the Bob Yerks on the 16th of March at the West Point Station Hospital (a West Pointer already!); Thomas George Foster, III to Tom and wife, on the 17th of March at the Letterman Army Hospital, California; Frank O. Reed, to Phil and Ann at Ft. Knox Army Hospital on the 23rd of March; Lawrence Edward Harman, to George and Shirley at Ft. Belvoir Station Hospital on the 22nd of March; and during the month of April: John David, Jr., to the John Daighs on the 5th; David Scott to the Dave Detars at Pottstown, Pa., on the 25th; and a son to Dick and Ruth Ann Wasson; for May we have: John B. Gordon, II, to Jack and Harriet at Reese AFB, Texas, on the 5th; Jimmy, Jr. to Jim and Gussy Barron on the 13th. The Vincents and Bradleys have also had sons but as yet no details.

Unless anyone can come closer than the 19th of February, Walter Carper Phillips, III, is going to win the cup. Should have definite details in the next issue of *Assembly*.

She's a Darling! In February on the 28th, Marcia Jean, born to Max and Joyce Scheider at Ft. Belvoir, Va.; in March: Linda Suzanne to Ed and Delores Zuver on the 5th; a daughter to the Larry Dosh on the 10th; to the Erny Peixottos on the 21st; Linda Lee to Wayne and Alice Miller on the 22nd; in April: Sheryl Lynn to Pat and Stan Umstead on the 5th; Karren Lee to Ed and Dottie Markham on the 7th of May; and no details on the daughters of the Charlie Knapps, the Sines, the Lew Casbons, and the Frank Hamiltons.

To all the proud parents HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS!!

Concerning engagements, we have those of Fred Irving and Alice Blue (New York) with plans for a summer wedding, and Dave Rogers and Miriam Marcella McCrary with plans for a June wedding.

Among classmates caught napping during the last few months; Rollo Tausch and Geraldine O'Sullivan (Amityville, N. Y.) were married in the Post Chapel, at Fort Hood, Texas on the 6th of December, 1951, with Johnny Haumersen and Pat Woodley assisting; Cecil Nist and Pat McGrath were married at the Old Chapel, Woo Poo, on the 7th of January; Wally Miller and Cathy Coyne said their vows on the 22nd of February with Chuck Satuloff assisting; Ray Knight and Pat Flynn were married the 10th of March in Hoboken, N. J.; Bob Prehn and Candy Carner (Fayetteville, (N. C.) with Pat Patillo doing the honors, and Bill Barrott, Art Scalise, Lew Robinson, and Jim McDonald as ushers; Paul Coughlin and Sarah Beth Merritt were married at Ft. Sill on the 19th of April, Ed Matnew as best man; Tom James and Darlene Hominy were married at Mason, Texas (the announcement a few issues ago was a little premature, I think); and details are lacking on the weddings of Bill Thomas, Ed Van Keuren, and Bob Dean. Welcome into the club, Girls.

A note on the Guys and Gals in the 82nd Airborne. . . In Div Arty are bachelors Pat Brian and Miles Standish Grant in the 376th Abn FA Bn, Dean Mulder and Gabby Hartnett in the 319th, and Paul Coughlin in the 456th. Among the couples are Bill and "BJ" Crouch, Jim and Gussy Barron, and Wayne and Alice Miller. They have just completed "Long Horn Maneuvers" in the wilds of Texas.

Light note: It looked as though George and Bessie Psihas would start family life under the flagpole at Ft. Dix. Being on 31 March FECOM orders, George had already terminated quarters, and had shipped everything (except Bessie) home when he received a thirty-day extension. In true field order style, however, George hastily checked poop sheets and came up with a six-day leave for "emergency" purposes. Nice thinking, Hive???

From Korea comes the story that Bob Howes is in for a Silver Star after calling down artillery fire on himself to allow a patrol to escape a Chink ambush. He got back safely. Nice going, Bob.

If I ever receive a green light from the security department, we'll have a breakdown on the specific location of classmates overseas.

Since I have received no recent volunteers for the job, I'll admit that "P.T." stands for "the time being only". So address your news to the Editor, *Assembly*, Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y., or to Lt. A. D. Norton, Route No. 8, Greeneville, Tenn. So long, good luck, and keep writing.

—"P. T."

## 1952

### '52 JOINS THE LONG GRAY LINE

The rovers and honeymooners of '52 have moved into a spread formation—graduation leave. The class has reached the forks in the road, but the new gold bars will be assembling in smaller groups soon. The Ground Forces began the branch associate classes in July, and the Air Forces will start flight training in August.

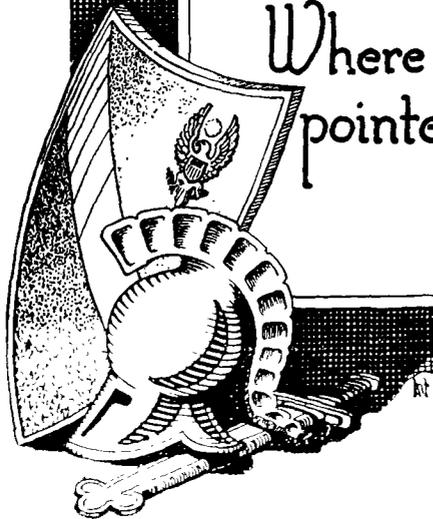
To those who have heard wedding bells, we send best wishes and congratulations. To those who wait, we wish you the best of luck and will watch for your announcements.

And—please send news about yourselves for the next issue of *Assembly* to Lt. W. A. Ross, 3006 Cody Road, Columbus, Georgia, before 1 September.

—"Willy."

# *In Memory*

We sons of today,  
we salute you,  
You, sons of an  
earlier day,  
We follow, close  
order, behind you,  
Where you have  
pointed the way.



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**Edward Julius Timberlake**

NO. 3521 CLASS OF 1893

DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1950, AT MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE HOSPITAL, TAMPA, FLORIDA, AGED 81 YEARS.

EDWARD JULIUS TIMBERLAKE, Class of 1893, was born at Timberlake, Tennessee, August 11, 1869. His father, Edward Julius Timberlake, a Colonel in the Confederate Army on the staff of General Forrest, and his mother, Luanna Small Timberlake, a granddaughter of Andrew Jackson, were both from Tennessee.

He graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee, and graduated among the first ten of his class at West Point. He was among the few brash cadets who, late in 1890, accepted the Annapolis challenge for the initial Army-Navy Football Game in 1890, and in spite of the opposition of the Tactical Department, smuggled in a football, organized a team, got the Superintendent's permission to play, and with only a few practices, met the Navy on the Plain at West Point and gallantly took a licking. However, West Point got ample revenge in 1891 by sinking the Navy 32-16 at Annapolis. "Timberlake Fleet" scored for Army against the Navy—Army thus winning the game handily. E.J. later reared four football playing sons, three of whom, although reaching the grade of general officer, never quite reached the athletic and academic heights of their illustrious dad. The fourth son was killed in an airplane crash in 1937.

Upon graduation Ed Timberlake became an "additional" 2nd Lieutenant of Artillery, promotion in those days, according to Benny Havens, "being rather slow".

In September 1893, Ed married Augusta Wrenne of Nashville, and reported to his first assignment at Fort Preble, Maine. He served as battery officer and as playing football coach at Fort Preble, Fort Trumbull, Connecticut, and Fort Monroe, Virginia, until 1898, where his battery's firing records were only exceeded by the records of his post football teams.

The Spanish American War found him in Cuba commanding Battery "L", 2nd Artillery, and in 1900 he returned to the States in triumph with his battery for station at Washington Barracks, D. C.—now Fort McNair. He was soon after assigned to the newly authorized Coast Artillery Corps, serving at Fort Greble, Rhode Island, until 1904; at Fort Caswell, North Carolina, until 1907; and at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, until 1909 as Artillery District Adjutant and Athletic Coach. He commanded Fort Hunt, Virginia, until 1910, and the Artillery District of Oahu until May 1913.

During the latter assignment he had much to do with the planning and construction of Forts Ruger, De Russy, and Kamehameha, which led to his special detail in the Quartermaster Corps in 1914 as Constructing Quartermaster of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He remained at West Point from 1914 to 1918, when his QMC detail expired and he was assigned as Artillery Commander at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Soon after the close of World War I he was returned to West Point and transferred to the QMC. Congress, by special proviso, kept him at West Point until 1929. During this period he supervised the building of the Cadet Mess (Washington Hall), the South Wing of Central Cadet Barracks, the South Cadet Barracks, the new Cadet Hospital, and many other facilities, roads and buildings, which today adorn and serve the United States Military Academy.

He served as Department Quartermaster, Panama Canal Department, until 1931, building Albrook Field, and was Sixth Corps Area Quartermaster until 1933, when he reached 64, the compulsory age of retirement.

Edward Timberlake's 40 years of service were lived in the spirit of the Academy's motto, by doing his duty with honor for his country. Although a great family man, his military life occupied his constant thoughts and interest while in the Service. Upon retirement he settled in St. Petersburg, Florida, where, after a term as City Manager, he devoted his time to his legion of friends and to the many problems of his children and grandchildren. His home, which he adored, was planned as a refuge for any and all of them, and his greatest joy was in having them turn to him for help and advice. He was not a churchman, but he lived quietly and consistently by the Golden Rule.

The earthly career of Edward Timberlake is closed. He was an able soldier and builder. In the words of General Douglas MacArthur, under whom he served so often and so long, "I know of no man who had such a liberal combination of character, de-



termination, personal integrity and loyalty to his friends. His entire military career was one of faithfulness and devotion to duty and the citations for efficiency and conscientious performance of duty which he received from many important assignments, now filed with his record, are silent testimony of a job well done"

He was buried beside his wife in the West Point Cemetery with former classmates as pallbearers. Three sons, Major General Patrick W. Timberlake, Deputy Chief of Operations, USAF; Major General E. J. Timberlake, Jr., Commanding General, Ninth Air Force; Brigadier General E. W. Timberlake, USA Retired; his second wife, Ruby M. Timberlake; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive him.

—E. W. Timberlake,  
Brig. Gen. USA Ret.

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**William Henry Cowles**

NO. 4107 CLASS OF 1902

DIED OCTOBER 28, 1951, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 73 YEARS.

BILL COWLES, or "Rusty", as he was affectionately called by his West Point classmates from the tawny color of his hair, was,

throughout his life, true to the highest principles taught by his Alma Mater, loyal and generous to his country, his family, his classmates and his friends.

Rusty's character was blended from sturdy old New England stock, his first American ancestor having come from England and settled in Hartford, Connecticut, about 1634. He was an Army boy, the son of Colonel Calvin D. Cowles, Class of 1873, U.S.M.A., who had a long distinguished Infantry career. His two surviving brothers were in the Army: Colonel David H. Cowles, Retired, of Menlo Park, California (Class of 1911, U.S.M.A.) and Calvin Cowles, M.D., formerly a Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Corps, who resigned to become an eye specialist in Boise, Idaho.

Rusty was born at the old frontier post of Fort Dodge, Kansas, on May 21, 1878. He received his early education in Washington, D. C.—at the Jackson School in Georgetown and at the old Western High—and at Guilford College, North Carolina, where his father had gone and where he too received his appointment to West Point. He was appointed a cadet from Wilkesboro, North Carolina, by Judge Romulus Linney, Member of Congress from the Eighth North Carolina District. He studied for the Military Academy at Saint Luke's Episcopal Preparatory School (now The Valley Forge Military Academy) near Philadelphia.

He passed through four stormy cadet years, unscathed by the Academic Board—quite a record for those times. Football was in its infancy. Having qualified as a lightweight halfback at Guilford, he played on the Plebe Runts football team in their Thanksgiving game against the Plebe Flankers.

Upon graduation, in June of West Point's Centennial Year he was assigned a Second Lieutenant in the 4th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he lived with a classmate, Bill McCain, then in the 8th. Later, when they were both married and members of the same regiment, the 15th, they lived next door to each other at Fort Bliss, Texas. They became lifelong friends.

Anyone who chanced to meet Rusty casually somewhere, sometime, on the long winding trail, could be sure of a warm reception. His cheerful greeting, his sympathetic solicitude for one's affairs, rejoicing at one's successes, regretting one's misfortunes, and his eager portrayal of news from mutual friends, must ever be fondly remembered. He was not given to gusty talk, but if ever a man had the milk of human kindness, Rusty was that man.

His active military career began with an epoch making century, of which he was to see the first half. Those were days of slow promotion. Rusty served fourteen years as a Lieutenant, in various regiments, the 4th, 5th, 8th, 12th, and the 15th Cavalry, and at various posts: Fort Riley, Kansas, to Walla Walla, Washington; to the Philippines (Camp Overton) and back again; at Fort Meade, South Dakota, Fort Huachuca and Nogales, Arizona, Fort Bliss, and Camp Logan.

It was the eve of World War I before Rusty got his two bars. Then military events moved rapidly. He soon became a Major in the Inspector General's Department, at Camp Logan, Texas. He sailed for France in May 1918 as Inspector General of the 33d Division. During 1918 he was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action with his division in France, and the clasp for his Victory medal credited him with participation in the major operations of the Somme Offensive, the Meuse Argonne Offensive, and in the Amiens Defense Sector. He took the student course at the General Staff College at Langres, France, and after the war was Inspector General of the 5th Division at Luxembourg.

He returned to the United States with his division in July 1919, to plunge into the peace program for national defense. He became one of the first Professors of Military Science and Tactics in schools and colleges—his post being the University of Arizona at Tucson. He served in the Military Intelligence Division, Office of the Chief of Staff, 1921 to 1923. During 1923 and 1924 he took the Advanced Course at the Cavalry School and graduated from the Command and Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, when he was placed on the Eligible General Staff List. In 1928 he graduated from the Army War College. Later he was Assistant Chief of Staff (G-1) 5th Corps Area, from 1928 to 1932. He commanded a cavalry regiment—the 26th Cavalry at Fort Stotsenburg, in the Philippine Islands, and was promoted to colonel before his retirement. These are the high lights, without fanfare, of a military career which sheds honor on the glorious annals of a branch of the Service which is now a thing of the past; for not many years after Rusty's retirement for physical disability in 1935, the horse was also retired from the Army.

Rusty was twice married. At Portland, Maine, on October 1, 1908 he was married



to Mary, the daughter of Major Noble Harwood Creager, Retired. She became an invalid with tuberculosis and died March 7, 1914, at El Paso, Texas. One son came of this union: Noble Harwood Cowles, born August 26, 1910 at Fort Meade, South Dakota. Noble graduated in 1928 from the Harvard Military School at Los Angeles, California, and the following September entered Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island. His father had every reason to expect from him a creditable future but a disastrous fate intervened. The boy was on his way from school to spend his vacation with his grandfather at Hartford, Connecticut, (his father was then on duty in the Philippines) when he was killed in an automobile accident.

Rusty later married Winifred Westlake, the widow of "Patsy" O'Hara (Class of 1904, U.S.M.A.) and became the stepfather of Mrs. Grace O'Hara King of Foxhall Village, Virginia, and Lieutenant Colonel James O'Hara of Lafayette, Louisiana.

They were married in February, 1938, after Rusty had retired, and they made their home in Washington, D. C. The thirteen years they spent together were most happy ones. They both were intrigued with motoring and felt free to go whenever they wished. Rusty liked using a camera, and the photographs of their many delightful trips were much enjoyed by their friends.

They spent most of their summers at Bailey Island, Maine, where Winifred's family had gone for a long time. In 1948 they bought a cottage of their own there and had great fun in fixing it up. The cottage had an eastern front with a wonderful view of the ocean, whence most of their summer pleasure was derived. Rusty knew all the fishermen and the summer people there and they all loved him. On their way to or from Bailey Island they used frequently to stop at Searsport, Maine, to see Fred and Blanche Black, and they always tarried awhile with Billy McCain at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, to talk over the old "horse days" at Riley.

Some of Rusty's family spent their winters in Florida and several times Rusty and Winifred joined them there. Rusty enjoyed the sea fishing, especially after his eyes were operated on for cataracts and his sight was not sufficiently accurate for golf, which in former years he had played vigorously, being a founding member of the Army and Navy Country Club.

Rusty was a member with Winifred of the Saint Alban's Episcopal Church, in Washington. He was the moving spirit of a little group of retired classmates who gathered at a Round Table in the Army and Navy Club. We have been together for over ten years. Whenever a classmate came to town, it was often Rusty who spread the news. The last time he was with us, he showed us a photograph he had made of Stewart, G. H., who was visiting "Sep" Black at Searsport, when he arrived there from Bailey Island. We were given the challenge of identifying a classmate, none of us had seen for years.

At Bill's house they were talking one Sunday afternoon about the West Point Sesquicentennial (where they were going with the rest of us in June) when the furnace went off. Bill went down to fix it, and, as he stayed rather longer than usual, Winifred called to him: "You must get ready now" she said. "You know we are going out this evening among friends." There was no response. She went down the stairs and found that Bill had gone to visit some other friends of long ago.

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You'll go up to the Point with us this June, Bill and we'll go over all the old scenes together: the falls we had in the riding hall, the tours on the area, the spring exams at the Academic. We'll read the Doomsday Book. Half a century can't blot out the shades of Buzzard Blake and Granny Adams or old P. Bass, P. Michie and P. Tillman. You still have your place here at the Round Table, Bill, so long as any of the rest of us are able to frequent it. We'll always remember your quiet ways, your fairness and your dry sense of humor, but above all your capacity for friendship. Yours was not of the middling kind.

You were a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

—E.

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### Arthur Emmett Ahrends

NO. 4190 CLASS OF 1903

DIED JUNE 4, 1951, AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 72 YEARS.

ARTHUR EMMETT AHRENDTS was born in Indiana on February 5, 1879. He was the only child of William and Ruth Ahrends. From his worthy parents Arthur inherited many fine qualities. His mother, Ruth Alden, was a descendent of John Alden and Priscilla of the Mayflower. Arthur's father, who died in 1889, was of a kind and generous nature. Arthur, left alone with his

mother on a farm near Sunman, Indiana, thus became the man of the family at the age of ten. These early years alone with his mother, who was a person of fine mind and great strength of character, helped develop in Arthur self-reliance, sturdy independence, a keen sense of duty and responsibility, and an understanding and sympathy for others. All of his life, children and persons in sorrow recognized his kindly disposition and his goodness, and came to him for help.

Arthur entered West Point in 1899. Although always modest and unassuming, his nobility of character was such that, even at that early stage in his career, his classmates and fellow cadets in other classes sensed that here was a man of the highest standards of honor, a kindly person who would always go out of his way to be helpful to others and in whose integrity one could stake one's life. Arthur, as a cadet, was an excellent horseman and a good fencer. He was a Cadet Lieutenant in the Corps of Cadets, which then consisted of 6 companies.

Upon his graduation from West Point in June 1903 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and assigned to the 20th Infantry. In August 1903 Arthur was



married to Miss Margaret Pear, whom he had known at school prior to his going to West Point. Arthur and Margaret were admirably suited to each other in having the same high standards of character and the same serious outlook on life. Margaret was Arthur's constant companion and true helpmate for 48 years until his death in 1951. I remember well, on joining the 20th Infantry in the fall of 1905, hearing Arthur and Margaret praised highly on every side as the ideal young married couple who, by their dignity and perfect lives, set a fine example of what a Christian Union of high minded and sincerely religious people should be.

Arthur and his bride joined the 2nd Battalion of the 20th Infantry at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, at the end of his graduation leave. In January 1904 the Ahrends sailed with their regiment for the Philippines. They returned with their regiment early in 1906 and were stationed at the Presidio of Monterey, California. As a second lieutenant at the Presidio of Monterey for the next three years Arthur pursued the even tenor of his way; a quiet, dignified, earnest and capable young officer. He was always a perfectionist in all things, particularly in his military duties. Every thing he did at all, he did well. No job assigned to him was ever treated as unimportant by him. He was so thorough, so conscientious, competent and keenly interested that he made the job important. As range officer, he con-

ducted the rifle range at Monterey as a model of good management. Arthur was an excellent shot himself, with both the rifle and pistol. The years at Monterey saw him winning high places each year in both the pistol or rifle matches, which were held at the Presidio of Monterey for the Pacific Division. From the Division matches Arthur was always a successful competitor to go on to the Army Matches held at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

In 1907 the Musketry School was established at the Presidio of Monterey. This school was the forerunner of what later became the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Arthur was an important asset to the School of Musketry, being among its early instructors and Secretary of the school.

Arthur received his promotion to First Lieutenant of Infantry as of September 25, 1909. The next 8 years found him assigned to many different duties and stations, as his services were eagerly sought by many in the Army who knew what an exceptionally fine officer he was. These assignments included P.M.S.&T. at both Pennsylvania State College and Rutgers University. In 1914 and 1915 he served again with his old regiment, the 20th Infantry, which he rejoined for Mexican Border duty in Texas and New Mexico. The spring of 1916 found him on duty under General Leonard Wood at the first Plattsburgh Training Camp, for which service Arthur received the highest commendation from General Wood for his valuable services. Everywhere that Arthur went his efficiency, his honesty, loyalty and trustworthiness, his force of character, and his ability to get along with people and get things done, made him a marked man.

Arthur, by now a Lieutenant Colonel of the National Army, served as Adjutant of the 81st National Army Division and went overseas with his Division. His Division Commander recommended Arthur for the Distinguished Service Medal. When the War Department wished to detach Arthur from the 81st Division to serve as the Assistant Commandant of the Small Arms Firing School at Camp Perry, Ohio, as being especially well fitted for the assignment, Arthur's Division Commander insisted that Arthur was indispensable to the Division.

After some service with the Army of Occupation in Germany in 1919, Arthur served on the General Staff of the Philippine Division in 1920 and 1921. He served on the General Staff at the headquarters of the 3rd Corps Area in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1922 and 1923. In all these various assignments of World War I and in the reorganization of the Army after World War I, Arthur made the same excellent impression on all with whom he was associated—for his integrity, his loyalty, his abilities in leadership and his all-round efficiency.

Arthur was a student of the Advanced Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning for the 1923-24 course. He next attended the 1924-25 course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He then served as an instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning for three years. Upon graduating from the Army War College in June 1929, Arthur was detailed as Instructor at the headquarters of the 41st Division, with station at Portland, Oregon. Arthur's fine character, outstanding abilities, and pleasing personality greatly endeared him to the personnel of the 41st Division, which was composed of units of the National Guard from the states of Oregon and Washington. At the expiration of his 4 year tour of duty with the 41st Division, his success with the National Guard had been so eminent that Arthur was selected for duty with the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D. C.

In 1935 Arthur had the opportunity to return to his beloved California, where he served as Adjutant and as Commanding Offi-

cer of the U.S. Port of Embarkation at Fort Mason, at San Francisco.

Arthur was retired in the spring of 1940. It would take almost a whole book to include all the many commendations given Arthur for his outstanding services by his commanding officers all through his long and varied career. These commendations were all richly deserved. Only one such letter will be included in this memorial article—as typical of the many other similar letters which Arthur received. This is a letter from General George C. Marshall, then Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, written on the occasion of Arthur's retirement from active service. General Marshall's letter is included because it sums up well and truly the great value to his country of Arthur's lifetime of conscientious service:

"War Department  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
Washington, August 6, 1940

Colonel Arthur E. Ahrends, U.S.A., Retired  
166 Dana Avenue,  
Palo Alto, California.

My dear Colonel Ahrends,

At this time of your retirement from active service, upon your own request, I take pleasure in expressing to you the appreciation of the War Department for the long and valuable service you rendered the country as an officer in the United States Army.

The military record you leave in the Department covers a period of more than forty-one years, and the efficient, capable, and conscientious manner in which you discharged your duties on various assignments of importance was commended by those with whom you served. You can retire with the consciousness that you have done your duty, loyal and dependable in the performance of every task.

Wishing you good health, success and abundant happiness in the future, I am

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) George C. Marshall  
Chief of Staff."

Arthur was recalled to active duty in World War II, serving with Military Intelligence in San Francisco and then again at the Fort Mason Port of Embarkation from 1941 to 1943, when his heart began to give trouble and he was retired because of it.

In the summer of 1939 the Ahrends had a home built in the beautiful Santa Clara Valley south of San Francisco. After Arthur was released from active duty, near the end of 1943, he busied himself with his lovely home and in being a good citizen of his community. He took an active part in the Civic League of Palo Alto and in the First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, in which he became an elder. His climbing roses grew and bloomed almost unbelievably under his skillful care and his velvety green lawn was the admiration of all beholders. A perfectionist as ever, he made his hand felt for good in every thing with which he was connected. Many old friends made pilgrimages to Palo Alto to renew old friendships.

The Ahrends had one daughter, Ruth—named after Arthur's mother. Ruth attended Mt. Holyoke College and made her home with her parents.

Arthur died June 4, 1951 from a coronary thrombosis. His mortal remains rest in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Francisco.

Arthur Ahrends was a man of the highest character. How honest and good he was! He had an innate sense of truth and honor. He was a faithful son, a devoted husband, an affectionate father, a loyal and dependable friend, and a delightful companion.

Arthur came from a sincere Christian home and was brought up by a devout mother. His religion was of the sympathetic

good Samaritan kind; an exalted religion of charity and helpfulness.

Arthur was a strong, forceful, positive personality with great abilities in leadership. His forcefulness was so tempered by kindness, unselfishness and consideration for others that, although firm where moral principles and rectitude were concerned, he was never domineering.

Arthur had a keen sense of benign humor—never sarcastic, never unkind—that brightened every thing it touched. His genial sense of kindly humor flowered with age and it was great fun to be with him.

The good example set by persons of noble character and exemplary ideals never dies, but lives on in the hearts and characters of those they have influenced for good. Arthur was a saint on earth. As a noble Christian and splendid officer he is missed by a multitude of friends, who respected, admired and loved him. In their hearts and fond memories he will always be enshrined. The world is a better place because Arthur Ahrends lived in it. In the words of our Savior: "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"

—C. C. E.

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### Corbit Strickland Hoffman

NO. 4181 CLASS OF 1903

DIED SEPTEMBER 24, 1951, AT PHILADELPHIA,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 72 YEARS.

THE passing of Corbit S. Hoffman, Class of 1903, was a great shock to all his friends. The writer had a letter from him just previous to his death which seemed so cheerful and happy that it was believed that he had weathered the storm. This letter was very characteristic of him as always seeing the bright side. His ready smile and humor were always in evidence with his friends. He was first, last and always a loyal friend



without show or affectation. He was sound in his decisions, forthright, and a good man to be with in an emergency. At a class reunion dinner in New York City in 1948, the writer, in looking over the members of 1903 present, thought how difficult it is to evaluate the success of each one. Environment and opportunities during the formative years were important factors, but so far as Corbit Hoffman was concerned he had made the grade. He was blessed with the love of his fellow-men and his military career

was a most honorable one. All honor to him for carrying the torch of Duty, Honor and Country as befitting a worthy son of West Point.

—W. M. C.

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**Stuart Ainslee Howard**

NO. 4202 CLASS OF 1903

DIED NOVEMBER 22, 1951, AT CARMEL, CALIFORNIA, AGED 72 YEARS.

COLONEL STUART A. HOWARD was born April 3, 1879 in Cleveland, Ohio, and spent his early youth in Muncie, Indiana, and Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from high school in Brooklyn, N. Y. and enlisted in the Army in the Spanish American War. His father intervened and secured an appointment for him to the U.S. Military Academy from Brooklyn. He attended Braden's Preparatory School and entered West Point in June 1899, graduating in 1903. He was a quiet, unassuming cadet and spent



a large part of the meagre leisure time available in those days in the Library. This extra curricular activity aroused his interest in world affairs and in the domestic political economy—an interest which was manifest in later years. It was a source of great regret to him when trouble with his eyes, which was the cause for his retirement for physical disability in 1935, curtailed his reading after retirement.

In the reminiscences which he submitted in 1948 for inclusion in a projected class book, he recalls with good humor that while Officer of the Day on one occasion "Freddy" Sladen ordered him "to report MacArthur for not marching off the Battalion promptly to the mess hall after formation for mess". He believed that MacArthur had always thought that he had done the skinning. It amused him also that John Franklin ranked first in his plebe year on discipline with 9 demerits while MacArthur received 11 demerits.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to the 30th Infantry and accompanied the large contingent of his classmates who had been assigned to units in the Philippines. Upon arrival there he found that his regiment had been ordered to return to the United States and he returned on the same transport that had brought him to the Philippines, a familiar experience that has not yet disappeared from the Army. He served as a lieutenant with the 30th Infantry for a period of 12 years at various

stations in the United States, the Philippines, and Alaska. While his company was stationed at Fort Crook, Nebraska, he met and married Mercedes Lowe Bell on October 3, 1906. This companionable marriage continued for 45 years until the time of his death. She soon bestowed upon him the nickname, "Lambie", by which name he was thereafter known throughout the Service by all his friends.

He was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Vermont from 28 September 1915 to 30 June 1917. During World War I he served as a company officer, 61st Infantry; as Brigade Adjutant, 158th Depot Brigade; as G-2, 28th Infantry Division; and as G-2, 19th Infantry Division. For this service he was awarded the Victory Medal with the service clasp for the Vesle Campaign and five battle clasps for participating in the campaigns of the Aisne, Champagne - Marne, Aisne - Marne, Oise-Marne and Meuse-Argonne. He was appointed Major, Field Artillery, National Army on 5 August 1917 and Lt. Colonel, Infantry on 9 September 1918. He was transferred to the Adjutant General's Department on 7 June 1922 and promoted to Colonel on 1 October 1934. His service after World War I consisted of two tours of duty with the 9th Corps Area Headquarters. He also served as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Leland Stanford Junior University, California. He was Officer in Charge, Old Records Division, A.G.O., Washington, D. C., from 14 November 1923 to 30 August 1927. While on this duty he was given an honorary membership in the Naval Historical Foundation for his work in research of some old naval records. He seemed to have enjoyed his service in the Hawaiian Department more than anything else and made many friends while on duty there.

He was retired for physical disability in 1935 but returned to active duty during World War II from 23 March 1942 to 29 October 1943, during which time he served as Director, Personnel Division, Sixth Corps Area, and at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation. For this duty he received a Commendation Ribbon. He helped to organize the 6th Service Command and was very happy with two other classmates, Franklin and Ahrends, at Fort Mason.

While on duty at the Presidio of Monterey, from 1910 to 1912, at the School of Musketry, he and Joe Stilwell decided then and there to make their homes, upon retirement, on the Monterey Peninsula. In pursuance of that resolution, he left the Hawaiian Department in 1935 and proceeded immediately to the Monterey Peninsula to make a home for his wife and himself. Quoting from his reminiscences: "I first lived in Carmel, California, until 1940, then built a small home for myself at the country club, in the pine forest at the junction of three fairways. 'Monterey, the Golf Capital of the World with four famous Golf Courses!' A retired officer has to have at least one occupation, and mine is playing golf three times a week." "Lambie" played an excellent game and participated annually in the State of California Senior Golf Tournament. He was also an ardent baseball fan and when he was ill, derived a lot of amusement from the daily radio broadcasts of the game. There were no children, so "Lambie" and "Daisy" planned a home for two which is a model in its arrangements for ease and comfort in living. He was meticulous in everything he did and the perfection of his home is evidence of it. He was a man of strong opinions and decided likes and dislikes. He loved an argument but always avoided cherishing any grudges. "Lambie" was always the soul of courtesy with the manners of an old fashioned gentleman.

An active man for his age who enjoyed living, it was a great shock to his friends when he was suddenly stricken with the

heart ailment which eventually resulted in his death.

So long, Old Timer, it was good to know you.

—R. C. M.

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**William Adams Dallam**

NO. 4395 CLASS OF 1905

DIED JANUARY 29, 1951, AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 70 YEARS.

WILLIAM ADAMS DALLAM was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 13, 1880, the son of John M. Dallam, M.D. and Hannah B. Dallam. Among his forebears were Richard Dallam, appointed by George Washington for the State of Maryland; William Paca, Governor of Maryland, and signer of the Declaration of Independence; and Colonel Jeremiah Berrell, 92nd Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line in the War of 1814.



"Bill", as he was fondly called by his classmates, received his early education in the Philadelphia schools. In spite of a delicate constitution his ambition was to graduate at West Point and he undertook a rigorous training to meet its demands. He realized his goal when he graduated from the Military Academy in the Class of 1905, highly respected and beloved by his classmates. Upon his graduation he attended the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas, and was then assigned to the 12th Cavalry and served with it at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and in the Philippine Islands. He resigned in 1910.

Three times his career met unforeseen disaster due to inevitable economic disturbances, the last caused by the great depression of 1929. He then entered the Department of Employment of the State of California and served it with marked distinction in San Francisco and in Sacramento until retired for age under the State laws.

Quiet, trusting, and rather reserved, yet with a strong sense of humor; affectionate, dignified and conscientious, he carried an indomitable courage and an iron resolution, holding the respect and affection of his men, his classmates, his many friends and co-workers. A great soul, as was said of another, "None knew him but to love him nor named him but to praise".

Suddenly stricken one night, he knew the end had come and quietly with a smile accepted the inevitable verdict. His ashes and

those of his wife Freda rest in a beautiful niche in the East Lawn Columbarium in Sacramento, California.

His character can best be described in the following lines:

"I'd not give room for an Emperor—  
I'd hold my road for a king,  
To the Triple Crown I'd not bow down—  
But this is a different thing!  
I'll not fight with the Powers of Air—  
Sentries pass him through!  
Drawbridge let fall—He's the Lord of old—  
The Dreamer whose dream came true!"

—S. Field Dallam.

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**Ben Waller Feild**

NO. 4440 CLASS OF 1905

DIED FEBRUARY 2, 1952, AT LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA, AGED 70 YEARS.

BEN WALLER FEILD was born in Memphis, Tennessee, July 14, 1881, the son of Henry Allison Feild and his wife Virginia Warren Capps, who derived their illustrious lineage from Colonial Virginia ancestry; his Feild ancestors having migrated to Tennessee in 1835. Benny, as he was affectionately called by all who had the privilege of knowing him, received his early education in Memphis, Tennessee, and Jonesboro, Arkansas. From that state he was appointed to the Military Academy in 1901 and he graduated four years later. As a cadet he held himself to the highest ideals. His kindly disposition and friendly nature made him well liked and his name was so closely associated with lyrics to the tune of "Viens Poupoule" that he became almost as famous, in our day, as that other Benny, "Benny Havens"

Upon his graduation in 1905 he was assigned to the 6th Infantry and he joined it in the Philippines, where he participated in the Battle of Mount Dajo in March 1906. Upon his return to the United States he was stationed at Fort Missoula, Montana, but later served two more tours in the Philippines and two tours on the Mexican border. In April 1917 at Camp Fremont, California, he organized and commanded the Motor Section, 8th Ammunition Train, and got it as far as Camp Mills, New York, in October 1918. After the armistice brought the hostilities of World War I to an end, he was assigned as Professor and Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Universities of Illinois and Minnesota. In 1922 he was on duty at Fort Knox, Kentucky with the 11th Infantry and was retired as a Major, on October 31, 1922.

After his retirement he was active in the real estate business in Florida. While in Florida he was seriously injured in an automobile accident in 1927 and in that emergency the help and encouragement of his classmates did much to bring about his recovery. Benny was always very grateful and appreciative for what his classmates had done for him.

Benny married Anna Marshall in Missoula, Montana, on April 29, 1908. She passed away June 16, 1922. Soon after he left the hospital after recovering from his injuries, on January 28, 1928, Benny married Mrs. Emilie Innes Bertholf, widow of Commodore Bertholf, U.S. Coast Guard. They sailed for Seattle and there he engaged in the real estate business. In July 1932 Benny moved from Seattle to San Francisco where he was established as a Christian Science Practitioner. In December 1934 he moved to San Diego, California, and continued his practice there. Mrs. Emilie Feild died in San Francisco on May 19, 1938, and, on August 2, 1939, he married Mrs. Pearl Gillis Hendrick, a Christian Science Practitioner.

In 1945 Benny was in the real estate business in the San Fernando Valley, but in 1950 his physical infirmities forced his retirement. For the last two years of his life he had almost completely lost his sight, but a kodak picture taken recently in his cadet dress coat showed him as erect as when he was a cadet. His pride was such that only his wife, as she lovingly cared for him, could realize the full extent of his courage.



For the last ten years Benny and Pearl had a cabin in the Malibu Mountains, at Malibu Lakeside, Agoura, California, called Singing Hills, thirty-four miles from Beverly Hills, California, and twelve miles outside the city Los Angeles. They had recently moved there and Pearl will continue to reside there.

In 1950 Benny Feild returned to his native Southland for the first time in thirty-one years, and there were a succession of happy family reunions in Tennessee and Arkansas, where every one welcomed him joyously. Few realized that his sight was failing for he was so self-reliant and active and alert. A family picture was made of the three brothers and two sisters in the manner of a similar picture made of them on his graduation leave.

While Benny was in a hospital in Los Angeles, he died suddenly and unexpectedly on February 2, 1952. Funeral services were held in the Veterans Administration Cemetery Chapel on February sixth and interment was in the Memorial Chapel Cemetery, West Los Angeles, California.

He was a true gentleman, a Christian, and a proud West Pointer.

In addition to his widow, Benny is survived by three children by his first wife: Miriam Feild of San Francisco, California; May Anna Feild of New York City, and Thomas Feild of Dunsmuir, California. He is also survived by two brothers, two sisters, and twelve nieces and nephews, by whom he was greatly beloved. Mrs. Berry B. Brooks of Memphis, Tennessee is one of the nieces.

—A Classmate.

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**Clarence Andrew Mitchell**

NO. 4434 CLASS OF 1905

DIED DECEMBER 22, 1951, AT SAN FRANCISCO,  
CALIFORNIA, AGED 69 YEARS.

COLONEL CLARENCE ANDREW MITCHELL, United States Army, affectionately known to his classmates as "Mitch", was born in New York City, N. Y., the 25th of April, 1882.

He was the son of Andrew Mitchell and Lotie A. Stidworthy.

As a boy, Mitchell attended Grammar School in New York City. He was appointed to the Military Academy by Congressman Amos A. Cummings, and prepared for his entrance examinations at Captain Braden's famous Preparatory School in Highland Falls, N. Y. He entered the Academy with the class of 1905, on June 11, 1901.

Mitchell served over 41 years.

As a Cadet, Mitch was known to his classmates as a lad with a happy and sunny disposition. He had no great difficulty with his studies and enjoyed all the various cadet activities of his day. In those days of our youth, all that knew him derived from him a feeling of warmth and comfort. His intimates were impressed with his straightforward honesty and directness.

Mitchell was graduated June 13, 1905 and appointed a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. His commissioned military service included many important assignments of high responsibility.

He served as a Company Commander with the 15th Infantry in the United States and in the Philippine Islands, from June 13, 1905 to October 15, 1907; as Commanding Officer, 66th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, from October 16, 1907 to June 30, 1910; as a Company Commander, in the Coast Artillery Provisional Regiment at Fort Miley, at the Presidio of San Francisco, and at Camp Ysidro, California, from July 1, 1910 to July 18, 1914; as Recruiting Officer and Post Adjutant, 12th Infantry, at Fort McDowell and at Fort Barry, California, from July 19, 1914 to August 20, 1918; as a Regimental Commander at Camp Lewis, Washington, from August 21, 1918 to March 22, 1919; as Assistant Recruiting Officer at Little Rock, Arkansas, from March 23, 1919 to April 1, 1921; as Instructor, Missouri National Guard, at Joplin, Missouri, from April 2, 1921 to June 25, 1922; as Assistant Corps Area Adjutant, Headquarters, Seventh Corps Area, at Omaha, Nebraska, and as a student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from June 26, 1922 to June 22, 1924; as Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters, Philippine



Department, in Manila, Philippine Islands, from June 23, 1924 to August 6, 1927; as Assistant Adjutant General and later Adjutant General, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Bliss, Texas, from August 7, 1927 to September 5, 1931; as Assistant Adjutant General, at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, from September 6, 1931 to July 19, 1934; as Adjutant General, 2d Division, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from July 20, 1934 to Jan-

uary 27, 1937; as Officer-in-Charge, Old Records Division, at Washington, D. C., January 28, 1937 to August 1, 1938; as Adjutant General, 1st Cavalry Division, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from August 2, 1938 to October 7, 1940; as Adjutant General, Fourth Corps Area, at Atlanta, Georgia, from October 8, 1940 to May 14, 1941; and as Executive Officer, Adjutant General's Department, Ninth Corps Area, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, from May 15, 1941 to October 15, 1942.

He was awarded the World War I Victory Medal; the American Campaign Medal, the American Defense Service Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

After being retired in 1942 Mitchell was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company from 1943 to 1945, as a Shipfitter and Instructor of Mathematics. Thereafter he led a quiet retired life with his family in Carmel, California. Several of his classmates lived in the vicinity and he was happy in the renewal of old friendships.

Mitch married Clarissa Sidney Mitchell (same last name) on September 5, 1917. They had three children: Clarissa Turner (wife of Col. E. M. Serrem, Class of 1939); Joan Mitchell Jones, and Clarence Andrew, Jr. (Class of 1944). There are four grandchildren: Clarissa Ann Serrem, Mark M. Serrem, Pam Serrem, and Stephen Prescott Jones.

Mitchell was devoted to his family. He took great pride in the fact that his wife was a leading expert tennis player. He was never happier than when he was with his four grandchildren. In his last years it was no uncommon sight to see him shepherding the youngsters about Carmel Village, intent on the daily shopping—Mitch with his pipe and the children hanging on to his fingers.

His career typifies that of most graduates of West Point—a lifetime of unswerving, efficient, loyal service to his government. He died unexpectedly December 22, 1951, mourned by his family, his classmates and his friends. Throughout his career Mitch held steadfast to the fine attributes of his youth. He is buried at the Presidio of San Francisco.

—Daly, '05.

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**Lester David Baker**

NO. 4747 CLASS OF 1908

DIED JANUARY 5, 1949, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 65 YEARS.

LESTER DAVID BAKER was born September 4, 1883 at New York City.

He entered West Point from Connecticut on that great day, June 16, 1904. Prior to his cadet service he spent one year at Tufts College. Upon his graduation from West Point in 1908 he joined the 20th Infantry at Camp Daraga, Albany, Philippine Islands. In 1909 his regiment moved to Fort Wayne, Michigan, then in 1913 to Texas City. Later in that year he became an aide to General John P. Wisser, serving at Texas City, at San Francisco and in the Hawaiian Islands. It was during his service as Aide that many of the class got to realize Baker's worth and value as a junior officer. An outstanding quality was his charm and tact.

In June 1916 Baker returned to the United States for duty as an instructor at the Plattsburgh training camp. This training and his association with the civilians who attended his camp were of great value to him throughout his entire subsequent career.

In early 1917 Baker returned to Hawaii, but before he was settled at Fort Shafter he was transferred to Camp Fremont, California. After a year at that station he was

assigned to Camp Custer, Michigan, as Adjutant, 14th Division. Here he became a temporary Lieutenant Colonel. Then he was detailed as Student Officer, Staff Class, Army War College, but the Armistice completed Baker's services at the Army War College and he was returned to Camp Custer.

In March 1919 he was assigned to Headquarters, Central Department, Chicago, Illinois, as Assistant to the Department Adjutant. In June 1919 Baker was sent to France, initially for duty in the Rents, Claims, and Requisitions Department, Hq SOS, AEF, but he later became a Student Officer at St. Cyr (Ecole Speciale Militaire). His course there was completed on August 1, 1920. He was then assigned for a few months to Headquarters, American Forces in Germany. When his European tour ended, Baker was detailed as an instructor in the Military History Department of The Infantry School, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Here he followed the pattern set by many other officers at that time; being first an instructor at a Service School for one year, then a student in the same school. He completed his advanced course in July 1922 and was sent to Fort Slocum, New York, as a battalion commander, where he remained until



September 12, 1923. Then he went to Rochester, New York, for duty with the Organized Reserves. It was during the following three years that Baker made many new friends in the Reserves and in the National Guard of New York State. After a most successful tour in Rochester, Baker was sent to the Command and General Staff School. On graduation in 1927, he was assigned to duty at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as Military Attache, American Embassy, for four years. At the conclusion of this duty he returned to Fort Hamilton, New York, as a battalion commander and, later, as Executive Officer of the 18th Infantry until August 1934, when he was again assigned to duty with the Organized Reserves, this time at Toledo, Ohio. Here too, just as at Rochester, he made many valuable friends in the civilian components.

Baker was assigned as Military Attache at Buenos Aires, Argentina, from March 14, 1936 to March 14, 1940. He was also U.S. Military representative at the Chaco peace conference and Military Attache to Uruguay and Paraguay. On his return from Argentina, he was again assigned to duty with the Organized Reserves, this time at Washington, D. C. But in 1941 he went to Chile as Military Attache for two years. For a little over a year he was in command at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. In 1943 he was found physically disabled, but he was kept on active duty for another year in Counter Intelligence work at New York. On

May 31, 1944, ill health compelled him to doff his uniform for the last time. After his retirement he became a member of the Board of Directors of the Imperial Pearl Syndicate. He died at Walter Reed Hospital.

Baker received several foreign decorations. He was a Commander of the Order of Condor of the Andes, and an Officer of the Orders of Cruzeiro do Sul, and Reconimiento Paraguayo.

Baker was married January 1, 1918, to Miss Beatrice Fraser. His wife was his constant companion in life and was by his bedside at his death.

—V. L. P.

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**Allen Russell Kimball**

NO. 4995 CLASS OF 1911

DIED DECEMBER 6, 1951, AT AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK, AGED 65 YEARS.

ALLEN R. KIMBALL was born 20 June 1886 in Oneida, N. Y., a son of Myron H. and Flora Moon Kimball. He moved in boyhood with his parents to Amsterdam, N. Y. A military career was his ambition from earliest days. His devotion to the principles of honor, integrity, courage, loyalty and devotion to duty which characterize the Army became evident in him when he was a student in the public schools. He was a boy with a purpose, who could make decisions. He knew what he wanted to do, where he wanted to go and acted accordingly—steadfastly, methodically, and according to plan. However, during his professional military career, and even as a boy, he accomplished his purposes—his missions, so to speak—quietly, without undue ostentation, graciously, efficiently, always with gallantry, and always with consideration for others. He was a boy and a man who could be depended upon for a fine performance in any duty assigned him.

"Whitey" Kimball entered his chosen career as a cadet at the Military Academy in the Class of 1911. He was a good man, giving promise of admirable military qualities, even as a plebe. Many of his classmates will remember on one occasion, always memorable to him, when Whitey's sense of gallantry impelled him to an act above and beyond the call of duty, certain uniform regulations notwithstanding, and led to his more thorough familiarity with navigation of "the area" and a clean but honorable sleeve. He thoroughly enjoyed life as a cadet. It was the life he wanted. It was a part of the Service he wanted and to which he was destined to devote himself so efficiently and with so much satisfaction to himself, to his comrades, and to the Service for thirty-nine years. He was a member of the Academy Tennis Squad, and developed, during his cadet days, an interest in golf which he never lost. He played a great deal of golf throughout his life and always played well.

His marriage to Edna Louise Heath of Amsterdam took place on September 5, 1911, during his graduation leave, upon termination of which he reported for duty with the 12th Infantry at Fort William McKinley in the Philippines, his first assignment. There followed other assignments in California and at Madison Barracks, N. Y., until the Mexican Border crisis found him with the 3rd Infantry at Eagle Pass and Del Rio, Texas.

The outbreak of World War I interrupted his tour of duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Castle Heights School, Lebanon, Tennessee.

He had by this time established a reputation for ability to organize and train, which

throughout the war thwarted his intense desire for assignment to the AEF. Details to various Training Areas in New York State, at Norfolk, Virginia, Camp Sevier, Ga., Camp Colt, Pa., and Camp Dix, N. J., followed, until the signing of the Armistice on 11 November 1918 intercepted him at the Port of Embarkation, N. Y., enroute at last, although too late, to duty in the AEF. Revised orders reached him here for duty as Motor Transport Officer of the Port of Embarkation, Norfolk, Va.

His efficient performance of Motor Transport duties at Norfolk led to his detail to the Panama Canal Zone in 1919 to become Motor Transport Officer of the Zone. Here the life of the Kimballs was saddened by the death of their son, Allen Heath Kimball, their only child, at the age of seven years.

Motor Transport experience led to his transfer to the Quartermaster Corps in 1921, and to duty as Assistant Quartermaster at West Point until 1924, at which time he returned to the Canal Zone as Executive Officer of the Panama Quartermaster Depot at Corozal, and later as Post Quartermaster at Fort Davis.

He returned to the States to attend the Command and General Staff School, from



which he was graduated in 1928. He was later graduated from the Army Industrial College in 1933, and from the Army War College in 1934, after four years as Instructor and Director at the Quartermaster School, Philadelphia, Pa.

He served from 1938 to 1944 as Director and Assistant Commandant, Quartermaster School, Philadelphia; on General Staff duty as a member of the War Department Budget Advisory Committee, representing the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War; as Quartermaster, United States Military Academy; as Quartermaster, G-4 and Chief of Staff, Service Command, Eastern Defense Command; and as Commanding Officer and Commanding General, Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

General Kimball joined Headquarters, ETOUSA, in England on 14 March 1944 as Deputy Chief Quartermaster in charge of Operations; then, following the Normandy Operation and the Invasion, as Headquarters Commandant, Headquarters, ETOUSA, and Headquarters Communications Zone, ETO USA, Paris, France. He returned from Europe in 1945 to become Commanding General, Schenectady Army Service Forces Depot.

He was retired with the rank of Brigadier General on 15 March 1946.

General Kimball was far more than simply a most efficient officer. He was a man of

wide acquaintance in both military and civilian circles. He always derived a real pleasure from his associations with his acquaintances. The hospitality of the Kimball quarters was well known. General and Mrs. Kimball were very devoted to each other and were ideal as host and hostess. General Kimball inspired officers and men because of his own deep and sincere faith in the ideals of the Service and because of the deep personal interest he took in everyone with whom he came in contact, on duty or otherwise. His courtesy toward and consideration for others were never failing.

The Military Academy was to him one of the prime interests of his life. He never lost interest in anything or anyone concerned with the Academy. His enthusiasm in its affairs and in the affairs of his classmates was boundless.

His energy and interest in life would not let him "rest easy" in retirement. He became Personnel Manager of Mohawk Carpet Mills, in which position he rendered invaluable service to Labor and Management in that corporation and to the community, taking an intense and active interest in civic affairs. He became as much of an example of a fine, able, outstanding citizen in civil life as he had been an inspiring example in military life.

Death came to him on 6 December 1951, after an illness of but a few hours. Funeral services were conducted for Allen Kimball in Amsterdam on 10 December. He was buried at West Point on 11 December with the honors due a good soldier come home to rest at the hallowed Academy which he had always held so sacred.

—L. S. F.

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**Milo Pitcher Fox**

NO. 5023 CLASS OF 1912

DIED JULY 21, 1951, AT GALVESTON, TEXAS, AGED 63 YEARS.

COLONEL MILO PITCHER FOX was born October 29, 1887, at Mankata, Minnesota, the son of George and Grace Pitcher Fox. His brother, Tom Fox, was also a graduate of West Point, Class of 1915.

Surviving Colonel Fox are his wife, Mrs. Agness Peel Fox; a daughter, Mrs. Frank York; and four grandchildren, Anne, Jane, Mary and David York.

Monte was appointed a Cadet of the United States Military Academy on March 2, 1908, and served as a cadet to June 12, 1912, when he was graduated and appointed Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Regular Army.

Upon his graduation from West Point, he served until February 26, 1913, with the 2nd Battalion Corps of Engineers, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and later served in the capacity of Post Exchange Officer, 2d Battalion of Engineers, at Texas City, Texas, until September 15, 1913.

From October 1, 1913, until March 31, 1915, he attended the Engineer School at Washington Barracks, D. C. On February 27, 1914, he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.

On the completion of the course at the Engineer School, he was assigned as a Company Commander to the 1st Battalion, Corps of Engineers, at Washington Barracks until December 31, 1915. He then was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, Corps of Engineers, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, until March 12, 1916. He was with the Punitive Expedition in Mexico from March 26, 1916 to February 5, 1917, and then was assigned to the 2nd Engineers at El Paso, Texas, until August 22, 1917. Later, until August 12, 1918, he

was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

During this span of service, he was appointed Captain, Corps of Engineers, on July 1, 1916, promoted to temporary Major on August 5, 1917, and to Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, on August 1, 1918, accepting the appointment on September 4, 1918.

Monte was then given the command of the Engineer Troops at Fort Myer, Virginia, and Camp Leach, D. C., for the period September 4, 1918 to December 31, 1918, after which time, until September 10, 1919, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C.

Being appointed Chief Engineer, Silesian Brigade, Monte once again started to new territories. He was stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland for a time, and later was sent in the same capacity to the American Forces in Germany. This tenure of duty lasted until July 1, 1920, after which time he again returned to American soil to be assigned as Inspector of Engineer Units, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., until June 1, 1921. He then was assigned as the District Engineer at Wilmington, Delaware, until June 20, 1922, and later, as the District En-



gineer at Huntington, West Virginia, until June 15, 1923.

On July 1, 1923, he became Assistant to the Chief of the Rivers and Harbors Division, Office of the Chief of Engineers, in Washington, D. C.; this post he filled until August 31, 1927. He then attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a student until June 15, 1928, when, upon successfully completing his course, he once again took up the threads of his military life by being assigned as the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, at Galveston, Texas, which city he later adopted as his permanent "headquarters". Then followed assignments in Washington, D. C., and Portland, Oregon. Once again, Monte's duties enabled him to tour the States.

On June 21, 1937 he was assigned to Fort Dupont, Delaware, and became Regimental Commander of the 1st Engineers at that station on July 10, 1938. Following this duty, he became Engineer Officer of the Sixth Corps Area in Chicago, Illinois, on September 1, 1939, and later, on January 11, 1941, Engineer Officer of the II Corps in Wilmington, Delaware, which position he held until May 16, 1941. It was during this phase that he was given his promotion to temporary Colonel. On November 1, 1940, he was appointed Colonel of the Army of the United States.

On May 16, 1941, he was assigned as Assistant Engineer, VII Army Corps at Bir-

mingham, Alabama. His last active duty assignment was as Assistant to the Division Engineer, Lower Mississippi Valley Division, Corps of Engineers, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and this duty, which began July 27, 1941, continued until March 31, 1945. His retirement by reason of physical disability incurred in line of duty was on 31 August 1945. He had been promoted to Colonel, Regular Army, on January 1, 1942. His death occurred on July 21, 1951, at Galveston, Texas.

Monte was awarded the Silver Star in 1939 for outstanding service. He was authorized the World War I Victory Medal, with three battle clasps for participating in the Champagne-Marne Offensive, the Aisne-Marne Offensive and the Toul Defensive Sector in World War I. He was also given the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal for his service in World War I, and the American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal and Victory Medal for his service in World War II.

A mere recital of the assignments of Monte Fox gives no real idea of the superior quality of his work, nor of the traits of character of the man as he quietly went about his tasks. In his dealings with other people, he was always gentle—though firm when need be—considerate, courteous, kind and thoughtful. He was one of those rare individuals possessed with an "educated heart". His quiet sense of humor, his soft, well modulated voice, his well-bred reserve, his dignity and his serene outlook upon life and circumstances, made him the most agreeable of companions. I voice the sentiments of all who knew him, either as classmate or friend.

—R. C. Kuldell,  
Brig. Gen., Hon. Ret.

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**Joseph Wilson Byron**

NO. 5270 CLASS OF 1914

DIED APRIL 12, 1951, ABOARD THE SS *Santa Monica*, WHILE ON A CRUISE IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA, AGED 58 YEARS.

UNIVERSALLY respected and admired as a patriot, soldier, industrialist and humanitarian, Joe's warmth of character and personal charm endeared him not only to his classmates but to a host of friends, both military and civilian.

Although maturity was necessary for the full development of his talents, his greatness of heart and geniality were plain to see even as a Cadet. We find this in the 1914 *Howitzer*:

"Joe has as many friends as there are men in the Corps. If you know him at all you are his friend, for he is one of those Heaven born individuals whom everyone is bound to like. \* \* \* Any man in the class will be glad to find himself in the same branch as Joe and assigned to the same organization."

Millions of soldiers can vouch for his efficiency and personal solicitude in providing for their needs in battle and throughout the Service. His was not only a military assignment but a dedication to the welfare of military personnel of all ranks and in all climes, for whom he had a deep personal interest and affection.

This interest in his fellows was carried into his work in civilian life with his active interest and support of the Boy Scouts, Public Health, and other worthy causes. His civilian associates in his business, as well as those with whom he was connected in other endeavors, will acclaim with the same zeal and enthusiasm his work with them as those in the Army, the other half of his life.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to

serve with Joe or to be stationed near enough to see him frequently, endorse with all our hearts what was written so many years ago.

Son of Major Joseph C. Byron, Class of 1886, and Jane Wilson Byron, the daughter of an Army Chaplain, Joe was born at Fort Meade, South Dakota, and entered West Point from Phillips Exeter Academy. He was appointed from the Sixth Maryland Congressional District (Hagerstown and Williamsport), where his family returned after his father left the Army to take part in the conduct of the family business, W. D. Byron and Sons. Commissioned in the 5th Cavalry, he was assigned to duty on the Border and participated with his regiment in the punitive expedition in Mexico following Villa's raid on Columbus.

Following routine assignments of the time, he was transferred to the newly organized Tank Corps and sailed to France as Major of the 304th Tank Battalion in October 1918.

With the termination of hostilities he began a series of assignments having to do with the disposition of surplus war material in France, and ending in the disposition of surplus leather equipment in Washington. Shortly after the war Joe resigned from the



Army, as had his father, to enter the family business as Assistant Treasurer. Through successive promotions he became President and Chairman of the Board of this and associated companies. During his tenure of office as chief executive of the corporation, he brought it to its present position of leadership in the leather industry.

During his 22 years with that industry prior to World War II, he became chairman of various committees of the Tanners' Council and became internationally known as a leading factor in the leather business. During this period he also undertook several increasingly prominent positions in an advisory capacity with the national government. He served as advisor to the National Recovery Administration, later becoming head of the Leather and Shoe Section of the War Production Board just prior to our entering into World War II. He also served as Chairman of the Hide and Leather Committee of the Army and Navy Munitions Board.

With our entry into World War II, the Army was greatly in need of an outstanding executive familiar with Army needs and customs and also well versed in business affairs, to head the greatly expanded Post Exchange System, which was fast becoming the largest organization of chain stores that the world had ever seen. Joe was recommissioned as a Colonel, and subsequently promoted to Brigadier General and Major General as the scope of his work was expanded to include

many other activities. When these activities were consolidated in the Army Special Services Division of the Army Service Forces, Joe was made the head of that organization, a most difficult and complicated assignment, which he performed with great credit and distinction to the Army and himself.

All the available superlatives are required to describe the field of these activities. They included the largest retail store chain in existence, the largest library system, the largest movie circuit, the biggest athletic program on earth, the greatest recreation and entertainment program in the world, as well as a number of other "greats". It is doubtful if any other man in the United States combined the qualities of military and business experience with the personal traits of character which Joe possessed, or if anyone else could have accomplished as much as he did with all these diverse, important and widespread activities. For his outstanding performance of all these duties, he was awarded the D.S.M.

With the end of the war Joe returned to Hagerstown, his family and his business. In all this period he found time to participate extensively in many of the activities in Hagerstown and Maryland. Though never a candidate for office, he was active in managing the campaigns of several Republican aspirants and served as President of the local Rotary Club, the local Building and Loan Association, and many other similar activities. He was especially devoted to the work of the Boy Scouts, and became a member of the National Committee and a Regional Chairman of that organization. Although active in public life, Joe's interest was in service rather than partisan politics or office holding.

During his long separation from the Service between wars, Joe never lost touch with the Class or with West Point. He was faithful in his attendance at our periodic reunions and active in the conduct of class affairs. He was the moving spirit and active manager in our big reunions and always full of ideas for them. All of us who could attend the Washington monthly meetings were always happy when he could be with us. He was always delighted to see his classmates and always more than willing to lend a helping hand where needed.

While stationed at Fort Leavenworth in 1917, he married Susanne, the charming daughter of Colonel Sedgwick Rice. With two generations of Army background, it is not surprising that three of their children should have elected the Service. Their daughter, Mrs. Vernon N. Simmons, Jr. married into the Service, and their two sons have likewise elected to go into it. Their other daughter married F. Kent Bradford, who is with Fairchild Aircraft in Hagerstown. At the time of Joe's death, Captain Joseph R. Byron, Class of 1945, was at Omaha with the Air Force, and Corporal Sedgwick R. Byron at Lackland Air Base in Texas.

All of us who knew Joe well, especially those who were fortunate enough to be associated with him for extended periods after leaving the Academy, share with his family the deep sense of personal loss his death has brought. Our country has lost an outstanding leader and a man of the highest character, at a time when it sorely needs both.

—B. B. S.

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**Thomas Simons Sinkler, Jr.**

NO. 5707 CLASS OF APRIL, 1917

DIED JANUARY 31, 1952, AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AGED 61 YEARS.

THE death of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas S. Sinkler, Jr., USA-Ret., removed one of

West Point's most devoted sons. Forced into retirement by ill health on January 31, 1933, Tom had to relinquish any aspirations he may have had to win a place at the top of his profession. He refused to abandon his first love, however; and he lived to serve many years in less active capacities, both at West Point and elsewhere. During the last eighteen years he devoted himself so tirelessly and selflessly to West Point that his influence was widely diffused; and he won the affection and respect of large numbers, both in and beyond Army circles.

Tom was born, December 30, 1890, at Charleston, South Carolina, the son of Thomas Simons Sinkler, Sr. and Caroline (Finley) Sinkler. After completing the high-school course at Charleston, he attended The Citadel, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1911.

After graduating from The Citadel, Tom took a position with his father in the coal business. It may have seemed to many that he was settling down for life. But such was not to be the case. Tom had always had a desire to attend West Point and to make the Army his career. Therefore, when a belated appointment arrived, he accepted without any hesitation. He entered the Military Academy in August 1912.

While Tom was still a cadet, he displayed the qualities he showed more markedly in his later life. His kindness, his good nature, and his dependability were noted by his classmates. The cadet was shrewd and prophetic who, in referring to Tom's selection as company commander, wrote in the *Howitzer*: "The TD never selected a truer man or more conscientious worker to hold down a position of trust".

Upon his graduation from the Military Academy on April 20, 1917, Tom was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and sent to Fort McPherson. He had hardly embarked upon his career when an important event in his life occurred. He had the good fortune to meet, on a blind date, Helen Thorn of Atlanta, Georgia. This was the lady whom Tom married on November 17, 1917. Thereafter, the years of active service prior to his retirement for disability brought Tom many and varied duties. These duties included assignments to the 17th, 19th, and 6th Infantry; two tours at USMA (one as instructor, first in French and later in tactics, and another as instructor in the Department of English), the Company Officers' Course at the Infantry School; and assignments with ORC and CMTC units.

During sixteen years of duty at the various stations and during a similar span at West Point as Instructor and as Executive Officer in the English Department, Tom Sinkler gave yeoman service on all occasions. He was adamant in his insistence upon the highest standards of work for himself and his colleagues. He would tolerate no slackness where the ideals and traditions of the Military Academy or the Army were concerned. But his tact and consideration for his officers and men won him the affection and respect of all. Many officers have told me that the one characteristic they will always associate with Tom was his unusual ability to understand the other man's point of view. And as Tom's superior officer during his last five years of active service, I should like to acknowledge here my own debt to him for his faithfulness to duty, his invaluable assistance, and his unswerving loyalty. He was always gentle and soft-spoken, but he had the strength of character and firm control of any situation which is the hallmark of the military leader. He had in an eminent degree the "iron hand in a velvet glove"

Off duty Tom was warm friendship personified. Quarters No. 123, Washington Road, where the Sinklers lived for eight years, was a haven for cadets, newly assigned officers,

classmates, friends and friends' friends. At the Sinklers home one found southern hospitality transplanted to West Point. Tom always preferred entertaining to being entertained. He was always in his best form when at home with his guests, reveling in providing them with exceptional old-fashioned cocktails and indulging his penchant for punning. A visit, long or short, at the Sinklers' home was always a most pleasant experience. It was obvious to all that the family life of the Sinklers was one of rare accord, maintained by mutual affection and unselfishness. There was no root of bitterness allowed in their home, and there will be none in the homes of the two surviving daughters, Helen Thorn Sinkler (Mrs. F. Chandler Jones, Jr.) of Albany, Georgia and Anne Sinkler (Mrs. George W. Thompson, Jr.) of Montgomery, Alabama. A rich heritage the two daughters have received!

On the day of Tom's final retirement in August 1950, and just when the Sinklers were about to leave West Point, Helen died of a heart attack. This was a sudden and severe blow of fate for Tom. In September of that year, however, he returned to Porter Military Academy to take again the position as Head of the English Department



that he had held from 1934 to 1938. With Helen gone, he lived for his "girls" and his grandchildren, six in number. "Daddy Tom," as he was called, set up a vacation place on the water near Charleston. This retreat soon became known as "Lollypop Inn" because of the magic ways in which lollypops appeared. Frequent visits with his loved ones brought contentment to Tom. Just before his death he wrote that he had had a wonderful Christmas holiday with his family and indicated that for him the tensions of life were over.

In January 1952 Tom contracted a severe cold. He was taken to the Charleston Hospital for a few days, but failed to respond to treatment. Respiratory complications developed, taxing the heart; and Tom died on January 31.

Besides the children and grandchildren Tom leaves a sister, Allen Sinkler Deas (Mrs. Alston Deas), of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Another sister, Caroline Sinkler Deas (Mrs. James Douglas Deas), survived him only six weeks.

In the years to come there will be much to console friends and relatives in remembering Tom Sinkler. As a man he was quiet, modest, and sincere; and as a soldier he had kindness, fairness, and honesty. No ailments could make him complain; no difficulties could make him lose heart; and no personal desires could make him compromise with his integrity.

So lived our friend and still a friend he "past, to where beyond these voices there is peace".

—Colonel George R. Stephens,  
Head of the Department of English, USMA.

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### Frank Thorpe Turner

NO. 6009 CLASS OF JUNE, 1918

DIED DECEMBER 31, 1950, AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, AGED 55 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK THORPE TURNER, United States Army, Retired, was born in Rock Elm, Wisconsin, March 6, 1895. He was the son of Dr. Frank Howe Turner and Jennie Thorpe Turner. Reared in a small rural community, Frank Turner lived a normal American boyhood in those more leisurely and comfortable years at the turn of the century when youngsters had a chance to hunt and fish and lead healthy, outdoor lives.

Moreover, as the son of a country family doctor, he early became familiar with horses and understood how to ride and drive them, and their care and management was part of his boyhood experience. Thus, it hardly seems strange that many years later Frank should have chosen the Cavalry when he graduated from the Military Academy, for he had acquired already a keen knowledge of horses and horsemanship.

He was still quite a youngster when his father moved his family across the lake to Traverse City, Michigan, a county seat and summer resort at the head of Traverse Bay near the northern end of Lake Michigan. With a population somewhat in excess of twelve thousand, Traverse City quite dwarfed the overgrown village of Rock Elm, so that Dr. Turner could enjoy a far wider scope in the practice of his profession and at the same time, provide superior educational facilities for the children of the family. Nevertheless, the new place of residence was not so large but what young Frank could still participate in the out-of-door life which he loved then and in the years ahead.

Frank Turner received his diploma from Traverse City High School in the Class of 1914 and the following autumn he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. At the time he was seriously considering following his father's footsteps and entering the profession of medicine. Early in 1915, however, he had an opportunity for appointment to the United States Military Academy and on June 15, 1915 he became a cadet at West Point.

What we now call World War I had already started in Europe, and less than two years later, the United States had become an active belligerent. Frank's class, therefore, was graduated from the Academy a year early and on June 12, 1918 Frank Thorpe Turner was a Second Lieutenant in the 8th Cavalry. Some five weeks later on July 16, 1918 he was promoted to First Lieutenant, Temporary, 8th Cavalry.

Before joining his regiment, the young officer was detailed as a student at the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he remained from July 10 to September 30, 1918. Then on October 1st he began a strenuous year with the 8th Cavalry on the Mexican Border in the Big Bend district. Although part of that time Lieutenant Turner enjoyed the comparative comfort of the little frontier community of Marfa, Texas, where his regiment made its headquarters, there were more than six months on detached service with units of the 8th Cavalry at Ruidosa and Candelaria on the Rio Grande.

Those were long days and nights of border patrol in a rugged, mountainous country,

and in an arid terrain which was still largely a wilderness. In addition, sharp changes in temperature—heat, wind, cold and alkali dust, all combined to make the long hours in the saddle particularly rigorous.

The average American today is hardly aware that during World War I it was necessary to maintain a large force of Cavalry along the Mexican border as protection against bandit raids and the possible threat of larger scale operations from south of the Rio Grande. Thus, the border patrol during those years was of vital importance and it involved the hardships of a serious campaign. Several actions took place against Mexican bandits during that period, which resulted in American casualties. Lieutenant Turner participated in one of those affairs when his detachment crossed the Border in pursuit of Mexican bandits on April 2, 1919.

In the autumn of 1919, the 8th Cavalry left Marfa for its new station at Fort Bliss, Texas. Turner marched with his troop to the old Post at the edge of El Paso. There he remained until March 1921, except for brief periods on detached service at Gallup, New Mexico, and at Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was on recruiting duty. Also, he was in command of Fort Hancock, Texas, for some four months in the winter of 1920-21.

Following about six months in the Panama Canal Zone with the 12th Cavalry at Camp Gaillard, Lieutenant Turner joined the 3rd Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, in September 1921. He remained with the "Brave Rifles" until June 1926. During approximately two months in 1926, Turner was a student officer on detached service at the School for Bakers and Cooks at Fort Strong, Massachusetts.

Frank Turner, who, incidentally, had received his permanent appointment as First Lieutenant of Cavalry on October 28, 1919, again became a student when he entered the Troop Officers' Course at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, in September 1926, from which he graduated the following June. He then joined the 2nd Cavalry at the same station and remained with that regiment until July 1928, when he was transferred to the 10th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, serving with the 10th Cavalry until December, 1931, as commander of Troops A and B.

While an officer of the famous old colored regiment, Lieutenant Turner served on outpost duty with detachments of the 10th Cavalry at Lochiel and Nogales, Arizona, during the Mexican disturbance in April and May of 1929. In the fall of that same year he took part in the Cavalry Division maneuvers.

After several months as commander of the Machine Gun Troop, 13th Cavalry, Turner was again sent to school, becoming a student in the Communications Course at the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, from September 1932 until May 1933. In June he was commanding the Headquarters Company of the 14th Cavalry at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. On September 26, 1933, he was promoted to Captain of Cavalry.

Then followed a period of temporary duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps as a company commander, a Special Inspector, and as a Sub-District Commander at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Late in 1935, Captain Turner sailed for the Panama Canal Zone once more, and until June 1938 he was stationed at Corozal, C. Z., as Post Exchange Officer.

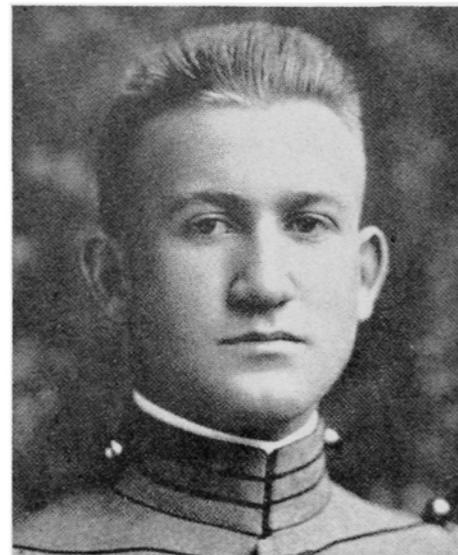
Returning to the United States, Turner was assigned to the 4th Cavalry at Fort Meade, South Dakota, where he commanded the Headquarters and Service Troop until he received his majority on April 30, 1940, when he took over the First Squadron, which he commanded until August 26, 1940.

Unfortunately, illness overtook him that summer with the result that Frank Turner

was sent to Fitzsimons General Hospital at Denver, Colorado. He was retired for physical disability in line of duty on July 31, 1941 and called back to active duty on the following day. After a short leave, he again reported for service at Fort Meade, South Dakota, to take his part in the new war which his country was about to enter.

Frank Turner became a Lieutenant Colonel, AUS, on February 1, 1942. In anticipation of foreign service, Colonel Turner took a physical examination that spring which disclosed that his heart condition would no longer permit him to remain on the active list. In consequence, to his great disappointment, he was again placed in retired status as of June 24, 1942.

In recent years, Colonel Turner had made his home in Santa Barbara, California, where he lived quietly with his wife, the former Edith Slocum, and his ten year old daughter, Dorothy Gertrude. He loved his home and his garden, and devoted long hours to remodeling his house, a task in which he displayed a rare skill, doing much of the work with his own hands. An enthusiastic gardener, Frank Turner took great pride in his flowers and shrubs, for he seemed to possess a "green thumb"



A quiet, friendly man, he had many friends in the community, particularly a few retired officers whom he had known in other days, and he was a man of many interests.

On the evening of December 31, 1950, Colonel Turner suffered a sudden heart attack which was almost immediately fatal. Funeral services were held two days later in Santa Barbara.

In addition to Mrs. Turner and his daughter, he is survived by a son, Frank Wilhelm Turner of Los Angeles, who was born of an earlier marriage.

—Louis H. Bell,  
AUS, Retired.

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**Walter Towle O'Reilly**

NO. 6412 CLASS OF 1919

DIED JANUARY 17, 1952, AT WASHINGTON,  
D. C., AGED 56 YEARS.

WALTER O'REILLY, admired and respected and loved, left us on January 17, 1952. Throughout his service, his devotion to duty was of the highest order. He was the type of officer who is lastingly remembered with the deepest affection by those with whom he served, by officers above, beside, and sub-

ordinate to him, by cadets of West Point and students of Princeton whom he taught, by enlisted men he commanded, by civilian college professors and civilian experts in the Pentagon with whom he worked.

He was born in Trinidad, Colorado, September 13, 1895. By the time he was in high school, in Denver, he had fixed the Military Academy in his thoughts, and his feelings toward the Academy remained strong throughout his life. During his three years as a student at the Colorado School of Mines he continued to seek appointment, entering West Point June 14, 1917. While at the Academy, he worked hard. He gained there the undying affection of his classmates. To them the imprint of his fine personality remains strong today. He graduated in June 1919.

At the artillery school, while keeping his penchant for hard work, Walter helped those around him with his sense of humor as well as his sense of duty, while they harnessed their horses, fired their guns, or drilled in the rain. There was no post-World War slump for him in the mud of Kentucky. During his long subsequent service with troops, as a junior lieutenant, he was frequently a battery commander. He was well fitted for that duty. Yet when alternating into the junior positions, his loyalty to the new BC was complete and unshakable.

As a bachelor officer at Fort Myer, Walter was a steady influence, never a kill-joy but a leader in the paths of good behavior. And Battery C was outstanding in marching and firing, as well as in Washington parading, as long as Walter was executive.

As ROTC instructor at Princeton, Walter was admired and respected by both students and instructors. His course in Military Law was made famous by his sense of humor, his interesting presentations, and his keen mentality. To this day, Princeton graduates ask after Lieutenant O'Reilly, as do faculty members even after the lapse of these eighteen years.

It was at Princeton that Walter married Marian B. Fitzgerald, a wife who through the decades to come joined wholeheartedly in Walter's devotion to his military duty. In turn, his family has been an object of high devotion on his part.

After refreshing his artillery capabilities at Fort Sill, Walter achieved one of his highest desires by being assigned as instructor at West Point. Here he was more than a member of the Department of Law, to which he was assigned, he was a guide and a mentor, respected and admired by the Corps. His cadets, like his Princeton students, remember him through the years. He found at the Academy a rededication, an experience he firmly believed should fall the lot of all graduates by assignment back to their Alma Mater. The cadets voted him their "most inspiring" instructor.

After West Point, Walter again sought Fort Sill, there to continue his field artillery development. Here he accomplished more than he set out to do. He developed greatly in the two different fields of personal relationship and in knowledge of weapons. After initial assignment as commander of Battery B, 18th Field Artillery, he was selected for the exacting post of regimental adjutant. While serving in this capacity, and subsequently as commanding officer of the Fourth Battalion, and as Regimental executive, he exerted a profound influence on newly assigned West Pointers, Thomason Act officers, and reserve officers reporting for their first tours of active duty. His influence has been of incalculable value to the Army and the country. In his acquisition of knowledge of weapons, he well prepared himself for his highly creditable work in World War II and his even greater subsequent achievements.

World War II threw Walter into the difficult, thankless, and highly essential job as officer in charge of training in the huge

Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Camp Roberts. His next assignment took him to the post of deputy corps artillery officer at Camp Polk, Louisiana. In this capacity he tested all field artillery battalions staging for overseas from that station. Finally, in early 1944, he realized his strongly desired objective and gained overseas assignment. He became a member and later president of the Pacific Warfare Board covering the two primary theaters of operations against Japan. In this capacity he visited units in combat, displaying skill and efficiency in coordinating weapons development with actual warfare, another thankless job which can be effectively performed only by able, resourceful, and devoted personnel. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for this work. He participated in four campaigns.

Walter O'Reilly's final work is attested to by many of the persons interested in the numerous facets of his activities. On return from the Pacific War he became chief of the Planning Branch of the Research and Development Division of the General Staff. Here, as chief planner of the new post-war research and development activity, he was the primary instrumentality in organizing the planning of the present huge and vital



program. Its present orderly assignment of responsibilities, lack of overlap or dead space and sound progress toward its great goals are due in large measure to Walter O'Reilly's far sighted, clear thinking, to his distinctive leadership and to his coordinating ability. By the testimony of all his associates, civilian and military, his mind and character were at the highest state of development. He would not compromise an inch for the sake of his own personal advancement.

In his last months, Walter became increasingly concerned with atomic weapons, based on his observations at Operation Crossroads and his deep and advanced thinking on the subject of application of these weapons to land warfare. He believed that they would soon bring about great modifications in the conduct of war as now conceived, and that the more the development of these weapons is pushed, yet kept in close accordance with the realities of war, the more advantageous for our country. He worked hard to the last. He suspected as early as May the truth, that he had cancer. Yet in spite of a wracking cough and a justified feeling of worse to come, Walter worked early and late in the interests of his duty. He entered Walter Reed on December 3 and died on January 17.

Walter leaves a family which carries on in his tradition. His son, Hugh, graduated from high school at the age of 16. Unable

to pass physical examinations for West Point, he is making rapid progress at Georgetown University, where he is a member of the Air Force ROTC. He intends to enter the Regular Service. Cornelia, now 15, is making fine progress in languages, notably Russian, with intention of entering the Intelligence Services.

Throughout Walter's life runs the strong consistency of his character: strength, kindness, honesty, wisdom, and devotion of duty.

—L. B. E.

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### Charles Maine Wolff

NO. 6458 CLASS OF 1919

DIED APRIL 5, 1952, AT LETTERMAN ARMY HOSPITAL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 54 YEARS.

EVERY so often a West Point class comes forth with an outstanding individual in ways other than strictly military. We of the Class of 1919 have lost such a one in Colonel Charles Maine Wolff (Charlie) whose cheerful outlook on life was a source of happiness and inspiration to all who knew him well.

Self-confident, lovable, humorous, and with a priceless gift of expression—Charlie faced living, to the end, with optimism and thoughtlessness of self.

Through the years of service, beginning as cadets in June 1917, and with rather infrequent but always pleasant contacts, we have been privileged to renew acquaintance with his magnetic personality.

Born at Fort Grant, Arizona, on February 15, 1898, the date of the sinking of the "Maine", Charlie was named Charles Maine Wolff. Brought up in an Army family, his youthful ambition was realized when he entered West Point. There his career was outstanding, in his ability to win the lasting friendship and affection of his classmates who knew him well—this counted with him rather than the attainment of a high scholastic record. After our graduation on 1 November 1918 and our return to West Point as Student Officers in December, he was graduated again with the class in June 1919.

Accompanying the class to France in July, Charlie's talents with the French language helped immeasurably in promoting good will throughout our trip. His humor and kindly outlook were always in evidence and bolstered morale wherever he turned. I remember many of the sessions on the British hospital train in which we traveled where his unflinching good humor and tall stories kept the car in an uproar. His terrific optimism paid off in our small sized poker games where he talked us into parting with our one and two franc silver pieces—collecting them by the bucketful.

The Coast Artillery School claimed his attention for the year 1919-1920, and was followed by assignments in Hawaii and on the mainland with his favorite branch, including mine planter duty. In talking with classmates, it appears that Charlie was beloved of his subordinates, who were always ready to give him protection, real or fancied, if they thought that one of his minor escapades might be misunderstood by the "Old Man". He was known as one of the best of commanders and won great loyalty from those who served under him.

In the early 1930's, I remember seeing Charlie in Hawaii, at which time he indicated the beginnings of his illness with his usual cheerful nonchalance.

We were all resigned to Charlie's role of perennial bachelor when news came of his marriage to Charlotte in 1937. This was his happiest stroke of good fortune! Through

the next years, Charlotte gave Charlie the care and affection which enabled him to carry on and undoubtedly did much to prolong his life.

At the Command and General Staff School in 1939-1940, although frequently troubled with his physical ailment, he completed the course successfully. Though he should have been on limited duty—with his usual optimistic, take-a-chance attitude, he went from the school to full field work, training his AAA unit, on maneuvers in Louisiana and in the California Desert. He patriotically continued pressing his luck throughout World War II with his command of the famed 113th Antiaircraft Group, assisting in planning for the Normandy Invasion, commanding a staging area in Wales during the mounting of the invasion, then participating with his group in the break-through at Avranches and continuing with his unit to the end of operations in Europe. His battle stars were awarded him for his participation in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

Although considerable stress in this article is placed on Charlie's personal characteristics, he had an outstanding military



record in World War II which brought him recognition in the form of numerous decorations: The Legion of Merit twice, The Bronze Star, French Legion d'Honneur (Chevalier), French Croix de Guerre avec Palme, French Medaille de la Reconnaissance, Belgian Croix de Guerre avec Palme and a decoration from Luxembourg—along with his service medals covering his participation in various campaigns.

After the European Armistice was signed, he became Military Governor of the German State of Thuringia and turned over portions of that state to the Russians on July 4, 1945.

Physically retired in 1946, Charlie and Charlotte settled in Burlingame, California.

He passed away on April 5, 1952 and was buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California, on April 7, 1952.

Charlotte was his constant help during this last illness, staying with him day and night. He faced the end as he had lived, with cheerfulness, courage, and even humor.

Surviving besides his wife, Charlotte T. Wolff, of 1270 Drake Avenue, Burlingame, California, are his mother, Mrs. Alice H. Wolff, of 591 Highland Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan, and two sisters, Mrs. Harold M. Jones, of 591 Highland Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Mrs. Carl Heaps, of 377 Western Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

—O. W. M.

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## James Louis McGehee

NO. 10443 CLASS OF 1935

DIED DECEMBER 22, 1951, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 41 YEARS.

ALL who knew Jim will remember his quiet dependability. Perhaps it was with him when he came from Mississippi to begin his soldiering at Fort Benning. Certainly it was there when we joined him as cadets. His unruffled calm in the face of the many crises of those four years was for a while incredible to some of us around him, but it soon drew our respect and emulation. These traits were but the forerunners of the deeper courage and determination which later on carried Jim through the long list of campaigns of the fighting 3rd Division.

As a cadet, however, it must have been the twinkle in his eye and the dry sense of humor, or perhaps that southern charm, that made him one of the very few in our class to have an O.A.O. as early as yearling



summer. There was seldom a question of Jim's whereabouts during release from quarters, nor that of his bonnie Phyllis Elizabeth McCune, daughter of a Navy Commander from nearby Iona Island. Their marriage at the Cadet Chapel the day following graduation sealed the bonds between them and gave Jim the inspiration for the demands of the full life which was his to follow.

As a new 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., his training was well-rounded. Many maneuvers, and even a fleet landing expedition, a rare opportunity in those late thirties, provided unsuspectingly the background which was to be so valuable to him on the Anzio beachhead.

Jim's mechanical flair—even as a cadet he was a regular at the Ordnance Shop—attracted him to Ordnance, and within five years after graduation he had completed a Masters degree at M.I.T., an advanced Ordnance course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and was in Hawaii before Pearl Harbor. For Jim, December 7th marked the beginning of a long period of active service without let-up. Barely returned from participating in the recovery and rehabilitation of Pearl Harbor, he was assigned as Division Ordnance Officer of the 3rd Infantry Division, a post which he filled with distinction through ten major campaigns from the landing in North Africa, through Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf

Cluster, the French Croix de Guerre, and the Legion of Merit, his deeds reflect great credit to his country and to the Long Gray Line.

With the close of the war, Jim was returned to Watertown Arsenal, the home of Ordnance gun manufacture, and served there as Production Manager, Service Chief and Executive Officer.

With such a record of active and varied service, performed with accomplishment, it was but natural that Jim should have become of value for staff duty. He was detailed as a member of the General Staff, Logistics Division, in May 1948, and commenced a period of service during which his background and experience with troops and materiel, in the field and in the factory, were put to use on a broader scope.

It may have been the stress of the war years and the hardships he endured which left their mark on Jim, a mark from which he never recovered. But, like the true soldier he was, Jim endured his tragic plight alone. No other but his wife, Phyllis, knew that he was stricken with cancer and had not long to live. The months of 1951 from May to December are a tribute to a brave man and his wife, whose devotion and understanding for each other carried them through this most trying period.

Jim died quietly, holding Phyllis' hand, on 22 December 1951 at Walter Reed Hospital and was buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

—Daniel J. Murphy, his roommate.

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## Kenneth Wendell Hughes

NO. 16079 CLASS OF 1946

DIED AUGUST 1, 1951, OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION, IN KOREA, AGED 26 YEARS.

THE chronological listing of the events in a man's life does not tell of the hopes and dreams he cherished. A brief biography can only attempt to penetrate the secret recesses where he stored his thoughts and feelings of love and happiness. His reflections on God and truth as he formed his philosophy of life can only be imagined. So how can one tell another man's life story as he would like to if he were able? His wife, his family, and his closest friends can only interpret his actions and imagine his thoughts as they understand them.

As a roommate of Kenneth Hughes for three years I feel qualified to attempt this project, for, with exception of his wife and his immediate family, no one knows more of a man's innermost treasures than his roommate at West Point.

So, with full knowledge of my inherent weakness to relate "Buster's" story adequately, I shall attempt to reveal to those persons who did not know him the highlights of his life, and to recall these highlights for those more fortunate ones who did know him.

He entered the Army the day he was born, being the son of a member of the Long Gray Line. And in typical "Army brat" fashion his personality was enhanced through the years by knowing many people and seeing many places. Ollie and Dollie, as his parents were affectionately called by their friends, soon discovered that this "personality" developed more than normally expected from a robust youth. After his father had spent a weekend on the Post at the personal request of the Commanding Officer because of an escapade including some of the post "brats", i.e. exploding fireworks in the Post Theater, he took direct charge of his energetic offspring.

The result of this childhood incident proved to be an important milestone in Bus-

ter's life. As a means of channeling this excessive spirit his father proffered a challenge to young Buster. The day that Buster defeated him on the Golf Course he could claim a certain sum as his prize. So now began a pursuit and a love Buster enjoyed all his life. The Golf Course claimed his attention for numberless hours from that day forward.

"Gina," the girl he later married, entered Buster's life early. While the Hughes were stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, Buster completed high school at Kemper Military School in Booneville, Missouri; then he proceeded to the University of Kansas at Lawrence where he became a Delta Tau Delta and met Virginia Stephenson. Gina seemed to make a sharp contrast to Buster, the athlete, the man among men. She was reserved and proper with a decided academic inclination, becoming a Phi Beta Kappa during her senior year. From the moment Buster gave Gina his fraternity pin until their marriage a few days after graduation there could be no doubt of their ultimate intentions.

Unquestionably, the three years after graduation were the happiest in Ken's adult life. He had fulfilled his fondest dreams by



graduating from West Point and by marrying Virginia Stephenson. As a cocky shavetail, he was prepared to follow in his father's footsteps.

His first station was Fort Benning, Georgia, which he knew well from earlier days. Along with many of his classmates and their wives, Ken and Gina began their Army career in an atmosphere that personified all the best traditions and customs of the Service. Numerous friends and gay activities, centering around the club, provided a constant source of enjoyment. And, I, as a bachelor observer, envied the connubial bliss that was omnipresent in the Hughes household. My envy was increased as I learned through delicious experience of Gina's culinary accomplishments.

From Fort Benning Ken and Gina were transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where they stayed for the next two years. Ken spent this time professionally in numerous training assignments, culminating in his selection as Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General W. C. Smith. As a side-line he also represented his command in many golf tournaments throughout the country, narrowly missing, on two occasions, the All-Service Golf Crown. More important, Gina presented him with two heirs—first Ken Junior, and then daughter Linda. Little Ken brought the added joy into Ken's life that completed his happiness. Linda, he never saw. This period in Ken's history proved to be his zenith. Since his father

and mother were then stationed at West Point, and since his brother was a cadet at the time, all of his family were near him. Many cherished moments were spent together as three generations enjoyed each other.

In a sense this was the final chapter in Ken's life. From Fort Dix he was ordered to Okinawa, where he stayed for over a year. Then he embarked for Korea—where he consummated a life dedicated to the ideals that he lived.

—Harold Lacouture.

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**Elliott Reynolds Knott**

NO. 17851 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED DECEMBER 12, 1951, IN A PLANE CRASH NEAR HONSHU, JAPAN, AGED 23 YEARS.

DEATH is never a pleasant subject to dwell on and I for one am sure it never entered Elliott's mind that clear December morning when he took off from Johnson Air Force



Base on a routine air to ground gunnery mission. Less than five weeks ago, he had bid farewell to his loving wife, Louise, and had come to Japan as a jet pilot with the rest of his class from Williams Air Force Base. Now he was finishing up his training in preparation for Korea and actual combat missions. As Elliott was coming up from his second pass at a ground target, his plane seemed to disintegrate. The tail section flew off of his F-80 and he went spinning into the calm waters of the Pacific Ocean—some 200 yards off shore. Thus uncompromising death ended the life of one human and put a void in the lives of many others. His mother; his wife, Louise; and his sister, Barbara—all suffered a great tragedy; and his friends, who knew and loved El will never forget him.

Elliott was a man worth knowing. In all the years of our friendship, I never once saw him discouraged or unsmiling. Whether the problem was getting a weekend pass or passing a flying proficiency check, he always looked on the optimistic side. All of his friends knew of his ever-smiling outlook, and he always encouraged those with whom he mixed.

Perhaps lesser known were the reasons for his sincerity and friendship. From the time El learned to talk, he loved to mix with people. An active member of the Boy Scouts, he learned from others, advanced to become an Eagle Scout, and then taught others younger than himself. At an early

age he developed first an admiration for West Point and then, an intense desire to go there. That ambition was realized when he entered the Military Academy in 1946. His aim then changed to becoming a jet pilot and this he also accomplished. With life running in such a smooth pattern for El, it isn't hard to realize why he was so continually happy. Happiness isn't so much getting what you want, however, as it is in wanting what you get. There were many disappointments in his life. His main disappointment was the separation from his wife when he was assigned overseas. He and Louise had built up a wonderful future in their dreams and none of it envisaged their separation. Still, when duty called, El temporarily postponed the fulfilling—to be buried deep inside his heart. No one, especially El himself, knew his postponement would become a cancellation.

The mortal remains of Elliott Reynolds Knott were recovered and returned to West Point, where he lies today in the Post Cemetery. Having been cheated out of his first love, that of his wife, he will be a permanent part of his second love—West Point.

"Here he lies where he longs to be,  
Home is the sailor, home from the sea;  
And the hunter, home from the hills."

—F. E. T.

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**John Alden Hine, Jr.**

NO. 13226 CLASS OF JANUARY, 1943

DIED JUNE 28, 1951, AT CAMP ATTERBURY, INDIANA, AGED 33 YEARS.

JOHN MASEFIELD, Poet Laureate of England, wrote:

"The everlasting wisdom has ordained  
That this rare soul, his earthly service done,  
Shall leave the peoples over whom he reigned  
For other service at a higher throne. . ."

Poet Masefield wrote then of the King of England, but his words are particularly apt now, for Jack Hine was a king, and he did reign over many people. Those of us who lived with, fought with, and associated with Jack Hine know well that he possessed all the qualities of a good king—loving, kind, sympathetic, majestic yet humble, and at the same time ever just and fearless.

Jack Hine was the very essence of a soldier. He fought as a company commander through the Vosges Mountains, the Maginot Line and into Germany. He fought, ate, slept, cried, wearied, and was wounded with his men of Company B, 397th Infantry Regiment, 100th Division. Highly decorated in combat, no one denies that as a company commander he was outstanding and a constant inspiration to those he commanded.

In addition to commanding, Jack Hine did outstanding staff work. Very seldom is this combination found. An officer may be outstanding in combat and yet mediocre in peacetime, but Jack Hine was outstanding in war and peace. He fulfilled his obligations to the uniform he wore so proudly with a simple dignity. No one ever heard him raise his voice to issue any order, but everyone listened and carried out his wishes, because he had proved time and again that he would do anything he asked another to do. One of the most unselfish of men, he never asked for any favor except for his men. He did not command; he led. And such leaders are rare.

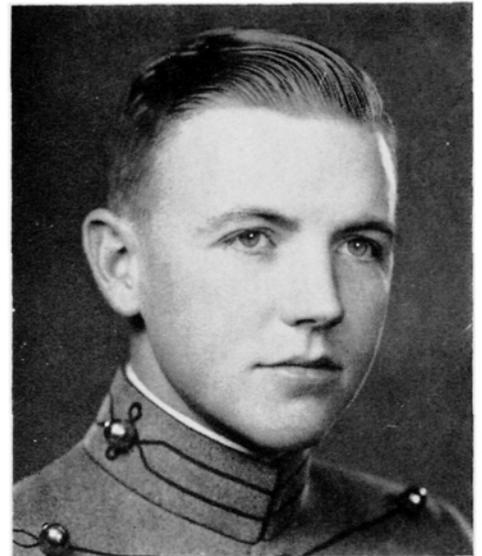
For those of us who knew Jack Hine it is terrible to realize that he has left us for another world. His career was splendid, and it seemed that all the honors of the military world were soon to be his. Still a young man, but a senior Major, he was about

to attend C&GS School when the Supreme Commander called him to a greater service.

At Camp Atterbury, Indiana, he was stricken suddenly by acute leukemia, and he died shortly thereafter. The people in the hospital marveled at his cool acceptance of his fate. The doctors told him that recovery was impossible, but not once did this remarkable man retreat into bitterness. Until the day he died he maintained himself and remained just, "Old Jack" Why, why, do the good die young?

Major General Withers A. Burress, his Division Commander, speaks of Jack Hine as one of the most outstanding young officers he has ever served with. General Burress thought enough of him to make him his aide and close friend. Told of his death, General Burress said, "Jack's loss is a great loss to his family, his friends, and the military world. I have never heard anything but praise for Jack. I humbly add mine. I am proud to have served with Jack".

Jack was a family man, too. He liked home living. His wife and children knew him as a perfect companion. It is very hard for us to realize how much his wife, Carol, and his two children, Jackie and Nancy, will miss him. Carol wrote, "What can I



say about Jack, but that he was the most perfect person in the world to me and to the children. He won't be easy to forget. It may be only a wife's prejudicial feeling, but to me Jack was always an outstanding personality. I know he proved it time and time again with the wonderful work he accomplished in every assignment he held in his brief Army career. He was outstanding until the end, too. I know I couldn't have had the courage to fight on as he did, knowing that there was very little hope. Yet, Jack was never one to give up, as you well know. When you saw him for the last time at the hospital, he said he had a feeling he would come through all right, trying to buck you up, when he was the one who really needed comforting. He always had a smile for everyone, and his sense of humor was as keen as always. I believe Jack really felt that he would come through, as I felt too, but when the time came that the Lord asked for him, I don't think he knew he was going. He just went to sleep quietly, one hour after his thirty-third birthday. The praise I have for Jack as a person, husband, and father are unlimited. "

"Surely a Power of prayer upon a wing,  
The living anguish of a hope to heal  
Offered by all hearts here in sacrifice  
To spirits bowed in sorrow for the King,  
That it may touch, to comfort or  
anneal."

—James S. Changaris.

