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The Department of Electricity, U.S.M.A.

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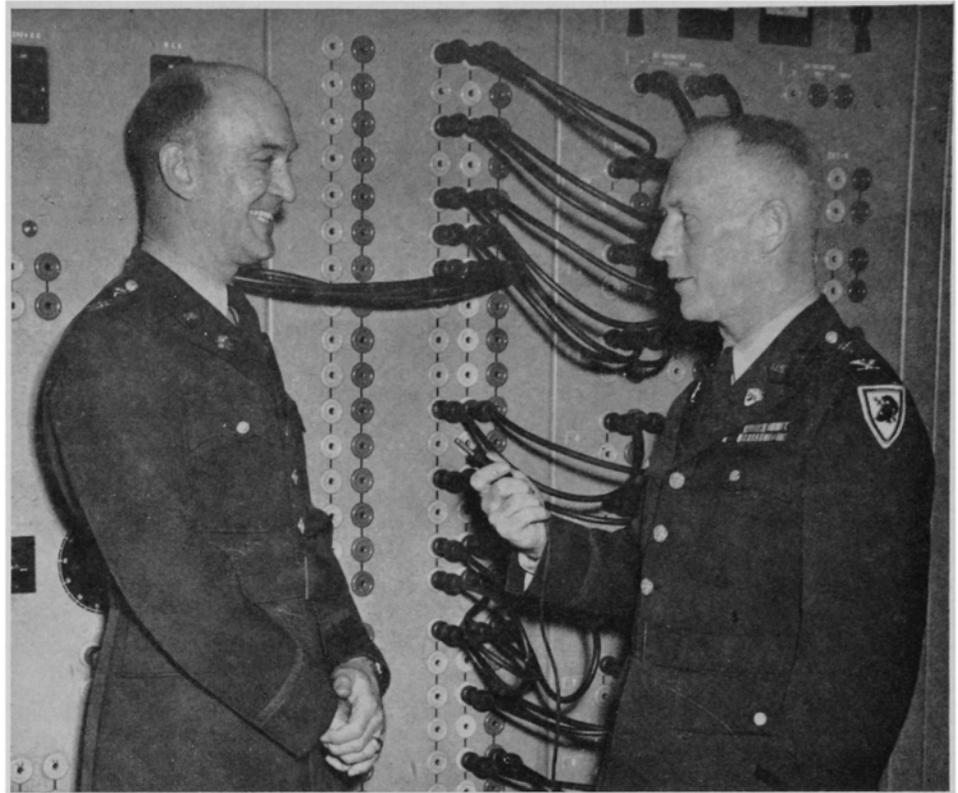
A course in electricity and magnetism was first taught at West Point in 1858, almost 100 years ago. Even before that there appears to have been some cognizance of the science in the curriculum. Dr. Forman in his book "West Point" quotes from a letter written October 14, 1840 by Cadet Shureman to his sister, as follows:

"We have had some most beautiful experiments. I took an electric shock a few days ago which nearly shook me to pieces. The electric machine which we use is about six feet long and about four wide and is perhaps about as good a one as any in the United States."

A cadet of today, 112 years later, might still say he had had some beautiful experiments, quote possibly that he had had an electric shock, and certainly that much of our equipment is as good as any in the country.

Although the study of electricity has remained continuously in the curriculum since 1858, it was not until 1946 that the subject acquired the status of a separate department. Originally, instruction in electricity was conducted by the Department of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology. This department had its beginning in 1820 under the direction of James Cutbush, the Post Surgeon. A permanent professorship was first established in 1838, Lt. Jacob W. Bailey, Class of 1832, becoming the first incumbent. Curiously enough, Professor Bailey, who served until 1857, acquired a considerable reputation, not in chemistry, but as an expert on the microscope and its use in the study of algae and other marine life brought up in deep-sea soundings. Bailey's successor, Henry L. Kendrick, U.S.M.A. 1835, served from 1857 until 1880. It was he, apparently, who first began the formal course in electricity and magnetism, using as a text Miller's "Physics of Chemistry." The study of electricity in the Department of Chemistry rather than in that of Natural and Experimental Philosophy probably resulted from the use of chemical batteries as the primary source of electrical energy during the mid-nineteenth century. The longest tenure as Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology was that of Brig. General Samuel E. Tillman, Class of 1869, who served 31 years, from 1880 until 1911. During Tillman's regime the department taught chemistry, mineralogy, geology, electricity and magnetism, and heat. For the work in electricity he used Sylvanus Thompson's "Elementary Lessons in Electricity and Magnetism," a classic in its day. He wrote his own texts (well known to many generations of cadets) in chemistry, heat, and mineralogy. Tillman also instituted laboratory work in both chemistry and electricity.

In 1911, General Tillman was succeeded by Lt. Col. Wirt Robinson, Class of 1887. The latter very soon (1912) replaced the Thompson text by his own clearly and carefully written "Elements of Electricity." In 1923, mineralogy and geology were dropped from the curriculum. The subject matter of the course was thus reduced to heat and chemistry during the fall term, and electricity from January to June. Taking over from Colonel Robinson in October of 1928, Lt. Colonel (now Brig. General) Chauncey L. Fenton served until the close of World War II (December 1945). He immediately replaced the outmoded Tillman's Chemistry with the widely-used "Smith's General Chem-



THE PROFESSORS OF ELECTRICITY AT THE ELECTRONICS LABORATORY SWITCHBOARD

Colonel B. W. Bartlett (right), Head of the Department of Electricity, holds undergraduate degrees from Bowdoin College (A.B., 1917), West Point (B.S., 1919), and M.I.T. (B.S. in C.E., 1921), and the M.A. and Ph.D. in Physics from Columbia (1926 and 1932). After serving in the Corps of Engineers until November 1922, he had 5 years experience as an electrical engineer with the Bell Telephone Laboratories, and 15 years as Professor of Physics at Bowdoin College, including a year of post-doctoral study of atomic physics at the University of Munich, Germany. He is a member of several professional societies and a contributor of technical articles to numerous professional journals.

Colonel James W. Green, Jr., (left), Professor of Electricity, had a distinguished career in the Signal Corps prior to his appointment to the permanent faculty at West Point in 1947. Among other accomplishments, he established and commanded the Radar School at Camp Murphy, Florida, and subsequently served for two years as Chief Signal Officer for the S.O.S., Southwest Pacific and for U.S.A.F., Western Pacific. In addition to his broad military experience, Colonel Green holds an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from Yale (1928), a Ph.D. from Purdue (1950), and has done graduate study at the University of California in Berkeley. He holds membership in several professional societies and for the past three years has been active in committee work for the American Standards Association.

istry," and started modernization of the course in electricity. In 1931 the study of heat was quite properly transferred to the newly created Department of Physics. Colonel Fenton then adopted Dawes' "Electrical Engineering," Volumes I and II, still the most widely used introduction to the subject in engineering school circles, as the text in electricity. Under his direction a modern power laboratory was constructed and equipped during the 30's.

Just prior to World War II the course consisted of general college chemistry during the first term (about 90 periods) and an introductory survey of electrical engineering during the second term (about 125 periods). It was a Second Class subject, each cadet attending daily throughout the year. The department had for some time been called the Department of Chemistry and Electricity, although it was not until February 11, 1943 that the title of the department head was officially changed to Pro-

fessor of Chemistry and Electricity. The work in electricity could appropriately take the form of an introduction to electrical engineering because the Second Class has already studied the elementary laws of electricity and magnetism as part of their "yearling" course in general physics in the recently instituted Department of Physics. Principal emphasis in the pre-war electrical engineering course was placed on the fundamentals of DC and AC circuits and rotating machinery, i.e. motors and generators. It was essentially a course in electric power. A brief period toward the end of the year was devoted to radio communications, primarily for the upper sections.

World War II, with its abbreviated three year course and the experiment of flight training for "Air Cadets" at Stewart Field, brought some far-reaching changes to the department. The work in chemistry was moved into the "yearling" year and curtailed to about 50 periods, while the First Class

took the electricity course every other day throughout the year (116 periods for "Ground Cadets," about 90 for "Air Cadets"). Technical developments prior to and during the war made it clear that the work in electrical engineering needed reorientation. The military services were using far more electronic and communications equipment than electrical power machinery. Foreseeing the need for a change in emphasis in the post-war electricity course, General Fenton arranged for the construction in the old electro-physics laboratory of a completely modern electronics laboratory. He also added a small radar laboratory in the southeast tower of the East Academic Building, and modernized the Electricity Lecture Room to fit it for the display of up-to-date lecture demonstrations in electronics. In this remodeling of the electrical laboratories, General Fenton was materially aided by the interest and assistance offered by the then Chief Signal Officer, Major General Harry C. Ingles, Class of 1914.

Upon General Fenton's retirement in December 1945 the writer became head of the department. The present post-war course went into effect in July 1946. Chemistry was transferred to the Department of Physics, which was renamed the Department of Physics and Chemistry. At the same time the title of the old department was changed to the Department of Electricity. In the spring of 1947, Colonel James W. Green, Jr., Signal Corps, Class of 1927, was appointed Professor of Electricity to fill the second professorship in the department created by the Act of June 26, 1946. Since early in World War II some work in atomic physics had been conducted in the Physics Department. In the post-war course 15 additional periods were allotted that department for instruction in nuclear physics. This brief course was transferred to the Electricity Department in the academic year 1949-1950, experience having indicated that the cadets would be in a better position to understand the work after their courses in electricity and in analytical mechanics.

The Electricity Course in 1952

The present electricity course (including nuclear physics) consists of 185 periods of instruction for Second Classmen, an increase of about 60 periods over the pre-war allotment. Each cadet normally attends a morning recitation period daily until about

March 27, and every other day thereafter. Of the 185 periods 33 are two hour laboratory exercises, and 17 are lectures to the whole class. In the interests both of variety and of allowing for a slower pace in any one phase of the subject the course is divided into two parallel sub-courses. The longer sub-course, Circuits, Electronics and Communications, runs every other day throughout the year. The other, Power and Nuclear Physics, alternates with the longer sub-course until the end of March. Of the 105 lessons in the longer course, 46 are devoted to the study of DC and AC circuit fundamentals, the remaining 57 to electronics and electrical communications.

Just as the whole curriculum at West Point is designed to train career Army and Air Force Officers, not technicians or engineers, so the course in electricity is not intended to make electrical engineers of the cadets. It is a survey course quite similar to those offered in most engineering schools to *non-electrical* engineering students. It is designed to acquaint all the cadets with the fundamental principles of electrical engineering, illustrated by common applications most likely to be encountered by young officers. Specifically we hope that all graduates will understand and be able to connect the more common types of DC and AC circuits; that they will know how to use the various test instruments ordinarily available for checking such circuits; and that they will appreciate the operating characteristics and uses of the kinds of electric power machinery—generators, motors, and transformers—which they can expect to see utilized during their service careers. In the realm of electrical communications we attempt to familiarize them with the nature of that ubiquitous device, the vacuum tube, which is the heart and soul both of modern communications systems and of the automatic control devices now in widespread use both in industry and the Armed Services. It is impossible in the time at our disposal to teach the details of specific military electronic equipment. Fortunately, however, the number of basic uses of the vacuum tube is sufficiently limited so that we can teach most of the fundamental types of vacuum tube circuits, i.e. its use as a rectifier, an amplifier, an oscillator, a modulator, a detector, and in the simpler wave-shaping circuits. Every cadet also studies and uses the cathode ray oscillograph, the most ver-

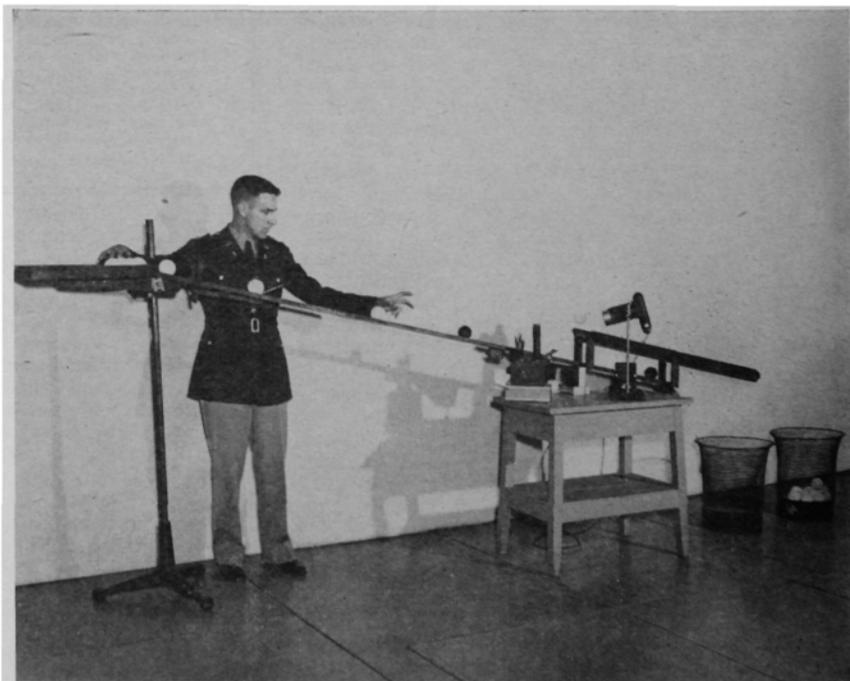
satile single electrical measuring device ever invented. After the study of the basic electronic circuits is completed we illustrate their practical use in telephony and teleggraphy, in radio transmitters and receivers, in radar, and in television. Finally, in the brief (20 lesson) introduction to nuclear physics, we aim at an understanding of the nature of nuclear radiations and the simple physics of the atomic bomb and the nuclear pile.

While in its teaching methods the department follows the traditional Thayer system of graded daily recitations, we make use of every possible pedagogical device for giving the cadets a real physical understanding of what is for many people an inherently difficult subject. Teaching aids in the form of actual electrical apparatus, such as "bread-board" models of radio transmitters and receivers, for example, are regularly used in the classrooms, which are equipped with power distribution panels connected to the laboratory switchboards. To give the cadets the "feel" for electrical phenomena, extensive use is made of laboratory exercises, particularly in the electronics course. Unless section-room instruction in electronics is supplemented by considerable laboratory work it usually becomes so abstract and formalized as to be little more than a memory exercise. The generous insertion of lectures to the whole class serves the dual purpose of lending variety to the work and enabling the cadets to observe demonstrations of important phenomena which require the use of apparatus too large or too costly to be employed in the individual classrooms. Spectacular lecture-demonstrations are also useful in arousing interest and providing motivation, particularly among the less scientifically minded cadets. Field trips by the top sections to Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Columbia University Cyclotron have served to stimulate the interest of the "engineers."

The spread of ability to grasp readily a technical subject like electricity is very great among the members of a typical West Point class. Contrary to popular belief in the Corps of Cadets, and among many graduates, we usually find it necessary to give "section-tenths" not to the "engineers" but to the "goats." Because of this wide difference in abilities we, in common with many other departments, give extra work to the upper sections. The additional work takes two



An Exercise in the Electronics Laboratory. . .



Demonstration of Photoelectric Sorting. . .

forms, a more searching coverage of the regular assignments, and advanced work for the upper sections while the lower sections are taking written general reviews. In addition to our major mission, we have the secondary mission of giving adequate preparation for those officers of all arms and branches of the Armed Services who will subsequently attend civilian universities for graduate work in electrical engineering, electronics, electrical communications, guided missiles, and nuclear physics. This secondary mission is materially advanced by pushing the upper sections at a faster pace than the lower, since most of the volunteers for civilian graduate schooling will come from the upper sections.

In contrast to the Tillman-Robinson era we are currently using standard, widely used college texts as the basis for instruction (Dawes' Electrical Engineering, Volume I, Direct Currents, and Volume II, Alternating Currents; Everitt's Fundamentals of Radio; and Oldenberg's Introduction to Atomic Physics). The advantage of using such texts is that, if they are properly selected, instruction will be up to date and avoid the danger of in-breeding and provincialism. The disadvantage is, of course, that the coverage of subject matter may not be the most efficient for the department's mission and time allotment. We have attempted to overcome this difficulty by publishing in pamphlet form certain supplementary material written specifically for future officers. The pamphlet includes, in particular, pertinent material on telephone communications, automatic control devices, wave-shaping circuits, radar, television, and electronic aids to air navigation. As is the case with most schools, we have written our own laboratory manual. It is usually necessary that this be done, because no two schools have the same laboratory facilities and equipment.

Personnel

The department technical personnel consists of two permanent professors, a detailed associate professor, from 16 to 20 detailed assistant professors and instructors (depending on the size of the Second Class), a civilian service electronic engineer (GS-11), a civilian laboratory technician, and two mechanics. The instructional staff are all service personnel on three or four year details, the majority being West Point graduates. Since the West Point course in electricity

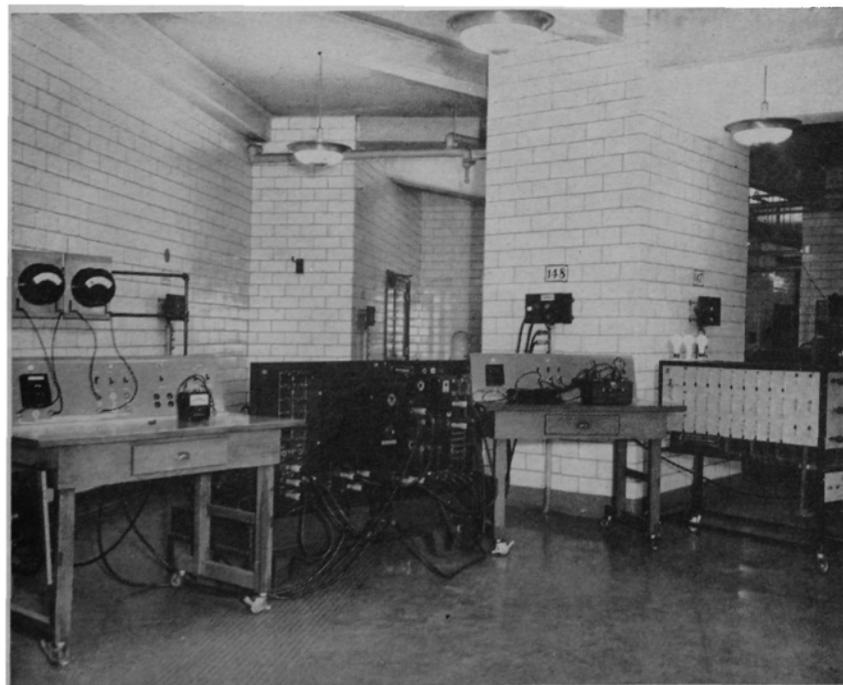
concludes the formal study of the subject for most graduates, it is desirable, if possible, for us to secure as instructors officers who have done graduate work in electricity or nuclear physics. Fortunately a good many graduates do take work of this kind in the civilian graduate school program of the Departments of the Army and Air Force. At this writing all Army and Air Force officers in the department hold at least master's degrees in electrical engineering or nuclear physics, and four have doctor's degrees; M.I.T., Purdue, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Illinois, Ohio State, and Iowa being represented in this group. The largest single branch representation in the department is normally from the Signal Corps. About a third of the instructors come from the Air Force. As a precaution against faculty in-breeding it has been my policy to keep a number of non-graduates of West Point among the instructors at all times. In recent years these have included graduates of the Naval Academy, Texas A and M, Ohio State, Missouri, William and Mary, South Dakota, Penn State, Purdue, Tulane, and Tennessee—among others.

Naturally the continuity and direction of the work of the department are the responsibility of the permanent professors. It is department policy to encourage its members to improve their professional knowledge whenever this can be done without interfering with their primary duties. Throughout the academic year a department seminar is conducted weekly, with talks by department members on pertinent professional topics. Attendance at professional society meetings and lectures series in New York City, and elsewhere when appropriate, is fostered. Various members of the department have taken Radiological Safety Courses and special courses at the Sandia Base of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, at Oak Ridge and at the Guided Missiles Division of the Artillery Center at Fort Bliss. Considering that the mission of the department is undergraduate instruction for non-electrical engineers, I am convinced that its membership compares favorably in technical competence, enthusiasm, alertness, and teaching ability, with any engineering school faculty group in the country engaged in a similar project. This opinion is based both on rather extensive personal observation and on reports from graduates and faculty members of other schools.

Laboratories and Equipment

The laboratories and apparatus of the department are in 1952 vastly superior to the facilities available in my own cadet days (1917-1919) even making allowances for the differences, then and now, in the state of electrical science generally. In part, this situation has arisen from the expansion of the Military Academy plant generally in the past 30 years, in part from the energy and foresight of my predecessor, Brig. General Chauncey L. Fenton, and several of his assistants. The department now has three laboratories, a well-equipped machine shop, an instrument repair room, and, in addition, supervises the use of a lecture room with splendid facilities for presenting demonstration lectures in the sciences.

Of the laboratories the oldest is the Power Laboratory. It occupies the basement under the Electronics and the Chemistry Laboratories at the south end of the East Academic Building, plus most of the basement of the new east wing of that building. It has two large switchboards for distributing 120 and 240 volts DC and 120 volts single-phase and 208 volts three-phase AC at 60 cycles. Facilities are also available for producing 45, 90, and 400 cycle AC power. A storage battery in three 120 volt sections provides DC power independently of the post power plant. The basic piece of equipment is a 5 kva motor-generator set, consisting of a synchronous motor, or alternator, direct coupled to a DC dynamo. The windings of the machines are brought out to a panel on the front of the assembly, so that the cadet can make a variety of combinations simply by making the proper connections on the panel. Power is always applied to the machines through test-tables equipped with instruments and circuit-breakers. There are 24 motor-generator sets and 67 test tables, the latter now completely modernized with "dead-front" equipment. Since either machine of the motor-generator set can be used as the prime mover, the one set provides opportunity for experiments on all the common types of AC and DC motors and generators. Cadets normally operate in teams of 4 or 5 when performing experiments on the power machinery. Thus the 24 motor-generator sets provide a capacity of 6 sections in the laboratory at one time, allowing the whole class to complete an experiment in two periods under any foreseeable conditions. In addition to the motor gen-



A Corner of the Power Laboratory, Showing Motor-Generator Set and Test Tables. . .



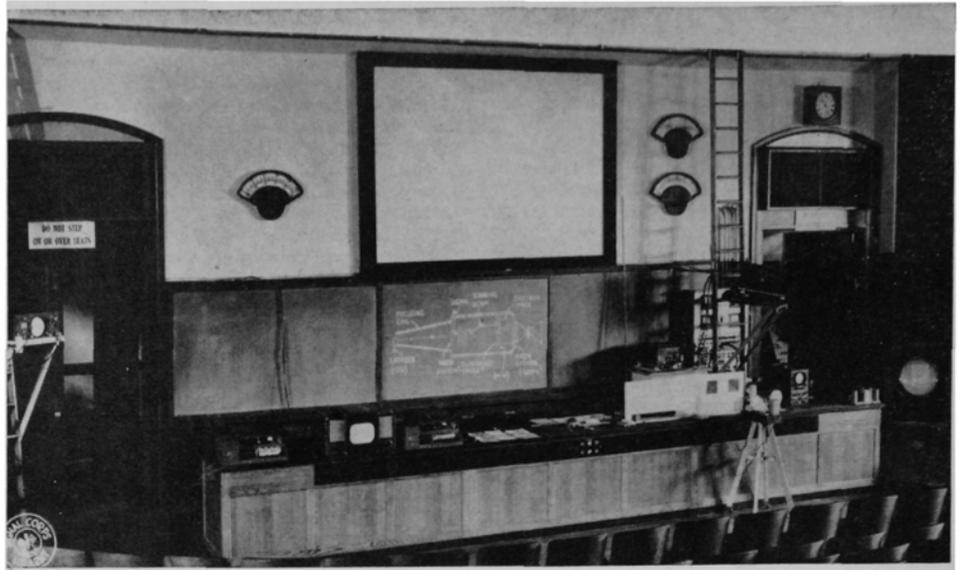
Cadet Section Inspects Television Camera Atop Michie Stadium. . .

erator sets the department has 22 three to five horse-power single-phase induction and DC motors fitted with prony brakes. Enough small (2 kva) power transformers are available for an experiment on the transformer. Recent improvements in the power laboratory set-up are two important safety measures, the grounding of the frames of all the machines and the installation of a remote control system by means of which an instructor or a cadet can cut off the power in the entire laboratory from almost anywhere in it in case of an emergency, such as a machine burning up or a cadet getting across some live terminals. These features are found in few of even the most modern engineering school power laboratories.

The Electronics Laboratory occupies the old Electro-physics Laboratory in the south-west corner of the ground floor of the East Academic Building. It has been described in some detail in a prior issue of *Assembly* (April 1947) and in the February 1946 issue of *Electrical Engineering*. In it are provided 140 cadet positions for the individual performance of circuits and electronics experiments. These positions are grouped 12 to a bench, or bay, with switches and circuit breakers controlling each bay. If trouble arises at any position power is removed from its bay without interfering with the other 11 benches. Power at voltages up to 360 DC and 208 AC is supplied to the bench positions through a switchboard and distribution panel. In addition voice and radio frequency power can be supplied to each position from centralized audio and radio frequency sources through coaxial cables and jacks. To the best of my knowledge the installation is unique in that nowhere else has the supply of radio frequency (2 megacycle) power to anything like so many individual positions been attempted. The operation of the system, designed and installed under the immediate supervision of Lt. Colonel Pierre M. Honnell (now Professor of Electrical Engineering at Washington University) and Mr. Walter E. Strohm, the department's electrical engineer, has proved highly satisfactory.

The fixed installation of the Electronics Laboratory is only half the story in the problem of putting a class of 600 to 700 cadets through an adequate series of circuits and electronics laboratory experiments, some 24 in number. Without this laboratory experience it is almost hopeless to attain a satisfactory degree of understanding of electronics. Most of the components for this set of experiments were obtained from wartime Signal Corps surplus equipment and assembled into the form of suitable apparatus in the department machine shop. Instrumental in assisting the author in this task were Lt. Col. Honnell and Captain Ferdinand H. Mitchell, now Professor of Physics at the University of Alabama. We have described the series of experiments in detail, that space here does not permit, in an article in the *American Journal of Physics*, Volume 16, No. 4, April 1948. To give some idea of the magnitude of the project of equipping 140 positions for individual work, there are required 140 cathode ray oscilloscopes, 140 commercial Wheatstone bridges, several hundred circuit boards of various types, hundreds of meters, thousands of individually mounted circuit components (resistors, capacitors and inductors), several thousand connecting or patch cords, and many hundreds of vacuum tubes of various kinds. The maintenance problem alone on this equipment is a major item.

The Radar Laboratory is located in the tower at the south-east corner of the East Academic Building. It was built during the war, and is primarily used for demonstration purposes rather than for group or individual laboratory work. It contains a harbor defense radar set, an aerial bombing radar equipment, a Sperry Marine Radar, a



Lecture Room Set Up for a Television Lecture. . .

Sperry Loran Trainer, and IFF and radar jamming equipment. Also available for special demonstrations is a television transmitter and receiver of a type developed for military use with guided missiles.

The lecture room above the Electronics laboratory was remodeled during World War II and equipped with a modern lecture table 23 feet long for the presentation of demonstration lectures. It is wired with electrical outlets at convenient points, all fed from a central switchboard. Over the years the department has acquired a considerable store of equipment for the presentation of interesting and striking lecture-demonstrations. Some of the major items are a 20 inch demonstration cathode-ray oscillograph; a projection television set which presents a picture some 6 by 8 feet in size; oscillators producing electromagnetic waves of 2.6 meters, 25 cm, and 3 cm wave lengths, with associated transmission lines, waveguides, antennas, horns and electro-magnetic lenses; a precipitron; Geiger counters and a scintillation counter for demonstrating nuclear radiations; an atom model 4 feet in diameter with movable "electrons" and a "mouse-trap" A-bomb demonstration; and a great variety of more conventional equipment such as a large electromagnet, a Tesla coil which produces a two foot spark, and a large electro-static machine.

In summary of the laboratory experience available to each Second Classman, we can say that he himself has the opportunity to manipulate and observe the standard types of DC and AC motors and generators; to use personally the normal types of electrical testing equipment, voltmeters, ammeters, wattmeters, the commercial Wheatstone bridge, the cathode ray oscillograph, and the wave-meter; to build and test telephone and telegraph circuits, to test various types of vacuum tubes and study the basic vacuum tube circuits; and finally to make an operable superheterodyne radio receiver.

Summary

Electrical power machinery was in wide use long before the invention of the electronic vacuum tube, so that curricula in electrical engineering were originally primarily devoted to the study of electric power. The engineering schools have been slow to achieve a proper balance in the coverage of the whole field of electrical engineering in their survey courses for non-electrical engineers. Such courses have frequently tended to be "step-children" in the electrical engineering departments, taught primarily by men trained in electrical power and machinery and without adequate appreciation of the

scope and importance of electronics. West Point has followed the same general pattern in the past, influenced no doubt by the civilian schools. Two events, however, have helped greatly in correcting this situation in the past 20 years. The first was the creation in 1931 of the Physics Department, a much needed step which unified and modernized the work in the sciences at the Academy. The second was World War II and the general revision of the curriculum which followed, providing a substantial increase in the time allotted to electronics. As a result of these changes the course in electricity is now thoroughly up to date. Actually, in its scope and orientation it is superior to the corresponding courses in many of the country's engineering schools. For the purposes at hand its laboratories and equipment are unexcelled. Please do not misunderstand this statement. Many schools have much better equipment for advanced work in electrical engineering, including graduate study and research, than the Military Academy. What I am saying is merely that for what we are trying to do, the teaching of a general survey course to those who are *not* professional electrical engineering students, our facilities are now outstanding, and are probably unsurpassed anywhere in the country.

The instructional staff of the department is at a high level professionally. We are dealing with two subjects, electronics and nuclear physics, which are subject to constant and rapid technical advances. It is essential that as a department we follow current progress in both fields closely and adjust the orientation of our work appropriately. To do this effectively we must maintain close liaison with the technical branches of the military service and with the leading engineering school faculties. During my tenure as department head we have had fine support in this respect from the USMA headquarters and the Departments of the Army and Air Force.

Our major problems at present are the maintenance of our laboratories and their equipment at their present high level, and the small amount of time available for the work in nuclear physics. The first problem requires adequate annual departmental appropriations, an adequate maintenance staff, and vision on our part to sense the trends in technical developments. The second problem is more difficult, for it involves the distribution of cadet time among departments, and every department quite naturally wants more time. The solution of this problem must await further judgment as to the place

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BULLETIN BOARD



NEW COMMANDANT OF CADETS

Brigadier General John H. Michaelis has succeeded Brigadier General John K. Waters as Commandant of Cadets.

General Michaelis, Class of 1936, was Commanding Officer of the 502d Parachute Infantry during the Normandy Invasion and led the regiment in the airborne assault on Holland. Twice wounded while leading his regiment, he was hospitalized from September to December 1944, at which time he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 101st Airborne Division. He served in that post in the Battle of the Bulge.

He assumed command of the 27th Infantry Regiment after the outbreak of war in Korea and later served as Assistant Division Commander of the 25th Division. His regiment, which was in some of the fiercest fighting in Korea, earned the name of "The Fire Brigade".

In Korea, he earned two battlefield promotions, to the grades of Colonel and Brigadier General, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He has also been awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Master Parachutist's Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Netherlands Bronze Lion, French Croix de Guerre, Belgian Croix de Guerre, and several other foreign decorations.

Prior to his assignment to West Point, General Michaelis served as Deputy for Training in the Operations and Training Division of SHAPE Headquarters at Paris.

General Michaelis, Commandant of Cadets, congratulates Cadet Robert E. Barton, Class of 1953, upon his appointment as First Captain and Brigade Commander of the Corps of Cadets. Cadet Barton, whose home is in Belleville, New Jersey, served four years as an enlisted man, including eighteen months overseas, before entering West Point in July 1949.

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Academic Calendar—1952-1953

- 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.



NEW CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S.M.A.

Colonel Thomas J. Gent, Jr., USAF, has succeeded Colonel John J. Morrow, USAF, as Chief of Staff at the United States Military Academy. Colonel Morrow, who served as Chief of Staff since July 1949, has left West Point for his new assignment in Washington, D. C., in the Intelligence Division, Department of the Air Force.

Colonel Gent, Class of 1935, attended the National War College immediately prior to assuming his duties at West Point last August. During World War II, he served with the 449th Bomb Group, 15th Air Force, in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He has been awarded the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with three clusters, Croix de Guerre with palm, and the Distinguished Unit Citation with one cluster.





NEW DIRECTOR OF THE WEST POINT MUSEUM

Colonel Donald R. Matheson was recalled to active duty in July 1952 and appointed Director of the West Point Museum, succeeding the late Colonel Allen L. Keyes.

Colonel Matheson was graduated from the Academy in 1938. Retired for physical disability in 1947, he subsequently received the degree of Master of Arts in Fine Arts from the University of Michigan. He later studied at the Ecole du Louvre in Paris, France, on a Fulbright grant.

During World War II he served as Assistant Provost Marshal of the Antilles Department, in the Academic Department of the Infantry School, and as an Infantry Battalion Commander with the 63rd Infantry Division.

MORE ABOUT CULLUM'S MEDALS FOR ACADEMIC MERIT . . .

An article entitled "Cullum's Medals for Academic Merit" was published in the January 1952 issue of *Assembly*. Mrs. Tillman Martin, daughter of the late Brigadier General Samuel E. Tillman, Class of 1869, has recently contributed the following verbatim quotation from some notes her father made about 1938 on this subject:

"Some time in the month of August 1866, I was, to my great surprise, ordered to report to the Superintendent of the Academy at his quarters at a designated time. Never previously having had any contact with the Superintendent, I went as directed, wondering what dire punishment might be in store for me.

"Upon arrival the Superintendent met me on the steps of his residence and informed me that I had been awarded a conduct stripe which would be worn on the cuff of the coat sleeve, and a medal for Academic Merit which he presented to me in its small box. There was no sort of ceremony, only the Superintendent and myself were present and I did not enter his house.

"When my dress coat with the conduct stripe was returned from the Quartermaster, I received with it a printed slip stating the privileges it conferred. Of these I remember only *one* and that I used *often*. It permitted me to visit the hotel within certain hours without any other permit. I do remember that the conduct stripes were soon termed by the cadets "good boy" stripes, but this did not detract from their worth to the wearer,

"Since there was no ceremony at the presentation of the medals and no explanation was ever given of the Superintendent's principles and intentions in awarding them, little was said of them at the time and they were soon forgotten.

"In 1935, 69 years after the receipt of my yearling bronze medal, I wrote a distinguished graduate of 1868, who stood near the head of his class." (Probably Arthur Sherburne Hardy, with whom he corresponded constantly. KTM.) "He expressed great surprise that he had never heard of the awards for Academic Merit, but since I still had mine he had to admit it had been received. At this time, I recollected that I had heard in '66, the name of one first classman who was said to have received a gold medal. I wrote to this officer and he replied that he still had his gold medal but could supply no information as to the basis on which it was awarded. In our cadet days it was said that the medal for the second class was of silver, but at that time and since I have never heard of a second classman who received the medal. Two other contemporaries in the Corps wrote me that they had heard about the medals but knew nothing definite about them.

"Information from Headquarters at the Academy in 1935, was that no record could be found of the Superintendent's action in bestowing the medals."

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.

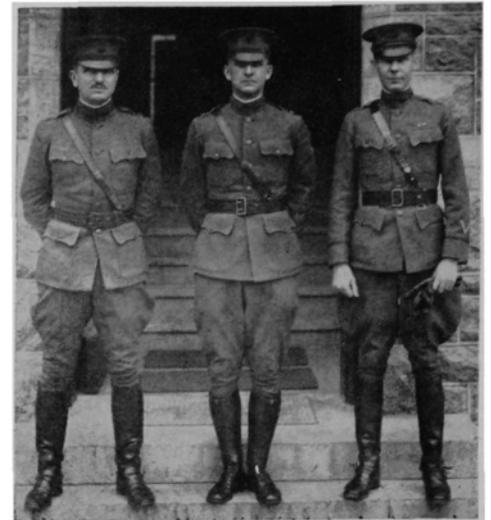
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of nuclear energy in the whole scheme of things. If it develops into a major energy source, or even a major tactical weapon, it will warrant a larger share of the curriculum.

Finally, of the cadet generation of this day and age, I would say that they have the opportunity to learn a great deal about electricity. Our equipment is excellent and their instructors know their subject and are eager to explain it. Good intellectual food there is in abundance for the present Second Class.

REMEMBER?



"The Three B's"

"This photograph, taken on the steps of the then South Guard House, will recall to many officers of the Army and Air Force episodes in their lives as Cadets at West Point in the early 1920's.

"Butcher, Buckner and Bonesteel—the members of the original Battalion Board—meted out justice with firmness and impartiality. Cadet First Captain or lowly Plebe—each was investigated alike.

"Few, if any, cadets put anything over the Board, inasmuch as the punishment for an appearance of an actual offender before the Board started with the minimum of a 5 and 10, and usually wound up with considerably more. Cases of out talking The Three B's were few and far between.

"In the picture from left to right are:—Buckner (Simon Bolivar; Lieutenant General. Killed in action while commanding the Tenth Army on Okinawa, 18 June 1945).

Butcher (Edwin; Brigadier General. Died at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., 29 July 1950).

Bonesteel (Charles Hartwell; Retired Major General now living in Washington, D. C.)."

Editor's Note: The picture and accompanying comment, above, came to *Assembly* via a member of the Class of 1922.

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.

WORTH MEMORIAL PLAQUE PRESENTED TO THE CORPS OF CADETS

On May 15, 1952, a bronze plaque honoring the late Brevet Major General William Jenkins Worth was presented to the Corps of Cadets by a group of descendants of General Worth. The presentation was made during a ceremony held in the Pershing Room of Cullum Hall. Lt. Colonel W. J. Morton, a member of the Museum Board, served as Master of Ceremonies during the presentation. After a few appropriate introductory remarks, Colonel Morton introduced the Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. J. K. Waters, who delivered a welcoming address eulogizing General Worth. Lt. Colonel R. W. Hubbell, great-grandson of General Worth, presented the plaque to the Corps of Cadets as a representative of a group of descendants of General Worth. Following Colonel Hubbell's presentation address, the Superintendent, Major General F. A. Irving, accepted the plaque for the Corps of Cadets. His address stressed the importance of the role of the Commandant of Cadets when he pointed out how "the tax-payer considers him custodian of some of the Nation's most precious raw material which must be refined not only to superior effect but as economically as possible". At the conclusion of the formal presentation ceremony in Cullum Hall, a Brigade Retreat Review was held in honor of the late General Worth. The Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Waters; Brig. Gen. Russell Langdon, President of the Eighth Infantry Association; and Lt. Colonel Hubbell received the Review.

Guests at the presentation ceremony included Mrs. James Albert Woodruff, great-



granddaughter of General Worth and wife of Major General Woodruff, Brig. Gen. Russell Langdon, descendants of General Worth, members of the garrison at West Point and their wives, the Cadet Brigade Commander with members of his staff and representatives of the Corps of Cadets.

The plaque, which has now been permanently affixed on the north side of the Cadet Headquarters Building, bears the following inscription:

"WEST POINT, DEC. 22, 1820
"BATTALION ORDERS,

"But an officer on duty knows no one—to be partial is to dishonor both himself and

the object of his ill-advised favor. What will be thought of him who exacts of his friend that which disgraces him? Look at him who winks at and overlooks offences in one, which he causes to be punished in another, and contrast him with the inflexible soldier who does his duty faithfully, notwithstanding it occasionally wars with his private feelings. The conduct of one will be venerated and emulated, the other detested as a satire upon soldiership and honor

Extract from an order published to the Corps of Cadets by

BREVET MAJOR
WILLIAM JENKINS WORTH

Commandant of Cadets, 1820-1828,
Brevet Brigadier General commanding a
brigade, and
Brevet Major General commanding a
division during the
War with Mexico, 1846-1847.

"To his wise and firm leadership the United States Corps of Cadets is, in great measure, indebted for its early dedication to the ideals of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY."

It is particularly appropriate that this event occurred during West Point's Sesquicentennial Year, since General Worth was in great measure responsible for laying the foundation for the clock-like precision so characteristic of the Corps of Cadets. General Worth was appointed to the position of Commandant of Cadets by Sylvanus Thayer, and was Colonel Thayer's principal executive in making the Corps of Cadets what it was then, and is today, from the viewpoint of military and personal efficiency.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the July 1952 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date	Place
Frederick S. Foltz	1879	August 28, 1952	Washington, D. C.
Robert F. McMillan	Ex-1896	July 18, 1952	Geneseo, N. Y.
Halsey Dunwoody	1905	September 2, 1952	Ithaca, N. Y.
Berkeley T. Merchant	1905	July 27, 1952	Bethesda, Md.
John F. Landis	1910	September 7, 1952	Washington, D. C.
Thomas J. J. Christian	1911	September 15, 1952	Jacksonville, Fla.
Leon H. Dunn	November 1918	September 3, 1952	Watertown, N. Y.
Edward P. J. Liston	Ex-1928	August 14, 1952	MacDill AFB, Fla.
Harris E. Rogner	1938	December 17, 1951	Barksdale Field, La.
Thomas M. Dolan	1945	December 23, 1951	Fort Custer, Mich.
Edmund D. Poston	1945	May 19, 1951	Korea
John L. Bennett	1946	September 22, 1952	Sandia Base, N. M.
Paul M. Ellman, Jr.	1946	August 28, 1952	Near Paine AFB, Wash.
Hobart R. Gay, Jr.	1946	August 10, 1952	Near Falmouth, Mass.
Charles K. Farabaugh	1950	July 17, 1952	Korea



By Joe Cahill

West Point, N. Y., Oct. 6—Army has rejected the role of doormat in college football. Completely unheralded and relegated to lower echelons in all pre-season calculations the Cadets have displayed a certain poise and polish in their two opening encounters to indicate that the road back may not be as long and difficult as once supposed.

In the opening game of the season, a highly-regarded South Carolina squad visited Michie Stadium. Army rose to the occasion with a decisive 28 to 7 win that made a mockery of the pre-game odds. Jerry Hagan, a defensive halfback, took personal charge of the situation on the opening kickoff, running 84 yards to pay dirt. Seven minutes later a pass from Pete Vann to Lowell Sisson connected for another score and Army was on the march. The defensive team made its presence felt by holding South Carolina on downs inside the five yard line. Paul Schweikert added the other touchdowns on bucks of one and two yards. Rox Shain converted all placements.

To play Southern California the Cadets planned to Los Angeles for the first time. Three touchdown underdogs, the Cadets pressed the Trojans to the hilt before finally wilting under the 100-plus degrees temperature and endless flow of talented athletes.

In the first half it appeared as though the Trojans never would get started against the hard-charging, determined Cadet forwards who time after time repulsed their offensive thrusts. In fact, it was a blocked punt in the end zone that accounted for Southern California's only scoring effort in the first half. However, a combination of Cadet errors and some fine running and passing on the part of Jim Sears set up all three Trojan touchdowns. Sears bucked across from the 2 for one score and passed to Miller and then Dandoy for the other two.

Though Army would in all likelihood have alternately won and lost these two games in much the same manner, it is only fair to say that the Cadet effort was hampered by untimely injuries prior to both games.

Against South Carolina Dick Boyle, quarterback, and halfbacks Freddie Meyers and John Wing, did not see action due to varying degrees of leg injuries.

Wing recuperated in time to play against Southern California, but Bob Guidera took his place among the injured three-some and so once again it was not the strongest possible team that Blaik fielded.

The point in noting the injuries is not to solicit tears, but rather to point out the troublesome task confronting the coaches in the over-all development of the squad.

Against Dartmouth, both Meyers and Boyle will undoubtedly see action for the first time this season. Their places on the injury list are already taken by John Krobok, regular defensive end, and Charley Bliss, a reserve wingman. A broken hand and rib, respectively, sidelined these men after the foray in Los Angeles.

Judging from opening game appearances, the Cadets seem to be more poised and polished than a year ago. Specifically, the play of the defensive line has been significant. Here LeRoy Lunn, guard; Bob Guidera and Frank Wilkerson, tackles; and Neil Chamberlin, end, have proved themselves to be better than average performers.

Offensively Lunn and Guidera have been just as effective. Sisson's receiving has been heartening at end. Freddie Attaya and Schweikert have been bearing the brunt of the ball-carrying chores. Pete Vann has been splendid in passing and ball handling, if a little uncertain at times in the play-calling department.

Whether the Cadets can maintain a .500 average throughout the remainder of the season depends to a large extent on Lady Luck and how she doles out the injuries.

Teams of the caliber of Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, Columbia, Georgia Tech, Pennsylvania and Navy, round out the most difficult schedule in this, the sixty-third season of football here.

Despite the loss of the incomparable Dick Shea and Lou Davis, who ran one and two throughout the past two seasons, the cross country team continues its winning ways. Shea of course was the big loss. He captured both the Heptagonal and IC4A championships in three consecutive years. Davis always placed high in both meets to give Army a cushion in the point department. This year Coach Nate Cartmell has managed to win the first two meets. Victories over Villanova, 23-35 and Providence 17-46, extended the winning streak to fourteen straight since 1949. Bill Cory appears to be the best of the lot thus far.

Soccer continues down the victory road. Coach Joe Palone apparently has another high-gear squad. Seven of the 1951 starters are back in the fold. Angel Ravelo, the team's high scorer with 23 goals, is the pace maker. Francis Adams, who learned his soccer in Scotland, and Jim Fraher, who was born and raised in Ireland, are other mainstays of the squad. Neither Ithaca nor Seton Hall proved more than a workout for this squad in early season games. The victory string has now reached twenty-one straight over a three year stretch.

Walter R. Browne has been appointed golf pro and greenskeeper here. Formerly assistant pro at the Lehigh Country Club in Allentown, Pa., he was a member of the three-man National Harding Trophy Championships in 1949 and 1950. He has been a golf professional for 24 years. A veteran of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, he was wounded in action in Korea. He succeeds Dennis Lavender.

U. S. M. A. FALL SPORTS 1952

(With Scores to Include 18 October)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

FOOTBALL

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
September 27	28	South Carolina 7
October 4	0	Southern California 22
11	37	Dartmouth 7
18	14	Pittsburgh 22
25		Columbia—at New York
November 1		Virginia Military Institute
8		Georgia Tech—at Atlanta
15		Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia.....
22		Permanently Open
29		Navy—at Philadelphia

SOCCKER

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
September 26	7	Ithaca 0
October 4	5	Seton Hall 2
10	5	Dartmouth 1
18	1	West Chester State Teachers College—at West Chester, Pennsylvania
22		Syracuse 2
24		Temple

SOCCKER (Continued)

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
November 1		Penn State — at State College, Pennsylvania
8		Cornell
15		University of Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia
22		Navy

CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Army Score*	Opponent and Score*
September 26	23	Villanova 35
October 3	17	Providence 46
10	15	Dartmouth 47
18	35	Penn State — at State College, Pennsylvania
25		Manhattan College — at New York
31		Triangular: Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Army
November 7		Heptagonal—at New York.....
17		IC4A—at New York

*Low score wins.



New Members

We welcome to our membership 11 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 11,997.

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 DECEMBER 10, 1952

1890

Major General W. C. Davis is able to control his arthritis with cortisone; his many friends will welcome this news. He and Mrs. Davis celebrated the anniversary of their wedding in September at Carmel on Monterey Bay, 135 miles from Berkeley—their home. The Class of '90 wishes them many happy returns of the day.

Goober Brown, after spending part of the summer at Watch Hill, has returned to

his new apartment at 110 East End Avenue, New York City. Colonel Mel Rowell, champion woodchopper of New Hampshire, has decided to spend his winters in Florida. We hope other members of '90 will follow his example and avoid the rigors of the north in winter.

Colonel and Mrs. Ferguson, after visiting relatives in Pittsburgh and a very pleasant stay at "The Forest Inn", Eagles Mere Park, Pa., have returned to their pretty home in Bradenton, Fla.

—J. A. R.

1894

Frank Cocheu sailed from New York on the S.S. *United States* on August 22nd, to wander about England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, France and Italy, sailing for home on the American Export liner *Constitution* in time to reach New York on December 8th.

Carlos Crain has taken to the typewriter because of arthritis in his fingers, but otherwise his condition is somewhat improved. He is contemplating a trip to Honolulu this winter. He recently saw Peggy Whitworth and G. F. Hamilton at the monthly West Point luncheon in Los Angeles, and reports them in good health.

George Vidmer has returned to this country from the British West Indies, and is now permanently located at Apartment C-21, Hudson View Gardens, Pinehurst Avenue, New York City 33.

Duke Preston and Mrs. Preston have left the Menger Hotel in San Antonio and have taken an apartment. This move encourages the hope that Mrs. Preston has recovered from the shock of her automobile accident last September, reported in *Assembly* for January, 1952.

Laddie Ladue has fully recovered from a serious operation performed at Walter Reed Hospital in June. He and Mrs. Ladue are spending the month of October at the Hotel Thayer, West Point.

—W. B. L.



1895

After two months in hospital with a broken leg, Nuttman is recuperating at his home in Washington, D. C. He reports that about all he can do is to get around the apartment, read, and play a little bridge.

Smith, F. W., whose home is at Erie Beach, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, is well, but his wife has been suffering from a heart ailment for several months. She is recuperating in Menton, France. A daughter, Mrs. C. B. Crawford, and her two children,

from San Diego, California, are visiting Erie Beach for the summer. Another daughter also lives in San Diego. The Smiths may move to California and make their home there.

Nissen has been laid up with the old trouble that retired him, and was hospitalized at Walter Reed from January to March, this year. His beloved wife, after an illness of several years, passed away, in Washington, D. C., on March 29, 1952,—interment at Arlington. The sympathy of the class goes to the bereaved husband.

Dixon and his wife have sold their holdings in Oregon and California and bought a home in Moscow, Idaho, where they now live, at 719 Kenneth Avenue, near their daughter and her husband, Dr. Owen B. Weeks, of the Idaho State University. Dr. Weeks is a distinguished scientist. Mrs. Weeks is a university graduate, majoring in biochemistry and medical laboratory technique. A son, Richard Sears Dixon, is a mining engineer, with the Cananea Consolidated Copper Co., at Cananea, Sonora, Mexico. Dixon's hobbies and studies include astronomy, geology, and history. The Dixons have been entertaining friends from their former home, Corvallis, Oregon.

Darrah and Mrs. Darrah were in Washington, D. C., in July for the wedding of their oldest grandson.

Miles is in good health. He dodges the ice and snows of Ohio winters by vacationing in California and Florida. He expects to spend the coming winter in California, where he has many friends and classmates. He keeps in trim by long hikes. He has been active in community services, including bond and salvage drives, and civil defense. He is writing his memoirs, for which task he is well qualified.

Conrad and wife are reported looking young and in good health, in attractive San Antonio, Texas, where they have made their home.

Cavanaugh and wife are spending a month in Europe. They were married last March 2d, in Winter Park, Florida, and Perry Miles was their best man. They sailed for Europe on the French liner *La Liberté* and are planning to spend two weeks in London and two weeks in Switzerland. Upon their return they expect to make their home in Connecticut and Florida. The happy couple have the best wishes of the class for health and happiness.

Herron is well, vacations on the deserts and beaches of California, studies Spanish, and plays golf. His community service has included membership on the Long Beach Aviation and Armed Services Commissions, Civil Defense Council, and Infantile Paralysis Committee. He served two terms as President of the West Point Society of Los Angeles.

—J. S. H.

1899

Sep Humphrey seems to have been the only one of the Class to reach West Point for Graduation Week but there is no report from him. Sep lives in San Antonio with his brother Charles F., well known to many in the Class, and is as gay and debonaire as usual and gets about, but now in other people's planes!—In San Antonio are also Helene Foy, who lives quietly and gardens, and Jo Minus, very much the business woman.—On the Pacific Coast we still have a goodly representation and in September, the Class Secretary and the Class Treasurer, in the persons of C.D. and Louise Herron saw them all, except Tug Harris, who still paints the many aspects of the desert about Palm Springs.—One of Cliff Carter's last acts was to appoint Louise Treasurer, "because she is about the youngest member of the Class".—The reasoning is obvious!

In San Diego the H. B. Clarks still hold on to the big house as a rendezvous for ten grandchildren and H.B. goes back and forth to Chicago to the Board meetings of the Container Corporation of America, in which he has been a good deal interested almost from the time of his retirement in '22. The Woodruffs look trim and fit and do not hesitate to flit about the Coronado streets on their bicycles.—The Schulls were just back in their Carmel house after a summer in the Rockies.—They have two sons and four grandsons—no granddaughters! — In Los Angeles, Yates seems about as busy as ever, although he has largely withdrawn from work with the Disaster Committee for work with the Chamber of Commerce. Bill and Christiane Kelly are preparing to go to San Diego again for the winter. Kromer writes from Northfield that he has had a busy summer, with a house full of children and grandchildren.—In Washington, Halstead has the misfortune to be ill in Walter Reed, which we all enormously regret.

—C. D. H.

1901

It was with sincere regret that we read of the death of William N. (Billie) Haskell on the 12th of August at Greenwich, Conn. Billie has honored the class through his brilliant career. The sincere sympathy of 1901 goes out to his widow and family. It was very fitting that upon the 50th Anniversary of the graduation of 1901 the Association of Graduates showed its appreciation of Haskell's service by a public announcement at its luncheon in June 1951. We will miss Billie very much.

—R. M. B., Jr.

1902

On June 9, 1952, Colonel and Mrs. Rigby D. Valliant gave a beautiful buffet luncheon at their attractive colonial home in Vienna, Virginia, in honor of the members of the class and their wives and the class widows who were then in Washington or its vicinity. The following, besides the host and hostess, were present on this very enjoyable occasion: General and Mrs. Walter K. Wilson, General and Mrs. John K. Herr, General and Mrs. Troup Miller, Colonel James F. Bell, Colonel and Mrs. William W. Edwards, Colonel and Mrs. Homer N. Preston, Mrs. William A. Mitchell, Mrs. Victor S. Foster, and Mrs. Joseph F. Taulbee.

—Troup Miller.

1903

Members of the Class of 1903 are urged to begin planning *now* to attend our FIFTIETH REUNION in June 1953. The Committee appointed by Pope is working on the program and George Cocheu is in charge of making the arrangements — you know George and that you can depend upon a "bang up" affair.

Any members of the Class of 1903 passing through Washington, D. C., are requested to call Schley (telephone HUDSON 4338) or Cocheu (EMERSON 6327) or Grant (NATIONAL 7363)—they would like to fraternize with you.

Rumor has it that Clark Lynn is returning to his shelf of retirement after concluding his term as Adjutant at the Soldiers' Home, Washington 6, D. C.

Grant, U. S., has resigned from the presidency of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, after 5 years of volunteer work in organizing it and getting its

program started. Consequently his office address is changed to 1135-21st Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

A telegram from Joseph M. Thomas, the stepson of Charlie Patterson, stated that "Pat" died on June 23rd. John S. Upham died in Los Angeles on July 5th. We will miss both of them.

On their return from a vacation, Julian and Denise Schley spent the evening at Katonah with Pope and his family.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

Early in August, Budd visited relatives in Connecticut near Black Point where Bryden and family were spending the summer. After telephone conversations, a time was set for a get-together, but when the day arrived, Budd's heart had begun to act up and he had to call it off and go home. This was Budd's first attempt at social activities after his recent stay in the hospital. Better luck next time!

A note from Mack indicates that he is enjoying life down in Charleston, S. C. He keeps busy with lawn mowing, hedge clipping, gardening and fishing, and is looking forward to some deer hunting this fall. At the same time with all this, he is doing a bit of "politicking"

Scott, W. R., has "retired" again. He is no longer helping out at the headquarters of Army Emergency Relief in Washington, D. C., but he is in good health and will continue to live in Washington at 1626 Argonne Place, N.W.

—W. B.

1905

In recent years the winter months appear to have been the most difficult for our surviving members, but this summer we have lost two classmates who have "crossed over the river".

Budd Merchant passed away in Washington, D. C. on July 28, 1952, after a lingering illness. Daddy Gibson arranged for a floral tribute from the Class and several classmates in Washington attended the funeral services.

Halsey Dunwoody died in Ithaca, New York hospital on September 2, 1952 and funeral services were held at Interlaken, New York, three days later. The sympathy of the Class was shown by a floral tribute.

Seward Weeks is temporarily filling the position of Executive Vice-President of the Raritan State Bank, Raritan, New Jersey.

Anne, Winky Waugh's daughter, was married to Robert F. Johnson August 12, 1952 at Malone, New York.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

Our class did not have a candidate for nomination for president; for our political member, Tubby Loughry, did not choose to run. The Class of 1915's boy made it, I see by the papers.

Red Hoyle and Christine have been visiting in Maine with the Rileys on a grand looking lake, set in the hills that are covered with larch and fir and pine. The wobbly signatures on the picture postcard indicated all were having a grand time, away from politics and the heat.

Dick and Mrs. Burleson are reported to have gone abroad again, but no news of destinations.

Jim Riley attended the 50th anniversary

of his class at the Citadel Military School at Charleston in June.

Elizabeth and I went to Parris Island at the same time, but it was too hot to travel the sixty miles over to Charleston, so we stayed with the Marines and watched their recruit training. A great organization!

Earl McFarland and Jim Riley represented the Class at the grand Sesquicentennial Convocation at West Point, Earl marching in the Academic Procession as a former Professor, U.S.M.A. Picture in last *Assembly*. Earl went to the 1907 party too.

Joe King never did get to Dillard last summer, either the hills were too high or the sun too hot, and he streaked it, with Doctor of Education, daughter Julie, to Okibogi in northwest Iowa where daughter Mary had a summer cottage, near Joe Green.

Abe, the former center, now at 3801 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Wash., D. C. reports, he weighs only 160 now, same as this former tackle. Abe says he is all well again, but I am off to Walter Reed for repairs and maintenance as is Earl McFarland too. Earl reports only a small job.

Henry Finch and Helen have been touring Arizona and New Mexico, and then back for a trip to the big trees of California, which, Henry says, whittles them all down considerably in their conceit. Henry is still speaking for the UN all around the country, and playing with the five grandchildren at home. The Finches saw the Olmsteads last Spring and the Jim Lovings lately too. Dawson was feeling better but not yet so good. The remaining members of 1906 are passing three score and ten with calm fortitude in spite of the pestering questions of grandchildren and the ominous shadow of the coming conflict.

Posting this en route to Washington, I hear them calling behind me, the mountain farewell, "Hurry back".

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Everyone seems to have settled back into a normal routine following the reunion activities and there is little news to report. This gives us, however, an opportunity to review some of the high spots, amusing incidents and surprising revelations related in the Class Book.

Charley Wyman's remark that "old soldiers never lie, but their tales keep growing longer and longer, that his were freehand, about forty-nine years old and subject to the vagaries of memory" could perhaps apply to others as well.

We were pleased to learn that Bob Arthur had finally settled down and had given up his gypsy life. After seeing some of the Kodak pictures which Clyde Eastman brought back from his trip to the west coast, it is almost unbelievable to learn that Dan'l Boone is a great-grandfather. Speaking of grandchildren, Chief Rice's boast of nine sinks into insignificance compared to twelve for Somers. Booth has nine and we have ten ourselves.

We liked Babe Chilton's summary of the youngest member of the class. He does not do justice to that young man's accomplishments and we cannot agree that the world is no better for his having been here, but we do like his philosophy.

It was good to hear from Pat Morrissey. We wonder how many of us in his position could have such a brave outlook on life.

Walter Wheeler paid a much deserved tribute to Jimmie James, which has most appropriately been included in the recorded history of the class.

In this day of jet planes and atomic bombs it was interesting to contemplate Throop Wilder's boyhood on old frontier Cavalry posts in Arizona and Sloan Doak's

later operations against the Indians in New Mexico and Arizona.

We feel sorry for Marco Polo Steese having to travel around the world on \$34.10 a month. We wonder how he does it and is this before or after taxes.

Clyde Eastman certainly deserves the title of class Ambassador Extraordinary. We used to think that Ben Castle was our only roving representative. Between the two of them Ben and Clyde have given us a current report on a large majority of the class.

Some of the revelations brought out in the book are most startling. Can anyone imagine Jim Laubach, the epitome of propriety, actually burglarizing the Com's office. It must have been Lownie's evil influence.

Injun Hayden must feel better now for having confessed all the misdeeds he has kept under his hat these many years. What self control and how could so many things happen to one man.

We wish Jim Gallogly had mentioned the name of the classmate whom he urged to attend the class smoker after graduation. It sounds like one old soldier who lives in San Antonio.

The humorous incidents recalled from our Cadet days were most amusing and the account of the visit of Sir Howard Vincent proves conclusively that Charley Wyman was right.

Can you imagine Lewis Greer shooting at a woodpecker in camp or Ski Santschi almost breaking into the maternity ward at the hospital. How vividly we recall the escapades of the Black Hand which bring back fond memories of that gay and care-free crew. What tales some of them could tell if they were with us today.

We thoroughly enjoyed the whole book including the interpolated sheet entitled "A Civilian Visits West Point", by Mr. Earl Findley. We can sympathize with Mr. Findley's impression of the cadet rooms in barracks and meals in the mess hall but we did not realize the extent to which he must have enjoyed our cocktail party. Not wishing to spoil a good story, but for the sake of accuracy, our so-called estate is only about one-third as large as Mr. Findley seemed to think and what everything was mostly drenched with on that memorable night was rain. We appreciate the compliment but would not want anyone to get the wrong impression of our place.

We are confident that we speak for the class in expressing to Paul Larned our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the excellent job he did with the book and for the long hours of patient toil which he devoted to its publication. We also thank Ben Castle for his assistance with the publication and for making available for the benefit of the class the various connections of his Milk Industry Foundation.

Paul has sent a copy of the book to all the class widows whose addresses were known. They have been most grateful for having been remembered. If any of them have been overlooked, Paul will be glad to have their addresses.

We are sure all will agree that the book was an outstanding success and that the affairs of the class are indeed in excellent hands.

—H. W. W.

1908

Edgerton has been made a member of the Board of Consulting Engineers for the Suez Canal. He is the first American to be so honored.

Peyton was retired from the Civil Service on May 31. He continues to live in Jacksonville. Curry has sold his house in Denver and moved into an apartment.

The notes are too brief this quarter. The

class representative has been away and the receipt of information by mail has been almost nil.

—C. L. H.

1910

It is with a great deal of sadness that I must report the death of John Landis at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C., on September 7, 1952. John had been sick but a very short time. He and Edith were at their home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin when early in August he became suddenly ill. It was evident almost from the start that his case was very serious. Funeral services took place at the Fort Myer Chapel and were attended by many friends far and near. The classmates from Washington and nearby and a number of intimate friends made up the list of honorary pall-bearers. John is survived by Edith, his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Patrick McVey of Beverly Hills, California, Miss Lorna Landis of Hollywood, California, and a son, Mr. Charles B. Landis of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As we knew him in our cadet days and through the years, John was a great favorite with all. He will be sorely missed.

John Millikin's son, Lieutenant Colonel John, Jr., was recently awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, with a V device for valor. Young John, now stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, received the medal for heroism in action in Korea on June 15, 1951. 1910 tenders its hearty congratulations.

Durward and Olive Wilson recently had the great pleasure of again becoming grandparents twice within the period of a month. Walter Durward Wilson was born on March 31st last to Lieutenant D. S., Jr. and Jane in the Far East Command. Young D. S. is now on duty at Fort Bliss, Texas. The other baby, James Lewis Kengla arrived April 29th at the Bolling Air Base Hospital, Washington, D. C. He is the son of Durward's daughter, Olive and Colonel C. A. Kengla, USAF, now stationed in Germany.

Again speaking of Class grandchildren, the wedding of Miss Alice Blue and Lieutenant Frederick F. Irving on July 16th was one of the outstanding social events of the past summer in New York City. The bride is the granddaughter of Dan and Alice Torrey; the groom, the son of Major General Irving, Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy. The wedding took place at St. Bartholomew's Church and was followed by a reception at the Colony Club. The bride's mother, Mrs. William Schiff of New York, was Alice Torrey, 1910's oldest child.

—R. H. D.

1911

Everybody will be glad to know that Paul Reinecke's Own Story has already been published in the first issue of *Assembly*, in April 1942, and that Colonel Branham plans to republish it in a later issue for the benefit of the later classes.

Tod Larned please note that two of 1911 have moved to Florida: George Chase to 1256, North Sedelva Circle, Clearwater, and Bob Gray to Lake Worth. Betch has dropped them from his list.

The whole class will rejoice with me when I tell you that I went down to Myrtle Beach in July to see Gus Franke and found that he made a miraculous recovery after his stay in Walter Reed. With great pride he informed me that Helen, his younger daughter, had presented him with a granddaughter. This makes 9 grandchildren, thereby tying Pot Baxter and Artie Conard. Young Gus, after making a fine record in Korea, is back home

and is now with the ROTC at the University of Florida.

The peninsular Sextet: Bagby, Cowles, Ladd, Lockwood, Nichols, and Weaver, gathered at Jim's house in Menlo Park for the regular monthly get-together. Fred and Edna Gilbreath were there, escaping the heat of Austin. All were in good health and spirits. Jesse has recovered well from his recent bout with Letterman. Greg Hoisington told Nick by phone that he was making a trial run with his trailer preparatory to a trip east. We hope to see him in these parts. No news from the rest of the West Coast contingent.

Latest news from John Wall indicates that he is making a successful invasion of England with his Horse Books.

Young Alex Surlles seems to be following the footsteps of his Dad. For exceptionally meritorious service in Korea as acting chief of staff of the Eighth Army he has recently been awarded a second oak leaf cluster to his Legion of Merit.

Jim Mooney has scored again. "His Excellency, Phil, arrived from Costa Rica August 21st. He paused long enough to transact a little State business, telephone his sister Polly Blunt, and have a chat with Joe Mehaffey at the Club. He took off to join Dorothy, Jocelyn and Jocelyn's husband for a few days in their New Hampshire mountain retreat. He will return September 2d for conferences at the State Department. We hope he will then find time for a session at the round table before returning to Costa Rica.

Joe had just returned from a six-weeks' trip to North and South Rhodesia and Nyasaland, all in South Africa, with stop-overs in London both in going and returning. Besides looking for The Girl, Joe went out for Speck Wheeler's bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). He reports all three states thriving and interesting but makes no mention of The Girl. Speck planned to leave on September 2 by plane for Mexico to make some inspections for The Bank. In November he will do some inspecting in India and Pakistan.

Howell Estes and daughter Catherine spent two weeks of August vacationing at Hotel Chamberlain, Old Point Comfort, Ocean Beach and environs.

Having relinquished his duties as mayor of old Georgetown, Karl Bradford and Lorraine find time to vacation, first on the Jersey shore, then in the West Virginia mountains.

Curt and Jen Nance are now happily and comfortably settled in their new home in Old Georgetown.

Bill Morris reunited with his 10th Armored Division in New York City August 30th, 31st and September 1st. He addressed the reunioneers—one day. On September 28th and 29th he reunited with the First Officers' Training Camp of Leon Springs, Texas, at San Antonio (World War I). As Bill commanded a company there, some of the graduates—and non-graduates—will be looking forward to seeing him.

Shek Shekerjian reports his base of operations as Stuttgart, Germany; by train, overnight to Paris, 2 hours to Heidelberg, 3½ hours to Frankfurt and 24 hours to Rome. He adds "All goes well with us here"—we expect to return in about six months, make our plans and see our friends".

—I. T. W.

1912

We regret to report the passing of two of our classmates—Ole Danielson on May 22 and Kim (F. G.) Kimball on July 19. The Class in the usual way has extended sympathy to their loved ones.

Please change your class roster as shown in the recent Forty Year Book to show the following changes in addresses: Chamberlain—Tullahoma, Tenn.; Dunmore—18 Hartford Terrace, New Hartford, Conn.; Johnson, J. H.—122 Marshall St., Petersburg, Va.; Phelan, C. A.—30 Mariner's Lane, Northport, L. I., N. Y.; Diana Walmsley—1742 North Louis Lane, Tucson, Arizona.

The Class congratulates: John A. Anderson and Albert W. Sullivan on their recently announced engagements; John H. Lindt, Jr., on his marriage on July 16; and Frank J. Riley, Jr., on winning the presidency, Association of Students, University of San Francisco.

Marjorie Simonds Ryan and Frances Simonds Costello, daughters of our beloved "Father of 1912", the late "Monk" (Major General Geo. S. Simonds, USA, deceased), have written the Class gracious letters of appreciation for the complimentary copy of the Forty Year Book which the editors sent to them. Both girls are the wives of Colonels, stationed respectively at Maxwell Air Base, Ala., and Fort Amador, C. Z. The Ryans have two children and the Costellos have four.

Maxie Maxwell reports recent delightful visits with Houston Whiteside in his summer retreat at Cascade, Colorado, and the Davenport Johnsons at Colorado Springs. We are sorry to learn that Davenport was a bit under the weather last year, but we are delighted that recently he is on the mend. Likewise Johnny (J. H.) Johnson reports that his gastro facilities, which were quite bothersome some months ago, have disappeared since he and his bride moved into their lovely new home at 122 Marshall St., Petersburg, Va. He has asked that we extend through this column a hearty invitation to all 1912, including their grandchildren, to stop and break bread with them when passing their way.

Tommy and Gladys Thomas motored from hot Washington to cool California in August to see their son Booth and his wife Millie. They report having attended a number of 1912 gatherings in San Francisco which were given in their honor.

The Class is grateful to Charlie Drake for his fine obituary on Ralph Holliday and to Kuddle Kuldell for the one he wrote on Milo Fox. The Kuldells, hosts to so many of 1912 travelers their way, write: "We have completed plans for a ranch type house on our Chenango plantation and we hope to start building right away"

The Arch Arnolds report a delightful summer at their Cranberry Lake, N. Y. summer home of four islands with cottages on all for the housing of Arnold and Co. Among their summer visitors was Carl Dick, up from Athens, N. Y.

Our N. Y. Class Representative writes that John Smith's new booklet, "Thumbs Up", depicting the activities of "The Institute for the Crippled and Disabled", is "without doubt one of the most beautiful and stirring that I have ever seen. . ." The Class salutes John Smith on his fine work in the field of "humanities"

Chen Chynoweth and Swede Anderson had a wonderful trip for ten days in the high Sierras where they had fine fishing and a perfect opportunity to engage in philosophically taking the world apart and putting it back together in better order.

We were moved emotionally to read in a recent Army-Navy Register an article which stated in part: "The Fort Knox Dependent School Building . . . has been named 'The Corporal Townsend Woodhull Crittenberger Memorial School', in memory of Corp. Townsend Woodhull Crittenberger, 745th Tank Battalion, who gave his life in the service of his country March 22, 1945, at Oberpleis, Germany. . . Senator Henry Cabot Lodge delivered the eulogy. . ."

The Class will salute classmates Crit and

Gatch Gatchell when they walk out in December, hand in hand, from distinguished active military careers, to the retired list, thus closing the books on 1912's active duty career.

Phil Faymonville, who has served the Class off and on so long and so well as Class Treasurer, reports that he got a generous response from the Class as a whole in his appeal for contributions to underwrite the Forty Year Book Project. Those who as yet have not contributed are urged to send their checks either to Faymonville, the Treasurer, or to Hobson, the Editor.

The Monk Lewises, at last report, were off again on a junket to South America.

Henry McLean, on a prolonged journey to Europe and then into the Balkans far behind the Iron Curtain, was due back in New York in the early fall. Bunny Hobson reports having seen Henry in London in late May when he was busy getting ready to cross the Channel and start on his safari far behind the Red lines.

Hugh Schively, long the victim of acute arthritis, has been in the V. A. Hospital at Ft. Miley, Calif. Bunny Hobson and Phil Faymonville visited him there in July. Hugh is carrying a heavy load very gracefully. Phil visits him often and does much in the name of the Class to give him aid and comfort.

Shortly after Eisenhower was nominated by the Republican party, "Colonel" Snow (in his capacity as newly elected Class President) wrote a letter to him congratulating him on his new honor, etc. To this Ike replied as follows: "Dear Snow: I am proud and happy to be saluted by the Class of 1912. It is certainly satisfying to feel that a singularly unpromising plebe of forty years ago has won recognition from the fine class of 1912 who did so much to help him along. I especially appreciate the good wishes you send me. I need them for the hard days ahead. I hope that your fortieth reunion was a merry and happy one, and I send you my congratulations on your election as class president. Sincerely, IKE EISENHOWER".

Please remember that Buddy Rose is the new Class Treasurer and that he will be glad to receive any contributions that you may wish to send him as your share of the financial support of the Class organization which has been set up to assure that all of 1912 will not be forgotten in both fair and stormy weather.

Class notes sent to our new Class President, "Colonel" Snow, or to Arch Arnold, our new Class Secretary, or to Buddy Rose, our new Class Treasurer, or to our old class officials (Phil Faymonville and Bunny Hobson), will reach the editors of this 1912 Column in *Assembly* and will be duly recorded in this column, which is dependent upon the support of every living member of the Class of 1912. We want to know continuously where you and yours are and what you are doing, and so does the Class as a whole. So, do your part to make this column a live one in *Assembly*.

Anyone who desires a copy of the group picture that was taken in Gatchell's garden during the 40th Reunion can obtain same by sending \$1.00 to the White Studio, West Point, N. Y. This applies to either the male group or the mixed group, both of which turned out very well.

The Class of 1912 takes extreme pleasure in announcing the birth on September 11th of Class Boy *Sidney Parker Spalding Junior*. Congratulations to Sid and Edith for giving us a reason for our 62nd Reunion at our Alma Mater.

—W. H. H. and R. T. S.

1913

It is regretted that you found no Class Notes in the last issue, due to snafu of the mail of your correspondent during an extended absence in Latin America.

For those of you who do not already know, it will be sad news to learn that we lost a popular and outstanding member of the Class when Ole Danielson died in Bradenton, Florida, on May 22d. He was buried at West Point. Edith, his widow will remain at Bradenton for the present.

In the April issue of *Assembly*, I asked for the addresses of a number of Classmates. Although several have since checked in, I still need the permanent retirement addresses of several. Won't any of you who know, please notify me at 2525 Larkin St., San Francisco 9, the present whereabouts of the following: Brewer, Cheadle, Craig, Frank, Fuller, Herwig, Nelson and Nicholas.

Since last report, Louis Craig and Junius Jones have joined the Retired List. Crittenberger now has the distinction of being the only Thirteener not yet retired, although it is believed that Keyes and Schmidt are back on active duty from retirement.

Some months ago, the Rosevears were in San Francisco for a brief visit and we had the pleasure of a delightful evening with them. We have since heard from Rosie from his home in Edenton, North Carolina. He says, among other things, "We plan to attend the Reunion at West Point in 1953" How about the rest of you?

Englehart, our New England correspondent, has checked in twice since last report, and as a result of his "nudging", we've also heard from Oliver and Cutler. Englehart reports an extended trip to the West Coast during which they saw the Corletts in New Mexico and the Dorsts in Berkeley, California. He made the Memorial Day addresses at Bennington, Vermont, and North Bennington.

The Bug Olivers report a motor trip to Florida last March, during which they spent several days with the Snake Youngs in Jacksonville. Bug also expected to spend several days at West Point during June Week.

Cutler's letter reports his retirement from business and makes an announcement which calls for congratulations from the Class, which I hereby extend. He was married not long ago and recently has returned from a wedding trip to Bermuda. He also tells of a trip to Scotland with a team of curlers who engaged in a series of matches twice a day with Scottish teams and won oftener than they lost. He, too, announces intention of attending the 40th Reunion with his new wife, whom we all are anxious to meet.

Hen Perrine checked in recently from his new home in Springfield, Pennsylvania. After a lengthy stay in Walter Reed, he announces his present occupation as "loafer"

Our Southern California Correspondent, Spencer, has checked in a couple of times since last report and, through his urging, we have also heard from Duvall. Tritle reports seeing Duvall, Rowley and Roberts at the meetings of the West Point Society.

Duvall says he is in pretty good shape and that he keeps himself occupied as a gardener, handy-man, nursemaid for some horses, and as an amateur builder. In the latter capacity, he has built a guest house and a duplex.

Brig Young has reported in from Due West, South Carolina, where he has made his home since his marriage last February to Miss Eleanor Todd of Due West and Columbia, S. C. He sent a clipping from the Greenville, S. C. *News* in which Manning is highly praised editorially for the reforms he has instituted since becoming Superintendent of the State Penitentiary. Brig also reports that Gibson, upon his retirement, was appointed to the staff of North

Carolina State College as Coordinator between faculty and R.O.T.C.

McCunniff has reported in from their new home in Columbus, Georgia. He speaks of having seen Crittenberger during a visit of the latter to Fort Benning. He also says that the latch-string is out for any classmate who ventures that way.

Jos Viner has written in to report that he has assured suitable accommodations for Class wives for the 40th Reunion. In that connection, let me urge you all to start thinking of that large event. You'll be hearing from me before too long and I warn you that a statement to the effect that you do not intend to be present must be backed up with cogent reasons!

Until next report, greetings to you all.

—H. B. L.

1915

Practically no ne—, how's that again? Oh yes, Joe Haw says they mounted a political convention in Chicago early in July. It seems the affair was of definite interest to 1915—especially the results. Unfortunately, this business savors of politics, strictly non-kosher in the columns of *Assembly*. So you'll have to buy the newspapers if you want to know more about it.

Most of the grist this time comes straight from Haw's listening post. He begins with Tom Larkin's trip to Greenland and a stop-over at Goose Bay where "Tom worked all night in order to get in some fishing next day. He encountered pike that flattened his hooks but managed to land some fifteen pounders" (sic). Me, I'd like to see a pike land a 15 pounder. Besides Tom weighed more than that even in his left tackle days at USMA.

Leo Walton is the latest to break into the hospital. Walter Reed seems to have done an excellent repair and maintenance job on a troublesome leg. A strenuous business it proved to be, but it did not upset Leo's un-failing good spirits. He reports that Stratemeyer is getting along splendidly in spite of his physical handicap and, by the time you read this, will have completed the construction of a house next to Walton's, at Winter Park, Fla. The house-warming was scheduled for mid-August. In the meanwhile, Lev Williams, 1915 pioneer in that part of the country, has been busy as a bird-dog, campaigning for—you guessed it.

The restless members of the class, among them Gesler, Ulsaker, Conklin, Ellis, and Beukema, have been on the loose again. The Geslers spent three happy weeks in Mexico, where they saw a lot of Ike Miller. The Dutchman, reported by Earl as flourishing, sends his warm regards to all the class.

The Ulsakers were guests during mid-August of their son Carl, (USMA, 1942, newly assigned to instructor duty at the Academy). Carl looks as fit as any man of his years could wish. He says he is retired from business, but "fools around a bit in San Antonio real estate" As owner of four acres outside that city and a "bit of ranch business in Montana", he doesn't sound exactly inactive.

The Conklins, jaunting through New York and New England during August, spent a few busy days seeing old friends at West Point. Their argument about where to live after retirement (I first heard it before the war) is still alive. John's argument studded cadet days were just a preview. Both John and Helen, by the way, look definitely fit.

The Ellises took off for Canada after a West Point stop in June Week. En route through New England they learned that Lindner, after a serious operation, is back home and making an excellent recovery. Haw comments that Ellis has the top score for visiting 1915 patients at Walter Reed;

never fails to visit them, or to leave good cheer in his wake.

The Beukemas spent most of July on a long planned trip to Canada: Quebec, the Saguenay, and the Gaspè country. Delightful time in spite of incredibly bad road conditions in the Gaspè, where badly needed reconstruction work is worse than tough on the motorist. By the way, you'd be surprised too if you saw the thermometer reading 94 degrees on the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

From Hawaii comes Harry Aurand's new and permanent address, PO Box 2748, Honolulu. He seems to be serious about shaking the U.S. dust off his feet. As a "Logistics Consultant," Harry will do business on Waikiki Beach at mutually convenient hours. Consultations limited to distribution of the popular POL liquids. Haw says that means petroleum, oil, and lubricants.

The Peabodys played host to the Haws at Leonardtown early in the summer. Hume writes: "Grass growing faster than I can cut it in spite of the drouth. Fish not biting. Senators still doing O.K." (We don't get it, Hume.) "Am in a spin trying to decide what to do with my 4% increase in pay. May invest it in a book of stamps."

The business of rebuilding the White House (see July *Assembly*) hatched a lot of constructive ideas in Dusky Gillette. The National Security Research Board has given him an office in the old State, War and Navy Building, but up to now hasn't found a way to use up all his mental energy. The surplus goes to either—or, planning for either a chinchilla farm in the basement of his house or a furniture factory where retired members of 1915 will help him produce authentic and high priced antiques. It will probably be the factory; Mrs. Gillette, strolling through the zoo, discovered that chinchillas are something less than neat in their housekeeping.

Carl Hocker writes briefly about his sudden rush into Texas politics. He had quite a time in the Mineral Wells free-for-all. Then, for excellent and obvious reasons, he ducked active participation in the Chicago show.

Dad Stickney proudly reports himself a granddad for the second time; another granddaughter. His son Alfred, after a year at San Antonio, with the Slick Airlines, has won a handsome promotion and a transfer to Burbank, Cal.

In August Adlai (meaning Gilkeson) flew east to inspect a building site next door to Marsh's mansion house at La Plata, Md. To build there, or not to build there, was the question—the decision has not been announced. Eddie Lyon stood lunch for Gilkeson, Haw, and Kimball of 1919. Eddie says: "Gilkeson is a wonderful pilot, but don't let him drive your car." Adlai flew a jet plane at the age of 55—probably the only man of his age who has done so.

John Kahle has been in and out of Walter Reed with gall bladder trouble. Tom Taylor visited Ellis for a couple of days while up from Chapel Hill, N. C., for a periodic eye check at Walter Reed.

—H. B.

1916

The news this time is a little scarce. It would help a bit if some of you would write in a couple of times a year and let us know what you are doing and any dope you have about other members of the class. It will help to make this column interesting to everybody. Here goes with what news we have.

A recent card from Goop Worsham informs us that he is now located at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. He is Vice President of the R. M. Parsons Company, a big West Coast engineering firm. For several years

he was in charge of their construction work at Los Alamos. Then for a little over a year he was back at the head office in Los Angeles. There has been a substantial appropriation for Defense Department construction at various points in Maryland so Goop has probably come east to look after his company's interests.

We saw Bob McBride back in June when he was in Washington in connection with the budget. He is Comptroller of the 6th Army. Between conferences at the Pentagon he attended a Class Luncheon with the gang in Washington. Among other things he told us that he was due to retire in August. The 1916 active list is getting mighty slim. The best addresses we have for Joe Tully and Madame Shugg who retired earlier this year are: Tully, 233 Howard Street, San Antonio, Texas; Shugg, c/o Major Curtis Metcalf, Box 381, Pocasset, Mass. We have not heard directly from either one so these addresses may not be permanent. Brig Bliss also went on the A.U.S. Retired list July 31st, having reached the statutory age limit.

Bill Hoge, now commanding the 4th Army, was at Fort Meade, Md. this summer for a few weeks temporary duty. Jack Nygaard, formerly 1916, spent about a month in Washington during July and August. He is living permanently in Rome, Italy. Apparently he does a good deal of traveling. Not long ago he says he visited Bill Shipp in Madrid where Bill is Military Attache. According to Jack, Bill is doing a splendid job in Spain and also is a wonderful host. By the time this appears in print Jack will be back in Rome.

A recent news item in the official bulletin of the Federal Civil Defense states that Tennessee has the best civil defense organization of any state in the south. When last heard from Tom Martin was State Director of Civil Defense at Nashville. Congratulations Tom! Bob Ransom, another ex-1916, has been appointed Civil Defense Director for Montgomery County, Md.

Several weddings of children of 1916 are impending. Pablo Parker's boy, an artilleryman back from Korea, is engaged to the daughter of Paul Mueller of 1915, now on duty in the Pentagon. The wedding has been delayed due to serious illness of young Parker. He has been in the hospital at Fort Sill but was recently transferred to Walter Reed in Washington. Present reports are that he is improving and his recovery is just a matter of time. Stanley Reinhart's boy was married on September 5, 1952 in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. His bride is Sarah Jean Kemp. This is the second of Stanley's children to be married in about a year. This time, however, he can relax—he does not have to walk up the aisle.

The class living around Washington got together for a picnic on Sunday, August 24th. It was held at Knox Cockrell's summer home in Southern Maryland. The wives all teamed up to furnish the eats—ham, fried chicken, etc. They did a grand job and it was a well feed. Those attending were Stanley and Mary Scott, Fay and Peggy Prickett, Jess and Myrtle Tarpley, Ferdie and Helen Gallagher, Knox and Susan Cockrell, Savilla and Brig Bliss, Jim and Alma Caperton and Bob Walsh. Knox has quite a tobacco plantation and he is becoming a real planter—improving the quality of the crop and the percentage of land under cultivation each year. There is also a good deal of timber on his property and the picnic was held in a beautiful grove of trees.

Just as we are getting ready to put this copy to bed word has been received that Bob Walsh has been appointed Chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board. His headquarters are in Washington.

—E. G. B.

April 1917

Johnny Devine retired in Washington July 31 to accept appointment as Commandant of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va. His nine years as a tactical officer and instructor at West Point and his brilliant direction of the Experimental Universal Military Training Unit at Fort Knox will be of special value to him in his new work. He and Nancy moved on September 9th from Washington to the Commandant's quarters on the V.P.I. campus.

June was indeed the month of weddings for our class children. Rene and Wayne Clark's daughter, Patricia Ann, was married at Fort Monroe June 12th to Captain G. H. Oosting, USMA '46. Rex Beasley, Bill McMahon, Jack Nygaard, and Pesca Sullivan were at the wedding.

On June 14th, Janet and Tupper Cole's daughter, Jean Tupper, was married at Thomaston, Me. to Robert W. Gascoigne. On June 8th, Laddie and Jim Hayden's son, John Peter, was married in Nevada. Then, Vivian and Fred Irving's son, Lt. Fred F. Irving, USMA '51, was married in New York to Alice Torrey Griffith Blue, daughter of the late Col. W. B. Griffith, USMA '25, and Mrs. Wm. Schiff, and granddaughter of Col. D. H. Torrey, USMA '10, and Mrs. Torrey of Washington. And, finally, Eleanor and Rex Beasley's daughter was married at Fort Monroe to Mr. Marion B. Stewart of Winston Salem, N. C.

Grant Holmes retired on August 31. He had been commanding the Ordnance Depot at Joliet, Ill. Dan Noce is back in Washington as a Lieutenant General and Inspector General of the Army. Willis Teale, Kivas Tully and Leo Erler also are in Washington on new assignments.

Carleton Coulter's son entered West Point this year. Other class sons now there are Rumbough and Schroeder.

While at West Point for the reunion we were informed of the death of Bob Newton sometime ago in New York.

Britain's Defense Minister, Field Marshal Earl Alexander, paid high compliments to two of our classmates when he reported to the President last June. He had just made an extended visit to Japan and Korea and stated that he was impressed with the ability and skill of Maj. Gen. W. K. Harrison in charge of truce negotiations at Panmunjon. As for Gen. Mark Clark, he was highly praised and they found him aware of the international aspects of his present command.

Jack Nygaard spent some time in Washington recently and saw almost all of his classmates. We were disappointed that he could not stay longer and attend the first class luncheon of the season at Fort McNair, Thursday September 25. Jack looked fine and we all enjoyed visiting with him.

A note from Fat Stewart informs us that he and Jean were disappointed not to be with us for the reunion but they will be there in 1957. The Beasleys had stopped to see them at their place on Siesta Key, Florida.

As this column is being written (September 10), there is every indication that the much delayed 35-Year Book will be in your hands long before you receive your October copy of *Assembly*. We have learned through our own experience and discussions with others who have been editors of Year Books and similar publications that the printers often fail by a considerable margin to meet their promised delivery date. One Class Year Book, for example, was not delivered until February after the reunion. We believe when you finally get your copy it will prove to be worth the wait. We have enjoyed immensely compiling the book and certainly feel indebted to almost every member of the class for their support and en-

couragement and for their labors in preparing their write-ups, getting pictures, etc. Only six members of the Class failed to submit write-ups, and all but nine of our classmates ordered at least one copy. In addition, seven ex-cadets ordered copies.

—S. H. S.

August 1917

Ed Leavey has vacated his job as G-4 at SHAPE and has re-retired. He and Ruth recently left Paris to continue around the world via the Far East to New York, where he will settle. His office address will be Room 1900, 67 Broad Street, New York 4.

Miles Cowles is in Washington for a few weeks with the Swiss Mission. He will return to Berne, Switzerland, for at least another year as military attaché.

Pinkie Rolfe has been in Japan since March, at Headquarters, Northern Command, APO 547. While enroute he saw Jack Mallory and Carlisle Wilson at the Presidio. After arrival at Tokyo he saw Taylor de Camp and Pat Mahoney. de Camp has since returned to the U.S. for station at the Presidio. Pat Mahoney has since returned to Walter Reed, where he is rapidly convalescing from an operation. By the third day he was back on his routine of black cigars. He expects to return shortly to Tokyo.

Phil Day has a beautiful and cool retreat on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains at Blue-mont, Virginia. It is only an hour from Washington. Phil and Tommy spend all their weekends there. The rocking chairs on his porch are quite a magnet for sweltering classmates.

Victoria Almquist reports that Henry and Rachel Gantt have purchased a water-front farm not far from Richmond, Virginia, for their occupancy after Henry's retirement next year. Henry likes the fishing and hunting thereabouts.

Pete Purvis has a little more to go for his law degree but this summer took a position with a local business concern, which he likes so well that he will probably abandon his pursuit of the law.

Hans Wagner took off in the spring for his apple orchard in West Virginia. We expect him back as soon as the harvest is over.

Dad Riley returned to the States in May after four years' duty at the American Embassy in Paris. He is now retired and is living "the life of Riley" (which he reports is much less leisurely than it sounds) on a small country place outside Leesburg, Virginia. The Frenchman he brought back to keep around the place showed surprising linguistic ability. Although he knew no English when he arrived at the farm, he picked up enough in a few short weeks to head out for Hollywood, California.

Marjorie Hasbrouck's tutoring of Bob in barbecue cookery has carried him far beyond the fundamentals of the Round Pond School of Cookery. Just to be sure in this judgment, I grabbed a second steak off the grill in the wonderful setting of the Hasbrouck garden; the best job of open air cooking I've encountered since Jerry Counts performed last year. The two boys finish in a tie!

Word comes that Wilson Bingham has been very ill at his home in Los Angeles. We are glad to report that he is making a strong convalescence. Here's a bet he will be in the stands at U.S.C. when the cadets play there on October 4.

Bellinger is thriving on his battle with Washington "Blue Grass" (crab grass) in his Bethesda lawn.

McGregor reports cooling breezes and enjoyment at his home in Palma Sola Park, Florida.

The peripatetic Jules Schaefer was recently in San Francisco. He saw the Presidio

boys mentioned above and Bill and Toodles Chapman at their new Monterey Peninsula home; also Willie and Ivey Wilson, down from their ranch.

Send items for the next issue to Walker G. White, 1050 Park Avenue, New York 28, by December 1.

—Biff Jones.

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The shocking and sorrowful news of the death of our third Class Son to be killed in Korea appears in the August 2, 1952 *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* as follows:

"MATTHEWS—killed in action in Korea, July 10, 1952, 1st. Lt. Henry T. Matthews, 27th Inf. He is survived by his parents, Col. A. G. Matthews, USA-Ret., and Mrs. Matthews of Tallahassee, Fla.; and one sister Miss Julia Matthews. He was the grandson and namesake of the late Col. H. T. Matthews, CAC."

On behalf of all classmates, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family. Frances and Mathey live at 1342 North Terrace St., Tallahassee, Fla.

Jim Pichel is again taking the California bar exams. Last time, like a typical beginner, he tried to make the questions difficult. This time we hope he remembers that the examiners do not resort to "trick" questions and hidden problems. Good luck, Jim! We hear that Bill Barriger is doing an excellent job as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, at FECOM, Tokyo. Mickey and Bill's address is APO 500, care postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. We hope that any classmate passing through New Orleans will look up Albert Marks and have him regain contact with our Class. Al, who lives on Palmyra St. in New Orleans, La., does not reply to letters.

Try as he may, Lucius cannot keep out of the news. On September 9, 1952, all New York City newspapers carried his picture (handsome, with a nice smile). *The New York Times* of that date gives the story as follows:

"Election of Gen. Lucius D. Clay (retired) as a trustee of the Central Savings Bank of New York City was announced yesterday by James T. Lee, president. General Clay is board chairman and chief executive of the Continental Can Company. He is also on the board of the Marine Midland Trust Company of New York, the Marine Midland Corporation, the Lehman Corporation and the Newmont Mining Corporation. In addition, he is a director of the General Motors Corporation and a member of its financial policy committee."

Lita and Lane Holman's daughter, Anne Louise, was married on July 19, 1952 at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., to Major Richard Irving Paul, USA, a Culver and Dartmouth man, an alumnus of Cambridge University in England and a recent graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth. With her new husband, Anne Louise will now return to the city of her birth, San Antonio, Texas, where Major Paul has been assigned as PMS&T at Texas Military Institute. We hear that Mary and Bit Barth spent the summer at their place on Lake George. While we were living through the worst summer New York ever had, "GG" was fifty miles south of Mexico City, sleeping under two heavy blankets every night and wearing a sweater all day.

All classmates will be interested in the following letter which Tenny Ross wrote August 23, 1952 to the Sage of San Mateo:

"Dear Hans:—It is good to be able to write about a bit of very glad news, which you and Jack Grant may already have. Anyway here it is:—Sara and Murray (Neilson) an-

nounce the arrival of Robert Davis Neilson on Tuesday, August 5, 1952. * * * *"

"Something over a decade ago, you loudly and long demanded the Class recognize the last extraordinary effort in a member's producing male progeny. I'm sure you still feel strongly that a Class Cup (No. 2) should be awarded for this worthy purpose and would be as energetic as ever in pushing it. So no one but you should take charge and by copy of this letter I appeal to Jack as our Class Representative to back me in this nomination. So I enclose my small check to start the fund. You, being a rich man, will want to give much more, and no doubt can persuade others to come across in generous fashion. Many thanks, good luck and congratulations!

"Best to Alice, Bunny and you.

"Sincerely,

"Tenny."

On behalf of all classmates, we extend a hearty welcome to young Master Robert Davis Neilson and our congratulations to his parents. Sometime ago Lucius Clay took the position that all Class offspring born after our Thirtieth Reunion should be classified as Class grandchildren whether or not there is an intervening generation. Perhaps a cup should be awarded to every Class Son born after our Thirtieth Reunion. Tenny's proposal appears to be a proper subject for consideration and debate at our Thirty-fifth Reunion.

Paul Malone's son, a yearling, has been awarded stars as a distinguished cadet. Harry Gould's son is a plebe in the Class of 1956.

—J. L. G.

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Bob Coolidge is touring Europe and hopes to make contact with classmates there.

Howell Cocke writes from Capistrano Beach, California that he has a house on the Palisades there where he spends the hot days of summer. He and Tula are going to Hawaii in October. He boasts of being a grandfather. W. H., Jr., seems to be left in Houston running the business so grandpa and grandma can enjoy life. Howell sees Mendenhall, Morrison, Gildart, and Dana at the West Point Luncheons in Los Angeles. The Cokes dined with the Mendenhalls in their new house at Emerald Bay, Laguna Beach. With golf, fishing, food, and drink the boys in California enjoy life.

Fred Pearson writes again from Fort Sam: "Savvy" Saville is busy with many enterprises and sends representatives to South America. His time off is spent on his ranch at Kerrville, Texas. Frank Corzelius is back in business again. He sold out some time ago but could not stand idleness. Reports are that he missed his conference room with its good coffee gathering. Babe Gullatt and Dick Wheeler are reported still in Texas. Ben Chadwick is back in the night club business and is reported packing his place by bringing in big name bands. Chris Knudsen is still handling real estate. There are rumors that George Eddy has not been too well during the summer—hope the cool weather sets him up.

Major General Jim Styron is back from Korea with a new D.S.M. Well done Skinny! Major General I. P. Swift has commanded a division in Korea too, the 25th, in action against the Chinese and North Korean communists since the 13th of July. "Bull" Kendall, of course, commands I Corps in Korea.

Bill Sexton, 16608-24th Ave., Flushing, N. Y. expects to work one more year as a New York City engineer and then move to his 40-acre orange grove in Florida where he has 27 acres planted in Valencias. His son, John, was married last spring.

There are reports of a golf game at Arcadia, California, some time ago. A witness speaks of the "slices and hooks of outrageous fortune" as Howell Cocke, Charlie Morrison, and Pop Gildart fought their way around 18 holes. Charlie must have lost. He gave them lunch at his house in Sierra Madre. Charlie and Pop are both retired and live in Sierra Madre. Cocke seems to commute between Houston and California in his Beechcraft, complete with wife and sisters-in-law, etc.

Bev Tucker wrote a nice long letter from 1324 South Madison, San Angelo, Texas. His Matapeake Ranch, where he raises beef cattle, is near San Angelo. I hope that he has long since got the rains he prayed for and that his cattle are fat and profitable so that he can make the trip to our 35th reunion next June. Bev reports at length on a trip to Colorado. He saw Bill Benton in Denver, who gave him all details of the Holbrook-Patton wedding fiesta, and visited George Keyser at Camp Carson, near Colorado Springs. Bev hints strongly that he would welcome visiting classmates passing near San Angelo.

Leon Dunn died of a heart attack at his home in Watertown, N. Y. early in September. The class sent flowers and Van Voorst, one of Leon's closest friends, represented us at the funeral.

This column has just received a copy of an "Extra" of the *Battle Creek Enquirer and News*, dated August 30, 1952, in which the better part of the front page is taken up with the life and adventures of Lt. E. M. Jenkins, Jr., U.S.A.F., culminating in his marriage to a lady named Sally; very little else is said of the lady. However, from the large picture of bride and groom I gather that she is very easy to look at.

—Bryan Conrad.

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1919 at the Alumni Review—June Week 1952. Left to Right (facing C. Forrest Wilson's camera): B. W. Bartlett, H. J. D. Meyer, L. C. Wilson, R. F. Carter and J. V. Dommoney.

Bunny Bruner very unexpectedly passed away in his sleep at his home, 4731 31st Street, Arlington, Va., on June 21. The funeral was attended by many classmates in the Washington area, with Bradley, Brannon, Brown, W. D., Burgess, Crowe, Davis, Dunham, Ely, Flory, Harbaugh, Hardin, Herb Jones, Loper, Martin, McAuliffe, McGregor, Ovenshine, Parsons, Phillips, Speed and Szymanski acting as honorary pallbearers. Fred Drury attended Wallace Bruner and her daughters at the service, and later escorted the body to West Point for interment in the cemetery here. Dick Ovenshine's article in memory of Bunny is published in this issue of *Assembly*.

Capt. Robert B. Dunham, U.S.M.A. 1946, son of Stuff (Col. W. H.) Dunham, was killed in Korea early in September by the

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explosion of a training mine. His brother, Capt. William H. Dunham, 3rd, is also in Korea. Since his retirement several years ago the Dunhams have taken up residence at 1512 Rutledge Ave., Charlottesville, Va.

Bob Hill's sister Gladys, a frequent visitor at West Point during Bob's World War II tour here, died at their home, 6501 Boatwright Drive, Richmond, Virginia, last spring. In recording these sad events it is appropriate to extend the sympathy of the class to the bereaved. Addresses have been included so that any of you who wish to send personal condolences may do so.

Tom Crawford writes from the Hague that he has taken over Bunny Burnell's job on the Military Mission to the Netherlands. Tom has checked my researches on general officers in the class, and comes up with a total of 50, including those who have retired and three who are dead, which is the same as mine. Incidentally, Bill Kean, who has taken command of the 5th Army, now has his third star, joining McAuliffe, Wyman, Palmer, and Wedemeyer (retired) to bring the count of lieutenant generals to 5. Dad Loper has acquired a second star in his job as Chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. Willie Palmer expects to arrive in Washington for duty in G-4 early in October. According to the press, he is expected to succeed General Larkin when the latter retires on December 31. Bill Wyman has been reassigned to NATO, where he will command allied land forces in South-eastern Europe. Ed Sebree has moved from TRUST to take command of the 5th Armored Division in the FEC.

Kyke Allan has been in Washington all summer, spending much of the time undergoing medical treatment. He writes that he now thinks he is well, and plans to return to Paraguay in November.

Horace Speed's Washington news letter includes the following items: Peewee Collier now commands Fort Knox; Bob Montague has moved from EUCOM to Fort Monroe where he becomes Deputy Chief of the Army Field Forces, and Buddy Ferenbaugh is taking over Bob's slot in EUCOM; Don Shingler is now deputy commander at Belvoir; Bill Wyman received a special decoration from the President of Korea; Otis and Nina Woods visited Washington early this fall; Hugh Waddell is G-4 at Ft. Meade, Md.; Jack Madison has been assigned to the Research and Development Board, AFF; and Ed Sutherland is Chief, Penn Military District, Indiantown Gap, Pa. Horace suggests the desirability of maintaining an address list of all class widows, so that they can be invited to reunions and other class affairs. I have a start on such a list, and will welcome any additional addresses any of you can send me (Col. B. W. Bartlett, West Point, N. Y.).

Joe Dalbey was retired (p.d.) in the grade of Brigadier General on July 31. Count Wilson writes that after attending June Week at U.S.M.A., he made a flying (literally) trip to Scotland, Ireland, and Iceland before returning home. He is working now on finishing up an M.A. degree in History and Government at Texas Western College in El Paso. Hobart Hewett is now Assistant Commandant of the AA and Guided Missiles School at Fort Bliss.

Fred Drury and Les Flory's were summer visitors at U.S.M.A., Fred with a manpower board and the Flory's to visit with their plebe son, Robert. The only other class son in the Class of 1956 is John Snodgrass.

Syd and Bea Gould stopped in just as this was going to press on their way home from a meeting of the Combined Biological Societies at Cornell. Syd, who has become a botanist as an avocation, had presented a paper on plant taxonomy at the society meetings.

—B. W. B.

was very pleased to learn shortly after he joined his new unit that the Assistant Division Commander of the Division to which he was attached was none other than Claude McQuarrie. This happy association, however, I understand from reports received during the past few days, has been severed by the return of General McQuarrie to the United States for a new assignment.

I shall close these notes again with a word concerning the Class Fund. Charlie West, Class Treasurer, reports that contributions are coming in very slowly and that our total receipts, to date, amount to only about \$200.00. This amount has been received from about 30 classmates. If you have forgotten to donate, please send in your check, c/o the 1920 Class Representative, Box 94, West Point, New York. This fund is in need of replenishing, not only to meet current small expenditures, but also to build up a reasonable balance in anticipation of our 35th Reunion in 1955.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

News notes have been rare this summer but here at least are a few.

Fred Hein writes from New Zealand, where he is Army Attache. Keeping house too, though still a bachelor. The winter "down under" is opposite in time to that of the States but wasn't too cold, resembling that of San Francisco. Fred necessarily missed the Oriole reunion but celebrated the anniversary of graduation with Americans and New Zealanders in Wellington.

Ollie Hughes is expecting to return from Germany next spring. Henry Woodbury has retired, and so has Leonard. A Second Army publication lists four Orioles living in that Army area: Blair in Silver Spring, Md., Cary in Mobjack, Va., Leonard in Williamsburg, Va., and Hank Reed in Richmond.

Magee was at West Point at the time of the reunion but only fleetingly, with business cutting into his trip. He didn't make any of the reunion formations (here's hoping for better luck next time!) and saw only Harry Haas while he was here.

Incidentally Harry has been ordered from Rochester to Washington, and Fred Woods goes from New Jersey to the Far East.

Perry Smith's son entered the Academy in July with the Class of 1956. There are two Oriole sons (Greene, Thomson) in the Class of 1955; two (Klein, Olmsted) in 1954; and two (Price, Yale) in 1953. Any others?

Anybody got any news? —C. J. B.

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The Class Committee in Washington has just distributed a circular, dated September 1, 1952, giving details of its organization and an account of the 30th Reunion plans to date. A new list of addresses is inclosed with the circular. If any of you have failed to receive it, please write direct to Colonel Michael J. Buekley, GS, G-4, Room 3-B-479, Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. Information contained in it will not be repeated in this column.

John Noyes has reported the distressing news that his wife, Eunice, died at St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, on August 7, 1952. Her death came on the eve of the XVII International Geographical Congress in Washington, which John was planning to attend. He did, however, get there, though late, in time to deliver his paper on Alaska. John is bearing up well under the circumstances. He came up to West Point and visited me on Sunday afternoon, August 24th, with his older son Jack, who is studying the piano and taking post-graduate work in English. Dan, the younger boy, is in

college and, during the summer, is studying painting at the Art Students League in New York. He seems to have inherited his mother's talent in that line.

The New York Group held a class luncheon on July 17, and John Noyes reported it as follows:

"Over the coffee, it developed that Chick White is going to Europe for a couple of months in August on matters of high policy concerning the Esso Corporation. Frenchy Grombach enlightened him on matters of high policy concerning the Paris night clubs. Lew Marshall, who conducts a school for the Air Force on 'How to Win Friends and Influence People' was talked into asking Frenchy Grombach to speak before his school on an unannounced topic." Other classmates present were: Russ Minty, Les Holcomb and Wendell Johnson.

The following sons of '23 are now plebes: Joseph R. Carraway, David R. Larr, Richard P. Russell, Daniel C. Roper and Stuart W. Bowen. Please notify me if I have omitted any. The lists I have received in past years have not always been complete.

Bill Carraway, whose son Joe looks, walks, and talks with the same booming bass voice, writes from Korea, where he is with UNCAK, "This is a hard life over here in Korea—so far from the front! But I guess it's too late for me to get there—so I'm not worrying.

"Jim Carnes joined our outfit recently, so we have the tenor and the bass of a good quartet—all we are hunting for is a lead and a baritone."

Neal writes from Fort Hood, Texas, "I have just arrived here from the Military Advisory Group in Brussels, Belgium. At present, I am probably like others in the Class anxiously awaiting news on whether we go out next June, or stay on a few years. Presently I am Assistant to the Deputy Post Commander. The natives here say that this has been one of their hottest summers and I don't doubt it a bit. I have been on duty in other hot places such as Palestine with the United Nations in 1948, but somehow it seems more disagreeable."

Bill Longwell's new address is 71 Norwood Avenue, Newton Center 59, Mass. He writes, "For a year now I have been chief assistant to the Vice President in Charge of Testing and Inspection of the Thompson & Lichtner Co., Inc., of 8 Alton Place, Brookline, Mass. It has been a fine year. Almost half of it has been spent 'in the field' commuting thirty miles each way controlling the quality of fill used in the enormous Alyman-Gordon Forge Plant extension under Air Force direction, at North Grafton, Mass."

The following items are gleaned from the minutes of class meetings in Washington during the summer. Congratulations were extended to Joe Smith, Bill Craigie and Charlie Myers on their third stars. (Right here seems an appropriate place to insert congratulations to Hoyt Vandenberg on his recovery and return to duty.) Opie Newman has been rotated from Korea and is now Assistant Division Commander of the 9th Division at Dix. Harry Fisher is Assistant Inspector of Infantry at Fort Monroe. Eddie Post is Assistant G-3 at OCAFF. Don McLean is Coordinator of I&E, OCAFF. Eddie Howard is G-2 of the European Central Command, Biddle is heading JAMAAG, and Jeff Binns is scheduled to be General Handy's representative at SHAPE. Bill Craigie stated that he had had dinner recently with MacCormick, who is now located in Wichita, Kansas, and manages the Broadview Hotel.

—W. J. Morton.

1924

The Annual Meeting of the Class of 1924, U.S.M.A., was held at Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers' Mess in the McNair Room at 2000

hours (8:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, October 29, 1952. Although this is two weeks later than the date prescribed in the By-Laws, the Executive Committee authorized this departure from the requirement in order to permit adequate time for notification of all classmates, an earlier date being impracticable due to unexpected circumstances.

Report of business discussions, conclusions reached, and plans for ensuing year will be contained in the next issue. Suffice it to say that the business meeting was followed by cocktails and a most enjoyable stag buffet supper.

As each quarter passes, it becomes more and more evident that our particular class relies only on the spoken word to keep abreast of class news. In order that the remainder of the class may be informed of any class news you can furnish, please jot it down and send it to Class 1924, P.O. Box 371, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 25, D. C.

Marcus Stokes reports that the Class project, "The Army, Navy, Air Force Cotillion," which is supervised by the Washington Herd, begins its series of six dances for the 1952-53 season on November 22, at Hop Hall, Ft. Myer, Virginia. '24 Juniors are reminded that, regardless of waiting lists, their memberships are assured if they qualify. Girl members are limited to those in the last 2 years of high school, but boys can qualify if they are high school juniors or seniors, or in the first 2 years of college. Dues are \$10.00. Membership chairman is Mrs. Cleland C. Sibley, 506 Linden Lane, Falls Church, Virginia. Other members of the Cotillion Committee for the coming season are the Emil Lenzners, the John Hills, the Jim Hulleys, and the Marcus Stokes. The Committee deeply regrets the loss of its Chairman, Ralph and Mary Glasgow. Mary passed away on August 11th. Their leadership of this splendid class activity in Washington will be sorely missed.

News from Al Jennings, received too late for the August Assembly, informs us of his return from Korea in late March. Al was serving as CO, 3rd Logistical Command at Pusan. On March 16, Al, together with Dan Healy (QM 2nd Log Com'd), Tubby Malin (Transportation Officer 8th Army), and C. N. Bailey, attended the West Point Sesquicentennial dinner where the Class of '24 led in attendance. Al joined the First Army at Governors Island as Deputy G3 and found Vaughn, Caywood and Kidwell serving with the First Army.

Freddy Pyne informs us of another token for the Thundering Herd treasury—a grandchild, Margaret Wallace Patterson, born to his daughter Peggy (Mrs. Robert W. Patterson), on June 10, 1952. Freddy adds that his eldest son, Wallace, was married on July 18, 1952 to Miss Jo Ann Rammes of Sylvan Lake, Michigan. Freddy has just completed a term heading up the West Point Society of Michigan.

On July 2 a note was received by Thundering Herd from Merrow Sorley in Korea. He reports that Russ Baker is looking natural as ever, and bearing up well under the responsibility of being G-4, Eighth Army. Mackey Ives is also at Eighth Army in a very hush-hush job. Merrow said of himself that after a year in Louisiana as engineer of the new XV Corps, he recently became Engineer of I Corps. His son, Lewis S. Sorley, III, seventeen years old, is a new plebe.

Word received from Doretta S. Murphy, 5208 Castor Avenue, Philadelphia 24, Pennsylvania, advises us that Nancy, her youngest daughter, was married to Lieut. John L. Baldner (USMA Class '52) on the evening of June 5th. Nancy has deserted the Infantry and will be an Air Force wife. Their first station will be Columbus, Mississippi. Patricia Murphy Twitty sailed three weeks ago to join her husband in Bamberg, Ger-

many. Lieut. Twitty is with the 26th Infantry Regiment there. All these events leave Doretta rather alone and lonesome in Philadelphia. She will be happy to see any of the classmates any time, and has plenty of room if anyone is making a stopover.

Pat Pasolli informs us that he and Al Jennings recently returned from the Army Arctic Summer Orientation Tour of Alaska, and while enroute, had the pleasure of meeting Dick Prather at Hq. Alaskan Command, Elmendorf AFB. Our BG classmate is Chief of Staff of the Alaskan Command, and doing a superior job. On the same trip a reunion was held with Gus Palmer, AC of S, G4, U.S. Army Alaska, and H. P. Gard, AAA Officer, USARAL. Pat is Chief of Staff, Army Security Agency.

Colonel and Mrs. Charles G. Stevenson announce the marriage of their daughter, Geraldine Mair, to Richard Adrian Hoek, on Saturday, May 10, 1952, at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville, N. Y.

Tom McCullough reports for duty at the Finance Center, Fort Ben Harrison, on October 15, 1952. We are happy to report that Jim Moore will return to limited active duty after some 3 or 4 months recuperation. While Nancy was visiting Jim at the hospital, she fell and broke her hip. Our sincere sympathy to Jim and Nancy, and we pray they will soon be returned to good health.

Dabazies and Dave Page were present at the regular monthly luncheon of Bulls at the Pentagon on September 3, 1952. These luncheons are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month. If you are in Washington make sure to attend.

Herdsmen awarded a second star are Boatner, White, Cummings and Simon. Red Meade has been appointed Chief of Staff, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia. Hayden Boatner has reported for duty as Deputy Army Commander, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Clyde Eddleman has been appointed Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Army.

Steve Ackerman is retiring and entering a Theological School to become an Episcopal Minister. Emil Lenzner is back in Washington, assigned to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. Daughter Janet is married to Capt. M. M. Stewart, Class of 1945, now stationed in England, the proud parents of two girls. Son Robert Lenzner, Class of 1946, is a Captain FA, and presently on the faculty of the Anti-Aircraft and Guided Missiles School.

Sam Fisher informs us that shortly after reporting to his present job as Deputy Commander of the ASA Training Center at Ft. Devens, Mass., he had the honor of representing the ASA School at the Jubilee Convocation in May. Howie Kerr was there representing the Army War College. Both Sam and Howie were guests at Doc Eaton's home, and had a very pleasant visit; while there, Tad Tasker dropped in one evening. On his way up to Stewart Field, Sam stopped in to see Sully at his school in Cornwall, and found him full of enthusiasm in his work of preparing boys for West Point.

Our sympathy goes to Bob Glasgow, whose wife died in August. It is with deep regret that we announce the sad news of the death of Mary Glasgow on August 11, 1952. A Washington newspaper carried the following notice:

"Mrs. Ralph I. Glasgow, 49, wife of Brig. Gen. Glasgow and active Red Cross Worker, died yesterday at Walter Reed Hospital, after a brief illness. She lived at 3414 Porter Street N.W.

"Born in Dumont, N. J., Mrs. Glasgow was a graduate of Montclair State Normal School. She was married to Gen. Glasgow, chief of the Service Division in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff (G-4) in 1924.

"Mrs. Glasgow was a member and past president of the Transportation Corps

Women's Club and during World War II served as a volunteer ambulance driver for the Red Cross in Arlington. She was also active in the Idaho State Society of which her husband is president.

"She is also survived by two sons, Ralph I. Glasgow, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., and Robert Evans Glasgow of West Point, Class of '53; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cacy of 3024 Porter Street N.W.; two sisters, Mrs. Dora Cunkle of 4301 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., and Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick of 3400 Porter Street N.W.; a brother, Albert E. Cacy of Providence, R. I.

"Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. in the Fort Myer Chapel. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery."

The sad news of the death of Henney in Texas was a big shock. Pertinent details are contained in the *Journal*. —C. S. Raymond.

1925

Happy the people whose annals are brief! Practically no class-news has been received here during the past quarter except three circulars from Sam Lansing in Washington. So with Sam's appreciated help, we shall begin with the Pentagon. The latest roster at hand (April edition) shows 32 classmates in the vicinity of Washington, dominated by Godwin Ordway as President. Gravy McCormick has been Director of Luncheon arrangements, and Sam Lansing (seconded by Daddy Dunn in Sam's absence) has been the chief rounder-upper and news-reporter.

The McCormick luncheons have been well attended and fattening. Those present on June 30 were Barnes, Bryte, Bolduc, Cabell, Cleaves, Cole, Dunn, Evans, Geraghty, Holmes, Hopkins, Lansing, Myers, McCormick, Ordway, Pettit and Whitted. Of these Lucien Bolduc was a new arrival (Fort Meade), and Sock Cole was en-route to Korea. At the July 22 luncheon, some of the above reappeared, along with Chamberlain, Bruce Clarke, Jr., Pheris, Suttles and VanBrunt. On August 19, another combination of the above returned, plus Baldwin, Barnett, Bigelow, Dunford, Robinson and Scherer.

By the time you read this, the Washington contingent will have held a new election for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Luncheon Arrangements, and Public Relations Director. (Sounds like Washington, all right!) The full slate will appear in the next issue. Meanwhile, those of you who have information to pass on should continue writing Sam Lansing (J.I.G., Joint Staff, Rm 2E960 Pentagon) and ask him to forward it to the new Secretary.

Other items from Washington include the sad news that Wayne Hauck, ex-'25, died in June and was buried in Arlington on the 30th.

Lansing's circulars tell us that Joe Cannon is expected from Turkey, to be in Washington as of September. Also, that Soule is on duty at Fort Meade; that Nick Robinson is in Career Records Analysis; and that Paul Seleen joined the list of BG's reported in the previous issue.

The latest news from Joe Cleland is relayed in Sam Lansing's words as follows: "Fightin' Joe Cleland writes that he has had a month of line command and has complete confidence in his organization. Says Wayne Smith has a division and that Jerry Galloway and Oxrieder are each Corps Engineers. Bennett is a Corps Artillery Ex. O. and Jimmie Gaddis has a regiment. Shiek Graybe dropped in to see Joe on his way to G-3 Section of the Army."

At West Point, the news is that sixteen sons of 1925 are now in the Corps. At Mike Esposito's request, the Registrar ran the list

for us. We hope it is complete, and are pretty sure that the Registrar's IBM machines can do a better job of screening 2,400 names than we can. If any classmate's son has been omitted, please accept my apology and let me know so that amends may be made in the next issue. As the list now stands, sons of the following are present: Class of 1953, Haskell, Grubbs and Conder; Class of '54, Grubbs, Moore and Purdue; Class of '55, Myers and Ordway; and Class of '56, Barlow, Burbach, Crandall, Esposito, Johnson, Lansing, Lynch and Withers.

The Association of Graduates has furnished us a lone news item to the effect that Don Dunford has been Chief of Staff of the 25th Division since December 1951.

The only other class news from West Point at this time concerns comings and goings. Jack and Elizabeth Bird dropped in during August, and gave us the latest on the Washington scene. Jack is Executive of the National War College. On Sunday afternoon, August 24, Billy and Phyllis Kost gave a party for all classmates in the Governors Island-West Point region, at their ritzy country home in Chappaqua, New York. Billy has a beautiful spot there, and is a landscape artist of major talent.

That's all we have for this issue. Please get your pens out and send us news from all quarters. Copy for the next issue should be addressed to Mike Esposito here.

—C. P. N.

1926

The Class offers its congratulations to Ralph Osborne and Wallie Barnes, who have recently been promoted to Brigadier General. Both of them have long been hitting the ball for a high batting average and we are glad to see them receive this highly justified recognition.

Leon Johnson now has a third star and heads the Continental Air Command. We are proud to have a member of the Class in this upper stratosphere. Furthermore, we are thankful to have Johnny still with us after the narrow escape he had last summer when the plane in which he was co-pilot, crashed and burned. Fortunately, Johnny and all hands aboard escaped without notable injury.

The following recent changes in assignment have come to our attention. Skeet Van Meter has terminated his long residence in Washington and has been ordered to Clinton County Air Force Base in Ohio. Johnnie Elliott has also been pried loose from the Pentagon under orders to Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Harry Storke has been shifted from Fort MacArthur, California, to the EUCOM Air Returnee Center in Frankfurt. Bob Des Islets has recently been made Executive to the Under Secretary of the Army. We expect to see more of Bob now that he has a son in the Corps.

Several weddings involving the '26 family took place last summer. Marjorie Conzelman, Conz' lovely widow, was married to Deane C. Davis, President of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vermont. On the very same day, her daughter Patricia was married to Sidney S. Greeley, Jr. Lieut. Stan Stanton, Jr., Class of '50, was married to Martha Ann Schoun in Atlanta, Georgia. Happy Watson, daughter of Eddie and Ted, was married in Portland, Oregon, and Ellen Wade, daughter of Oker and Jessie, was married in Oxford, Mississippi—both to Naval ensigns. Another wedding which has been reported was that of Joseph Patrick Dawson, an ex-classmate who left us after plebe June week for academic reasons. He was married to Miss Roseanna Roche in Cedarhurst, Long Island.

Two of the Class recently received publicity in New York papers on the same day.

Bill Laidlaw was written up in the *Times*, complete with picture, on the occasion of his becoming Commanding General of the Ordnance Ammunition Center at Joliet, Illinois. Ludy Toftoy was simultaneously featured—along with photograph—by the *Herald Tribune* in connection with an article entitled, "Bullets with Brains".

A letter from Anky brings the following report from Europe: "We had a couple of class reunion parties over here in the Paris area recently, the first of which was at Rodney Smith's house in SHAPE Village, 10 miles west of Paris. There are five of us present over here now — Rod Smith, Bill House, and Bill Bowen, all at SHAPE Headquarters, Hal Forde in the military attaché office in Paris, and myself on the staff at Headquarters Allied Air Forces Central Europe, down here at Fontainebleau, about 35 to 40 miles away. The second occasion was at our house in connection with a Sunday afternoon and evening party we had recently when they all came down from Paris. I understand Don Booth, Johnny Roosma, and perhaps one or two more are stationed in Germany but I haven't had a chance to contact any of them as yet. I did see Leon Johnson when he was stationed at Ruislip, London. I also saw Church Hutton, one of the senior secretaries in the American Embassy in London, and Gabe Parker, who has an important civilian position at the Burtonwood Air Depot near Liverpool. Perhaps we can have a big reunion over here and get everyone to come in from wherever they are."

Anky is right about Booth and Roosma except that Don is presently on extended TDY in the States in connection with some knotty problem the details of which can not be disclosed. Don and Ro are camping out temporarily in Washington, but are looking forward to the day when they can go to Germany to enable Don to rejoin his division.

Correcting an incomplete statement in the last *Assembly*, we wish to report a revised list of Class sons in the new plebe class. They are: Ankenbrandt, Corderman, des Islets, and Harry Johnson, Jr. This brings the population of the second generation in the Cadet Corps to fifteen, a new high.

The make list published at summer's end by the Commandant awarded lieutenant's chevrons to Pete Conzelman and Vald Heiberger, conferred the job of company supply sergeant on Tom Canham, and made Dusty Rhodes and Rod Smith sergeants. Young Heiberger also was awarded stars for his academic work during Second Class year.

Doug Douglas writes complacently from Florida that last summer's temperatures down there seemed pretty comfortable in comparison with some of the readings he had noticed in northern cities. It is unusual to have such an active one-man chamber of commerce in Florida while no classmate undertakes a similar campaign in behalf of the salubrious states of Texas and California.

Boone and Addie Gross are the proud parents of a new boy, borne last July. This takes the crown from Johnnie Elliott as the father of the youngest Class child. Boone claims that he has celebrated each business promotion with a new off-spring. He still has one file to go in the Gillette Corporation, so we will keep the books open for a while longer.

—E. R. H.

1927

In September, the Washington Chapter reorganized for the coming year by electing Gar Davidson, President; Woody Hocker, Vice President; and Bus Butler, Secretary/Treasurer. These officers likewise act as the Class Executive Committee and are fully

deserving of your support. This column can be more newsy if each of you at distant points will furnish us the dope. We realize that everyone is busy but, who isn't? Gar's address is 3708 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.; Woody may be reached at 605 N. Jackson Street, Arlington, Virginia, and Bus at 4906 Yorktown Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia. For the first time in many years, the number located here is the smallest. Others in the group are Mone Asensio, Paul Berrigan, Bill Chamberlain, Jim Collins, George Derby, Blair Garland, Carl Graybeal, Jack Griffith, Jack Hines, Jack Kilgore, Larry Kuter, George Levings, Jerry Lillard, Willis Matthews, Dana McGown, Bob Naylor, Mucker Quinn, Chubby Roth, Chuck Stone, Ken Thiebaud, Bill Verbeck, Lee Washbourne, Ted Weyher, and Ralph Zwicker. Families here of those who have gone overseas include Har Kurstedt, Olie Kyser, Jack Lovell, Mac Miller, George Martin, Jim Smyly and Tom Watlington. Among the social activities planned for this fall will be a cocktail party in September; a group ride to the Army-Navy Game, and a dinner dance in December. For those of you who have the opportunity to visit here, please join us for lunch on Thursdays, 1130 hours, Executive Dining Room, 3rd Floor of the Pentagon. Among our summer visitors have been Ham Hunter from Monroe; Dave Loughborough from Buffalo, N. Y.; Dike Deichelmann, who is Chief, AFROTC, with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama; Duke Gilbreth, who returned from Germany and with new station at Headquarters, Fourth Army; and Trapnell from Korea, who again departed for duty with the Mission in Indo-China.

The Class extends congratulations to our new generals. Tom Watlington, George Martin, and PeeDee Ginder all moved over to the FEC this summer and were promoted soon after arrival. Other new arrivals in that area include Har Kurstedt, Freddy Day, Al Dickerson, with Bill Verbeck under orders for early departure. Orrin Grover departed in August for Saudi Arabia, where he will command Dhahran Airfield. Chick Harding will brush up on his Spanish this fall and then move to Peru as Chief of the AF Mission. Hank Hoeffler is now at Fort Lewis, Washington, and in command of an engineer combat group. Fred Kunesh returned from Germany and to Lexington, Kentucky, in connection with the Signal Depot there. Harry Paxson is with the 20th Engineer Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Ray Stanton has joined the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, as a faculty member. Tommy Thompson is with the faculty of TIS, Fort Benning, Georgia.

From somewhat indefinite sources, it appears that the following sons of Class fathers entered the Corps this summer: Frederic J. Brown, III, Alex N. Williams, III, and Walter S. Wood. If this be true, approximately 22 Class sons have been members of the Corps with the first group entering in 1946. Blair Garland's son, Don, graduated from VPI this summer as an honor military graduate and accepted a Regular Army Commission in the Infantry.

Lastly, with this lone item from the civilian component of the Class, Jack Hopper sends his best regards to "all the boys and gals," and extends an open invitation to visit him and Grace by stating, "the latch string will always be out for a meal, a drink, a night, a week, a month, or what have you." Jack's address is P.O. Box 1155, Melbourne, Florida, and those of us who know Jack's generosity can vouch for the seriousness of his invitation. —K. E. T.

1928

As we did not connect with the Washington group this time our news is rather slim.

A permanent housing area at Fort Hood, Texas, is named McNair Village in honor of Sandy McNair who was the first Chief of Staff of Fort Hood. We received a photograph of the project from the Post Commander.

A letter from Luke Finlay and one from Forrest Allen tell us about Fred Anderson, who is Deputy U.S. Special Representative in Europe with rank of Ambassador. Luke and Fred are working with Ambassador Wm. H. Draper, Jr. and would like you all to know their address: 2 rue St. Florentin, Paris, France 2 blocks from the American Embassy. Allen is Chief of Policy in the Plans and Opns Division, SHAPE.

A clipping from a San Antonio, Texas paper about Brig. Gen. McGarr, who is the new Assistant Commander of the Second Infantry Division in Korea, was sent to us by Harry H. Weiner, Ex-'28. Mc's wife Harriette and two daughters are living in San Antonio now, at 428 Canterbury Hill.

A letter from Buck Wiley at Fort Monroe tells us that Tom Nelson, who was there as Ex. to the Signal Officer, left to go to the Industrial College. Eph. McLemore is in the G-4 section OCAFF. Bob Fleming is the OCAFF Engineer and at the time Buck wrote was in Europe with an inspection team. Johnny DeWitt is with G-1 and expects orders for FECOM in the near future. Hank Everest is the Deputy Commander of L.A.C. at Langley AFB. Buck is Chief of Information for Army Field Forces. "Skippy" Harbald received the Doctor of Laws from Hobart and William Smith Colleges at commencement exercises on the 15th of June.

Johnny and Jean Morrow left W.P. in August for Wash., D. C. We miss them and are now only two here at W.P.

Rosie O'Donnell flew in for a few minutes in July. We all had a quick short gathering at the Morrows to say hello.

Stuart and Dorothy McLennan dropped in Labor Day weekend. They were visiting young Stuart. We were glad to hear that he has recovered so well from the polio he contracted while on leave in June.

Apropos our twenty-fifth reunion, anyone knowing the whereabouts of any ex-'28ers please send Billingsley here at West Point a note about them. Bill is getting up an account of the Class for the reunion. Also, housing for dependents is going to be more than scarce. Many places that were previously available here are so no longer. It would be advisable to make reservations in hotels or in boarding houses as soon as possible. The Hotel Thayer is reserved for the families of the graduating class. —P. D. C.

1929

Since the last *Assembly* notes there have been some members of our class made brigadier generals—Paul Freeman and Red Cooper. I originally reported Paul as going to Norfolk to the Armed Forces Staff College. Immediately after his promotion he was ordered to Salzburg where he is in command of the U.S. Army Forces, Austria. Red Cooper is going to the Far East Command. * * * * * Fred Dent, his charming wife, Carro Lynn; his daughter, Lynn, and son, David, were here at West Point over the Labor Day weekend. They were here to visit with their son, Fred, Jr., who had just finished beast barracks. Abe Lincoln, Freddie and their daughter, Fritzie, came up to my quarters and we all had a nice chat. Fred is on the Munitions Board where many big decisions are born. * * * * * Frank Sasse, who is back in the Army, is now Assistant Professor of Law at West Point. * * * * * Charlie Rau was named executive officer of this year's U.S. Inter-

national Shooting Team and of the shooting contingent of the U.S. Olympic Team. His duties were that of co-captain and coach. In addition, he was also named the executive officer for the matches held at Fort Sheridan, which comprised the final tryouts for shooters of both groups. He performed these duties and was absent from the Pentagon during that time. I am quoting a paragraph that Charlie has written concerning his experiences in Scandinavia: "I could write reams about my observations and experiences during my recent trip but time will never permit it. Suffice it to say, at this moment, that I enjoyed every minute of it and found the opportunity for me to function in the capacities which I did very beneficial. In both Norway and Finland the reception and hospitality extended us certainly left nothing to be desired. In the International Shooting Union Championship matches held in Oslo, Norway, competitors from 28 different nations participated. Over 70 countries registered entries in the Olympic Games. In the ISU matches our entries won five of the individual events and three of the team events, and in each case with new record scores. In the Olympics we won one first place (Gold Medal) and one third place (Bronze Medal) in the five shooting events in which we had entries." * * * * * Genevieve Nave, who lives in Montgomery, N. Y., will sit with the class at the football games this fall. She is teaching school in Montgomery and is very proud of her son who is now a First Classman. * * * * * Charlie Tench dropped a note in which he wished me commiserations on my new job. He is chief of the Office of the District Engineer, Atlantic District, and travels frequently to Labrador, Newfoundland, Bermuda and the Azores. He is doing a stint with the Air Force which keeps him in an airplane most of the time and, as he states, "needless to say, without the benefit of flying pay." He talked very highly of Earl Hughes at Harmon Air Base and says that he runs a well-organized and well-disciplined air base. He talked of Earl in superlatives. * * * * * Larry Brownlow wrote from Roswell, New Mexico, that he spent a nice evening at Fort Bliss with Jake and Tina Reynolds when he was taking an AAA refresher course for field officers. He has just received orders to FECOM. His family consists of his very fine wife, Shon; three daughters—Shoncita, Shella and Laura. The latter was born at Fort McKinley, P.I., in '48. * * * * * Bill Maulsby dropped a line from Fitzsimons Army Hospital that he has hopes of getting out of there this fall and that all he needs to effect a complete cure would be to arrange for a victory over Navy this year. He says that Dick Scott is stationed at Denver in the Air Force Finance Center. He asked me to give his best to any of the Class that I might happen to see. * * * * * Weary Wilson wrote from Mobile, Alabama. He has been there since June 1949 as District Engineer and the job involves construction of three major dams in the multi-million dollar class in Alabama, Georgia and Northwest Florida. He is planning for several more which involve many multi-millions of dollars for military construction in those states. He reports that his family is doing fine. Jean and he have the following children: Walter, age 15; Ellen, 12; Mary, 8; and Freddie, 5. He says that he will be at the Army-Georgia Tech game in Atlanta on November 8th. * * * * * Swede Svensson dropped in the office one day upon his return from Tokyo and it was a very happy meeting. He was just finishing a note to me when I suddenly appeared. He said that he was scheduled to take over the 17th Armored Cavalry group at Fort Hood after passing through Washington and Fort Knox. * * * * * Paul Freeman reports that Jack Person has just taken over as Chief Engineer in Austria and Henry McKenzie as

Chief Quartermaster there. * * * * * Daddy Sykes has left the Munitions Board for the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Fred Dent says that he has done an outstanding job while on duty with the Munitions Board. Johnny Phillips, who just left here, has arrived in England. Sarah and his daughter and son are living in London. At the present writing I am not certain of their ultimate decision as to whether they will remain in England or go on the continent.

Bob Chard writes as follows:

"Your note of May 16 advising of Johnny Phillips' departure and your assumption of command is about to bear fruit. The only reason a reply has not been furnished earlier is because of a complete lack of news. The recent arrival of Bruce Easley from Washington on a Cook's tour however, was the occasion of a get-together at the Chards. Among those present, besides the guest of honor, were Ward Abbott on duty here with FEAF, Don and Marion Zimmerman also with FEAF, Kai and Emma Rasmussen with G-2, FEC, Ruth and Eddie Mays recent arrivals with G-3, FEC and Kirk Kirkpatrick with Engineer Section, FEC. Bill Bullock, new deputy G-3, FEC, after coming out of Korea, was absent on a junket to Guam, Okinawa, Philippines, etc. Also present—"Punky" Chard, eldest daughter and heiress apparent.

"Gus Herndon passed through some time back headed for Korea where he replaced Jupe Lindsey as Chief of Staff, 3d Infantry Division. Jupe, I understand, is now with KMAG. Being the snake he is, Gus, of course, got in touch with the wife on his way through but somehow I didn't get to see him. Maybe Freddie Herndon will read the notes and ask him a few questions.

"To the best of my knowledge, Oscar Strauss has a regiment in Korea, Hugh Mackintosh is still QM Eighth Army and Red Cooper is on the way to replace Tiny Jark in 1st Cavalry Division. Aside from the foregoing 'il n'y a pas de nouvelles' except that some of our cadet instructors are kicking around these parts such as Major General Bill Barriger, G-4, UNC & FEC; Major General Byers, C&G XVI Corps; and Brig. General Elton Hammond, Chief Signal Officer UNC & FEC, to say nothing of Major General Babe Bryan, coach of the mighty football teams, who is now Deputy Chief of Staff to General Clark!"

Classmates sons now members of the Corps are as follows (these names were received from the Registrar, who had them cranked out of the IBM machines): Class of 1953: Nave, J. A.; Class of 1954: Browne, Roger J., Jr., Bullock, Robert L., Dwyre, Douglas G. and Wetzel, Emery S., Jr.; Class of 1955: Andrews, Donald A., McCulla, Wm. L., McNerney, David A., Poorman, Donald C., Roth, William E., Viney, John A. and Wiegand, Robert D.; Class of 1956: Dent, Frederick R., Griffin, Thomas N., Lindsey, Robert H., Renshaw, Alan B., Schannep, John D. and Wetzel, William T.

—P. H. D., Jr.

1931

With all due apologies, several items received for the last issue of *Assembly* were crowded out due to Sesquicentennial and June Week activities on the part of the undersigned. At any rate, the following is the latest information received from the scattered members of the Class.

Mickey Moses is taking a half year course in Spanish in California and is due to go to Uruguay as M.A. Charlie Raymond is taking a language course in Korean and is due to go to Korea as M.A. Chester Ott's eldest daughter, Virginia, is a Freshman at Vassar. We all hope Chester will be visit-

ing her in the East soon.

Johnny Waters reports from Korea that Jimmy Sams has posed for newspaper publicity with his dog "Eddie" and Eddie's litter of eight pure-bred German short hair pointers. Jimmy acquired his proud pooch in Japan. McAleer is in Japan working with Johnny as Corps QM. Nosebag Bays is a big cog in the wheels in FECOM. Johnny also reports that Wild Bull Kendall (remember?), of bayonet drill fame, is his boss.

Nickel Plate Fulton is in Alaska.

The following have been ordered to the stations indicated:

To Washington: Klem Boyd to G-4, Dept of Army; Dick Harrison to Office of Inspector General; Jim King to G-2, Dept of Army; Percy Lash to Office of Sec'y of Defense; Mervyn Magee to Nat'l War College as student; Clyde McBride to G-2, Dept of Army; Ham Peyton to Office of JAG; Glenn Rogers to G-3, Dept of Army; Gordon Singles to Psychological Warfare Division; Bill Train to Office of Sec'y of Defense.

To Carlisle Barracks, Pa.: John Berry to Faculty from Student; Joseph E. Coolidge remains on faculty; Dick Lawson remains on faculty; Bill Woodward remains on faculty.

To Fort Monroe, Va.: Bill Hardick to OCAFF. To Maxwell Field, Ala.: Moppy Perry to Faculty. To Continental Armies: Bill Chandler to Sixth Army; John McGee to Third Army. To EUCOM: Bob Quackenbush. To FECOM: Jack P. Dalgy. To Hawaii: John Westermeier to Hq USARPAC. To Austria: Sammy Smellow to Hq USFA. To Turkey: Check Westpheling to U.S. Mission. To Norfolk, Va.: George Wertz to Faculty, AFSC.

Dutch Stengler reports from Iran that things are quite exciting there. He is due to return home sometime this month. Dick Lawson reports that the following 31'ers are on hand at Carlisle Barracks. In the faculty are Dick and Ruth Lawson, Cal and Mona Coolidge, Bill and Ella May Woodward, John and Janet Berry. Those who will attempt to learn from the Faculty are Paul and Alma Chappell, John and Ruth Davis, Lev and Mary Levenick, George and Tommie Speidel, John and Florence Sullivan.

The complete list of sons of classmates now at the Academy has not been made available to the undersigned as yet. However, it is known that the following are now cadets: Hunter, Moses, Feagin, Buchwald, Fleeger, Lash, Quackenbush, Ragland, Skidmore, and another Hunter. Complete list will be available at a later date.

Don't forget to send in the hot poop to the undersigned, c/o Department of M.T.&G. at West Point.

—Dickson.

1932

The summer is gone without too much happening. Ed Momm visited West Point one warm day; Ed is teaching in New Jersey. Edna Hillberg is settled in Highland Falls, awaiting that port call to Europe; Lauri left these shores for Germany in July. Johnny and Vi Gavin visited the Hillbergs on the way to Johnny's new station at Leavenworth.

You'll be pleased to know that eight sons of 1932 entered West Point in July. The names of Abell, Baer, Childs, Head, Hewitt, Liwski, Skidmore, and Stewart now appear on the rolls of the Class of 1956 as they did on the rolls of '32. Each of these boys is a credit to his parents and to himself, and we expect to hear good reports on all of them.

Although Adlai and Ike may still be fighting it out for the Presidency, the major elections of 1952 have been held and the ballots

counted. I refer to the elections of the Washington Chapter of 1932, which resulted as follows: Chairman—Hunter Harris; Vice Chairman—Tom Hannah; Secretary-Treasurer—Pinky Smith; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Tom McDonald; and Council Members—Gil Adams, Johnny Bowen, Gerry Epley, Don Hardy, Ken Hobson, Duke Ondrick, Johnny Pugh, and Jack Sutherland. Congratulations and best wishes to the new slate of officers! Pinky Smith, the new Secretary-Treasurer, sends in some notes on doings of classmates. Bill and Babe McNulty are in Washington for a few months before they leave for Iran, where Bill will be Military Attache. Charlie D'Orsa and Hugh Carey leave for Benning for a refresher course prior to taking regiments in Korea. Rose and Mary will remain in Washington. Bill and Vivian Kunzig are in Washington after Bill's service in Korea. Wally Brucker has left for Korea, while Anne remains in Washington. Mary Iseley has gone to London as Assistant Attache; Rom Puryear is now with the 33rd Air Division, Oklahoma City. Ed Simenson is in Guam; Walt Tisdale has been transferred to Philadelphia Ordnance District, and Harvey Hugin is at Maxwell Field. Jeff Childs is at Syracuse University. Lonny Campbell has gone to Keesler Field, and Steve Braude to NATO Defense College. Harvey Fisher and Pop Duncan soon go to Benning for a refresher course before going to Korea to take over regiments. Dort and the children will remain in Washington, while Latrelle and family wait it out in McDonough, Georgia. Avery and Ann Cochran leave soon for Helsinki where Avery will be Military Attache. Ed Suarez and Dick Coiner were recently upped to Brigadiers—Congratulations! Jim and Aggie Woolnough's boy Jimmie recently enlisted in the Air Force and is now at the West Point Prep School. James Michael Burke, born June 3, 1952, sends regards to his friends.

—Ed Burke.

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"SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
"ALLIED POWERS EUROPE
"Paris, France, 10 September 1952

"Dear Editor of *Assembly*,

"In spite of the fact that approximately two columns were devoted to news of our 20th reunion activities, I found the coverage incomplete, inadequate, and that it failed entirely to give credit where credit was due. The column was written by some guy named Burke, and he omitted completely to say that our sole representative at West Point single handedly prepared a better program than the one that four officers working most of the year did for the 15th. The Burkes themselves fired (or poured) the opening shot the night before the reunion started by holding open house for all returning members. There were no gaps during a week in which the Burke couple presided graciously over the Saturday evening formal dinner dance and jovial Eddie made like a stag at the annual Association of Graduates luncheon while 17-year old daughter, Maureen, presided at the hen party. As a final flourish, after all activities had subsided—only after they had—Marion Burke dropped around at the hospital on Graduation Day to produce their seventh offspring and go well ahead in the pediatrics derby.

—Ken Zitzman."

1933

Hurly threatens to excommunicate me unless I publish something on the coming 20th Reunion. Prepare for a steak picnic at Round Pond on Saturday, May 30 and evening brawl at the Club on Sunday night, May 31. More details later.

While on a junket to South America, Fran Hill dropped in on Hoebeke in Lima, Peru.

Jake Messersmith has left these rocky highlands for Naples, Italy to become a part of a naval command. Ned Gee gave up his psychology for a gentleman's course at the Army War College and George VanWay departs shortly for Korea with Ab Huntsberry slated to be his replacement.

Your deponent is in the midst of a Department of the Army Manpower survey. More news next issue.

—C. H. M.

1934

Jerry Blair is presently a student at the Naval War College in Newport, R. I. He writes that he recently saw Hi Turner in the latter's candy store in Provincetown, Mass. ("the best one in town" Jerry called it). Hi reportedly looked fine.

Travis Petty has just returned from Paris and taken over as Post Engineer at the Military Academy. That puts the Class of '34 squarely astride the control of USMA utilities, since Trav Brown continues to handle the QM side of such activities. Incidentally, TT has just revamped the Post Commissary, which is henceforth to be known as "Brown's Super Market".

Lee Miller sent the following information toward the end of July: "Shag Shaughnessey left for Saigon, Indo-China, right on schedule, at the end of June. Bud Buehler has reported for duty in Washington, I believe in the Office of the Chief of Engineers. He was elected president of the Washington Chapter of the Class, vice Jack Donoghue, who completed his tour with distinction the end of June. Cold-Max McCrary has gone to Benning for a brush-up course before going to EUCOM on a directed MOS as regimental commander, and Tom Foote is being shifted from G-1 to G-2." By the way, Lee's brother Paul became a Second Classman in June. He finished his yearling year standing 7 in the class and wearing stars for the second straight year.

Chick Andrews returned from Korea last spring and was assigned to Fort Sill, where he attended the Field Officers Associate Advanced Course. As of July Chick was CO of the 6th Armored FA Bn at Sill.

The *Army-Navy-Air Force Register* of August 23 shows Kenny Cunin under orders from Deseret Chemical Depot, Tooele, Utah, to FECOM on December 31. Tom Lipscomb is Secretary-Treasurer of the West Point Society of Portland, Oregon. His address is 3576 S.W. Mt. Adams Drive, Portland 1.

—W. J. R.

1935

Well, 'tis done.

As reported to you in the "More Yet for 1952," a working committee was designated by the assembled Washingtonians to effect the transfer of the class "Message Center" from West Point to Washington. The aforementioned committee has completed its labors and, when Moon Ferris gets a free moment, he will probably dissolve it.

The class fund and the class records are now in the custodianship of the official class "Message Center Chief"—Moon.

The Committee would like to express (for the entire class) a vote of appreciation to Don Phelan and those who assisted him at West Point. It is our opinion that more class unity and spirit has been in evidence under his stewardship than at any other time since graduation.

Bless you, Don.

The Committee would further like to express the hope that the entire class will co-

operate (send in lots of poop, lies, rumors, scandal, etc.) with Moon (his first and second assistants are Duke McEntee and Brick Reybold, respectively) so that he may keep up the fine work. Our close association with class activities during the past four years has convinced us that no individual, or small group, can build class spirit (supra); it is a collective responsibility upon the shoulders of all.

—H. T. C.

The biggest—and best—piece of news on the Washington scene is the recovery of Noel Cox from serious wounds incurred in Korea. Noel, and some members of his regimental staff (the famous 31st Infantry) came under a mortar barrage—he received 22 hits. He was evacuated to Japan, remaining there until late July when he was sent to Walter Reed. Noel is in Ward 2, and Helen remained in their home in Virginia at 2029 N. Smythe Street, Arlington.

Elsewhere, new arrivals include Jimmy Frink (with G-1); Van Wilson (student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces); Brad Means (headed for A.M.A. to Yugoslavia); Ray Firehock (R&D); Will Root; Hart Caughey; S. T. B. Johnson (Ft. Belvoir); Sal Armogida (Office of Chief of Engineers). Departures—Van Orner (for A.W.C.); Mike Bowyer for EUCOM; Walt Bryde for duty in Pakistan with the U.N.; Everett for duty FECOM; John Parker, FECOM; Stapleton, for duty in Hawaii; and, Ben Heckemyer for Armed Forces Staff College.

The class has an imposing representation in the War College at Carlisle Barracks, consisting of the following: Joe Anderson, Tom Clarkin, Art Frye, John Gloriod, Charlie Leonard, Don Phelan, Eric Ramee, Charlie Rich, Rube Tucker, Hank Van Orner and John Williamson. Of course, Jim Worthington stays on as Secretary of the College with Frank Murdock and Jim Kimbrough being newly assigned to the faculty.

The class had a supper dance at Andrews Officers' Club on June 13th; about 50 attended including Lee and Gert Davis from Baltimore (they live in Annapolis, 35 Southgate Ave.); Irene Taylor (en route to join Milt at SHAPE); Jean Wright, living at 210 S. Virginia in Falls Church during John's absence. Duke McEntee brought brother Pat, who is also in civilian life here in Washington.

Pat and Jane Mente dropped by for a very quick visit. All is well with the Mente's and the brass business is booming for Pat. He "allows" they are to attend the Army-Georgia Tech game in Atlanta. Frances Russ is rumored to be living in Atlanta during Bud's absence—we would like her address. Dot Buckler (with Lynn) was in D.C. for a 3-week visit—we were fortunate in seeing her frequently. We are looking forward to a visit from Jack and a thorough briefing on conditions in Texas. Ben Hawes writes that he is dabbling in politics in Owensboro, Ky.—on the Committee of Public Works.

On a recent European junket George Eckhardt reports Phil Mock, Ed Bechtold and Ham Twitchell are at SHAPE along with Milt Taylor. Dallas and Bob Booth are in Athens with MAAG; Dick Agnew is Post Executive in Vienna.

A letter from Ed and Alice Harris in Madrid tells us all is well after a rocky, uncoordinated trip. They have a 12-room apartment on the 7th floor. Jack Roberts and Frank Fiore were there at the time; Frank as Ass't. M.A.—however Jack is in England now according to latest reports. June Ingram wrote us just before leaving for Japan to join Downs, who is presently Chief of Staff at Haneda AFB—also Base Commander. They are looking forward to an enjoyable tour—address: HQ, 1503d AT Wing, APO 226, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. George and Helen Jones have been transferred to Fort Bragg with George as Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps. Bunny

Wilbur writes from Pasco Engr. Dept., Pasco, Wash., that he sees Harvey Bower, who is with the Ordnance Office 6th Army and Harry Critz, G-1, same unit.

Dick Ellsworth is CO 28th Strat. Rcn. Wing at Rapid City, S. D.—a base formerly commanded by Tom Gent in '47-'48—a very nice station.

Will sign off with the modest hope, expectation and promise that we can "Keep it Rolling". This machine must be fed and the fuel is NEWS. We'll do our best to take up the "torch" Don has passed us. Tom Gent assures us that the class will be fully represented at West Point through the '55 Reunion. We'll depend on a periodic report, Tom, and assure you we'll pick one up "in person" from time to time.

—E. H. F.

1936

Now that the football season is about to start, I hope that our small contingent at USMA will see more of you guys and gals and be able to gather more gems of information about our '36ers.

Rip Landry, who has taken over as Secretary of the class in Washington, D. C., has furnished me with most of the information which I shall pass on in this issue. He says he visited Sandia AFB where he saw Bill Prince who is executive officer of the base; Spook Simpson is also there as exec of an ordnance unit. He reports that the gang in Washington has been getting together for luncheons and other parties and that the '36 gals have things organized for a monthly luncheon. Rip forwarded a roster of those in Washington which I pass on to you here: Barrett, AF Plans; Bartella, AF Transp; Beggs, QM Gen; Benson, G-4 Plans; Breaks, OChChem Off; Broyles, SSD MIC; Burnett, OSD; Champion, AF Dir of Reqmts; Clark, AF Dir of Mil Pers; Clifton, JCS; Connor, OSD; Davis, B. O., DGS/O; Davis, T. R., G-3 Opns; Davis, W. A., Ch of Ord (going to FECOM); Dawalt, G-4 R&D; Ferguson, OSD, Ofc Frgn Mil Aff; Garland, JCS; Gunn, AF, D/CoFS, Dev; Hayes, DC Engr Comm; Hiatt, Ch of Engrs; Holderness, Compt/Army; Illig, G-4 Control Office; Janof, G-4 Service Div; Jones, AF DCS/Materiel; King, Eng, Second Army; Landry, G-3, Opns; Laurion, Ch of Engrs; Low, G-4 Sup Div; Miles, JCS; Milne, Ch of Engrs; Morris, OSD (Compt); Nazzaro, AF Plans; Noake, OSD; Norris, G-2; Oswald, Munitions Bd; Pack, G-2; Persons, G-3, Opns; Richenbaugh, Compt/Army; Sievers, Ch of Fin; Thompson, G-2; True, AF Intel; Walker, 8751st AAU; and Waters, Compt/Army.

I noted in the papers on a recent trip to Washington that Axel Duin had been a prisoner of the Russians in Europe for a spell. While in Washington I had lunch with Granny Gunn, Steve Holderness, Rick Richenbaugh and Rip Landry; also talked with Clint True, George Champion (enjoyed a drink with Trinky True, George and Jimmie Champion, whom I ran into at Hogates), Larry Laurion, Hank Benson, Ned Norris, and Don Noake. However, I found that there just isn't enough time on a business trip to Washington to contact and get around to see everyone.

Mike Michaelis has joined us as Commandant of Cadets and the two of us accompanied General Irving to Eglin AFB, Florida, and Maxwell AFB, Alabama, on a cadet training inspection tour. Bob Orth was our pilot on this trip and we had a very enjoyable chat, prior to dinner while at Maxwell, where he is stationed.

In response to my request in the last column, I have received to date six replies. Larry and Peg Laurion and the three children live at 817 Monticello Drive, Falls Church, Va.; Rip and Barbara Landry, Apt

618, 1500 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, Va.; T. C. and Betty Rogers and four sons are at Randolph AFB, Texas; Ben and Mimi Whipple and two daughters, 2 Greenview Way, Upper Montclair, N. J.; Don and Bev Bodine and daughter at Officers Group No. 1, USN-100 Fleet PO, N.Y.C.; Tuck Partridge and two sons are residing at The Valley Farm, R.F.D. 1, Hampstead, Md., while Bob is KMAG (KATC) APO 301, c/o PM, San Francisco. Tuck also included a letter in which she states she is becoming quite a farmer during Bob's absence and that she expects Bob back in January.

I hope my inclusion of these addresses will spur the rest of you into forwarding the info requested immediately.

Noted in a Fort Sill press release that Col. and Mrs. W. M. Griffith and three children were located there and that Griff has been assigned as Secretary of the Artillery School.

A note received from the Association of Graduates office states that Wert Williams has been G-4, 25th Inf Div in Korea since Feb 1952 and that Mac McCabe is commanding the 89th Tank Bn in Korea (Ludmilla McCabe is residing at 900 26th Street South, Arlington, Va.).

Dud Hartman has departed for Frankfurt, Germany, APO 757; Dutch and the kids are in Washington awaiting sailing orders to join Dud there. Dave Hiester is in Korea, HQ IX Corps, APO 264, c/o PM, San Francisco; Doris and the kids are in Fort Montgomery, N. Y.

Rip Smith passed through West Point recently on his way to the Far East; Bill and Maureen Sibert were here to visit the Michaelises—I'm sorry that I missed seeing all of them due to my absence from the post at the time of their visits. Jack Daly informs me that Dan Kingman is a Lieutenant Colonel at Sandia AFB and that Westy Westmoreland has left Staff & Faculty AWC to be CO, 187th Airborne Regiment, FEC. It's been noted that several more '36ers recently received their eagles—congratulations!

Mary and Mike Michaelis, Nan and Jack Daly, Sally and Tet Tetley, and Jane and I hope to get together for luncheon before the football season gets rolling. We certainly expect to hear from any of you who might be at West Point attending the games or for other reasons during this coming year.

—Jim Billy.

1937

Well, it looks like news from "37" is practically non-existent, since June Week. One note from Marie Stann, written from Trieste, where Gene was, and maybe still is, with AMG.

Vickey Travis stopped by for an hour, right after June Week, on her way to join Bill in Turkey, who has extended for another two years.

Danny Russell and family sailed the 11th of July for duty with the Army Mission in Ecuador. He writes from Quito that if the first six weeks are any indication, it's going to be a wonderful assignment.

"Spic" Nadal was by the end of June. He was on his way for a tour with NATO. Haven't heard where he ended up.

That's it. When you hear anything worth printing, please forward it, and I will pass it on.

—R. B.

1938

The Class of '38 held one of its most successful meetings Friday night. By that, I mean no one disagreed too violently and all motions were carried unanimously. The

fact that there were ladies present and the Amicks put on a delightful cocktail supper for all might have contributed.

A great deal was accomplished and this is very important to all '38ers this year because of the 15th reunion. Committees galore were appointed to arrange for your entertainment and billeting during June Week.

I won't name the committees, but we are all hoping you will work as hard to get here as we are going to work to make it the best reunion ever.

Jacunski, who is in charge of getting out a class book, is really working his fingers to the bone, so please cooperate with the poop sheet he is sending all of you and get in those pictures and the \$10.00 or more which Jack and his committee have set as their goal.

I'm sure you're all going to want the class book, which is going to cost only \$5.00 or less. These days you couldn't even buy one of Jack Jacunski's pictures for \$5.00, and he is going to illustrate the whole book for free.

I will also tell you more later about the big bargain rate that Birdsey Learman is working out for you on the June Week expenses, but right now for some news about people.

Greg Lynn writes from Washington that the new arrivals there are Bill Sundlof, Bob York, John Norris, Hube Strange, Castex Connor and Sicco. Sammy Eaton left for SHAPE.

Greg also reports that Harvey Barnard, who is retired and working for Frontier Air Lines, sends word that Swede Swenson is on the road to recovery and expected to be back to duty soon.

The West Point departures this year were Jeff Irvin to Korea, Nevin Howell to M.P. School, and Art Collins to the War College.

Only one new arrival to swell the fast thinning ranks, Don Matheson—who is going to be curator of the West Point Museum and be here to keep the Amicks company in their old age.

Turkey has a goodly supply of classmates, consisting of Dick Long, Dow Adams, Ewing, Rudy Laskowsky, Vince Siren and Fran Jenkins.

That is all the news for this month. Hope we have more to report next time.

—G. C. J.

1939

Since I traveled around with the Second Class this summer, Sailor Byrne figured I'd have the latest dope and, therefore, gave me the assignment for the report this issue. New information on the majority of '39ers is sadly lacking, but we'll give you what we have. While on *Camia* I visited Ann and Walter Higgins, and Gib Gibbons, who were about to leave the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. Walter is going to G-1 in the Pentagon and Gib I believe is going to be an instructor at Leavenworth. At Fort Lee I spent several pleasant hours with Dick and Ruth White. Dick is Exec. of the RTC and griping because all of his graduates go to the Infantry instead of the QM. At Fort Eustis I saw John Dickerson, who has the RTC there. While preparing for the Air Trip I worked with Roger Phelan, who as the Air University's Project Officer for the Cadets' Air Indoctrination Course did a bang up job. At Bragg I saw Swede Larsen, Jim Shepherd, Roger Lilley and Brownie Brownfield. Swede has a regiment in the 82nd Airborne. He is hobbling around without a cane now and recovering nicely from his recent accident. Jim has a Battalion in the 82nd and Rog and Brownie are serving on AFF Boards down there.

Bub Brinker and Jack Meyer recently took the short course at Sandia. Bub reports

that he had dinner with Larry Beckedorff, who is being transferred to Washington. Bob Studer and P. J. Long are stationed out there. Al Rollins, who is in guided missiles at Bliss, and George Jumper were also taking the course.

Sailor Byrne was out at Fort Sill this summer getting refreshed on the duties of a Field Artillery man. He reports that Pappy Myers is about to leave for a big Headquarters job in London. Pappy is a member of the Fort Sill golf team which won the Fourth Army Championship. Sterling Johnson is bound for the AFSC in Norfolk. Tom Smith and Bill Henry remain at Sill, indoctrinating the next generation in the theory of overs and shorts. Matt Bristol and wife showed up at Fort Sill from San Antonio for the Fourth Army Golf Tournament. Matt is a G-4 in Headquarters, Fourth Army.

Latest big news is that Harvey Fraser, presently at Leavenworth, has just been appointed a Professor of Mechanics, USMA. Congratulations, Harv, we'll be waiting for the party! We hear that Chris Coyne and family spent some time this summer vacationing on Long Island. Harry McClellan stopped in at West Point recently. Bob Page and Frank Forrest command battalions in the 14th Inf. and 35th Inf., respectively. Ed Schroeder has left the IG in Washington to command a Regiment at Knox. Carl Wohlfell has just left Fort Bragg to be a student at C&GS. Ray Allen and wife were recent visitors at West Point. Ray says that Ed Hoopes was up in the AG Office at the Pentagon on two weeks active duty—as a colonel yet. Bull Boughton is still in Washington spearheading preparations for the Air Force Academy. Rooster Gideon and Huey Long are also down there. Had a card from Speedy Hull, who headed the Army representatives at the Olympics. He says our boys did right well. Andy Goodpaster is a power behind the throne in SHAPE. Louie Kunzig should be there by now to keep him on the ball. Vic Johnson, still in the lumber business in Savannah, just built himself a new home. Al Robinette is just back from a tour in Germany. J. B. Maxwell is still over there in a Corps Headquarters. Morry Morrison, Clyde Sutton, and Tom Bartel, the Oatmeal King, were back for June Week. Jimmy Muir, just returned from Trieste, spent a couple days at USMA in May. Jim Schwenk and family took a couple days off from the Pentagon to visit us recently. Shields Warren just left his job as Corps G-3 at Bragg to go to Leavenworth. Understand that Muck McDavid is a big Signal man at Keesler AFB. Lenny Herkness is in the ink business in Philadelphia. Danny Nolan came up to West Point from Leavenworth this spring to sell fire insurance to the First Class. When last heard from Burnham Batson was District Manager in Hartford for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

Julian Ewell just returned from EUCOM and is attending the Army War College. The latest *Army Navy Journal* announces that congratulations are in order for Ed Smith, Harry Kinnard, Julian Ewell and Vernon Gilbert, who just got their eagles. From Speedy Hull we hear that Tom Crawford is a right hand man of Gen. Handy in Europe and that Jap Wilson is also over there with the Army Security Agency.

Phil Davidson, who reported to West Point as an instructor last spring in the Dept. of Military Art & Engineering, was recently promoted to full Colonel. Nice going, Phil. Other newcomers to USMA are Marshall Wallach in the Tac Dept and Griz Barber who will be the Post Ordnance Officer. Others here now are Ed McConnell, Joe McChristian, Ralph Jordan, Walter Grant, Jack Meyer, and myself in the Tac Dept; Bart Lane, Bub Brinker, and Bill Clark in the Social Science Dept; Ted Hunsbedt in the

1802nd Special Regiment, and Sailor Byrne in English. The lack of recent information as to the doings of members of our class is quite evident. Why don't each one of you guys shake loose with two cents and a minute of your time to send a post card to Lt. Col. J. D. Byrne, Dept of English, West Point, and get us up to date?

Just in: The eighteen '39ers at Leavenworth will hold a party October 19. Add to promotions to Colonel: Goodpaster, Marlin, Lerette and Higgins.

—Frankie Joe Kobes.

1940

So again with a humble bow to the *New York Times*, here is all the news that's fit to print. If anyone has a stray poop-sheet in their desk after cleaning out for the fall, fill it in and mail it to me. Note change of address from 522 West Beechtree Lane to Box 994, Washington, D. C. Am going into business in South America but will live in Puerto Rico. Will maintain an office in Washington and mail will always reach me at Washington box office. I will continue to turn out the news so please write me there. End of personal note.

Larry Klar is back on active duty and on duty with the Chief Signal Officer. Dixie Lederman is Army Instructor with the Florida National Guard, Post Office Building, Pensacola, Florida. Tom Chamberlain is on duty with the U.S. Army Mission to Argentina in Buenos Aires. Fox Kramer is the Assistant Inspector General USA, Pacific. Jim McAfee is in the Air Force Reserve and is Manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and lives at 1412 Berkley Road, Columbia, South Carolina.

Ross Milton is stationed in Washington and is Director of Operations, Headquarters MATS. Carey O'Bryan is the C.O., Clarksville Base in Tennessee. Zero Zahrobsky is with the Budget Branch in Office of ACOS G-4, the Pentagon. Paul Cullen in Korea commanding an F.A. Bn. Wally Clement on way to FECOM after finishing course at Leavenworth with June class. Nosek is C.O. of Engineer Construction Group at Camp Carson, Colorado. Was very active directing flood work supervision in Council Bluffs area where the Missouri River breached levees in that locality. Charley Brice is with the Chemical and Radiological Labs at the Army Chemical Center in Maryland. Has graduated from U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and has received M.S. degree from Ohio State University.

Don Bierman has received MBA degree from Harvard School of Business and also announces arrival of Donald L. Bierman, Jr. a few months ago. Moon Mullin writes from Turkey where he is Engineer Advisor to the Turkish 3rd Army Engineer. Reports Klunk and Yates in the vicinity. Elaine Mullin is at Apt. 722-B Magnolia Gardens, 839 South Frederick Street in Arlington, Virginia. Phil Cibotti is CO of an AA Gun. Bn. at Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Nelson has earned his MBA at Harvard School of Business and is on duty as Liaison Officer QM Division Headquarters USAREUR. Clizbe also has MBA from Harvard and at present is a student at Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama. Jim Maedler is with Joint Logistics Plans Group in the Pentagon. Has his M.S. from University of Pittsburgh. O'Keefe is heading a group at Test Section AFF Board No. 4 at Fort Bliss. Cuyler Clark is the S-3 in the Artillery Section of the Eighth Army. He reports these of the class in Korea: Cagwin, Hennessey, Bertil Johnson, Malone, Horton, J. K. Taylor, and Podufaly. Dalziel has an M.A. from Georgetown University and has recently been assigned to a Fighter Bomber Wing in Clovis, New Mexico. Gunster is Test Officer, Can-

non and Mortar Branch AFF Board No. 1 at Fort Bragg. Jack Dibble is with the Logistics Division Headquarters EUCOM.

George Mayo, who has just bought a horse believing that it is the surest form of transportation, writes from Fort Sill. He is Executive Officer to the Supervisor of non-resident instruction of TAS and is also Director of the Editorial Group, TAS. Tents in English are at a premium. George reports Bidwell Moore working with him at TAS and Rimmer on the TAS Board. Salvo Rizza is back at Sill making a name for himself on (and these are George's words) every man an - athlete in two easy lessons squat jump program. Sam Patten packing for Leavenworth and by now hard at work at C&GSC. Ted Hoffman finished the advance course and is thinking of the Signal Corps. Charley Banks leaves Sandia Base for Leavenworth. Jim Walters en route to Sill in the fall for the long course. Schochner to move his orchids to Sill also. Mayo suggests a switch to sun-flowers. Jim-Rat Moore, Hank Adams, and J. K. Taylor should be back from Korea by now.

Swampy Marsh teaching Military Topography and Graphics (that's drawing to you, Manzollilo) at West Point. Ray Renola received MBA from Harvard and is now with Management Division, Office of Comptroller of the Army in the Pentagon. Ray graduated with distinction which means he was in all first sections. Vic Hobson, student at C&GSC. Wendell Sell most erudite of the class. Has M.S. and Ph.D. in Engineering from Johns Hopkins. With AFF Board No. 4 at Fort Bliss. Bob Mackin is at the Jefferson Proving Ground in Indiana. Leahy is with AFF Board No. 1 at Fort Bragg. Bob O'Donnell is in the Office of Chief of Military History. Manley Perry has his MBA from Stanford University and is now a student at C&GSC. Jerry Addington is Deputy Chief of Staff, JUSMAG in Greece. Olin Bell has reported to Harvard University to take two year course in Business Administration. Wendell Coats assigned to Headquarters TRUST APO 209, c/o Postmaster, N. Y.

Millican on way to FECOM after graduating C&GSC in June. Lemley has M.A. from Columbia in Political Science and is section chief in OACLS, G-2. Mastran leaves Quartermaster duties in Philadelphia for C&GSC in 1952-53 class. Erspamer is with Headquarters Southwestern Command, APO No. 9, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. Jack Wright leaves job as Bn. Commander in 508th Abn to C&GSC for 1952-53 class. Sam Goodwin is with G-3 in the Pentagon. He reports Burt Haessly, Frank Meszar, Dave Crocker, Harry Stella and Jim Tyler in Plans. Dodderidge and Bob Williams in Organization and Training. Al Strock recently ordered from Washington to Ottawa, Canada and Ed Hendrickson at Leavenworth. Gasperini was with Military Department at the University of California at Berkeley but is now at Leavenworth in the current class. Mike Paulick has used up all the lines allotted on the poopsheet for enumerating children. Latest arrival is Mark. Mike is an instructor at C&GSC. John Knight is CO of a bombardment Squadron at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas. Ahmajan is with a G-2 section on Engineering Division of EUCOM. Has his M.S. in Civil Engineering from University of California. Warren is Assistant Deputy for Operations at Headquarters FEAF. Lee Fritter was on the Staff and Faculty of TIS at Benning but is now at Leavenworth in the current class. Dyke at Hq. USAF in the Pentagon. Malone is with an AAA outfit in Korea. Larkin leaves Leavenworth for EUCOM. Milt Barnard is Plans Officer APO 633, c/o Postmaster, New York. Walters has M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from California Institute of Technology. To attend 1952-53 advanced course at Sill after tour of duty at Sandia Base. Donovan (my boy)

Yeuell commanding an F.A. Bn. in EUCOM.

Len Arman, the old faithful news gatherer, is still at Bliss. He gets around and has knowledge that: George Bayerle is stationed with OCS, Pidgeon to go to Bliss from West Point; Lucas finished course in Guided Missiles and is stationed at Bliss; Hazeltine in Washington on duty with Joint Chiefs; Page Smith and Chuck Oglesby at Fortress Monroe; Al Richards to Monroe after finishing course at University of Pennsylvania; Cunningham has left Bliss for Japan; Spengler commands a Bn. at Meade; Dick Shagrinn commanding a Bn. at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Luther Arnold going to Sill; Bob Strong due back in Washington from Ottawa soon and then detailed as Student Naval War College, Newport, R. I.; Bill Litton missing in action in Korea; Forbes and Perry in Chief Signal Officer's Office; Harnett seen in Washington for a conference from SHAPE; Harold Brown and Dick Free at Albuquerque and Ware in Headquarters, Air Forces, in the Pentagon. Orman received his M.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Pennsylvania.

Benson at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Hough is Division QM at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Willie Buck is Chief, Civilian Personnel Division, Headquarters, AMC at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio. Epley in the Pentagon. Has graduated from U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and has M.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Pennsylvania. Watrous now at 5604 Lone Oak Drive, Bethesda, Maryland. He is stationed with Air Intel. SV.GP. in Washington. Reports the arrival of fourth child, second girl, Sharon J. Watrous, born May 26th. Jim Loewus is PMS&T, University of Nevada. Black is in Operations Branch of SHAPE. Holm's new address is APO 743, c/o Postmaster, New York.

Send all your news to Box 994, Washington, D. C.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

Ft. Leavenworth: Johnny McIntyre sends a most welcome report on the doings of the Classmates at the Command and General Staff College. In the graduating class (showing destinations) are: John Barney and Gib Niles to Salzburg; John Callaway, Howdy Clark and Jess Unger to the Pentagon; Vince Carlson to Ft. Monroe; Curt Chapman to Casa Blanca; Paul Gray to Ft. Bliss; Arnold Hoebeke, Roger Lawson, and John Manley to EUCOM; Bob Lanigan, Herb Richardson, and Jim Richardson to FEC; Don McMillan to Ankara; George Welles to Ft. Shafter; and John Zott to NYC. Coming in for the next class in addition to Johnny himself are Matt Harrison, Roy Kelley, Prince Alliotta, and Bob Keagy, Tony Tonetti, and J. C. H. Lee.

London: Mac McCaffery writes "Phil Seneff is with the U.S. Embassy in London. Bob Kramer is with the British War Office. Tom Corbin is Base CO at Schulthorpe in East Anglia and due for a change to the Midlands. Is a top man over here. Had dinner with them. His wife and 2 daughters are very charming. Tom is his same ol' self. Max Hall is an exchange officer with the RAF over in Malvern Area. Hope to get over to see him soon. Expect my wife and 2 boys from California on May 24. Am Tactical Inspector of the 32 AAA Brigade. Ben Spiller has a SP AW Bn in Germany. Hope to see him one of these days."

Punch Bowl Sector, Korea: Dennis Grace who commands the 1343rd Engr C. Bn. reports that his Bn is building roads in that sector, that Matt Harrison did a bang up job as Div Engr of the 7th Div, and that John Rossell was operations Officer X Corps Art. "John was the only man in Korea who was

able to bring Arty fire, an Air Strike and Naval Gunfire on the same target at the same time." Sam Barrow is in KMAG Hq. Arnie Thomas is in the Operations Section of the Engr, FECOM in Tokyo after a tour as Engr, 3rd Div. Pete Tanous, "the only man who could talk to Army from Corps without benefit of a telephone", was in X Corps QM Sect. Wendy Knowles who just moved into the Punch Bowl, "called to ask me to pull his FA Bn out of the mud."

Miscellaneous: Rod O'Connor of 3124 51st Place NW, Wash 16, DC sent in the list of classmates in Europe which appeared in this column, last issue. Someone sent in the information that Jim McKinley commands 2nd Bn 27th Inf and that Les Bailey has been G-1, 25th Div since Feb 52. Paul Skowronek is ordered to the Language School at Monterey. George Hicks just joined the Central Air Defense Force in Kansas City. Curt Betts, Joe Weidner, Frank Stainback, and Spike Briggs are taking the Field Officers' course at Maxwell. Ralph Freese and Bud Harding are in Hq 15th AF, March AFB, Cal. Bud is recovering from a bad automobile accident and will be OK; he had a close call.

Born: Michele Helaine Betts at West Point, June 21, 1952. Lisa Kelsey at Maxwell, August 22, 1952.

Karma Gleason, Bill's wife, recently met Glenn Lee's wife, Lynn, on a bus in Salt Lake City, by coincidence. They became acquainted and Karma reports, especially to those in the Class who helped the Lees, that they deeply appreciated this help. She also states that the case is continuing and that it seems to be going favorably for Glenn. Lynn is trying awfully hard to keep her family going although she is having a pretty rough time. More than anything she needs a word of cheer and faith from her friends. Her address is Evelyn Lee, 711 Roosevelt Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bill Gleason still in Korea as G1 of Third Infantry Division after a six week hospital tour. He recently saw Billy Mitchell and other classmates and expects to be home in October.

George Wells and family sailing for Hawaii August 16. Sykes at Leavenworth, Male in Baltimore, Scott and Niles to Europe, Clare Armstrong and Joe Meyers to FEC.

As you know, the project of putting out a ten year book fell through. Less than a third of the poop sheets were returned and only 20 checks. The Class of '42 has put out such a book, and if any of you have a chance to see it you might be interested. We can do the same thing (or better) for about eight dollars per man. If you feel that we should do something about it; if you feel that the Class spirit needs a shot in the arm; if you feel that these things are important in the light of world conditions, then act. Don't let procrastination, preoccupation or personalities stop you. We have been accused of a lot of things, both individually and collectively, but never has the Class of '41 been called *apathetic*. Write me: Hq SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

In the rush of June Week and its aftermath, much news was overlooked. Will now pick up the loose ends so that credit can go to those who kindly sent in the poop.

Joe Cannon rounded up all the news in the Far East for easy consumption, stating in essence that: Al Thompson's family had arrived (as of March). Al getting quarters next to Joe; Al Hunter expected his family a few days later with John Anderson's and Sam Koster's. Dick Hennessey, it is presumed, found a replacement, since he was

seen enroute through Japan homeward. Joe has spent four years in Tokyo and expected to return to the States headed for the Artillery School in May or June. Promotions in the area were: Al Scullen to Major and Bob Fritz to Lt. Col. Long overdue—and congratulations to both. Those of '42 in Japan and vicinity include Connolly, Dilworth, Hunter, Thompson, Hinkley, Anderson, Woodward, Murray, Koster, Wilder, Cumpston, Baker, Zimmerman, Lumpkin, Leavey, Colladay, Fritz, and Scullen. (Not guaranteed as of this date.)

Pappy Garvin is probably wondering what happened to all the news he sent in well before June, since his is far and away the best we've received as far as plenty of news is concerned here it is en toto, "K Co news first, here in Washington, D. C.: Ink Gates and Pat, with their big black poodle giving them training fits; Butch and Bobby Offley, Butch having been a resident of my 'cell-block' here in Walter Reed in Ward 9A, the General Surgery Ward. Ed and Marian Martell, who recently had most of the Wn rabble present at their house warming for their new house in Falls Church. Ed has been 'hush-hushing' around the country periodically. Phil and Jean Krueger complete K Co's Washington complement, but Ric and Pat Orme are at nearby Belvoir, close enough to attend local functions. Bill and Mary Gernert, plus four children, plus mother cat complete with litter, drove their station wagon to Sandia Base, N. M., from here recently. 150 miles away, Hand and Dorothy Ivey with two sons, at law school at Charlottesville, Va., alternating time between law and poultry husbandry. He has about 100 hens, and the latest in self-made appliances comprise Henry's henney. Further south the Clagetts and Hennessees at Benning (no News). Other locations believed correct—Harrell at Sandia, Colladay in Korea with an Arty Bn, Rowland selling stocks and bonds in San Francisco, Grieco owning a drugstore in Williamsport, Pa., Tom Ray in the air conditioning and heating business in Pittsburgh, Standish in ROTC work near Memphis?, Connally believed to be in Tokyo (correct), Don Blake back from Europe but whereabouts unknown (AU, Maxwell AFB), Roy and Jean Smith at Wright Field, Smitty a recent returnee from a short course in jets in England where he learned to just love boiled potatoes and fish for breakfast, lunch and supper. He may be jaunting Wash-way on reassignment. I'm still in Walter Reed with John Finney (March). I'll be around here until about August 1 when I'll return to Wash. State or go to Phila., Pa. Eddie Clapp should be returning from Korea about now. There's the whole list of K Co.

I'm leaving the Penta-goners to write up most of the Wash., D. C., news, however, a few items—Baker on a thirty day delay en route to Tokyo, Deffke and Bringham at this writing are on their way home or shortly will be, Johnny Murphy dropped in while here from Luke Field to attend a three weeks course at GWU, the Manniere's had their 'Hunt Club' picture in Feb 15 Vogue—he's operating a horse van outfit in nearby Va. Hosiers are in San Bernardino, Calif. George visited me on a recent trip back to the Pentagon. That's the news, Pappy Garvin."

As stated in the last issue, a treasurer's report on our finances courtesy of Jim Hottenroth—here goes: The June Week reunion activities were a financial, as well as a social, success—total receipts were \$2,015.75. Expenses were \$1,743, after the mailing of reunion pictures has been completed and after all practicable liquidation of excess liquor has been accomplished (no problem) (six dollars worth of wine cannot be re-sold, and it is therefore proposed to donate this for use at a class party) thus there will be a surplus of \$273 to be transferred to the

Class Fund. (Pending the closing of the Reunion Fund books, \$200 has already been transferred to the Class Fund.)

In bringing this surplus onto the books of the 1942 Class Fund, it has been thought equitable to view the amount as contributions credited to those who attended the Reunion. These credits will act to reduce any future assessments levied against contributors. A sliding scale of credits has been set up according to the total amount paid the Reunion Fund:

Total Paid	Contribution Credited
\$25 to \$30	\$4.00
\$15 to \$24.99	\$2.50
\$10 to \$14.99	\$1.50
Under \$10	\$1.00

A refund on the advance deposit has been made to those who were unable to attend including one to Wayne McCarthy which may still be bouncing around in the mails since it hasn't been cashed as yet.

One 8 x 10 print of the Reunion group picture, taken on the Plain, has been mailed to each of the 61 classmates in the picture. Others who may want copies of some can get them from White's Studio for \$1.00 per, including postage—send the dough with your request.

Most recent arrivals here at West Point are George Buck, Dan Halpin, and Jack Cockrill, who is still batching it.

—J. B. R.

January 1943

The news is sparse this column, but there will be lots of administrative poop later in this space. We had better begin with a correction. The July issue of this column listed Mrs. T. Hutson Martin as Hut Martin's wife. This is not correct; your correspondent read too hastily. Actually, Mrs. Martin is Hut's mother. We regret any confusion this mistake may have caused.

The only news from the Far East is a terse note from Les Heltzel that he is S-3, 69th F.A. Bn, presumably in Korea.

EUCOM notes are fuller, but hardly exhaustive. Jim Kelleher, after attending jump school last summer, is probably by now in Austria. Bill Knowlton announces the birth of a daughter, Hollister, July 17. This is the fourth; score now, 3 boys, 1 girl.

Jimmy Changaris writes (from Hq. VII Corps, APO 107, N. Y.) that he has seen Don Wilbourn, who is G-1, 28th Div. Jimmy has seen Pete Grimm, Duke Windsor, George Watson, all of G-3, 4th Div. He also got together with T. Q. Donaldson and Hank Greenberg, had quite a time with them. Also seen were Elvy Roberts (in G-1, EUCOM), Chuck Alfano (EUCOM Signal Office). As might be expected he also ran into Georgie Rehb. By now George must have run into just about every classmate in EUCOM. If George would only start touring the Far East maybe classmates out there would be inspired to write in more often. Jimmy's last news is a rumor that J. W. Anderson is slated for XIII Corps.

John S. Wood writes from EUCOM, where he is still aiding Gen. Gruenther, his history from 1950. His experiences include instructing at Ranger Training Center, Fort Benning; assignment to SHAPE, including a swing around the NATO countries, and many hectic weeks of organizing the SHAPE Headquarters. His wife, Georgette, is now an American citizen. He, wife, and Jackie are all settled down at 2 Villa Niel, Paris, 17. Paris is expensive, but fun.

From Bob Fiss comes news that Al Hughes and Merle Carey are going to Leavenworth this fall. Hank Greenberg, to trace his progress since EUCOM, has been assigned to the Military Application Branch of the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington. Before Hank left EUCOM he took a trip

through Spain, Portugal, North Africa, and the Near East. Accompanying him (it is not clear in what capacity) were 26 female school teachers. Stew Meyer arrived at Sill for the Advanced Course. Buck Stahle visited Bob for a weekend in August. Buck is selling insurance in the Gettysburg, Pa. area. From Bob, and a press release from Sill, comes the news that Flywheel Flanagan has been moved up to Assistant Secretary of the Artillery School.

Emily Raaen, who has taken seriously our injunction that wives get into the act, has come through with news of Washington doings. She writes:

We had a wonderful get together on June 6 with some 42 people attending. We went for an excursion on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. We started at Georgetown, going through a lock, after which we were propelled by two mules about five miles up the canal. Beer, loud sports shirts, and singing were the main attractions, plus lots of gossip. The St. Johns and Willcoxes were captain and first mate respectively, with the Jameses, Baers, Buells, Costellos, Ellie Carmack, Dorans, Fischels, Frankoskys, Freers, Les Harding (his wife stayed home like a good Army wife, packing for his tour in Korea), Hatches, Vlceks, Neales, Fred and Jean Porter, Raaens, Robinsons, Sebastas, Billie Shaw (Frank was away in London, with a week in Paris), Stevenses, Lowell "Pappy" Wilkes (Rosemary was away for a short visit home), and Muldrows attending.

Mrs. G. A. Seegers, Boone's mother, writes that Boone's sister Nancy was married June 28 to Robert Arthur van Voorhis, Jr. Nancy was a Wave during the War, and she is still an active reservist operating out of Floyd Bennett Field.

The Pedagogues of the Palisades have their usual garrulous report. Our contingent is rolling the kids out so fast there is scarcely time to keep track. Born July 4th, Cynthia Wilder, to Bob and Cynthia Woods. Born July 5th, Robert Joseph, to Bill and Mimi Waters (3 M, 1 F). Breather. Born July 9th, Elizabeth Ellen, to Howard and Louise Linn. After a year at Manhattan's Morningside Acropolis Howard is just settling down to teaching the Dooillies their mother tongue. He takes over the column for the coming year, while yours truly takes on a bigger job.

The annual business meeting, well arranged by McDermott and Fiss, resulted in the election of all the holders of positions (except class officers) for the current year by voice vote on the basis of a single slate. Mutter's "Steamroller" were heard, but were quickly silenced and discussion proceeded. There is so much to do this year that, for a change, everyone got a soiree, including Dave Barger, who leaves in December.

Class officers are: President, Jess Hollis; Secretary, Joe Conmy; Treasurer, Bob Fiss (for the second year, since he is handling the 10th Reunion finances). The 10th Reunion Organization is as follows: Chairman, McDermott; Treasurer, Fiss; Secretariat (we're really organized!), Addresses—Conmy, Correspondence—Batson (Dept of Mechanics), Assembly Column—Linn (Dept of English); Housing, Hollis; Reception, Stewart and Roberts; June Week Entertainment Committee, Bullard, Cobb, Dettre, Turner, Holt. To the list of entertainments detailed in July's column add: Monday, June 1, 1215, Cadet Mess, Alumni Luncheon. (This takes place at the same time as the wives' luncheon.)

Yours truly heads up the Yearbook Committee, with the able team of: Curtis, Associate Editor; Bennett, Business Manager; Waters, Biographical Editor; Moses, Photo Editor; Bob Wood, Advertising Manager.

By the time you receive this *Assembly* you will already have received your questionnaire and, we hope, have sent it back. If

this column finds you not having received a questionnaire or having forgotten to send it in, please send for one or send it in immediately.

We think we have addresses for all but a few classmates, but we have not been able to get recent addresses for the following: Ralph Cadwallader, Edward J. Hardebeck, Pete Pavick, Robert LeV. Davis, James R. Michael, Richard H. Broach, Ralph J. Truex, John G. Wheelock, John P. Wheeler, Sidney Peterman, J. W. Barnes. If this reaches any of you, please send us your address immediately, and we will send out your questionnaire. If anyone knows the address of any of the above classmates, please contact Batson immediately. Remember, we need a 75% response to put out a book that we feel you can afford.

The remainder of the business meeting included such matters as "adoption" of non-graduates, fiscal problems, concession machines, appointment of a Santa Claus.

Eleanor Carmack writes that Mort Carmack has been officially declared dead by the Air Force. "They presume that his plane (B-29) crashed in the Mediterranean Sea while on a routine training mission from Leakenheath, England. Mort was on TDY for three months from Walker Air Force Base, Rosewell, N. M. He was Squadron Executive of the 393rd Bomb Sqn at the time of his death." We all join in expressing our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Ellie upon the passing of her beloved husband. And we will all miss the permanent departure of a staunch classmate from our segment of the Long Gray Line.

—Walker.

June 1943

As the newly selected "volunteer" for class correspondent, I desire to make an announcement. Anyone having information to be included in this column please forward same to Major William F. Malone, Dept of English, U.S.M.A. Please do not wait until the last minute. Send it in whenever you think of it. I should have information for the next issue before the 5th of December.

Most of the news that I have gleaned from the current class contingent here at the Point. There have been some changes during the past summer. I am listing those that are here at the present time. If you want to send them information they will pass it on to me. Those now present are: Clarke Baldwin, Foreign Languages; Bob Clark and Frank Taylor, M.T.&G.; Roger Conarty, Physics; Eddie Curcuru, M.P.&L.; Clare Farley, Milt Art and Eng; Jess Fishback and Ernie Price, Mathematics; Steve Gordy and Bob Hancock, Law; Bob McCanna, Social Sciences; Earl Olmstead, Pete Ryan, and Bill Westbrook, Tactics; and yours truly, English. Bob Plett was due in here for the Math Dept but for some unknown reason is still in Japan.

Ernie Price sent the following announcement to be included in the column, "Since next June will be the Tenth Anniversary of our class, an effort is being made by the class members stationed at the 'Rock' to publish a 'Tenth Anniversary Yearbook' which will include a brief resume of each officer's career, names of wife and children, a small family picture and a permanent address through which he may always be reached. If you are not contacted by the middle of October for this information (and a stipend), advise us of your address. Anyone knowing the present address of any of the following classmates please drop a card to Ernie Price, Math Dept, USMA: Russell L. Maughan, Clarence R. Westfall, Ranald O. Whitaker, Hanford N. Lockwood, and W. T. Whittemore."

Al Metts reports from Benning that the following were there as of July 11; Bill Debrocke, Jim Darden (back from Korea last spring and now assigned to permanent party, 1st Student Training Regiment), Del Perkins, Bill Greenwalt (family had nine cases of measles in one month—four children each had them twice, and his wife, once), Al Burdett, Archie Hamblen, Stookie Stephens, Bud Boling, Bob Sonstellie, Fred Herres, John Beach and Rip Collins. Greenwalt, Hamblen, Burdett and Perkins were scheduled to leave for C&GSC this fall.

From Ed Curcuru I heard that Frank and Betty Saul took two months leave from Frank's civilian engineering job to spend July and August in France. Also, Ed reports that Bob Hanna is working for the Ford Motor Company as an engineer. Danny Cullinane has left Annapolis, where he was an exchange Tac for the past year, and stopped by here for a week on his way to Advanced School at Fort Knox.

According to Pete Ryan, L. B. Smith is in Air Research and Development, but he did not indicate where or when. Dutch Ingwersen is in Turkey, and Junior Lloyd is reported in Hawaii. Hal Parfitt, according to Steve Gordy, received a combat promotion to Lt. Col. in Korea and is now in the Planning Section of the Engineer School at Belvoir. Lorrie Thomas is also at Belvoir holding down the S-3 job in the Engineer OCS. When last heard from, Howard Coffman was assigned to the Staff and Faculty at Belvoir, and, of course, our ex-scribe, Tom Johnston, is there as a student in Advanced Course. Duane Tenney has left the Armored School to teach at Belvoir, and Jim Cain, who is back from Japan, is reported to be at Armored Advanced at Knox.

Bill Westbrook saw Fletcher Veach and Harry Reeder, who are with the 82d Airborne Division, while he was visiting Fort Bragg. Bill Brabson is there working with AFF Board No. 1. Westbrook also reports that Ed Cutler is currently with SAC.

Page Jackson's mother sent us a very nice letter, which we greatly appreciate. After his retirement for physical disability in 1950, Page spent two years at Georgetown Law School and has recently moved to Florida, where he will take his last year at Stetson U. in Deland, Fla. He intends eventually to go into practice there and needs to establish residency.

Received news via a press release that Christy Munch was recently awarded the Legion of Merit Medal at Clark Field, Luzon, P.I. "for performing exceptionally meritorious conduct while performing outstanding services as staff judge advocate in Headquarters, Fifth Air Force, Seoul, Korea, from October 1951 to April 1952." Congratulations.

Bob McClure penned a note, dated July 11, that, as of that date, he and Ned Schramm were the only ones of our class on Okinawa, although Bob had orders at that time to return Stateside for duty in the Pentagon. He was scheduled to leave August 12 after three years on Okinawa. Ned, who is working in Purchasing and Contracting, was joined by his family last spring. Bob also announced the arrival of an eight pound four ounce boy on May 30, which gives Bob and Betty Ann two children, the other being a three and a half year old girl. Our congratulations to both of you. Perhaps you can bring the new member up here this fall. Bob also added that the living conditions on Okinawa have definitely improved and that it soon might be a choice spot.

Warren Hecker sent a note from Korea where he is the C.O. of an Infantry Battalion in the 2d Division (got his silver leaf in February). He mentions seeing Bob Rooker, who is S-3 of a nearby Artillery Battalion. Warren was due home on rotation sometime this past July.

Ed Blount, in Germany with the 4th Infantry Division, deserted the bachelor's ranks this last spring. No details on the wedding, so perhaps Les Hardy, whose wife, Betty, and children were scheduled to join him this spring, can fill us in. Pinkie Winfield, in Germany with the 2d Armored, was joined by Phoebe and the four children this past spring. G. L. Smith and wife, Leta, were last reported in Germany—Headquarters EUCOM, I believe.

That's all there is for now. We are short on news, so please drop us a card even if it's only to give us your return address. You folks at service schools should get together and "elect" a representative to keep us informed of what is going on. As far as that goes, there ought to be a "pen-pal" wherever there are any sizeable number of our class gathered. We hope to hear from you soon.

—Malone.

1944

Some of the material I sent in for last column was not printed because I was a couple of days late getting it in while on a short vacation so I'll repeat it now even though some of it is so old it is hardly news anymore.

Had a long letter from Willie Burr in June, who is now at Ft. Benning taking the advanced course. This is Willie's first State-side duty since graduation. Has been in Germany over six years and married Virginia Patricia Schmid of Washington State while in Germany in May of 1951. Virginia was with the Army at the time in a civilian capacity. Willie and Virginia are expecting the first little Burr in November and would like to hear from or see any of you at 428A Craig Drive, Custer Rd. Terrace, Columbus.

Willie saw a number of classmates at the advanced course graduation party in May, all of whom were heading for other duty. Ollie Patton going to Penn State and then on to the Point this fall as an instructor. Frank Mahin supposedly on the way to Korea after several years with the Historical Division in the Pentagon. Bill Tuttle also reported on the way to Korea. Others finishing the advanced course, destination unknown, were Cowherd, Hibbard and Frank Moore. Think Jim Adamson is still at Benning in the office of the School Secretary (what a deal) and "Mouse" Burnett is there taking jump training prior to a tour of duty at some civilian school. "Doc" Hayward also just finished at Benning. DiSilvio is on RO duty in New York City.

All the classmates stationed at West Point of course took part in June Week activities. Only ones not stationed there who attended were reported to be Nick Fuller, Carl Anderson and Hi Ely, although I thought I saw Schellenger's picture in the July issue.

Had a note from Bill Wightman announcing the birth of a son, Anthony Edward on June 30. Bill and Sylvia also have a little girl, now two and one-half years old. Bill is Senior Military Training Officer at Webb Air Force Base in Big Springs, Texas. Address: 806 Settles, Big Springs.

Bev Snow received his M.S. degree in Civil Engineering at Univ. of Illinois in June and is now at Belvoir taking the advanced course.

Card from Nels Parson from Univ. of Sou. Cal. in L. A., where he is studying for a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. After that he expects to be assigned somewhere for guided missile work. He and Donna have two children, boy and girl. Looks to me as if everyone is always going to school in our class—guess the powers-that-be recognize brains when they see them.

Seven of our classmates finished the Armored advanced course at Knox in June and have now scattered to the four winds: Cooch to Syracuse University for comptroller course; Howland to Vanderbilt to work on PhD in Psychology; Jenks and S. H. Smith to Europe; Eisenhower to Far East instead of Near East as reported, but Drake and McKeever are staying at Knox, as aide to Gen. White, and to work with the armored school respectively.

Received a note concerning Graham stating that he has been 25th Division Engineer and CO of 65th Engr. Bn. since April 1952. Also a memo from Scott Air Force Base, where John Sanders is now Foreign Liaison Officer at Headquarters, Air Training Command. John is a Major, as is Graham and Snow.

In three promotion lists put out in August and September thirty-five more from '44 made Major. They were: Bill Bell, A. O. Brooks, Cabaniss, Deiter, Glab, Hoffman, Losch, W. J. Nelson, Jack Peterson, Pickens, E. P. Anderson, Bootz, Boyles, DeArment, Neilond, Art Nelson, O'Donnell, Ollie Patton, Rodden, S. H. Smith, Stowell, Wear, Callahan, Ciske, Greaves, Gruenther, Humma, Maish, Kern Pitts, Howie Richards, Scilla, Sloan, J. T. White and Dave Zillmer. A list of Majors was published earlier in this column but I do not know how the Class as a whole stacks up as to promotions. Heard that two Air Force classmates were Lieutenant Colonels but don't know who they are.

Have seen George and Beth Blanchard, Jack and Bea Peterson and Jim Connell in Washington the past few days and the promotion list and following dope came from them. Jack and Bea had just come back from vacation via the Point. I was at Walter Reed for several weeks in August and September due to the necessity of having my right knee removed and got to see a few classmates while there.

Joe Cutrona, who had handled this column for the past two years, has now left West Point, where he was Asst P.I.O., and is at Fort Sill for the advanced course. Jelks Cabiness and Jack Pollin have both gone to Sill for the advanced course. Imagine there are several others and would like to know who if possible in order to get my records straight.

Molloy and Jim Douglas are now at Benning for advanced course. Would also like to know of any others there. Jim Denham has just finished jump school at Benning and is now at the Point as Physics instructor. Don Carter left for Korea late in August after a tour as instructor at N.Y.M.A. Les and Mabel Halsted are in Yokohama. Les in G-4 section, Hq. Japan Logistical Command. APO 343. Hurst passed through West Point in August on way to San Marcus AFB and then on to FECOM. George Tuttle, Joe Losch, Bill Murray and L. C. Ellis are taking advanced course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Tuttle, Murray and W. S. Scott have recently transferred to Ordnance from other branches.

Those of 1944 who are stationed in and around Washington held a dinner-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club on September 6. Was quite a party from all I can gather. Those attending were the Armstrongs, the Bells, the Bethels, the Beukemas, the Blanchards, the Dunns, the Emersons, the Hendricks, the Kellers, the McGlothlins, the McLeans, the Merritts, the F. E. Moores, the J. T. Moores, the Petersons, the F. L. Smiths, the Snows, the Stegers, the Sussotts, the Peughs, the Irvines, the Porters, Jim Connell and date, Czaspar and date, Mahoney and date, C. C. Martin and Dick and Mrs. Patch from their retired status down in Virginia.

Try to send me all the information you can for the next issue to 1748 Vinton, Memphis.

—Buford Norman.

1945

Goodbye Pointers, Hello Sooners! Yes the time has come and all that. When you read these lines, in fact, the headquarters of the column will have shifted from West Point to Fort Sill. We have been told that we may hang on to it and have decided that we would like to. So send your news to Captain J. M. Alfonte, Box 5, AOAC No. 1, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

This will necessarily be a short column, for we are writing it early knowing that when the deadline falls, we will be in the midst of establishing pioneer headquarters out in Indian country. Also, very few of you seem to find time to send news in the middle of the hot season, so there just is not much to write for you to read.

Here is what we have. Hope that you all caught the short article on Bob Woods in *Time* early in August. It was in the Letter to the Editor section and simply brought the readers up to date on Bob's doings since he was *Time's* cover boy just after graduation. We saw Bob recently in New York, and he certainly does not look as stern as in *Time's* picture. In fact what with his recent advance to Assistant Traffic Manager of Shaefers, he looked quite happy indeed. Gerry and the two boys are summering at Martha's Vineyard. Card from the beautiful Geraldine informs us that Jessie Siebert is also up there. Bill, Hug Moore, and Snapper Rattan are all together in Korea. Eddie McCarron's mother writes from Washington that George Churchill should also be in Korea by this time. He came East on a 45-day leave but evidently left West Point off his itinerary. Mrs. Mac also writes that Glenn and Lily Brunson have a new baby girl, Ellen Carol, born in Arlington in July. And speaking of babies, Jean and Doug Kenna's fourth arrived on July 6th—a boy, Michael Earl, thus evening the score in the Kenna family at 2 of each. This young Kenna, though, is unique in being the first one *not* to be born at West Point. This one a Mississippi rebel!

One of the last times we saw Jean before she left was at a very different party that Bill and Betty Ochs gave for those classmates who are leaving this year. It was given aboard the Supe's yacht, the *Benny Havens*, as it sailed up the river to Poughkeepsie and back. Among those swapping tall tales were Jean and John Bennett, Kitty and Herb Price, the Kennas, and Janis and Larry Jones. (They aren't leaving and we don't know how they "got into the act"!) The Garman, Adairs, and Holcombs could not make it and were missed. Might just as well follow through on this group. Herb and Kitty are at QM School in Petersburg (actually Camp Lee) which is Kitty's home. We hear that John and Jean have bought a house in Benning Hills and that the Adairs are also now settled down for the Advanced Course next year. Have not heard that the Holcombs are there yet, but they will be. Bill and Betty Ochs, along with the Kennas, are really the "old timers" here. Bill has transferred the same courtesy and thoughtfulness that made him the perfect PIO to his job as Aide to the Superintendent, in which office he is just as perfect. And of course Doug continues with the AAA football office.

The class does have some new arrivals to replace those departing. Bob (Blackie) Campbell has arrived from Fort Sill to boost the class bachelor strength. Bob will teach Social Sciences. Marietta and Bill Ekberg are here for a three year stint with Electricity. And there are two new additions in the St. Onge family—twins, Thomas Hunt and Timothy Steele born on July 30th. This makes four boys for Lois and Bob. Bob, incidentally, takes over as head coach of "C" Squad this fall. New party committee of Barney Broughton, Bill Ekberg, and Art Hanket making plans for big party to

drink up all the beer we were left with when our June Week function was rained out. Barney, by the way, took in Benning's jump school this Summer. Jim Hunt leaves West Point on an exchange deal with—of all places—Annapolis!! John and Elizabeth Linden kept the class in the social swim on their Bermuda vacation. Larry and Janis Jones spent theirs at Fort Bragg, and Dick and Mary Gorder are now on a fishing trip in upstate New York.

A card on an arrival in Europe. To Babs and Jim Patchell in Heidelberg, a second son, Christopher on June 18th. They should now be at Benning where they will also be part of Advanced Course. Del Fowler, Shumard, Colin Carter, Bill Norris, and Ed Curry, are reported at Texas A&M studying for masters' degrees in Civil Engineering. Of this group Fowler, Carter, and Norris are returnees from Korea, and Shumard and Curry have just finished Advanced at Belvoir. Incidentally it is Major Del Fowler who completes the threesome of Engineer majors along with Burnell and Hardin. Don't believe we have previously reported Bob McBride (2d Div) or Bill Gardiner (9th Korean Div) as being in Korea. Jim Dager was there too but later reported at Chemical Section, GHQ, Tokyo. While on the subject of Korea, we were recently revising a PIO booklet on USMA statistics and discovered that the battle deaths of our class exceed those of any other class. As I recall, it stands now at 19.

We saw some of the class in Washington back in June. At Georgie Patton's wedding we saw Bart Kerr who was then still in Walter Reed convalescing. Write him at Ward 1. We also saw Marty Allen, who expects Gordy home very shortly. They will go to Benning. Then Harle and Bee Damon and Tommy and C. B. Maertens got together a group for a picnic. We saw the Wagonhursts there. Wag, you know, had gotten out of the Army when Korea began. He came back in, volunteered for Korea, spent 18 months there with the 5th RCT and is now a Major of Infantry. And to top it all, has his RA commission back. Stationed now in Washington. Also at the picnic—but briefly (seems the kids had measles!!) were George and Harriet Eyster. They will be D.C. residents for another year or so. And they were especially glad to see George Bush for the first time since graduation, and to meet Theodel, a very pretty red head to brighten any class function, and their recent first arrival, young Jim Bush. George is still at Belvoir, as previously reported. The Wallstens, Dick and Allie, were there too, but when you read this they should already be on their way to Belgium for attache duty. Harle and Bee, themselves, even as I write this, are on the high seas enroute to Oslo for a two year stint with our embassy there. And to complete the guest list, the Maertens have returned to Benning (they were previously there for three years) for Advanced.

That's about all for this time. Will give you a full report on the gang at Sill next time. We understand it to be quite a large group. Meanwhile you readers at other places get together and send us the word on what you are doing and where it's being done.

Jim Alfonte.

A few extra news items follow, which have drifted in since Jim's departure from the "Rock":

Vergil Givens is in Flight Test Division, Edwards AFB, California. A girl, Carolyn, was born to Janet and Verg, April 7, this year. Bob and Jean Lindsay are in Crabtown, where Bob is teaching Fluid Mechanics to future Admirals. Monor Mabry is on his way to duty with the mission in Turkey. Mabe just left Lehigh University, where he was Assistant PMS&T. Dave Clymer got

his master's degree from Texas A&M in June, and is on his way to Korea. Back from Korea is Major Keith Stewart, now at the advanced course at Benning. Lucy Lee and Lee Shoaff were through West Point this summer—presently stationed at Knox. Doug Atkins is S-3, 65th Combat Engr. Bn., and Herman Napier is a company commander in the 27th Inf, both in Korea.

Jim Golden writes a newsy note from Guam. Jim just finished the B-47 training program, along with Lish, Ludlow, Hines, Schaffner, Bill Preston, and Murray Field. Jim also reports that he has seen John Coulahan at Travis AFB, Ed Mason (stationed on a Navy carrier, no less) at Jacksonville, Fla., and civilian Roger Johnson, a radar technical representative, at Mather AFB.

New and welcome residents at West Point in addition to the aforementioned Ekbergs are Caryl and George Adkisson, Roscoe Barber, Fred and Natalie Bond, Jane and Marty Brewer, Bob Campbell, Baker Carrington, Bob and Lu Conrad, Frank and Virginia Draper, Nancy and Bill Jarrell, and Kitty and John Powers. Neil Im-Obersteg is among us again after his year in Heidelberg. The Class of '45 group here now numbers 44; divided 37 married, 7 bachelor. We have produced the appalling number of seventy post children (51 boys, 19 girls).

That winds up my post-scripting stint. A tip of the hat and a bow from the waist to Jim Alfonte from this reader for keeping tabs on the eight-hundred-odd peripatetic members of the class.

—Larry Jones.

1946

Margaret Wiss wrote from her home in Columbus, Ohio, to tell us that her husband John is in Seoul, Korea. He is maintenance management officer for the 59th Ordnance Group. John arrived in Korea last May. They have two children, who are with their mother in Columbus.

Jim Hoey has orders for the FEC. His wife Mabel will live in Medford, Oregon, while he is over. Charles Jaco, Jack Grace, and David Lane are at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. Ben Hill and his wife Alma are at Sandhofen, Germany. Albert Ives has been S-2, 1st Bn, 35th Inf ever since April 1952.

The following note came to me via The Association of Graduates: "I now have two sons, Edward III, or 'Skipper' as we call him, born in El Paso, age 4 yrs; and William P., born in Yokohama, Japan, age 1 yr. Family and I spent 43 months in Japan returned in January 1952. Transferred to Ordnance in June 1950. Chuck Hall (William C.) was in same office in Japan. Anybody travelling on Route No. 40 between Phila. and Baltimore, must go through Aberdeen. Will be happy to see any and all classmates. Phone number is in Aberdeen phone book." Now your guess is as good as mine as to who the author of this history is. There will be some classmates that can answer this, "Who is it?", but I'm not going to try. Please, when you send notes to West Point identify the page you write the notes on!!

Zeke Hopkins wrote a letter with some sad news and some good news. In March 52 he completed Air Research and Development Command's Experimental Test Pilot School and is now a Test Pilot at Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. On May 14, 1952, Zeke's son, Mark, was killed in an auto accident. At the time he was but 17 months old. It is with extreme regret that I have to publish such information. I know the class joins me in expressing our heartfelt sympathies to Zeke, Bobbie, and their young daughter Marian

Bird. Marian will be a year old soon. Zeke says he saw Stan Welch, E. E. Christensen and Brechwald at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, on a recent visit there. All are working in support of the Missile Programs being conducted there. Stan Welch is also building a house with his own hands!! He tried to get Zeke's help but with negligible success.

Koch and Stanfield are attending a graduate course in Military Geography at the University of Illinois. Bob Wilson, 1877 S. Belmont Ave., Springfield, Ohio, has recently completed (August '52) the Aero Engineering course at the U.S.A.F. Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Ray Gilbert was in the same class. Other '46 men at the Institute taking various courses are John Schmitt and Ed Lembeck. Ray Gilbert has a daughter Jeannette born in December 1951 at the Wright-Patterson AFB hospital.

I have an impressive looking letterhead and letter before me. "The Penndale Corporation, Builder-Owner-Marlin Beach Apartment Hotel, 17 South Atlantic Boulevard, Telephone 2-8303, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. W. C. Powers, Pres., H. W. Gray, Vice-Pres., R. S. Catarinella, Sec-Treas." That's right! Bill Powers and Roland Catarinella have formed the above corporation and are currently building a most modern and unique hotel on the beach at Fort Lauderdale. It should be one of the nicest hotels in south Florida. Catarinella is the builder and it will be ready for occupancy by November 1, 1952. Okay, let's all get our reservations in early so we can be sure to make it for the winter season!! At least we can wish them the best of luck in the hotel business.

Wayne Nichols has a daughter, Carol Marie, born March 2, 1952. Colonel and Mrs. A. Somoza, Jr., have a son named Anastasio de Jesus Loyola Somoza III, born on December 18, 1951. Patty and Mac MacDonald have a daughter Kathryn Scott, born May 18, 1952 at the US Army Hospital, Camp Roberts, Calif. Mac, who is the Installation Intelligence Officer for Camp Roberts, has just returned from a TDY in connection with the Atomic Energy test at Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, where he also served as I.I.O.

I have seen Glenn Smith here in Houston; he is now working for Standard Oil Co. of Texas on leases. Also have seen Tommy and Catherine Gee in Austin, Texas. Tommy is studying law at the University of Texas.

Got a nice letter from Joe and Gene Buzhardt last August. They are going to be in a new home soon in their home town of McCormick, South Carolina. Joe is going to be practicing law in that area. The Buzhardts were visited by Jerry Butler, his wife, and daughter last July. Jerry is at Shaw Field. Jim Furuholmen, also at Shaw, visited the Buzhardts last spring. Tom Langstaff, another visitor, is now back in Korea, having requested reassignment to combat. Rick Lamp, who has spent the best part of a year in hospital in Calif. due to a mid-air collision, was another visitor of theirs.

From CARE Mission for Germany comes an informative letter by Fred Cordova. You may recall the information about Fred from the Oct. '51 issue of *Assembly*. He and Joan are living in Bad Godesberg with their 4 children (3 girls and a boy) where Fred is Chief of Missions, Germany. Their youngest child, a girl, was born June 13, '52. Fred wants to know if this is a record, i.e., 4 children. Well he is at least tied with Lee and Marie Parmly who also have 3 girls and a boy. After Fred's special assignment to Yugoslavia (7½ months), to negotiate agreement and organize special distribution of food commodities, he returned to Germany. In September 1951 he was decorated by Yugoslav government: "Order of the Yugoslav Flag", for aid to the Yugoslavs in time of grave need . . . etc. Fred adds that he was

able to attend, in March, the 150th anniversary reunion in Frankfurt. Joe Finley is now Asst PMS&T at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo. With him are his wife Virginia, daughter Becky, age 5, and son David, age 2.

Please remember the Class Fund. Our dollars are very low. Those that have not forwarded their one dollar should do so now. Mail to: Capt. R. P. Hazzard, Dept. of M.T.&G., West Point, New York. My address is: 812 N. 2d St., Bellaire, Texas.
—S. E. H. F.

1947

Wally Veaudry is on assignment to Annapolis and says it's a great job. He's company officer of 10th company for this fall—during the summer he was Drill Officer, teaching the plebes how to march. Since he has been at Annapolis, Paul and Ann Callan and their three children have visited them. Paul is at Edgewood Arsenal now, but is going to school in Alabama shortly. Jim and Kay Johnson have been visiting back and forth from Belvoir with the Veaudrys. While at Belvoir they saw the Jacobsens, Van Petens and Schuders.

G. G. Kent is at Meade and hoping to go to Liaison Pilot School soon. Wayne and Dot Hauck have been on leave visiting Dot's sister in Mass. and Wayne's relatives in Maine. Wayne is in the Ordnance School at Aberdeen. Wally Veaudry would like the address of Hank Emerson if anyone has it. Hank is Aide to General Clark in Japan but Wally doesn't have the address. Wally's address is Capt. W. F. Veaudry, Exec. Dep't, USNA, Annapolis, Maryland.

Dan and Hope Tate had a 9 lb. ½ oz. son, Daniel, Jr., on the 26th of July. Mother and child doing well, father still a bit weak.

A letter from Joe Addison gives us the news that he's been at Knox in the PIO since February after arriving from Stuttgart, Germany. Starting in September he is going to the Advanced Course at the Armored School. The following is a list of those stationed at Knox with Joe: Joe Addison, Laurie and Susan, age 3; Jim Cosgrove, Bobbie and Mike, age 2; Al Haig, Pat and Al, Jr., age 2 mo.; John Delistraty, Mary, Christine, age 2½; Dan Hering, Norma; Ronnie Heiser, Gwenne and Helen, age 2; Bob Baer, Ann, Johnny, age 2½ and Thommy, age 7 mo.; Bob Kennedy, Jeannie; Bob Gossett, Mary Ann, Cherie, age 3, and Jimmie, age 16 mo.; and, Jack Faith, Jill, Johnny, age almost 4, and Mike, age 2. Bill West, Mahlum, Burner, Gerrity and Peckham are expected at Knox for the course beginning in August, Joe says.

A note from Ed Cottongim gives us the following dope: "News from Wright-Patterson AFB; Ed Cottongim—USAF Institute of Technology (Graduate Industrial Administration); Jim Colburn—USAF Institute of Tech. (Aeronautical Engineering); Bob Babbitt—Equipment Lab., Wright Air Development Center; Lee Christensen—Materials Lab., Wright Air Development Center; Alan Sapowith—Aircraft Lab., Wright Air Development Center; J. E. Mock—Power Plant Lab., Wright Air Development Center; and Tex Hightower—Procurement—Air Materiel Command. I also understand Mike Bellovin is here but do not know where and haven't seen him."

Letters were few and far between for this issue—let's do better next time.—D. L. T.

1948

You people didn't write much this past three months so don't expect to get much news.

Tom Jones out at Fort Leonard Wood writes to correct me for saying that he was in Europe. He also says that Denny Patterson took over one of the companies in his Battalion after returning from the Philippines. Jim Barnett has another one of the companies and was going great guns with a volleyball team in the 5th Army competition at Fort Riley. Reuben Anderson is with Headquarters 20th Brigade and just recently got married to some lucky gal from Springfield, Missouri. Bill Whitson transferred to the Infantry and is now with General Hobbs in New York as Aide. Bob Graf was there for a day or so but got orders to report to California Tech for a year of civilian schooling. Bill Cook was married somewhere in the state of Washington. Jack Kean was down at Leonard Wood on the 5th Army inspection team and was expected again. Dick Weber should be at the University of Illinois, back from Europe, to take an advanced training course in signal communications. Jesse Kelsey and Anne are back from Japan and now located at Fort Eustis. Walt Schlotterbeck is also at Eustis with a Captain's job.

Lake Churchill reports from Fort Bliss that there are about three others in the vicinity including Frank McClaffin, Curiy Mounger, and Bugs Beinke. McClaffin is working in the operations section of the Guided Missiles Department of the Guided Missiles School, and is expecting to attend a class starting in September. Beinke is assigned to Staff and Faculty, Fort Sill, with duty at Bliss. Mounger has been in and out of El Paso for two years and left in June for Randolph Field. Churchill says that he would like to hear from Bob Ward and Jack Miller if that isn't asking too much.

A card from John Milton tells us that he has returned from Panama for duty in the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. The others that were there in Panama are still there including Reese Jones, Bill Byers, and Jim Tuthill. Charlie Horn has come back and is assigned to the R.O.T.C. Unit at Michigan State.

To finish things off, Rodman Saville was married on the 7th of September to Jean Marie Ormondroyd at Manhattan Beach, California. I certainly would have liked to attend that ceremony and would like to hear the details now. Sorry to have missed it, but that is what happened.

—Charley Nash.

1949

Apparently most of our class is either on its way home or has come home from Korea. A note from Kenny Miller said that he had turned over his command of a company on August 1st and was due to be back in the States in September. Ken is very much relieved to be coming home as he has been over and back from Korea twice in the last two years. Tom Bullock has been promoted to Captain. Tom is flying B-26's and has been destroying enemy supply lines and equipment in Korea. Bob Orem writes that he, Joe Guthrie, and Tom Crawford have been flying mosquito bombers in Korea since May and that they have just recently been joined by Bobby Howell. Crawford has a daughter and son, and Howell has a daughter.

Dod Brandt writes from Japan that he was married a few years ago to a Florida girl and has just adopted two daughters by his wife's previous marriage. Since then they have had a third daughter, born in September 1950. Dod likes Japan very much and is close to Paul Hinkley, Al Goering, and Arnold Winter, who are all flying B-50's. On his way to Japan Dod saw Bill Gustafson and Charlie Oliver at Kadena. Ed Hind-

man on his way back to the States saw Goble Bryant and Johnny Saxon in Japan. He also left Kirby Lamar, still in Korea. They were in the same company together. Charlie Smith, who is Asst S-3 with an artillery unit in Alaska, has seen Cid Colson and Bob Derickson quite often, as they are all stationed close to one another. Ed Marks and Willie Marfuggi have passed through Charlie's base.

Word comes from Germany that the Harold Lombards had twin boys in September 1951. It is believed that these are the first twin boys in our class. Congratulations. . . Also with the Lombards are the Suruts and Rogers'. The Carswells had a girl born June 1st in Germany. The Olentines and Nelsons are with them and the Bonwells are stationed near by.

Congratulations go to the Dick Mortons on their new son, born August 16th; to the Bob Estes' on their son, born March 15th; and to the Bart Days on their daughter, born on August 13th.

Joe and Penny Sinclair, the Peixottos, the Earthmans, the Fitzs, and Andy Ditts's wife had a good reunion and party in the Canal Zone recently. George Orton has notified us that he was discharged by reason of physical disability from the Army and is now working for the Government as a civilian. He says his work is very interesting and is "hush-hush" They have a new son born in May. Joan Weart says that the Winnie Walkers, the Ivys and Trieshmans are all together at Mather AFB in Sacramento. Janet Spillers had stopped over night on her way to join Harry in Japan.

Congratulations go to Maurice Kurtz on his marriage to Barbara Ann Hester on August 15th. Word was received that Ernie Denham has been discharged from the hospital and is now with his family at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a weapons instructor. Ernie had previously been quite seriously wounded in Korea while commanding a rifle company.

With the football season at our front door I hope that I will see some of you at the games this fall and if there are any reunions please let me know about it. Perhaps we can have more news for the next issue.

—John I. Saalfeld.

1950

By way of introduction, this is Lou Genuario replacing Gail Wilson, who has just returned from Helsinki, is now at Benning (Basic School) and will soon be enroute to EUCOM. He'll take his wife Ardath and their January addition to the Wilson family. Good luck Gail, and thanks for the fine articles you turned out over the past two years.

Jack Murphy and Earnie Thomas have made arrangements for our Class "Cup". It's now on display at J. E. Caldwell & Co., Philadelphia, waiting for a name to be engraved on it. The verse "Here's to the man who wins the cup . . ." is on our "Cup" now. So all prospective winners please send the name and date of birth of the child (boys only, according to Hoyle) to me at Qtrs. 171-D, Ft. Jay, Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y. I'll send the names on to Murph and he'll see that the rightful owners get the "Cup"

Letters from the following people, thanks to them, make this issue possible: Gail Wilson, Joe Love's mother, Glory McBride, Shirley Thomas, Bill Fitts, Ruth Sachers (Hank's sister), Dick Drury, Frank Thompson, Bill Hinds, Grady and Bess Banister, Mauro Maresca, Ginny Douglass, Warde "Toot" Wheaton's mother, Grayson Tate, Jack Hendry, Bill Steinberg, George Morrissey, Andy Pick and Bill Read.

Let's try this by information received in each letter rather than by theater to see how it looks in print:

Mrs. Love—George Vlisides injured his shoulder in gunnery training but is now back to duty at Luke AFB. Jack Magee recently acquired wings and wife; Ken Ebner Asst Bn 3, and Joe Love a Company Commander with the 24th Div; Buzz Baxter leading a flight of 51's (51 missions as of June) in a Fighter Bomber Group.

Frank Thompson—back from "Frozen Chosen", as he calls it, is flying air Evac out of Brookley AFB, Mobile, Ala. He mentions that after tours in Korea, Bill Sweidel is at Westover AFB, Mass. and Pete Nibley is at Tyndall AFB, Fla. Ray McCauley, no longer flying 51's, now has a desk job in Seoul. Ray Bonanno and Jim Horsley are flying missions in Korea.

Dick Drury, Andy Hubbard, Dick Weight, K. T. Veley and Bill Todd are on 90 days TDY in Korea flying B-26's for a bit of familiarization combat—some deal! Dick saw Don Coscarelli in Tripoli and Norm Smedes on Okinawa (you hives figure that one out). Mike De Armond was shot down but he was seen to bail out of his F-86 safely. Pray he's okay.

Ruth Sachers—Hank was with the 187th R.C.T. quelling riots on Koje, and is now near Tokyo learning about the C-124 transport. Hank was best man for Bob Grow recently. Ruth adds that Jim Barnes moved from Sill to Bliss—Jim was awarded the D.S.C. not too long ago.

Bill Fitts writes that he's in the 7th Div. with Bill Bloss, John Green, Dick Wyrrough, "Sandy" Sanderson, and Frank Gorman, who was wounded last May. Ken Murphy and Graham Sibbles are with the 2nd Div. Chuck Hammond and John Weaver are with the 187th R.C.T.

Glory McBride writes that Bob was recently on R.&R. in Tokyo; Phil Bardos acted as interpreter for a Greek General visiting the 3rd Div.; Tom Barry aiding in Japan and living at Washington Heights with his wife; Mark Jones with G-2 25th Div.; Mark Hanna with the 7th Div.; and Dick Hoffman in Europe aiding General Gard, Bobby's Dad.

Shirley Thomas says G. G., Dave Meredith, Andy Rutherford, and Walt Vannoy were with the 187th R.C.T. and now in Japan. She and Kay Rutherford are awaiting port calls to FECOM.

A press release from the 8th Fighter Bomber Wing reports that Lou Leiser is doing a great job shooting up supply routes and front line emplacements with his F-80.

Major Edrington (June '43), commanding a battalion in the 3rd Div., writes that Ross Franklin is one of the best company commanders in the regiment. He's been doing some great work and was recommended for the D.S.C.

Grayson and Anne Tate at Ft. Bliss with Phil and Tess Donahue, Bob and Martha Morrison, Vern and Marge Gatley, Bill and Sue Pogue, Dan McDaniel, Paul Vanture, and Milo Rowell. Tex and Shirley Gillham are at Biggs AFB; Stan Prouty and Johnny Miller due back from Okinawa soon.

At Ft. Sill having Class parties every month are Andy Pick, Luke and Louise Aull, Stan Reinhart, Lloyd Mielenz, Morris and Faith Herbert, Jack and Joan Roehm, Sam and Ruth Stapleton, Bill Eichorn, Don and Fran Langren, Clark Martin, Howard and Wendy Blanchard, Jack and Julie Palmer, Marty and Alice Small, and C. Q. Jones. Reinhart, Martin, Small, Eichorn, and Stapleton are Captains.

Ben and Melvie Lewis, Emmett and Rollie Lee, and Russ and Priss Glen are now at Belvoir after long tours in Korea.

With the 26th Infantry in Europe are Larry Jackley, Vern Quarstein, Roswell Round and John McCleary.

Jack Hendry stopped in at Ft. Jay last June and caught me sound asleep in the living room while Rose and daughter Donna Maria were preparing supper. Jack, now at Camp Irwin, Calif., was at Knox with Paul

McDaniel, Dave Mernan, Dick Bastar, W. D. Miller, Lauris Eek, Al Paulger, Bill Ward, Jack Koehler, Malcolm Chandler, Abe Allen, Jim Hufnagel, Wally Nutting, George Tilson, Tom Fife, and Phil Samsey.

George Morrissey was married last Feb. to Miss Mary Hardin Hutchinson—Monte Coffin aided George through the ceremony.

Gail forwarded the June, July issue of the "Stok", written by Bill Read. It appears to be a D-2 family publication and a fine one at that. Bill and John Brinkerhoff are at Beale AFB, Calif. Dave Cameron, Warde Wheaton and Jim Kelley are at Orlando in SCARWAF. (Special Category Army with Air Force.)

Bill and Mary Ruth Hinds tell all about a big class Reunion in Berchtesgaden, Germany. Attending were: John McCleary, Philo and Midge Hutcheson, Nel and Margaret Thompson, Karl Weber, Jordan Seitz, Al Breitweiser, Grady and Bess Banister, Pete Mallett, Stu Wood, George and June Rees, Pat and Elaine Wilson, Austin and Jeanne Veatch, Pat Zabel, Larry and Betty Lodewick, Bob and Cynthia Eastman, Falkner Heard, Dick Trefry, Dick Lunger, Jay and Grace Durst, George and Connie Fullerton. Grady and Bess wrote much about the above party and the great times they are having touring Europe. Will get to your main point in a minute Grady.

Warde "Toot" Wheaton's mother puts out a terrific news letter—she should write our *Assembly* column or we should be on her distribution list. Son Warde was married on March 8. Shorty Gaillard, with a Signal Company in Korea, notes "War is H...", with red leather lined bunkers, mint juleps, and a TV set in each hole. Bolo Brunson, Gene Etz, Paul Ingram, and Dick Leavitt are being led in the air by Captain Arnold Braswell, '48.

Now to our babies and babies to be. Grady and Bess Banister have Grady III, born in

August '51—this is first mention of it, and another "on the way".

Girls to Jack and Pat Murphy; Bill and Robin De Graf; Chuck and Dianne Friedlander; Mauro Marescas, Clyde Cloars, Phil Penningtons, and Jack and Joan Roehm.

Boys to Mark and Barbara Hanna, their second boy; and to Bob and Ginny Douglass. Volney and Janice Warner at Ft. Riley have applied for their second—this time a candidate for Hudson High says Volney. It will definitely beat this issue of *Assembly*. Rose and I are expecting another in January.

A note from any and all will fill in anything I've missed, so loosen up. Rose, Donna and I are offering free room and board to those of you visiting the big city. Nice quarters, good food, soft living—and only a short ferry ride from Manhattan.

See ya maybe, and don't forget the "Cup"

—Lou Genuario.

1951

Bronze Stars, Silver Bars, Silver Wings, Air Medals, "Break the Bank", New Wives, Babies, and Sweethearts . . . Black '51 Marches On! ! !

Bronze Star: Bob Howes must really get around "over there" He writes that he has, at one time or another, run into John Byers (John has finally reestablished home with his beloved Armor in the 2nd Div), George Psihas, Pat Lynch, Brooks Martin (with the 45th Div Recon Co), Larry Crocker, and Parkins (120th Engr C Bn). Bob, Pat Lynch (of the "fifth sense" fame) and Bill Depew have been doing a little "elbow bending" along the Imjin Beach Area. Just recently, Bob received the Bronze Star with "V" for the action mentioned in the last issue of



WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, CHANDLER, ARIZONA—West Pointers (Class of 1951) receiving their pilot wings at the nation's first jet fighter school on August 2 are from left to right (1st row) Lt. Richard P. Guidroz, Lt. Samuel T. Dickens, Lt. William L. Richardson, Lt. Leo F. Post, Jr., and Lt. Samuel M. Guild, Jr., (2d row) Lt. Carleton K. Sprague, Lt. Kenneth F. Hite, Lt. Jack L. Price, Lt. Allen P. Hunt, Lt. Wayne M. Dozier, Lt. David E. Leyshon, Lt. John F. Brown, Jr., Lt. Frederic A. Henney, Jr., Lt. Robert F. Niemann, Lt. Stephen Watsey and Lt. William G. Moretti, Jr.

Assembly. It was his first patrol as an FO. Nice going, Bob.

Silver bars: Those of whom I've heard making First Lieutenant are Bill Depew, George Bitcher, Bob Howes, Glen McChristian, Al Esser, John Moffat, Ron Roberge, Frank Waldman, Al Frick, Dick Schwarz (9th Inf), Bob Yerks (15th Inf), Freddie Sartin (223rd Inf), Bill Strong (10th Eng C Bn), George Scheuerlein (578th Engr C Bn), Karl Peltz (74th Engr C Bn), Dave Carter (74th Engr C Bn), Mac McLean (176th Armd FA Bn), Pat Lynch (245th Tk Bn), Chuck Ewing, Joe Scheuman, and Frank Forrest. Congratulations.

Silver Wings: Those graduating single engine at Reese AFB, Texas were Stan Umstead (to Selfridge AFB, Mich.), Joe Danforth, Al Norton, Frank Walker, Bob Jacobs (to Burlington Municipal Airport, Vt.), Larry Eppley (to Niagara Falls Municipal Airport, N. Y.), Bud Conti, Bob Lerner (to Otis AFB, Mass.), Harley Jeans, Ruddy Prince (to McGuire AFB, N. J.), Jerry Dickson, John Osborn (to Duluth AFB, Minn.), Arnim Brantley, Barney Landry (to Berry Field, Tenn.), and Pete Kuhn (to Rapid City, S. D.). Those graduating multi-engine at Reese AFB, Texas were Dave Huff (to Lake Charles, La.), Lou Buffington, Jack Craigie, Frank Fischl, Jack Gordon, Larry Larsen, Irv Reed, Seth Scruggs, George Sundlie, Howie Wiles (to Randolph AFB, Texas). Those graduating single engine at Vance AFB, Okla. were Don Griesmer (to Selfridge AFB, Mich.), Dick Haggren (to Burlington Municipal Airport, Vt.), Lou Bretzke (to McGuire AFB, N. J.), Frank Penny (to Minneapolis, Minn.) and Hal Schultz (to Berry Field, Tenn.). Those graduating multi-engine at Vance AFB, Okla. were Des Islet (to South Carolina), Bill Allen, Williams, Pat Ryan (to Randolph AFB, Texas), Gorsky, and Veurink. Have heard nothing from the flyboys who went to jet schools. (See cut—Ed.)

Air Medal: George Scheuerlein (578th Engrs) is probably the only engineer of the class to win an Air Medal. He went to Artillery Aerial Observer School and has flown 21 missions over enemy lines.

New Wives: Tom Odderstal and Barbara Stephens of Grand Canyon, Ariz. said their vows on the 19th of January (at present Tom is with the 45th "Thunderbird" Div); Bob Dean and Jeanine Marshall of Austin, Texas were married in April (Bob is in Germany, and Jeanine was to arrive there in July); Pat Corrigan and Eleanor Kasun (Don's sister) were married on the 21st of June at Wheeling, W. Va. (Pat is now in Alaska); Ted Charney and D'arcy Stephens (Col. Stephens' daughter) were to say their vows in the Chapel at Woo Poo on the 9th of September. Welcome into the Club, Girls.

New Babies: She's a Darling! Nancy Ruth to Charlie and Ruth Knapp on the 24th of March; Carolyn Gale to Jim and Ina Pitts on the 15th of June. (Jim went to EUCOM September 1st); a Girl to F. Loren and Jean Ashley in April; Ann Marie to Bob and Thelma Niemann on the 7th of May at Williams AFB, Arizona; Susan to John and Peggy Byers on the 28th of May; Deborah Bradbury to Eric and Fern Antila on the 22nd of August; Penny to George and Kikie Psihas; and the Barbers have a girl but no details as yet.

It's a Boy! A son to Frank and Dottie Forrest, March 8 (Frank is attending Photoradar and Intelligence School, along with Gene Marsh, in Colorado); Kenneth Warren reported to Sut and Betty Miller on the 31st of March at Murphy Army Hospital, Waltham, Mass. (Sut, along with Walt Steidl, is with the 160th Inf in Korea); Michael Alan to Rocky and Joyce Milburn at Ft.

Bliss, Texas on the 30th of April (Rocky is now a Tac at OCS there); Scott Alden born to Sally Ann and George Sundlie on the 7th of May at Reese AFB, Texas; Frank Elliot, III, to Frank and Mrs. Sisson on the 19th of May at Vance AFB, Okla.; William Wallace, III, to Marily and Bill Schooley, on the 26th of June; and George McKinley, III, to George and Mrs. Reid, Jr., July 18 (George has been in Germany since March). The Sheriffs have a boy, but no details as yet.

To all the proud parents . . . *Hearty Congratulations!!* Who's next?

John Derrick writes that Russian wasn't so rough after all. He is with the 6th ROK Koran Div, and finds learning Korean really tough.

A correction: Ronnie Roberge writes that he did not marry Rich's sister as mentioned in a past column. (Am very sorry, Ronnie—more than one source said that you did.)

Just last week a member of the GAP asked me what had happened to "what's-his-name", the "whadda-you-call-it" man of the class. Well, here it is: Jerry, with Doug Michel and Roy Herte, left Fort Riley for FECOM in March. Bob Flanagan, Doug, and Roy were picked for Intelligence School, but Jerry went straight to Korea. "Guess he told them he was intelligent enough. Hope he does not end up with a tattoo on his other arm now that he has nobody to watch over him." (and I'm quoting.) Even more recently I've heard that Jerry has been wounded in action.

Before leaving for Korea as staff intelligence officers, Roy Herte, "Pop" Guyer, Ollie McCray, Nord Parks, and Howie Steel were continuing the party spirit found at Benning, in a hotel south of Tokyo.

Another communique from the Signal Corps: With Signal OCS are Frank Sheriff as Exec O, Phil Cuny as Supply O, "Reb" Barber as Tac O, Dick McClure as Tac O, Bill Edler, formerly a Tac O, but now out of work for a couple of months as a result of a recent operation, Bob Chapman, formerly a Tac O, but now in Guided Missiles School in Ala. for 36 weeks, and Frank Vellella as S-3. Jack Morgan is with the 11th Airborne and Mike Simpson and Fred Miller are with Light Aviation.

Trying not only to be as accurate as possible but also not to repeat myself, I'll try to break down the location of classmates overseas. With the 2nd Div are Delano, Lutterloh, McCullough, Allbritton, Ewing, Storck (2nd Engr Bn), Haumerson (9th Regt Tk Co), and Pazderka. With the 3rd Div are Snyder and Rogers (7th Inf). With the 7th Div are Harris (13th Engr Bn), Wardrop, Beczkiewicz (73rd Tk Bn), Luger Otten, De Ramus (32nd Inf), Cox, Racheck and Crowe (all three with 17th Inf). With the 25th Div are Volk, Partain, Norvel, Henyon and Rockwell. Krupinsky, Constanzo, and La Fleur are with the 19th Engr Gp. Crocker, Wells, and Bicher are with the 36th Engr Gp. Chris Rupp is with the 45th and John Granicher is with the 120th Engr Bn. With the 40th Div are Sharp, Sartin, Summers, and Smith (Don), in the 223rd Inf; Tatum, Scott, Prehn, and Waldman in the 160th; Check in the 140th Tk Bn; and MacIlwain, Scalise, Rockwell, Hook, Rice Kasun, and Robinson. Roberge writes that he, Esser, Moffat, and McChristian are with the 1092nd Engr C Bn; Depew is with the 999th AFA; Lombard and Parkins are in the 120th Engr C Bn; and that Psihas was in the 279th Regt until he caught some shrapnel in the right hand and is now in a hospital in Tokyo. Others in FECOM are: Armor—Robertson, Allen, Vetort, Phillips, J. H., Janssen; Infantry—Boatner, Meyer, Richardson, W. R., Fitch; Artillery—Arnold, Fant, and Holman (780th). Others in

EUCOM are: Armor—Woodley, Phillips, C. D., Fleming, Ashley, Sheridan, Brett, Tausch; Infantry—Shillingburg; Artillery—Atkeson, Doval, Roth, and Kelly; and Signal—Gardner, Wallens, Shapiro, and Jorstad. Anker and James are in Alaska, McDonald is in Panama, Van Matre is in Austria, and in Germany we have Walt Phillips in Schwaback, Monsos in Landshut, Jug Foster in Frankfurt, and Lewis in Nurnberg.

Am running out of space. Thanks for the letters. So long, good luck, and keep writing.

—“P. T.”

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The class of '52 made its introductory remarks in the July issue, but now that we're more settled we can get down to business with *Assembly*.

We greatly appreciate the letters from Tom and Ann Murphy and from Mrs. Tow (Woot's mother). Tom and Patty Leggett, Jake and Kay Quinn, Swede Berry and Rob Korchek dropped in on Mrs. Tow during the summer months in Falmouth, Mass.

Indirectly we learned from Swede Berry that the "long week-ends, good food, and flying pay are setting well with the boys at Goodfellow Air Base". However, Tom Murphy informs us that flight school is not a deadbeat at Stalings Field, N. C.

Here at Benning we extend our congratulations to the newlyweds—Blair and Betty Buckley, Herb and Janice Deiss, Bill and Mim Holden, Bernie and Nancy Knight, Dave and Mary Lyon, Hank and Helen Mosley, Bud and Jean Thompson, and Graham and Addie Humble.

The boys at Benning will finish the Associate Company Officers' Course November 5 and will leave for their permanent (?) assignments, with the exception of those who will stay over to take jump training. A number of the boys here plan to see the Ga. Tech-Army game November 8, and Atlanta will perhaps witness a small reunion of the class.

A couple of week-ends ago Gerry Kutz and Ray Koestner were up from Spence Field, Ga. looking over the Infantry class and spending a week-end in Columbus.

Congratulations are also in order to the engaged couples who have set the dates: Frank Reeder and Georgia Moore, Karl Woltersdorf and Nancy Orgain on September 27; Bob Cottey and Barbara Hush on November 8; Lou Tomasetti and Joanne Sasso on December 13.

This issue is short on news for the class, so we'll make an appeal for letters from everyone. We'd like to see a couple at each station jot a line while they're sitting around the dining table—that goes for the bachelors as well. Whatdya say Walt and Marty Ulmer, Bob and Arden Morgan, Louie Morin and the Moose, Bob and Gloria Russell, Tex Mallard and Bob Craine and Pondus McLemore, Jim Ivers, Bob Tangey, Don and Susie Richardson—and let's not keep it within this small circle. *Anyone* with news or points of interest to the class please take time out for a short note or card. The address here will be 3006 Cody Road, Columbus, Georgia, until November 5 and we'll publish the new address in Riley in the January issue.

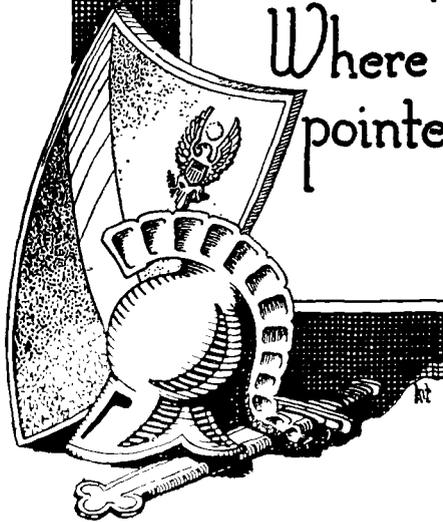
We'll be looking forward to your letters to spread the word to the class.

Good luck and best wishes.

—“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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Louis Hermann Bash

NO. 3663 CLASS OF 1895

DIED MAY 24, 1952 AT PALO ALTO,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 80 YEARS

If the objective of our Alma Mater's training is truly what its motto claims, the life of Louis Hermann Bash is a shining example of its finest product. His sense of Duty was so highly developed that the tasks in recognition of which he received the Distinguished Service Medal in World War I, were not the ones in combat duty at the front, which he had so earnestly hoped for, but the equally important but less glamorous ones in the Service of Supply. Louis always approached a task with such energy, persistence, and determination to see that it was done well, that one could not tell whether the task were a distasteful one or one altogether to his liking.

As for Honor: Louis always walked in uprightness, in which his physical military bearing was well balanced by his moral outlook. The last word, Country, in West Point's laconic motto, named the objective of Louis' whole life service. With him, Country came naturally and unquestionably before self and was of all earthly things to him the one most worthy of service. To this service, Louis devoted himself unstintingly and unreservedly throughout his long active career in the Army.

Of course West Point can not claim exclusive credit for the character and distinguished service of this alumnus. His family background and home training contributed largely to his success. His mother and his wife undoubtedly had a stimulating and sustaining influence in his attitude toward life and his duties. His wife, who survives him, was the gifted and popular novelist, Bertha Runkle. A West Point classmate writes: "In 1904, * * * one of the happiest events * * * was the arrival * * * of Louis and Bertha Bash at Manila. They were bride and groom. She was * * * lovely, brilliant and witty * * * and Louis was the ever popular and beloved pal of all of us. The reception and dinner we gave them * * * was the event of the year. * * * I doubt if there ever was another welcome to honeymooners such as that". His father was a Regular Army officer from the time Louis was about nine years old and was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, until his son entered West Point. Louis, therefore, lived most of his life in an Army atmosphere.

He "had ridden a pony from a very early age. When he was twelve, his father gave him a shotgun. On holidays and in vacation the boy would set forth with his cow pony and his gun and spend several days at a time in the open, staying nights at hospitable ranch houses and learning independence, self reliance and how to get on with strangers. Until he entered the Academy, he had never been in the East". Thus it will be seen that Louis from early childhood was not the scholastic kind of person but was distinctively the out-of-doors type.

Although he had more than the normal amount of schooling in his life, including grammar and high schools, his years at West Point and the Post Graduate School of the Line, formal schooling bored him to such an extent that he welcomed his transfer to the Quartermaster Corps rather than to attend for another year at Ft. Leavenworth the Staff School to which he was recommended. Louis preferred to learn about things empirically, rather than from books. This attitude toward formal schooling, together

with the fact that he was only three months over the minimum age for entry to the U.S. Military Academy, explains the relatively low scholastic standing there of a man of his demonstrated intelligence and ability.

Although he afterwards became the highest ranking officer of his class, Louis was not one of the leaders in cadet life at West Point. With his characteristic unobtrusiveness, he was content with the good will and genuine friendship of his classmates. What he wanted of West Point was a diploma and a commission. Graduation was a great leveler. He knew that everyone again started from scratch and that the opportunities that counted were furnished by his service after graduation. The record shows that Louis made the most of those opportunities.

Louis' forebears were of the old American stock which gradually won the expansive West for the new republic called the United States. They "moved west through Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky to the new land of Indiana and Illinois. In the latter state is where they were living at the beginning of the Civil War and where later



Louis was born, in Chicago. Louis' father was Daniel Norricks Bash, his mother Virginia Ballance, daughter of Col. Charles Ballance, who had raised and commanded a regiment in the Civil War.

Pioneers developed necessarily and powerfully the characteristics of independence, resourcefulness and self-reliance. Louis displayed these same characteristics of his forebears in tackling some of his jobs in France during the early and organizational period of our forces in World War I, notably in the establishment of the ports of St. Nazaire and Brest, where he had to work without precedents and without sufficient tools, material or personnel, but nevertheless had the resourcefulness and vision to lay foundations upon which these French towns became the great ports of entry of our conquering armies.

Louis had an unusually diversified service, which broadened his outlook and Army acquaintances and added to his fitness for the high rank he eventually attained. From graduation at West Point until World War I, most of his service was in the Infantry, although during that period he had a detail in the Subsistence Department, an assignment in Manila as an assistant adjutant general and service with two outstanding general officers as aide-de-camp, where he learned to view operations from a higher plane and where one of these generals, who

doubtless had in mind the development of his aide into something other than a mere "yes-man", encouraged Louis to offer and even to volunteer his opinion about matters ordinarily not discussed with young officers presumably of little experience.

This was a formative period for Army officers of Louis' time, a training school for the development of officers in the qualities required for large operations and high command, a training which proved itself in World War I. Louis seemed to make the most of this schooling, the practical kind that was "down his alley". He seems to have been somewhere in the arena wherever the Army was in the field: in the Spanish-American War, participating in the assault on San Juan Hill and in the siege of Santiago, commanding his company during most of his sojourn in Cuba; in the Philippines, engaged with the insurgents at many places and, during the period when he was a commissary officer at Zamboanga, volunteering for the attack on Bud Dajo; in the Mexican Punitive Expedition, an active participant.

Then came World War II. General Harbord still had Louis by the hand when he was assigned to the 16th Infantry in time to accompany the 1st Division to France. He was training in the Vosges with the Alpine Chasseurs when he was detached to do his pioneering job at St. Nazaire and Brest. At the time General Harbord took over the Service of Supply, Louis had been making every legitimate effort he could to get back to his regiment, which by this time had become engaged with the enemy.

General Harbord had a problem of reorganization and wanted Louis as the Adjutant General of the S.O.S. so insistently that Louis sank his own desires for what was represented to him to be the greater good of his country. He served in this capacity for the rest of the war.

After the war, following a year at the Service Schools at Ft. Leavenworth, he was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps in which he served at various times as Corps Area Quartermaster, as General Superintendent of the Transport Service at Hoboken, N. J. and at Brooklyn, N. Y., as instructor of Organized Reserves, as Assistant to Supply Officer and Construction Quartermaster, San Francisco and vicinity, as Chief, Engineering Division, Construction Service, Quartermaster General's Office and lastly as The Quartermaster General. A job that gave Louis one of his greatest satisfactions upon its completion was the restoration of Arlington, the former home of George Washington Parke Custis and later of Robert E. Lee.

For the execution of all these diversified employments, Louis almost invariably received the commendations of his superiors. In the Spanish-American War, he was recommended for promotion for gallantry in action and received the Silver Star Citation; in the Philippines he received the commendations of his regimental commander and of Brig. Gen. J. Franklin Bell. Gen. Harbord placed him at the topmost position of a list of recommendations for promotion, which he requested be considered in the order named. Louis received for his outstanding service in the S.O.S. the award of the Distinguished Service Medal.

However, for a well rounded and dependable estimate of an officer's leadership in the Army, something more is required than the opinions of his commanders and superiors. Just as important are the opinions of his subordinates, the men supervised or commanded. Louis' leadership stood the test on both counts. One of his subordinates, who afterwards became a Major General himself says: "Captain Bash came to my

regiment, the 5th Infantry, in 1910 to command the company in which I was the 2nd Lieutenant. It soon became evident that a strong and positive character had joined us. His manner was direct and somewhat gruff but it hid a kindly and generous nature to whom in honest distress. He could pick out 'phonies' at once and they got short shrift. Pretense in all its forms was anathema to him."

"The sense of duty and fitness of things controlled in Captain Bash. He hewed to that line. I think his abrupt and sometimes rather gruff manner was frequently misunderstood, but those who worked closely with him understood, liked him and respected him for his ability and unflinching fairness in everything."

"His Saturday morning inspections were terrors. However, the results were good and plain. Afterwards, he would receive men who had complaints or needed help. The 'phonies' were quickly sorted out and bounced from the orderly room with appropriate remarks. The honest ones received the best of kindly advice and frequently those who needed it got material aid."

"By the time Captain Bash's two years of command duty were up and he had to leave, every man in the company swore by him. I know of no better testimonial than that."

A temporary officer, who was an assistant to Louis when he was Adjutant General of the SOS writes: " * * * I learned to appreciate his outstanding executive ability, his unswerving sense of fairness, loyalty and impartiality and his superior intellect, which enabled him to solve the multitudinous problems presented to him * * * promptly, logically, effectively and properly. * * * General Bash occupies a niche as one of the most capable administrators and executives with whom I came in contact in the Army during the two world wars and in civilian life. * * *"

An officer in the Quartermaster Corps, who served under and with Louis, and who also later became a general officer, had this to say: "I have always had a great admiration for Louis Bash. * * * He made a great reputation in the Quartermaster Corps both as a construction officer and as a transportation officer. His splendid record in San Francisco and in New York on the transportation job, and his handling of the construction division in Washington were undoubtedly responsible for his being selected as Quartermaster General. He was not afraid to speak his mind and everybody loved him for it."

With such service as Louis', whose superior quality has been proven by the testimony from above and below, West Point's luster received an extra polish, his classmates' pride in him a lasting stimulation and his country an immeasurable benefit. To paraphrase a part of our Alma Mater Hymn:

And as his work is done,
His course on earth is run,
Now be it said: "Well done".

—P. L. M.

George Hathaway Baird

NO. 4057 CLASS OF 1901

DIED NOVEMBER 13, 1951, AT BENNINGTON,
VERMONT, AGED 74 YEARS.

GEORGE BAIRD was a real "Army Boy" Born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, then the gateway to the West, November 23, 1876, he spent most of his early childhood at old In-

dian Border Posts, soon after General Miles's successful campaigns against such Indian Chiefs as Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Chief Joseph, Geronimo and Natchez, in 1871-1879. Life at these posts at that time was very insecure and full of hair-raising incidents that made lasting impressions on Baird as a young lad.

It was no wonder that George chose to go to West Point. Passed down to him were the experiences of a father, Brigadier George W. Baird, who served as a Private and as a Colonel in the Civil War; and on the Western Frontier from Texas to Montana, as Adjutant General of General Nelson A. Miles's field command during all his Indian campaigns. For his gallantry in one of these campaigns his father was awarded the Medal of Honor. It was no wonder that George was a kindly man, for that characteristic was instilled in him by his mother, a gentle woman from New England, who could not refrain from being motherly to the Indian children, and who did her best to teach them to keep clean and neat, which, to anyone less kindly, would seem a hopeless task.



Baird's choice of service in the Army was well stated by himself after 25 years as an officer. "My service has been the usual garden variety of a man in my branch and nothing of great interest has marked my twenty-five years of service. The only possible unique part of it is that I have been in every grade from Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant-Colonel in the Eleventh Horse, and hope to wind up my service as Colonel of the old outfit."

This statement is indicative of his extreme modesty, for during that time he was assigned to tasks that any officer would have been very proud of being called upon to perform.

Immediately upon graduation he was given the command of a troop of the Eleventh Cavalry, then stationed at the Nation's show post of Fort Myer, Virginia. To any "Shavetail" this assignment would have been a great compliment. Soon after assuming this duty he saw service outside of the States, in Cuba during 1907-1909 at Camp Columbia, when his regiment was part of the force comprising the Cuban Pacification Expedition.

In 1912 he was given an assignment that any graduate of the Military Academy would highly prize. It was the assignment as Instructor in the Department of Tactics at West Point for a period of three years.

In 1916 he went into Mexico with General Pershing in pursuit of Pancho Villa. This

was a fast moving guerrilla campaign for the Cavalry, and, for a year and a half he had valuable experience few cavalrymen were fortunate enough to have up to that time.

In the early part of World War I he served on the War Department General Staff in the War Plans, Training and the Executive Branches. While in the Executive Branch he was Aide to the Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, and accompanied the Secretary on trips of inspection, the last being the tour of the Expeditionary Force in England and France.

At his own request he remained in France and attended the General Staff College at Langres, from which he graduated in 1919. Before returning to the United States he served as Division Inspector of the 77th Division and in the Office of the Inspector General of the S.O.S.

These were some of the important duties that Baird modestly termed as of "the usual garden variety"—"nothing of great interest". Many officers would have loved the opportunity to have these accomplishments on their records of the first 25 years of service.

Before being assigned to the War Department General Staff he joined the 80th Division at Camp Lee, Virginia. While at Camp Lee, training the Division for World War I service, an incident occurred which showed, in true soldier language, the feeling his men had for him. Mrs. Baird was watching a review of the troops when a soldier next to her pointed to Baird marching by and said to his companion; "There he is! That's the guy what can learn you". Mrs. Baird long remembered these words with pride as a fine expression of admiration and true loyalty instilled in the men under him by her husband. Baird's modesty, quiet and kindly manner, his efficient knowledge of his profession and his subordination of personal ambition to the task at hand earned for him the respect and loyalty of his superiors and the men under him throughout his career.

After his return from France he served at Monterey, California, with the Eleventh Cavalry as Post and Regimental Adjutant. Later at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, he served as Post and Regimental Executive Officer, 14th Cavalry, and became Post Commander of the Fort.

Baird served in the 8th, 13th, 14th and the 11th Cavalry Regiments. In the last mentioned regiment he spent most of his duty with troops. He gave wholehearted attention any duty imposed upon him. This fine soldierly characteristic may have kept him from attaining his desire to end his service as Colonel of his beloved Eleventh Horse, but efficiency in his chosen branch did secure for him the assignment of Chief of Staff of the 64th Cavalry Division, Organized Reserves.

His skillful handling of the 64th Cavalry Division was recognized by the War Department and he was assigned to the very important post of Officer in Charge of Civilian Component Affairs at the Headquarters of the 2nd Corps Area at Governors Island, New York. This was his last duty before he was retired for age, as a Colonel, on November 30, 1940. His active career was not yet ended for upon the outbreak of World War II he was recalled to active duty in 1941 and returned to retired status in 1942.

Besides graduating from the Staff College at Langres, France, he graduated from the School of Application for Cavalry and Artillery, and the Field Officers Course at The Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas; also from the School of the Line and the Com-

mand and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The latter years of his retired life was spent at Weston, Vermont. His life while at Weston can best be understood through the words of his daughter, Nancy; "Up here in our small village, he was active in the combination of five village choirs that sang at Christmas and Easter (and not bad music it was), Master of the Grange, Deacon of the Non-Sectarian Church, Treasurer of the Volunteer Fire Department, paid for a bus for the Sunday School children. Having said that he would never live in a small village and only came up to get me started in the Inn, he learned to love the life here. Betty and I felt the affectionate regard that people had for him at the time of his funeral when not only all our own village came, but members of the choirs of our four surrounding villages. It was very wonderful." A fitting reward to a soldier with an unselfish nature and a warm and kindly heart.

Baird married Florence Taylor, daughter of the late Colonel Sidney W. Taylor of the Field Artillery. Two children were born to them, Nancy Rogers and Betty Taylor. He died quietly of heart disease. He is survived by his two daughters. His remains rest in Arlington National Cemetery, interred with military honors. His grave is near Fort Myer, his first station as an officer.

—R. M. B., Jr.

Blaine Andrew Dixon

NO. 4685 CLASS OF 1908

DIED APRIL 1, 1952, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGED 67 YEARS.

BLAINE ANDREW DIXON was born in Lima, Wisconsin, on April 22, 1884. He was graduated from the Whitewater High School in 1900 and from The State Teachers College, Whitewater, in 1904, where he was prominent in baseball and football. He was a member of the Wisconsin National Guard from 1902 to 1904.

During his cadet days Dick showed proficiency in rifle marksmanship and was a member of the 1905 Cadet Rifle Team at the National Matches. This interest continuing after graduation, he was a member of the 1910 winning National Team, and he also won the National Individual Rapid Fire Match at Camp Perry, Ohio, the same year. He won his "A" in football at the Academy and participated in track and indoor meets as well as other extra-curricular activities.

He married Olive Chapman, of San Antonio, Texas, on June 10, 1915. He had one son, Blaine Andrew Dixon, Jr., now employed by the Columbia Steel Company, Torrance, California, as an industrial engineer.

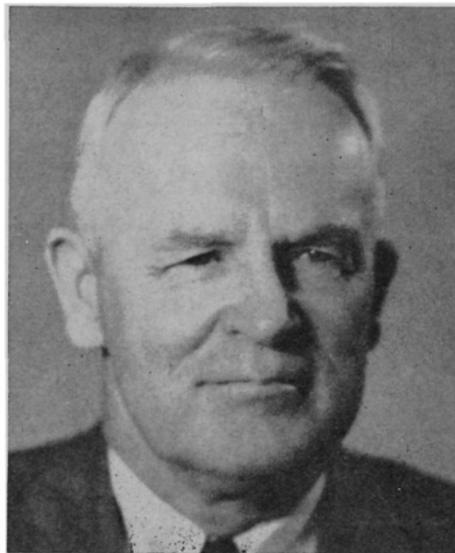
His promising Army career, including service in the Philippines and China, was short-lived, as he was retired in 1917 for a heart condition, while serving as Treasurer of The Military Academy. He continued on active duty, however, until 1921, when he was promoted to a majority and was placed on the inactive list.

Not welcoming retirement, Dick, however, met the problems of civil life with the same careful analysis and fine judgment that characterized his military career. He moved to Los Angeles, where he became active in real estate. His insight into values, superior judgment and conservatism, resulted in success not only to him but to others, among whom were a number of his classmates also residing in the Los Angeles area.

For several years he gave his attention in Los Angeles to placing discharged prisoners in employment with large concerns, where they could become useful, self-respecting citizens. Always a keen lover of sports, he was a baseball and football fan. He played an excellent game of golf and officiated in major football games until his ill health forced him to stop.

Dick was innately modest and retiring, and believed wholeheartedly in the hard work, thrift, independence and sacrifice which characterized the sturdy men and women of past generations who made our country great. He spoke little and thought much, and was a man to whom his friends came when in need of advice concerning the deepest problems of life. He had the ability to detect the flaws as well as the vision to see the problem in its entirety and to project it into the future. His character inspired confidence and trust; and his ideal home life was an inspiration to his friends.

No keener or more just appraisal of Dick's inward worth has been made than by S. E. Tillman, former Superintendent,



U.S.M.A., when he wrote to Dick in part as follows: "I can without reservation testify to your excellent general education, to your marked business ability, to your high character as a man, and to your personal characteristics as a gentleman"

Blaine Dixon built his house on rock. He was every inch a man. He is sorely missed.

—E. B. G., '08, and other classmates in Los Angeles.

David McCoach, Jr.

NO. 4862 CLASS OF 1910

DIED DECEMBER 15, 1951, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 64 YEARS.

MAJOR GENERAL DAVID MCCOACH, JR., a distinguished member of the Class of 1910, died at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C. on Saturday, December 15, 1951 after a brief illness. Beloved by his family, admired and respected by a host of friends which he had made both in the military service and in civilian life, Dave's untimely passing was a great personal loss to all those who were privileged to know him. Kind, considerate, a loyal friend and an outstanding leader in every activity with

which he was associated, he exemplified throughout his life the highest ideals of real Americanism.

Funeral Services for Dave were held in the Ft. Myer Chapel on Wednesday, December 19, 1951. Burial was in the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia with full military honors. The honorary pallbearers from among his many friends included classmates, distinguished representatives from the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and outstanding leaders of the District Government, the Washington Board of Trade, Banking and Industry of Washington, D. C. The large number of friends at his funeral despite the severely cold weather was a wonderful tribute to Dave's memory.

Dave's family lived in Philadelphia, Pa., where he was born on January 27, 1887. After attending the local schools, he entered the United States Military Academy on June 15, 1906, graduating four years later as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. It was during those cadet days at West Point that we, his classmates, grew to know Dave and to appreciate his sterling qualities. While he was on the football squad part of the time, he really excelled on the baseball diamond and there earned the West Point Baseball "A".

Dave had grown up in a happy family home and the visits of his family and special friends to West Point were always gala events with hops, picnics, etc. Many members of 1910 will recall with pleasure the cadet hops with Dave's sisters, Carrie and Mabel, and Miss Ann Black, who became Mrs. David McCoach, Jr. in 1911.

Following his graduation from West Point in June 1910, Dave entered upon his brilliant career in the Engineer Corps and as a General Officer of the Army. His military duties during his active service were always selective in assignments of responsibility—he served overseas in important positions during both World Wars and as a Major General he commanded the 9th and later the 6th Service Command.

During his active career, his tact, sound judgment and executive ability brought him several very important assignments of a civilian nature, among which were: Assistant to Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, during 1943 in handling the coal crisis brought on by a strike of the miners; in 1944 he acted as the War Department representative in charge of the Montgomery Ward & Co. properties after they were seized by Executive Order of the President for failing to comply with a War Labor Board Order; and as Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia from 1938 to 1941 he made an enviable record, being largely responsible for many important civic reorganizations and improvements in District affairs.

For his outstanding military accomplishments he was awarded:

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

"Major General David McCoach, Jr. 0-2833, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in the performance of duties of great responsibility as Commanding General, Ninth Service Command from 11 October 1943 to 6 August 1944. Throughout this period he continuously devoted himself to the problem of enabling troops within the geographical limits of his command to achieve a maximum of training without interruptions due to failure of service. His activities in connection with the liquidation and evacuation of the California-Arizona Maneuver Area were outstanding. Working without precedent he quickly formulated sound and efficient plans and procedures and, through his sound

judgment, outstanding administrative ability, tact and unceasing efforts, made it possible to continue the smooth operation of the liquidation to its successful termination. As a result of his constant devotion to duty, untiring vigor, marked executive ability and foresight General McCoach contributed materially to the efficient operation of all the varied activities of the Ninth Service Command and accomplished his mission in a brilliant manner."

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

"Major General David McCoach, Jr., as Chief Engineer, Allied Force Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, from September 1944 to May 1945, assumed duties of great responsibility soon after the invasion of southern France, while Allied troops were preparing to launch an offensive in mountainous, northern Italy. Although pressed for time, he selected the best engineering methods of each Allied army and skillfully applied them to major problems in engineering supply, construction of large-scale installations and rehabilitation of damaged facilities. In addition to directing the military engineering program for the



Mediterranean Theater, he was chairman of the Power Commission of the Allied Commission in Italy when it solved the tremendous problem of reconstructing industrial power and light plants. He furnished valuable advice to the Commission in planning the return to Italian control of roads and bridges which were under military supervision. The diplomacy, wide technical knowledge and ability to meet emergencies demonstrated by General McCoach welded the activities of Allied engineering units in the Mediterranean Theater into a firm, efficient organization and materially contributed to the defeat of the enemy in that area."

THE LEGION OF MERIT

"Major General David McCoach, Jr., performed outstanding services from May 1941 to October 1943. As Executive Officer to the Chief of Engineers, and as Assistant Chief of Engineers, General McCoach promulgated, planned and executed a complete reorganization of the Office of the Chief of Engineers, realigning the functions, operations and personnel of the Corps of Engineers, thereby enabling its greatly expanded missions to be prosecuted effectively."

While Commanding General of the 6th Service Command, Chicago, Illinois, Dave retired at his own request on April 30, 1946 after nearly 40 years of active service in the Army. Ann and Dave moved to Wash-

ington, D. C. where they had been stationed for so many years during active service and where they had made a host of good friends. Dave became associated with the Charles H. Tompkins Co., construction engineers, as Vice-President, and continued actively in this capacity with the company until the time of his death.

Dave always took a keen personal interest in everything with which he came in contact. As a Director of the Washington Board of Trade, he was known as a man who accomplished results with the minimum of fuss and feathers. He gave tremendously of his time to this "outside" activity since retiring from the Army. He was very active in the affairs of The Society of Military Engineers—President of the Society in 1948 and a Director and a member of the Executive Committee since 1948. He was in a great measure responsible for the conservative and common-sense budgetary program of the Society which awarded him its gold medal in 1949 in recognition of his distinguished service and great contributions.

Dave always had the happy faculty of being able to see the forest and the trees. Intensely practical, he was, nevertheless, human and kind. He had an unusual capacity to make friends and to retain the friends he had made. In addition to being a Director of the Washington Board of Trade, The Society of Military Engineers and several industrial corporations, Dave was a member of the Chevy Chase Club, the Army and Navy Club, the Army and Navy Country Club and Lebanon Lodge No. 7.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna B. McCoach; a son, Col. David McCoach, U.S.A.; two sisters, Mrs. C. K. Madera of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Mabel B. Monahan of Lebanon, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

Dave was one of the most enthusiastic members of our 1910 Washington Luncheon Club, which meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Army and Navy Club. At these luncheon meetings we had to come to know Dave better than ever and always looked forward with great pleasure to his being with us. The heartfelt sympathy of the Class of 1910 is extended to Ann and the other members of Dave's family. His was a full life, well-done, and would we may do as well.

—Burton O. Lewis.
Brig. Gen., USA, Rtd., Class of 1910.

William Edward Burr

NO. 5246 CLASS OF 1914

DIED JANUARY 12, 1952, AT GLENDALE, MISSOURI, AGED 62 YEARS.

QUIETLY, peacefully, and mercifully death came to our classmate, William E. Burr, following a stroke suffered a few days before. He, who delighted, often inspired us, and always opened our hearts, is gone from this earth, but his spirit lingers on. A fond, rich memory remains that will long sing its reminiscences in ever sweeter refrain.

In that utter confusion of body and soul that assailed us during our first days at West Point, the first straw, the first hope, came as we saw our smallest classmate meeting it all serenely and observing our consternation with a twinkle in his eye. Serenity marked him then and strongly characterized him thereafter. He was an Army boy; (this was before the time our youngsters heralded themselves as "brats"); indeed, the son of a Lieutenant Colonel of Engineers—in those days and in our minds, a god. (Now

Brig. Gen. Edward Burr, Retired, Class of 1882). He entered the Academy with his younger brother, John. Rooming with him, he was from the beginning the head of a household. Here was this senior among us, the most calm, the most balanced, and at the same time, the shortest in height and the slightest in build. It was an early legend that Johnny had thumped him on the head with a hairbrush to raise the bump that just touched the bar set at the lowest rung. What was more natural, then, than that this man, Burr, with initials "W.E." was promptly dubbed "WEE"?

As the cadet years unfolded, these contrasts heightened. Where nature itself seems to have established the rule that the center companies in the line at parade must be explosively noisy, here was one who remained silently unruffled. Where, under this same rule, ego is normally ascendant, here was one who was modest. If it seemed that he were the soul of physical inertia, in indoor meets he scampered up the pole the quickest and, in outdoor meets, ran the fastest. An apparent recluse, he came to sparkling life as hop manager and in the Hundredth Night at Cullum. Nor was this change



of pace wholly physical. His brain was as nimble as his body. From the quiet of an attentive mind, he could, with a word in repartee, crumble the bombast and shatter the fulminations of his more loquacious classmates. The peals of laughter that followed such sallies cleansed. We all left, better and wiser men. This indolence, this almost shy modesty, therefore, could not hide the underlying strength. In truth, to us, they were but the foil that revealed it.

The traits of the cadet characterized the life of the officer. Indeed, the quality to plumb deeper than his fellows, to contemplate and to absorb, had brought him closer to the inspiration, the ideals and the spirit of West Point. Its great spiritual force made the sharpest impress upon his whole being. He could perforce never be untrue to the pattern. Integrity, absolute, without deviation, without question as to interest, in every relationship, stamped the man. As the first bold strokes of the artist or the opening chords of the organist set the theme and establish the unity of what is to follow, so does this basic honesty give form and relief to Wee Burr. True to the history of apparent contrasts, the very nickname "Wee" has gained an aura of greatness.

Thus assured of the respect of his associates, he won them to him by his extraordinary ability to get along with people. His easy manner, his charming grin, his sense of fairness and justice, and his will-

ingness to battle for others, made him one of the best liked and admired of men. Fortunately he served frequently as Executive Officer or Adjutant of Field Artillery posts and brigades—sought after by his superiors and welcomed by his juniors. For both he created a happy post. In Hawaii, where he was on such duty, a classmate recalls how much Wee and his family supplemented this forte by the haven they created for their many friends in a cottage on the north shore of the island at Mokuleia. He wrote: "The Burrs shed an atmosphere of serenity, hospitality, humor, sanity and philosophy that was a tonic to all who knew them and who spent tranquil hours on their beach. It was a rich association, never to be forgotten"

Esteemed for his high ethical code and loved for his friendly loyalty to all who surrounded him, Wee gained the full measure of their admiration by his great ability as an administrator and executive. Never before had they found the key man running the job so smoothly and easily, getting the willing cooperation of all and bringing each task to completion in the minimum time and with the least friction. Confidence and affection rose with such sweet performance. A happy command, yes, but an efficient one, certainly, were soon created by Wee in this, his stellar role.

So constituted, his last assignment as transport commander in World War II gave particular and significant play to these sterling qualities. He volunteered for the service and adored his ship. His one boast, and remember that he was not a boastful man, was that in four years he had sailed the USAT *Mariposa* some 490,000 miles on all the Seven Seas. Julie, his wife, said: "The only woman I was ever even near being jealous of was *Mariposa*. Will was so proud of her and felt so fortunate in keeping her from the time he took command until she went into drydock. Her pictures were over our walls and in our Kodak books. He loved to show them to all our guests." How fine an influence he was on hundreds of thousands of young American soldiers crossing wide oceans on their first war adventure, and with what high confidence and purpose they set foot on the distant shore, one need only know Wee Burr to appreciate.

A devoted husband and father, obtaining his recreation and pleasure from his family, he knew full happiness, which later became heavily tempered with grief. Like other Army families, his was called upon for heavy sacrifice. In a letter to his classmates, penned before our thirty-five-year reunion, he wrote: "We had two boys. William E., Jr., graduated from West Point in 1944 and joined the paratroopers. My youngest boy, Robert Goode, "got" himself drafted while I was on the other side of the world, joined or was assigned to the 9th Division, which my good friend, Manton Eddy, commanded. He was killed near St. Lo shortly after the landing in Normandy (Age 18). Julie, our daughter, married a fine fellow, the son of Charles Finley of 1915 (Charles R. Finley, USMA, January '43). He was killed in action in the 2d Division, my First World War outfit." What a true reflection of a man and his family living up to a tradition of utter service to country.

From Julie, wife and mother, we are given the spirit in which this memorial is written:—"A brief, appreciative, cheerful Hail and Farewell!"

And so we raise our arms in friendly, affectionate salute to Wee, hoping that when the Class of 1914 joins hands in ghostly assemblage, we may better share that serenity that so marked him when among us here below.

Let it be said, "Well Done!"

—C. P. Gross.

Earl Frank Knoob

NO. 5808 CLASS OF AUGUST, 1917

DIED NOVEMBER 10, 1951, AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 56 YEARS.

The last rites for Earl Knoob were held in the Catholic Chapel in The Presidio of San Francisco, where he was interred in the National Cemetery overlooking his favorite spot, San Francisco Bay.

The past eight years of Earl's life were a struggle for life itself. He fought a valiant battle, never losing hope nor that indomitable will of his to win the long fight. Many times he thought he had won, only to realize there was still another obstacle to conquer. Unfortunately there were too many odds against him at the end, and he lost the final round.

The friends he left behind—and there are many—will always cherish his memory. No one can forget the nobility of his character, his *great* patience, and helpful understand-



ing. He never played favorites, but was just and honest in every deed and thought. Each person's problems were his own.

Our lives have been enriched for having had the privilege of knowing him. The old familiar name of "Cap", by which he was known in the financial world, will always be honored and deeply respected.

One of his greatest disappointments came when he realized that he would never be able to attend the long planned and anxiously anticipated return to his Class Reunion in June 1952.

We are deeply grateful to Almighty God that his great pain is over at last, and that he can rest forever in the Eternal Peace of our Heavenly Home.

He was a true West Pointer to the end. We loved him dearly.

—L. B. K.

George Edward Bruner

NO. 6447 CLASS OF 1919

DIED JUNE 21, 1952, AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AGED 53 YEARS.

COLONEL GEORGE EDWARD BRUNER passed with distinction the final test of all Infantry officers—he successfully commanded a reg-

iment in combat. The regiment, while under his command, was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation. "Bunny," as he was known to his wide circle of friends, was a real soldier and took justifiable pride in having commanded the 417th Infantry, 76th Infantry Division, for eighteen months, a period which included training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, movement to battle in Europe, and the entire period of combat in which the regiment was engaged.

George was born in Philadelphia on July 25, 1898. He was graduated from the Collingswood, N. J., high school in 1916.

When Bunny entered the Military Academy in June 1917 he showed a fresh bloom of youth in his cheeks and a sparkle of good humor in his eyes. His youth went the way of all flesh, but his sense of humor stayed with him until the end, endearing him to those who knew him.

Bunny was graduated with his class on November 1, 1918. Following the Armistice, the class was recalled to West Point for six months more of academic studies, and was again graduated. The class, thereafter known as the Class of June 1919, was ordered to Europe for duty with the AEF, including a tour of its battlefields and installations. This tour was followed by further schooling at the branch service schools.

Following graduation from The Infantry School in 1920, Bunny was assigned to the 57th Infantry at Camp Dix, N. J. He moved soon afterward, with a cadre of the regiment, to the Philippines where the 57th Infantry became a regiment of Philippine Scouts. It was there that he met, and married, Wallace Flake. This was an ideally happy marriage.

Bunny had the usual variety of assignments during the twenties and thirties, including an assignment as Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General William R. Smith from May to December, 1921; Aide-de-Camp to Major General William H. Johnston from 1924 to 1925; a course of instruction at the Signal School in 1930-31; and a tour of duty as a Tactical Officer at West Point from 1931 to 1935. He was graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1940. From October 1940 until July 1943 Bunny served in the Publications Section, The Infantry School, where he was engaged principally in the revision of the Infantry Field Manuals. Following a brief period at the Desert Training Center, Bunny joined the 76th Infantry Division at Camp McCoy and on January 1, 1944 he assumed command of the 417th Infantry. It is an indication of the soundness of his training of this regiment and the quality of his leadership that, in its first entry into battle, it breached the Siegfried Line and earned the following Distinguished Unit Citation:

"Members of this combat team led an assault across the swollen Sauer River into one of the deepest portions of the Siegfried Line. The river was at flood stage, the current so swift that attempts by engineers to erect a footbridge proved futile, and the crossing had to be made in assault boats. The alerted enemy covered the area with heavy artillery, mortar, and machine-gun fire. Many of the boats were overturned before reaching the far shore and heavy casualties were suffered. Despite all difficulties, the major portion of the 1st Battalion, 417th Infantry Regiment, succeeded in making the crossing on the first night. Under heavy fire, members of this battalion scaled the muddy, steep, pillbox infested cliffs, whose every approach was heavily sown with mine fields, and succeeded in capturing the high wooded ground near the river bank. Two strong infantry counterattacks, supported by armor, were launched by the enemy, but both were

repulsed after bitter encounters. Although this was the combat team's first engagement in combat, the 1st Battalion was the only unit in this vicinity to reach its objective on its initial assault and hold the ground gained. By similar aggressive action, the remainder of the 417th Infantry Regiment made the river crossing on the second and third nights and established contact with the initial force. The swiftly flowing river prevented supplies being crossed by boat and it became necessary to supply isolated groups by air. Despite violent enemy attempts to dislodge it, the combat team held tenaciously to the bridgehead it had wrested within the Siegfried Line and secured a strong foothold, which facilitated the movement of other forces across the river and insured the success of an operation of major importance. In its initial appearance in combat and in the face of conditions which at times appeared prohibitive, the 417th Regimental Combat Team displayed outstanding heroism, determination, and an indomitable fighting spirit which reflect great credit on all participants and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States."



Bunny served three times as chief of staff of a division: From July to September 1944 he was Chief of Staff and Assistant Division Commander of the 76th Infantry Division; from December 1945 to May 1946 he was Chief of Staff, 3d Infantry Division, in Germany; and from August 1948 to April 1949 he was Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. Following the inactivation of that division, he served successively on duty with the Pennsylvania National Guard, with the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and with the Continental United States Planning Group, located in the Pentagon, Washington. This was his last assignment.

Bunny was a soldier who was deeply interested in his profession. He sought assignments which carried responsibility, and he sought opportunities to improve himself, professionally. At the same time, Bunny always was deeply interested in persons as individuals. He had a host of friends, and a wide circle of acquaintances. There probably are few officers in the Army who could approach Bunny in his ability to tell you "who is who," where he came from, and at least a few other pertinent facts about most of his contemporaries in the Army.

His decorations include, in addition to the Distinguished Unit Citation and Combat Infantryman Badge, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Commendation Ribbon with

Oak Leaf Cluster, Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and Luxembourg Croix de Guerre. The citations for his Silver Star and Legion of Merit follow:

SILVER STAR

"Colonel GEORGE E. BRUNER, 012416, Headquarters 76th Infantry Division, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on April 14, 1945, in Germany. Stubborn hostile resistance by forces defending the city of Zeitz, caused an attack made by elements of the 417th Infantry Regiment to be halted. Tanks and Tank Destroyers were called into action and a section of the city was captured. In the fight to seize the remainder of the city, Colonel BRUNER, the regimental commander, risked his life to move forward with the tanks, exhorting and encouraging the accompanying infantrymen. When an officer was seriously wounded by small arms fire, Colonel BRUNER gallantly remained by his side despite the continuing heavy enemy fire until his comrade could be moved to a place of safety. By his gallantry, he inspired confidence and initiative among the troops that contributed to the success of the operation."

LEGION OF MERIT

"Colonel George E. Bruner, 012416, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Commanding Officer, 417th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, from February 6, 1945 to February 16, 1945. Colonel Bruner, in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, successfully led the troops of a combat team across the Sauer River, Luxembourg. The fighting spirit which carried his team to success, the high state of discipline which made untried troops determinedly face enemy fire and disheartening obstacles and the brilliant execution of a sound tactical plan are a tribute to Colonel Bruner's superior leadership, keen military knowledge and steadfast devotion to duty."

Bunny died suddenly, in his sleep, on June 21, 1952, in his home in Arlington, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Wallace Flake Bruner; two daughters, Wallace (Mrs. H. E. Heller), and Alice; a granddaughter, Carolyn Heller; and his mother, Mrs. S. E. Bruner. Funeral services were held on June 24 at Fort Myer, Virginia. Twenty-three of his classmates were present. He was buried at West Point on June 25, 1952.

R. P. O.

Henry Peter Burgard, II

NO. 6749 CLASS OF 1920

DIED AUGUST 28, 1951, AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AGED 50 YEARS.

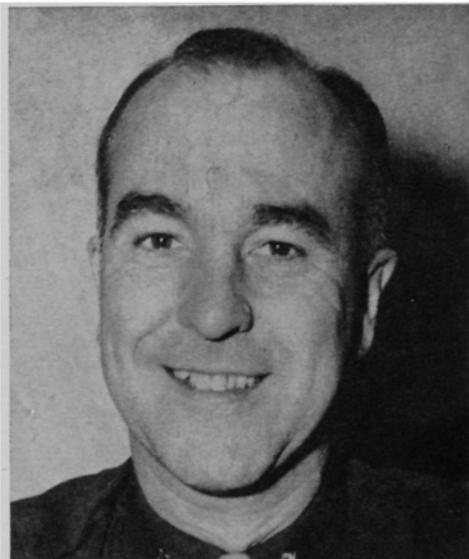
HENRY P. BURGARD, II died suddenly on August 28, 1951, at his home in Buffalo, N. Y. at the age of fifty.

"Pete", as he was known to his friends and classmates, was born in Buffalo on December 23, 1900, son of the late Alfred S. and Anna Burgard. He attended the Nichols School in Buffalo, was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1920 and was commissioned in the Infantry. Resigning from the Army in 1925 he became associated with the Coca-Cola Company and later he became their Northern New York Sales Manager. Pete entered the investment business in Buffalo in 1927 and was thereafter a partner in A. J. Wright

& Company, and later a member of the firm of Schoellkopf & Co., Inc. In 1941 he was employed by General Tire and Rubber Company and was sent to Jackson, Mississippi as Personnel Manager of the Mississippi Ordnance Plant of which he eventually became Works Manager.

Immediately after Pearl Harbor he applied for and received a commission in the Army in February 1942 in the grade of Major. He was placed in charge of construction of the Pan-Tex Ordnance Plant at Amarillo, Texas, where he remained for about a year when he was discharged from the Army for physical disability. He was subsequently employed by Certainteed Products as Personnel Manager of their Plant at Richmond, California. In 1945 Pete returned to Buffalo where he established the Arctic Frosted Food Shop which he operated until his death.

Pete was a typical soldier and loved every phase of the Army. At West Point he rose to the rank of Cadet Captain and was one of the outstanding men of his class. Undoubtedly his greatest disappointment was his inability to obtain a combat position in



World War II. In civilian life his tremendous energy found an outlet not only in business but in civic affairs and in athletics. An able, indefatigable worker in Community Chest Campaigns, he also played squash raquets on several international teams and for many years was a contestant in national tournaments. He played polo for several years and took part in many other sports. He was a past Director of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Lorenzo Burrows Post No. 78 of the American Legion. At the time of his death he was a member of The Pack Club, and he had formerly been a member of The Buffalo Tennis & Squash Club and The Country Club of Buffalo.

He is survived by his widow, Pauline Williams Burgard, whom he married in 1943 (a previous marriage to Augusta Crawford of Columbus, Georgia, having terminated by divorce) and by three daughters, Annette C. (Mrs. John Sullivan, wife of Capt. John S. Sullivan), Augusta B. of Columbus, Georgia, and Sarah Anne of Dallas, Texas. He is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo.

Pete probably had more friends than most people are blessed with and he, in turn, was one of the best friends that anyone could have. There was nothing too great or too small that he would not do for a friend.

He was a superb soldier, a fine citizen and a true friend.

—H. B. S.

John Martin McKeague

NO. 8533 CLASS OF 1929

DIED FEBRUARY 18, 1951, AT GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK, AGED 44 YEARS.

COLONEL JOHN MARTIN MCKEAGUE of the Class of 1929 died at the Fort Jay US Army Hospital, Governors Island, N. Y. on 18 February 1951, as the result of injuries sustained from an accidental fall while working in his quarters. John's death came as a shock to his classmates and countless friends who knew him as an able officer and a gentleman of rare courtesy and personal charm.

Born in Everett, Massachusetts, 16 September 1906, of naturalized Canadian parents, George H. and Margaret J. McKeague, John attended school in his home town until his appointment to the Military Academy by Congressman Charles L. Underhill of the 9th Massachusetts District in July 1925. It is interesting to note that John successfully competed for appointments to West Point and Annapolis but chose the Army for his



career. He suffered a keen disappointment, therefore, when despite his high scholastic performance at the Military Academy, where he graduated No. 47 in a class of 299, a physical condition prevented his commission in the Regular Army.

John returned to civilian life in Boston where he pursued a course of business studies graduating from the Lowell Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1930 and from the Harvard School of Business Administration in 1940. During this period he persevered in his desire to serve his country in uniform, obtaining a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers Reserve in 1931 and participating in several brief tours of active duty.

In 1939 John married Miss Grace Foskett of Woodstock, Connecticut. Three daughters, Marilyn Joan, Janice Margaret and Nancy Jean, were born to the couple, in 1942, 1947 and 1949, respectively. John was intensely proud of his family.

As the war clouds gathered, John was ordered to extended active duty in October 1940, winning several promotions and eventually serving as a major in the Army of the United States in the Office of the Secretary of War, just prior to his departure for duty in the newly created European Theater of Operations in July 1942. His service in that theater until the end of the war is ample proof of John's professional versatility and adaptability. He served successive-

ly as a staff officer in the G-4 division of the SOS, the Economic Warfare Section of the theater headquarters, and in the Assault Training Center—the mission of which was to put the finishing touches to the training of those units intended for the Normandy invasion. John's subsequent assignment overseas included duty as Public Relations Officer of the theater SOS, instructor in the Joint Planning School and staff officer in the Advance Section of the theater's Communications Zone. For his war service John was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and was promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel.

Returning from Europe in 1945, John served in the Office of the Chief of Transportation until 1947 when he was assigned to the New York Port of Embarkation. In 1948 he was appointed a colonel in the Transportation Corps Reserve. Reassigned to Headquarters First Army at Governors Island in the summer of 1950, John had renewed his agreement to serve on extended active duty for three years on 8 February 1951, just ten days before his death.

A classmate who served in the Advance Section of the Communication Zone in Europe writes of John: "While I was not in close personal contact with him I was impressed with his sincerity, keen sense of responsibility, and unflagging willingness to take on any work no matter how unpleasant and demanding".

His classmates take pride in John's accomplishments in the Service. They join with all who knew him in regretting the premature loss of a kind and cheerful friend.

—J. D. F. P.

Conrad Epping Koerper, Jr.

NO. 13105 CLASS OF JANUARY, 1943

DIED DECEMBER 30, 1951, AT FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS, AGED 30 YEARS.

maneuvers, Conrad went overseas with his division in 1944. He campaigned in France and Germany with the Division, serving in one of the artillery battalions with distinction and through some severe fighting. His high character, professional knowledge, courage, and devotion to duty during this period were felt throughout his unit by superiors and subordinates alike who always held him in highest esteem.

After returning home and being reunited with his family, Koerp served in a brief assignment at Fort Bragg before being ordered to West Point as an English instructor. Being an English hive while a cadet, Koerp found this to be a position well suited to his talents and served a happy tour at the Academy among his friends, imparting bits of learning from his abundant store of knowledge to his cadet students during the years of 1945 and 1946.

Being equally adept in technical matters as well as the arts, Koerp was next sent to pursue the study of Guided Missiles at Johns Hopkins University, thus being one of the first officers in the Army to study this new technique of warfare on a full time basis. After matching wits with profes-



sional engineers and physicists and surmounting the difficulties encountered in such studies, Koerp again finished high in his class and became an expert on guided missiles.

It was upon his assignment as a gunnery instructor at The Artillery School, that I became more intimately acquainted with Koerp, Mary Bell, and their children, since I, too, was reporting for the same duty. It was there that I learned how Koerp really loved a bull session, a practical joke, a party; and yet, was a top instructor, gentleman, officer and friend. He was loved by his students, fellow instructors, and superiors. How often since his departure have his former students, not knowing of his death, complimented his fine instruction, leadership, and character, which they felt well in his classes. During his last year of active duty at Sill, 1949-50, Koerp and I were assigned adjacent family quarters. Here my children played and associated with Conrad Jr. and Mary Linton; our wives gossiped, worked, and strove to stretch an officer's pay over a full month; while Koerp and I spent long hours either teaching in the classroom or in artillery firing on the ranges. It was here that we learned what genuinely fine neighbors and friends the Koerpers were.

It was at Fort Sill late in the summer of 1950 that Koerp became ill and reported to the Station Hospital for a check up. Later that same year he underwent a major opera-

KOERP came from a family imbued with military tradition, counting among its members generals, admirals, and many other prominent officers. It was fitting therefore that Koerp continue this tradition and so arrived at West Point as New Cadet Koerper in July 1939. With this background, it was only natural that he should take West Point in his stride, gaining all that it had to offer and contributing much to it himself. Although a boodle hound, red comforter fan, and mainstay of the skeet team, his mental faculties made it possible for him to rank high in academics, standing well up in his class all four years. He would have undoubtedly stood even higher, but chose to devote a great portion of his time to assisting several "goaty" classmates, some of whom are officers today as a result of his efforts. He easily surmounted all the trials of cadet life, and had its finest traditions instilled in him.

Upon graduation, he chose as his branch the Field Artillery. It was apparent from his entrance into the basic course at Fort Sill that he was destined to not only become a fine officer but a brilliant artilleryman as well. He found little difficulty in learning the artillery trade and was one of the finest firing officers in his class. Upon completion of the course at Sill, Koerp was assigned to the Artillery of the 95th Infantry Division then in training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While serving on this assignment, he met and married a fine Texas girl, Mary Bell Caldwell of San Antonio. In addition to Mary Bell, their two children, Conrad Epping, Jr., and Mary Linton, survive him.

After serving at various posts throughout the United States and participating in desert

tion at Brooke General Hospital and upon his apparent recovery, was assigned to the G-3 Section, Fourth Army Headquarters, at Fort Sam Houston. His family accompanied him to San Antonio back to the site of Conrad and Mary Bell's courtship and marriage, and established a new home once again. Koerp continued in this assignment until several months before his death. In fact, in the spring of 1951, his health was such that he performed several inspection tours throughout the Army area, in pursuance of his duties in G-3, and visited again with us at Fort Sill, apparently on the road to permanent recovery.

Some weeks later in the summer of 1951, Koerp became ill again and was flown to Walter Reed Hospital for examinations, the results of which indicated his condition was hopeless, due to a malignancy. He returned with Mary Bell to San Antonio and fortunately was hospitalized near their home where he could frequently enjoy visits with his family and friends. Although Koerp was bedfast the last several weeks of his life—much of the time unable to receive visitors due to his critical condition—he went down fighting, never complaining and retaining his abundant sense of humor to the end. As if sustained by some unknown power, he rallied for Christmas Day 1951 and enjoyed it with his family at the hospital. Herb Lewis visited Koerp at Brooke on December 27 two days later, and found him in good spirits and willing to participate in a fine bull session. Mary Bell states that soon after Herb left, Koerp went into a coma and never regained consciousness. He slept away on December 30, 1951 at the age of 30 years and 11 months. His resting place is the military cemetery at Fort Sam Houston.

Difficult as it may seem to understand why Koerp was called from us at such an early age, a promising young officer with a fine wife and family, and with a promising career yet ahead of him; when one weighs his accomplishments even in a short 30-year span, it becomes apparent that his life was full and complete. This is especially true when one considers just how much of Koerp rubbed off on his fellow officers and friends. This, together with his fine family, makes it obvious that much of him is in reality still with us. We know that the Great Friend and Master of Men considered these things when he called Koerp to join the members of the Long Gray Line who have gone before us.

—A. J. H.

Richard Lauren Warren

NO. 16751 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, JULY 27, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

AFTER all else has been said, and all glories and rewards distributed, let it be said of the soldier only that he has performed his duty nobly.

On July 27, 1950, the 3d Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, experienced a meeting engagement with enemy forces of unknown strength and identity. Continuing its advance, the Battalion was forced to begin preparation of defensive positions when enemy resistance turned to increasingly strong pressure. That afternoon, the Battalion was assaulted by an estimated three North Korean divisions which later compelled the forced withdrawal of the American forces from what had turned into a hopeless situation. Lieutenant Warren, commanding Battalion Headquarters Company at the time, was given the task of notifying all companies, while at the same time effecting re-supply of ammunition and the evacuation of wounded. Mission accomplished, he

realized that some of his own men had been wounded and cut off. Lieutenant Warren was last seen returning to an area heavily covered by enemy artillery and small arms fire in an effort to guide his men to safety.

So reads the story as pieced together from the accounts of men who were there and returned. Officially there was a period of Missing in Action, when those of us who knew Dick waited and prayed. After six months, Dick's remains were found on the battlefield and returned home. Now, those of us who knew and loved him have our reminiscences, which are priceless.

For Dick's mother there is his boyhood. She can look back with pride to the healthy



foundation which prepared him to meet Life's test . . . "getting his share of spankings, but never rebellious" He was on the National Champion YMCA basketball team for ten year olds. In summer camp, Dick carried away honors for athletic and disciplinary achievements. She remembers that he was a religious boy, considering others always, but never overt or desiring reward. He was independent, as she had taught him to be, despite the fact that Dick was her youngest. There was never a time when Life was too busy to write or respect his "Mable".

For Dick's father, a retired National Guard Officer, the news of his sacrifice was too severe, for he died shortly thereafter.

For Dick's two brothers, there are memories of close companionship, despite the separating age differences. As advisors and counselors, as only older brothers can be, they did their job well. To Dick, his brothers had no equals. In effect, they were his two extra fathers. He pictured them as his goal of manhood and representative of all the traits of character he had learned to respect. His brothers had followed the Army, which, coupled with his father's experiences, left only one natural course for Dick to follow. He entered Millard's to prepare, compete and hope for a chance to follow in their footsteps.

For Dick's classmates and brother officers, there is profoundest admiration for him. We first knew of him as a little guy from Sumter, South Carolina, with a likeable drawl and a ready humor that brightened what seemed like Life's darkest moments at the time. He had more charm and personality than the rest of us could "shake a stick at", to quote his favorite expression. But behind his sociability was a sincerity and code of living that encouraged the deepest of friendships. We sweated him through academics primarily because he was more interested in his friends than in his books, but never for a moment did we doubt that

he would meet any future challenge with anything less than courage and devotion to duty. As his roommate for four and a half years, I humbly add that Dick was the truest friend I have ever had.

For the feelings of those who served over him, we must refer to his Regimental Commander: "Dick was one of the finest, most dependable young officers in my command, and his was a most promising future. I know, because I knew Dick, that he gave his life to his duty, and honorably" And to his ex-Company Commander: "He was a very conscientious officer, and from what I have heard, that is one reason why he did not get out of Hadong".

For those who served under Dick, as told to his brother by a soldier in a General Hospital: "Yes, sir, I knew your brother mighty well. He was the best officer in our battalion, and I mean that. I tried to get transferred to his company when I heard we were going to Korea, but I couldn't. I wanted to go into combat with that kind of officer. He was always taking care of his men and seeing about what they needed. The last person he ever thought about was himself".

And so it is. We could write many paragraphs more, but at the end of each line must come the realization of the miserable inadequacy of words to express what we all feel in our hearts. Those of us who have lost you, Dick, can never be consoled, each with our individual loss, for you mean too much to us. You have been and are too great a part of our lives for that. Nor does your sacrifice seem just, for no one enjoyed the fruits of life more than you, or had more to give mankind. Those of us who returned or remain, and from whom you possibly drew inspiration, now find ourselves turning to you for that same unselfish courage. As we consider your sacrifice in the light of ours to come, may all of us draw strength from the fact that you saw your duty and performed it nobly. Thanks, Dick, for being such a man, and our friend.

—F. E. W.

William McCoy Wadsworth

NO. 17016 CLASS OF 1949

DIED DECEMBER 3, 1950, IN OSAKA JAPAN, OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

" . . . SOMETIMES a man reaches such strength of character and mind, that he is ready to be taken into Heaven early in life. The rest of us have to live our lives fully until we can attain our goal. "

To those of us who knew and loved Mike Wadsworth, no truer words could have been said of him than these from Mike's hometown minister. Mike surely missed nothing in life but the length of it.

The news of the death of Mike Wadsworth in action in Korea was unbelievable. Mike had been such a great friend to so many, had won the respect of all who knew him. It did not seem possible that he would not be coming back some day.

For Mike, combat in Korea was the realization of a fervent hope. His greatest desire was to lead Infantry troops in combat. He did not realize at the time of his graduation from West Point that the fulfillment of his ambition would come so soon.

Mike was born William McCoy Wadsworth, Jr., in Gadsden, Alabama, on January 25, 1926, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy Wadsworth. Mike's father died when Mike was just eleven years old, and from the day he died, Mike became the man of the

house—a little boy of eleven years delivering newspapers after school, refusing to accept any money from his mother. Mike was certainly old and mature beyond his years, even as a little boy; a trait for which he was greatly respected by underclassmen and upperclassmen alike while at West Point.

During his boyhood Mike took a great interest in Boy Scout work, attaining the coveted Eagle Award. The "Outstanding Scout of the Year" award was given to Mike in recognition of his leadership in Boy Scout work in Gadsden. Later, wherever Mike went in the Service—at West Point, Ft. Riley and Ft. Benning—he continued to lend his hand in Boy Scout work.

Mike went to the Air Corps in March 1944 to undergo flight training. He decided while in the Air Corps that he would like to make a career of the military and he wrote his congressman, Representative Rains, concerning entrance exams—with only two weeks off-duty preparation—he was able to pass the entrance exams to West Point. It was only after he had passed that he wrote his family about his plans for an Army career. He didn't want anyone to know if he had failed.

Mike took West Point with all the courage, sincerity, and devotion he could muster. Mike dedicated himself early to the high principles and ideals upon which the Military Academy is founded. He early developed that most admirable trait desired in an Army officer—of looking after and caring for his men—a trait that was to cost him his life in combat five years later. Mike was loved and respected by those under, alongside, and above him in rank. He commanded a platoon in A-2 Company during his First Class year. By First Class year he had definitely decided upon the Infantry as the only branch for him. He would expound long on the Infantry's age-old "Queen of Battles" role.

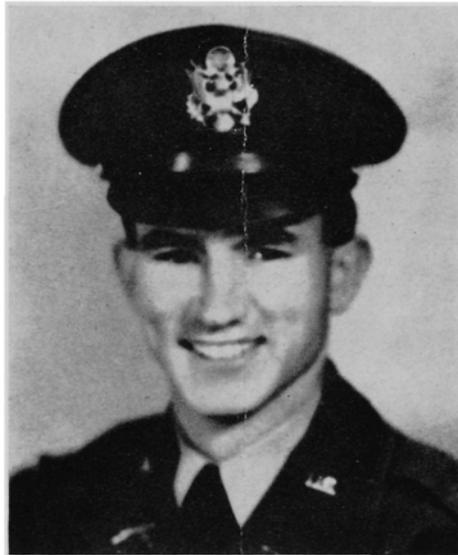
Mike graduated with the Class of '49 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. For Mike this culminated a long uphill struggle. He had broken his arm badly during Plebe year while playing soccer. Little encouragement was given him that the arm would heal completely, and there was every indication from the medical authorities at West Point that he could not obtain a commission unless he regained full use of the arm. For three years Mike spent off-duty hours at the Station Hospital and the gym trying to obtain the required usage of his arm so that he might receive the commission he so earnestly desired. It was a happy day in April of First Class year for Mike when it was announced that he would receive his commission with his class.

Mike met Elizabeth McCorkle at a party during his sophomore year in High School in Gadsden. Bette stuck out the years while Mike was at West Point, experiencing the joys and sorrows of dating a cadet for four solid years, waiting for June week and marriage. At Plebe Christmas Mike asked Bette to come to West Point and proudly presented her with an A pin. Two years later at the Ring Hop Bette received her Miniature from Mike.

They were married in Gadsden following Graduation in June of 1949. After a whirlwind honeymoon during Graduation Leave, Bette and Mike went to Ft. Riley where Mike attended the Officer's Basic Course at the Ground General School, then to Ft. Benning for the Infantry Officer's Basic Course. These all too few months were filled with happiness for the Wadsworths. Mike was a perfect husband; Bette a devoted, understanding wife. They were so very proud of each other—it was a joy to be with them and to see two people who loved each other as much as they did. There are many memories of these days—such as the time Bette

burned the biscuits and dropped a serving plate during their first attempt at having guests for dinner in their tiny basement apartment in Junction City, Kansas. Nearly all the A-2 boys had dinner at least once at the Wadsworths. Mike had a habit of bringing home for lunch or supper some bachelor officer whom he felt might prefer a little of Bette's home cooked food to the mess hall variety. There were nights at Riley when some of the officers and their wives would meet while the men learned to disassemble and assemble various Infantry weapons, the Wadsworth's apartment usually being the headquarters for all of these sessions. It was always an exceptionally good evening when it was spent at the Wadsworth's.

Upon completion of the basic course at Ft. Benning, Mike was told he would be retained at the Infantry School to teach—on the Weapons Committee. In June 1950, a daughter, Catherine Donna Wadsworth, was born to proud Mike and Bette Wadsworth. Mike basked in the joy of being a father—he was to know his daughter for only a short four months.



Mike and Bette celebrated their first wedding anniversary by listening to the news of the outbreak of the Korean conflict. Mike grew more and more restless in his teaching job as he realized his friends were sailing for combat in Korea. In August he requested relief from instruction duty and immediate assignment to combat in Korea. Mike and Bette left Ft. Benning with a 45 day leave ahead of them. Less than one week had passed when news came of the death in combat in Korea of a very close friend of Mike's—Lt. Cecil Newman. The next few days were filled with telegrams, telephone calls, etc. trying to get his leave cancelled and orders changed to hasten his entry into combat. Mike flew to Korea and arrived there October 25, being assigned to the 2nd (second to none as he would write to Bette) Infantry Division. He wrote that he had the "best platoon in the best company in the Division" and that his platoon Sgt., Sgt. Henry Heissner, was "A-1". Mike got what he wanted—combat with a fine sergeant, a fine platoon, and membership in what he thought was the best division in the Army. Mike wrote on 21 November that he had been recommended for promotion. The promotion never came through. On December 8, 1950, Mike's mother and wife received the telegram: "died in Osaka, Japan, of wounds received in Korea". In January 1951, Mike's body arrived in Gadsden and was buried next to his father on January 16, 1951. In October Bette received a Bronze Star, awarded to Mike posthumously for

action on November 16, 1951. The citation read, in part:

"SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM M. WADSWORTH, 059207, United States Army a member of Company E, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by heroic achievement on 13 November 1950 in the vicinity of Pugwon, Korea. On that date he was a platoon leader in a unit that was attacking an enemy-held hill. When the top of the hill had been reached, Lieutenant Wadsworth and the lead squad were cut off from the remainder of the platoon by a heavy enemy mortar barrage. He immediately ordered a withdrawal to a position of cover, and, although wounded by an enemy mortar shell, remained on the hill until all of the wounded had been evacuated. He then established a defensive position and refused to be evacuated for treatment until the next day when the threat of an enemy counterattack had diminished. As a result of his prompt action and absolute disregard for his personal safety, his company was able to hold its position with a minimum of casualties. The heroism and high devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Wadsworth on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

Mike's Platoon Sergeant wrote of Mike, "From the moment that Lt. Wadsworth arrived at my platoon while we were in rest area I knew that I had received a prize. In no time at all he had shown, by his leadership that he was the kind of an officer that you will follow to 'Hell and back'. . . . He was in most cases ahead of the scouts and on several occasions I had to remind him that it was his job to direct the platoon's actions and not scout for it. . . . I am positive that you must know that he was really a wonderful type of person, and having had 4 previous platoon leaders in Korea and 13 in Europe during World War II, I honestly believe that he was my best and certainly had a great military future ahead of him."

In describing the action in which Mike was killed, Sgt. Heissner writes, ". . . On the 25th (November) we were ordered to dig the platoon in on the side of a slate covered hill. . . . We dug out a shallow fox-hole . . . and divided up the night in watches. About 3:30 a.m. we suddenly woke up feeling very uneasy and heard a lot of chattering to our front. We heard one of them talking and I knew that they were Chinese . . . we immediately opened fire on them, but they were so close that they were able to throw grenades right in on us. Finally in some hand to hand fighting we were able to start to push them back, but Lt. Wadsworth was standing up out in the open shouting at our own men and the enemy too, and a Chinese threw a grenade hitting him, he refused to leave right then and in a few minutes a "burp" to him in the chest and stomach. By this time almost everyone on the hill was killed or wounded, but Cpl Brown, who carried him down the hill, got a jeep and personally drove Mike to the aid station through enemy fire. . . . I can honestly say that if it had not been for his courage and devotion to duty as an officer and a West Point graduate the company would have easily been overwhelmed. . . . I can justly say that I am glad to have been a member of his platoon, if even for a little while. . . ."

No greater tribute can come to Mike than these words from a man who served under him in combat. Mike faced life unafraid of what the future might hold, he knew his duty. Mike's true memorial will be the great and good things done by those of us who knew and loved him and served with him. Mike's strength of character, loyalty, understanding, and above all, his devotion to duty will make all of us who knew him live a better life.

—Lieutenant John E. Sutton, '49.

