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151st ANNIVERSARY, U. S. M. A.

Celebrations of West Point's 151st Anniversary last March by our West Point Societies in the United States, and by many other groups of our alumni at home and abroad, again afforded the annual opportunity for many of us to assemble together in personal re-dedication to the principles of service expressed in our creed of "Duty, Honor, Country"

Incident to these celebrations, many messages of greeting and felicitation, appropriate to the occasion, were received at West Point from all over the world and exchanged between the various groups of celebrants. Some of these messages are quoted below:

From Graduates:

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER:

"Dear General Irving: Thank you for permitting me to join you in commemorating this Anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy—151 years of illustrious service to America's ideals.

"In many countries, older than ours, such a span of years might not be considered of particular interest or import. But in the dynamic flow of American history—in the rush of the great events and the epic strides of the Republic—the period is heavy with significance. And the history of the United States Military Academy is closely entwined with the record of America's growth and development into our country's present position of world leadership.

"Men of West Point were at Fort McHenry when our national anthem was written—they were at Buena Vista—at Gettysburg and Chancellorsville. They fought at Chateau Thierry and Okinawa and on the Normandy beaches. Classes of young graduates have been decimated fighting Communist aggression in Korea. Surely, the men of West Point have helped to write the proudest pages in the history of American arms.

"But battle victories cannot, alone, make a nation great. A more lasting foundation is required, bedded in the will, the spirit, and the faith of our people.

"This thought suggests that one of the greatest contributions of West Point to the American heritage has been the example of service and selfless citizenship of its graduates. It is an example, of course, that is not uniquely theirs—far from it. America has been rich in responsible and inspired leadership. But the graduate of West Point, modest as may be his own natural endowments, goes through life ever facing a stern, personal challenge—can he live up to the record of those who have worn the cadet gray before him!

"Happily for West Point and for our country, the building record of today's graduates is equal to that of their predecessors—a salute to all of them. Sincerely,

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower"

GENERAL OF THE ARMY DOUGLAS MacARTHUR:

"On behalf of the Association of Graduates, I welcome everywhere all those attending the Founder's Day Dinner. This anniversary stirs many poignant memories in me—memories which in many respects are common to all graduates of the Military Academy. They take each one back to that ceremony on the Plain at West Point when he entered the military service and dedicated himself to "duty, honor, country". They carry through successive academic years toward mastery of the rudiments of military science and the art of war—toward absorption of one of the highest moral codes on any campus, to culminate in the assumption of the responsibilities and obligations of commissioned leadership. Thereafter, all paths diverge from that crucible of common experience, but all continue to rest upon a fundamental concept written in blood by our fighting men upon the battlefields of all the world. It is that military strategy and tactics must produce victory.

"Napoleon once said that military organization and tactics should be revised at least every ten years. He recognized that in the evolution of military science nothing would remain static and that new techniques would become indispensable to attain the changeless goal of victory. Down through the ages, the character of war, but not its purpose, is a constant record of change. From the elephant of Hannibal's day to the modern tank and airplane, the story is always the same—the tactics in one war are always deficient in the next, but the endless purpose remains immutable—victory.

"I, myself, have witnessed this evolution over a span of more than fifty years. At the turn of the century, the target was one enemy casualty at the end of a rifle. Then came the machine gun designed to kill by the dozen. After that, the heavy artillery raining death upon the hundreds. Then the aerial bomb to strike by the thousands—followed by the atom explosion to reach the hundreds of thousands. Now electronics and other processes of science are being perfected to raise the destructive potential to encompass millions. But at each introduction of a new weapon or a new method, new tactics have been devised based upon the one unchanging fundamental purpose and ideal—victory. Always the aim has been the same—victory.

"But, now, oblivious to the lessons of military history and the American tradition, a new concept has arisen from outside our ranks which tends to disavow victory as the combat objective and to advocate in its stead a new kind of tactics on which to base the battle. The result can be nothing but failure, nothing to repay the terrible human sacrifice of war. We of the military

shall always do what we are told to do. But if this nation is to survive, we must trust the soldier once our statesmen fail to preserve the peace. We must regain our faith in those lessons and traditions which have always sustained our victorious march through the military perils which have beset our past. We must recapture the will and the determination to win come what may once American arms have been committed to battle. We must reject the counsels of fear which strange and alien doctrines are attempting to force upon us. We must proclaim again and again and again an invincible adherence to the proposition that in war there can be no substitute for victory. It is for this the 'thin Grey line' must stand.

"Again my greetings and warmest welcome to you all."

GENERAL J. LAWTON COLLINS, CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. ARMY:

"On this 151st anniversary of West Point, it is particularly fitting that our thoughts should be with those sons of West Point who are defending our way of life against Communist aggression in Korea. They, as well as those who are now serving in other parts of the world, are truly living the sacred tradition of 'Duty, Honor, Country'. The entire nation is proud of their valor, patriotism and dedication, not only in war, but in peace as well. On this anniversary, I ask West Pointers everywhere to join in paying special tribute to those who have died in Korea and to those who, in the past, have died on other battlefields in the service of our country. Their deeds and their sacrifices will ever be an inspiration to all of us."

GENERAL HOYT S. VANDENBERG, CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. AIR FORCE:

"Officers of all the military services today face problems that have few precedents in American history. The founding of the United States Military Academy is an appropriate time to acknowledge the contributions that West Point has made to the strength of the nation. Its graduates have been carefully trained to meet the responsibilities with which they are charged. In Europe, in the far east, and particularly in Korea, at military stations throughout the United States, and at outposts all over the globe, the performance of West Point officers reflects superb Academy training. The devotion of West Point officers to an ideal of service to their country has had an exemplary influence within the Army and the Air Force. That ideal of service was nourished during cadet days and is a priceless national asset. On this anniversary, I send my greetings to the Long Gray Line that has moved through 150 years of his-

tory, to the cadets of today, to the cadets who have gone before and to those who will follow. I know that they will continue to seek out and faithfully discharge the responsibility of guarding America's freedom."

**GENERAL MARK CLARK,
CINC FAR EAST COMMAND
AND U. N. COMMAND:**

"One hundred fifty-one years ago the United States Military Academy was established above the Hudson River on The Plain at West Point. Through a faithful century and a half, this Academy has prepared many of the leaders upon whom in times of conflict the security of our nation must depend. Twice in one generation the men of the 'Long Gray Line' have led our forces through a world war and again today their skill, courage and devotion are interposed between our own land and its enemies. Our nation with faith, confidence and firm determination has accepted the challenge of the future. In the critical days ahead, the motto which has shaped the lives of West Point men for 151 years, will serve as a creed for all Americans—'Duty, Honor, Country'."

**GENERAL MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY,
COMMANDING GENERAL NATO:**

"On this Founders' Day, I extend respectful greetings and warm best wishes to the Corps of Cadets and to all graduates of West Point wherever they may be.

"Throughout its existence, West Point's graduates have met the acid test of war, and the scarcely less important demands of peace, in defense and in furtherance of the freedoms for which our Nation stands.

"They have displayed high leadership and a deep sense of responsibility, civic, no less than military, unsurpassed by any other comparable group among our people.

"These qualities are engendered through the concepts of Duty, Honor, and Country, with which the Academy imbues its graduates. These concepts are fundamental in the spiritual strength of the American people. They have enabled us to work out many difficult situations. They continue to sustain us in those we now face, in Korea and elsewhere throughout the world, as we strive for the preservation of peace and the vindication of principle.

"The Sons of West Point who have made the supreme sacrifice in Korea, as well as all their comrades who have shared that service with them, offer eloquent evidence that the ideals and traditions so carefully nurtured and jealously guarded through the years continue to serve the Nation in that battleground for Freedom.

"We may view the future with the assurance that West Point will continue to produce leaders on whom the Nation may depend and who will, in the words of the Cadet Prayer, 'Choose the harder right, instead of the easier wrong, and never be content with a half-truth when the whole can be won'."

**MAJOR GENERAL IRVING,
SUPERINTENDENT
U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY**

Sent the following message to graduates, former cadets, and friends of the Military Academy: "On this Founders' Day in 1953, I send the greetings of the Corps of Cadets and the officers at the Military Academy to all graduates, former cadets, and friends of West Point throughout the world. The completion of our Sesquicentennial year was marked by an observance here at West Point which was joined in by many people in many parts of the nation. The theme of that Sesquicentennial—Furthering Our National Security—portrays the role the Military Academy has played in the history of our country since 1802.

"On Washington's Birthday, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge presented the Military Academy with a medal in recognition of the part the Sesquicentennial observance had contributed in preserving the American way of life.

"The Military Academy and its graduates look forward to continued years of service to the nation. It matters little where duty may call her sons—Europe, Africa, Asia, South America, or here at home—each will strive to the utmost to perform his duty as best he can, following in the footsteps of those men who have preceded him in The Long Gray Line."

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From the Department of Defense

**THE HONORABLE CHARLES E. WILSON,
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE:**

"On this Founders' Day, I take great pleasure in commending the United States Military Academy on its distinguished service to the Nation both in peace and war. Since its beginning 151 years ago, the Military Academy has been outstanding among the institutions of our country. In time of peace the graduates of the Corps plan for periods of emergency. In time of war the men from the Plains furnish the hard core of our military leaders. In World War II they were instrumental in building a force second to none. We here in the Department of Defense are intensely proud of West Point and its men. My warmest wishes for the future go to those who have been instilled with and who live by the motto—'Duty, Honor, Country'."

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT T.
STEVENS, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**

"I send my warmest greetings to the United States Military Academy on the occasion of its 151st anniversary. With 'Duty, Honor, Country' as their watchwords, men of West Point have had vital roles in every United States military campaign from the Mexican War to the present conflict in Korea and have made lasting contributions to the nation's welfare in times of peace. As you who are graduates of the Military Academy celebrate this Founders' Day, you have the thanks of all of us who work with you for the part you play in making ours a great army."

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT B.
ANDERSON, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY:**

"It is a source of special pleasure that, so soon after taking office, as Secretary of the Navy, I should be afforded the opportunity of congratulating our sister service—the United States Army. The occasion of the 151st anniversary of the United States Military Academy makes this possible. Everyone in Army's service today can be justly proud of the long and colorful history of West Point since its establishment by an act of Congress on March 16, 1802. The United States Navy shares with you that pride. The Army's Military Academy has truly had a major role in our nation's long struggle through peace and war to hold to the ideal of government by the people. The impressive record set by West Point's graduates has served to perpetuate most effectively its motto—'Duty, Honor, Country'. No one can over-emphasize the importance of a sound military educational system to our national security. The various officials of the Army who have been directly charged with the administration of the Military Academy down through the years have shown that they were aware of its great responsibility in this respect. Under their wise and effective supervision the curriculum and general pattern of training has reflected constant development and expansion. In so doing West Point has kept pace with the ever-changing needs of the times. I am confident that this record of progressiveness will continue to develop the outstanding military leaders that our country will most surely need in the critical years that lie ahead. On behalf of the entire Naval service I am happy to extend our greetings to the United States Military Academy at West Point on its 151st anniversary. We wish for it many happy returns of the day and many more productive years of service to the nation."

**THE HONORABLE HAROLD E. TALBOTT,
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:**

"At the United States Military Academy young men learn to rely upon themselves and upon one another. They learn that no man lives for himself alone. The pride and honor of each cadet constitutes the pride and honor of the Corps. The nation takes pride and honor in the Corps' long record of courage and vigilance. Many times in our history graduates of the Academy have played decisive roles. Their responsibility runs through peace and war, through youth and maturity, from generation to generation. West Point does not offer its sons a life of profit or of ease. Instead, it offers them a life of service with a share in the leadership of the finest Americans while these young men are servants of their country. Other schools produce military leaders today, but no school has a more inspiring record. On this anniversary Academy graduates on posts of duty all over the world should be constantly mindful of the nation's faith in their ability and integrity. I am positive that this faith will continue to be justified."

DEPARTMENT OF LAW, U.S.M.A.

By COLONEL CHARLES W. WEST

Professor of Law and Head of the Department

Introductory

The Uniform Code of Military Justice which became effective throughout all the Armed Forces of the United States in 1951 prescribed, among other things, that only especially trained legal personnel may be detailed to certain key positions on general courts-martial. However, in the administration of justice under this new code, the vast majority of important duties are still required to be performed by officers of the various line and staff branches. Such duties include the imposition of non-judicial punishment, preparation and investigation of charges, functioning as summary courts-martial, as trial counsel, defense counsel and members of special courts-martial, as members of general courts-martial and as convening and reviewing authorities. For these, in addition to many other reasons, it is manifestly essential that there be imparted to the cadets of the United States Military Academy as a part of their basic instruction a knowledge of some of the fundamental principles of law, and particularly those which govern or are related to the operation of and administration of justice within the military establishment.

History of Department

The Department of Law is almost as old as the Academy itself, having had its origin over a century ago when by the Act of Congress of April 14, 1818, there was provided "one chaplain stationed at the Military Academy at West Point, who shall be Professor of Geography, History, and Ethics". Although the regulations in effect at that time prescribed that the "course of ethics shall include natural and political law," there is no record that any law instruction was given before 1821, when Vattel's Law of Nations was adopted as a textbook in International Law. Constitutional Law was also first taught at about the same time. A separate department for instruction in law was created by the Act of June

6, 1874, and the instruction in that subject, which had previously constituted a part of the course of study in the Department of Geography, History, and Ethics, was taken from that department. The Chaplain remained Professor of Geography, History, and Ethics, and an officer of The Judge Advocate General's Department was detailed as Professor of Law. Except for the period 1896-1910, during which the Departments of History and Law were reunited, the latter has, since its creation almost eighty years ago, remained a separate department and has been headed by many distinguished military lawyers such as Lieber, Winthrop, Davis, Bethel, and Kreger.

Purpose and Scope of Course

The major objective of the course in law is the preparation of graduates to discharge their responsibilities connected with the administration of military justice with skill, understanding, and fairness, and to perform properly other duties of a legal or quasi-legal nature, such as the settlement of claims by and against the Government and acting as members of various administrative boards. An additional purpose of the instruction in law is to equip each cadet with a sufficient knowledge of elementary legal principles to enable him to keep his own personal affairs in order and to assist the enlisted men of his command in similar matters when a qualified lawyer is not available. The course is given to all cadets of the First Class and consists of the following sub-courses, a minimum of one hour's preparation being required for each hour spent in class:

Subject	Class Hours
Elementary Law	21
Criminal Law	19
Constitutional Law	13
Evidence	17
Military Law	20
TOTAL	90

The purpose of the sub-course in Elementary Law is to provide a panorama of the law and to afford an introduction to all of its phases in their interrelations. It includes instruction in such basic subjects as contracts, torts, real and personal property, sales, and negotiable instruments. The Criminal Law sub-course is limited to substantive criminal law, and includes generally the definition and classification of crimes, the criminal act, the criminal intent, the capacity to commit crimes and exemptions from criminal liability, the parties to crime, and a consideration of the important elements or characteristics of particular offenses.

The sub-course in Constitutional Law is designed, generally, to teach some of the more important phases of constitutional authority, guaranties and limitations. Special emphasis is placed on the sources and extent of military authority, the limits within which such authority may be exercised, the responsibility upon which such authority may be invoked and, finally, the relation of the military establishment to the legislative and judicial branches of the Federal Government and to the governments of the several States. In the sub-course in Evidence the rules applicable in courts-martial are emphasized, with such study of their origin and development as is necessary to an understanding of the underlying purpose and application of those rules.

The sub-course in Military Law, the culmination of the student's legal training, is designed to teach the substance and administrative mechanics of Military Law proper by familiarizing the cadet with the complete framework of the Army military justice system as set out in the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, 1951.

It might be inferred from the above description of our rather comprehensive



THE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Lieutenant Colonel Edward M. O'Connell, Associate Professor; Colonel Charles W. West, Professor; Lieutenant Colonel Francis M. Sassé, Assistant Professor.



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course that one who successfully completes it would be, for all practical purposes, a fairly good attorney. However, it should be borne in mind that the total time allotted to the subject is the equivalent of only about six weeks at law school. Furthermore, in view of our mission, we endeavor to give future line officers only the requisite amount of legal training to perform their duties as such, while sparing no effort to avoid producing any so-called "guard-house lawyers". Throughout the course the principle is stressed that punishment is no substitute for leadership, and that resort should be had to a trial by court-martial only when all other corrective measures have failed.

Instructor Personnel

The commissioned personnel of the Department of Law consists of one Professor, an Associate Professor, an Assistant Professor and an average of nine instructors. From 1874 until 1947 the Professor and Department Head was an officer of The Judge Advocate General's Department detailed to the Academy for a regular tour of duty. However, legislation enacted shortly after the end of World War II established the office of permanent Professor of Law, thus placing the head of the Department in a position similar to that which had been occupied by the heads of most of the other academic departments for many years. The remaining instructional staff is detailed for a period of three or four years from among qualified officers of the Army and Air Force. Under current policies only officers who are law school graduates and members of the Bar are eligible for such an assignment. All law instructors are

thus able to perform various post duties of a legal nature in addition to their primary mission of teaching.

The present Professor and Associate Professor of Law are both graduates of the Military Academy who served for considerable periods of time as officers of the line before attending civilian law schools. The author of this article, the present Head of the Department, was a member of the Coast Artillery Corps from his graduation from the Military Academy in 1920 until he was detailed to attend law school eleven years later. He received the degree of LL.B. from The George Washington University in 1934 and was thereupon assigned to duty as an instructor in law at the Military Academy, where he taught for four years and served a fifth year as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate of the Post. Upon his relief from duty at West Point he was ordered to the Office of The Judge Advocate General in Washington, where he served for four years, finally as Chief of the Military Affairs Division, in 1942-1943. In September 1943 he was again ordered to the Academy, became Professor of Law upon the retirement of Colonel William M. Connor on 1 February 1944, and has served continuously as Head of the Department since that date. He is a member of the Bars of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, of the United States Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the American Society of International Law, the George Washington Law Association, and a charter member of the Judge Advocates Association. He has been awarded

the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

The Associate Professor of Law is the Executive Officer of the Department and exercises immediate supervision over the instruction. He also acts as a substitute instructor whenever necessary. Lieutenant Colonel Edward M. O'Connell, the present Associate Professor, upon his graduation from West Point in 1934, was assigned to the Infantry. He later returned to the Academy as an instructor in law in 1941, and was serving as Assistant Professor in 1944 when he departed for the European Theater, where he served with the Third Army. Upon his return to the United States he was detailed as a student at the University of Virginia, where he obtained his law degree, and was then transferred to The Judge Advocate General's Department. Subsequently he served in the Procurement Division of the Office of The Judge Advocate General of the Army until again ordered to West Point as Associate Professor of Law in 1950. Colonel O'Connell is a member of the Virginia Bar and has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

The Assistant Professor of Law, in addition to teaching regularly, performs the duties of Administrative Officer and also acts as Librarian of the Department. Lieutenant Colonel Francis M. Sasse, the present incumbent, attended the Military Academy for two years until separated because of physical disability, received an A.B. degree from the University of Delaware in 1930, and his LL.B. from the University of Pennsylvania three years later. After practicing law in civil life for several years he returned to the Service during the early

part of World War II and was a member of the Staff and Faculty of the Field Artillery School. He was subsequently commissioned in The Judge Advocate General's Department of the Regular Army and served overseas as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate of the European Command and of the Munich Military Post. Upon his return to the United States he became Staff Judge Advocate of the 7th Armored Division, which post he held when assigned to the Department of Law in 1951. Colonel Sassé has been awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon. He is a member of the Bars of the States of Delaware and Arizona, of the United States District Courts for Delaware and Arizona, and of the Supreme Court of the United States. He is also a member of the Arizona State Bar Association.

The instructors in law are especially selected from among those officers of the Armed Services who have received a degree of LL.B. or higher from an accredited law school and who are members of the Bar of a Federal Court or of the highest court of some State. The commissioned personnel of the Department for the coming academic year will include officers who hold degrees from the following institutions of learning: Fordham University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Harvard University, New York University, St. John's University of New York, Syracuse University, United States Military Academy, University of Delaware, University of Indiana, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin, and Yale University.

Administration

The administrative staff of the office consists of one chief clerk, one law secretary,

and a clerk-messenger, all of whom are Civil Service employees. The chief clerk also acts as Assistant Librarian and has immediate charge of over 8,000 books, a Law Library which is exceeded in size in the Army only by that in the Office of The Judge Advocate General.

Mr. Nicholas ("Uncle Nick") Farina, the present chief clerk, has served in the Department since 1924 and has daily traveled the Storm King Highway from his home in Newburgh to West Point through fair weather and foul in order to assist generally and particularly in unraveling some of the mysteries of his special system of filing. A veteran of the First World War, he was cited in War Department orders for gallantry in action while leading his squad in the advance against the enemy trenches of the Hindenburg Line in France, the citation stating that his great courage, devotion to his comrades, and high sense of duty greatly inspired the men of his company. Mr. Farina is also a Notary Public of the State of New York.

The usual case and textbook methods of instruction employed generally at civilian law schools are used in the teaching of the subject at the Academy. However, because of the unique purpose and scope of the course, these means are supplemented by lectures, moot-courts, training films and other types of instruction by visual aids. Several law texts have been prepared by members of the instructional staff in recent years, two of which, i.e. those in Elementary Law and in Constitutional Law, are in current use. Close liaison is maintained with the Office of The Judge Advocate General of the Army in Washington and

with The Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Representatives of the Department of Law also make frequent visits to civilian law schools and attend meetings of various professional legal societies.

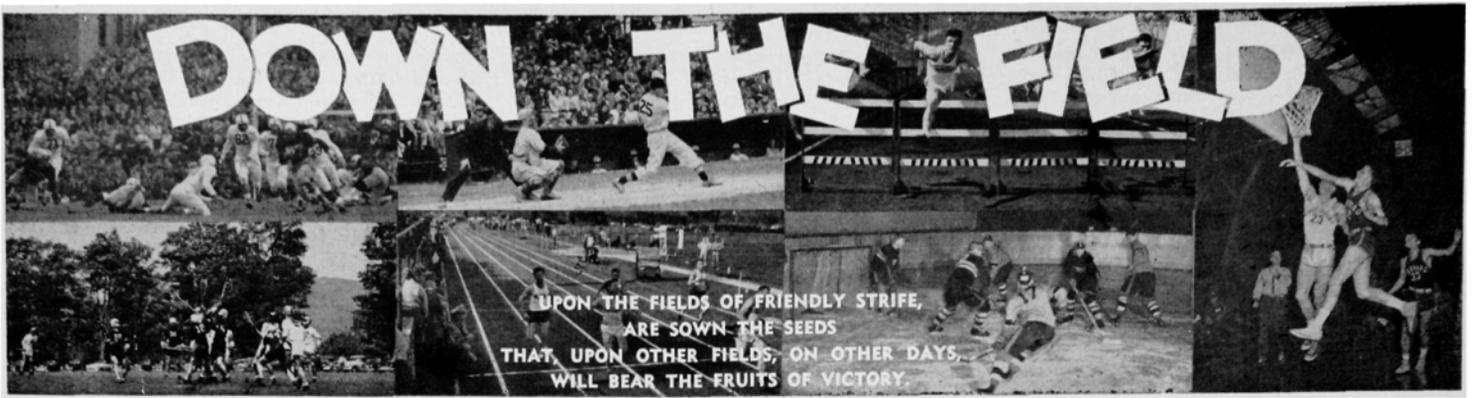
In 1941 the American Bar Association set aside a fund "not exceeding \$25 per year for a set of books, to be awarded annually, to the cadet of each year's graduating class standing highest in his law studies at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York" Thus far thirteen such awards have been made, except that during the years of World War II a U.S. War Bond was given instead of the books. The 1952 winner of this coveted prize was Cadet Harvey L. Arnold, Jr., of Washington, Georgia.

Summary

The value and success of the course in law may best be judged by the results attained. Although it is not a principal mission of the Military Academy to train legal personnel for the Armed Services, many of its graduates have later attended civilian law schools and have almost invariably ranked in the highest echelons of their respective classes. However, the major benefit of the course is attested by the numerous reports received each year which indicate that the younger officers in the Service immediately find that the knowledge of law gained as cadets pays large dividends in facilitating the proper conduct of their official duties and personal affairs. For these reasons it may be concluded that the course in law given at West Point is well worth-while.



MOOT COURT-MARTIAL TRIALS CONDUCTED ENTIRELY BY CADETS ARE HELD AT THE END OF THE COURSE IN MILITARY LAW.



By Joe Cahill

For the first time since 1941 Army failed to win either a team title or record an undefeated slate in winter competition. Though none of the ten teams could achieve either of these distinctions, the combined efforts add up to a successful campaign.

Competing against many of the finest colleges from the east, south, west and Canada, the Cadets registered a respectable record of 66 victories against 37 defeats.

Individually the cadets were on a par with previous years, garnering eight titles in four sports. Track had three, boxing and gymnastics, two apiece, and wrestling, one.

Track winners include Lew Olive, mile; Bob Day, two mile; and Bill Boyd, who finished in a triple tie for high jump honors, in the Heptagonals. The team finished fourth, only two-thirds of a point out of first place. Cornell and Columbia tied for first with 33 and Pennsylvania was runner-up with 32-7/12. Army had 32-1/3 in one of the closest finishes ever recorded for a championship meet. It was only the second time in the six-year history of the meet that Army failed to win.

The boxing team did surprisingly well in the Easterns at Syracuse. Pummeling quite thoroughly throughout most of the season, Coach Herb Kroeten's mittmen seemed to learn their lessons well and finished second behind Syracuse in the team standing. Jim McGee, a First Classman from New York City, captured the 132 pound title. He got somewhat of an assist from Art Nelson of Syracuse, who failed to make the weight in the finals and was consequently disqualified. McGee outpointed Maryland's Gene Perkins, who had been Nelson's victim by a quick kayo in the semi-finals. Andy Maloney, a Second Classman from Brooklyn, needed no assist as he finished off Syracuse's Larry O'Sullivan in less than two minutes for the 147 pound crown.

All that Army could salvage out of the Eastern gym tourney held here was a tie for first place in the rope climb. In this event John Ballantyne and Bill Renner were both clocked in 3.6 seconds. Ballantyne also tied with another teammate, John Claybrook, in '52. A surprising 53-43 win over highly favored Navy saved the season, which saw a 26-game winning skein broken. Army had won the championship three consecutive years.

Al Paulekas, successfully defended the 177 pound Eastern wrestling title with a thrilling win over Navy's entry. Paulekas enjoyed his finest season, finishing undefeated.

There was no considerable change in the basketball situation. The team appeared to be outmanned in many games, but in general failed to perform up to expectations, especially against Navy. In the climactic test of the season, Navy simply made a shambles of the game. The Middies, led by two outstanding performers in John Clune and Don Lange, rolled up the largest score

in the rivalry when they routed Army 84 to 60. Previous high of 67 was set by Army seven years ago. Clune's 32 points also went into the record books as the highest individual total in the Service rivalry. Clune also held the old mark of 28, which he made in the 1952 game. Army has now failed to annex a win over Navy on the court in three years. Some consolation can be gleaned from the fact that the record of 11 and 8 was the best since 1945 when Dale Hall, Doug Kenna and company won all but one in a 15 game season.

The exploits of Bill Hannon of Westville, Indiana, are worthy of mention, particularly in view of the mediocre season. Hannon was among the top twenty-five scorers in the country, with a total of 408 points, the most ever tallied by a cadet in a single season. Hannon also ranked sixth in rebounds, averaging 19 a game. He repeats as team captain next season.

Squash racquets came through with the biggest upset of the winter season. Navy came to West Point with a perfect record against ten opponents. The Middies, pending a victory over Army, were a certainty to gain recognition as the national champion. A tremendous exhibition by Coach Leif Nordlie's pupils eclipsed the ambitious Middies 6 to 3. Consequently, Army's record remains intact at 5 straight victories and no defeats against the racqueteers from the Severn.

For the first time in four years, Army drew abreast of the .500 mark in hockey. A 5 to 4 victory over the Royal Military College of Canada in the final game of the season enabled the Cadets to finish with 7 victories and 7 defeats.

ALL WEST POINT GRADUATES — PLEASE NOTE!

The 1953 *Howitzer* will be published on May 15th. Approximately 50 copies have been made available for purchase by graduates and may be ordered by contacting Cadet William Jewell, Co. A-2, USCC. The price is \$10.00 plus an additional mailing charge of \$.75 for areas east of the Mississippi river and \$1.00 for areas west of the Mississippi.

The theme of the book is the Soldier-Statesman. For the first time in four years, the *Howitzer* will contain full-color pictures of West Point, and all copies will have padded covers, formerly found only on de-luxe editions.

Orders will be accepted until June 1st.

LOOKING AHEAD

The spring season is not yet underway at this writing. However, each of the five teams are off to a good start with preliminary indoor training. Baseball, track and lacrosse have had a good opportunity to jump the gun in the field house. The golf and tennis teams have both got in some licks in the gym.

Lacrosse, despite many losses, is given the pre-season ranking of second in the Nation. Coach Morris Touchstone lost five regulars, including Al Lorenzen, an outstanding all-American, and Joe Austin, rated the finest crease player in college last year. Joe was also the Nation's top scorer. Team captain, Jack Johnson, goalie; Chet Friedersdorff, attack; and Stan Touchstone, the coach's son, are the principal holdovers.

Baseball has a good nucleus of players returning, but the pitching continues to be the problem. Walt LeCates, a right hander, is the mainstay of the hurling staff and is a fine prospect. Dick Boyle, first base; John Oblinger, second base; Bob Mischak, third base; and John Harmon, outfield, are regulars returning. The schedule consists mainly of Eastern intercollegiate league teams. Navy appears on the schedule twice for the first time in history. The initial meeting in April is in conjunction with league play. The traditional game will be played on May 23rd.

Another scramble for points is expected in the outdoor Heptagonals track and field meet and with a little luck Army could gain revenge, being relegated to fourth position by less than a point in the indoor competition. Joe Perlow, pole vault; and Bruce Hardy, 100 yard dash, helped Army to the team title by winning their specialties in the outdoor meet a year ago. In addition, Day, Olive and Judd, indoor champions, round out a potentially strong scoring squad.

News is scant on both the golf and tennis squads pending actual competition. Neither team boasts any outstanding players at this writing.

In accordance with the NCAA rules, the football squad will be limited to twenty days of spring practice within a thirty day period. Approximately seventy-five candidates reported to Coach Earl Blaik on March 23. Twenty of these are lettermen. Some help is expected from the Plebe squad. The most prominent include Bob Farris, center; Ronald Melnick, tackle; Ralph Chesnauskas, guard; Pat Uebel and Russ Mericle, backs. Principal hold-overs are Freddie Attaya, high-scoring halfback; Pete Vann, quarterback; Leroy Lunn, Captain and guard; and Bob Mischak, end. A replacement for New York University is still being sought for opening day. Boston University, Rutgers and Fordham are among the teams that have been mentioned as a possible fill-in.

Paul Dietzel, who served as assistant plebe coach during the 1948 season, has rejoined Earl Blaik's staff.

U.S.M.A. SPRING SPORTS - 1953

(With scores to include 25 April)
(All contests at West Point unless otherwise indicated)

BASEBALL			
Date	Army Score	Opponent	Score
MARCH 28	7	U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.	3
30	*	University of Maine	*
APRIL 1	4**	City College of N. Y.	4**
4	4	Ithaca College	2
6	2***	Swarthmore	5***
8	5	Manhattan	2
11	5	Navy—at Annapolis	4
13	*	New York Giants	*
15	1	Rutgers	3
18	0****	Brown	0****
21	2	Cornell	7
24	6	Columbia—at New York	9
25	4	Princeton—at Princeton	5
MAY 1		Dartmouth—at Hanover	
2		Yale—at New Haven	
5		Colgate	
8		Harvard	
9		Pennsylvania	
13		Villanova	
16		Amherst	
19		New York University	
23		Navy	
30		Fordham	

*Cancelled because of rain.
**Called after 9 innings, because of darkness.
***Called after 8 innings, because of darkness.
****Called after 5 innings, because of rain.

GOLF			
Date	Army Score	Opponent	Score
APRIL 11	7	Swarthmore	0
18	7	Fordham	0
25	2	Princeton	5
MAY 6		Manhattan	
9-11		Eastern Intercollegiate—at Princeton	
16		Cornell—at Ithaca	
23		Navy	
30		Colgate	

LACROSSE			
Date	Army Score	Opponent	Score
MARCH 28	19	Williams	2
APRIL 4	12	Dartmouth	7
11	10	Mount Washington Club—at Baltimore	7
18	14	R.P.I.	6
25	13	Yale	6
MAY 2		Johns Hopkins	
6		Syracuse	
9		University of Maryland—at College Park	
16		Princeton	
23		Navy—at Annapolis	
30		Maryland Lacrosse Club (Exhibition)	

TENNIS			
Date	Army Score	Opponent	Score
APRIL 11	4	Swarthmore	5
18	0	Princeton	9
22	5½	Colgate	3½
25	1	Harvard—at Cambridge	14
29		Pennsylvania	
MAY 2		Columbia	
6		Yale	
9		Dartmouth—at Hanover	
11		Williams	
13		New York University	
16		Cornell—at Ithaca	
20		Rutgers	
23		Navy—at Annapolis	
30		Fordham	

TRACK			
Date	Army Score	Opponent	Score
APRIL 18	115	Boston University	25
24-25		Penn Relays—at Philadelphia	
(No team scores)		(No team scores)	
MAY 2		Manhattan	
9		Penn State	
16		Heptagonal—at New Haven	
23		Navy	
29-30		IC4-A—at New York	

JUNE WEEK PROGRAM - 1953

FRIDAY, 29 MAY

Review and Presentation of Athletic Awards, <i>The Plain*</i>	10:30 A.M.
Retreat Review and Presentation of Drill Streamer, <i>The Plain**</i>	5:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i>	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Cadet Hops	
First Class, <i>Cullum Hall</i>	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Second and Third Classes, <i>East and Central Gymnasium</i>	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, 30 MAY

Memorial Day Exercises, Battle Monument	10:40 A.M.
Lacrosse—Army vs. Maryland Lacrosse Club	2:30 P.M.
Baseball—Army vs. Fordham	2:30 P.M.
Concert, USMA Band, <i>Army Theater</i>	4:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i>	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Graduation Supper, First Class, <i>Washington Hall</i>	8:30 P.M.
Cadet Hops:	
First Class, <i>Cullum Hall</i>	10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Second and Third Classes, <i>East and Central Gymnasium</i>	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 31 MAY

Religious Services:	
Battle Monument:	
Service for Second, Third and Fourth Classes**	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel for First Class	
Baccalaureate Services and Dedication of Memorial Windows:	
First Regiment	9:00 A.M.
Second Regiment	11:00 A.M.
Catholic Chapel:	
Military Mass and Baccalaureate Service, First Class	8:00 A.M.
Mass for Second, Third and Fourth Classes	10:15 A.M.
Masses	9:15 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

Old Cadet Chapel:

Jewish Baccalaureate Service	11:00 A.M.
Superintendent's Reception for Graduating Class and Alumni*	3:00 P.M.
Retreat Review and Presentation of Military and Academic Awards to First Class, <i>The Plain*</i>	5:30 P.M.
Concert, Cadet Glee Club, <i>Army Theater</i>	8:30 P.M.

MONDAY, 1 JUNE

Alumni Memorial Services:	
Catholic Chapel, Memorial Mass for Deceased Alumni	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel	9:00 A.M.
Organ Recital, <i>Cadet Chapel</i>	9:30 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
Alumni Exercises, <i>Thayer Monument</i>	11:00 A.M.
Review of Corps by Alumni, <i>The Plain***</i>	11:30 A.M.
Luncheon and Annual Meeting of Association of Graduates, <i>Washington Hall</i>	12:15 P.M.
Laboratories (Ordnance, Electricity, Mechanics and Chemistry) Open for Inspection	1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Graduation Parade	4:00 P.M.
Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i>	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Graduation Hop, First Class, <i>Washington Hall</i>	10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Cadet Hop, Second and Third Classes, <i>East and Central Gymnasium</i>	10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, 2 JUNE

Graduation Exercises, <i>The Field House****</i>	10:00 A.M.
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* To be held in the Army Theater in event of inclement weather.
** To be held in the East Gymnasium in event of inclement weather.
*** To be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.
**** Admission by ticket.



New Members

We welcome to our membership 6 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 11,971.

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 JUNE 15, 1953

1883

Brigadier General Ira A. Haynes is in the Veterans' Hospital here in Palo Alto. About a year ago, while I was away on an extended trip, he was taken to the hospital with a broken hip after a fall in his home. He spends most of the time in bed, with a short walk about the ward on crutches each day. His mind is clear and active, but he has difficulty in seeing and hearing.

His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Allan Haynes, is living in his Palo Alto house while her husband is in Korea.

—D. J. MacLachlan, '07.

1888

THE OLD AND THE NEW — Brigadier General William R. Sample of Atlanta (center) U.S.A. retired, the oldest West Point graduate in the Atlanta area, reminisces

with the youngest Academy graduate in Atlanta, Lt. Sam Smithers of Columbus, Class of 1950. Colonel E. M. Caffey of Atlanta (left) is the Third Army Judge Advocate and graduated in June 1918. General Sample, 87, is a member of the Class of 1888. He retired from active service in 1930. This get-together was in honor of the 151st Anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy.

1891

The death of Clark several weeks ago reduced our number to nine, plus two former members who graduated in 1892. So far as known, our number of living Exes is seven. Tutherly, who attended our 69th anniversary in 1951, had an address at Johnson City, Tenn. for the past year or so, but inquiries there have failed to reveal his present whereabouts. We shall hope to trace him eventually.

1893

Kersi Donworth has gotten out a new edition of his book "Why Columbus Sailed" in which he analyzes the evidence that Columbus, through study of previous explorations in North America, was convinced that Cathay was to be reached by sailing the southern route due west which he actually adopted.

—L. S. S.

The Class has suffered great loss in the deaths of Major General Louis H. Bash at Palo Alto, California, on May 24, 1951; Brigadier General George Vidmer at New York, N. Y., on November 25, 1952; and Colonel William C. Rogers at Lebanon Springs, N. Y. on December 5, 1952.

Letters received from Edwards, Jameron, McManus and Walker show all fairly well.

—L. F. K.

1894

Butler Ames is spending the summer at his villa in Italy. He plans to leave the United States in June, returning early in October.

Carlos Crain gave up his contemplated trip to Honolulu, but is looking forward to his usual visit to West Point this coming June.

Hoke Estes and Mrs. Estes have added a wing to their daughter's house in suburban Belleair, and have taken up residence there. The new address is 429 Woodlawn Avenue, Clearwater. Hoke has dropped most of his civic activities, and is taking life easier and enjoying it.

George Hamilton was in the Los Angeles Veterans Hospital for an operation in December. At last accounts he was getting along well, and expecting to be home soon.

Don Pablo Malone is counting on being at West Point in June of next year, both for



our 60th Reunion and to see his grandson, Daniel K. Malone, become a First Classman.

Duke Preston and Mrs. Preston have taken a small apartment at 438 W. Elsmere Place, San Antonio, while looking for a suitable house. Duke is looking forward to our 60th Reunion next year.

Chalky Bent reports himself hale and hearty at 82. He retired from business over twenty years ago and is enjoying a life of leisure and pleasure.

Billy Barden is spending a couple of months with his son at Fort McPherson, Georgia. He will return to Washington in April.

Mrs. Sam Hof is living in Carmel, California.

Flower writes from Akron that he is doing fine, and sends best wishes to all.

—W. B. L.

1895

Old Man Time has struck again and I am sorry indeed to report that "Charley" Charles has joined the Long Gray Line. We knew that there was no recovery from his illness, and no one but would want him to be spared further pain.

Time struck again, this time the wives. On January 7th, 1953, Mrs. "Dad" Sills died; and on January 11th Barry Pritchard's wife passed on. G.B.P. himself is in W.R.G.H. for a throat operation. His address is now 600 N. Santa Anita Drive, Arcadia, Calif.

Two grandsons of '95 are now cadets at West Point: Young Purdue, grandson of "Dad" Sills (and son of the late General Purdue, and a football player) and Michael Cavanaugh, son of Harry T. Cavanaugh, '24 and grandson of Harry La T. Cavanaugh, '95.

It was startling to see the '95 notes in the January 1953 *Assembly* so near the top. Of the original class, 13 are still living, all of us now in our 80th year or more.

—H. La T. C.

1897

Sheriff Conley has written to each of the class to send notes to Roberts, C. D., but very few have so far responded. However, we want to advertise the fact that a few of us are still alive (more or less), and I can do little more than give a roster of the living members, hoping that any mistakes made will at least get a protest.

Alcantara—at last accounts at his home in Venezuela, health not very good.

Arnold—has moved to 7036 15th Ave., Seattle 5, Wash.

Altstaetter—a consulting engineer in Savannah. He gave some interesting data about Morgan, quoted in part hereafter.

Brady—no report, presumably at Berkeley, Calif.

Conklin—in Washington, full of pep.

Conley—at the old home, "Green Ridge", Silver Spring, Md. His son-in-law, Watlington, is an artillery general in Korea, a grandson is at West Point, and the engagement of his granddaughter, Mary Clare Watlington, to Capt. Stephen O. Edwards, Armor, Class of 1946, and now an instructor at West Point, will be announced shortly.

Connor—he and his wife are making a tour of Central Africa. They were last

heard from by us flying over Kenya. We hope the Mau Maus do not get them.

Fassett—lives with his sisters at Orlando, Florida.

Ferguson—lives at Washington. Now on a business trip to Venezuela.

Fiske—no report. Presumably at his home in San Diego.

Hughes—at Washington. Very fit.

Johnston—lives at the Army and Navy Club, Washington. Still full of math.—too deep for the rest of the class to understand.

McCoy—at Washington. We all are glad his health is again good.

Miller, C. H.—lives with his sister at Lynchburg, Va.

Milliken—at New York, much interested in class matters.

Pope—at Washington, the "class baby", and looks it.

Roberts, C. D.—lives alone in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Has two great-grandsons in Falls Church, Virginia. His two sons are of the Class of 1924, Heyward B., retired and at Sewanee Military Academy, Sewanee, Tenn.; Thomas D. with U.S. EUCOM, Frankfurt, Germany.

Roberts, T. A.—lives with Col. R. P. Palmer in San Antonio, Texas. He says his greatest activity is bowling. A daughter lives near by.

Sirmyer—in the real estate business in Tampa, Fla.

Of former members who did not graduate with the class, Humphrey, C. B. ('98), Humphrey, E. H. ('99), Marine and Woodyard attended our reunion in June 1952.

Regarding our classmate, Henry S. Morgan, the *Army Register* for 1899, p. 296, has the brief note "2d Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, drowned in Tyler Roads, Georgia, August 31, 1898" Morgan was in charge of fortification work at Fort Screven, Georgia. During a hurricane, a Norwegian bark was sinking off the fort. Morgan volunteered to go in a small boat to try to rescue the crew. The boat was capsized and Morgan was drowned. Efforts to recover his body were not successful until fifteen years later. A man from Valdosta, Georgia, Morgan's home town, was hunting on Warsaw Island when a negro told him that some months after the great hurricane of August 31, 1898, the body of "a very tall man" was washed ashore there and buried. Morgan was over six feet four inches. The body was exhumed and identified by West Point buttons on a rain coat, and was buried in the family lot at Valdosta.

The class put up a monument to Morgan at Fort Screven. That reservation was recently sold to civilians, and Altstaetter found that the monument was being neglected. Through his efforts the Savannah Post, Society of American Military Engineers, arranged for the removal of the monument to Fort Pulaski, which is retained as a National Monument under the National Park Service.

A suitable dedicatory ceremony was held in May 1950, at which Altstaetter made an address. It should be noted that our class president personally reimbursed the Savannah Post for the expenses incident to the removal of the monument.

—C. D. R.

1899

It is very probable that all of us at the Point for the 25th reunion remember the thrill of gratification with which we heard that great American and outstanding orator, Mr. Newton D. Baker, say to the grad-

uating class: "You are to be congratulated on going to join the finest corps of ladies and gentlemen the country has!" We thought it an eminently just tribute to the women of the Army, with particular reference to those of the Class of '99. And we still think so! We think the Class of '99 remarkable in many ways, but in no way more so than in its cohesiveness and solidarity. Some few other classes have been equally united, but it is doubtful if any other group of class wives have found each other so congenial as to be moved to get together monthly year after year. In Washington the wives have luncheons as regularly as the men. No one seems to be willing to miss them, the attendance is always good and there are invariably guests. Arabella Oliver, who has a job, and Mabel Long, who lives in Baltimore, and Mrs. Ansell, who, with Sammy, spends much time on the Eastern Shore, can not often be there, but Mmes. McDonough, Jewell, Carter, Romeyn, Embick, Halstead, Herron, Major, Cowan and Peyton rarely miss a luncheon. The moving spirit of their luncheons seems to be Louise Halstead, and to her many thanks are due. As to the men, Cowan is again his cheerful self, after being really ill in January. Clark, C. B. writes philosophically from St. Petersburg that his eyes "are as good as can be expected" and that Mrs. Clark recovers from her long illness of last year. Herron has quit his four-year job on the county Tax Court, is again hoeing his garden, and claims to be all right from the neck down!

—C. D. H.

1902

The following notes were gleaned from the class letters of 1952:

Abbot reports that about a dozen of the large oil companies have developed successful wells within twenty miles of his house at Randlett, Utah, in three directions. Albert and his wife had a very enjoyable two months tour of Europe since we heard from them last. Bell has been rejoicing over the fact that he is now eligible for a tax-free Spanish American War pension, Congress having recently extended the period of that war from April 1898, to July 4, 1902. Sep Black says that the 50th Class Reunion was the highlight of 1952 for him. Hiram Cooper writes that, "I have never had more faith in the future of my country than when it elected Eisenhower" Dinsmore deplores the fact that at his home in Santa Ana, California, no members of 1902 cross his path. He enjoys seeing Dockery at Carmel, California, during the Christmas holidays each year. Sep Dockery reports that Mrs. Zane and daughter Josephine, have returned to Monterey, California, where the latter has a job in the library. Sep Edwards sent us a very colorful postcard from Madrid, Spain, saying that he and his wife were having a fine European trip, the result of ten years planning. Pat Foley out at his home in Takoma, Washington, still claims that bird hunting is the most enjoyable avocation in the world. Frankenberger is still doing his customary handiwork in wood and metal and specializing in the raising of carnations. Griffith reports that he and Kate had a grand visit to New England after attending the 50th Class Reunion. He is now raising broilers for the deep freeze and playing golf twice a week. "Runt" Hannum tells us that he will probably continue to work for the State of California as long as Governor Warren remains in office. Johnnie Herr has a grandson, Willard Holbrook, who is a yearling at West Point, and a nephew, Cowles Herr, who played tackle on the Princeton football team last season.

Jennings sent the class his usual annual letter, which told mostly of his long illness. He left us on February 5, 1953, to join that great company of graduates on the other side of the river. "Babe" Linton thinks that Bahia, Brazil, is the only place to live. "Lengthy" Longley tells us that he and Dollie spent last summer in Europe and are now having lots of fun building a new home up on Cape Cod. Troup Miller reports that Davis, W. M., disappeared from the Bellevue Hospital in New York in May 1952, suffering from the advanced stages of cancer and is now presumed to be dead. "Katie" Morrison says he spends most of his time with his TV and radio.

Since the Class Reunion, the Pegrams have been touring the West and are now spending the winter in Mexico again. Rozelle is rejoicing over the removal of cataracts from his eyes and says that he can see so well now that he can tell whether the rosy cheek of a blonde contains a dimple or a wrinkle. "Fat" Rodney still likes to think he has a job at Michigan State College at East Lansing. Stewart, writing from West Orange, New Jersey, says they had a nice visit from Steve and Helene Abbot after the Reunion last June. Last spring they went out to Los Angeles to attend the wedding of their youngest son, Hamilton. Terrell, from his home in Los Altos, California, spends his time in fishing trips to Canada and photographic trips in the far West. Rigby Valliant boasts of his collection of Cadet Registers, having obtained all of them from 1818 to 1952. He also wrote of Walter Boswell's funeral at Arlington Cemetery. Walter Wilson and Eva are spending the winter at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he reports his health much improved. Walter K., Jr., is now the Division Engineer in Atlanta for the Southeastern Area and has recently been nominated for promotion to Brigadier General, thus having his wartime grade restored.

—T. M.

1903

Progress continues on the plans for our Fiftieth Class Reunion. Memorandum No. 3 from Schley's Committee went out towards the end of February. The Committee would like to hear the reaction and suggestions of every member.

"Puss" and Mrs. Farnum have been here visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. D. M. Morse, in Arlington.

Dorsey Rodney was in Washington for a visit recently, and there was a good 1903 turn-out for luncheon with him. However, there was no report of his being offered any high job by the new Administration. So he will continue to sojourn at East Lansing, Michigan, where he is "connected" with Michigan State College. He disclaims responsibility for training or coaching its No. 1 football team, and claims that his encounter at West Point with "the bandits of 1903" last June was the bright spot of the year for him.

Clark Lynn has settled down at 2311 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., and now the old soldiers at the Soldiers' Home are off his mind, he will have time, in Secretary Acheson's terminology, "to let the dust settle"

"Sep" Preston is having another eye operation and we wish him a successful outcome.

News items for this column are not coming in. We are sure our classmates are doing something of interest to the rest of us. Let your area representative (See

Memorandum No. 1, 31 July 1952) know what you are up to, and may the area representatives do a bit of active news gathering.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

Budd writes that his heart condition apparently is much improved. However, he recently had a session with the flu in the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, Long Island, but is now at his farm in Windsor, Mass. Dillard's daughter, Heath, was a recent guest at the farm. She is a sophomore at Vassar and a roommate of a daughter of one of Budd's neighbors. He also reports that Harry Reilly and Bob Richardson spent much of the past winter at Hotel Fourteen, 14 E. 60th St., New York City, and frequented the nearby Metropolitan Club.

On February 14, a wild automobile ran into Jake Crain's car with the result that Jake suffered a broken rib and his wife, Catherine, several severe bruises. Both are recovering nicely now.

Last November, Crystal had a nasty fall and smashed his left elbow badly. A large piece of bone had to be removed and even now he is somewhat handicapped in the use of his arm and hand. Last summer he and his wife spent a fine four months in Europe with their sons, Tom, Jr., and John. Recently Crystal has been doing volunteer work with the New York City civil defense.

Dillon sends his best to the class from Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard. He says that even in winter it is a sweet place and that he keeps busy enough with some Atomic Energy work, some writing and general all round gardener's and houseman's duties.

Fenton passed through Washington in February on his way home from Florida, looking hale, hearty and sun-tanned. While down in Florida he saw Dickinson and Singles, and reports them apparently in fine shape.

Our sympathy goes out to Phillipson in the loss of his wife, Flossie, who died unexpectedly in her sleep on December 27, 1952. Irving had resigned his position with Botany Mills effective December 31 as, he says, "Flossie needed me at home and old age was catching up with me". On February 28 he moved to a small apartment at Central Park South, Number 240, which he will keep while doing a considerable amount of traveling during the next year or two.

Swift was in Washington during the first part of January but missed the monthly class lunch on the 2d. To make up for that, he assembled all the classmates that he could get by phone for a most enjoyable luncheon at the Army and Navy Club on January 7.

It is our sad duty to record the death of another classmate. Wimberly died at Walter Reed Hospital on February 14, 1953, and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

—W. B.

1905

It is with real sadness that we report the death of Sherman Miles' wife in Boston, Mass. on February 21, 1953. She was active in Red Cross and Army Relief work. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery four days later. Sherman was very grateful for the sympathy extended to him in the name of the Class.

A letter sent to Daddy Gibson in Washington brought an air mail reply from Mexico City. He and his wife left Washington the last of January and they plan to return about April first. Daddy's wife has made remarkable progress after her operation and can now write letters, read with some difficulty, use the typewriter and enjoy the scenery. Daddy had planned to see Mike O'Donnell in Acapulco but was discouraged as the road is under repair. Daddy has tramped around and read so much Mexican history that he says he is possibly more familiar with their history than with our own!!

Seward and Mary Weeks made a pilgrimage to Florida during the month of March.

The Class was represented at the West Point Society Dinner in March at the Hotel Astor by Curley, Doe, Lentz and Wilby.

The sixth revised edition of "The Cadence System of Teaching Close Order Drill and Exhibition Drills" by our Doc Lentz has just been released for publication. When you hear "Sound Off for Chesterfield" over the radio or TV, listen carefully and you may, "Hear the pennies dropping; listen how they fall; every one for Colonel Lentz; he will get them all"

Joe Barzynski is making progress on his around the world trip which he started eighteen months ago.

Art and Nan Lane have moved to Battle Creek to be with their daughter whose husband, Parker Calvert, '37, is seriously ill.

One of the minor characters in the movie "Above and Beyond" is "Dr. Ramsey" and portrays Norman Jr. and his association with the atomic bomb project.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

The passing of Ralph Jones last November 21, was confirmed by his son, Falconer, from Jamestown, N. Y., where he, Ralph, was buried. His biography, was approved by Falconer and is included in this issue of *Assembly*. Mary Clagett approved the biography of Sue, which is also published in this issue.

Christmas cards with wonderful messages came from Jim and Gene Riley; Ruth and Henry Akin; Christine and DeRussy Hoyle; George and Christine Morrow; Clara and Will Lane; the Charlie Gatewood's; John and Jane Merrill; Earl and Edith McFarland; Forrest and Fredericka Williford; Alex and Mildred Gillespie; Dawson and Bess Olmstead; Johnny and Josephine Johnson; Elsie and Hugo Selton; Tige and Connie Huntley; Joe King, Phil Mathews; McKew Parr; Charlie Rockwell; Bob White; Plupy and Marjorie Shute; Florence Ardery; and some others I can't find now.

Henry and Helen Finch are still doting on those five grandchildren, and Henry is still on the rostrum for the UN frequently.

The Shutes have Lorraine and her two boys near in Maine while Lorraine's husband is in Turkey; Ann with her two girls and husband at Dartmouth (Ordnance ROTC) and Margot with her husband off in Texas.

Dick and Ella Burleson did Italy, Austria, Free Germany, France, Spain and Portugal last fall and winter and ought to be in Annapolis by now.

I hope a lot of you saw Skinny's photo in the New York press when he testified there in the Provo trial. All are honored by his presence anywhere. And in San Antonio, he is daily on the job in his insurance office, and performing a great job.

And a lot of us got copies of the letter of Jim and Gene Riley, giving an account of their travels to and from the homes of their children, the arrival and departure of grandchildren at Dingtletown Road and the tolls they paid on the New Jersey and Pennsylvania turnpikes en route to the Andersons in Carlisle and the Shaws in Washington. They had a grand visit with Phil and Ann Mathews in Carlisle, too, where Phil has just run a coaxial cable from a mountain top aerial to bring bright clear pictures to the television sets of his city. (See your old Gettysburg map.) Phil and Ann are off for Europe this Spring. Priscilla Robinson writes that Don has been in the American Lake Veterans Hospital for the last two years, not very cognizant of the world around him or of his own condition, following a severe stroke and other physical troubles. However, he is able to go out with her in the car a couple of times a week and can still whistle prettily. Priscilla has fixed up a small farm near Tacoma and has developed an avocation with ceramics to occupy her at some profit. The four Robinson children are scattered with their eleven grandchildren; one boy at Fort Ord; another at Nashville, Tenn.; a girl at Ft. Missoula; another at Seattle. Priscilla's address; P.O. Box 34, Tacoma 9, Wash. The Washington contingent, in full force, held a 1906 luncheon for Jim Riley on his late visit there; Abe, Earl, Tubby, and Alex giving Jim the usual fine welcome. Alex reports the arrival of Christopher Alexander Michael Nesbitt on November 7 last, the second great-grandchild. No medals for 2nd ggs, however. Johnnie Andrews, Frank's wife, had a grand party for Maxwell, 1912, at her Whitecaps Apartment, Miami Beach. Gladys Mumpower, formerly Mrs. Fred Dickman, tells me that Joseph Dickman, her son, is on his way here for a visit. Charlie Rockwell got south as far as Jim Riley's hometown last fall on a hunting trip, sent Jim and me postal cards and then hastened back to Paoli. Spring is calling from Dillard, Ga. and come mid-April, Elizabeth and I will be en route, via Washington, New York and way stations. We may be seeing you.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Babe Chilton's tribute to Patsy O'Connor, which appears in the memorial section of this issue of *Assembly*, will bring back nostalgic memories to all of Patsy's friends. It recalls so vividly the Patsy that we all knew so well and at the same time sets forth for all to read a summary of his illustrious military career.

We are indebted to Paul Larned for practically all the news in this issue and are grateful for it. He and Cecilia alternated with sessions of the flu during the winter, but both have fully recovered with no ill effects.

Pat Morrissey wrote that his tests continue negative. He gets out in the sunshine for walks and has high hopes of a rapid improvement. He sends his regards and wishes for health and long life to all his classmates.

Enrique White is spending six months in Europe, mostly in Germany to be with his son, Charles H. White, Jr., Class of 1934. The Sullivans have been in Puerto Rico for a month with their boy, and the Parks, after being in Washington for a check up at Walter Reed, motored to Arkansas to see their son, then went on to Paris. The Eastmans have left for a three month's trip to Florida. Clyde says he is looking for a

place to locate permanently. The Ganoes are still abroad and will not return until late in April. The George Daileys are in Italy, but expect to return by way of Washington some time in May, when the group there plans to give them a party.

There was a delightful class dinner at the Army Navy Club in December with the ladies present. Altogether there were twenty-three on hand, including Phyllis Murray and Jean Lewis. The McNeils gave a cocktail party which was attended by the following classmates and their wives: Castle, Larned, Harris, Morrison, Collins, also Gutensohn and Mesdames Lewis, Everett, Lang and Clark.

Ben Castle is planning a wonderful trip to Holland as a representative of the American Milk Industry. He will visit Freddie's grave and travel through Belgium and France. He expects to play golf at St. Andrews in Scotland, having the rare distinction of being a member of that memorable organization. Ben also belongs to the Burning Tree Club in Washington, where he was of assistance in getting membership for the President.

The Collins are off for a three week's trip to Texas to visit their son, Michael and may go on into Mexico.

Paul had a letter from Russell Davis, who said that now he has the addresses of all members of the class he will begin writing them again, especially his old roommates Warren Lott and Geoff Bartlett. He has been having trouble with arthritis, but his only worry about it is his rising golf score. His address is 345 B Avenue, Coronado, California.

Glassburn had a recent check at Walter Reed and was sent home with a clean slate.

Mrs. McCaughey wrote a nice letter to the class thanking Paul for the Class Book. Her address is 40 Hamilton Court, Palo Alto, California.

Paul had not heard from Jim Steese lately, but he was reported to be still abroad, and all the others seem to be disporting themselves in every joy spot from Capri to Monte Carlo. This seems to be indicative of the times, as Ida Hanson wrote that she and her children have been widely scattered these past few years. Her daughters, as well as Bill, are confirmed globe trotters. At present Bill is in England, his family in Savannah, Jean and her husband in Transjordan and Suzanne in Brazil. Bill married Phoebe Peyton, daughter of Col. and Mrs. T. G. Peyton, class of 1916.

We have just discovered from the 1952 *Register of Graduates* that Dorothy Robbins, widow of Cock Robbins, conducts a personal shopping service for military personnel, at Joske's in San Antonio.

We sincerely hope that before the next issue we will have news of classmates from whom we have heard very little for a long time, so let us hear from you.

—H. W. W.

1908

The annual dinner was held at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., on February 14, 1953. The following were present: Burns, Chaney, Drennan, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Hobbey, Hughes, Jackson, Jarman, Johnson, Kelley, O'Brien, Peterson, Schulz, Slaughter, Sturdevant. A good many letters of regret from others were received and Dougherty called up long distance from Bethlehem, Pa. Edgerton gave a brief pre-view of the 45th Reunion plans. The present class officers were re-

lected. The turn-out was better than for some time and all appeared to have had a good time.

Kelley has established his case for being the banner grandfather of the class (18). There were a good many other grandfathers at the class dinner but none of them cared to present their claims against Kelley.

Among those reporting on themselves by letter to the class dinner, the following gave us some news: Cunningham, who says that he is working three days a week for the Massachusetts Civil Defense, and—in addition—is Treasurer of the Gloucester Housing Authority, Chairman of the local Red Cross Disaster Relief and has run the Community Fair for the last five years; Curry, who has been on a long cruise as far south as Buenos Aires, and who reports seeing Loustalot in New Orleans; Desobry, who now has four grandchildren, and seems very pleased at the recent political overturn; Dickinson, who says he has settled down for good at Southern Pines, N. C., with three daughters within a hundred miles; Hayes, who sadly told us that he fell on the ice on January 25th and the doctors would not let him come; Meredith, who reports two veteran sons living not far from him in Pebble Beach, California, where he plays golf with Higley occasionally; Ricker, who says he lives in a well heated house in Milford, Maine, and needs the heat; Smith, R. H., who is employed as Assistant Director, New York State Civil Defense and catches the 8:07 AM train from Summit, N. J., and the 6:12 PM train back every single day.

Hartman's son, a member of the Class of 1943, was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in Rome on December 20.

Fletcher has sold his Washington home and has established himself in his country home at Leesburg, Va.

Members of the Class are earnestly requested to notify Edgerton of their plans for attending the 45th Reunion.

—C. L. H.

1909

Claude Thummel entertained at luncheon at his home in McLean, Virginia, on February 28 for those classmates in Washington and vicinity who were able to attend. Those present included Baehr, Devers, Hughes, Johnson, Milling, Mountford, Ord and Wen. The following sent their regrets that it was impossible for them to be present: Ahern, Catron, Chase, Lee, Stearns and Stokely. — Every year a few of our class come to West Point for the Alumni Day Exercises, which will be held this year on June 1, the day before Graduation. '09 will be represented in the graduating class by Fred Van Deusen, younger son of our own "Smoothbore" Try to come up if you can.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

The 1910 news for this quarter will have to be a trifle brief because your scribe has been, and still is, on a fine motor trip through the Deep South. Snakey and Ruth Dunlop left Washington February 10 accompanying Major General John K. "Rickey" and Lucy Ord Rice on this "Odyssey", which has been mainly in the interest of the National Sojourners. General Rice is the National President of that organization and Snakey a past National President. By way

of explanation, the National Sojourners is composed of officers and warrant officers past and present of the uniformed forces of the United States who are Master Masons. It has for its main purposes the furthering of the military needs of the national defense and opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security. On this trip, every possible chapter of the Sojourners between Washington and Key West, Florida, has been visited, including those at or near Norfolk Naval Base and Fort Lee in Virginia; Fort Bragg in North Carolina; Shaw Air Force Base and Charleston in South Carolina; Tampa, St. Petersburg, Patrick Air Force Base, Key West, Miami in Florida; and Fort Benning and Fort McPherson in Georgia. It has all been most enjoyable and interesting.

It is distressing to report that Jim Muir has been seriously ill at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Our sincere wish is that his recovery will be swift and sure.

Daddy Byars writes of spending January and February at Delray Beach, Florida. He said the weather there was fine. He is fortunate to get away from a Louisville, Kentucky, winter in this manner. Dad has owned a house at Delray Beach for a year or two and now wants to sell it. Here is the opportunity that some classmate has possibly been waiting for.

In connection with the motor trip described above, Snakey found upon his arrival at Fort Benning on March 17th, the Officers' Club beautifully set up for the Annual West Point Dinner. A previous engagement prevented Snakey's attendance, but had he been there he would have found himself the oldest graduate of the 300 present.

—R. H. D.

1911

I feel sure that the heartfelt sympathy of all the class has been of some solace to Bella Hall and Eulie Wall and their families, in the loss of Chink and Johnny, whom we all loved.

Jim Mooney has furnished evidence of the existence of a Mrs. General Joe Mehaffey. If he had been satisfied with the formula of dear old Jose March, he would know it was so because he saw it in the newspaper. But he didn't seem to be, and upon further investigation he found that Joe just acts like a married man when he goes to a party. So the reporters give him credit for being married.

Jerry and Hub Stanton came by Pinehurst about the middle of February on their way to Florida for an extended tour. We enjoyed seeing them very much. Both seemed to be in the pink.

We also had the pleasure of seeing Ann Lee Surles, now Mrs. Waller, when she and Bill were here visiting friends in Knollwood recently.

A letter from Edith Hicks says that Gummy has been very much cheered up recently by visits from Margaret and Paul Baade, Lorraine and Karl Bradford, and Howell Estes. I am sure he enjoys getting letters from classmates. His address is 332 Magnolia Ave., Frederick, Md.

Pink Hardy reports that in spite of the fact that he rode horses quite a bit last summer, he still chafes because he can't be as active as he would like.

In spite of Frank Kembie's report that he is getting older, lazier, crankier, and meaner than any yearling ever was, he inspired De Grover Van De Boe to furnish some information. He retired from the staff of the Boy Scouts of America in 1948. He

now spends his time in various civic activities, hunting, fishing, doing a bit of oil painting, and playing with his grandchildren.

Betch sent in word that the only response he got from his last cards sent out was from Psi Holland. The reason that he got it I believe is that the day he wrote, according to Psi, was a regular poncho day. Any way Psi seems to be well occupied with his domestic engineering, taking care of the cats, and enjoying a couple of highballs daily. Ida May is planning to write a book about the cats.

A card from Dorothy Bagby informs us that their son Bob was wounded in action on December 22. Best wishes from the class to Bob for a speedy recovery. He is probably in Letterman by now. Dorothy says "We have a happy class in this area—last dinner (monthly) was at our house, next Lockwoods. We really have fun."

Speck and Olive Wheeler returned on February 23rd from a two months' sojourn in India and Pakistan. En route home they stopped in Germany for a short visit with their three-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter—incidentally with their daughter and son-in-law.

Last news from Gus Franke he was still at Walter Reed. Let's all wish him a speedy return to Myrtle Beach.

1911 extends thanks to Colonel Branham for republishing "Paul Reinecke's Own Story" in the January 1953 issue of *Assembly*.

—I. T. W.

1912

The editors of this column and also of the Forty Year Book rate our class widows as our best supporters. "Marge" Bingham proudly reports the addition of two new grandchildren to her tribe, both girls, one via son Col. S. V. Bingham, Jr., of Ft. Bragg and the other via Mrs. John Wooley of Santa Fe, N. M. "Sally" Flint is having a big time putting her lovely new home in Burlington, Vt., in order, in anticipation of the summer visits of the family of Col. Clifford Von Kann of Washington, D. C. Agnes Fox's adventure in converting her beautiful plantation home in Galveston, Texas, into an apartment house turned out to be a most interesting experience. Rita Gonser's new address is the "Town House", Monterey, Calif. Mary (Mrs. Ralph E. Underwood) formerly Mrs. "Nap" Gorrell, writes from her new address (Harbor Acres, Sands Point, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.) that her step-son (E. S. Gorrell, Jr.) is now serving in the Signal Corps at San Luis Obispo, Calif. Mary Riley is expecting a third grandchild via daughter Mary Ellen. Young Pat, Jr., a senior at the U. of San Francisco, hopes to qualify via the ROTC for an Army commission. Caroline Walker, after much globe-trotting since the tragic passing of her distinguished husband, General Walton H. Walker, in Korea while Commanding the Eighth Army and United Nations Ground Forces there, has settled down in her apartment at 2101 Conn. Ave., Washington, D. C. Son Capt. Sam Sims Walker is expecting orders transferring him from Ft. Benning to the ETO. Young "Tubby" Barton is back in Korea flying jets, while his wife and two youngsters are in Augusta, Ga., with her parents. Ben Delamater III (Lt. Col. Abn. Inf.) rotated from Korea last fall and is now on the AGF Board at Ft. Bragg. Our congratulations go to our Johnny Hausner's third son, "Chuck", to enter the Service as 2nd Lieut. via the OCS and soon to go to Korea. Young "Dick" Nalle recently left ROTC duty at the U. of Missouri

for Korea, where he no doubt will meet up with "Chink" Arnold in the Artillery there. Treat missed a big Arnold family reunion at Southern Pines last Christmas but will be coming back on rotation in the fall. It is rumored that the young Bill Siberts, now at Ft. Bragg, are dickering with the stork for a companion to young George. The Sullivan-Boyle wedding in San Francisco was a lovely affair which brought out a large gathering of West Coast 1912'ers. The "P" Wood family is well represented in Korea, what with "P" on duty in Pusan and Carroll with the Eighth Army as an Infantry Colonel. Our Class Secretary, "Arch" Arnold, has some clever ideas designed to stir up the competitive instincts of the golfing and fishermen members of the 1912 clan, so when you hear from him be sure to encourage him with your support. "Herb" Barbur is enjoying to the full his life in Portland, Ore., working in his garden and making weekend trips to the lovely beaches and mountains of that scenic country. He recently bought a new television set just to see "Ike" inaugurated. Leonard and Margaret Barrett came down simultaneously with "flu" in January and had a hard time of it, but are now taking it easy with spring plantings in their lovely Atherton garden. "Chen" Chynoweth is having a lot of fun with oil painting, and "Bill" Morrissey, who has taken up picture framing as a hobby, has promised to frame the paintings that Chen plans to enter in the Bay Area art exhibits. "Doc" Cook and daughter, Ce Ce, motored up to San Francisco from their home in La Jolla and dropped in to see classmates along the way, being entertained by Faymonville and the Morrisseys. Among those present were: the Sullivans, Morrisseys, Cooks, Lewises, Whiteside, and the Bill Weavers, who were in town to see their son Capt. Bill Weaver, Inf., off for Korea. The honors shown classmates Gatchell and Crittenberger on the occasion of their retirement from active duty on December 31, 1952 warmed our hearts. These two outstanding members of 1912 brought great credit to 1912 and their Alma Mater and we wish them long, useful and happy lives in retirement. "Crit" has been living in San Antonio since his retirement, and just recently was elected to be the Executive Vice-President of the Greater New York Fund and in direct charge of the fund's permanent staff, raising money for 423 hospitals and health and welfare agencies throughout the city. As for Gatch and Betty Gatchell, the old professor could enjoy only a brief rest from his long and arduous record of faithful service to the Flag when "Maxie" Maxwell snared him off as an ordnance and engineering consultant to the American Machinery and Foundry Co., 511 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, of which Maxie is Vice-president and which handles a wide variety of defense items. Gatch's duties will involve considerable travel but he will be able to maintain his residence at Saunderstown, R. I. In this connection it is noted that Maxwell has been chosen as the new Chairman of the New York City Mental Health Fund in its campaign to raise a million dollars in support of the State Society for Mental Health. The Warner Days flew out in March from their Hingham, Mass., home to California and called on classmates along the border from Los Angeles to San Francisco. The "Jake" Fortners are enjoying good health in Salt Lake City where Jake is associated with an Ordnance activity. The Kuldells continue perpetual motion in their community and are building a ranch-type house on their plantation thirty miles south of Houston. "Monk" Lewis, President of the Class of 1913, is hard at it arranging by remote control for the 1913 Class Reunion at West Point in June. "Steve" MacGregor took a period-

ical post-graduate course at Walter Reed a few months ago and emerged with a "summa cum laude" diploma. "Arch" Arnold reports that Harry Malony passed his way in February en route to Delray Beach, Fla., to recuperate from flu and the normal pressure of Washington, where Harry is on call as a consultant with the Dept. of Defense. The "Schnitz" Schnieders and Maxie Maxwell enjoyed a reunion in Miami Beach in January. We are sorry to report that Burton Read has had to give up driving his car because of eye trouble. He and Nell spend much of their time in their beautiful flower garden in Santa Monica, Cal. According to press reports in California, the state set-up there for civil defense has been rated as the very best in the country. We would expect just that of its Director, our own "Robby" Robertson! Houston Whiteside, to escape the rigors of a Kansas winter, and in search of better fishing waters, arrived on the California coast in February and after entering the U. of California clinic came out with the doctors orders for nothing more than diet and abstinence. Helen Youngs writes from Kerrville, Texas, that her grandson (our 1912 Class Grand Godson), Chandler P. Robbins III son of Col. C. P. Robbins, Armor, now in Germany, is most anxious to enter West Point in July 1954, and she hopes that some member of our Class Family will come forward with effective assistance to this splendid youngster in landing a principal's appointment for him. "Billy" Youngs is still in the V. A. Hospital at Waco, Texas, where he has been a patient for the past two years. We are glad to announce that "Buddy" Rose, our Class Treasurer, 813 Grandview Drive, Alexandria, Va., has opened his office and will be glad to receive your financial contributions to bring your individual accounts into balance. Remember, class dues (\$2.00) are payable on July 1st of each year without notice, and special contributions toward building up ample funds to carry forward the normal class program of activities are always acceptable. If you are not already a member of the Association of Graduates (as nearly 90% of all graduates are), or if you are not already a subscriber to both *Assembly* magazine and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* you may escape the embarrassment of a special appeal from Class Headquarters to help support these activities by sending your checks forthwith to the Secretary, Ass'n of Graduates, West Point, N. Y. "Ham" Haislip is to be congratulated on his election to the "Alfalfa" Club, an organization of eminent Washingtonians. Ham is also reputed to be a "Samba" expert and is contemplating dropping the word "OLD" from the Old Soldiers' Home. Bird DuBois, our youngest 1912 member, has been busy putting the finishing touches to his new home in South Laguna, Calif. Gordon Lefebvre, the President of the Cooper Bessemer Corp., Grove City, Pa., advises that he has "spent a large part of the time lately in hospitals with practically every ailment the human race is subject to, with the possible exception of pregnancy", but hopes to attend our 45th reunion in 1957. It is with regret that we announce the death of Ed Boykin's dear wife on February 9th in Charlottesville, Va. Her passing has left poor Ed quite desolate. In Santa Barbara, Calif., d'Alary Feché has recovered from the effects of the burst appendix which kept him away from our 1952 reunion and is now in better health than he has been in years, spending long lazy hours in his garden with his two cocker spaniel pets and thousands of friendly bees. Steve MacGregor is no longer Civil Defense Director of Augusta, Ga. He says he will now have time to build another house that will suit him.

Davenport Johnson and wife have had a long siege at Fitzsimons Hospital, entailing many operations, but are apparently recovered, we hope. Josephine Rayner writes that Harold is receiving the best of care at the F.D.R. Veterans' Hospital at Montrose, N. Y. (near Peekskill) and that he enjoys short walks with her on the occasion of her visits. "Chen" Chynoweth leads the class in youthful activity, with a pack trip along with "Swede" Anderson in the High Sierras, a two-day quail shoot and three days of skiing at Squaw Valley. Chen worked out twice daily on the intermediate slopes with the snow bunnies, while Grace participated from inside the lodge with the squaws. Chen's motto is: "Stay young, have fun". Dick Hager reports his V.A. office in Cincinnati has closed and that he has but a year and a half to go before being eligible for retirement from civil service in July 1955. Peeking into class archives, "Bunny" Hobson notes the following: "S.O. No. 145, Hq. USMA, July 8, 1911 . . . Commandant of table, allowing food to be thrown in the Mess Hall at breakfast . . . without taking proper corrective action, the appointment of Cadet Robert T. Snow, 1st Class, as acting Sergeant in the Corps of Cadets is revoked, and he will be confined to the limits of camp during its continuance and during that period will serve one punishment tour every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday . . . by command of Major General Barry. " Further research by the reporter reveals that classmate Steve Chamberlin threw a water glass to our plebe James A. Van Fleet (recently commanding the Eighth Army in Korea) and "Lizzie" Maybach, the "Tac" on duty as O.C., turned in the skin.

—W. H. H. and A. V. A.

1913

This will be the last issue of *Assembly* to reach you before the big 40th Reunion. If any of you has not signified his intention to be present or submitted a "satisfactory explanation" of inability to do so, please step on it, make your plans to be present and send in notification accordingly on the form already provided you. After you read this, *all* correspondence on the subject should be sent direct to: Col. J. W. Viner, Demarest, N. J. Of the returns already received as this is written, more than 50% indicate attendance at the reunion. Of the classmates who have not yet replied fifteen live short distances from West Point and can reasonably be expected to be present. In point of numbers, the success of the Reunion seems to be assured and to justify the efforts of Joe Viner and his Committee.

The recent distribution of the Class Directory disclosed that several addresses were in error or out of date. Please correct your copy as follows:

Copthorne: Wilmette, Ill., instead of Winnetka.
Johnson: Lucketts, Va.
Nicholas: 224 Primera Drive, San Antonio, Texas.
Spencer: 151 N. Arden Blvd., Los Angeles 4, Calif.
Add: Hemenway, 3553 Wentwood Dr., Dallas, Texas.

Since last writing, a number of Thirteeners have checked in. The following are brief excerpts from their letters:

Roberts: An original poem yet! It's good, too. Sorry that space will not permit its inclusion in full. We'll save it for the Fifty Year Book! Perkins: He's quite busy in

the real estate business on the Monterey Peninsula. I asked him to try to locate Wop Crawford, who formerly was located in Carmel. He had no success beyond the probability that the Wop is living in Mexico. Nicholas: To change his address and to say that they have recently been to Europe. Copthorne: To correct his address and to say that they are spending the winter in Florida. Also that he has resigned from his business connections and is now, in truth, retired. Spencer: He had recently seen Rufe Putnam and passed on the sad news of the death of Rufe's son, who was in the Air Force. Gibson: To say that he hopes any of the Class coming through Raleigh will take note of his address and look him up. Spragins: He says he keeps reasonably busy with farming as a chief occupation, although he is also interested in banking, ice manufacture, brick manufacture and natural gas. Also he was local Chairman of "Citizens for Ike" during the presidential campaign. Crittenberger: A note written just before he put the Class in a status of complete retirement, announced his impending take-off for West Point for a final review of the Corps of Cadets. Brown: Writes that he occasionally sees the Cheadles who are in Nogales. T. K. has, for three years, been with the Bank of Douglas in Tucson. Both of the Brown sons are in Korea; one with the Air Force and the other with the 7th Division. Johnson: Wrote from his mountain top at Lucketts, Va., near Leesburg, where he raises sheep and steers. Rowley: Acknowledged receipt of the Class Directory and says that he has heard from Lovell who reported: "I don't get around much because of arthritis and no cash, both hard to cure." Newcomer: Acknowledged class condolences on the death of his 91 year old father, Class of '86. He and Mary spent Christmas with two of their children and three grandchildren. Greene: He desires Carlos Brewer to know that while he still has the lead on grand-children he must look to his laurels as the Greenses now have *thirteen*. Doug is kept busy as Assistant to the President of Drexel Institute, as well as Director of Athletics and Business Manager. He is also Vice-Commander of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars and President of the 7th Armored Division Association. He reports, understandably, "no dull moments". He sees McCulloch and Lyman occasionally. The former has developed the hobby of fixing old clocks and the latter raises and trains horses. Lyman: Referring to the foregoing item, Lil reports inability to be at the Reunion as it comes at his busiest time of year in the horse game. Davidson: Referring to the Reunion, he says, "I suggest we do not, repeat not, try to get out a book" To this suggestion, your reporter murmurs a fervent "Amen". Row: Reports departure for Florida and the West Indies, to be followed by Easter and spring vacation in New York and New Haven with their son who is a freshman at Yale. Wiltamuth: Writes in from Arizona to extol the virtues of the winter sunshine and the good fishing off the west coast of Mexico.

Our old reliable Washington correspondent, Wop Sadtler, has checked in several times. He says that he has gained eight pounds, "all in front". He reports six present at the February Class Luncheon: himself, Keyes, Davidson, Schmidt, Foote and Weeks, with Bill Morris, Class of '11, as guest, who all looked "fat, sassy and in good spirits". Further, he says that the Johnsons spent three weeks in Mexico City and the rest of the winter in New Orleans. Also that Falkner Heard is in the hands of the medicos at Walter Reed. On behalf of the Class, we extend best wishes for speedy return to "full duty" According to

Wop, attendance at the March Class Luncheon consisted of himself, Keyes, Davidson, Foote, Heard, Schmidt, Weeks and Johnson, with Gillette, Class of '15, as guest.

Cube Falk recently underwent abdominal surgery at Letterman, but we are happy to report that he is satisfactorily convalescing here at home.

The Hans Herwigs spent several days in San Francisco recently and we had the pleasure of being with them on several occasions. They were on their way East on business from Japan where Hans has been in the Export-Import business since his retirement.

Cards have just been received at Class Headquarters announcing the marriage of Jane Heidner to Dr. Leon Patrick in San Diego. The felicitations of the Class have been extended to the bride.

No further Class news has come to our attention and we therefore close this report until the next issue with greetings to all members of the Class family.

SEE YOU AT THE REUNION.

—H. B. L.

1914

The last 1914 retirement from the Regular Army or Air Force took place January 31, 1953, when Pink Ward bowed out. Pink is visiting in Denver and expects to return to the Washington area in April. A permanent address for him is 3508 Lowell St., Washington 16, D. C. This leaves only Leland Stanford on active duty. He has already been retired and expects to become inactive in June.

Peter Bullard retired in November 1952 and is traveling. Mail will reach him if

addressed to Kansas Military District, 723 Quincy St., Topeka, Kans.

Duke Bratton retired September 1952 and is now located at The Islander Hotel, 321 Seaside Avenue, Honolulu, T. H.

One other retirement is about to take place as this is written. Hal Ingles, the oldest of the original 1914 Class, will retire from RCA Communications, Inc., at age 65. It is understood that he also plans to live in the Washington area.

Henry Holcombe is on a tour of Europe, started in January.

—H. Brand.

1915

Regardless of political beliefs, the hopes and prayers of every member of the class were with our great President as he took the oath of office at the Capitol in Washington on January twentieth. We, who have watched his development under the pressure of ever-rising responsibilities for more than 40 years, are confident that he will measure up to the challenge as great as ever faced by an incoming President.

Congratulatory telegrams were sent to Ike by Haw in the name of the class on his birthday and upon the occasion of his election, as well as a letter the day after his Inauguration. Ike acknowledged all of these communications with graceful expressions of his warm regard for all of his classmates.

Sixteen members of the class, gathered at the Army and Navy Club in Washington on February second, saw and heard Ike on television as he delivered his "State of the Union" message to the Congress. They then adjourned to the dining room for lunch. Two recent returnees from Europe, Leon-

ard Doughty and George Richards, were present. Doughty, our only Naval Academy graduate, intends to spend some time in Annapolis before choosing his retirement home.

Jim Van Fleet's return from Korea produced a healthy, warm reaction in every important quarter: Congress, the press, the American public. And let's not overlook the friends who have known Jim and Helen for four decades. Our California contingent, seventeen strong, came forward on February 26 with reunion party at the Presidio Officers' Mess to welcome the Van Fleets. Joe Swing, Sixth Army commander, was host. The guests included: Maj. Gens. Thomas G. Hearn and Albert W. Waldron, Palo Alto; Brig. Gen. John Keliher of Sacramento; Colonels Charles R. Finley, Santa Barbara; Charles C. Herrick and Albert H. Warren of Oakland; Paul A. Hodgson, Mill Valley; Reinold Melberg, Berkeley; Alfred S. Balsam, Carmel; Eustis L. Hubbard, Bakersfield and M. H. Quesenberry, San Jose; and I. B. Summers; Maj. Anastacio Q. Ver, San Francisco; Mrs. Tom Fox, representing her husband, Major Fox, Palo Alto; and Capt. Earl M. Price, Bakersfield. Also present was a 1916 graduate of the Academy, Brig. Gen. Robert B. McBride, Jr., (Ret), San Francisco. Table decorations were symbolic of Academy days. Unique centerpiece showed cadet attire from Continental days to the present. A post with 5 stars, and the address, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., stood in the center of the table, and floral arrangements were carried out in the West Point colors. (See cut.)

From San Francisco the Van Fleets flew to Washington, where a steady round of conferences at the Pentagon and the White House and congressional hearings awaited Jim. Twice, however, they broke away for brief visits with their daughters' families at West Point.

The 1915 monthly luncheon in Washington is now held regularly at the downtown Army and Navy Club on the first Monday of every month. Thirteen were present on March 2.

Bradley, long since a veteran of the mike and the television closeup, has emerged as a movie star. He appeared briefly, but with distinction, in the movie "Never Wave at a WAC"

Tom Hanley has resumed the duties of class secretary, taking over from Haw, pinch-hitter during Tom's illness and convalescence. Tom is wavering in his plan to live in California—he just hates to leave Washington.

Hayse, Lorch, and Richel threatened to descend on the nation's capital for the Inauguration, but apparently thought better of it, as nothing further has been heard of them in that city.

The Washington "Star" Pictorial Magazine for Sunday, January 18th, published a short feature article by Haw on "Eisenhower's Classmates"

Late in January Beukema joined the roster of those slowed up by a heart attack. By mid-March prospects indicated his early return to limited duty. In early February Joe Teter, who had been in Walter Reed since last October, was able to return to his home in Belington, West Virginia. Ned Zundel, returning from his post as The Inspector General of the Far East Command, underwent an operation at the same hospital and left for Florida in good shape about the end of January. Earl Gesler was another patron of that health resort, recovering from an operation in time to get in some days at the office in Washington in early March, the month of his retirement. Ed Wallington made a fine recovery from the heart attack that put him, also, in Walter Reed in December and January. He is again winning large sums from all com-



REAR ROW STANDING: Col. Albert H. Warren, Oakland, Calif.; Col. Eustis L. Hubbard, Bakersfield; Maj. Anastacio Q. Ver, San Francisco; Col. I. B. Summers; Gen. James A. Van Fleet; Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, Sixth Army Commander; Col. Charles C. Herrick, Oakland; Mrs. Earl M. Price, Bakersfield; Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Hearn, Palo Alto; Col. Charles R. Finley, Santa Barbara; Brig. Gen. Robert B. McBride, San Francisco; and Col. Reinold Melberg, Berkeley.

CENTER ROW: Col. M. H. Quesenberry, San Jose; Col. Alfred S. Balsam, Carmel; Maj. Gen. Albert W. Waldron, Palo Alto; Mrs. Balsam, Mrs. Ver, and Mrs. Tom Fox, Palo Alto.

SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Swing, Mrs. Quesenberry, Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Waldron, Col. Paul A. Hodgson, Mill Valley; Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Melberg, Mrs. Herrick and Capt. Earl M. Price, Bakersfield.

ers at the bridge tables of the Army and Navy Club.

Death struck twice in two weeks in December. On the fourteenth Dad Stickney, who had visited Bruce Lindner in the hospital the night before, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Stoneham, Massachusetts. On the twenty-sixth Lindner joined him in the Long Gray Line, after a prolonged illness culminating in several weeks in bed in Murphy Army Hospital, Waltham, Massachusetts. Lindner was buried in Arlington Cemetery with military honors. All Washington members of the class who were able to attend the funeral acted as honorary pallbearers.

Jack Harris was ill in December. At the end of that month he retired from his post with the Veterans Administration and at the same time was placed on the USAF Reserve Officers' Retired List with the rank of colonel, which he had held while on active duty in World War II.

Just prior to Tom Larkin's retirement on December 31 he was tendered a reception by Joe Collins, Chief of Staff of the Army. All the brass was there, complete with wives. Also the Class of 1915 — with wives, we hasten to add. The Larkins have bedded down, at least temporarily, at the Kennedy-Warren.

Eddie Lyon retired from the Air Force at the end of December and is living in Washington, but plans a trip to Florida in April.

Gilkeson hung up his wings on the 31st of January, giving an Alexandria address, but we are told he is visiting Florida at this writing. Anyway, he doesn't answer the phone.

The active list of the Army lost a lot of good men the same day Gilk retired. Leland Hobbs, at Governors Island, boarded the ferry but got no further than Manhattan, where he is vice president of a big bank. Pendleton and Woodruff retired to homes in Texas. Lester, we are sorry to learn, retired with a 100% disability. He visited Honolulu, no doubt with the intention of checking up on Henry Aurand. Where Jimmy intends to settle we don't know. Zundel as already noted, went to Florida. Paul Mueller and Blister Evans just turned over in bed the morning of February first, murmured "To hell with the office!" and slept a few extra hours in their Washington domiciles. Richards, rushing back from France, spent a couple of weeks in Washington, announced that he would probably live there, and set off to visit his son (Class of January '43) in Mexico, stopping at Woodruff's house en route.

Hubert Harmon retired the twenty-eighth of February. His was the last 1915 name on the active list of the Air Force. However, they couldn't get along without him, so they recalled him to active duty the next day to the same jobs with the United Nations and the Air Force Academy board. If Congress makes up its mind where to locate the West Point of the Air any time before Hubert sinks into a wheel chair, he will go down in history as the Sylvanus Thayer of the new Academy no doubt.

The first day of February found only eleven members of the class on the active list of the Army. Of these Dusky Gillette turned in his suit on the 28th of that month. Is he going to leave Washington? In that city there are one hundred women for every eighty-five men. What do you think?

Van Fleet, Gesler, and Haw retired at the end of March. Van will probably settle in Florida. Gesler will remain in Washington, and Haw plans to head for California and a shack on the beach in May. Walter Hess, after an eight months' motor trip over most of the US following his retirement, came to Washington to buy a house and take root.

The Veterans Administration has lost Wogan and Waldron, both of whom managed Veterans hospitals for some years with great success. Wog lives in Asheville, North Carolina, and Waldron in Palo Alto, California.

Stuart MacDonald has moved from Mississippi to his old stamping ground, the Finger Lakes region of New York State.

A new class roster, with addresses, was mailed from Washington in February to all members of the class.

Listen to Hume Peabody: "I am now punching the old time clock once more. Have taken on the job of business manager, commercial and continuity writer, and spot newscaster of the new radio station WPTX which went on the air at Leonardtown, Maryland, on January twenty-first. Am having more fun than a barrel of monkeys and getting paid for it in the bargain"

And Woodruff: "Not many of the class still in uniform. I just *can't* be that old!! Had an operation about New Year's time, the kind that takes a long time to clear up although I generally feel fine. Doing many chores about our house, so time doesn't hang heavily on my hands"

By the time this score is in print, Brad will be the lone 1915 active duty survivor in the Pentagon.

—Haw.

1916

Those of the Class located in and near Washington held their usual annual dinner on January 17. Attending with their wives were Scott, Prickett, Maguire, Walsh, Gallagher, Bliss, Worsham, Cockrell and Tarpley. Parker and Margaret Kuhn came down from New York especially for the occasion, as did McCullough from Philadelphia. By coincidence, George Blankenship arrived unexpectedly from Atlanta on the afternoon of the dinner. Frank Scofield was unable to attend as he was visiting with his married son and his family in Germany. Dick Levy and Marguerita also missed the party due to illness.

Dwight Johns and his wife Laura visited Washington in late February. Dwight's married daughter is at Fort Belvoir, where her husband is on duty. The Johns' were on the way to Europe for a two month trip from which they expect to return early in May. Ray and Marjorie Moses also took a winter pleasure trip to Hawaii. Another classmate to seek some winter warmth was Ferdie Gallagher who, with Helen, visited Buddy Towne, formerly Mrs. Guyer, at Palm Beach, Florida, during early March.

Louis Hibbs sampled northern climate this winter. He says that Los Fresnos, Texas, where he has been spending the winters since his retirement, is too far from his summer home at Mirror Lake, New Hampshire. At Christmas time he was at 100 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts. That also is the address of Mike Mitchell. Their wives, who are sisters, must be having a family reunion. Mike writes that he hopes to visit Washington before long. Maybe then we can learn what he has been doing all these recent years.

Spike Maulsby is going strong down in Stuart, Florida. He has become very active in the Cancer Society and has appeared frequently in the interests of its work at local meetings in Florida. Spike himself has made a remarkable recovery and now seems to be devoting himself untiringly to helping others.

Joe Tully's boy, Larkin, '44, now a major, was married in Paris, France on February 12. His bride was Miss Norma Jean Fisher.

Joe, when last heard from, was living in San Antonio, but seems to spend a lot of time traveling. Bob Walsh's son, Robert, has returned to the States after a foreign service tour flying with the Air Force in Korea.

We are sorry to learn that Bob Neyland has had to take a year's leave of absence from his football coaching duties at the University of Tennessee due to ill health. He is now undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Hospital. Bill Hoge, who returned from Korea only last year to command the Fourth Army at Fort Sam Houston, is headed overseas again. This time he goes to command the 7th Army at Stuttgart, Germany.

Christmas brought a flock of notes from distant classmates. Willie Wilson reminds us that he is still with the R.O.T.C. in Los Angeles and that now is the time to visit sunny California. Spence Merrill said he expected to come to Washington early in January. Maybe he felt that a Missouri Republican would be safe at an Inauguration now that Ike has been elected. We regret that we missed seeing him in Washington. Doug Page was on a trip to Europe at Christmas. Willie Shipp is still with the Embassy in Madrid and we hear takes care of visiting classmates with perfect diplomatic aplomb. Bill Spence, a San Antonio realtor since retirement, is now building a house for himself. Maurice Miller, also of San Antonio planned to come north for the Navy Game but he says he got cold feet on account of the weather. Tom Finley had his boy back home in Colorado Springs for his Yearling Christmas leave. Otto Lange sent greetings to all from Pasadena, California. Clyde Altman, when he looks at our snowy Christmas cards, says he is glad to enjoy the sunshine of Silver City, New Mexico.

Retirements have taken quite a "bite" out of the Class since last December: Cy Wilder, Deputy Post Commander, San Francisco; Bob Walsh, Chairman, Inter-American Defense Board; Red O'Hare, Senior Military Attache, American Embassy, France; and Lucien Berry, Commandant, Disciplinary Barracks, Camp Cook, California. Fay Prickett, Deputy Inspector General, will retire in April. With Prickett's retirement there will be only eight left on the active list.

—E. G. B.

April 1917

Classmates who visit West Point should stop at the grill room at the Thayer to see an oil painting there of the old hotel, which we knew so well in our cadet days. Mrs. H. Crampton Jones ('16) is the artist, and it is a beautiful work that will bring back old memories. During a visit last December I happened to hear on the radio from New York the voice of John J. McEwan, President of the N. Y. Touchdown Club, who was acting as master of ceremonies at a banquet at which football awards were made.

After five years as manager of the Port of Houston, Texas, Bill Heavey is closing out there this spring. He and Jule are apartment hunting in New York City.

The first of the Washington bi-monthly class luncheons of 1953 was held in the McNair Room at Fort McNair Club, January 15. At the same time the wives held their luncheon in the Gold Room at the Club. Present were Percy Black, Morris Barroll, Joe Collins, Birdie Eagles, Leo Erler, Louie Ford, Jack Jackson, Make Macon, Mitch Mitchell, Burnet Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Dave Rumbough, Steve Sherrill, Harry

Schroeder, Sam Smith, Willis Teale, Kivas Tully, and George Wooley. At the wives' luncheon, for which Dot Sherrill and Mary Wooley were hostesses, the following were present: Gladys Collins, Dot Eley, Dot Eagles, Rothee Erler, Ada Wahl (Louie Ford's sister), Jeannette Jackson, Lucy Rumbough, Enriette Schroeder, Catherine Teale, Emily Tully, and Mary Wooley. Dot Sherrill had to fall out at the last moment as she was sick.

Aftermath of our Class 35 Year Book: We appreciate the many kind words that were said and written to us. I hope this note will serve as an acknowledgment of the letters, as I have no amanuensis to prepare replies. If you know the addresses of any class widows, let me know. We want to present a copy to them. Some extracts from letters we received with news of families, or classmates, follow:

Mrs. Homer Brown (Helen Lahm when a cadet girl): "A cadet girl never seems to lose that wonderful closeness to 'her' class; the splendid times so many of its members have made for her. The book will bring hours of pleasure to many '17ers'."

Jack Code, who now lives in San Francisco: "Went to a dinner in San Francisco in early December with Kilburn, Irwin, Hayden, Halsey, Jack Mallory".

Bill Daugherty: "New grandson born November 13 at Frankfurt to son Bill, USMA '45. We are moving to 322 N. Fifth St., Tacoma 5"

Henry Frier: "Thanks for including my literary effort in the 35 year book. While I have my doubts as to its technical merits as a 'poem,' it does express sentiments we all feel. I was instrumental in organizing the West Point Society of Cleveland recently. We had twenty-four members for our first meeting—a luncheon at the University Club followed by the TV showing of the Army Navy game".

Bill Harrison: "Since the negotiations in Korea recessed, I have been very busy as Wayne Clark's Deputy Commander of the Army Forces, Far East. Sterling Wood is my Inspector General and Pesch Sullivan is QM. I am going to write today to Malcolm Helm, my former roommate, who according to the 35 year book has become a success in the petroleum industry"

Malcolm Helm: "Recently I had a short but pleasant visit with 'Spec' Nisley, who spent a day in New Orleans. He was the first classmate I have seen since Ridgway, Collins and Ford were down here for an industrial conference about two years ago."

Lewis, W. M.: "After reading the book, I am sorrier than ever that I did not get to the reunion last June".

Meacham, R. B. (writing after his appendectomy in November): "I feel better than in many past years. Am getting too fat but will look after that later".

Anne Sinkler Thompson: "The book is a wonderful record of what the '17ers have done. We are going over to Albany, Ga. to see my sister, Helen, next week and will take her copy to her"

Fat Stewart: "There are so many of the class that I haven't seen since graduation that seeing their pictures and reading their lines in the book is almost a reunion".

Sullivan, J. P.: "Our West Point dinner here in Tokyo, March 17, will be attended by Clark, Harrison, Wood, and myself. I am toastmaster, so you know the Irish blarney will predominate"

Joe Tate: "We love it here in New Orleans, have a grand old-time house, and there is racing, Sugar Bowl, hunting, fishing, Mardi Gras—take your pick"

Weishampel, John: "I have a good position now at LaFayette College, Easton, Pa."

Whitcomb, J. C.: "In May, I re-retired and went into business here (Lima, Peru) with

Admiral McNair (Ret). I am also on the Board of Governors of the Golf Club and commander of the local Legion Post so my spare time is spare indeed"

There were many retirements of classmates during the past months. These include: Armstrong, C. H., Bathurst, Bradshaw, Eagles, Eley (after an operation at Walter Reed), Halsey, Keiser, and Mullins.

Kewp Yuill has been a patient in Walter Reed for several months. It was finally necessary to amputate one leg above the knee. He is now doing fine.

I had talks recently with Bill Redfield, Joe Tate, and Charlie Gerhardt, when they were passing through Washington. Charlie reported the arrival of their first grandchild, Nina Rose, to daughter, Nina, and son-in-law, Lt. D. J. Kennedy, now stationed at Fort Meade. He reported also on a West Point dinner in January at Winter Park which he attended.

It is a sad duty to report the passing January 28 at Valley Forge Hospital of Carleton Coulter, and of Johnny Devine's wife, Nancy, at the Roanoke, Virginia, hospital. She was interred at West Point, and Carleton at Arlington. She was a sister of Rudy Whitelegg. The Coulters have a son in the Corps.

We were sorry to read in the paper in January of the death of P. Holt, our Professor of English who served at West Point for 20 years.

Cooper Smith is in Washington for duty now. We hope he remains here after his retirement in a few months.

If there are any changes you wish made in the data concerning you in the annual *Register of Graduates*, drop me a card by May 15.

—S. H. S.

August 1917

One of our faithful Washington correspondents (Phil Day) writes as follows: "A class luncheon here December 11 was quite a gala occasion due to several new faces at the table. It occurred to me it might be worth chronicling in your *Assembly* notes. Present were Jones, Goode, Day, Williamson, Shaffer, Sharp, Griffith, Conner, Herbert, McNeill, Mahoney, Hasbrouck, Huff.

"Pop Goode will be a regular because he is going to live here, having a job out at the Soldiers Home assisting General Haislip. Ray Williamson is on his way to London, where he will be M.A. in time to assist at the coronation. Pat Mahoney has been doing a sojourn at Walter Reed but appears none the worse for wear. He says he is going back to Japan. Huff is returning to his Washington home to live in retirement. The rest are Washington regulars."

In an unusual ceremony thirteen tokens of esteem were received by Henry Gantt, commanding officer of Camp Rucker, Alabama. A silver goblet was presented on behalf of each of the twelve surrounding towns and a silver tray "from the people of southeastern Alabama" A proclamation which accompanied the gifts spoke of Henry's outstanding work in promoting good relations between the Army and Camp Rucker's civilian neighbors. Telegrams were received from the Governor of Alabama, Senator Lister Hill, and others, praising Henry's work and regretting his approaching retirement.

An interesting letter from Gordon Heiner tells of his trip to Europe, where he visited Gordon III. The two Gordons toured Germany, Switzerland, and France in a Volkswagen. Encountered during their travels

were Red Warner and Red Durfee, both presently located in Heidelberg.

Jules Schaefer has received a letter from Reyes, S. F., stating that our Filipino classmate was due to sail for the United States in April with his wife and three children. Reyes, who became an American citizen at the time of his retirement from the Army in 1946, expects to make his home in this country.

Received just too late for the last issue:

Bill Jenna is Chief of Staff of the Military Assistance Advisory Group on Formosa. Maudie was expected to join him by early spring. At the time he wrote, Bill was completing a short stay in the hospital at Tokyo, where he saw Horace Harding (more about him later) and Pinky and Nan Rolfe. Bill says the latter haven't changed a bit.

Horace Harding wrote that he was in Walter Reed for a checkup. He went from Fort Monroe (Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces) to the Pentagon (Armed Forces Special Weapons Project) and then to Korea (40th Division artillery), regaining his star along the route. Early in December the doctors got hold of him, and he left Tokyo for Walter Reed in mid-December.

Please send news to me at 1050 Park Avenue, New York 28, N. Y., by June 1.

—Walker G. White.

June 1918

Clarence Townsley is doing a beautiful job in rounding up our Class for our 35th Reunion and in making arrangements at West Point for that gala occasion. He is devoting a most generous amount of time and effort to our Class affairs. He has collected, collated, expurgated and edited practically this entire column and almost enough for another column which, for lack of space, must be omitted. Thanks to Bill Barriger, (Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Forces in Far East, APO 343, c/o PM, San Francisco) every classmate in the Far East has promptly contacted "C.P." Speaking of the Barrigers, "Mickey" swears that the misspelling of the Cruise cognomens in the quotes credited to her in the last issue of *Assembly* "is attributable to the more or less illiterate Jack Grant." ("GG" agrees, most emphatically, but says "Mickey" should have omitted "more or less.") Our humble apologies, "Mickey"

Phil Gallagher writes: "'Bit' Barth is with the Fifth Infantry Division at Indiantown Gap. He is doing an excellent job and I believe he will be left to command the Division. This will probably mean a second star for him. Lane Holman is doing a 'top-notch' job in a very responsible position at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Gerhard is at the Chemical Center and I see him at some of the Baltimore civic affairs. Reginald Whitaker is District Engineer and lives in Baltimore. As District Engineer, he does a good bit of the major construction work at my post which affords us an opportunity to battle each other officially, but enjoy each other's company socially"

Pat Tansey has been relieved from duty in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Washington, D. C., and assigned to the Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C. Charlie Blanchard has been relieved from the XV Corps, Camp Polk, La., and assigned to Camp Gordon, Ga. Congratulations to Lane Holman and "Bit" Barth, who have been nominated for temporary Major Generals; and to Eddie Sibert who

has been nominated for permanent Brigadier General. Eddie, who has a son in the Infantry of the 7th Division in Korea, is Bill Barriger's Deputy in Yokohama. He writes: "Laura joins me early in March if all goes well. All of our three children are now on their own. Bill, the doughboy captain, married Alan Campbell's daughter, Jessie. Cary married Cowper Smith's son. The latter is a captain of armor. Edwin, the ex-naval officer, is in New York at the Banker's Trust Company. Can't be at the Reunion, but you can readily see why it is impossible"

Paul Malone (APO 500, c/o PM San Francisco) is now Senior Adviser, G-1 and AG, with the Japanese Safety Forces. In a round robin letter to Hans Kramer, Tenney Ross, C. P. Townsley and Jack Grant, Paul writes: "Met up with Dick McKee, G-1, AFPE, and will probably see Eddie Sibert at Yokohama today. It is doubtful that I can make the Reunion but enclosed is ten bucks as my contribution toward making it a success" "Savvy" Cruse (APO 9, c/o PM, San Francisco) writes: "I think I've got about the best job in Japan—Engineer of the Southwestern Command — which takes in about the south half of the country. Bob Bishop is Deputy Engineer, and Dick McKee is G-1 at Hq Army Forces, Far East—in the Yokohama area. Tom Kern is Engineer of Headquarters and Service Command, which looks after the Tokyo area. With Bill Barriger as Chief of Staff and Eddie Sibert slated to be his Deputy, our class is going to have a majority vote around here. I get up to Tokyo and Yokohama every once in a while and usually see all of them. Best wishes for the reunion. Hope I can make it"

Hans Kramer writes: "Sign me up. And Alice too. The inclosed check is earnest money to seal the deal". Hab Elliott writes: "I suffered a severe heart attack last May. My physical retirement was effective December 31. I am in good shape now and in several months we can hie forth (from Nashville) in search of our final place of residence. We shall be too far away to make West Point this June. I do hope that the reunion is a success; although why we mortals insist on celebrating the fact that we have reached the age of hide-and-tallow value, I don't know. I'll be thinking of you. Take a drink for me"

Lucius Clay, after expressing his appreciation of "C.P.'s" willingness to "spark our 35 year reunion", writes: "I have little news to report. Marjorie and I enjoy five grandchildren when we can, but with one father in the Air Forces and the other in the Army, we do not see as much of them as we would wish. Otherwise, our life is rather routine now and, surprisingly, we find it most pleasant"

"Blossom" McKee, recalled to active duty in 1941, served five years with the Corps of Engineers in Ohio. He then became Chief Engineer of Design, Ohio Highway Department. For some years he has been Executive Secretary of the Ohio Contractors Assn. He has three daughters, a son, and six grandchildren, scattered from the West Coast to the middle west. His son served as a GI and a second lieutenant of Engineers in World War II. "Blossom" will be at our reunion.

Adelaide and "Heinie" Baish will be with us in June, with their ten year old daughter Olivia. Their son Frank (Class of 1950) is now in Alaska as a 1st Lt. of Artillery. Their daughter Sheila presented them with a granddaughter, Maybeth, on June 12th last. "Heinie" (PMS&T at MIT; Secty-Treas. of the W.P. Soc. of Boston; V.P. of Boston Chapter, Soc. Am. Mil. Engrs; and President of the Holy Name Society of Bel-

mont, Mass.) writes: "I've just completed an additional duty assignment as President, West Point Examining Board, at Army Base, Boston. It renewed my youth to be with 125 candidates for the past three days. It is always a pleasure to talk up West Point and have a hand in the processing of new cadets". Milo Barragan is working on "Operation Colossal" to get him from San Antonio to West Point this June. He reports that Betty in command, with his sixteen year old Kathryn as Deputy, run his menage while he pursues the sedentary trade of an accountant.

"Kitty" Boineau, still raising violets violently (and raising a twelve and a four year old) writes: "In the absence of babysitters, Lib and I cannot join the fun. I promise to join you on our 50th reunion. By that time I should 'know better'". Murray Neilson is dubious about coming. He points out the distance and the extreme youth of our latest Class Son. Charlie Hoffman, still running a wholesale paper business in Baltimore, has complications. His son graduates from Johns Hopkins this June. Andy Moore, still in Paris with the Battle Monuments Commission, finds the Atlantic too big a barrier to make the reunion. Mary and "Bit" Barth, Rose and "Laddie" Bellinger, Mina and Eddie Dando, Marguerite and Bob Hamilton, Dorothy and Pat Casey, Marjorie and Lucius Clay, Inez and "Addie" Adcock, the "Heinie" Stenzels, Marian and Tenney Ross and others as hereinabove and hereinafter noted will all be with us. Sam Sturgis, in the whirl of taking over the Corps of Engineers, delegated Fran to advise that they hope to be at the reunion. Mabel and Jim Marshall are coming from Zonguldak, Turkey. Joanna and Pat Wilson will try to make it from Puerto Rico. The Whitakers are coming, as are Lita and Lane Holman, Robbie and Jim Newman, Alexia and Harry Mewshaw, Freddie Kimble and his golf clubs, and, of course, Elsie and "C.P." Townsley, and "GG" and Jack Grant.

Hal Lewis, an expert at killing two birds with one stone, will bring Frances to the reunion. She, in turn will display him at her Wellesley reunion. (They have a new grandchild, a seven months old boy in Seattle, whom they have not yet seen.) Grace and Doctor Tex Mussil will come to the reunion with their daughter Jeanne, who graduated last June from Mt. Vernon College. Hughie Hewitt will be with us. Hughie writes that Eddie Crouch was in Boston recently watching his son (now an Ensign in the Navy with all of Eddie's dimples) graduate from Harvard V-12. Not long ago Hughie saw Frank Cintron's mother in Lima, Peru, but just missed seeing Frank. Frances and Gordon Matthews will be with us with their 13 year old daughter. Gordon writes: "Saw Johnny Bethel for a minute in Mount Dora, Fla. He's a prominent citizen there—pointed out to all the tourists" His Honor, Davie Davis, Mayor of Olean, N. Y., accompanied by Her Honor, will be with us. "Steve" and "Growley" Gruhn will try to make it. Their daughter Ruth enters Vassar or Radcliffe this fall, and, in July, their son Tom enters West Point. Steve Stephens hopes to be with us but, because of his health, is dubious. Veron and Pat Timothy will try to be with us. They have a son (a Tac) and a granddaughter at West Point. Jim Gillespie (Manager of Foreign Operations for AiResearch Manufacturing Co.) will be abroad. His son (Tulane, 1950) will soon have his LLB. degree from St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio.

Norma and "Skip" Axelson, who are building a house in Sebring, Fla., have faint hopes of coming up. Lala and Paul Hurt are now living in Holly Hill (near Daytona

Beach) Fla. They are sailing for Paris on May 8th and cannot be with us. Nor can Eleanor and Bob Offley. Bob writes from Hauula, T. H. (thirty miles from Honolulu) that last June they bought a home on the beach there, where he has now settled down to beachcombing and a rural life. They extend a standing invitation to all classmates to visit them. "Dad" Kovarik writes: "Son Dave up and married one of Bill Eley's handsome daughters in 1950 and now I am a Grandpa to husky Billy Kovarik, age 15 months" Marian and Tenney Ross' first grandson was born on February 7th last. He is named for his uncle, their son, Tenney Ross Crichton. "Addie" Adcock's son Lionel is about to marry the Colonel's daughter, Virginia Brown, at Fort Monroe. He will then head for Korea just as his brother is being rotated home. "Gene" Caffey's daughter Hester recently married 1st Lt. Richard C. Mallonee, Jr. Helen and Al McNamee's daughter Julia Patricia is engaged to Jesse Graham Harris, Jr.

"Cas" Casman, the Philadelphia lawyer, writes that Dotty is still recovering from her serious auto accident of last year. Pat Casey writes that Dorothy is headed for Germany with the grandchildren, while he is heading for Hawaii, but that we should not draw any wrong conclusions. They will reunite at our reunion. Bob Hamilton is still with Alcoa (in Providence, R.I.). He has just been presented with his first grandson by his son Bob, who was a PFC of Infantry with the 32nd Division in the Philippines on V-J Day, and who is now with RCA in Seattle, Wash. Bob writes that Uncle Sam is now breathing down the neck of his younger son, Bill. "Ty" Cobb writes that his farming business in Mississippi will have him tied down there this June. Jack Grant is now teaching Law at Seton Hall University in Newark, N. J. He says that if anyone finds a stray and badly frayed shirt, it is probably the one he lost in his book-end business.

Harry Sherman retired from active service January 31, 1953. Bud Miley writes: "I stopped jumping out of airplanes in May 1952 when I was ordered up here to command the Army troops in Alaska. Expect to be in the U.S. for the Army Commanders meeting on June 1, in which event will most assuredly be present for the reunion. As Uncle will not pay Fenie's transportation, she will not be with me. On my arrival in Alaska, I found John Mesick installed here as G-1. John is still young at heart and spent as much time as possible shooting moose and sheep, or fishing. He is now on his way to the States to retire. On a recent trip to Washington, I saw Pat Tansey who hasn't changed any, except that his shock of black hair is now white. Also saw Sam and Fran Sturgis. Sam still has his sense of humor and was his old self. I believe it will take more than the harassment to which he will be subjected as CE to change Sam. Here is real news: Each of my two sons, Maj. William M., Jr. and Capt. John D. has a daughter, which makes me the grandfather of the finest two little girls I have ever seen"

As we go to press, we are shocked by the sad news of the sudden death of Harry Gould. In Philadelphia, on Monday, March 2nd, Harry answered the final roll call. He had collapsed on a Washington-bound train after a weekend visit at West Point with his Plebe son, Robert. Graveside services were held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, where Milo Barragan represented our Class. Harry had moved to San Antonio after his retirement in 1946. Last year he had obtained his LL.B. degree from St. Mary's University, School of Law. He is survived by his wife Carol and his son Robert.

But Harry would want us to have a bang-up 35th Reunion. To that end, contact "C.P." His address is:

Col. C. P. Townsley
U.S. Del. Military Staff Committee,
United Nations,
Room 1804
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

—J. L. G.

November 1918

General and Mrs. Roger Wicks, of Southern Pines, N. C., have announced the engagement of their daughter "Pat" to Lieut. Richard Parkinson of Washington.

At last, a news release! How simple it would be to keep track of all of you if you would only tell your local P.I.O.'s to send one copy of anything mentioning your name or the name of any other graduate to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y. Thanks to this simple procedure I now know and can tell you that Dunkelberg has left the 24th Division and is now Assistant Division Commander of the 3rd Division. Mrs. Dunkelberg and their daughter, Judith, have left Japan for Pipe Creek, Texas, where they will live. Son Eugene is at the University of Kentucky. (All classmates, P.I.O.'s, C.G.'s, Post C.O.'s, etc., please note.)

Tom Brinkley has left his hacienda and is now running the Idaho Military District, Building 33, 5th and Fort Streets, Boise, Idaho. He writes of attending a West Point Society dinner dance in San Francisco and seeing the Johnnies Hughes and Dietrich and their wives. He hopes to get to West Point for the reunion in June.

Fred Pearson writes: "Babe and Nell Gullatt were at Ft. Sam Houston on New Year's. Babe now has offices both in Houston and San Antonio. Cinderella and Martha Watkins were through here recently en route to the east coast to visit their son. They had just returned from Japan where Cindy commanded the post which was formerly the Annapolis of Japan. En route back to the States Martha had the misfortune to fall on the boat and break her hand. She had it in a cast and is getting along all right. They go to Atlanta where Cindy will be in charge of National Guard affairs for Georgia. Harrison Shaler is now Commanding General at Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Texas. He was here recently on a trip and we had lunch together. Harrison has changed very little since K-det days except like some of the rest of us has taken on additional avoirdupois. Recently had some business at Austin and dropped in to see Bob York, who is PMS&T at University of Texas. Bob looks the same as always and says he weighs only five pounds more than he did when we graduated. Talked to the Exec. Officer of White Sands Proving Grounds a few days ago and he told me George Eddy was out of the hospital, back on duty and getting along fine. Didn't get to talk to George. Was in Washington recently and ran into Chorpening and Canaan at Gravelly Point. Both getting along fine"

Elmer Barnes writes from Washington: "Art Pence soon to leave to command Ft. Leonard Wood, relieving Jim Christianson, whose new assignment is not yet announced. Frankie Bowman has left his Chief of Staff job at Fort Belvoir and joined Mark Clark in Japan as Theater Engineer. Ronald Hicks has been vacationing in Florida.

Hunk Holbrook has spent the past few weeks combining business with pleasure travel. He and Helen are working through an itinerary covering coast to coast and points south. Helen's father, General Herr, retired, baby-sits nights at the Holbrook menage. Jim Jervey writes that someday, repeat someday, he is going to leave his porch rocker long enough to attend one of our monthly luncheons. Al Miller and his bride, Ruth, have become a new and much loved addition to our Washington resident clan. Al is amassing another fortune as local representative for a few corporations. Bill and Laura Belle Badger have also joined the Washington clan. Bill is keeping Hunk's Federal Finance Service straightened out. Walter Wood, who was smart enough to beat us all to our original commissions, is a recent joiner of the clan. He is retired, living at 2311 Connecticut Avenue (Woodward Apartments). We've been trying to get Frank Stoner to our monthly luncheons but he's usually out of town or something. Frank is another who beat us to our commissions. He's retired as a major general, address: 1778 Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 502, Washington 6. Other newcomers to Washington, on active duty are: Jimmie Keasler, to Career Records Branch, AGO; Reed Yeager, to Air Force, Director of Requirements; Swede Ericson, to Inspector General's Office; and Charlie Colson, to Headquarters, MDW. We hear Bill Calloway is living at Charlottesville, Va., 1525 Gordor Ave. Andy March is coming to Walter Reed Hospital this month for a physical check-up prior to retirement as B.G. Tubby Snow retired in January and has gone to Los Angeles or thereabouts, to build a big brewery for Anheuser-Busch—they make Budweiser. Tubby and Betty have a swell deal on this—house and everything. Speaking of houses, Charlie and Mary Colson have bought one of the old Virginia originals, suh! down Leesburg way and are doing it over. Big housewarming coming up sooner or later. Jack Breen is living in Baltimore at Cambridge Arms Apartment, Clarke and 34th Street"

The committee for our 35th reunion reports a very satisfactory response to their efforts. To date, thirty classmates have indicated that they will attend, and have sent in their contributions. About ten others have indicated that they probably will come—it is still too early for them to be entirely certain. It looks like a real turnout.

The program has been kept as simple as possible: Saturday, May 30, Class Picnic at Round Pond. Sunday, May 31, Class Dinner at Bear Mountain Inn.

These are the only functions held as a class. The committee felt that it would be better to allow the maximum possible time for individual get-togethers, visits, parties, etc. Alumni Day is Monday, June 1st.

The committee will send out a second letter on the reunion about mid-March to all classmates they can locate. After 35 years this matter of addresses is an extremely difficult problem. Please help by keeping your current address with the Committee or the Association of Graduates.

Remember the dates, May 30 through June 1, and plan to come if you can possibly arrange it. It will be well worth your while.

The last mail from Cleveland brought a very elegant program of the Seventh Annual Banquet of the Cleveland Technical Societies Council on March 16, 1953 at which Arch T. Colwell, Vice-President of Thompson Products and President of the Council, introduced Lieutenant General Lester Richard Groves, who spoke on "An Industrial look at Atomic Energy".

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

General officer promotions during the winter include Bill Kean to the temporary rank of Lt. Gen., with assignment as Commanding General of the 5th Army; Willie Palmer (temporary Lt. Gen. and G-4, General Staff, USA), Harlan Hartness, Buddy Ferenbaugh, and Bob Montague to be permanent major generals; and Bobby Gard to be a permanent brigadier general.

Jaz Murphy (G-1, U.S. Army, Europe) sends in the following items: "Bobby Gard has moved to this headquarters as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. Lofty Snodgrass has moved up from Seventh Army to theater JA. Harlan Hartness still has the 4th Division. Al Morgan dropped in yesterday from his station in Madrid to see me. It was my first visit with him since the early '20s in Panama. Bixby has moved from Nurnberg to command of the Base Section at Bordeaux. Wes Jervey is still the Chief Signal Officer, US EUCOM Headquarters. Harris Scherer is still the AG of Seventh Army. Hayford is still Chief of Transportation, but is returning to the ZI this summer. I get an occasional note from Al Gruenther in Paris and more frequent phone calls from Herb Jones. Gene McGinley is still in command of the Stuttgart Area but will probably move due to a recent reorganization within the Command. There are quite a number of us who are due for rotation this summer. Assignments will probably not be known before May or June"

Our Washington secretary, Horace Speed (19 Fort Hunt Road, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Va.) supplies his usual newsy report: "Tony McAuliffe was elected President of the Army & Navy Club at the annual meeting the 9th. February. Present to applaud were Brannon, Flory, Harbaugh, Martin, Palmer, Shingler and Speed. Doc Loper has been in Walter Reed since January 20 but is getting along and hopes to be out in a couple more weeks (heart attack), still is as jovial as ever. W. D. Brown is having to take treatments every day at Walter Reed for his throat, but is living at home. Believe that the treatments will do him good and hope for a complete cure. Tom McGregor has orders to Ft. Ord, Calif. which please him no end as that is his home area. He leaves very soon but Freda will stay here until the twins graduate from the Point. Jazz Parsons is expecting orders to Germany soon. We will miss both couples as they have been very active in all class gatherings. We welcome Charley and Peggy Pyle, recently returned from duty in Europe. He is assigned to National War College as Executive Officer and they drew 'The Bungalow' at Ft. McNair as quarters. Valentine's Day we had a cocktail party at the Army & Navy Club with following present: Mike and Marjorie Brannon with their daughter Joan; Joe and Maxine Cranston; Fred and Betty Drury; Louis Ely; Les and Dot Flory; Jimmie Harbaugh; John and Bert Hardin; Doc and Patty Martin; Tony and Helen McAuliffe; Tom and Freda McGregor; Dick and Emma Ovenshine; Charley and Peggy Pyle; Willie Palmer; Jazz and Ann Parsons; Harry and Mary Rex; Don and Bea Shingler; Horace and Minette Speed. Ham Young came down from Ft. Meade; Harrison Heiberg and his Ann came up from Ft. Monroe as did Urban and Kay Niblo; Bill and Buzz Dunham came in from Charlottesville. We were delighted to have Helen Bryan (Pinky's widow) with us. Marian Bruckner, Rosa Kerr, and Marian O'Reilly were forced to decline. Sladen Bradley and Nate Twining were coming but last minute official business kept them away. John Crowe was sick so he could not be with us. Miller, R. J., wrote in that his

wife who has been in hospital for some time was home but not equal to a party yet. Eddie Starr's wife Barbara was in Walter Reed so they could not come. She is doing well and will soon go home. Hugh Elliott and Joe Phelps both wrote in saying they would be unable to come. A letter from Kyke Allan saying he was coming back to the States to live a life of ease. Will arrive about June. Hope that he and Emmy settle in Washington Area. Tony McAuliffe has just been made Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Administration. Willie Palmer is now G-4 for the Army".

Dave Latimer sends in, from Paxton, Ill., some interesting newspaper accounts of the retirement ceremonies for Ralph Stearley at Chanute Field on February 28. Among those present to honor Ralph were Congressmen Dewey Short and L. C. Arends, Governor Craig of Indiana, and Lt. Gen. Harper, USAF. Retiring as a major general after 35 years service, Ralph plans to operate the Hoosier farm he left to come to West Point in 1917.

Dave also notes that Red Szymanski has been learning to ski on a mid-winter vacation in Switzerland. Dutch Heineke has retired to Vincennes, Indiana, where he has a lucrative insurance business. Dave himself retired in 1943 as a result of a serious heart ailment which prevents him from being very active. His son, Capt. H. D. Latimer, served as an Infantry lieutenant during the Battle of the Bulge, then accepted a permanent commission, and now commands an artillery battery in Korea.

Ruth Zimmerman, wife of Maj. Gen. Wayne Zimmerman, died in Teheran early in January. Wayne is Chief of the U.S. Army Mission in Iran. Ruth was buried in Arlington Cemetery on January 13. The Class was represented by 13 honorary pallbearers, 5 class wives, and the usual floral piece.

Doc Martin has joined the firm of Jones, Kreeger, and Hewitt, members of the New York Stock Exchange. His office is in the Cafritz Building, 1625 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Wallace Bruner now resides at 2417 E. 17th Place, Tulsa, Okla. She announces the marriage of her daughter Alice Marie to Mr. Dean Robert Fellows in Tulsa on March 28.

Al Wedemeyer acted as toastmaster at the Founders' Day dinner of the West Point Society of New York on March 14. Others present were Horace Buck, Clarence Burgher, Bob Carter, Mose Chadwick, Verdi Green, George Horowitz, Doc Johnson, Ed Sebree, and your scribe. The newcomers to New York were Chadwick and Sebree. Mose lives in Westport, Conn., commuting to the city every day. Ed is at Governors Island, being the new deputy Commanding General of the First Army.

Frank Davis recently underwent surgery at the Station Hospital at USMA, but is now back on the job as Commandant of the West Point Preparatory School at Stewart Air Force Base. He supplies the following vital statistics; to wit that one Frank G. Davis, Jr., weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz., was born on November 1, 1952, which you will remember is the 34th anniversary of the great event that took place on November 1, 1918.

At the time this is being written it is expected that Al Gruenther will lecture at West Point on March 30. His son Dick is on duty in the Tac. Department.

—B. W. B.

1920

Some recent "makes" and promotions of members of the Class were announced in

the *Army Navy Air Force Journal*, February 28, 1953. They were as follows: To permanent Major General: Major General Clovis E. Byers; To permanent Brigadier General: Brigadier General Rex Van Den Corput, Jr., Major General Homer W. Kiefer, Major General Crump Garvin, and Major General George Honnen; Brigadier General to temporary Major General: Brigadier General Charles K. Gailey, Jr., and Brigadier General William L. Mitchell. It was previously announced that Clovis Byers would succeed Major General James M. Gavin as Chief of Staff for Admiral Carney's Command.

Early in January, an additional honor was conferred on our classmate and president, John A. McNulty, when he was unanimously elected president of the New York Athletic Club at the Club's annual meeting. John has been a member of the New York Athletic Club since 1931. He has served one term as Vice-President and two as a member of the Board of Governors. Shortly after his election, the members of the West Point Glee Club were guests of the Athletic Club for a dinner and dance, preceding which the Glee Club entertained all present with appropriate and lively selections, including renditions by selected soloists and the Glee Club quartet. Ted Gillette and Charlie West were guests on this occasion with their wives. It was a very enjoyable evening and we were very proud of our classmate, the new President of the Club.

Leland Smith writes from Fort Benjamin Harrison that he recently attended the Special Weapons Orientation Course at Sandia Base, New Mexico, where he was entertained by our classmate, "Gloomy" Hasbrouck, who is Chief of Staff at the base. At a dinner party tendered by "Gloomy", Leland, Henry Hannis and his charming wife, Bertha, were in attendance. Hannis, now retired, is in business in Albuquerque, where we also have another classmate, George Doolittle. George and wife were unable to be present at the dinner because George had a slight attack of flu. Leland also said that he had spent an evening with Morrison Chitterling and Ruth when he visited Glen Ridge, New Jersey, in November. On this same Eastern trip, Leland had attended the Commandants' Conference at Army Field Forces, where several classmates were congregated, including Halley Maddox, Chief of Staff at Army Field Forces; "Hank" Hodes, Commandant, Command and General Staff College; Dick Partridge, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army; and Gus Vogel, G-4, Army Field Forces.

Joe Dillon (Major General), the Air Provost Marshal, and wife have recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Anne, to Mr. Thomas L. Sullivan of Boston, Massachusetts. The Dillons reside at 8511 Beech Tree Road, Burning Tree Valley, Bethesda, Maryland. Beverly Anne was graduated from Holton Arms Junior College and attended George Washington University. Mr. Sullivan's home is in Dorchester, Mass. He was graduated from Georgetown University in 1946, and from the Wharton Graduate School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, in 1949. Mr. Sullivan served in World War II with the 79th Infantry Division.

I hear that Crump Garvin has left his post in Heidelberg, Germany, for a new assignment at SHAPE, Paris, France.

Bob Watt dropped by West Point for a brief visit during January. Your scribe did not see Bob himself, but he spent an hour or two with Bill Bessell and it was reported that he looked fine and was in the best of spirits. I understand Bob is Director of Procurement for the Quality Dairy Products Company, 354-11th Avenue, San Diego 1, California.

Also, it was a very pleasant surprise when "Fritz" Cross dropped in on March 16th during the afternoon, and telephoned me from the Hotel Thayer. I rounded up Charlie and Harty West and we had a very enjoyable hour or two of lively conversation at my quarters. Unfortunately, Trix was visiting in Maine at the time and missed the fun. Also, "Fritz" was on a business trip east and consequently was not accompanied by Jean. Incidentally "Fritz" announced that his son, Freeman Grant, Jr., is a candidate to enter U.S.M.A. this year from Tennessee.

Bill Bessell, Professor of Mathematics, represented the United States Military Academy at the Founders Day Dinner held by the Chicago West Point Society and officers of Headquarters, 5th Army, on March 14, 1953, at the 5th Army Officers Club in Chicago. Bill addressed the gathering, speaking principally about the important work which West Point Societies can do to interest young men in West Point who have the proper leadership potentials for an Army career. He also talked briefly about the Athletic Program and its prospects for 1953-1954, the Building Program for new construction at West Point, and the success of our recent Sesquicentennial Celebration. The group of classmates he saw included Tyree Horn, Signal Officer, and Leon Lichtenthaler, Quartermaster, of the 5th Army.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

Could it be that migration time for orioles is linked with the stirring about of our military Orioles lately? There seems to have been much movement accomplished and there is at least as much more in prospect.

Of course it is no longer news that Max Taylor went out to Korea to command the Eighth Army. Accompanying him that far, then going on to visit Formosa in his capacity of director of the Military Assistance Program, was George Olmsted. Des Moines newspapers expect George to return to inactive military status soon, and are mentioning him as potential senatorial timber.

Matty has moved out of Berlin and is now commanding the Communications Zone in France. Cort Schuyler has left Paris and, after a detour by way of the schools at Benning and Knox, now commands the 28th Division in Germany.

Perry Smith was in California on Military Academy business in March. He flew as far as Colorado Springs with Ben Chidlaw; spent the night there and went to the West Point dinner. In California he attended another such dinner; that time he saw Morris Marcus, AG of Sixth Army; Clarence Dean, who is selling real estate down San Jose way; George Taylor, living in Palo Alto; Pirkey, from Sacramento, and Stephens, L. E., from Stockton. Ham Meyer was in the east at that particular time but he arrived back in California before Perry left. Ham was giving up his National Guard post in California but had no definite plans just then. Kessler is commanding the Fourth Air Force from Hamilton Field, but Perry didn't get out there. Right now Perry is getting packed up and will soon be on his way to the Naples headquarters of NATO.

Tommy Thomson visited West Point in February, briefly back in the US from Salzburg. Tommy has a son at the prep school at Stewart Field who hopes to become a cadet in July. Tommy himself expects to return to the US for station this summer, while Fritz Lee, from Washington, will be

going to Salzburg to maintain the Oriole representation there.

Raynsford, after more than seven years in his current tour of foreign service, expects to return to the US in June, but hopes soon thereafter to go back to France where he has a house of his own about twenty-five miles outside of Paris. Eddie Clark knows the location and drops in to see the Raynsfords every few months.

Numa Watson reports that Holmes Ficklen is a brand-new poppa as of some time the end of January. Doesn't that qualify him for some sort of a caboose cup? And shouldn't we plan to provide some tangible expression of pride in such an achievement, to be passed on to each succeeding winner and retained by the last of them?

Numa says Russ Hensey is IG of the Fourth Army and that Webb is living in retirement near Fort Sam. Al Kastner is at Fort Hood and has telephone business with Numa from time to time.

Bill Lawton has taken over from Babe Bryan as Deputy Chief of Staff in Tokyo. And, while mentioning the Far East, Lombard's son, USMA '51, was wounded in action in Korea but appears to be doing all right.

"P.D." Lynch retired from the Air Force on February 28, by operation of the "30 and 5" law. However, he is still doing business at the old stand, breaking in a successor, and meanwhile justifying the budget estimates now before Congress. About June he expects to head for other fields, in Texas this time, after a visit to West Point and New England, but his detailed plans are not yet firmed up. And Harry Marsh has also gone on the retired list, at his own request.

BB Wilkes was planning a visit to New York in January but none of us up this way actually saw him. Carpenter and Little each acquired a son-in-law in February.

The *Pointer*, published by the Corps of Cadets, carried in one of its issues in March an account of exploration in the attics of the 1st and 8½ Divisions. High above the fireplace in the 8½ Div, according to the article, was found this inscription:

"Burns, W. A.	
Haas, H. H.	Class
Hensey, W. R.	The Filthy Four of
Stout, H. H.	1922"

The article went on to report the current status of the "Four". No doubt a biographer some day will eagerly seize upon such an item. Well, we'll all be glad to help!

—C. J. B.

1923

Your attention is invited to *Reunion Bulletin* No. 3, put out by the Washington Committee on March 18, 1953. Firm commitments for attendance are urgently desired in order that arrangements for housing of dependents and for social functions may be made. Pro rata charges cannot be announced until more definite estimates of attendance are available. Write now to Colonel S. W. Towle, Jr., 729-15th Street, N.W.—Room 401, Washington 5, D. C. Members who will require quarters in Cadet Barracks should also notify the Alumni Reception Committee on the reply card sent out with the Superintendent's June Week Bulletin. Information to Towle should include names of dependents, sex and age of minors, and which functions (dinner dance and picnic) you will attend. Also indicate whether your dependents will require quarters at

Stewart AFB. Unless you already have quarters engaged, it is useless to attempt to get any in the immediate vicinity as the word from the June Week Housing Committee is that all accommodations within a radius of 18 miles have been taken since early February.

We are indeed fortunate in having Deke Stone ordered to West Point to report in mid-April as Secretary of the Association of Graduates. This increases our local Reunion Committee by 100 per cent.

W. R. Pierce wrote from Arizona State College to call attention to the fact that his son, Richard B., who is a plebe, has not previously been carried on any published list of class sons. His older boy, W. R., Jr., is at the University of California at Davis, where he is majoring in pomology. He is taking R.O.T.C. and consequently will probably be on active duty some time in '54.

We had a nice visit from John Noyes in mid-January. He is now on duty at the Engineer School and is spending his spare time working like a beaver on the history of the Corps of Engineers.

The annual class meeting was held in the Pentagon on January 26. Kenner Hertford was named as the new Executive Chairman, and Steve Conner, Secretary. Woggie Towle remains as Treasurer. Those present were: Gunn, Fowler, Weikert, Conner, Craigie, Stone, Fisher, Buckley, Mahoney, O'Reilly, Maddox, Green, Edwards, Bing, Reber, Milton, Noyes, Moody, Harrold, Towle, Carroll, Magruder, Hertford and Stewart, G. C. Those from parts distant from Washington were Maddocks, retired and living in Charlottesville; and Fisher from Army Field Forces.

The following attended the class luncheon on February 26: Buckley, Conner, Craigie, Harrold, Hertford, Milton, Roper, Stone, Sweaney, Thompson and Vandenberg. Ken Sweaney was en route to the Caribbean and expressed considerable happiness over the detail.

Hogan Rowland is in the airplane construction business in Birmingham, Alabama. He reports good progress and frequent contacts with Jack Evans. Hively White is in San Antonio.

Harold Kehm sent a copy of his circular news letter and Christmas greetings from Dublin. It is full of interesting details of what he and his family did during the preceding year; but it is also impossible to summarize in the space allowed this column. The Kehms have seen and done just about everything possible in Ireland and on the Continent. When they return to the States, which they expect to do this year, they will be able to write several volumes of personal experience and give illustrated travelogues.

The following dope on the whereabouts of classmates is from a letter sent by Tredenick, G-3 Div., USAREUR, APO 403. O. C. Stewart, Lt. Col., AF, is base commander at Merignac, France. Albrecht is USAREUR Engineer in Heidelberg. Biddle is now at Hq, EUCOM, Frankfurt, and so is Binns. Crawford is J-4, EUCOM. Charley Gettys is soon to be PMS&T at V.P.I., Blackburn, Virginia. Gjelsteen is Chief of Staff, Seventh Army. Earl Gruver is Chief of Ordnance Division, Hq, USAREUR. Guevara is assigned to the Nurnberg District. Timberman is U.S. Commander in Berlin. Griffing is in the G-3 Div., USAREUR.

—W. J. Morton.

1924

With the departure of our class president, Marcus Stokes, for Europe, the duties of this high office have been assumed by J. G.

Hill, who has energetically picked up where Marcus left off. The following standing committees for the year 1953 are announced: Correspondence Committee: E. A. Chazal. Contact Committee: J. A. Watson, Chairman; C. S. Raymond, and C. C. Sibley. Personal Services Committee: C. R. Landon, Chairman; W. A. Linn; and C. J. King. Entertainment Committee: Charles W. Van Way, Chairman; J. P. Hulley; and W. H. Bertsch. Ways and Means Committee: W. S. Triplet, Chairman; O. T. Forman; and A. K. Stebbins. Luncheon Committee: J. S. Willis, Chairman; J. G. Anding; and C. H. Dabezie.

Emerson Cummings, now in his sixth year in Washington, is Assistant Chief of Ordnance—Industrial. The Industrial job in Ordnance these days is without doubt one of the most difficult Defense assignments. Emerson's son Bill is a yearling at West Point. Benny Mesick, in addition to his successful production of atomic artillery, is heralded as the Army's top expert on titanium. Benny is still CO of Watertown Arsenal.

Art Trudeau, who commands the 1st Cavalry Division, reports that there are no other classmates on Hokkaido; that the nearest is Charlie Dasher, who recently has taken command of the 24th Infantry Division at Sendai, and George Crosby, Artillery Officer for the XVI Corps at Sendai. Art's daughter Joan, who is married to Captain F. B. Kane, Jr. (father in Class of 1922) has presented Art and Helene with their fifth grandchild. Young Art is finishing his senior year at Gettysburg, and there should be a Second Lieutenant Trudeau very soon now. Helene, who is enjoying the snowy slopes of Hokkaido, joins Art in sending best wishes to all. As you may know, Art, Sr. has since assumed command of the Seventh Div. in Korea.

Mrs. Floyd A. Mitchell has moved from Amherst to 77 Martin Street, Cambridge, Mass., and will be glad to see any itinerant Herdsmen. Mary and Shorty Keeley send greetings to the class from 2723 Aolani Place, Honolulu 14, T. H. Shorty says his son Jim, 1st Lt. Artillery, has been ordered from the 11th Airborne to Korea.

Anyone in the know please furnish information on Rupe Graves, L. C. Barkes, and Harry Cavanaugh; letters sent to their current addresses have been returned to sender marked "No record"

John and May Hincke are returning from Teheran, Iran. John will go to Office of Chief Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia, some time in May 1953. Daughter Catherine has been promoted to 1st Lt. WAC, and son Jack is now a Second Classman and Corporal, USCC. John also reports that V. S. Stevens is now Executive and Chief of Staff of ARMISH.

Mrs. David Marcus writes us from 485 Westminster Road, Brooklyn 18, N. Y. that she is still teaching school in Brooklyn in an effort to prepare ten-year-olds for living. Ken Decker is G-4 (Post) Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Pat Pasolli, who has just returned from another swing through Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Philippines and Okinawa, reports hard luck in that everywhere Herdsmen seemed to be away on important missions, but he did have the good fortune of finding George Crosby at Sendai.

Dick Stephens wins the Oscar for sending in the most news in answer to the questionnaire which went out in early December 1952. Dick had just arrived at Ft. Knox with assignment of C.G., 3rd Armored Division. First of all Dick says the U.S. is swell, but whiskey costs too much. Just before leaving Tokyo in October, Dick lunched with Red Trew, Jim Howell, Tubby Malin and John Ramsey. Red is Deputy

Signal Officer, FECOM, Tubby, Transportation O., and Jim Executive O., 40th AAA Brigade. Dick reports further that Muggler Ives, although old enough to know better, still likes to get shot at, and does so frequently just to keep his hand in. Haydon Boatner was in Tokyo on his way home, and J. D. Scott was there on R&R.

Dick and his luncheon companions went for a boat ride in Tokyo Bay, and nobody fell overboard. While in Japan Dick frequently saw Ken Strother who was C/S, XVI Corps in Sendai. Of Russ Baker, Dick says Russ is now known as "Adorable Baker" and should be leaving Korea soon for assignment in Japan as Asst. C/S Hqs. Army Forces, Far East, Yokohama. Scotty is I.G., I Corps. Dick says he missed seeing Charlie Dasher, but he heard that Charlie forgot to duck and got nicked by a chunk of iron—not serious. As a matter of fact, we received a line direct from Charlie, and he reports as follows: "Daughter Beverly Priest made us grandparents in October". Dick hopes to stay in the U.S. long enough to make the 30th reunion.

Charles G. Stevenson, Colonel, JAGC, NYNG State Judge Advocate, still maintaining his high batting average in contributing news items of classmates to this column. V. C. Stevens is C/S of MAAG as well as the U.S. Military Mission with the Iranian Army. Steve's daughter Bette graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in June 1952, and now works for the American Airlines. Wife, Rose, is with him in Teheran, which has the climate of El Paso with about four times the population. Steve says the assignment is very interesting, which is quite evident in view of the political situation. It takes first class mail six weeks to reach them from New York; air mail four to ten days. Although they have an A.P.O. they are nevertheless subject to Iranian customs inspections.

Another report from Pat Pasolli advises us that Pat had the pleasure of dining as the guest of Martin Hass at his quarters at Quarry Heights, Panama Canal Zone. Also present were Walt and Marian Weinaug. Martin is C/S Caribbean Command and Walt is in charge of POL.

Buck Lanham has been relieved as Chief of Public Information (SHAPE) and effective June 15, 1953, was assigned CG of the 1st Inf. Div., APO 1, c/o PM New York, N.Y. W. K. Dudley, Director, Communication Department, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, tells us that the members of '24 at Benning and in and about Columbus include Hundley, Infantry Center Comptroller; Nillener, Director of Weapons Department; Eyerly, Artillery Representative on Board No. 3; Foster, with the ASU; Smithers, Tibbetts and Bliss, all three retired and living in Columbus; and Ackerman, who was recently permitted to retire in order to become an Episcopalian priest.

Jim Kraft has been assigned as Commanding Officer, Ft. Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y. During recent ceremonies in Korea, a Silver Star was pinned to the lapel of newly promoted B.G. Gordon B. Rogers.

Bill Maglin was named Provost Marshal General on February 1, 1953, following the retirement of Maj. Gen. E. P. Parker. E. E. Partridge, C.G. Air Research and Development Command, authored an article in the January 10, '53 issue of the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal*, which exemplifies the fine work being done by Herdsmen in positions of great trust and responsibility.

Sammy Samouce has a beautiful villa (small) on the Bay of Naples, overlooking the Isle of Capri. Wife Lillian, son John, and daughter Lillian Ann are with him in

Italy, and his older son Warren is now a Second Classman at West Point. Sammy is with Hqs. Allied Forces, Southern Europe—Wally Hastings also is there in the Logistics Division. Stubby Stubblebine is an Instructor, NATO Defense College, Paris, France. Stubby III graduated Class 1952 USMA and is at Camp Carson. Russell Moses is a teacher in the Dallas High School and Commandant of Cadets at the N.R. Crozier Tech High School. Herb Vogel is also in Dallas on duty with the Engineers. Howard John, Army Attaché, Athens, Greece, expects reassignment this Spring. C. E. Hart is Chief, Joint U.S. Military Aid Group, Greece. Charles recently had the pleasure of congratulating Ralph Fisher on his promotion to B.G. Ralph is Chief of U.S. Air Force Section, Greece. Bill Liebel is Deputy Director, S-4 Hqs. U.S. EUCOM. Bill says Jordan Theis and Riepe are other Herd members in Frankfurt. Bob Harper, Commanding General, Air Training Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and wife Peg send best wishes to all members of the Thundering Herd. "Rich" Richardson, according to press reports, is doing his share in the guided missile field. As a matter of fact, when you turn on your TV these days, you will often be pleasantly surprised to see an illustrious classmate upholding the traditions of the Corps.

The dues for Herd members remains at five dollars per calendar year. How do you stand? Dues and notes for the next *Assembly* (July) should be forwarded to P.O. Box 371, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D. C.

—Raymond, C. S.

1925

We almost had to go to press with only three items this time, but Ernie Holmes and Daddy Dunn collaborated in some fast staff work down in Washington just in time to save the day. As a result, Daddy sent me an advance copy of his March notes for the Class luncheon, giving more class news than anything I have seen in a long time. You will find his notes printed in full, starting four paragraphs below.

First a pause for congratulations to Bruce Clark and Dave Tully on the news in the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* of February 28, reporting that Bruce (Major General) has been nominated for permanent BG and Dave to temporary BG.

John Black came by West Point recently, to talk about the Plebe math course and learn the latest changes in subjects and textbooks. To elaborate on the paragraph about John and Bim Carne in Daddy Dunn's notes below, John is Chairman of the Math Department and Bim is Chairman of the Social Sciences Department at Valley Forge Military Academy. Both have master's degrees. Valley Forge is an Honor Military School, and does excellent work in qualifying boys mentally for West Point. John says that there are about 650 students at Valley Forge, ranging from the last two years in grade school to the first two years of junior college. The military work is in both artillery and infantry. John's home is in nearby Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Recent correspondence with Fort Sill revealed that Pepper Clay is now Director of the Combat Development Department of the Artillery School. This came to light as a result of the undersigned's pending departure on a trip to Fort Sill and Fort Bliss, where I plan to bring myself up-to-date on the uses of mathematics in Artillery. I was

glad to learn that Pepper Clay will be laying on my itinerary at Sill.

Herewith the latest intelligence from all over, as reported by Daddy Dunn from Washington: "Claude Black writes that he is located at Terrace View Drive, Knoxville 18, Tennessee. Doesn't sound like a "farm" address to us! Bruce C. spent 4 weeks in Korea where he saw Bennett, Oxreider, Joe C., Bowers, Wayne Smith, and Gaddis — missed Jerry Galloway who was out on location with his hairy Engineers. Says '25 is doing a good job and that he had a grand trip. Red Willing spurned to resort to our brief post card and wrote a nice letter instead. He expects to be home from Bad Tolz in July and will be located (probably on leave) c/o Mrs. Hildred Naill, 1396 Carr Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Doesn't have his new assignment as yet. We'll expect him to check in with us upon his arrival. Bill Pheris is in Walter Reed (as of March 6) and probably will be there for a couple of months. Those of you nearby can find him at Ward 4A—better telephone before calling as he may be out chasing down the hallways. Pat Lynch writes to one of our Staff quite regularly and thus we're kept abreast of the Lynch family as well as the situation in Berlin. Fightin' Joe came through with one of our cards from APO 6 reporting: Wayne Smith from CG, 7th Division to 11th Airborne; Oxreider as X Corps Engr; Galloway ditto IX; Finn G-1, 8th Army; Bennett IX Arty Exec; Sheik Grayeb G-3, 8th Army; Sock Cole, Korean Base Section; Gaddis KMAG. Pretty cold on the eastern end. So. Reports from the USMA state that Class Sons Ordway and Crandall featured in the 100th Nite Show. Congrats to both Kaydets and their proud parents. Miles Dawson writes from the Yokohama Engineer Depot (APO 503) that he will be back in the US in about 3 months. He sees Burbank occasionally, who is the Deputy CO of the Central Command at same APO. Says Jerry Galloway was in Japan on a visit from Korea. Also that Jerry had a broken wrist from (?) slipping on the ice. Must be that Jerry was trying to reduce a big block to cube size. Delighted to hear from Cavelli and family, who are now back at Fort Eustis after 4 years in EUCOM. They like the Virginia climate and are happy to be back. They left Bremerhaven in January '51. Considerable interest was evidenced by our active members in the \$1,000 March competition (see Cir 9 WD, Feb 11, '53) until close reading revealed it referred to "music"! Those of us who patrol the long Pentagon halls and negotiate the extended tours from the distance parking spaces to our respective offices are in good shape for any form of a walkathon. Louis Riggins sends regards to all from Headquarters, 4th Army, APO 46, c/o New York, and also verifies Gus Farwick's claim to being at V Corps, APO 79, c/o New York. Noted Jim Deery's orders to the Far East—'spose he knew of this before issuing his cordial invitation for us to join him in an elbow bending contest! Bim Carne writes thanks in detail for the class notes which he and Johnnie Black pore over during the long winter months at Valley Forge. We judge that their location has improved a great deal since George Washington's time, and both seem happy. John teaches Math (what would P. Echols think!) and Bim is a history Prof. Bill Lord has entrusted his youngest (of 3) sons to the care of VFMA. Harry Larter (and daughter) visited Bim and Johnnie recently—it seems that Harry is President of the Society of Military Historians and Collectors. Hale is sighted occasionally — can visualize his flashing by in a big long car checking up on the delivery of those mechanical stenographers he foists upon the economy (?) minded public. A nice note from Leb

Woods (March 4) states that he is responding well to treatment and expects to be out of the hospital and in quarters in about 2 weeks. Advised McCormick not to scratch him from the active list yet! It certainly takes a lot to throttle down these old flyboys. "Rodeo" greatly appreciated our thoughts and written condolences during his long sickness. A good news report from Kuhre—he likes to hear from us, especially since he has been somewhat isolated from classmates (at Granite City, Illinois). He has garnered an "Executives" Course at the University of Pittsburgh so will be specking the old textbooks again before long. Last place we met was—Ankara. Axel Dobak was in visiting Evans, Pettit, and others. However, he dashed back to the salt flats of Utah before we had a chance to greet him personally or shake him down for postage. Jud Smith reported as being en route from APO ??? We'll have an address for him soon. Red Hall says he'll see us this summer—expects to stake a claim in the Pentagon. Jerry Kelley not only replied to our dope sheet but saw Van in NYC faithfully promising to be present on the 20th. Van is in a good position to shake the bushes since he travels around a good deal. Wilmer Gullette air mailed us from Mexico including profuse thanks for the address list and all the info forwarded to him. Invites us to visit. Barnett intercepted Howze in the hallway recently—Bob was en route back to Fort Knox after delivering an address at Aberdeen. A nice letter from Red Newman who contacted McCormick on maneuvers at Camp Drum. He sends his best to all and promises to attend a luncheon sometime when he can work his way up from Bragg. Marie (Ted) Dunn states that young Russ, now 15 years old, is a sophomore at George Washington Hi School, Alexandria, Virginia. Charlotte Freund's two daughters are married. Connie to John Sterling of the Class of '46. They have a little daughter about 1½ years old named Debbie. Roberta is married to Eugene Hannah and lives in Front Royal, Virginia. Virginia Tischbein is living at 2500 Q Street, N.W. Carl Tischbein's mother is now visiting her. Her daughter, Sally Ann, is married to Lt. Edmund Faison. Their daughter, Carol Linda, is 2 years old. They are living in Alexandria, Virginia. Walter Bryce was in the hospital for a time but is now convalescing in Florida—promises to join us at luncheon next month. Pratt is leaving us for an assignment at Maxwell. We hate to see him go as he has been a regular at our meetings."

—C. P. N.

1926

The biggest news since our last report was the announcement by Henry Ford II that Irving A. (Red) Duffy had been elected a member of the Board and of the Executive Committee of the Ford Motor Company. Red had been vice president in charge of purchasing for the past three years. The whole class is proud of him for his great success. A late bulletin has been received to the effect that Red has recently been made a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

Other accolades go to Tom De Shazo on his promotion to major general, and to Dick Mayo on becoming a brigadier general. A rumor has also been heard that Fred Munson is a BG although I have seen no news report to verify it. At any rate, Fred is Army Attaché in Paris and warrants a share of our congratulations which we are extending to Tom and Dick.

Bill House, back from Germany, is now running personnel matters for the Chief of Ordnance. He reports that Hal Forde likes his job as Assistant Army Attaché in Paris. Bill also hinted that Johnny Roosma might soon be moved to Washington from Germany. Bill House, Jr., who graduates from Kansas University this year, is in line for a regular commission in the Marine Corps. This will be, I believe, the first class son to take the trek from the Halls of Montezuma, etc.

Ted Wenzlaff, who commands the QM Remount Station at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, writes that his equestrian duties during "this atomic age may raise an inquisitive eyebrow or two" He reports that the Station is buying and delivering thousands of horses and mules to certain friends abroad. It is heartening to know that in this age of high compression and power steering, at least one member of the class is keeping contact with the dying military art of horsemanship.

Mac McFarland crashed through with a king size report on the Washington contingent, which we will quote to the extent of the allowable space. He says in part, "there are 29 members in Washington including ex-members Johnny Bridgman, Charlie Connolly, G. C. Furman, and Bill Browning. Sparky Baird is on the Standing Group of NATO; Tep Barbour is with the ASA; Keith Barney is with the Engineers at Gravelly Point; Bud Black is with G-4; Bill Creasy has the Research and Engineering Command at Edgewood Arsenal. Coke Carter is temporarily absent in Puerto Rico, but he should be back soon and remain until summer when he will probably go to Cape Cod; Dave Davidson has been with G-3 for the last year and a half. Bob Des Islets is in the Office of the Chief of Engineers; Joe Halversen is with the Joint Chiefs; George Hickman returned to the Pentagon about six months ago from Korea where he was on the Truce Committee and had some very interesting experiences; Johnson, A. H., is with the Munitions Board; Ray Maude is now Commanding General of the Air Force Research Center at Cambridge, Mass.; Mac McDaniel is still here with the Joint Staff, and I am with G-2, where I have been since my return from Peru about a year and a half ago. I volunteered for the job of class secretary to fulfill a long suppressed ambition to hold office without an election. Bo Riggs is now in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Materiel; Walter Stanton is still with Research and Development Division, G-4; Johnny Strickler is with G-3; Egon Tausch is with the Military District of Washington; Van Horne is still around Washington and makes all of our luncheons; Van Syckle is Executive for the Chief of Ordnance; Red March is with the Career Research Analysis Branch of AGO; Trooper Doyle has been with us as Director of Transportation, Air Force for about six months; Tommy White is in the Office of the Assistant Secretary as Chief of the Manpower Requirements Division. Pick Collins came here for a couple of days in October for a conference; he is Signal Officer of the Third Army. Frank Purcell was in Washington a month or so ago attending a short course in personnel management at one of the universities in town; he is in St. Louis with Ken McNaughton". Thanks Mac for a big bundle of information in a compact package.

Don Booth writes that "the Paris contingent of '26 went to Ankenbrandt's to hear the Army-Navy Game. There were seven with six wives: Anky, House, Bowen, Hal Forde, Rod Smith, and Van Syckle. Van was the bachelor. He's married by now, since his wedding was set for December. He was here temporarily on the

NATO International Staff. Paris is a good place for a holiday and a good time with lots of amusements but no place to live and work". By now Don is back in Frankfurt with the 4th Division of which he is the Assistant Div CG.

Brigadier General Sam Harris assumed command of the Arnold Engineering Development Center at Tullahoma, Tennessee, last February. He was previously Chief of Staff of the Air Research and Development Command at Baltimore.

Bill Deyo, who commands the 2nd Transportation Major Port in Yokohama, has written a very interesting article on the operation of his command. The article appeared in the February edition of the *Army Information Digest*.

Bob Ross submitted this startling dispatch from Korea: "I wish to report my marriage to Miss Mary Adams of Pittsburgh, on December 19, 1952 in Pusan. Other men of the Class have won stars, but by gar I am the only one to win a wife over here. Mary has been over with the United Nations for ten months and will be able to stay with me in Korea until the end of my tour some time in April. Who said you couldn't have your dependents in Korea? I see Jimmy Wheaton, Deputy Commander of KMAG, now and then, and get third hand messages from Dick Mayo. Paul Carroll is Quartermaster for Korean Base Section, and we get together every now and then" Congratulations, Bob, and best wishes for your future happiness.

Also from Korea comes the news that Bill Baker, who has been G-4 EUSAK, is coming back to Washington for duty in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

This June, five class sons receive their West Point diplomas. They are: Dusty Rhodes, Pete Conzelman, Tom Canham, Rod Smith, and Vald Heiberg. Dusty has selected the Air Force, Pete the Infantry, Tom the Signal Corps, and Rod and Vald the Engineers. The last three are getting married in June, which goes to show that the hives are not necessarily the most sensible. Incidentally, during his last few months as a cadet, Rod Smith had a brief venture in business. He established a popcorn manufacturing facility in his room in barracks and was doing a land office business when a Tac, lured to the scene by the unmistakable odor of popping corn, caught Rod in full operation. The Department of Tactics does not condone such extra-curricular activities, so Rod was awarded a score or so of invigorating hours on the area, most of which were enjoyed during the blustery month of March.

—E. R. H.

1927

The Washington Chapter of the Class remains fairly constant. However, a few recent changes have taken place. Paul Berrigan has gone to the Sixth Army Headquarters in San Francisco and Ralph Zwicker has been transferred to Indiantown Gap, Pa. New arrivals are Larry Shaw for Army G-2 in the Pentagon and Parmer Edwards for the faculty at the National War College. Incidentally, Edwards, by "popular acclaim," has taken over the duties of Secretary/Treasurer, and your news items may be sent him at the College or to 4647B South 36th Street, Arlington, Va. The Thursday class luncheons are still on at the Pentagon, so when in town, check in with Gar Davidson or Woody Hocker and attend. Some of the recent guests (for free lunch) have been

Woody Burgess from Ent AFB, Ham Hunter from Ft. Monroe, Julian West of the Bell Laboratories, and Chris Nelson.

The Class congratulates some more new generals: Second stars for Gar Davidson, Blair Garland and Lee Washbourne; second star nominations for Stan Meloy, the Commandant of the Infantry Center, Ft. Benning, Ga., and Bob Sink, the new Commanding General of the 7th Infantry Division at Camp Ord, Calif.; and the new B.G.'s., Ralph Zwicker, Assistant Division Commander at Indiantown Gap, Pa., Dutch Holland, Provost Marshal of U.S. Army Forces in Europe, Bus Howard, Army Provost Marshal in the Far East, and Walter Johnson, Assistant Division Commander, 11th Airborne.

Other news of our classmates is a bit sparse but we hear that Larry Kuter is the new Commandant of the Air University, Will Carlock is wandering about the Far East with a U.N. Commission, Joy Wrean and Chester Dunham are at the AA and GM Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, Bob Turner has taken over the Army Mission in Bogota, Colombia, Nellie Fooks is the new G-3 of Army Forces, Far East in Japan, and the Ray Bells, now on the faculty of the Army War College, have presented us with our newest class child.

—P. W. E.

1928

With all the moving about of the Class we hope the circular and questionnaire for the 25th reunion reaches everyone. Letters were sent out on March 7 to everyone we had addresses for. As we go to press there have been 36 replies—in case any one has not received their pop there will be a dinner dance at the WPAM on Sunday and a picnic at Round Pond on Monday. There will be a cocktail party at the Calyers before the dinner dance.

Our news is pretty slim this time. Except for our Washington Contingent all's been quiet.—On the 9th of March there was a class luncheon at Ft. McNair attended by forty classmates. Besides those stationed in the vicinity, Grinny Grinstead happened to be about from Alaska, and Parson Howard, returning from Formosa and on his way for station in New York City. Gen. "P. Willie" Palmer who is G-4 of the Army was also present.

M. B. Raymond has arrived in Washington for duty with the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mac Houseman is on duty in the office of Chief of Transportation.

The Washington group will have a mixed cocktail party the end of May in order to give the wives an opportunity to become better acquainted before their three day sojourn at W.P.

We learned of the death, April 28, 1952, of G. R. Bienfaug.

In checking with the Association of Graduates for addresses to send out the reunion notices there are several we found missing. So if anyone knows the whereabouts of any of the following please let us know: W. R. Currie, A. B. Denniston, T. G. Moscatelli, E. D. Peddicord, C. H. Prunty, F. G. Stritzinger, J. F. Trent, L. T. Vickers, D. A. Watt, D. McCoy Wilson, T. J. Moran, J. W. Brown, R. L. Easton, C. G. Goodrich, Thayer S. Olds, J. F. Olive, Jr., A. W. Reed, W. C. Sams, E. A. Sirmyer, Jr., T. W. Steed, M. C. Bisson, T. J. Brennan, H. F. Moran, R. Wetherill, Jr., R. T. Frederick, P. E. Mac-

Laughlin, J. P. Doige, J. S. Knudsen, George M. Cole.

Please keep us posted as to your doings. See you all on May 31, and if you can't make it drop us a line anyway. Until June Week—

—P. D. C.

1929

Remember the 25th year reunion here at West Point during June Week, 1954. Circle these dates on your mental calendar—June 5, 6, 7. The *Assembly* columns will be used to keep you informed. The current thought is an outing at Round Pond, an evening at Bear Mountain and finally an evening at the West Point Army Mess, administrative details later.

Recent promotions in the class—George Lynch, John Theimer, Weary Wilson, and Bill Bullock to B. G. *** Paul Harkins has recently been ordered to the Far East Command. While on a trip there a month or so ago he had dinner in Tokyo with Eddie Mays, Daddy Woods, and Luster Vickrey. In Manila he saw Jim Velasquez, formerly '29 but later '32. Jim is doing well in business there. *** Bill Bullock made the *New York Times*. His picture was displayed as being promoted and also commanding troops participating in the A-bomb test at Desert Rock. *** Reggie Keeler's son was voted the most valuable basketball player in the high school tournament held in Frankfurt, Germany last month. *** Jim Hannigan reports as follows from London, "Having been entertained by the Queen at Buckingham Palace and had tea with the Royal Family the Hannigans are now preparing to shift residence from London to the Paris suburb of Fontainebleau for the next couple of years. We will spend Christmas here and travel to Paris over a circuitous route which will permit a couple of weeks vacation at Berchtesgaden and Garmisch in Germany. Our new address after December 28th: Colonel James P. Hannigan 017531, Det. No. 1, 8478 AAU, SHAPE (ALFCE), APO No. 11, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. (For your information ALFCE means Allied Land Forces Central Europe)" *** Jim Gavin has recently taken command of a corps in Germany. *** Tom Griffin joined the 43d Division as Chief of Staff. *** Jim and Marge Sladen have recently toured Italy. Jim is in G-1 at Heidelberg. *** Paul Elias has been named chief of the maintenance and supply branch of the ordnance section at Army Forces Far East headquarters in Yokohama, Japan. He has had 11 months of Korean service and has been commanding officer of the Yokohama Ordnance Depot since last November. Paul also received a master's degree in engineering from New York University in 1948 and a doctorate from there a year later. His wife, Marian, lives with him in Yokohama, while his daughter, Sister Joan, is a nun at St. Joseph's Central House in Emmitsburg, Md. Paul's son lives in San Francisco. *** Glen Williamson recently resigned as President and Director of Kellet Aircraft Corporation. *** Ed Cruise, whose wife, Ruth, lives at 66 Margaret Rd., Newton Highlands, Mass., is serving in Korea with the 3d Infantry Division. Ed arrived in Korea last November and is now commander of the 65th Infantry Regiment's 1st Battalion. He was stationed on Formosa before transferring to the 3d Division in Korea. *** Abe Lincoln had a reunion with a few classmates at the I.C.A.F. a few weeks ago when he went down to address the NWC. He saw Billy Greear, Doc Kearney, Don Poorman, Daddy Sykes and

Bruce Rindlaub. He said all looked energetic and well preserved; Bruce, being a member of the faculty, was composed, but the others all had happy gripes, so he (Abe) presumed the course continues to be a fine one. Abe also commented that "Ran" Kutz asked him some difficult questions from the audience during his lecture at the NWC. *** Jupe Lindsey was here recently visiting his son who is a plebe. Jupe wanted to "buck" his boy up from the aspect of total demerits, but every time he discussed the subject his son replied, "I still don't have as many demerits as you had." Jupe has a regiment in the 5th Infantry Division at Indiantown Gap, having served his tour in Korea. *** Spring looks just around the corner at West Point; daffodils, crocus, hyacinths are breaking through the earth and the trees are in bud. *** Abe and I are still holding down the fort. Happy Easter.

—P. H. Draper, Jr.

1930

The Washington contingent of 1930, or at least those who still have a dance or two left in them, foregathered at the Fort Belvoir officer's club on February 20th and had a fine old pow-wow. Max and Amelia Janairo made the arrangements, for which we all stand indebted to them. The occasion was graced by the presence of the following: Jim and Millie Curtis, Bill and Katherine Carter, Charlie and Betty Dodge, Freddy and Claire Atkinson, Thad and Ethel Broom, Tom and Edwina Burnett, Paul and Julia Roy, Spike Eckert, Fritz and Mildred Uhrhane, Pete and Elizabeth King, Eli Stevens, Jim and Louise Richardson, Fred and Dottie Ammerman, Mort and Pauline Townes, Jack and Lillian Dudley, Bill and Dixie Whipple, Fuddy and Neva Wing, Harry and Gladys Boyd, Chris and Florence Clarke, Casey and Mollie Odom, Chuck and Barbara Heitman, Ila Packard, Bill Taylor, Mandy and Evelyn Mandelbaum, Cisco and Winnie Kilborn, Barksdale Hamlett, Jim and Natalie Lunn, Trout and Julia Miller, Roy and Marjorie Bartlett and Sterling and Tilly Wright.

Beau Beauchamp has left the Pentagon and gone to Leavenworth to buck up the instruction out there. We are sorry to report that Art Fuller suffered a heart attack December 12, spent about two months in the hospital, but are happy to say he is now in good shape and convalescing at home. Percy Brown writes that he is a student at the Naval War College at Newport and is home to callers at 4 Cliff Terrace. Al Harris had a fatal heart attack on the golf course at Fort Ord, and was buried at the Presidio of Monterey. Our deepest sympathy goes to Katharine and the children. Bob Wood has breezed in and out of Washington on several occasions. He is at the moment in Paris on TDY at SHAPE. We had a very pleasant note from "Bromie" Bromberger wishing us all well and saying that the latch string is out—Chez Bromberger, 125 W. 79th St., NYC. Tommy Dunn has left the JCS and gone to Korea as Div Arty C.O. and has since gotten a star. So has Carl Hutton, and our heartiest congratulations go to both of them. Roy Lindquist writes that he has a son in the Plebe Class, and that Roddy Carmichael, Sammy Morrow and John Berry are at OCAFF with him. Joe James is now at Camp Roberts, Cal., after a siege in Walter Reed. Seafood Garton is now in Germany, and very happy about his job. Jim Lunn dropped in to see us and later came to the class party. He has a plastics fabricating business on Long Island and is very

happy with it. Louie Heath writes from Korea that he has seen Bob Porter, Andy O'Meara and Alva Fitch at various times out there. Also had a welcome note from Millard Lewis, who is on USCINCEUR staff. Harry Boyd on a junket from Pentagon to FECOM saw many classmates, among them Bus Kenny in Korea, Fritz and Kay Weber in Manila, and the long lost Moon Sudasna in Bangkok. He is operating the Thai version of Fort Leavenworth. Harry didn't see Swasti Pradisdh, but Moon says he is in good shape. H. duB. Lewis has gone to Aberdeen Proving Ground from Detroit. Cam Sweeney is now CG, 15th Air Force, and we all wish him the best. Joe Twyman is now with the MAAG in Indo China. Sam Roth has been ordered to FECOM. Van Sawin has just been retired. We haven't heard his plans, but wish him the best of luck. Ted Kimpton is now with the 7th Armd Div (Training) and is still a bachelor. Ed Sach's daughter, Nancy, was married on June 28 to Lt. E. K. Crowley, son of Ed's first company commander. Too late for that apple-polishing now, Ed. We had a nice long newsy letter from Jo-Jo Carrithers. He sent the following: Johnny Murrel is now a wheel in the petroleum world in Dallas, Jim Herbert is still in Fresno as Mr. Roma Wine, Jim Brett is a partner in a large commercial real estate firm, Win Sisson is teaching at University of California, Jim Sutton is also in Marin Country, and Jo-Jo has seen Dick O'Keefe and Ross Sampson. Thanks for all your news, Jo-Jo. Millard Lewis wrote that he had recently had dinner with Jack Peurifoy, now U.S. Ambassador to Greece. He also said Pi and Bernice Nyquist are in Frankfurt with him.

Your scribe certainly appreciates all your letters and kind wishes. The welcome mat is still out at the Wright abode so don't fail to check in when you are in Washington.

—W. H. S. W.

1931

A correction for the last issue is certainly in order. Some of you may have noticed that the statement "all of Washington flew in" As originally written the item appeared as follows: "Pat Carter, Percy Lash and Chet Young all of Washington flew in" Our apologies, please. Speaking of Pat Carter, he has moved on to Alaska.

W. W. Dick, Charlie Hoy, and Parker, T. W. are the new generals in the Class and we extend them our congratulations.

Dick Danek of chemical warfare fame recently paid the Academy a visit to institute a chemical warfare training period for the cadets to be held this summer at Camp Buckner.

Tom Stayton (now stationed at Meade) and frau stopped by The Point while Tom was inspecting some of the defense installations.

Ernie Easterbrook reports that the Washington contingent attended the funeral services for Bill Isbell. The services were held at Fort Meade and interment services at Arlington. Dick Reidy and Passarella, who are both stationed at Meade, did the honors for the Class.

Ozzie Tyler has just been joined by his wife Allison, daughter Jay and son Marshall in Germany. His oldest son, Ozzie III, is a freshman at Bowdoin. Both Skidmore and Lash visited the Point over the

Christmas holidays, seeing how their sons were doing.

A note from Sam Smellow reports that Charlie Hoy has moved in, taking over USFA Tactical Command. He also reports that Jack Read is the only other classmate near him but Jack expects to retire shortly, leaving Sam and Charlie as the only classmates together.

Lonesome Luke Cron sends in an appeal to anyone who might be traveling through Wheelus AFB in Tripoli. Please give him a buzz. He is at the U.S. Legation in Tripoli and should be there for about a year. He has seen Swede Carlson and Gus Wirak, but outside of these men, he hasn't seen any of the Class in over a year and is anxiously awaiting his return or the appearance of some classmates.

Forrest Caraway just recently assumed command of the 45th Inf. Division's 179th Infantry Regiment in Korea. His wife Betty is living in Alexandria, Va.

That seems to wind-up the news known by the undersigned with the exception of the fact that the undersigned became a proud Papa of a bouncing baby boy on March 2.

Don't forget to send in the poop.

—Dickson.

1932

From Korea comes word that our own Harv Fischer commands the 5th RCT there. Prior to taking off for the Far East, Harv was in the office of the Secretary of Defense keeping the Military Assistance program moving in the right direction.

From Naples we have a flash that the one and only Biff Braude is now Deputy Comptroller of the NATO headquarters there. Biff should now be able to apply some of the poop he learned at the NATO Defense College in Paris, from which he recently graduated.

We are indebted to Pinkie Smith who sends along a newsy letter of the doings of our Washington contingent and of other classmates around the world:

"Here in Washington, we have 55 of the class doing various and sundry jobs—that's exactly 10 less than the number we started with last September. We manage to have a get together of some sort at least once a month—either a stag luncheon over at the A&NCC or a cocktail buffet supper with the gals joining us at either McNair, Myer or the A&NCC. We have good turnouts at the gatherings and every one seems to enjoy them. Just in case anyone who may read this and might be coming this way at the time, I will give our remaining socials for this year: April 11, cocktail buffet supper; May 23, dinner-dance; June 12, stag luncheon. I must mention that the gals 'have taken up the beat' and have hen luncheons each month now.

"Hunter Harris, our erstwhile Chairman, went on one of his many trips last month and this time he selected Naples and came back with the following information about those in the class there amongst all the spaghetti and olive oil: D. B. and Libby Johnson are the Chief of the Training Branch in the O&T Division of Hq. Allied Forces Southern Europe (HAFSE). They are scheduled to remain there until 1955. Moose Mussett with Dutch is the Director of Intelligence, HAFSE, and has another

year there. Dutch's sister, Nell Knox, is with them. Ed Suarez is located at nearby Florence but appears in Naples quite often. Ed is Chief of Staff of the Air Command of Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe. Pete and Barbara Hinshaw are there and 'Cosmic Pete', as now known, is the Secretary for Administration, HAFSE. (I noticed, and I guess lots of others did, too, a picture of their pretty daughter, Jodie, in an issue of the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* a couple of weeks ago). Red and Kitty Seaward have joined the contingent and Red heads up the Logistics Division, HAFSE. Bus and Betty Wheeler are new arrivals, having transferred from Trieste. Bus is in charge of training, I believe. Ray and Adeline Cochran, the original pioneers of this class colony, are due back next year. Ray works for Moose. Steve Braude with Janet joined the bunch recently and Steve controls the money bags in the Comptroller's Office. Hunter reports all of them are getting along fine and like living in Italy very much.

"'32 sorter hit the jack pot on the recently published list of Army students at the next National War College Class. We had 8—Ward Gillette, Alex Graham, Floyd Hansen, Bob Hewitt, Sam Horner, Dave Schorr, Johnnie Steele and Jim Boswell. No doubt but what '32 will be represented also on the Air Force list for the same class.

"With the recent recommendations for promotions to Brigadier General for Sam Russell, Lou Truman, and Dwight Beach—all of whom are justly due our congratulations,—I did a hasty research and came up with the fact that we now have 22 General Officers in the class—5 in the Army and 17 in the Air Force. You may not realize it but our Air Force boys are really going to town—there are only 46 now in the Air Force, so the fact comes to light that over a third are generals. Speaking of Generals, Herb Thatcher was nominated as a Permanent Brigadier General and I believe that gives him the distinction of being the first permanent General Officer in the class.

"I had a letter from Pop Duncan, now in Korea, the other day stating he was well and enjoying the life of a Regimental Commander. Pop commands the 224th Infantry Regiment of the 40th Division. While on the subject of Korea, I'll try to give a quick rundown of those I recall as being there—there may be others; Wallace Brucker is AAA Officer of the 25th Division; Hugh Cary is with KMAAG; Charlie D'Orsa is C.O., 180th Regiment, 45th Division; Harvey Fischer is C.O., 5th Infantry Regimental Combat Team—was decorated with Bronze Star within two weeks after his arrival; Milt Glatteer, X Corps Hqs.; Gates Herman, 8th Army Headquarters; Bob Hewitt, Hq. 40th Division; and Lou Truman, Hq. 40th Division. Danny Sundt has orders for Korea, May delivery; Roberta and family will live in the Washington area.

Had a letter recently from John Street, now located in Denver, Colorado. Johnny writes that he is now General Attorney for both the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy, and the Colorado and Southern Railroads, and is working his head off. He sends his best to everyone in the class. John's address is 3433 East 7th Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

"Have just heard that Ken Zitzman is returning from Gay Paree to take the course in the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Charlie Williams is going to the Army War College this summer.

"Our February 14 Party was a huge success, with the 52 persons in attendance having a grand time. Johnny Pugh, Al Ger-

hardt, and Frankie Besson,—please rise and take a bow for your fine work in putting on such a swell party.

"At the risk of repeating ourselves, we congratulate Sam Russell, Lou Truman, and Dwight Beach recently nominated for Brigadier Generals. It couldn't happen to nicer people. The same Sam Russell, with Eleanor and family, have recently joined the Pentagon Parade; Sam is with G-4, Army, and the Russells have temporarily taken up abode in the Grover Cleveland Building, Presidential Gardens, in Alexandria.

"Bobby and Benny Webster left for Ankara, Turkey, on February 4.

"Talked with Desch and Betty Descheneaux by phone recently; they send their best to all you 'guys and dolls', Desch is in engineering, and lives in Cape Elizabeth, Maine".

Pinkie, ever the diligent Secretary, has compiled some statistics on the class which I know will be of interest to all. Pinkie reports that 384 young hopefuls entered USMA in July 1928, and 262 graduated. Of those who graduated in 1932, 28 are deceased, 16 resigned (with 2 who resigned now on active duty), 33 are retired, 138 on active duty in the Army, 46 on active duty in the Air Force. In addition, of course, Chih Wang, Praband, and Kambhu are still going strong. Of those who graduated in '32, 2 entered West Point in 1926, and 13 entered in 1927. Of those entering in 1928, 28 graduated with the Class of 1933, 3 graduated in 1934, and 2 non-graduates are now on active duty. Pinkie has also prepared an up-to-date list of addresses.

Jimmy Godwin writes in about the February 14 party at Fort McNair—it must really have been a good one! Jimmy mentions McCormack, Smith, Hannah, McFeely, Baer, Pugh, Manhart, Epley, Hutchison, and many others being present, as well as Chris Dreyer, up from Richmond.

The Class Plebes — junior editions of Abell, Baer, Childs, Head, Hewitt, Liwski, Skidmore, and Terry Creighton, all seem to be progressing most favorably. You would be proud of each one of them.

At the West Point Dinner in New York last week, I saw Bob Moore, now with the ROTC at Fordham, and Buck Thielen, ditto, at Princeton. Also chatted with Bill Baumer ('33), now with Johnson and Johnson, Bear Eyer ('33), Mahoney and Wilson, N. B. of '31, and Neil of '30, and many others.

Frank Besson just returned from a round-the-world trip. He saw Rush Lincoln, Ed Hartshorn, Ken Zitzman, and Pete Hinshaw in Paris—the latter up from Naples for a few days. Then, in Heidelberg, Frank ran into Lauri Hillberg. In Korea, the ubiquitous Frank saw Milt Glatterer, Lou Truman, just recovering from an operation but looking fit and able in his new job as Assistant Division Commander of the 2d Division. (This is later news than Hunter Harris' — Ed.), and Harvey Fischer, commanding the 5th Infantry RCT. Charlie D'Orsa, Frank writes, was actively engaged as a Regimental Commander. In Tokyo, Al Graham is in G-1, and Red Smith is Director of Operations for FEAFF. Frank concludes that with '32 in such important spots around the world, the Country's destiny abroad is secure.

Marion joins me in thanking you "Re-unionees" for the beautiful silver porringer you so thoughtfully gave to James Michael Burke, born June 3, 1952. I know he will always treasure it— as will his parents.

—Burke.

1933

Bill Quinn's starring role in the "Big Picture" wasn't the reason for his getting a General's star—recognition for service rendered elsewhere.

The NATO organization in Naples is a Navy command but is held together by four stalwarts from '33. Jake Messersmith writes that he is the HAFSE representative for PBEIST (sounds like a beer); his assignment on the Planning Board for European Inland Surface Transportation requires him to travel all over Europe. Dotty and young Mary are enjoying the Neapolitan area in spite of the high prices. Jake adds that Bert Sparrow and his wife June have recently recovered from hepatitis which kept them in the hospital over the holidays. Freddie Coleman is due to return to the States this Spring. Dick Meyer is serving as the Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

A home town news release states that White, G. W. has been appointed Deputy Chief of Ordnance Division at Heidelberg, Germany.

Hurly's appointee (patronage) Billy Clarke, the Washington correspondent, submits the following release:—

The Washington Local No. '33 staged its stag luncheon February 25 at The Naval Gun Factory Mess, under the auspices of our broadbrush JCS representatives Red Cahill, Bob Lawlor, Frank Kleitz, Johnny Breit, Neil Wallace and Pete Jackson. They ran true to form and turned out the poop in characteristic staff study form. The turn-out wasn't up to par, with only 27 showing; the absentees missed a swell formation. We were completely surprised to have Pop Ridsen with us. He just returned from Korea—looks younger than ever! Bob Neely showed up wearing very worn but well polished TC insignia; he hasn't put "egg beater" blades on his Army Aviation wings yet but he's working at it. The local boss, Fritz Hartel, gave us a run-down on plans in the mill, and Ab Huntsberry filed us in on progress with Reunion (week-end of May 29- June 2) arrangements at the Point (Ab was down to do battle for Academy logistics). They have a good Reunion program cooking; no one should miss it. Tommy Moorman is the Washington Rep.

By the time this edition "hits the street" the Washngrabble will have enjoyed a wonderful dinner-dance arranged by Oscar Senter at Andrews Field Club, in celebration of the 151st Anniversary of USMAY. The program is to be MC'ed by Fran Hill and will include the piped-in program from the New York area, and a Quartet consisting of Sim Whipple, Johnny Ferris, Fritz Hartel, and Billy Clarke, who will attempt to do justice to a couple of the old songs (an early change to Summer oil may be necessary).

Material for the Twenty Year Book is coming in apace, but the pace is entirely too slow. For those who might not have gotten the word, here's the pitch: The Washingtonians initiated action by dispatching copies of a form letter with the 20-Year Book poop to about thirty world-wide key classmates requesting them to forward the form letters to every other classmate in their respective areas. These key members were asked to report the names and addresses of those contacted as early as possible so that we could check for complete coverage. In case this is the first you've heard of it (or even if you have, read it again) here is what we want from each individual classmate (including EX'es):

At least one good print (minimum size 3 inches by 4 inches, glossy finish preferred) of your entire family with individuals indented. Remember, we want faces, not scenery.

A narrative write-up of what's been cooking with you and your family for the past twenty years—the human interest side. THIS IS A CHANGE in the instructions sent out in our form letter. The publisher pointed out that the abbreviated, chronological data and other vital statistics, as published in the Fifteen Year Book, are more difficult to print, cost more money, and do not make for very interesting reading; we agree!

The names and addresses of any classmates, particularly among those retired, resigned, and "found", whom you know or suspect may not have been contacted.

Mail above, with a check payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, Class of '33, to Col. L. K. White (Red, that is), Box 1925, Washington 25, D. C. DO IT—TODAY!!

On a recent dull, gray, snowy Monday morning, Hurly, filled with remorse over a jug of Martinis that he had attempted to consume the prior evening while pondering over the future, the past and his bank balance, submitted the following: A recent letter from that old fisherman of note, Dave Gray, of the 8th Army G-3 Fraternity, allowed as how Pop Ridsen did one hell of a fine job as CO of the 17th Infantry and that Kay Kaesser and George Van Way are recent additions to the ranks of regimental C.O.'s in Korea, and Joe Crawford is an Assistant Division Commander in Japan; Dick Park reported from Camp Chaffee, Ark. that he is C/S of the 5th Armored Division but to date he has not been able to change the name of that famous State. Gordon Bartlett reported being a grandfather—that scared "Fling-Fanny" to such a degree that he was afraid to pursue the thought any further.

When Bob Neely, who is currently directing the design of the flying machine in the Transportation Corps at Gravelly Point, heard that Sim Whipple's quartet was going to render several verses of "O'Reilly's Daughter" at the Andrews Field Anniversary get together, he picked up a helicopter and took off for Fort Sill to learn to fly same. Bob Tripp reports that he and Effie are enjoying their tour of duty at SHAPE. Young Bob, an adept artist at manufacturing gun powder for blowing safes, will probably return States-side for prep school this Fall.

Jim Boswell, Walt Jensen and Roy Reynolds are due to add the National War College this Fall as one of the institutions they have conquered.

In case you have missed it in the newspapers, Pete Carroll is serving as the President's liaison with the Defense Department.

See you June Week!

—C. H. M.

1934

A recent newspaper release tells of Johnny Diefendorf's arrival in Korea and assumption of command of the 226th Ordnance Base Depot. Before his transfer he was in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington. Janet, Johnny's wife, is living at 2627 Grant Street, Arlington, Va. George C. Wright, an ex-'34'er whom some

of us will remember, is with American Airlines, at 351 South Warren Street, Syracuse 2, N. Y. He wrote recently, saying he had run into Hal Edson at the Syracuse Airport. Hal had suggested that he sign up for *Assembly*. Edson, by the way, is assigned to the Headquarters of the XVIII Corps at Fort Bragg.

On a recent visit to Sandia Base your scribe had the pleasure of dining at the quarters of Ella and Frank Kemble. Frank has been stationed in those parts for some time but expects to be transferred soon.

Stilson Smith finished the course at the AFSC in January and then went briefly to the Office of the Chief of Finance in Washington. He was then assigned to Fort Meade, Md., where we trust he is well established by now. Stilson reported seeing Don McPheron and Bentley Kern at Fort Benning in October. They were both taking a refresher course at the Infantry School. Stilson's son, Dick, now a junior in high school, aspires to becoming a cadet one of these days.

The list of students for next year's class at the Army War College includes the following '34'ers: Bruce, Kermit Davis, Gilman, Gooch, Heyne, Hubbard, Tom Rogers, Sanders, Stevens. They will be replacing Franklin, Johnson, Lardin, McKee, Peca, Rusteberg, Surratt, Tate, and Williams, all of whom finish up their course this spring.

The '34 representation at West Point will be reduced drastically this summer, when Brown, Hillyard, and Howard all take off for other parts. Travis is slated for overseas duty, and, regardless of where he might land, Marge is planning to "sit it out" in Ireland until she can join him. Harry's destination is still unknown. Joe-Joe goes to Fort Benning in April.

Many of you probably got a look at Jerry Higgins' outfit marching in the Inauguration Parade. Thereafter they spent a good bit of time at Fort Drum, in northern New York, on winter field exercises. During that period, in February, Jerry got back to West Point for a hasty visit over one of the weekends.

Chick Andrews' orders from Fort Sill to Camp Stoneman recently appeared in the Service journals. Looks as if he's heading Pacific-ward again. A recent visitor to the Air-Ground Operations School at Southern Pines, N. C. reported that Bill Gross was still holding forth as commandant of that institution. Ralph McKinney has recently been ordered from Fort Monmouth to Washington.

By the time you read this there will be little more than one year left until the 20th reunion of '34. Start planning now to attend! Lay aside an old sock and hide your extra pennies there. Within a year you'll have a respectable reunion fund to support your return to the Old Alma Mater.

W. J. R.

1935

Notification of new arrivals on the '35 B-Squad (" may the tribe increase ") continue to dominate the class news, with Megan McEntee, Peter Firehock, Rosemary Frink, and Diana Cole (J. D. and Charlotte) reporting in since last publication.

Arrivals in D. C. have not been as numerous as in the past. Ben Heckemeyer checked in following completion of the

AFSC and is assigned to CIA for a tour of duty continuing the employment of his varied G-2 talents. Don Bernier has been reassigned in D. C.—to CIA—for identical reasons.

Hank Cherry is recuperating in Walter Reed (Room 5, Ward 9-A), from a serious internal ailment discovered at Benning while he was preparing to move to Korea. Henry looks well and is coming along nicely.

The other member of the sick list, Noel Cox, is mobile at last, and with the regeneration of a nerve in his right leg, he will be ready for duty. It has been a long haul for Noel and we all are happy to see him "marked duty" and headed for Army War College in September. Walt Bryde is due Stateside after a year in the Kashmir—he is also scheduled to attend the next AWC class at Carlisle.

A dinner-dance was held at Fort McNair, March 7 with 59 in attendance. Jim Adams and John Wright, freshly back from Korea, were present. Jim is stationed at the Infantry Center, and John is scheduled to attend the AWC next term.

Due for movement to Korea are Al Foreman, Glenn Cole, Les Wheeler, and Jim Alger. Mel Coburn has assumed his duties as Exec. Officer, 3rd Div. Artillery in Korea. Mary is staying in Alexandria, Virginia, during his absence, at 905 Crescent Drive.

Harry Harden recently arrived in Germany for duty with the Seventh Army Hqs. at Stuttgart. His wife, Alethia, is living in Lawton, Oklahoma, at 1419 Spaulding Avenue.

John Throckmorton is alerted to join the '53-'54 class at the National War College. Word is received from Harry Lemley at Fort Hood, that he is leaving for FECOM and that Moose Miller will succeed him in Artillery Command, 2nd Armd, Div. Harry's Stateside address: c/o Judge H. J. Lemley, Hope, Arkansas.

A word about class organization: Right now we are barely holding our own on the transition from West Point to Washington. Sufficient personnel have not been mobilized to staff an organization, mainly due to the failure of your reporter to examine and classify the files. A "Spring Buck-up" is in order, so, please do not stop payment on the small (?) checks forwarded during the last six months for dues. They will be cashed by time of publication and credited to respective accounts. Some members questioned the sequence of "More Yet". It was our goal to publish an annual edition, setting our sights for ten years—'50-'59 inclusive. No. 1 was published in '50, a blank in '51, and No. 3 in '52. Hence the sequence is only applicable insofar as it corresponds to its respective year, e.g., No. 4 should be forthcoming in 1953.

Again—we'll do our best to attain our goal for '53. (Class dues are payable, "irregardless"!)

—E. H. F.

1936

Attended the 151st Founder's Day dinner held by the New York Society at the Hotel Astor on March 14. Only three '36ers were present—Ben Whipple, of Socony Vacuum; Ken Madsen, of Knappen-Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy Engineers; and yours truly. We three had a very enjoyable dinner; Ben concerned over the relative location of his

home and his new office building, and Ken talking of a visit to Korea as his company representative, during which time he hopes to see many of the classmates in the Far East.

Received a phone call from Bill Kimball a few days ago. He was just stopping in at Stewart AFB, being stationed at Mitchel. He said he was the only '36er there, and to the best of his knowledge Sandy McCorkle, J. R. Kelly, and Bob Orth are the only ones still at Maxwell. He also mentioned that Charlie Tyler is in Newfoundland. Bill promised to visit us here at the Academy with his family sometime in the near future.

Speaking of visits, since this is the first day of spring, it won't be long until cadet parades start on The Plain and we'll be expecting some of you to visit the Academy and stop in to see us.

Would like to know, of course, how many of you plan to be here June Week, and hope that you all will let me know as soon as you have made a firm decision to be present.

Had a note from Jack Chiles, Executive at the Army War College, requesting information for their Founder's Day dinner. He mentioned that there would be 19 from the class there during the next year, which should make it possible to have some good class get-togethers.

Also a note from Ben Evans in January states that Klock is G-3, Patterson G-4, and Holderman G-1, all USAREUR HQ; Lemoyne has a tank battalion in the Fourth Division and Mohlere an Ordnance Group in Seventh Army; Bud White is G-3, EUCOM HQ.

Len Shea, C/S Second Armored Division, wrote that he would be seeing the gang at the West Point dinner in Frankfurt. He also mentioned that he had recently seen Dave Edwards, CO 22nd Inf Rgt, 4th Div, and Ben Evans, CO 16th Inf Rgt, 1st Div. In addition he wrote that Howie Snyder is CO 6th Armd Cav Rgt, Bruce Palmer is at USAREUR HQ, and Louis de Lesdernier is IG of Western Area Command.

Ray and Dottie Cato and four children are in Copenhagen, Denmark. Ray is Army Attaché there. He reports that Copenhagen is a beautiful place and that he hopes some of the class will pass that way while they are there. He also said they have a trip planned to Italy and France during the month of June. By the way, his letter was in answer to my request to you '36ers to let me know your location, etc. Many of you still have not given me this information and I am going to have to turn over these class notes with some very "moldy" addresses.

Now to the other side of the world—to Korea. A press release reports that Ben Turnage, CO of a regiment of the 40th Div, was decorated with the Silver Star. His wife and two sons are residing at 302 West Church Street, Farmville, North Carolina.

Faithful Fran McElheny sent a note from Japan with the following: Dan is Director of Supply for the Engineer Section, AFFE; Tim Willis and family have departed Stateside where he will be PMS&T at Sam Houston State Teachers College; also that she and Dan hope to see the Yosts, who have just gotten quarters near Zama. She also reports that, while Dan was on a recent trip to Korea, a thief relieved them of some money and other belongings in their new home. Seems she's been supplied with a shotgun to protect herself in the future but she says she's more scared of the shotgun than she would be of another robber.

Doris Hiester is still in Fort Montgomery while Dave is in Korea with the 40th Div. Doris furnished the following news from Dave: Jess Drain is Regimental Commander 3rd Div; Chuck Prosser, Exec 60th Ordnance Group; Micky Mikkelsen, Chief Ordnance Adviser, Korean Army; Ray Tiffany, QM IX Corps; Rip Smith, KMAG; Cliff Cordes, JAG I Corps; Bob McCabe, Armor Off. USAK; Bill Davis, CO 59th Ordnance Group.

Back to the States and a bit more info: Johnny, Flo, and three younger Jakles are at LaSalle Military Academy, Oakhurst, LI, NY. Was talking a few days ago with Ned Norris, Foreign Liaison Office, G-2, D/A. With his assistance I received a letter from our class president, Bill Connor, furnishing me with the class officers which the Association of Graduates had wanted for some purpose. I could remember the names and find their pictures in the *Howitzer* but for the life of me couldn't remember which office each held.

Bob Frost writes from the Industrial College that he and Jack Bartella are interested in purchasing new automobiles, that Jack will probably be going overseas upon graduation, and that he tentatively expects to go to Langley AFB.

At the Cadet Chapel service on the Sunday following the Army-Royal Military College hockey game (Army won 5-4), the Cadet Chapel Choir sang "Once More The Dawn", written by Cece Combs. Little did I know that our classmate had written the words to a hymn, and I am wondering how many others of the class did.

Thanks very much to all of you who furnished the above information, and I hope that I shall be receiving much more for the next and final issue for yours truly—the deadline for which issue is June 10. In addition please refer to the July '52 *Assembly* and kindly send me the information requested in order that I may get our records in shape for the turnover.

Be sure to let us know if you are coming up for June Week. Don't let the spring fever get you down!

—Jim Billy.

1937

Finally heard from the Ex-Secretary, Ed Spaulding. His address is FTT 6D, TUSAG, APO 206-A, c/o PM New York, all of which means that he is the Chief of a Field Artillery Team with the Turkish Army. His predecessor in Bursa was Frank Harrison, who is now in Washington. The only other classmate near Ed is Bill Travis, who is in Ankara. Ed bought a house before he left, and Lorry and the children are living at 27 Wood Road, Cape Cottage, Maine.

Got a letter from Milt Clark from Sandia Base. He reports that Lindquist, a civilian now, also works at the base. Sandy Kirsten is still at AFF Board No. 4 at Bliss and is the only classmate there. Being at Sandia Milt states that many of the classmates have passed through via one of the many orientation courses. A few he has seen are Pete Kreiser, Eph Graham, Bill Lewis, Jay Abercrombie, Jack Browning, Jim Brierley, Fred Clarke, Max George, Charlie Register, Bob Palmer, Carl Lyons, and Tom Neier. Milt also reports a rumor that Fred Campbell is returning from Germany to be in Army G-4 in Washington.

Speaking of Washington, seems they had the usual "railroading" class elections and

the following losers are announced for the next year. Giles Evans replaces Eph Graham as President, Jim Posey takes over as Secretary and Ken Wade as Treasurer. Johnson was at West Point the 18th of March to help the cadets pick branches and stations. He reports a swell class party at McNair on the 7th of March with about 36 couples, including the Kimbrells and the Zehners from the War College.

Kelsie Reaves has a regiment in Korea and it is so much better than he expected, he's enjoying it. Spic Nadal is (or has) getting married in Italy. He's very quiet on the details though. Chuck and Babs Pfeffer get up once in a while from their farm in Bedford Village, N. Y. to visit the Palmers.

Guess I'll still be with you the coming year, as there is no one else to elect. Bob Palmer and I will be all that's left. Charlie Register is due for orders some time soon.

—R. B.

1938

This is our last opportunity to remind all of the Class of 1938 that our 15th Reunion will be held here at West Point this June Week. Circular letters concerning the planned activities for the class have been sent to everyone. Thus far 51 classmates, with 47 wives, have indicated that they will be present at some time during the period. Please make your decision to join here at West Point to renew old friendships as soon as possible so that your committee can firm up all activities at the earliest possible date. If you do not receive the circular from the Committee just write to Birdsey Learman, Quarters 277, giving him your plans and he will send one on to you.

An earlier circular, dated August 23, 1952, was sent to all classmates in the form of a questionnaire asking for an expression of opinion on a booklet for the 15th reunion and for a contribution to the class fund. To date only 131 have answered this questionnaire. Please dig it out of your circular files and return it to Mick Amick, Quarters 1005. There was such a small response to the booklet question that its production has been abandoned. It is hoped that a pictorial record of the reunion activities can be produced and sent out following the reunion activities.

Our most recent loss to the class was the death of Jim Luper as a result of an airplane accident at Omaha. Jim was buried in the West Point cemetery on March 6. Bixby, Miller, Matheson, Harrington, Brownlow, and Jacunski acted as honorary pallbearers at the funeral. Jim was slated to become the Provost Marshal General of the Air Forces. His loss will be keenly felt by the Services, for he was most highly regarded by everyone with whom he was associated.

We welcomed a new member to the class on February 14 when Mary Gebhardt was married to Andy Lipscomb in the Post Chapel at Carlisle Barracks. Andy is a student at the Army War College. Classmates who had key roles in the ceremonies were Ben Sternberg, Jim Lynch, Hank Crouch, Bill Wansboro and Ed Lahti, all of whom are students in the current War College class. While we are discussing the War College news it is appropriate to mention that seven classmates are scheduled to attend the 1953-54 class. They are R. B. Anderson, John Corley, John Finn, Tracy Harrington, Jim Henderson, Ed Machen, and Frank Miller.

With the summer coming on many are receiving orders and are anticipating moves. Here at West Point are those mentioned above and Birdsey Learman, who does not yet know of his new station, and Jack Brownlow, who has already received orders to C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth, Bill Vail goes to the new class at AFSC in Norfolk, Seif is on his way to Formosa to join the Army Section of MAAAG, and Dick Long is with JMAG in Turkey with Jenkins. John and Elinor Norris sailed for Czechoslovakia on January 19; the Yorks arrived in Singapore on January 22 after a deluxe trip. En route they saw Riordan, Carusone, Denholm and Boyt in Yokohama.

From Korea Jeff Irvin, 8th Army writes that he has been lurching with Bill Walson, Jim Taylor, and Ned Gillivan. Bill is in 8th Army Hq. Jim, who is with AFFE, and Ned, who is C/S, 3d Armored Division, were on a guided tour learning about something or other.

Bud and Betty Mearns stopped by West Point on their way back to Bragg following a skiing vacation in Vermont. Bud is with the Special Forces project and plans to visit Korea sometime this spring.

While on a trip east Dapprich stopped in San Antonio for a brief visit. While there he saw Jack Chambers and his wife, Marion Erlenbusch (Bob was away at some special Finance course at Fort Benjamin Harrison), Merrick Bayer and wife (Merrick is in Brooke General following a bad auto accident near Shreveport), and Ann Sherburne (Charlie was with his folks in Murphysville, Ky.)

Peggy Lynn reports the following from the Washington area: A class party with about fifty individuals in attendance was held at Andrews AFB on February 28. Dave Byars, who has just completed the AFSC in Norfolk, has been assigned to AFSWP and is living in Alexandria. Hal Moorman has just left the area for Formosa, Gus Guletsky was on the train that crashed through the Union Station, but claims that he had nothing to do with the affair, although he has just become the proud father of a son. Al Weinnig is in the R&D Division of G-4 in the Pentagon; Sisco, Kaster Conner and Joe Reddoch have all newly arrived in the area but their assignments are not known. Nick Chavasse is newly arrived at Andrews AFB doing weather work for MATS. George Zohrlaut is in the procurement division of G-4 with Tom McCrary. Dallas and Mabel Haynes have purchased a bus which they have had fitted with bunks. They expect to bring it to West Point for the reunion and suggest that it is a way to beat the housing and traveling problem.

See you all at our 15th Reunion!

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1939

We open with a salute to the '39ers in the army who are listed to attend the 1953-54 course at the Army War College—Phil Davidson, Tom Dolvin, Davey Dillard, Fritzie Fredericks, Walter Grant, Sammy Kail, Swede Larsen, Earle Lerette, Charlie Mount, Jim Muir, Danny Nolan, Jack Norris, Bob Schellman, C. B. Smith, Bob Spragins, Howard St. Clair, and Bob Williams (Inf).

After two years as a company tac, Frankie Joe Kobes assumes the title of "Master of the Sword"—now called "Director of Physical Education"—in June. He will run this empire with its modern count-

erparts for Tom Jenkins, Billy Cavanaugh, and Mister Dimond. Socially speaking, we of '39 at West Point had a skating party at Smith Rink for the families. Many of the little ones proved much more clever on skates than former threats in the Southern Sweepstakes. Of the 14 members of our class presently stationed here, eight will leave at the end of this year and few will be replaced. Walter Grant and Phil Davidson are going to the Army War College. Jack Meyer, Sailor Byrne, Ted Hunsbedt, Buck Lane, Walt Brinker, and Ralph Jordan are going to other destinations. This leaves Homer Barber as Post Ordnance Officer; Marshall Wallach, Joe McChristian, and Ed McConnell as tacs (we aren't too old to skin the cadets, even though we are too old to teach them anything); Bill Clark as a geography P, and Frankie Joe as the swordsman. One replacement will be Harvey A. Fraser, a professor in Mechanics. You all know that there are now two permanent professors in many of the departments; one is the head of the department. Harvey is the junior permanent professor in Mechanics.

George Winton writes from Germany to nominate Harvey as the chairman for our 15th reunion in 1954. Aside from reporting that George himself has the 34th FA Bn, other drippings from the Winton pen tell that Ralph Hanchin has the 32d FA Bn, also in the Big Red One, and J. P. Kelly has a battalion in the 28th Infantry Division, and Bob Pennell has one in the 2d Armored Division. Bobo McCutcheon, Bill Bradley, and Charlie Duke are all "engineering" in Germany. Billy West has a battalion at Hammelburg, and Jack Dobson has one in Austria. Charley Florence is in the North Area Command in Germany and Jap Wilson is in the 2d Armored Division. Securely settled in USAREUR are Davey Dillard, Walter Vann, and Fritz Fredericks. Pappy Myers is also in Europe with Betty and two daughters. Freddy and Page Boye are in Europe and like it so well that Page is thinking of extending. Frank Holt and Dick Cleverly are JA's in Europe if any of the class needs a defense counsel.

Dutch and Bee Kerwin passed through West Point en route from Turkey to the February course at the Armed Forces Staff College. Dutch had just finished setting up a branch of Fort Sill for Turkish cannoniers. Bob Matter is at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Lee Kirby returned from Japan with a case of asthma, and he was seen recovering in the Army-Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Frankie Joe Kobes while Kobes was beating the brush for new cadets in this undeveloped part of our country.

Joe McChristian was seen grasping hands of dignitaries at Washington National Airport as General Van Fleet landed from Korea. Joe is a new man since Dempsey is back from too long a stay at Fitzsimons General. Both Ed McConnell and Joe are going to hit the road with General Jim on his speaking circuit before he retires.

George Jumper and Riggs Sullivan are SAC deputy wing commanders. Mouse Moushegian is Assistant Military Attaché in Iran.

Ralph Jordan saw Bill Boyd at Sandia Base taking the 4 day fission-fusion orientation. Mickey Laitman makes a weekly trip to West Point to sell First Classmen life insurance and to draw to inside straights. Tex Miller is with the Armored Detachment at Fort Bliss. Jack Schrader is in Germany with USAREUR, and Sterling Johnson is at Fort Lewis, Washington. A couple of "M" Company files end this report—Antelope Kirby-Smith is studying controllership at

Syracuse University and Ed "Poncho" Schroeder is the Div Arty Commander of the training division at Knox.

Galen Eaton recently visited West Point. He has recovered from a long illness and is working on an ambitious program of graduate study at Loyola University. His address is 5054 Winthrop Ave., Chicago.

Joel Walker recently had his picture in the paper in company with General Mark W. Clark. Joel got shot up in Korea where he was a mainspring in the Seventh Infantry Division's 32nd Regiment. Speedy recovery. Joel!

We're sure that the 1939 newsletter from Washington was mailed but that it got lost in the postal system.

Important Notice: Be sure to send in your current address to the "Resident Secretary, Class of 1939, West Point, New York" so that you will get on the mailing list for the 15th reunion in 1954. This information from you will be needed by September 1, 1953.

—W. E. B.

1940

Since this is being written in March, it seems that it is as good a time as any for a Treasurer's Report. Resting in the First National Bank, Highland Falls, New York is \$585.49 to the account of the Class of 1940. I have received many reports from members of the class who urge that each member be assessed \$1.00 a year dues. I have received other letters, not many, which say no dues should be paid. I am inclined, personally, to agree with the minority. One dollar a year would amount to about \$395.00 a year if everyone came through. This would be fine if the class had an objective in mind. However, to pay dues just to pay dues doesn't make much sense even to a goat. I would be glad to air in this column anyone's ideas about an objective for the fund. Write to me at 2156 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. A letter can get here for three cents, so you don't have to be a capitalist to write.

Now, with the commercial over, the news. Pretty good haul of Christmas cards this year. Here's what they say:

Jean and Bert Lane left for Germany on January 5th. Zero Zahrobsky flashes an "Aides at the White House" card which makes him still a bachelor. Steve Silvasy sends greetings from Germany and hopes to be home next summer, with possible assignment at West Point. He's with the G-4 Section, 7th Army. Johnny Aber sends a card from the Artillery School where he is an instructor in Department of Combined Arms. Another bachelor, and his card proves it.

My favorite Thespian, Donovan Yeuell, has ended his tour with 1st Div. and is headed for assignment as Liaison Officer to the British Army in Germany. The ultimate in Lend Lease. Dick Abbey and family put on wooden shoes and had their picture taken to send greetings from The Hague. Bull Marling moved into his new house in Rough and Ready California. Heads for India next fall.

Alan and Marion Gee still at Frankford Arsenal near Philadelphia. Hank Miley there, too. Chuck Esau reports that he and Barnard are assigned to Hqtrs. USAFE, Brousseau and Tony Wermuth at CINCEUR, Frankfurt, Clock in Austria and Thayer in Giessen. Reports seeing Harnett and fam-

ily at SHAPE and helped Eb Swift and family on plane to States last fall. Dave Guy rumored to be in Turkey. Rimmer at Sill and Orman at Bliss. Bob Brewer writes from 4th Inf. Div. in Germany where he is the G-1. Stu McKenney in Frankfurt and so is Bob Pfeil.

Eddie and Chuck Noble send a card from SHAPE, France. Butch La Rose in the private school business, and even if it makes Cibotti physically ill, I must report that La Rose is teaching Math. He and Ronnie and the five children are at the Lakemont Academy in Lakemont, New York. Jean Nosek follows Thad to Verdun, France where he is C.O. of an Engineer Construction Group. Skip Fowler reports a party held at West Point to watch Navy game on TV. Case was biggest celebrator for he was also celebrating arrival of fourth daughter. Fowler headed for Air War College next August. Rogers and Beiser at West Point. Jack and Helene Wright at Leavenworth. Jan and Rick Ferrill in Bellevue, Nebraska. Ray Renola smoothing over the Pentagon. Some of the other worthies seen in the Pentagon are Crocket, Bill (Air Corps) Lewis, Big Harry Stella, Symroski, Vanderhoef, and Manzollilo. Gideon is Director of Operations at MATS.

Len Orman, who gets around, reports the following: Sell and O'Keefe are at Bliss with Orman along with Ross, Bayerle, Epley, Pidgeon and Lucas. Jim Rat Moore has been recently assigned to Bliss. Hank Cunningham is in Korea. Ev Light on his way to FECOM and Al and Jean Stock are in Ottawa. Bob and Jenna Strong finished tour in Canada and Bob is assigned to Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Spengler and Crown are at Fort Meade. Ray Bates is AFF Liaison Officer at Fort Monmouth. Ted Hoffman also at Monmouth. Phil Cibotti and G. E. Brown are at Hancock. Gayl Applegate now working in the Pentagon. Wilcox has farm with three head of cattle in Virginia. Hazeltine in the Pentagon. Rosemary and Woody Smith in Washington, as are Leslie and Earl McFarland.

New paragraph for Orman. Visited Dill Ellis who is a bank president in Dillon, South Carolina. Even looks like a banker now. Len and Vi Haseaman at Fort Belvoir. Prann at Montgomery, Alabama, and is an instructor at Maxwell Field. Ray Sleeper, Willy Buck and Ross Milton also at Maxwell. Al Richards, Page Smith and McLean at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Freudendorf is liaison officer at Edgewood Arsenal Chemical Center. Harry Wilson attended Army-Georgia Tech game but I don't have his address. Big John Coontz still in Nevada with Jim Loewus. Dyke and Kolda attended Southern California-Army game. Dick Shagrin in Frankfurt, Germany. Luther Arnold assigned to TAS at Sill. Jake Taylor back from Korea and assigned to Pentagon. Ed Fitzpatrick and Tom Chamberlain stationed in Buenos Aires.

Bill Francisco, straining at the typewriter, sends news from Benning where he is with Judge Advocate Section. Reports Rod Wetherill just left for FECOM, Tom Muller with AFF Board No. 2, Mickey Fellenz with Weapons Department and Eben Swift just back from Europe assigned TIS. Borden on way to FECOM. Wynn a student at Armed Forces Staff College. Muller is the shining light for the Fort Benning cub scouts. On a recent trip to Dallas, he rode in same plane with Hopalong Cassidy. Bill offers to contribute movie film for class picture. Suggests that Milner and Chandler have a lot. Write to Raleigh at 1512 Lorraine Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Milner at University of Michigan studying

Automotive Engineering, working towards Master's degree. Goodrich same place working on Ph.D. in Electronics.

Everybody pulling for the speedy recovery of the two Patten children who came down with polio just before Christmas. Sam is at Leavenworth. Bill Shanahan proud father of a girl after fathering three boys.

The fell clutch of circumstance accomplished what four or five years at USMA failed to do. At the last minute, I accepted the invitation of Helen and Leo Dunham, Jean and John Minahan, and Vi and Len Haseaman to attend the Engineer party at Fort Belvoir. I approached the party a bit nervously, being chaperoned by Bill Lewis, kind of a middle-of-the-roader. But my fears were unwarranted. There were no board fights or extra problems and the first person I saw was an intellectual equal, i.e., Russ Manzolillo who is just back from FECOM. At that moment, my early feeling of caste was swept away and I looked around to see: Ruth and Dave Crocker, Mary and Bob Dodderidge, Ann and Frank Colacicco, Harriet and Ted Davis, Aline and Thad Floryan, Mary and Lee Fuller, Duie and Sam Goodwin, Donnie and Red Gideon, Mary and Charley Harrison, Connie and A. B. Hughes, Shirley and Larry Klar, Jean and Willis Lewis, Leslie and Earl McFarland, Barbara and Jim Maedler, Ethel and Robin Norris, Olive and Mel Rosen, Rosemary and Woody Smith, Zee and Harry Stella, Gay and Len Symroski, Rosemary, and Jim Taylor, Jeanne Ann and Dean Vanderhoef, Kim and Sam Webster, Helen and Frank Watrous, Eva and John Wohner, Marion and Zeke Summers, Doris and Burt McKenzie (on way to Afghanistan), the Gildarts, the Shosses, the Manzolillos, Del Munson (not heading for retirement as reported), Ray Renola, Bob O'Donnell, Burt Haesly, Helen Hamelin ("Ham" in Walter Reed), and Zero Zahrobsky.

Would appreciate hearing from any and all. My address again: 2156 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

EDWARDS AFB, MURC, CAL.: Not content with being the holder of the world's speed record (for the closed course: 635.686 miles per hour), Fast Fred Ascani further distinguished himself by becoming the first member of the class to announce the arrival of his sixth child. Fred's communique: "Claire was born December twenty-second, three days before Christmas and seven days before Income Tax. She has black hair, weighed six pounds, five ounces. We now have three boys and three girls, or in other words, dominos". Fred dropped in here at Omaha for a visit the other day, and just to prove that he still had that old zip, he took off from here at 1930 hours and arrived at Edwards in time to take Kay to the Saturday nite hop at 2100. Fred leaves the flight test business this summer for the ivy covered halls of the Air War College.

WEST POINT, NY: John Richards reports that he is slated to stay for a fourth year with the Math Department. Others in Math are Burnside Huffman and Spoo Maynard with Paul Ramee joining this summer. Bill Gleason and Bill Clifford are with the 1802d; Sy Coker, Chuck Schilling, and Jack Thigpen are in MA&E; Tom Fisher in English; Al Hayduck and George McIntyre in the TD; Bill Purdy in Soc. Science; and Mal Troup in the office of the Post QM. Bill

Mitchell's brother-in-law tells John that Bill, just back from Korea, is stationed at Langley in TAC Hq.

FT. LEAVENWORTH, KAN.: The gang at C&GS are having a Class party on March 28 and have invited the Offutt representatives as well as George Hicks and George Stalnaker from Kansas City. Aliotta, Boswell, Canella, Delaney, Faulkner, Harrison, Keagy, Kelly, Kisiel, Layfield, Lee, JCH, Linton, McIntyre, JC, Schremp, Strain and Sykes are in the present class, and sweating out the arrival of Al Jensen with their orders to either Korea or the Pentagon in June. Designees for the class next fall include: Clendenning, Clifford, Grace, King, Moucha, Spiller, Tarbox, Tyler, Unger, Vaughan, and Whitaker. Recent press releases from Leavenworth report John McIntyre receiving the OLC to the Bronze Star Medal for his work in Korea commanding an Army Signal Service Battalion.

FT. McPHERSON, GA.: Ren Keleher from the PIO shop of the Third Army states that since John Zott left he is holding the fort alone. A neighbor in Atlanta, Graham Waitt, has just graduated from law school with the equivalent of a Phi Beta Kappa and is "already cultivating his courtroom style". Bob Brinson in nearby Marietta is also a lawyer and in December announced the arrival of his third child.

HQ FIFTH AIR FORCE, KOREA: George Brown, who is Director of Operations for the Fifth, reports that George Pittman is in the PI; Bill Mitchell just left after a combat tour as CO, 49th Fighter Bomber Wing; Cliff Cole is Asst D/Ops in Hq FEAF; Bill Burtchael JAG 8th Army; Cocky Cochran CO of Av Engr Bn with 5AF; Fred Sanford Arty Sect 8th Army; Birdseye MAG Formosa; Andy Evans Dep Wing CO of the 49th Ftr Bmb Wing; Ace Bailey, Red Adams, and John Deane are also "here".

LINCOLN, NEBR.: Ed Buttery is with the Univ of Nebr "trying to make artillerymen out of farm boys". He just returned from Tokyo last summer and saw Jog Green, Gooper O'Connell and Horace Brown at Sill.

WASHINGTON, D. C.: A. Wray White: "At the Navy Game '41 was fairly well represented seats centered on about the 10 yard line—only a couple operating types from WP (McIntyre and Fisher) being substantially nearer the mid-stripe. One of the locals that I haven't seen but with whom I've conversed several times via the Ameche is Roderic Dhu by the Grace of God O'Connor, papa of two boys (Dick 4 and Bryan 1½) who, with mama, are currently visiting their Chilean grandparents souze of the border"

LONDON, ENGLAND: Bob Kramer, whose third child and second daughter, Christina, arrived August 31, is completing his second year as an exchange officer with the British Army. Jo loves England and hopes they will be able to stay for the Coronation.

AFSC, NORFOLK, VA.: Jack Millikin reports that he and Jack Norton are taking the course; that Babe Hendrickson left Benning for FECOM; leaving the Benning staff with only Ed Rowny, Ace Bailey, and Jim Graham. Ann Tucker Millikin arrived on December 7 to join her brother, Pete, and sister, Sperry, in wishing a Merry Christmas from the Millikins.

MAXWELL AFB, ALA.: Bill and Marge Hershenow just settled in Montgomery for duty with Hq AFROTC. Harry Harvey is departing for Hq Alaskan Air Command, Jack Kelsey is going to Korea, and Jonat Atkinson is going to Wichita to check out in the B-47. Jonat is going to be hard to

hold after he gets used to having six jets fastened to his posterior.

CARSWELL AFB, TEX.: From the *Army Navy Air Force Journal*: "Col. William T. Seawell, former Director of Operations for the 8th Air Force, has been appointed Commander of the 11th Bomb Wing" Bill is the first '41er to command a Wing in SAC. He and Judy announced the arrival of a daughter in December.

ORDERS: Woody Garrett to OAC/S G-3, Wash.; Tom Corbin to Hq SAC; Stan Ramey to FEC, Yokohama; Ben Mayo to Hq ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado.

BORN: To Joe Knowlton at Walter Reed Army Hospital on December 9, a son. Claudia Clarice Keagy at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., on January 12, '53. At 109th Fld Hosp, Salzburg, Austria, December 26, '52, to Lt. Col. and Mrs. Hugh F. Foster, Jr., a son, Robert Joseph.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

Although the coming June Week is not one of our "big" anniversaries, the '42 group here at the Point extends a cordial invitation to all of you to visit and enjoy the festivities, just as you did last year. June Week begins May 29 and ends June 2 with Graduation. Our social activities are not rugged, but you will be interested in the probable functions and costs. Saturday evening, May 30th, we are having a cocktail-buffet in the Gray Room of the Officers' Club—approximate cost is \$3.75 per person. Sunday night, May 31st, there will be an informal dinner-dance at Camp Buckner, sponsored by '43 but with '42 and '44 participating—approximate cost is \$3.50 per person. We are anxious to arrange for your housing and comfort as well as to have a semi-firm commitment on numbers for planning purposes. So please drop a note or card to Box 42, or to any classmate here. Tell us your plans and desires, whether or not you'll want a place to stay, when you will arrive, etc. Our minimum guarantee is a place to sleep.

Box 42 mail has been very very light these past few months. In fact, aside from one letter from Slaton, now in Topeka, and a birth announcement from Ely, in Hawaii, there has been nothing but a few change of address cards and mail originating here and being returned for incorrect addresses. So all of you who haven't received the latest addresses of classmates had better send us a card so we will have your current mailing address.

From various questionable sources comes the following. Buck Tarver is at the Greek Military Academy and enjoying it. He has written Van Warren for text books used here and Van is forwarding him one each ship load. Jack Davies is in Greece also—speaks Greek like a native, I'm told. Paul Cerar is in Naples, Italy, attempting to understand the Italians, their mode of life and philosophies. The grapevine has it that Bill Plott is to be a legal eagle here at the Academy starting next fall. Jere Maupin has changed his residence from Washington to Siam. If his roots take hold there as they did in Washington, it'll be a long time before we see him. Jack Crowley is now with the Transportation School at Eustis. Dave May is en route to FECOM. Lee Marshall and Deanie Hall were married and are now at home in Montgomery, Alabama. Congratulations Lee and Deanie.

With Hq AFFE are Jack Colladay, G1; Doug Murray, G3; Al Hunter and Al Thompson, G4. Al Scullen is at Eta Jima, near Osaka, Jim Bartholomees, Bill Zimmerman, Chief Lumpkin, and Skip Young are in Korea. Zimmerman, commanding a battalion, won a silver star for "heroic action." The John Andersons, Woodwards, Hinckleys, and Connollys are in Tokyo.

Here at the Point, the Lee Cages and Bob Terrys have brand new little girls. Van Warren is laying on another big feed for us at Round Pond on April 10th. The Charlie Fergussons and Wiley Baxters entertained with a gala party at the Officers' Club on February 28th. The major topic of conversation was Pat Williams' latest venture into the frozen food business, "from the garden to the mouth." Success to you, Pat! Our wives still have their monthly luncheons with a round or two of bridge afterward. Fran Roberts is boning Korea upon departure this coming summer.

That's all there is. Write us the news. Better yet, come up June Week and tell us about it.

—D. E. B.

January 1943

The *Tenth Anniversary Howitzer* is now in the hands of the publisher. By February 24, Editor Hal Walker had received 244 biographies, 191 photographs. He continued to forward material to the publisher until March 1, using the brief biography from the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* for those who failed to send in any information. With 301 orders for the book already received (as of March 16), the success of the project seems assured. This is a fitting time to express our thanks to those responsible for the book.

We have mentioned Hal Walker. With the superb assistance of his wife Mary, who did most of the money-saving art work, Hal compiled and edited the book. Wes and Irene Curtis worked right along with Hal and Mary as assistant editors. These four established the quality of the book. Bill Waters edited the biographies (re-edited, actually—each West Point classmate handled a portion of the editing). Ed Bennett executed a contract which improved the planning figure by \$2,000. Bob Wood dug up \$300 in advertising. Joe Conmy (Mr. Box 133) spent long hours sorting the incoming letters, keeping up the records and files. And from the first, McD and Bob Fiss kept the machinery rolling, tying up loose ends, offering encouragement, working tirelessly.

All of the above wish to thank you in the field for your cooperation and response. Unless you indicated plans to pick up your copy here during June Week you should receive your book in the mail early in June.

From the *Tenth Anniversary Howitzer* we might turn to the 10th Anniversary itself. Plans are firming nicely. Before May 7 you will have received a poopsheet outlining the schedule of events and suggesting certain actions on your part. The schedule:

- May 29—Picnic at Round Pond, \$1.35 per person.
- May 30—Buffet dinner dance at WP Officers Club, \$2.60 per person.
- May 31—Informal dinner dance at Camp Buckner pavilion, \$3.00 per person.
- June 1—Luncheon for January '43 Wives at WP Officers Club, \$1.50 per person.
- Alumni Luncheon, \$1.35 per person.

Formal dinner dance at Stewart AFB Officers Club, \$3.25 per person.

Write to Jess Hollis for billets. You may be housed in quarters (if you can make arrangements with friends other than classmates, do so), in the Post Nursery School, or in North Area (if stag). Dana Stewart will be in charge of reception. He will be on hand to greet you between the 28th and 29th Divisions in North Area on or about May 29. From those who plan to come Bob Fiss would like a \$10 advance payment, payable to the "January '43 Reunion Fund", as a working capital to finance refreshments and other expenses which must be provided for before you get here.

We have mentioned the good work done by the 10th yearbook committee. Perhaps we should note that much good work was done in the field also. For example, we see Ruth Wade struggling in Fullerton, California, to get the photograph made so that she can rush it off to husband A. P. Wade in Iceland where he hopes to get a composite made. And Bill Hardy, writing from Korea (15th Radio Sqdn, Mobile, APO 75) where "paper's scarce" and 5x7 glossy prints don't grow on trees, nevertheless gets the job done.

Now for some news. Hugh Jordan (Hq FEAF, Box 176, APO 925) has sent in some battle-area addresses: Art Hurr, Hq FEAF, APO 925; Johnny Mitchell, Hq FEC, APO 500; Doug Blue, Hq EAB, 4th F/I Wg, APO 970; Hume, Hq 5th AF, APO 970; and Prior, 67th Tac Rcn Wg, APO 970. Wray Page is Exec O, 48th FA Bn; Butch Rader is a BC, 92nd FA Bn; Ed Kreml, ex Jan '43, is Asst S-3, 25th Inf Div Arty—Wray reports on these last three. Art Freer has joined the 120th Engineers, 45th Div. Russell works in G2, USAFFE; Hogrefe is with Engineer Section. (The Hogrefes have added a new member to their family.) John Healy is assigned XVI Corps arty. Bob Watson writes interestingly from Taipei, Formosa. Along with Cobb, Blanchett, and Elliott, he battles the typhoons regularly there. Bob's golf game has fallen off considerably since Cobb drove all his golf balls into the rice paddies.

Art Grace, Ralph Truex (40th AAA Brigade), and John Shortall—the last two recent graduates of the Artillery School—have been seen recently in Tokyo.

As we continue on around the world towards Europe, we see J. R. Michael and family comfortably settled down in Singapore, Malaya. He is an assistant Army Attaché.

In Hoechst, Germany, the Bob Burlins (217th Engr Bn, APO 46, NY) were hosts to several January 43'ers and their wives last January 10th. Jean and George Watson were there, and Virginia and Duke Windsor, Becky and John McClure, Mary and Pete Grim, Barbara and Jack Upchurch, and Ann and Herb Kemp.

Other bits from Germany: TQ (Donaldson) V was born November 19. Jack Wheeler's unit is the 57th Medium Tank Bn, 2nd Armored Div. Changaris has been assigned Seventh Army Hq at Stuttgart.

Bob Beightler writes that he, Tom Flatley, and Jim Kelleher hold the ramparts in Austria. Tom is G2 of the 510th FA Bn; Jim is S3; Bob works in G3. The major sport is skiing, with Jim just learning and Bob the old pro. Helen Beightler bore twin sons, Reid McMillan and John Coleman, last May 14.

Back in the States, a 10th Anniversary party at Fort Benning on 17 January brought out the following: Bob and Ruth

Cook, Roy and Betty Wilson, Tony and Verle Antonioli, Jack Armstrong, George and Edna Maertens, the Farnsworths, Sam and Marion Karrick, Bill and Virginia Hensel, Betty Lou Lowry (Ed is in Korea), Ricky Peden (Bob is in Korea), and Kilburn and Virginia Roach.

Among those marveling at the school solutions (so different from their own) at Leavenworth are: Merle Carey, Tom Mesereau, Ed Faust, Bill Hahn, Al Hughes, Art Sebesta, Bill Talbott, and Arch Hamblen. (Are some permanent party?) The Talbotts had a baby o/a 17 January. Art Sebesta's wife recently turned in a neat performance in the post's winter dramatic club play.

Jim Aleveras (6311 Osage Road, Cresthill Terrace) is S3 of the 2nd Bn, 1st Guided Missile Gp, Fort Bliss, Texas. At a 7 February roundup there, Jim got together Stew Meyer, Tom Ramsey, Joe Stabler, Frank Kajencki, Phil Bischoff, and John Stephens.

In closing, Hank Ebrey is assigned the G3 section, Hq 2nd Army. Whitlow works in Hq ADC, Colorado Springs, Colo. Joe Nett is assigned to the G1 office, Fort Monmouth. Fred Waters commands the 95th Engr Combat Bn, Camp Roberts, Calif. Romaine and Eddie McGough had their third daughter, Nancy Sue on 21 January. Bart Yount is Deputy Executive Assistant to AF Secretary Talbott. Darrie Richards has been assigned to USMA.

—Howie.

June 1943

June Week is fast approaching. And with it comes our BIG TENTH REUNION. From all reports so far we should expect a large turn-out of the class. Clare Farley, who is in charge of the housing committee, has informed me that as of the 20th of March approximately ninety classmates had indicated their plans to be present. Of these ninety, about two-thirds will be accompanied by their wives. The housing situation here is critical; so if you plan to return for all or part of the celebration, please advise us as soon as possible. Incidentally, I would strongly advise you not to bring your children. We would love to see them, but there are no facilities to accommodate them.

We plan sending out a letter with all of the details concerning June Week and our Ten Year Book. This should go out sometime around the middle of April. In fact, by the time you read this you may have received the letter. However, in case you have not been informed, here in brief are some of the highlights of June Week: Saturday, May 30, Dinner Dance (Stewart Field); Sunday, Dinner Dance (Camp Buckner); Monday Noon, Wives' Luncheon (WPAM) and Alumni Luncheon (Cadet Mess); Monday evening, Picnic (Round Pond); Tuesday, Graduation Exercises.

Progress on the Ten Year Book is going along nicely. There are a few of you who have failed to send back your questionnaires. Send them in at once. Apparently there was some mix-up on our last letter, so I would like to clarify a few points.

First of all, the cost is to be five dollars. We have set this as the maximum. However, to stay below this limit we must have a good, perhaps I should say a very good, response.

Secondly, we would appreciate receiving the biographies as soon as possible, even if you do not intend to buy a copy. For those of you who have not submitted your biographies, I would like to repeat a few details. Make it a personal history of your activities over the past ten years. The only limitation is length—limit it to 150 words or less. Write and edit it, then re-write and re-edit it to include all important details within the word limit. Don't be modest. Toot your own horn. If possible submit the final copy typed and double-spaced.

Thirdly, with respect to photographs, we desire to secure as much uniformity as to size as we can get. We can eliminate considerable expense if all of the photographs are of the same size. We have been advised by "Charlie" that a four by five photo is a standard size. If you will furnish us a photo four inches vertically and five inches horizontally, the lay-out of the book will be simplified. You may use a good snapshot. If it is not the right size you can have it enlarged at a good photography shop. If you are overseas, submit two photos; one of you, and one of the wife and family. These should each be four inches vertically by two and one-half horizontally, so that when combined we will have one four by five picture per family.

The final deadline has been set for May 15, 1953, so get the poop on the way at once.

With the coming of summer there will be many changes of assignment. It would be most helpful if all of you would include the class secretary here at the Point on your "change of address" list. Do not forget this. All you have to do is address a card to:

Class Secretary, June 1943
Box 2
West Point, New York.

While you are at it, add this address to your Christmas card list, and we can keep a running check on all of you. If we could get the cooperation of all classmates on this matter, we could furnish reliable addresses to those of you who might desire them.

So far we have heard rumors of only three new arrivals at the Point next year. Alan Jones and Howard Wickert are reported to be due for assignment to the Department of English. Bob Hershberger, who stopped by here about three weeks ago on his way to Brazil for some on-the-spot training in Portuguese, is due to return in August for duty in the Dept of Foreign Languages.

Ralph Scott has returned from Japan and is now on duty at Texas Tech College in Lubbock, Texas. Joe Huau, currently at Headquarters, Northeast Air Command, is scheduled to return to the Z.I. the latter part of May accompanied by Carthelle and two sons. Joe hopes to make it in time for June week. Joe reports that Dale and Georgene Hagen are also at NEAC and that Dick McCord had recently reported in for duty.

George Campbell left Fort Hancock in January and is now with the G-3 section of Eastern Army AA Command in Middletown, New York. He and Olivia and children expect to sail for Rio de Janeiro in July where George will be with the artillery section of JBUSMC.

Jesse Fishback sent over a letter he had received from C. D. Warburton. C. D. and wife Margaret are settled down in Tucson, Arizona, (6602 E. Cooper St.) on a permanent basis. He reports having seen various classmates around but would like to see more.

John deCamp very thoughtfully sent the old class rep a baby announcement concerning the latest little deCamp, David Schuyler, born December 8, '52 in Yokohama. Gus Brill, now a student at the Univ of Calif

(Berkeley), notified us of the arrival of daughter Janet Elizabeth on February 1, '53. She joins three brothers "to make a long chow line and a fine family" Gus reported seeing Rex Crocrott often last summer. Rex got his MS in CE from Stanford in August and departed for points East in September.

Chuck Spieth stopped in to visit Bill Westbrook recently. Charlie is stationed with the 8th Air Force in operations at Fort Worth and was up this way on business.

Scanners of the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* report the recent awarding of silver leaves to Howie Coffman, Bethel Edrington, Jughead Young, Ken Sawyer, Duane Tenney and Arch Hamblen. Congratulations. Also noted were orders for the following to go to Leavenworth for C&GS: Edrington, Magathan, Short, Burrows, Atkinson, Bell, Boatner, Buzalski, Cochran, Fredericks, G. E., Newman and Sonstelie.

Shadrack Easley (10th Rec Tech Sq, APO 227, NY) is "ops" officer with a squadron somewhere in Germany. Lucy Ann was supposed to get her port call in late February.

I guess that's about all for now. This column is a little short. However, most of the correspondence that we have received has been in connection with June Week and the Ten Year Book, and I did not want to use that information for this column. You will just have to buy a copy of the year book and find out all the information. Hurry up and send in your biographies, photos, and checks.

By all means keep us informed of your address; and, if you can spare a minute, drop us a line. If you don't see your name in the column it's your own fault. Let us know where you are, how you are, whom you have seen, and what you are doing. See you June Week.

—Malone.

1944

Jack Pollin sent news of the group at Ft. Sill. Jack and Jimmie are at 1109 Williams Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma while taking the Advanced Course. The Class is well represented at Sill for those in the course besides Jack are: Andresen, Bartley, Jelks Cabaniss, Joe Cutrona, Cyr, Dart, Downs, Francis, Gruenther, Kahn, Al McCoy, T. E. Moore, R. H. Murphy, Parks, Dee Pettigrew, and Schardt. Phil McAuliffe is there with the Department of Observation, Jim Campbell is with Combined Arms. Dick Ware is on the staff of the Artillery School and George Hayman is S-3 of the F.A.R.T.C.

Six weeks of the Artillery School period is spent at Ft. Bliss and many of the wives and children made the Bliss trip after Christmas. While there the "Visiting Artillerymen" and families were royally entertained by Edith and Jerry Mickle and Betty and "Tank" DeArment. At the Mickles' party everyone christened the new silver punch bowl the class presented to our godson, Gerald St. Claire Mickle, III, born February 28, 1945. We can thank Jim Giles that the bowl was finally sent to Edith and Jerry.

Hank Aurand is at Bliss on the faculty. I talked to Hank the middle of March while he was changing planes in Memphis en route to Washington. He and family are doing fine. Also in El Paso at Biggs Field are Glick and Farne.

John Donaldson wrote in January of the news from Germany. John and Gretl have just been blessed with a second son, Steven Rumbough, born January 5th. John is now S-1 of 16th Infantry, First Division, stationed in Schweinfurt. Had recently seen Jack

Hennessey, with the 4th Division, and Charlie Daniel, also with the 4th. Charles and Dorothy are anticipating an addition to the family early this spring.

"Hedy" La Marre and Patricia Mary Krueger were married late in January in Heidelberg, Germany according to a clipping forwarded by Doug Gallez. "Hedy" is Adjutant of 39th Engineer Construction Group. Doug is at Ansbach, USAREUR Signal School as Adjutant and says Bob Shannon is S-4 in Linz, Austria.

Barbara and Sam Hesse announce the arrival of their first child, Karen Virginia, born in San Angelo, Texas on February 17. Sam is again back at his real estate business in San Angelo (2311 Twadig) after a couple of years involuntary duty with the Air Force as Director of Military Training at Goodfellow Field.

Fred and Kitty Smith send news of those at dear old Benning. Attending the Advanced Course there with Fred are George Pickett, "Molly" Molloy, Steve Mulkey, Hugh Snelling, "Buzz" Gordon, Willie Burr, Jim Douglas, Paul Emley, Fred Keifer, Dan Wallis and Bob Flynn. Jimmy Adamson, "Boodler" Richards and Cole Murphy are there with the school administration. Adamson has been there long enough to own the place by now.

The Picketts have a new daughter, Rachel Ann, born December 15, and the Burrs and Keifers have also had recent family additions though I don't know names, sex or dates.

West Point is bracing itself for the shock this fall when Ollie Patton reports as an instructor in the Academic Department. Anne and Ollie are now at the University of Pennsylvania preparing as best can be done for the task ahead. Address: 833 Eaton Rd., Drexel Hill, Pa.

Thirty-three of 1944 are at the Point now. Armstrong, Desmond, Dunham, Gervais, Giles, Marks, Morrison, Murphy, Nelson, Sampson, Sullivan, Williams and Zillmer end their tours of duty there this year. Dave (Zillmer) and Madi have a daughter born late last year.

At West Point until 1954 are Brundin, Day, Gamble, Kincaid, Marshall, McCoy, Pappas, Royem and Wessels. Slated to remain until 1955 are Boyles, Dancy, Fullilove, Glab, Knoll, Maish, Maxon, Myslinski, Nolan, Waterman and Young.

My reliable Washington reporter, Jim Connell (still single), tells of a class luncheon held at the Pentagon on February 27. Attending were R. H. Armstrong, Bell, Bethel, Beukema, Blanchard, Ken Cooper, Czapar, Dunn, Emerson, Ginsburgh, Hanley, Hendrickson, Mahoney, McLean, Merritt, F. E. Moore, J. T. Moore, Nealon, Lewis Norman, Peterson, Salzer, Sanders, Steger, Stowell and Susott.

New children in the Washington group are Anne Elizabeth Beukema, Michael Dunn and Dianna Nealon.

Bottomly, Sanders and Bill Gerhard have just recently been ordered to duty at the Pentagon.

McGlothlin, Fred Porter and Stowell all left for FECOM in February and March. Susott left for Iraq in early April to become Assistant Air Attache. George Wear should be home from Korea by now but Lee Smith is still there. Wives Betty and Audrey have been living in Washington.

Please send any news to me at 1748 Vinton, Memphis, Tenn. —Buford Norman.

1945

Greetings Classmates and Happy Fogey to you too!

Though we always enjoy writing up the

class tidbits, we are going to enjoy this one especially since it will be built around the Christmas season and our recent trip to Fort Bliss.

This is the first post-Christmas column and consequently our first chance to pass on items extracted from Christmas cards, as well as tell you about whom we saw over the holidays. Went first to Washington, D. C. While there we had a chance to talk to Janis and Larry Jones, who were spending the holidays with Larry's parents. Didn't have time to get together for a personal visit, but by phone learned that they are still happy and well at West Point. Expect to come here to Sill next year for Advanced. Ditto the Arch Arnolds, Jim Munsons, and Claude Hamilton, all of whom are presently at USMA. From a small note on the society page, we learned that Bob Tansy was also in the City. Bob is at Benning attending Advanced. We saw Wagonhurst behind his big desk in the Special Assignments Section at the Pentagon. Bee and Harle Damon are now missing from the Washington scene. Though we miss seeing them when we are there, we are somewhat reassured by two very contented letters from them in Oslo. They report on receptions for Margaret Truman, and skiing in the Norwegian hinterlands. Bee is doing substitute teaching in the American School and Rojo is singing in the church choir and helping with chapel services. Incidentally, they enjoyed the boat ride over with Allie and Dick Wallsten, who are now in Belgium.

Just after Christmas day, we felt an uncontrollable urge to give our regards to Broadway, personally, so headed further North for a quick visit. Caught up on the news from West Point first hand from Mary and Dick Gorder, who drove down for what turned out to be a most memorable evening. Mary and Dick have a new baby boy: Timothy York, born October 18. Makes two boys and one girl for their scoreboard. Dick is now finishing his third year with English Department. Will probably be carrying books to Advanced at Knox next year. Still in Manhattan, we went to a most enjoyable party at Bob and Gerry Woods'. Bob had recently been elected as a member of the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of New York. Missed seeing the two live wires, Bobby and Tony, who had been farmed out with Gerry's parents for the evening. However, this get-together also enabled us to see Bill Combs and Edna May. Also gave us a chance to meet Pat and Bill Bess. Bill has been out of the Army for some while. Works in New York, though they reside in Jersey. Told you in the last column of the impending engagement of Bob Burgess. 'Twas announced over the holidays, and though we did not get to the party in Englewood, we did meet the most attractive prospective new member, currently known as Alice Lewis. On June 9th that will be changed to Alice Burgess. Look forward to being in the wedding party on that happy occasion, along with Larry Jones and Blackie Campbell.

Now before we leave the Santa Claus season, will go back and glean the news contained in numerous Christmas cards. Bill Snow checked in for himself as well as Margaret, Lee, Tuppy, and Cathy, in a most welcome card from Henderson, North Carolina (908 S. Garnett) where he has switched occupations from printer to Assistant District Manager of Carolina Power and Light Company. Always happy to hear from Bunny and Bob Hall. They are now also in Advanced at Benning. A card from Rosanne McQuarrie and another from the Sprinkles discloses that they are now living in San Antonio; Rosanne and the kids temporarily, waiting for Jock's return from Korea, where he is with 7th Div along with

Hug Moore. Peggy and young Sandy Lee had been East for a few months, but were expected back by the Sprinkles after the holidays. Card but no news from Leila and Barney Broughton, who should also be leaving W.P. when you read this en route for Benning. And from that place a card from Ann and Jim Holcomb, claiming they miss W.P. as much as I do. Betty Lou and Ted Adair expressed doubt that Sill was as bad as I claimed. The Kenna's card showed every indication that Doug and Jean are well and happy up in the Yankee land of Cincinnati. (Address, 1989 Seymour.) C. B. Maertens' newsy note on the back of hers and Tommy's card had Fort Benning social notes. Tommy's car pool commuting to school contains George Stewart, George Dexter, John Bennett, and Harry Shaw. Wives get together often for bridge. One of our most faithful news sources, Eddie McCarron's mother, sent the happy news in her card that Betty Starr had married again. She is now Mrs. Lewis Sieck. Her husband is a *lieutenant colonel* in the Air Force now stationed in the D. C. area. The Bob Fye's card was eye catching in that it contained a most fetching pose of Miss Caroline Fye, a golden haired miss whose escorts will really be "dragging pro" eleven or twelve years hence. And finally our favorite card, because it contained not one attraction but three; John and Jean Bennett's card had a snap of the three "junior jays" looking just as precocious as we remember them from W.P. days. A later letter from Mac bore the news that John had Korea orders upon completion of the Benning course and she expected to wait for him with her parents in Asbury Park.

Well that about exhausts Christmas. Now we'll proceed by the transitional device of stating that after Christmas the Arty Advanced Course moved down to Fort Bliss for a six weeks sub-course. Except for those interminable hours between 8 and 5, the time passed all too quickly; and many were the thank you notes that were written (or should have been) when our stay was over. To begin with, the classmates down there organized a most memorable cocktail party at the club on our first Sunday after the course started. Martinis were superb and the drinking company even better. A low bow from the waist to all concerned, but we did hear a whisper that it was Pat Powers who was the guiding spirit behind it; so a special "thank you" to Pat. In the "good intentions" department, let it be noted that we visitors had gotten as far as the planning stage on a return function when invitations were received for another classmate's cocktail party on the very day we had scheduled ours. So Jim Elkey, George Garman, and yours truly cried quits. Here is a run-down on the fine gang there in the El Paso area who showed us such wonderful hospitality. Will start with a "long-time no-see" gal friend of our Columbus, Georgia, high school days, Lei Fye. Bob had seen her first some years earlier in San Francisco so we can't be bitter about this. Bob and Pat Powers were two of the most competent spell binders in the Guided Missiles Department there at Bliss. Speaking of Pat, it was fine to meet Dodie. Did not get to see enough of them, but learned that they had met originally at Barb and Johnny Eisenhower's wedding, in which both participated. Over in the Wherry Housing at Bliss are a large group of '45ers. For instance Caroline Fye's playmates are Holly Smith, across the way, and Vance Salter, next door. Dodie and George are in their first year with Missiles, and Janie and Salty are in their last year with Board 4. Will probably be here at Sill this summer with the Fyes, Powers, and Haleys. Dick and Peggy made additional news with the ar-

rival of Paul Francis on December 3rd. Dick is with the GM Brigade. We reported Bob Mann's marriage, but would like to follow up by saying that Shirley upholds the feminine proficiency standard and then some. And as we write this, we can still summon up the savor of that juicy steak dinner Diane and Don Kohler gave George Garman and me. Diane, as unruffled and capable as ever, and Don with the same fiendishly mischievous glint about him. Add to this a most model young David with the largest collection of cars we'd seen since young Jack Bennett. A real treat to check in again with Eleanor and Johnny Nacy. Johnny is with Electronics, as is Tom Gleason, whom we had not seen since '48, so this was our introduction to Joan. Also had not seen Loretta and Andy Favret since the Navy game of '49. Andy is with the GM Brigade. Also enjoyed the company of Ray Clark again and an introduction to Willa. They should make Oklahoma a much nicer place by their presence here next year. Those of us who remember Bill McNamee's high jinks as cheer leader during cadet days will be re-assured to know that Johnnie, Mrs. Bill, is one to keep him in shape still, jumping and guessing too. Their cocktail party was one of the highlights of our Bliss stay. Now a quick run-down of some of the others who welcomed us so spectacularly. Nancy and John Ferguson (GM), Mary Jane and Carl Steinhagen (GM), Francis and Ed Melanson (Aide to CG), Jane and Bill Reidy (Electronics), Ouida and Ray Cavanna (GM Student), Lynn and Al Roth (GM), Audie and Jake Gatlin, who, along with Winkie and Bruce Bartron, are stationed at nearby Biggs Field.

Our previous references to Bruce Barnard as one of the incorruptible characters, and to Frances as one of our favorite people, still stand. Their home on Trowbridge is quite lovely, and the kids are "corkers". Bruce has been meeting himself coming and going lately; for since the death of his father last year, he has had to manage the interests at Shiprock as well as keep up his end at KROD, in both radio and TV. Two other civilians in El Paso are Joyce and John Karr, whose doings have previously been reported. Then there is a quartet of Korea wives sitting out the long wait there. Pat Crane and Martha Christiansen are sisters as well as class wives. Pat was away during our visit, but it was a treat to meet Chris' wife, since Chris, Joe Adams, Johnny Black and I had shared gay bachelor days here at Sill together in '45. Meeting Martha makes it understandable why Chris gave up that status. We had known "Sugar" Hayden when we were both kids, but hadn't seen her since. Her parents, Gen. and Mrs. Thompson, have settled in El Paso, so she is awaiting Buster's return from Korea there with them and her two kids. Betty Wakefield also claims the place as "hometown" so stayed there too to exchange gossip and keep posted with the others.

Now on to odds and ends from here and there. Betty Root (Jim's wife) and the four kids are keeping this address: Route 1, Box 495, Carmel, California, until March, when she hopes Jim will be back. He went over to Korea last April with 5th Regt Combat Team, and is currently Regt S-3. Brother Walt is currently S-2 of 38th, 2nd Div. Betty had other news to contribute. Nancy McGovern is in Corning, New York. Mac was headed for Korea last September. George Fee is aide to General Adams in Korea. Congratulations to Tom Drake, who was awarded the Silver Star on October 28 with a citation sprinkled with such phrases as "aggressive action" and "disregarded personal safety". This news was passed on by Lynn Baldwin, who says that Pat and the three kids are residing at 2237 Froude

Street, Ocean Beach, California. Tom is with the 160th Infantry. Lynn's other news concerned the Hugh Oppenheims, who have moved from Long Island to Fort Myer, and the Lohns, Fehrs, and McFadens, who are still at Monmouth, where she and Howie are now, though they have European orders for May 8th, probably Heidelberg. Two other items concern the John Myrons and Phil Lansings. John is now being schooled at Harvard, whereas the Lansing "item" is a baby boy—born last August.

The long absence of Jim Edwards from the column was remedied by a letter from him with the news that he is now a graduate of Harvard Law School and is now a practicing eagle with Edwards and Angell in Providence. (Address: 394 Angell Street). Bill Glynn is now in his last year at Harvard. Jim says Nancy and George Withey and the three kids can now be addressed at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. A missive from Don Lunney really caused our jaw to drop and our admiration to rise for "the Crow" McDonald; for out in Denver on the 14th of January at a meeting of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce "The Crow" was named one of the five "Outstanding Young Men of the Year in the State of Colorado". This award was made on the basis of contributions to civic life of the community; leadership, and progress by the individual in his business life. Don included a partial list of Crow's recent activities which included everything from his being President of the Denver Civic Council to sponsoring an amendment to the Denver City Charter. Our thanks to Don for this news which every classmate, I know, will be pleased and gratified to read. Don's personal item is pretty spectacular itself. A boy, third child, on October 3. Congratulations to Don and the beautiful Ann. Don is with Gates Rubber, as previously reported, making money, and skiing in off duty time. And speaking of money, we, as a class, are staching it away too. Doug Kenner has asked me to publish the status of the class fund as being \$670.89 as of now. This is in a savings account in the Highland Falls bank. Getting bigger every day. And back to doings of illustrious civilian classmates, a press release informs us that Tom Schwinn, who in civilian life is Vice President of Sumner County Bar Association (Kansas) and City Attorney in Wellington, is now CO of a company in the 37th NG Div. And here's news of another award to accompany that about Tom Drake: John Kusewitt was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal on February 2 in Korea. John is with 3rd Inf Div.

Orders in the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal confirm the fact that Bett and Bill Ochs are leaving West Point in April. Bill will go to Benning for a quick course before shipment to Korea. Just between us, he has been anxious for this for some time and asked to be released to do it. Isn't that just like Bill, as you and I know and admire him? A note from Art Doyle has some first hand information from Korea. Art, an Antiaircraft Artilleryman, is nonetheless serving with the FA, but hopes to get back as AA Gun BC before long. Roseann and the two kids are at home in Elmhurst. Reports Bob MacKinnon with FSCC, 3rd Div, after stint as front line company commander—Chuck Curtis is S-3 in a 7th Div unit, John Murphy is with G-1 EUSAK. Art reports the good news that Boots Blesse, Jim Townsend, and Sunny Brett will probably be Stateside when you read this. Jim Horowitz has added at least one Mig to the score those three chalked up. Larry Jones reported having seen Jim at a game this fall at USMA. A PIO release and picture disclose Johnny Graham active with the 38th Engineering Construction Group in

flood relief work in the Netherlands after the recent disaster.

Final jottings: Additions to the Prestons, a girl, in December; the Nusbaums, a girl, Sally Jane, December 5 (Keith with 8 inch How outfit in Korea); Don and Virginia Gross, a girl, Karen Jane, February 18; Gudgels, a boy, January. Lily Brunson laid up with a broken wrist as a result of auto accident in January. Bud Weaver at Aberdeen. Pete Molnar in TV work in New York, Conniff, Basham, Protsman, Holden, Red Evans, and Earl Thompson at Eglin AFB. Moe Wright and Bill Love at Belvoir. Aus Yerks, ROTC assignment in Puerto Rico.

From Benning a report that on February 7 there was the largest class gathering on record. 123 men and wives present for the big affair. Through the courtesy of Fred Smith of '44 we finally have a run-down of the class in the Benning area. Won't repeat those previously reported. Here are the rest: Majors Benson, Casey, Childress, Bill Clark, Dick Davis, Findlay, Hardy, Hughes, Morris, Nerdahl, Bill Perry, Rehm, Ringler, Saxby, Schelter, Spragins, "K" Stewart; and Captains Adkins, Earl Bell, Berg, Boettcher, Bowman, Byrd, Carley, Cox, Dailey, Dallman, Devlin, Drake, Fink, Fox, Greer, Guthrie, Hill, Hillman, Hinman, Hogan, Ives, Jernigan (API, Auburn, Ala.), Jett, Kennedy, Kochli, Kovar, Napier, Neff, Ridenour, Sawyer, Schneckloth, Scott, Senger, Erskine Smith, Spiller, Stone, Tanner, Tierno, Tobias, Truby, Truscott, Wilcox, Williams, Bill Wood; and over in Americus, Mr. Steve Pace.

With that catalogue of names and this tremendous mass of statistics and chit chat for you to digest, will sign off. You now have three months 'til the next blast, so jolt me with some news, fact or fiction, of your own, meanwhile.

—Jim Alfonte.

1946

Art Pence was recently awarded the Silver Star for action while commanding Co. A, 23rd Inf. Regt., 2d Inf. Div. in Korea. His wife Jane is now living at 425 Ridgewood Ave., Glen Ridge, N. J. George Hagedon was recently rotated to Japan where he was assigned to the Engineer section at FEF HQ, Yokohama, Japan. He had served as a construction adviser to the Republic of Korea Army from Nov '51 to Feb '53. George's wife, Jean Louise, is living at 1047 Prouty Ave., Toledo, Ohio. F. R. Baker is now S-3 of 2d Bn, 180th Inf, 45th Div. in Korea. His address APO 86, c/o PM, San Francisco. Baker had commanded K Co. of the 180th before becoming an S-3. Harry McPhee is in Korea according to a note received from his wife.

Down Georgia way we can find C. J. Davis as Manager, Export Sales, Blue Biral Bosly Co. He lives at 607 1st St., Ft. Valley, Ga. His company manufactures school and passenger buses. C. J. was retired on Oct 31, '52 due to wounds received in Korea while commanding a rifle company. Ft. Valley is 70 miles east of Ft. Benning and 26 miles southwest of Macon. C. J. extends a warm invitation to all classmates that pass thru that area of the USA.

Rut Hazzard, outgoing Custodian, 1946 Class Fund, mailed me a stack of letters received by him in reply to his letter of Nov 14, '52. His successor is Buck Beyer. Most of the class must have received Rut's letter stating the case history of our class fund. Numerous times I have mentioned its existence. But, it took a feat such as Hazzard performed to get the facts to the people. Anyway as of Feb 3, '53 about 290

classmates answered Rut's letter with over \$1,200.00. Some sent as much as \$50. Still there are many others to be heard from. Certainly we should have at least 50% of the class who can spare a buck. You might like to know that the average contribution since Nov '52 is about \$4.00. Any checks should be mailed to "Custodian, Class Fund USMA 1946, care of the Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y." The job of custodian will be filled annually by a classmate stationed at West Point. Let's see if we can't have close to \$2,000 the next time I publish the balance in the fund. It's your fund—let's make it good!!

Jack Harmeling, '45, wrote from Ft. Knox to say that George and Beverley Griffith visited him late last year. George was retired for physical disability in 1950 and is with the Personnel Dept, Delco Remy Div., Anderson, Ind. The Griffiths have a year-old son.

From the Engineers at Ft. Belvoir I have received a news packed letter written by Bob Williamson. . . Bob is attending the 7th Engr Officers Advanced Course and lives at 213 Berkshire Drive, Virginia Hills, Alexandria, Va. He served prior to this year in the Engr. OCS at Belvoir as a company commander along with Max Ulrich, Frank Day, and Torrey Williams. From '50-'51 Bob was at U. of Minn. getting his Master's in Civil Engineering. He was visited by our Pontiac salesman G. J. MacDonald, who was going to San Francisco at the time. From June '47 to April '50 Williamson was in Germany. Two years of this in an Engineer Bn with Ed Saunders and Jim McClure. Jim is now out of the Army. Bob also served as a Liaison Officer between US Zone and Soviet Zone of Germany. His 6 mos in the Russian school were spent along with Danny Graham. Danny is now with 408th Abn QM Co., Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Last Nov the 7th Eng. Off. Adv. Class was flown to Ft. Benning for some demonstrations of Inf. firepower. While there they bumped into Paul Ireland, Ned Mewborn, Gigante, deMoya, and Jim Gridley. With Bob at Belvoir are: Bob Ahlers, single; Lenny and Elaine Edelman, and son Gary; Bill and Mary Gavin, and daughter Susan; Bud and Connie Gosling, and sons, Skippy and Stephen; J. R. and Tykle Horowitz, and daughter Mary Elizabeth; Rob and Liz Rufsvold, and son Robbie; Freddy and Anne Badger, and Laura, Freddy and Chipper; Ted and Nancy Braun; Frank and Margaret Day; Pete and Connie Grosz, and twins, Paul and Pamela, and Craig; Bill and Hope McCollam, and daughter Ellen (Bill is a Major); Leo and Ann Miller, and sons Christopher and Mark; John and Yvonne Simpson, and Tom and Sharon; Max and Mary Ulrich, and son David; Dave and Gloria Smith, and daughter Suzanne (Dave is a Major); Dave and Jean Hutchison, and Scott, Mary Anne, and Steve; Torrey Williams, single; and Bob and Connie Williamson, and sons Gregg and Chris.

Several Engineers who were at Belvoir until last summer are listed with their present locations and status: Bill and Miriam Thomasett, student Cal. Univ., a daughter Kathy and son Billy; Roy and Bonnie Beatty, Co. A, 1402 Eng. Const. Bn, APO 46, NYC, two sons Keith and Gary; Bob Crowley, single, U. of Ill; Chuck and Becky Barker, son Charles, at MIT; George Fink, single, at Cal. Tech; Dan Leininger, single, at Cal. Tech; Lew and Barb Rose, U. of Minn, twin daughters Carol and Barb II, and Bill; Bob Malley, single, U. of Minn; and Dave and Robin Brown at U. of Minn.

Williamson and Gosling are partners in the post Duplicate Bridge game which Goose directs. Bob and Howowitz expect to be going to the Far East this summer. Joe Jansen and Dave Sheppard are in FECOM now.

From sunny Calif. Bailey Strain lets us in on his latest doings. He is an AF Plant Representative at North American Aviation, Inc., Downey, Calif. Bailey and Irish, along with Barbara, Debby, and Glenn, live at 9249 Lexington-Gallatin Rd. in Downey. He is flying AF acceptance test flights on the T-28. Recently he gave a flight to a visiting dignitary—Brig. Gen. Cantillo, Chief of Staff, Cuban Army. Bailey received his Master's degree from the U. of Mich in Feb '52, in Guided Missiles. In Sept he figures on overseas or the AF Missile Test Center at Patrick. Along with Bailey is Milt Sherman, doing the same job. Milt got his Master's from the U. of Mich in Guided Missiles in Feb '51. He and wife "Do", along with their three children Mike, Diane, and John, came to North American for a year's training with Industry. At the completion of this year he stayed on as Wright Air Development Center's first Engineer Field Representative.

Bud and Dorothy Fox, along with their young daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born Feb 14, '53 in Houston, were in that city for a short while. They were staying at Robbie's parents' home before leaving for the West Coast. Bud had just left Pinecastle in Florida, where he completed one of the final phases of his B-47 training. His instructor, by the way, was Bill Clapp. Speaking of Houston, our friend and ex-classmate, Glenn Davis, is now in that fair city. Glenn is an oil operator by virtue of his leasing operations.

Short Notes: The Parmlys are thriving in the cold of College, Alaska, PO Box 937 for those who want to know. Candy and Raoul Quantz have two daughters, Beverly Karyl, born April 10, '51 in Lafayette, Ind., and Jonnie Elyse, born Oct 16, '52 at Wm. Beaumont Army Hospital, El Paso, Tex. The Frank Lesters, 17 Secord Dr., Apt. 3, MacDill AFB, Fla. have a son, F. G. Lester III, born Jan 19, '53—weighed in at 5 lbs. 12 oz. The George MacDonalds, 1023 W. Garland, Fresno, Calif. have new twins, Susan Jean (3 lbs. 10 oz.) and Joyce Marie (3 lbs. 11 oz.) born Feb 8, '53. Let's hope all our new '46ers are doing well and that their mothers are feeling tops. The Lew Tixiers have a son, Philip, born Dec 6, '52. Spider Reed is at 3521st Stu. Tng. Sq., Wichita Municipal Airport, Wichita, Kansas. Dave Peters is in Washington, I believe, assigned to the Office of the Ass't Army Chief of Staff, G-1.

Bill Simpson is assigned to the Office of the Commandant Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Stan Love is holding down officer positions in six different corporations—quite a feat. Pete Burnell attended a special weapons course at Leavenworth between leaving Camp Drum, N. Y. and reporting to FECOM. Jack Montague is at Ft. Campbell, Ky. At the University of Virginia studying Nuclear Physics are John Stratis, Bill McMaster and Ray Thayer. Jane and Roy Simkins are in Cambridge, Mass. where Roy is with Hq. Harvard Univ. ROTC. His address is 60 Boylston Street. Ed Houseworth is in Phila at Univ. of Penn working for a Master's in Electronics. Says he's studying 12 hours a day.

Steve Henry, retired for 100% PD in Jan '52, is living at 242 Steele Blvd, Baton Rouge, La. He has been visited by Dick Fuller and Bill Joffrion recently. Both these men are attending Tulane in New Orleans.

Bob Wilson was presented with his third daughter, Cynthia Neal, on Nov 7, '52 at Wright-Patterson AFB. He has recently completed the Aero-Engineering course at USAFIT and is now a Project Engineer, Photo Rcn Lab at Wright Fld. Ray Gilbert, who was in Bob's class at USAFIT, is now at Patrick AFB, Cocoa, Fla. Other men Bob knows the whereabouts of are: Wayne

Yeoman and Harry Lobdell, Hq, USAF, Wash., D. C.; Roy Hudspeth, Wes Brothers, Jim Furuholmen, Lloyd Dunlap, and Jerry Butler, Shaw AFB, S. C.; John Schmitt and Ed Lembeck graduated from USAFIT this past March.

Hal and Chris Hallgren are at Ft. Bliss along with Ed Weber, H. H. Woods, Miller Robinson, George Muir, Bob Lenzer, Joe Wallace, and Andy Dodd. Tom McMinn is studying at Emory Univ., Ga. He hopes after a couple of years experience in church work on the outside to become an Army Chaplain. Tom is married and has three children.

Dick and Jayne Hacke are living at 5530 Ash Drive, Mission, Kansas. Dick is working for International Paper Company. He started with them in June '50 and has been in Mission since August '51. They had a son, but he was killed in an auto accident on June 29, '51. That we are very sorry to hear. If anyone is in Kansas City, Dick's office phone is FInley 8626 and their home phone is HEDrick 8065. Dick travels some, so could be out of town when you call.

Steve Matejov is Group Communications Officer, 18th AAA Group in Pittsburgh, Pa. Ralph Davis, who left for Austria in March, was with the 18th also as Hqtrs Btry Commander. Bill and Ann Horton can be reached at Box 453, Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dan Moriarty married Miss Laura Ann Tomkins on Nov 14, '52. She is from El Paso, Tex. Dan is with the 1st Guided Missiles Bn at White Sands Proving Grounds. At the University of Southern California we can find Dick Stone doing graduate work for a Master's in Mech. Engineering. His address: 4068 Muirfield Road, Los Angeles 8, Calif. He will go into Guided Missiles after completing his work at the Univ. Prior to his going to USC he was with the 11th AB Div. Bill Jank is at Stanford. Bill Bigler and Norm Weiss are both stationed at Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro, Calif. John Daneman is at Columbus, Ohio, with the Purchasing Div, QMSS, Columbus General Depot. He had been with the QM Procurement Agency in NYC.

Here is a list of men with the Advanced Inf. Classes for 1953 at Ft. Benning. Adv. No. 1—Bill Bamber, Cal Benedict, Claire Book, Carcie Clifford, Dave Colaw, Eddie Collins, Jerry Collins, Joe Castelli, Hal deMoya, Walt Dumas, Tippy Dye, Harry Floyd, Milt Hamilton, Paul Ireland, Kent Keehn, Bob Lamb, Stan Mattox, and Sam Walker. Adv. No. 2—Dave Brillhart, Tony Cucolo, Sam Davis, Bob Douthitt, Herb Flather, Jim Gigante, Jim Gridley, Jack Hoefling, Bob Hughes, Ned Mewborn, C. E. McChristian, Tom Pardue, Bob Patterson, Bob Rheault, Joe Rogers, Bob Shoemaker, Bob Steele, Jock Whitener, Bill Young, and Keith Zimmerman. My address: Sam France, 812 N. 2nd Street, Bellaire, Texas.

NOTICE: Make plans now to attend the Class of '46 Hop and Picnic on the 30th and 31st of May, respectively, at West Point this June Week.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

The Don Litts announce the arrival of Daniel Mark Litt on July 26th, 1952. Don has by now finished up getting his MSE at Purdue in Civil Engineering. He said there were many grads there, with two from '47, Johnny Novomesky and Frank Kremser. Johnny graduated in January and went from there to the Pentagon with Air Installations. Frank will be there for another semester or so. Don and family are now at West Point in the Department of MT&G.

David Jarvis sends a note concerning those who finished graduate work at the University of Illinois in June, along with their new stations: 1st Lt. David Jarvis—Eglin AFB, Florida; 1st Lt. Gordon K. Dickler—Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 1st Lt. Jack V. Pearce—Washington, D. C.; and Capt. Robert W. White—Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Bernie Greenberg announces Myra Pam's advent on October 19th, 1952.

Al and Mimi Gould had their second son, Howard. They are based in St. Johns, Newfoundland, where Al is with Headquarters North East Air Command. His present duty is Chief General Supply Branch, Central Procurement Office, NEAC. His address is Capt. Alan H. Gould, 6600 Air Depot Gp, APO 862, c/o PM, N.Y.C.

Norm Rosen writes that he is scheduled to be married February 15th in Washington—so since it is past that date, our congratulations to Norm and Beverly! Norm also said he has recently seen Bernie Abrams, who is now retired and living in Atlanta, Ga. The last count from Fort Belvoir (the Rosens' station) showed the following from '47: Schuder, Biles, Johnson, Bate, Stock, Sargent, Merlin Anderson in the Advanced Class; Levenback, Hails, Wellborn, Van Petten in the OCS Regiment; Jacobson—Commandant of the Leaders Course in ERTC; Starobin and Rosen on the School staff.

A release from Korea on January 8 states that, "Capt. H. L. Ball, of 1742 North St., N.W., Washington, D. C. has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea" Ball has since been rotated.

Bill Cooper writes from the Point and brings us up to date on new arrivals: Wally Griffith teaching Economics to the First Class, Don Litt and Lock Bentley in the Dept. of MT&G, Bert Brennan in Dept. of Tactics has K-1 Co.

Coop also writes, "As many of you know, Chaplain Walthour died at Atlanta several months ago. A number of classmates who met at the Georgia Tech game decided it would be appropriate if the Class sent flowers. Bernie Abrams wrote and proposed that in place of flowers a monetary donation be made to the Bishop's Fund in accordance with the family's wishes. We discussed the prospect here and forwarded \$10.00 from our newly raised Fund. Bill Mahlum reports that the total we received from the letter about the Fund last year was almost \$200.00. If any one who hasn't already done so wishes to send along a check, Mahlum is still in the mood to endorse them." Bill and Anne also want to announce the arrival of their third—Nancy—last June. Other news: the Haskins at Sill, the Pete Boergers in Minneapolis, (Pete's getting a Master's in Engineering,) the Frank Boergers are in Urbana, Ill. with Frank in school. Tom and Gloria Flattery and their three children in Pacific Palisades, Calif., the Le Blancs at Falls Church, Va. with Mel at Fort Myer, the Kit Larsons at Redlands, Calif., the Culins with their three children at the Presidio, the Littles in the Canal Zone, Icklers, Congers, Duquemins and Krauses at Benning.

Jack Palmer writes from Westover AFB that Bruce Merrill Palmer arrived December 14th, 1952. Jack married Bunty Browne June 5, 1948 while he was in flying school. After Tampa and Alaska, Jack was sent to Westover where he is second pilot, driving C-97's for MATS. His address is Jack M. Palmer, 29th Air Transport Sq., Westover AFB, Mass.

Jean and June Burner have a second daughter, Cynthia June, on February 18 at Fort Knox. Jean is a student in the Advanced Course of the Armored School. Their address—Capt. Jean P. Burner, 7621C Mt. Vernon St., Fort Knox, Ky.

Another letter from Bill Cooper states

that a class council meeting was held in the Benny Havens Tap Room on March 3 which had 100% attendance from those stationed at West Point: Mahlum, Monroe, Murphy, Litt, Bentley, Griffith, Brennan and new arrival (Juice Dep't) Fred Knauss. The council voted to circularize the class by letter to ascertain who and how many we might expect to see during June Week. Also to try to get a vote on some proposals, and to give information on the state of the class fund. Addresses are needed for the index file so if the letter is not received in the near future, please let Bill Cooper know your whereabouts.

Expected arrivals at West Point are: Jim Johnson and Arnold Tucker to 1st Reg't of Tac. Dep't, Al Haig and Tom Hayes to the 1802nd Reg't, Brent Scowcroft to Academics, and Wally Veaudry back from a tour at Annapolis.

Jug Williams in Tokyo announces his marriage on April 26th. Jug asks for a quick contact with Herff-Jones.

Coop also suggests that some one stationed at West Point take over the writing of the column for future years, with which, after six years, I agree. I seldom see any of you and am consequently out of touch except through infrequent letters. "Coop" will pick a successor in the near future.

—Daniel L. Tate.

A few late items: Bill Mahlum just returned from Ft. Bliss where he saw Jim Bushnell stationed at White Sands and Willy Knipe at Guided Missiles School. A letter from Ickler tells that the Blands, Naill's, Munford's, Carpenter's and Bob Ozier are also at Ft. Benning. Ike is working with the OCS there.

Unless there are some loud outbursts in opposition I will accept the editorship of our class column in Assembly for the year to come. Since next year is my final here, I will at that time turn it over to another classmate to carry on from this post. In conclusion, I would like to add a few words of appreciation for all of the work Danny Tate has put in on the articles for the past six years. Keep your letters flowing in addressed to me in the Department of Tactics, West Point.

—Bill Cooper.

1948

This issue is the last before the first of our reunions and the details of the arrangements are as follows. The picnic committee has already sent you a card announcing the picnic to be held at the Community House, Round Pond, on Monday, June 1, following Graduation Parade. Each person is assessed the price of \$2.00 to cover costs of food and refreshments, and money is to be sent to Captain Bill Burrows, 935 Amaryllis Avenue, Oradell, New Jersey. Get your reservations in as near to May 15 as possible but if you have no reservation don't let that deter you in coming, because lots of plans can be made or changed between May 15 and June 1. The Picnic Committee has asked me to announce that they are unable to find housing for anyone and that each person will be responsible for his own arrangements to that effect. The June Week Committee at West Point will be available for assistance as usual. Now is the time to start making plans for the meeting and I hope to see you all there. Personally my wife has been after me to take her since two years ago, and my intentions at this time are to attend.

A letter from Arnold Braswell says that he has made the Class Fund of approximately \$460.00 available to Sid Berry to have a

plaque mounted in Cullum Hall in honor of classmates who have died in Korea. Braswell is located at Luke AFB, Arizona with his wife and son, Jeff. He has completed his missions over Korea and is back home safely. If Bill Smith sees this please contact him. Lou Schalk is back from Germany and at Del Rio, Texas, at Laughlin AFB. Lou has an unofficial record of the most children in the Class. He now numbers four.

A funny thing happened the other day. There was a long list of people and things that arrived in the mail from Tucson, but no one signed the letter and I don't know who sent it since it was typewritten. But whoever sent it, it was appreciated. Sally and Howie Adams are in New York. McManaway is attending Harvard business school. Keith Boss and Ingrid are at Belmont, Mass. Louise and Joe Bratton, Rog Conover and Bobby, Tom Cormack and Joan, Ginny and Joe Meyer are all at Fort Lewis in Washington. Caldwell's, Carters, and Petersens are at Fort Benning. Flap Capps is at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Dingemans are in Philadelphia; and Joe Dorsey and Massey, the Egberts, and Waggoners are stationed at Fort Belvoir. Cathy and Bill McGinness are at Annapolis, where he is instructing Midshipmen. Gene Forrester is in Korea, still a bachelor. Jim Fry and family are settled in Falls Church, Virginia. Warren Graves and Dotsy, Otis Moore, Swenholt and family, and Blaine Butler are still supposed to be in Tucson at Monthan AFB. Jay Hatch and Lois are at the University of Wyoming, Haydens are at Ann Arbor, Michigan; the Hoffmans and Gunder Patch, with family, are in Washington, D. C. The Keans are in Alaska, as well as the Livesays. Dave Mallett and Tiger Adkins are still in Korea. Bob and Sally Marshall are at Fort Hood, Texas, Bob Mathis and wife are at Urbana, Illinois. Walt and Kathy Meinzen, Donn Starry, Don Packard, Jesse Kelsey, Whitehead, Jim Blakeslee, Don Deehan, Lem Robinson, Gunk McSpadden, John McEnery, Perry Sykes, Jim Tuthill, George Thomas, John Bellinger, and families concerned, are all located at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Dick and Dorothy Miner are in Columbus, Ohio, as well as the Tom Wares, and the Webbers are in Ohio somewhere. Jim and Tammy Richardson are at Yale University, Moe and Pat Selig are still in Germany, Jane and Bob Taylor are at Fort Dix, New Jersey, the Vreelands are at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Biji and Bob Ward are at Holmes, Penna., Joe Herbets is at Lexington, Kentucky, Bob Graf is still in Pasadena, California, MacCartneys are in Waltham, Mass. Deacon Griffith was married to Anne McNamara in Chicago and they are now in Aurora, Illinois. Tom Tyree is stationed at Camp Aterbury, Indiana.

I also have a list of several children, but believe it to be incomplete and will make a better report of them after talking with folks at the reunion. For now, we hope to see most of you at the shindig at West Point in June.

—Charley Nash,
Alderson, West Virginia.

1949

No news is good news! However, we would all like to hear more about one another so let's have some more letters from all of you for the next issue. I am unable to write an article if I do not get more information.

The news we have from Germany came from Bob Noce, he is now a staff officer with the Logistics Division, Headquarters

in Europe. He reports the birth of a daughter, Julia, born last August. In Germany he has seen Bob Rose, who has a tank company; Joe Yeats, who is now an aide to a brigadier general; and Bill Goodwin, Turner Croonquist, Joe Gibson, Ray Rasmussen and Gil Bundy. Bob says that his outfit pulls border patrol, maneuvers, problems and other field duty assignments, leaving him at home very little of the time. The Malcolm Lewis's are also in Germany and have recently seen the Collins, Maurers and Stickleys.

John Birrell sent me an announcement of their new daughter, as of January 23rd. They are now stationed in Trieste and hope to be home in July.

The only news I have from Korea is that Carl Arantz is flying B-29's, and he wrote that the morning of his first mission he was as scared as the morning he reported to the Academy as a Piebe. Carl is expecting his first child some time this spring.

Art Lindeman is stationed on Formosa (Taipeh) and requests that anyone passing through get in touch with him. As far as he knows he is the only 49er on the island.

Not too long ago I had a letter from Jimmy Schmidt. Since graduation he has traveled all over the United States but has managed to keep his home base in California, and near his home, San Jose. At the present he does not know how long he will be at McClellan A.F.B. but expects to be reassigned shortly.

Two press releases report that Ray Crites is now stationed at Phillips Field, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Ray was in Korea, where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Korean Campaign Medal and the Korean Presidential Citation. Fred Deem, who returned from Korea with the Bronze Star to his credit, is now with the 82nd Airborne Division, which held Exercise "Snow Storm" at Camp Drum, New York. Fred is commanding officer of a Quartermaster company.

Jack and Jean Albert wrote me that they had had a new daughter in January, and that they expect to be moving from Ann Arbor this summer after Jack completes his course at the University of Michigan. The Bob Owens had stopped by their house one evening. Bob had just returned from Korea.

A letter from Tom Mullen tells us that he has recently become engaged to Joan Tyne, and that they are planning to be married on June 20th. Tom is working in New York with his father.

If anyone knows who the officers of our class are, namely, the vice-president and treasurer, we would appreciate receiving the information.

This is all the news I have for this article, so I hope that I'll have more for the next issue. Best of luck, in the meantime, to everyone.

—John I. Saalfield.

1950

Another quick three months have passed and we're off again. Since we have had no volunteers for the "Cup", let's try a new approach. Anyone who has any ideas about who should get our "Cup" just write to Jack Murphy at Fort Dix or to me at Fort Belvoir. To recap what was said in the last two issues . . . the Class "Cup" is on display at Caldwell and Co. in Philadelphia, just waiting for the name of the winner to be engraved on it.

Our thanks to the following for the news in this issue: Jim Donovan, Chuck Newcomb, Jim Wallace, Dick Wyrough, Bob

Chambers, Jack Murphy, Clark Duncan, Bob Roberts, Roy Lounsbury, Frank and Jeanne Baish, Bob and Carolyn Hughes, Betty Jane Veley, Pat Rees, and Mrs. Samuel Bell, George Bell's mother.

Jim Donovan is at Fort Leonard Wood with Dick Hunt, Gerry Kelly, Sandy Oliver (who was married recently), George Lear, and Bob Kubby. All are on orders to Germany for next fall, but will come here to Belvoir first for the Associate Engineer Company Officers Course. Under the direction of G. P. Kelly, a big bachelor's party was given for Phil Bolte, who was married in February. We're looking forward to seeing you here, Jim, in the meantime I'll try to send you some poop on housing in this area.

Chuck Newcomb, with the 101st Airborne at Camp Breckinridge, writes that he's with Hooper Adams and Ed Mastaglio (both with Div. G-3 Section) and John Fox, who is now on TDY at Benning. Chuck is Division I&E Officer. Jim Dunn and family passed through on their way to Fort Ord, Calif.

Jim Wallace, at Niagara Falls Municipal Airport working as Armament Officer and Maintenance Officer, sent a copy of C-1's "Newsletter". Jim Fooshe is now on the Staff of the US Commander in Berlin; Jim Higgins is in Japan with the 1st Cav, as Aide to Gen. Bradley the Ass't Division Commander; D. B. King, when not flying for the Artillery, is taxiing VIP's around the Combat Zone; Marv Rees finished the Armored School but had to return to the hospital for another operation. Hope it's the last one, Marv; Bill Steinberg is now at the Infantry School and George Vlisides, after finishing gunnery school, is on his way to Japan.

Dick Wyrrough is at Fort Monmouth as an Instructor in Tactics at the Signal School. Dick was with Sandy Sanderson and Bill Fitts in the 32nd Infantry in Korea. Jack Scandling is a Bn. 4 in the 180th Inf; Dick Lewandowski has I or K Co. in the 15th Inf. At Monmouth are Chuck Tonningsen, Hal Nabhan, George Scithers, Lou Dixon, and Phil Fischer.

Bob Chambers says he's the loneliest member of our class. He's at Camp Roberts, Calif. all alone and waiting anxiously for the DeGraf's to return from Benning. Bob is in the Leader's Course there, has completed the Armored School, and should be going to the Infantry School in the near future.

Jack Murphy, at Fort Dix, Aiding the CG 9th Inf Div, writes that John Begley gave a stirring address as the Junior graduate present at the West Point Dinner. Murph says that Stud Heit is touring Europe in his MG; Matt Hendrickson is in Africa with an A-26 Group; Jim Barnes, Bill Pogue, and Morris Herbert are at Fort Bliss finishing up the AA and GM Course.

A note from Clark Duncan informs us that he, Bill Curry, George Cannon, Gene Etz, Buzz Baxter, Charlie Allbaugh, and W. W. Scott are at Maxwell AFB attending the Student Officers Course part of the Air Command and Staff School.

Bob Roberts, who is an Ass't Bn. 3 in the 39th FA Bn, supplied some poop on those still "up front". Winnie Skelton had K Co. 65th Inf; Norm Hubbard is with the 3rd Signal Co; Clyde Spence, Chuck Willingham, and Spike Woods all have Artillery batteries and are doing fine jobs.

Roy Lounsbury says Berlin is loaded with many bachelors of '50. He's Aide to the CG Berlin Command; with the 6th Inf are Pat Zabel, John Truesdale, Ace Barker, Tom Lobe, Tom Brandon, Phil Reybold, Hunts Passmore, Hale Hubbard, John Wickham, Paul Listro, Jim Howell, and Tom McBride; in a Signal outfit are Lenny Garrett and Red Ruppel. According to Roy, the old timers are getting the gang plank blues and

the comparative newcomers are still touring Europe and drinking 12% beer.

Frank and Jeanne Baish write from Fairbanks, Alaska. In that area are Duane and Jackie Pederson, Bill Daugherty, and Seymour and Yvonne Fishbein. Pete and Joan Farrell have left Alaska for a new assignment at Fort Sill.

Bob and Carolyn Hughes are in Germany and have run into the following: Keith Loucks, Patty and Hank Gilbert, Reed and Peggy Davis with two daughters. (Cheer up Reed), the Rog Rogers', Ronnie and Mary Jean Snoke, Rich and Roxanne Ewan, Frank and Freddie Wondolowski with two boys, Bill and Ris Brandes, Fred and Helen Hamlin and Jack and Peggy Parish.

A note from Betty Jane Veley, in Germany, tells us that Dick Drury has been hospitalized with rheumatic fever since early December. Hope you're well and back to duty now, Dick. The Veley's have seen the Melton's and the Greer's recently in their travels.

More news from Germany, this one from Pat and George Rees. In the Mainz area with the 2nd Armored Div. are the Rees', Bashores, Hoisingtons, Vanstons and Don Bohn. New Year's Eve visitors from Stuttgart were Jim Ross and wife, Phyl.

Mrs. Samuel Bell, San Marino, Calif., who has known several of our class through George, wants us to know that her door is always open to '50. See, Mrs. Bell, I could not extend that invitation without mentioning your name. Many thanks for the news about the following: Emil Pohli has returned from Korea after several missions and is presently at Lackland AFB, Texas; Otto Kuckhan and John Shelley turned out a couple of pretty fair football teams last season in Germany. Otto has a little boy who can carry the ball for a first down right now; Bill Yeoman's team won their Conference title; George and Bette Bell are at Selfridge AFB. George is flying F-94's.

Here at Belvoir we're about thirty-five strong now, with newcomers Dick Johnson, Vic Cuneo, and Jim Hufnagel having transferred from either Infantry or Armor. Last time I didn't mention Jim Lynch and George Shaffer who are here, and Bill Berry, who was married in March. We outnumbered and outshouted all other classes at the Founder's Day Dinner on March 13. Jim Nold was there and is recovering nicely from his serious wounds. While we were at the dinner, Rose had the wives of '50 over for an evening of chatter and chow.

I saw Joe Love a few weeks ago . . . he has Co. A of the 3rd Inf Regt at Fort Myer. He told me that Al Packer is now a Major. Nice going Al . . . say, what's the pay of a Major with less than three years service? Oh, that's right, Al was a Captain when we entered the Point.

Babies . . . more yet. . . Girls to Jack and Nancy Pigman, Betty and Chuck Newcomb, Marv and June Rees, Frank and Jeanne Baish (last June), and Rose and me (second girl). Boys to Jack and Mary Wheatley, George and Pat Rees, Russ and Priss Glenn, Hooper and Helen Adams, Boyd and Judy Bashore (last August), Bill and Alma Yeoman (second boy). I think that the Pinks are still leading the Blues, so let's go.

Remember The Alamo? . . . Remember Pearl Harbor? Well, REMEMBER THE "CUP"!!!!

—Lou Genuario.

months of March and April. And from further information concerning medals and decorations, Black '51 is really making a name for itself among the many others who form the Long Gray Line.

If I were giving something away on this program, the grand prize would go to Pete Prehn. Pete is opening a branch office of this column on Okinawa, the "Gibraltar of the Pacific". He is Aide to the CG, Ryukyus Command, BG Ogden, and as such receives a memo on every new officer assigned to Okinawa. "Saint" St. Mary and Bob Fitch are there with the 29th RCT, both having recently returned from Korea. Before going to Okinawa, Pete was wounded as a result of a jeep accident, and spent a month and a half in a hospital in Japan. He also says that Joe Knittle was wounded quite seriously sometime around the end of October on Heartbreak Ridge. Joe is now at the Fitzsimons General in Denver.

Other recently-assigned aides include: Dave Carroll, aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the U.S. Army's Communications Zone in France, and George Harman, aide-de-camp to MG Ruffner, 45th Inf Div Commander.

Thanks to Margaret Hite and Rich Richardson, we finally have some news of the jet jockeys, Bruno Giordano, Bob Niemann, Dick Guidroz, Wayne Dozier, and Ken Hite are flying F-86's with the 4th Ftr Intcp Gp in Korea, Pete Thomas being attached to the same outfit in the 865th AW Bn. In the 319th, flying F-94's are Mert Guild and Rich Richardson, while John Hutson is flying F-80's with the 8th Ftr Bomber Wing. Ted Post is flying F-84's, and Al Hunt, Tom McMullen, Buzz Aldrin and Matt Collins are flying F-86's with the 51st Ftr Intcp Gp. Matt recently tangled with a Mig and caught a 37mm shell in the canopy. Although he was wounded in the head, he managed to get his shot-up plane safely back to the ground. Nice going, Matt! Sandy Vandenberg is at Williams AFB taking advanced training after graduating from Hondo AFB last December. Well, that's part of 'em—where are the rest of those jet boys?

Concerning medals—George Bicher has received the BSM for meritorious service with an Engr outfit; Paul Hilty received the BSM with "V" for daring evacuation of half a dozen casualties (including Pat Lynch) just east of the Punch Bowl; and at the U.S. Army Hospital at Ft. Belvoir, Va., MG Stanley L. Scott, CG, (TEC), decorated Pat Lynch with three awards: the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star with "V" device for heroic achievement, and an Oak Leaf Cluster to be added to his Bronze Star with "V"—all earned within a three-month period of combat. Congratulations, Pat! There may just be something to that "fifth" sense after all. It is interesting to note the concentration of Black '51 in the 245th Tk Bn. Dick Allen, Jim Phillips, and Pat Lynch (all wounded and evacuated) as well as Hilty and Bob Janssen (who are now company commanders) were serving in the battalion concurrently. Dick Allen was wounded two days in succession before being sent Stateside to recuperate.

A clipping which appeared in the "Pacific Stars and Stripes" (Seoul edition of Feb. 8) contains an outstanding example of devotion to duty. Hank Otten, the first of West Point's class of 1951 to be decorated, risked his life recently and lost a leg to save several mortars in a blazing gun pit. For capturing a Chinese officer, Otten, then a platoon leader with the 32nd Inf, was awarded the Silver Star. During the normal course of his tour he was later transferred to a heavy mortar company. While commanding the mortar company an enemy round fell near a mortar position and start-

ed a fire. Otten took four men and went into the blazing pit, which also held racks of ammunition, to disassemble the guns and carry them out. Otten's driver described the incident as follows: "When it got to the point where the ammo seemed likely to explode, the lieutenant ordered the rest of us out and stayed there himself to get the last gun apart and out of the pit. Unable to tear the last piece of equipment loose from the frozen ground, Otten moved out of the pit, and as he stumbled away exploding ammunition struck his back and one leg. He was evacuated and underwent the emergency amputation that saved his life".

I regret very much to relate that Frank Walker was killed on January 21. He was on TDY at Presque Isle AFB, Me. and, while doing acrobatics in an F-51, his plane went into a spin and crashed. Funeral services were held in his home town of Waycross, Ga. George Shibata, Seth Scruggs, and I were able to be there. The Walker family want to express their appreciation to those of you who have sent expressions of condolence and to thank the class for the wreath of flowers.

It looks like Eddie Peloquin ran into the bigger part of '51 on his way to the Far East. After 26 days on the east coast, he set sail for Stoneman on January 9 and while there ran into Doc Pinkel, Dave Leyshon, Steve Watsey, Don Powell, and Bill Cuthbertson. Then at Drake he saw Nord Parks, Reb Barber (who reported that Willie Edler is in a hospital in Tokyo with a bad knee) and Al Frick, who is now on Okinawa. While at Drake awaiting further orders to Korea, Eddie was sent to a school at Camp Palmer, where he saw Jim Phillips, who is an instructor there, and Charlie Gildart, who was on his way to Korea. Back in Tokyo on a sightseeing jaunt, he ran into Fran Craig, Joe Clemons, and Bill Esser. Jim Phillips had the news that Sherman had been injured just before Christmas when a half-track ran over him breaking his back and several bones.

Via George and Kikie Psihas, Ronnie Roberge (CO, Co C, 1092nd Engr C Bn) writes that he recently ran into Walt Russell (Co K, 17th Inf), Eddie Markham (Exec, Co K, 17th Inf), and Joe Clemons (Exec, Co A, 31st Inf). Also in the 7th Div are: Jim Cox (CO, Co A, 17th Inf), Howie Steel, Jim Boatner, Roscoe Robinson (CO, Co C, 31st Inf), Gorman Smith (Co G, 17th Inf), John Moroney (Asst S-2, 57th FA Bn, 31st Inf), and Wayne Miller (57th FA Bn, 31st Inf). Sandy Weyand (CO, Co E) and Phil Gwynn are with the 45th Div. Barney Zwerling is with the 51st Signal Bn. Correction: Art Scalise is with the 224th Inf, 40th Div instead of the 140th Tk Bn as previously announced.

Married: Bill Grugin (Co A, 38th Inf, 2nd Div) and Betty Hall said their vows in the First Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Ky., on September 25, 1952. Welcome into the club, Betty.

Engaged: Bill Givens is engaged to Pat Patterson of Hopkinsville, Ky.

She's a Darling! Suzanne Marie to Ken and Margaret Hite, September 8; Susan Ellen to Ted and Sue Picado, October 30; Patricia Ellen to Jack and Pat Price, November 4; Mary Adelaide to Eddie and Gert Peloquin, November 6; Clare Margaret to Rollo and Geraldine Tausch, December 12, in Augsburg, Germany; Anne Leslie to Al and Jean Norton, December 30, in Burlington, Vt.; Nancy Carolyn to Al and Janet Hunt, January 15; and Marilyn Marie to Dick and Jackie Guidroz, 25 January.

It's a Boy! Richard Cole to Arnim and Carolyn Brantley, December 4, in Knoxville, Tenn.; Frank Michael to Frank and Mrs. Bashore, December 5; and Bill, Jr. to Bill (WR) and Mary Richardson.

It's a SHE instead of a HE! Brooke Bar-

ber (Reb and Claudette's offspring) has the middle name of Elizabeth. So sorry!

To all the proud parents—Hearty congratulations! The huge ratio of girls to boys makes one wonder whom our daughters are going to marry in about twenty years.

Joe Danforth, Dick Haggren, Bob Jacobs, and I (all based at Burlington, Vt.) were at Eglin AFB, Fla. for gunnery school during the month of February. We didn't stay in the climatic hangar this time, nor was the Magnolia Club in Fort Walton as lively as when we were there on the Air Force trip, but Florida was still nice in the winter time.

Saw Arnim Brantley, Barney Landry and Hal Schultz, as I passed through Knoxville, Tenn. They are flying "jugs" and waiting for the day when the jets will arrive.

I will postpone the location of the First Battalion, First and Second Regiments until the July issue. Then the October issue will be devoted to the Second Battalion of both Regiments. If your present location has not appeared in the class article, please send it in.

I hear that Bucky will be home sometime in March so this article may be my "Swan Song" I have enjoyed passing the info along, and have tried to present fact instead of fiction. Many thanks to the wives for the newsy letters they have sent. "P.T." still means "for the time being", but you can send your letters to Lt. A. D. Norton, 1759 Airport Dr., Burlington, Vt. or to the Editor of *Assembly* at West Point and I will pass them on to Bucky if he gets back in time for the next issue.

So long, good luck, and keep writing.
—“P.T.”

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Greetings again to everyone and a special thanks to you who have written. To you who are waiting to write—the invitation stands!!

In behalf of the class, I extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Lourean T. Esian, whose death occurred while flying at Bainbridge AFB, Ga. Larry made many friends and will be missed throughout the ranks.

It is good news that Metz Seebach is improving. While still at Benning, Metz had a serious auto accident, and his condition was critical after he was moved to Walter Reed. Hugh Broadhurst writes that Metz is making definite improvement, but full recovery will take time. Let's all drop Metz a card or short note, but *nothing lengthy*.

Cigars and lollypops are in order! So are congratulations to the proud parents. A girl, Linda, was born to Gloria and Gar Weed on February 9. A girl (I have not learned her name) was born to Vonnice and Dick Stainer on February 22. Another gem of sugar and spice, Barbara Allen was born to Barbara and me on February 23. A CONTENDER FOR THE CUP, Alfred E. S., Jr., born to Marie and Ace Burkhard at 1525 on March 15th. I am told the Klebergs have a girl too, but I don't have the date of her arrival.

We are glad to hear from the Air Force and will look forward to more letters in the future. So boys while you are not "parting the clouds" drop us a line. Reggie Mattox tells me that the list in Williams AFB reads as follows: Art Peters, Ken Simonet, Bob Rutte, Jim McInerney, Swede (Sambo) Berry, Mac McCullough, Bill Shields, Tex Mallard, Wazzy Scaman, John Feyrer, Flash Kingsley, and Jim Woodward adds Dick McCoy and Bob Craine to the list. Nails Kelly, who has recovered from desert fever,

Hank Carter, and John Maddocks have been at Williams Base for some time too. Reggie said Ed Panchisin and John Morgan were on hand at Sandia AB to make a threesome with him for the Founder's Day Dinner there. Chuck Luther is enjoying Hondo AB, as much as Jim Underwood is Mather AB. Thanks for the letter Reggie, we will be looking for more news from Albuquerque.

Willie Dana is in San Marcos along with Larry Lucas. In Laredo with Jim Woodward is E. C. Hamilton, and over at Reese AB are Chuck Harvey, E. A. Niblack, and Bob Richardson. (Thanks Jimmy.)

Hepatitis pinned Steve Nichols to the mat for a few weeks, but we are glad he made a full recovery. At Atterbury with Steve are Swede Erickson, Art Jackson, and Bill Moore. Bill is doing a bang-up job there I am told. Thanks for the interesting letter Steve.

Max Casas misses his many friends from the Point. He is teaching Tactics at the Peruvian Military Academy.

From Bob and Jo Underhill at Ord comes word that Ken Keating is still a bachelor, but weakening. Lou Davis, Jim Roderiques, and Ed Horan are there also, and all expecting to leave soon. Good luck and let us continue to hear from all of you. Thanks Bob and Jo.

Dave and Mary Lyon called the roll at Camp Drum and reported an excellent attendance—practically a '52 reunion. Good Luck to Dave, who is leaving soon. Thanks Mary and Dave.

Bud Thompson says a number of the class at Carson are battery commanders. Bob Riley, Jim Cain, Jim Beasley, Steve Zelle, and himself. A big job, but good experience, huh boys! Fred Stevens has a battery also, and Bob Ackerson was Company Commander in Leonard Wood. I have had a company since the first of the year—my congratulations and sympathy are sincere.

John Mauer found the training schedule tight at Indiantown Gap between the duties of platoon leader and the battalion 3. John will depart soon. Thanks and we will be waiting to hear from you again John.

Ellyn Burns sends a round-up of C-1, along with word that Gil is departing too. What has not appeared above, I will add here—thanks Ellyn. Jim Lehan reports it is not all play in Europe. They are spending half of the time in the field there. Kieth Comstock is holding the S-4 job in Meade for a signal battalion. Bert Toepel, Lucky Custis, and Bill Ritter are platoon leaders in Detroit. Bill apparently started a chain reaction with his basketball team. Benny Reeves and Ed Gilbert won the first round in Hood—now that winter is over.

Congratulations and best wishes to the newly-weds—if not newly-weds now—those who have married since the last issue of this column. They are; Carol Hickey and Jack Burkheimer, Claire Annette and Don Sells, Barbara Kipp and Dick Inman, Martha Lene Wood and Jimmy Reeves, Ardi Merritt and Swede Erickson, June and Jim Cain. Not to each other, but Ken Simonet and Clyde Snodgrass were married during Christmas. If a few of the letters in the new brides names were rearranged, no offense intended, since I receive them second-hand.

The Founder's Day Dinner here at Riley was a success, but Corbridge, Kimmel, Larkin, and Weed all left—leaving me as the youngest graduate present, and the only member of '52 to counter that the Corps hasn't.

There was an increase in the letters for this issue, and again I say thanks to all of you who have written. It pays off in print. I will be looking forward to a good coverage for the next issue—so keep writing!

Best Wishes to Everyone.

—Willy.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1953 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date	Place
William M. Hall	Ex-1881	November 25, 1951	Parkersburg, West Virginia
Matthew F. Steele	1883	February 25, 1953	Fargo, North Dakota
Guy H. Preston	1888	December 12, 1952	Palo Alto, California
Hollis C. Clark	1891	January 5, 1953	Washington, D. C.
William C. Rogers	1893	December 5, 1952	Lebanon Springs, New York
Oscar J. Charles	1895	February 11, 1953	Seattle, Washington
LeVert Coleman	1899	January 28, 1953	New York, New York
Thomas M. Hunter	Ex-1899	March 26, 1952	Baltimore, Maryland
Robert E. Quarles	Ex-1903	November 23, 1952	Denver, Colorado
Robert P. Harbold	1904	November 11, 1952	Baltimore, Maryland
Ralph A. Jones	1906	November 21, 1952	Jamestown, New York
Truman D. Thorpe	1907	February 25, 1953	Presidio of San Francisco, California
Gustav H. Franke	1911	March 19, 1953	Washington, D. C.
Charles P. Hall	1911	January 26, 1953	San Antonio, Texas
John F. Wall	1911	January 13, 1953	Fort Jackson, South Carolina
Clarence B. Lindner	1915	December 26, 1952	Waltham, Massachusetts
Leigh R. Gignilliat, Jr.	Ex-1920	October 20, 1952	Hines, Illinois
Albert E. Harris	1930	December 6, 1952	Fort Ord, California
James R. Luper	1938	February 28, 1953	Offutt AFB, Nebraska
Henry P. Heid, Jr.	1940	March 22, 1953	St. Louis, Missouri
Andrew A. McCoy, Jr.	1946	December 31, 1952	Near Farli, Italy
Emory R. Wells	1946	March 10, 1951	England
Medon A. Bitzer	1950	January 8, 1950	Korea
Warren Webster, III	1950	February 21, 1953	Korea
Maynard B. Johnson	1951	October 27, 1952	Korea

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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CHAMBERS, W. E.	1916	FEBRUARY 11, 1952	53
CLAGETT, H. B.	1906	NOVEMBER 24, 1952	46
COONS, C. E.	1948	MAY 19, 1951	56
JONES, R. A.	1906	NOVEMBER 21, 1952	47
MARLEY, J. P.	1907	NOVEMBER 27, 1952	48
McCLURE, A. N.	1899	AUGUST 19, 1952	45
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MOTT, T. B.	1886	DECEMBER 17, 1952	43
O'CONNOR, J. A.	1907	MARCH 23, 1952	49
PATTERSON, C. H.	1903	JUNE 23, 1952	45
PETERSON, A. S.	1925	OCTOBER 3, 1952	54
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POSTON, E. D.	1945	MAY 19, 1951	55
SAYRE, F.	1884	APRIL 17, 1952	42
SCHIVELY, H. P.	Ex-1912	OCTOBER 23, 1952	50
STICKNEY, R. C.	1915	DECEMBER 14, 1952	51
SULLIVAN, E. J.	1920	DECEMBER 10, 1951	54
TYER, A. W.	1935	MAY 28, 1952	55
VIDMER, G.	1894	NOVEMBER 25, 1952	44
WALSH, J. L.	1909	JUNE 11, 1952	50

John Millis

NO. 2879 CLASS OF 1881

DIED MARCH 20, 1952, AT CLEVELAND, OHIO,
AGED 93 YEARS.

SON of parents of Dutch extraction who, in the early part of the last century, pioneered from the State of New York, John Millis was born, on a Michigan farm, close to midnight, on December 31st, 1858, and lived more than 93 years. This venerable age was emphasized when, accompanied by his daughter, he attended the seventieth reunion of his class at the Academy, and, as the Oldest Graduate present led the "Long Gray Line" at the ceremonies on June 4th, 1951. He stood erect and firm, and walked with vigor; but his strength was already failing. He died at Cleveland, Ohio, on March 20, 1952, as the result of a concussion suffered in a fall on a stairway.

Colonel Millis entered the Academy in June 1877, and was graduated in June 1881, at the head of his class. While at the Academy he was Cadet Corporal, First Corporal, Sergeant, and finally Cadet Captain in First Class year, all in the company to which he was first assigned. His name was published in the annual Army Register as one of the five "distinguished cadets" of the class each year while he was at the Academy, in accordance with the regulation adopted in 1818. Among the five were Colonels Gaillard and Sibert, of Panama Canal fame. He was President of the class of 1881.

In November 1883, after service with the Engineer School at Willetts Point, N. Y., he was assigned as Assistant to the Lighthouse Engineer of the Third, or New York District, with station on Staten Island. The duty was at first principally in connection with experimental work on the use of electric light for lighthouse purposes. He tested and supervised the installation of the electric plant for lighting the passage through Hell Gate, in New York Harbor, in 1884-5, where the removal of rock to improve the channel at this dangerous point was then in progress.

In 1886 Lieutenant Millis prepared the project for illuminating Bartholdi's "Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" which had been recently erected on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. In their acceptance of the project, Generals Duane and Abbot of the Engineers, characterized it as "the best which can be adopted under the circumstances". At that time the whole country was thrilled and excited by this statue, a magnificent gift from the Republic of France to the people of the United States of America.

While on duty on Staten Island, the young Lieutenant devised a system of electric buoys in conjunction with Lieutenant-Commander M. R. S. Mackenzie of the Navy for marking Gedney's Channel, then the main entrance to New York Harbor. These buoys were successfully installed in November 1889, and were the first of the kind ever put in operation. The system was afterwards extended, and it was adopted for marking the channel leading to the grounds of the World's Fair at Chicago.

After a visit to England and France on leave of absence in the summer of 1890, Lieutenant Millis was relieved from lighthouse duty and ordered to take charge of the Fourth District, Mississippi River, with station at New Orleans, being one of the youngest men in the Corps to be given a station of this importance. The district comprised 480 miles of the river, extending from Warrenton, just below Vicksburg,

to the Head of the Passes below New Orleans, and its engineer was assigned as member of the Board on building and repairing levees for the whole river below the mouth of the Ohio. Even at that early date he perceived that the problem was to relieve the pressure upon the levees by providing an outlet for flood waters rather than to continue futilely to elevate the levee level. He wrote and spoke along this line, but the time for such action was not then. The young officer's proposal was not realized until the completion, in 1938, of the Bonnet Carré Spillway which now protects New Orleans from devastation by diverting flood waters into Lake Ponchartrain, and thence into the Gulf of Mexico.

Lieutenant Millis received his Captaincy in 1892. In that same year he received the formal thanks of the people of Louisiana, by resolution of Senate and House of Representatives at the regular session of the General Assembly, "for individual efforts and energy in rendering timely aid during recent flood in the Mississippi River, which reached a higher elevation than ever known previously"

In October 1894, he was relieved from duty at New Orleans, and ordered to Washington



as member and Engineer Secretary of the Lighthouse Board. This position was virtually that of chief executive engineer of the United States Lighthouse Service. During his four years service in this capacity many new light stations were constructed in various parts of the country, and a general overhauling and improvement of the lighting and fog signal apparatus throughout the country was inaugurated.

Upon completing the four-year term on the Lighthouse Board, Captain Millis had a short tour of duty with the Battalion of Engineers at Willetts Point. It is interesting to note that in March 1899, he was sent to Cuba, under orders of the Paymaster of the United States Army, in command of a detachment of Engineer officers and soldiers, as guard for three million dollars in coin to pay off the Cuban army.

He received his promotion to Major of Engineers in April 1900; and in June went to Europe under orders of the War Department as National Delegate from the United States to the International Congresses of Navigation, of Electricity, and of Physics, held in Paris in connection with the International Exposition. He made the closing address on behalf of the U.S. Delegation at the final general session of the congress.

From Paris he went to Egypt to study the great dam at Assuan, a world novelty, then

under construction, attracting both scientific and popular attention by the fact that its building involved the total submersion of one of the oldest temples of the world.

Returning from abroad, Major Millis was ordered to take charge of the Seattle Engineer District, which included, besides extensive river and harbor improvement, the entire fortification construction on Puget Sound; the Lake Washington ship canal; and surveys and construction of roads on Mt. Ranier, in Alaska.

In September 1905, he was ordered to Manila in the Philippine Islands to take charge of all fortification construction in the Islands, including the works on Corregidor. Major Millis took his family with him to the Orient; and the two year tour of duty was filled with satisfying constructive work; with agreeable adventures; and an immense broadening of outlook. His office headquarters were in Manila, within the ancient walls of the old Spanish city, in the building called Maestranza, which had been used by the Spaniards for the same purpose.

At that time the vivid historical events were the tales of Admiral Dewey's warships sailing into Manila Bay, and the quiet "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley"; and our "glorious victory" over the forlorn hulks of the Spanish fleet. In the thinking of the gay young officers and their wives, those grim fortifications building on the steep slopes of Corregidor seemed reminiscences of the past, incongruous in the gentle, smiling present. And all unknown, happily, was the terrible reality of a savage future when the United States Army was to suffer a bitter defeat, and Corregidor's defenders were to undergo torture, death and slavery. Unforgettable were those experiences of life in the tropics, among a subject people. As they recalled their Kipling, the American "conquerors" felt they were living in the pages of an English novel.

After the Orient, for Colonel Millis there came river and harbor work at Cleveland, Ohio; Providence, R. I.; Savannah, Ga.; and Chicago. Up and down the Atlantic coast line, and along the American shore of the Great Lakes, he labored, always absorbed with plans for promoting national welfare and security, his active mind busied with constructive ideas and scientific speculations. He reached retirement age in 1922. Thereafter he lived quietly in Cleveland, devoting himself to scientific theories and research, and publishing many pamphlets upon these subjects.

Colonel Millis was a shy, retiring man, of an extraordinary sensitive disposition, which he concealed behind a reserved and rather cold demeanor. He was more absorbed in mathematics and other scientific abstractions than in the world of men and women; and, by temperament, more of a scientist than a soldier.

He held membership in many societies, of which the most outstanding are; American Society of Civil Engineers; American Institute of Electrical Engineers; United States Military Service Institution; United States Naval Institute; American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he was elected a Fellow in 1908; and the National Geographic Society.

He was a member of many clubs, among them being: the University Club of N. Y.; the Bankers Club of America, N. Y.; the Cosmos Club of Washington, D. C.; and the Army and Navy Club, Washington.

On November 22nd, 1893 he married, in Atlanta, Georgia, Mary, the daughter of William G. Raoul of Louisiana, once a Captain in the Confederacy, and at that time President of the Mexican National Railroad. Their children are: Ralph, at the time of his death in 1938, a Major of the Corps of Engineers; Walter, since many years a

member of the editorial staff of the New York Herald-Tribune; and Janet, a graduate of the Dramatic School of Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, now Mrs. Norman J. Dicken, of El Paso, Texas.
—M. R. M.

Farrand Sayre

NO. 3041 CLASS OF 1884

DIED APRIL 17, 1952, AT BALTIMORE,
MARYLAND, AGED 90 YEARS.

BRIGADIER GENERAL FARRAND SAYRE passed away on April 17, 1952 at his home, 325 Paddington Road, Baltimore, Maryland, where he and his daughter had been living since the death of Mrs. Sayre in 1945.

He was born on June 17, 1861 in Lewis County, Missouri, where his father, Emelius Kitchell Sayre, a graduate of Amherst, had a 4,000 acre farm. A sister, who graduated from Vassar College in 1869, tutored him till he won a West Point cadetship in a competitive examination held at Hannibal, Missouri in September 1879.

"Corp" (as he was called by his classmates and intimate friends among his contemporaries in the Army) graduated No. 21 in the Class of '84,—the smallest class numerically that was graduated from the Military Academy since 1864. Its graduates numbered only 37 men. A classmate writing in the *Bulletin* for April 1924 says, "I believe this class was the first to form an association and get out a *Bulletin*—also we have had a larger percentage return to each reunion than any other". In the *Bulletin* for January 1927 a classmate records, "It was the Class of 1884 which set the example to all other West Point classes of forming organizations to include all members of the class whether or not they had completed the full course. Now each year at West Point all former cadets, whether graduates or not, are asked to be the guests of the institution. The result has been of great benefit to the Army"

Sayre chose the Cavalry at a time when the Cavalry was the most active branch of the Service. On graduation he was assigned to the Eighth Cavalry, and his first Army station was with portions of that regiment at Fort McIntosh, Laredo, Texas. In 1885-'86 he served in the Geronimo campaign in Arizona and New Mexico. Late in 1887 he marched from Fort McIntosh with a squadron of the 8th Cavalry to Fort Davis, Texas. It was at Fort Davis that he met Kate Hamlin Phelps, who was visiting her uncle, Captain Frederick E. Phelps, West Point Class of 1870, and commanding Troop "F", 8th Cavalry. They were married in May 1888 just prior to the departure of the Eighth Cavalry on its 2,000 mile march from Texas to Dakota, the longest march in the history of Cavalry. Sayre later saw active service in Cuba in the War with Spain.

He served at Fort Sill from 1900-04, when Oklahoma was still a Territory and the old post was still many miles from a railroad. Here, Captain of a troop, he was also in charge of the Apache Prisoners of War. Geronimo, the Medicine Man of the Apaches, was a frequent visitor at his quarters, where, squatted on the floor, he would discourse by the hour in Spanish. Sayre's well known qualities of great patience and kindness won him the deep affection of these Indians whom he had once chased from the Mogollon Mountains of New Mexico to old Fort Concho in Arizona.

Sayre was an Honor graduate of the Infantry and Cavalry School in 1905; a graduate of the Army Staff College in 1906, and

a graduate of the Army War College in 1917. He served as an instructor in the Department of Military Art (finally heading that Department) in the Army Service Schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for five years between 1906 and 1913. During this period he published his first book, "Map Maneuvers and Tactical Rides", which was adopted for use in the Army Service Schools and authorized by the War Department for issue to the Regular Army and Militia. He also assisted in the production of other books published by the Department.

World War I closed the Army War College in the Spring of 1917 and Sayre was assigned to command the 11th Cavalry in the Brownsville District of Texas—his first regiment as Colonel. The training was intensive but the service was pleasant. Mr. G. R. Willson, American Consul at Matamoros, wrote of Sayre, "He speaks Spanish well and has exceptional faculties for dealing with Latin American peoples. I have never known him to fail in securing and holding their friendship, confidence and co-operation. These faculties of the Colonel's



were of considerable assistance to me in administering my duties as Consul. The friendly relations which existed between the Mexican Commander of Matamoros and Colonel Sayre in Brownsville did much to promote satisfactory relations between the two towns." He was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General (temporary) in October 1918 and given command of the First Cavalry Brigade.

The following year Sayre was returned to the permanent grade of Colonel and again commanded the 16th Cavalry. Early in March 1920 Mr. W. T. Burnett, Chairman of the Rotary Club of Brownsville, Texas, sent duplicate telegrams to the Adjutant General of the Army and to U.S. Representative John N. Garner: "A report is in circulation to the effect that Military Officers of this District may be transferred and we fear that this may result in the transfer of Colonel Farrand Sayre, Sixteenth Cavalry. No man has ever done more to establish friendly relations with the Mexican authorities than has Colonel Sayre and establishment of these relations has brought about the elimination of Border troubles in this District, a thorough understanding between the authorities, civil and military, on both sides of the Border and has given a feeling of safety and security to the people of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas which is responsible to a great degree if not entirely for the unprecedented development now in progress in all of the territory lying between the mouth of the river and Rio

Grande City. The citizens of the Valley would regard Colonel Sayre's removal at this time a public calamity and without Colonel Sayre's knowledge we respectfully request that he be not removed from the field in which he has already accomplished so much and in which he can continue to render great service to the Department and our people. Anything you can do to help us will be heartily appreciated."

Sayre's last service was in the First Corps Area,—in command at Camp Devens and, later, in charge of the Organized Reserves, First Corps Area, at Boston, Massachusetts. When he was retired on June 17, 1925, on reaching 64 years of age, he had completed 45 years on the active list.

A few months after retirement Sayre took a civil service examination to become parole agent in the Massachusetts Department of Correction. While engaged in this work he took courses at Harvard in penology and criminology. His interest and constructive imagination were credited by Deputy Commissioner Stone for "services that have been of untold value to the Department". The Bay State retired him again at 70 years of age in accordance with its retirement law.

The Sayres came to Baltimore in 1932 to live near their only child, Elizabeth (Mrs. H. R. Kilbourne) and that same year Sayre met Dr. George Boas, Professor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Boas got him interested in a course at the Hopkins on pre-Socratic philosophy. Corp spent several months dusting off his Greek to enable him to use it as a tool in getting at the original sources and in 1933 he enrolled as a student in the Graduate School at Johns Hopkins University. By 1936 he found he could get the degree of Master of Arts if he passed examinations in French and German. He boned up for a few weeks, passed the examinations and received his M.A. degree in June 1936.

While studying the Greek cynics in his M.A. work "Corp" came close to reaching several conclusions that were at variance with scholarship. Dr. Arthur O. Lovejoy, then head of the Philosophy Department at Johns Hopkins University urged him to continue his studies and in June 1938 (at the age of 77) he received the Ph.D. degree from the Hopkins (J.H.U.). His former adjutant at Camp Gaillard, C. Z. wrote of him in part at this time, "Always courteous and considerate of the civilian community in the vicinity of his command, at the same time indifferent to personal publicity, through his unassuming manner, efficiency and natural dignity he was able to maintain his command in a fine state of morale. He was also a believer in sports activities. In the Canal Zone at the age of 61 while playing first base in a married officers-bachelor ball game, he collected three hits out of four times up and made only one error,—giving every indication that sixteen years later getting a diploma and a Ph.D. would just all be in a day's work."

In 1940 when the War Department wanted volunteers he volunteered for examinations in French, Spanish, German,—received Translators Certificates from the War Department in all three languages and did a great deal of translating. Colonel Ralph C. Smith, General Staff (Executive Officer, G-2) wrote, "Your work is aiding us materially."

Sayre's first book on philosophy, "Diogenes of Sinope," was published late in 1938. Of this book Prof. Kurt von Fritz of Columbia University (New York City), writing February 26, 1939, says, ". . . though I do not agree with you in all points you have certainly cleared up a great many problems and in some points on which I previously held a different opinion,—you are right." Prof. Arthur O. Lovejoy writing in January 1939 says of "Diogenes of Sinope,"

"No one, certainly, will hereafter be able to deal with the history of Cynicism without taking account of your study."

In 1948, at the age of 87 years, Sayre published a second book on Cynicism, "The Greek Cynics" and this book received more favorable comment. It has been in demand in this country and abroad and now, after the death of its author, it is still selling well.

Corp told a classmate, "When I started this school work I had no idea of being a Ph.D. The books were iconoclastic merely because they were based on facts and not legends. Diogenes falsified the currency of his native land and was driven out. As for the old story about his looking for an honest man, the ancients never heard of that tale. I took Diogenes from the pedestal on which his followers had placed him and examined him with the halo removed." Sayre felt that he brought to bear the common sense and rounded viewpoint gained from his training at the Military Academy and his service in the Army.

This laborious work was done in a study bright with Navajo rugs, pictures of old Army posts, old Army friends and classmates. On one wall was a buckskin,—the buck shot near Mule Springs, New Mexico in 1886 and tanned. In 1902 at Fort Sill while in charge of the Apache Prisoners of War the hereditary Chief of the Apaches, Christian Naitche, quite an artist, had painted on it an Apache Ceremonial Dance.

Failing eyesight plagued Sayre's last three years, and his garden, a never ending source of interest, took more and more of his time. Neighbors and friends greatly admired the gritty old soldier who in heat or cold, fair weather, rain or snow, each day spent his daylight hours digging and improving.

—E. S. K.

Thomas Bentley Mott

NO. 3128 CLASS OF 1886

DIED DECEMBER 17, 1952, IN BIARRITZ, FRANCE, AGED 87 YEARS.

THE record of Bentley Mott's long life presents few of the characteristics that usually mark the career of an officer whose work has left a considerable impression upon Army history, as his did. He was retired for disability at the age of forty-nine, and yet when eighty-one he was finishing five years of active duty, rewarded by the bestowal of the Legion of Merit; he was the only general officer I know of who was put in a concentration camp by the Germans, or who ever received, for his writings, a prize from the Académie Française; he never commanded any force larger than a battalion of field artillery, never served on the General Staff, never was stationed in Washington; never attended a service school except Fort Monroe; and yet his work considerably influenced the structure of our General Staff and the organization of large units, when these matters were being studied. The Mounted Service School owed him a debt which it has handsomely acknowledged.

General Mott was born in Leesburg, Virginia, where his family has lived for two hundred years. One of his ancestors was a brother of Washington's grandfather, another married the General's niece, and two of the family were killed in the Braddock campaign. His father served on the Staff of two West Pointers in the Confederate Army, and the admiration they inspired for

the Academy induced him to endeavor to send his son there.

Young Mott arrived with only a handbag, for, as he relates, he had few hopes of getting in and he dreaded the smiles which would greet his return to Leesburg with a Saratoga Trunk to serve as witness of the confidence with which he had departed.

Chance willed it, however, that his beast-barracks roommate should be John J. Pershing, who lent the improvident youth a sheet, a towel and a pillow case until the examinations were over and he could equip himself at the commissary.

The friendship here started continued for 65 years. The two cadets occupied rooms in the same cock-loft, they became color corporals, first-sergeant (Pershing) and sergeant-major, first-captain and adjutant—thus throwing them together on duty and at mess. Their next close association came in 1918, when Commander-in-Chief Pershing sent Colonel Mott to represent him at Marshal Foch's Headquarters.

On graduation, Mott chose the artillery arm and four years later, after Fort Monroe, he went to West Point as an instructor in tactics. That was the year of the first football game in the Academy's history. What happened against the Annapolis team



was not even amusing, but the next year a real miracle occurred. Mott would delight in relating how he and Samuel Dunning and Alexander Perry were the only officers who ventured to go with the team to Annapolis, so perfectly certain did it seem that our beginners were still utterly outclassed; and what a marvelous time they had as West Point's score kept rolling up and the Navy fans faded from the bleachers! Everybody was young then, including football.

Serious athletic instruction was only just starting at the Academy when Mott graduated and he used to tell us how Sam Reber put in a permit to be allowed "to unbutton his dresscoat while playing tennis on the plain"

Many now distinguished men whom Lieutenant Mott helped to train from 1890 to 1894 have delighted to praise the example this tactical officer set by his courtesy, kindly firmness and desire to help them.

Mott's subsequent service can best be related by some extracts taken from the many reviews of a book he published in 1937, for in all of them the salient points of his personality and work are brought out by professional critics far more dispassionately than I could do it.

The Army and Navy Journal says:

" We go with him to the Philippines and witness the capture of Manila, and learn to our astonishment that the British vessels there did not upanchor and steam between the bullying German squadron and Dewey's command. . . With General Merritt as aide he saw Chicago and Manila and Paris, and with General Greene he was stationed in Havana. From the Cuban City we find him moving to the station he had wanted—Paris—that city of his dreams in which he perfected himself, though he was not aware of it, for the important role he was to perform during the World War. General Pershing wanted him on the staff he was creating to take to France, but Elihu Root, who the author believes was sent to Russia by President Wilson to get rid of him, demanded his services. So we have a picture of the able Root moulding his mission into a happy family, seeking to keep Russia in the war, and formulating a plan to this end which the President never noticed. This job performed to the enthusiastic satisfaction of Root and the members of the mission, Colonel Mott was requisitioned by General Pershing. To Italy after the Caporetto disaster he went with French and British Armies, and there he found time to attend an admirable course of instruction at Verona. . . The rough handling the Italians had experienced, the German march through the British lines in the spring of 1918 . . . brought about the selection of Foch as Allied Commander-in-Chief, and General Pershing designated Mott as his liaison with the French leader. We know the selection proved of incalculable value to the harrassed commander of the AEF. Classmates at West Point, the two men thoroughly understood each other. The one demanded frankness, the other gave it. A service of nine years with French armies prior to the war made Mott not only familiar with French procedure and methods, but had developed through his charming personality friendships which placed him in especially cordial relations with the Marshal and commanders of the French Armies—Joffre, Petain, Gouraud, Weygand, and others. Mott, too, knew the Tiger, his vindictive temper, Lloyd George and other politicians, and, especially, did he know the French people, their capacity for endurance, and their ability as soldiers. His tact, his knowledge of colloquial French, and his sound judgment, these were the qualities he offered for General Pershing's use; and how well he employed them, while not set forth in Mott's book, for he is modest, everyone at Chaumont in those critical days knew. . ."

In the *Journal of Modern History*, General Oliver L. Spaulding tells us:

" . . . From 1900 on, his service was largely that of military attaché in Paris, with an occasional return for a short period of regimental duty. Physical disability for field service forced his retirement shortly before we entered the war with Germany, and cut off all possibility of any command in that war; but he returned to active duty in 1917 and served for a dozen years more as attaché and liaison officer in close contact with the highest military circles, American and foreign.

With a keen intellect and a background like this, he was sure to give us something novel. His unusual experience assures us against provincialism, and his language is at times almost that of a foreign observer; we have to be on the watch, not against narrowness but against overemphasis of his detached attitude. With a passionate loyalty to West Point, he sees those things wherein that great school is open to criticism; and he states them with more vigor, pertinency, and emphasis than any nongraduate could do—perhaps overstates them. In this same manner he comments upon many

aspects of American military life. His comments are solidly based from the fact that he is himself a loyal and highly trained officer of our army; they are keen by reason of his wide and deep knowledge of other systems, although we must use them with a little caution lest his more intimate relations to the foreign may overshadow his clear appreciation of present-day American conditions."

The *Chicago Tribune* has this to say:

"... Bentley Mott was for many years the best known American military attaché in the service. For ten years he was with Myron T. Herrick in Paris, 'where all good Americans go when they die' and a big assortment of bad and good while they are alive.

"He went with Elihu Root to Russia in 1917 and he was officially and personally persona grata in London, St. Petersburg, Rome, Constantinople, and points west. He wrote an excellent biography of Myron T. Herrick, made the translations of the memoirs of Marshal Joffre and Marshal Foch. He has in his writing the suavité, finesse, and charm which made him a popular figure wherever he went.

"But there is nothing soft about his book. Under the velvet glove is the iron fist. He strikes out with the truth again and again.

"What he tells of General Pershing and his almost single handed battle to keep the American forces a unit is an outspoken tribute to one great man as well as an outspoken indictment of others.

"Colonel Mott is equally frank in his opinion of Elihu Root and why he was sent to Russia in 1917 (to get rid of him) and how the administration bungled the opportunity to save the Russians for the allies.

"There is nothing technical in Colonel Mott's pages. In them is a fascinating record of two of the most memorable decades of modern history, set down by a man who was intimate to the making of much of the record, and a man who has a real gift for telling the tale."

The *Military Engineer* contains these comments on Mott and his work:

"Twenty Years as Military Attaché"

"... This book suppresses the 'I' as much as possible consistent with narrative and presents more a set of keen observations on men, events, and institutions with which the author had to deal." * * * * "The sketches of General Merritt, Admiral Dewey, the first President Roosevelt, Mr. Elihu Root, Mr. Herrick, Marshal Petain, and others contain a wealth of source history. Most interesting to the reviewer, though, is the study of the part played by General Pershing as seen by his old friend and classmate during the trying times of the World War. . . No study of our part in that War would be complete without liberal use of these chapters.

"Remarkable for a military writer, Colonel Mott has a fluent style which makes his work very easy to read and so holds the reader's interest that the book, once taken up, is hard to lay down. A polished work by a polished man."

Finally, Herschel Brickell tells us:

"Colonel Mott is already known as the biographer of Myron T. Herrick, . . . and as the translator of the reminiscences of both Foch and Joffre, whom he knew well in wartime and about whom he tells many stories.

"As one of General Pershing's right-hand men, interpreter and liaison officer Colonel Mott had exceptional opportunities for inside observation of many war problems and personalities, and the section relating to Pershing's work in France is the best and most interesting part of the book."

Having served as a retired officer on active duty from 1917, Mott was put back on the retired list in 1931, but in 1941 he was

again placed on active duty in charge of the Paris office of the Battle Monuments Commission. Here his work was interrupted by the Germans; they sent him to a concentration camp and eventually to America in 1944, whence he returned to France a few months later, and continued on this duty until 1946.

Mott had served as military attaché in Paris, St. Petersburg, Brussels and Berne; he was sent on missions to Rome, London and Constantinople for some fifty years. His active and observant mind continued to seize and digest the military food that lay about him, and a convincing pen made it available to the Army at large. The Army and Navy Journal, the Journal of the Military Service Institution, the Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery Journals, Scribner's and Harper's Magazines, the Saturday Evening Post, unceasingly published his reports and articles on military affairs, describing, preaching, pleading. Nor did they fall on deaf ears. His private papers reveal interesting letters from President Theodore Roosevelt, from Secretary of War Elihu Root and various Chiefs of Staff, while editorials from the New York Sun, Evening Post, Times and other newspapers, attest the influence of his essays on organization, education, promotion, horsemanship, the General Staff system and the new 75mm gun and its tactics.

In 1923, General Mott married Mademoiselle Georgette Saint Paul, whose parents' great house in the Place des Etats Unis was long one of the rendezvous of Parisian Society. Mlle. Saint Paul had been a brave soldier herself during the war, where she had won the Croix de Guerre with two palms and two stars and the Legion of Honor. Their married life was one of complete harmony and happiness. They had no children.

General Mott wore the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit and many campaign medals; he was a Companion of St. Michael and St. George, Commander of the Legion of Honor and bearer of many other foreign decorations. He was an honorary member of the French Chapter of the Cincinnati. He played poor golf, fair bridge, and shot respectably. His passion was riding. He rode to hounds in England and in Paris until he was seventy-four and war had stopped the sport.

A long life filled with useful work, help given and received, and many good friends.

—C. S. McK.

George Vidmer

NO. 3600 CLASS OF 1894

DIED NOVEMBER 25, 1952, IN NEW YORK CITY,
AGED 81 YEARS.

RETURNING to the U.S. early in 1952 after a sojourn of over two years in the British West Indies General Vidmer took permanent residence in Hudson View Gardens, New York City. His very sudden passing there on November 25th, 1952 brought additional lustre to the Long Gray Line of worthy West Pointers.

The brilliancy of his forty-seven year period of military service is a matter of public record embellished by the large number of medals and decorations bestowed upon him for exceptional bravery and valor by his own government, and also by the French government.

Although General Vidmer was unduly modest as to his own achievements, he

could rightfully have said, "I have fought a great fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Not only to his associates and the men who served under him was he an inspiration for the highest in living, but to all who contacted him in the daily round he imparted a spark of joy in carrying on for the best. Tributes to him are legion, and among them none is more apropos, nor more expressive of the grandeur of his unique personality than the following, written by his son, Colonel Richards Vidmer, in 1937. It is permanently applicable.

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DOWN IN FRONT

By RICHARDS VIDMER

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With Admiration

MOBILE, Ala., March 30, 1937.—From time to time, in my poor way, I have attempted to write of fame, excitement, glamour, glory, courage, adventure or achievement. I have traveled far and met many people in my search for one or another of these characteristics. Yet here in Mobile lives a man who has them all. He is the finest man I ever have known and I have known him all my life.

In the peaceful quiet of his Spring Hill home, where soft laughter echoes through the halls and Southern hospitality stretches forth a welcoming hand, he must look back with satisfaction on his career, and perhaps he sometimes dreams of the battle's roar, the thrill of a game and the countless friends he has made the world over. He has been on intimate terms with death and danger. He has competed in many sports. He has touched at most every port in the world and lived in far-off lands.

On his wall hangs a little glass case in which twelve medals are pinned, including the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism under fire, the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptional leadership, the Silver Star of Citation with an oak leaf, symbolic of two other heroic deeds in time of war; the Purple Heart for wounds in battle, the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with two palms from the French government, and half a dozen others I cannot name.

Scattered about his home, on tables and book shelves, a visitor can find cups and trophies for victories in polo, steeplechasing, flat races, horse shows, fencing. He was a catcher and a quarter-miler in college. Later he became a better-than-average tennis player and golfer.

Under Fire

His father was an officer in the Confederate Army, wounded in the Battle of Chickamauga, but when he died he left the request that one of his three sons, John, George or Dick, would enter the Federal service and serve the government of the United States. So, after a couple of years at the University of Alabama, George went to West Point.

Shortly after his graduation from the military academy war with Spain was declared, and as a young lieutenant he was ordered to Cuba. He led the colored troops of the 10th Cavalry in the Battle of San Juan Hill, where legend has it Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders annihilated the Spanish forces, but where history indicates T.R. and his cowboys actually were rescued by the Negro Cavalrymen.

There the young lieutenant, under enemy fire for the first time, distinguished himself and was recommended for the Medal of Honor. A Negro sergeant, wounded and lying in the open, was a target for the Spanish marksmen, yet it was the young Southerner who, voluntarily exposing him-

self, carried the colored trooper back to safety on his shoulders.

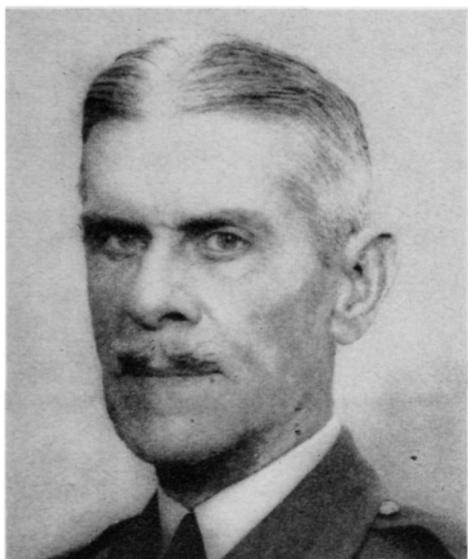
As a captain he pursued the bandit Aguinaldo through the wilderness of the Philippines, fought the Tagologs and Malvar, risked the terrors of yellow fever and malaria and came through, again distinguished.

In Time of Peace

There followed an interlude of peace, and the young captain of cavalry found time to play. Having already achieved some amount of athletic recognition in baseball and track at West Point, he turned to polo and soon was one of the outstanding players in the American Army, captaining the Army team that won the championship three times during the period of Cuban pacification.

He also rode in steeplechases, exhibited in horse shows and became recognized as one of the outstanding horsemen in America. In 1911, when King George V was crowned, the leading five horsemen of each nation were selected to take part in the London ceremonies and he was one of those named to represent the United States.

It was on that occasion that, returning with a gold cigarette case on which were a crown and the inscription, "George V and



Mary," his lovely wife, with a merry twinkle in her eye remarked:

"Of course I understand the George V, but who is this Mary?"

He continued to exhibit in horse shows, but, returning to West Point as adjutant, he increased his athletic versatility by taking up fencing and two years later he was a member of the championship saber team. Then, for the third time, he was called to war, commanding the 306th Infantry of the 77th Division, New York's own.

Call to Arms Again

There are men who walk the streets of the city today who will tell you there never was a more gallant colonel. They have told me of the time when, having marched and fought for seven days and nights, the regiment was ordered to take a hill near St. Juvin. And how the colonel sent word that his men were exhausted and physically unfit to fight more. And back came the reply from the commanding general that no excuses would be accepted.

They have told me how the regiment attacked as ordered, captured the hill and then, utterly played out, began to fall back as the counter-attack came. But the colonel and a couple of machine gunners remained, holding the hill with desperate courage. A runner came up from the rear with the regiment's plea for the colonel to

come back, warning him that it was suicide to remain.

"Go back to my men," he said, "and tell them I will come back — but only on a stretcher."

When the runner relayed this to the regiment they rallied. Exhausted, wounded, hungry and wet, they found the strength somehow to join their leader. The hill was held and the enemy repulsed.

The Final Drive

They have told me of his tireless energy, his inspiring leadership, his utter fearlessness. And Alexander Woolcott once wrote of how, leading his brigade through the Argonne in the final drive, another brigade was ordered to leapfrog and take over the attack. But the rear brigade failed to appear at the appointed time.

"Why don't you leapfrog me, as ordered?" the word was sent back, and the reply came: "How the hell can I leapfrog you if I can't even catch up?"

When he came home there were ribbons over his left breast pocket, which he wouldn't explain. They were two wound stripes on his right sleeve, of which he never spoke. He continued to serve the Federal government as his father had requested until, a couple of years ago, he retired as a brigadier general of the United States Army.

Now he is home again, in his native Mobile, but as he strolls among his azaleas and camellias, or smiles a greeting to the friends who beat a path to his open door, what memories he must have!

So perhaps you will forgive me if I seem so very proud of my father.

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—Beatrice Vidmer,
(Mrs. George Vidmer)

Albert N. McClure

NO. 3939 CLASS OF 1899

DIED AUGUST 19, 1952, AT FORT BLISS,
TEXAS, AGED 78 YEARS.

COLONEL ALBERT N. MCCLURE was born in Casey County, Kentucky, on April 20, 1874. His father Wm. H. McClure was President of the Farmer's Deposit Bank of Middleburg, Kentucky, and owned a large stock farm. So Col. McClure learned early to know and judge animals, especially horses and mules. His fondness for them lasted all his life.

As a boy of eleven years of age he drove regularly a team of large mules which his father had assigned to him for his use, and made almost daily trips to the railroad. It was only some six or seven miles, but over such a road for ruts and steep hills as probably existed in few other places in the whole United States.

His career as a student at West Point was not a brilliant one. He was graduated as "Absolute Goat" of his Class of 1899. Someone afterwards remarked that this showed remarkable intelligence—to be able to know exactly how much effort to make to be graduated—not an iota too much or too little.

Shortly after his graduation he was sent to the Philippines and there took part in the Philippine Campaign. Afterward, with the 14th Infantry, he fought through the Boxer Uprising. At the close of the China Campaign he was transferred to the Cavalry.

In 1904 he married Miss Hattie Mitchell, of New Orleans, the daughter of Judge D. F. Mitchell and Clara Cecilia Calvert.

After graduating from the Cavalry School at Fort Riley under Gen. Walter Short, he was sent to the French Cavalry School at Saumur, France, and after completing the course there, he traveled extensively through Germany, Austria and Hungary—visiting the horse-training centers at Vienna and Budapest, as well as all of the principal horse-breeding stations.

During World War I he worked unceasingly—judging, selecting and purchasing mules and horses for the United States and our Allies.

Colonel McClure was retired in 1929 due to a severe sinus and bronchiectasis condition incurred by over-exertion and exposure.

He was well liked by all who knew him; and in spite of almost constant illness and suffering, loved to relate interesting anecdotes of his varied experiences. He was fond of signing his letters, "Yours for the horse". However, his fondness for the horse did not lead him to bet on one.

Even in France, where betting is so universal, and when other members of the party were betting, he held aloof; he probably realized the uncertainty of his crafty



equine friends. But he had an uncanny ability for forecasting the winner.

The Colonel's passing occurred on August 19, 1952, at William Beaumont Army Hospital, Fort Bliss, Texas. He had gone to El Paso to live, on the advice of physicians and for the benefit of the dry climate there.

He was buried in the National Cemetery at Fort Bliss.

—Hattie M. McClure.

Charles Herman Patterson

NO. 4145 CLASS OF 1903

DIED JUNE 23, 1952, AT JOHNSON CITY,
TENNESSEE, AGED 74 YEARS.

COLONEL CHARLES H. PATTERSON, USA, a most distinguished officer, died in June 1952, after a lingering illness, in the Veterans' Hospital at Johnson City, Tenn. He was a graduate of the United States Military Academy, Class of 1903, and held many important posts during his military career. While in Panama at the outbreak of World War I, he served as Provost Marshal of the Isthmus. During the summer of 1918 he served overseas as aide to General John L. Chamberlain. He was attached to

the Offices of the Judge Advocate General and Inspector General in Washington, and was on the General Staff Corps Eligible List.

Colonel Patterson obtained an LL.B. from New York Law School while on duty near New York and a Master's degree in law from George Washington University while on duty in Washington. He was selected to accompany King Albert of the Belgians on his American tour after the First World War. He received decorations from France, Belgium and Siam. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal at the close of World War I with the following citation:

For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service. As an officer of the Inspector General's Department and as Chief of the Investigations Division of that Department, his rare efficiency and good judgment in the investigation and treatment of difficult and intricate problems have materially facilitated the administration of the Office of the Inspector General, and have been of great value to the War Department and to the Army.

In 1921 when the Chiefs of the Allied Armies visited the United States to dec-



orate the grave of our Unknown Soldier, Colonel Patterson was attached to the staff of the Belgian General Jacques as his aide. From June 1928 until March 1931 he was in the Philippines as Inspector General on the staff of General MacArthur.

From his earliest boyhood Colonel Patterson wanted to go to West Point and when he graduated as President of his Class from the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, High School, he set out to obtain an appointment to the Military Academy. This proved very difficult, since the members of his family were Democrats living in a Republican stronghold. By dogged determination he did succeed however, through a Congressman-at-Large, in obtaining an appointment as alternate.

Six weeks prior to the examinations he went to the military preparatory school at Highland Falls, New York, for intensive study. While there, the principal withdrew from the race but, before Patterson had time to recover from his delighted surprise, another principal was appointed. But nothing daunted young Patterson; he continued to study more intensively than ever. The principal failed, and Patterson passed with flying colors. He entered the Academy and, while there, became a cadet officer.

Upon graduation Patterson was appointed a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery, but later transferred to the Coast Artillery.

The determination, thoroughness, vision and tact shown in his earlier years continued with him to the end.

General MacArthur, in recommending him for the post of Inspector General of the Army, wrote: "He is the best inspector I have ever known, one of the finest officers I have ever known. Qualified for General rank, in peace or war."

After retirement from the Army Colonel Patterson served on the staff of the Governor of Georgia and as head of the Georgia Civil Defense organization. He was twice married. His first wife was Jean Rushmore, the daughter of an eminent New York lawyer; his second, Mrs. Montez Thomas of Griffin, Georgia. Rushmore Patterson, his son, resides in New York City.

Henry Black Clagett

NO. 4508 CLASS OF 1906

DIED NOVEMBER 24, 1952, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 67 YEARS.

HENRY B. CLAGETT, that very tall, very thin, very young boy, who came up from Braden's School at Highland Falls, N. Y. in July 1902, and joined those other Beasts that formed the Class of 1906, departed this life last November after 67 years, that were strenuous and filled with adventure and activity. For four generations his family had had a representative in the military service. His Grandfather, Henry M. Black, was Commandant of Cadets from 1864 to 1870. He had his portrait on the walls of the mess hall and it had a ginger snap in his neck, quite unnoticed except by the cadets for many years. His great grandfather, Colonel Joseph E. Plympton, was among the stormers of Chapultepec Heights in Mexico during the Mexican War in 1845. His father, Major John Rozier Clagett, was in the 23rd Infantry for 25 years, serving through the Spanish-American War, the Indian Wars and the Philippine Insurrection. Also Colonel Henry Black was the commander of the 23rd Infantry for a number of years. "Sue" was headed all the time for the 23rd Regiment.

These are some of the things that this experienced young classmate told us in our Beas Barracks days, and, suspicious though we were at the time, they turned out to be true;—viz;

How, at eight years of age, he was a page at the World's Fair in Chicago, living in the grounds with his uncle, Major George Randall, then in charge of the troops at the Fair. He had a pass for everything.

How, at thirteen years of age, he left his family in Mexico, and, by train and bicycle, went alone to Fort Laramie, Wyoming, to spend a year with the Randalls.

How, there, he went hunting and fishing with the young bucks of the Sioux Indian tribe and was adopted by the tribe as a Sioux.

How he went with the Randalls to Alaska at the time of the Klondike rush to the gold fields and watched the prospectors fight and scratch for gold and women, and saw the ice break up on the Yukon.

How he went with his family to Governors Island in New York Harbor, and by bicycle and trolley attended the schools of the big city, learning its mysteries and exploring its unusual corners and crannies.

How, at sixteen years, he went to Braden's at Highland Falls with many of the men who were in the classes above us. Some of them recognized him, making his plebe life more bearable. And—

How West Point expected something fine

of all of us and in the end would give us something very wonderful.

We called him "Sue", because he was such a storyteller about the Sioux Indians, only we spelled it the easy way. The nickname stuck to him all his years. It seemed to suit. He came in with Skinny Wainwright, and lived in the room and tent with him all four years of cadet life. He was made a corporal, a sergeant and a lieutenant in the Corps organization, and at the last, for some infraction of the very strict rules of that day he was busted back to private and beat a bright path across the gravel of the area. Because he knew so many of the instructors in his earlier Army days, he was invited out on the post and became, according to Skinny Wainwright, a "Post Spoonoid"

On graduation, of course, he chose and was sent to the 23rd Infantry Regiment, then at Madison Barracks, New York. Within the year, he went with the regiment to the Jamestown Exposition, at Norfolk, Virginia, repeating his experience of 1893 at the World's Fair, except in a higher role. After the Fair, the regiment went on to the Philippines, eventually to Jolo, the southernmost Army post. While the regiment waited in Manila for transports to its



post, a group of classmates and friends took him to the old Army and Navy Club inside the walled city, and celebrated his arrival with appropriate hilarity and good cheer. At our reunions, he nearly always mentioned the Manila inaugural as something very superior.

I happened to be in Manila with a platoon of "C" Battery, 4th Field Artillery, (Mountain), performing at the Division Meet of 1908. We went down to Jolo on the same transport, the U.S.A.T. "Warren". From that little walled city of the Sulu Islands, we often marched out together on the regular four-day practice marches, which were performed to impress the hostile Moros. After the day of marching through the tall cogan grass-lined trails, drinking coconut water and chewing sugar cane, we pitched our tents in the bamboo thickets, and played penny-ante by candle light on an Army blanket under the mosquito nets, listening frequently, of course, to make sure the guard was on his beat outside our tents. Then, and I hear even now, the Moro men carried their pretty handled barongs in their sashes and used their sharp blades whenever the occasion was propitious.

Sue returned with his regiment to the Mexican Border and spent a couple of years in the mesquite. Then he became an aide-de-camp at the White House during the times of Presidents Taft and Wilson. I

found him there when I joined General Crozier at the old State, War and Navy Building in 1914, and we had many pleasant sessions together at the Army and Navy Club. When President Wilson massed our troops on the Mexican Border, during the high tension before the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, Sue rejoined the regiment and soon went with it to the protection of the Panama Canal, then threatened by the submarine menace. There he was promoted to Captain and had his own Infantry company. As a temporary Major he commanded a battalion for a little while and then, enticed by the excitement and glamor of the new air business, he transferred to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, became a temporary Lieutenant Colonel and took command of Kelly Field in Texas.

There began his connection with the love of his life, the Air Force. He trained many young officers for the new arm of the Service and sent them overseas. He took the pilot training himself and became an accomplished flyer. In 1919 he took seven DeHaviland planes from his Texas station to Boston on an exhibition tour to arouse interest in aviation. His group was called the "Flying Circus". I was then, in command of the Watervliet Arsenal and took a large delegation of local people to see the group come in. It was a wonderful sight to see those seven planes come down out of the blue sky and slide to rest on the rough old Albany Air Field, and also to see the young flyers step out of the planes in their unusual flying regalia. We had a fine reunion and Sue made a great impression on the community. In 1923 he was rated as a Pilot and as an Air Observer by the Air Corps Tactical School, giving him special insignia and special pay. He was, in truth, a founder-member of the Air Force.

After World War I, he returned to the rank of Major in the permanent Air Corps establishment, along with Frank Andrews and Oscar Westover of his Class. He remained almost continuously on flying status throughout all of his military life. For a long time he commanded Bolling Field and later Selfridge Field. He lived through that very serious period of argument and invention, of loud claims and bitter contradiction, of little money and much experiment, resulting finally in establishing for the time a definite mission for the Air Arm in warfare. He joined with Andrews and Westover in support of the so-called Mitchell doctrines and helped to put them into operation when they were finally approved. In 1936 he became a Brigadier General of the Air Arm. His leadership and training work helped to produce that great Air Armada that swarmed over Germany and Japan in advance of our Armies and Navies, and gave to the world a new conception of the business of war. Some of his trainees flew with Jimmy Doolittle over Tokyo, others flew over Hiroshima and Nagasaki with the world's greatest weapon, the atomic bomb. He handled many of them at March Field as commander before 1940.

In 1941 General Clagett was assigned to the command of the Far East Air Command in Manila. He reported to Douglas MacArthur, who was his First Captain during his plebe days at West Point. He moved into the house at Fort McKinley with Skinny Wainwright, his West Point roommate. From there, he flew to China, to Java, to Malay and over the Philippines, trying to set up a defense against the impending Japanese invasion. On December 8, the Japanese arrived, suddenly, without warning of any kind, as at Pearl Harbor. Our planes were on the flying field ready to go, and were caught in formation on the ground. Almost all of them were destroyed. Clagett and General Brereton, who had arrived in Manila, flew out in front of the

invasion organizing whatever defense they could, until they were eventually forced back to Australia. General MacArthur was ordered out of Corregidor to Australia by submarine and air and took over the situation in the South Pacific. Clagett returned to the USA to train more flyers for the rising demands of the gloomy war picture. He took command of Sheppard Field in March 1942. Later he was assigned to the command of a large training unit at the Ground School at Miami Beach. His failing health caused him to be retired for physical disability in 1944. Thereafter he spent much of his time in Washington, D. C., but whenever opportunity offered for a ride to the west coast with his old friends in the Air Force, he visited his daughter in San Francisco, until he could get a ride back. He was made a Brigadier General on the retired list of the Air Force in 1947.

For the benefit of my classmates and his many friends in the Army, Air Force and Navy, I submit these recollections of our intimate association on many interesting occasions.

In 1935 Sue Clagett was stationed in Washington, D. C., and other classmates of 1906 were there or nearby. I was at the Nansemond Ordnance Depot, opposite Newport News, Va. Frank Andrews was in charge of the operational Air Force at Langley Field. Horace Spurgin was at Fort Monroe. Oscar Westover was Chief of the Air Corps. Dawson Olmstead was Chief Signal Officer. We took advantage of the opportunity to assemble for a holiday weekend at Langley Field by air, a dozen of us for a couple days of fellowship. There were evenings of banter and reminiscence and poker, parties at Langley and Fort Monroe and Nansemond. I carried the group around in my school bus, which had previously been sent into Virginia for recruits for the local ordnance company. On one of our trips to Nansemond we used the same bridge the bus had used in bringing back recruits. The toll keeper looked over the bus load of generals and colonels, and Sue Clagett leaned out to ask him what he thought of the gang. The toll keeper replied that they looked a lot older and poorer than the previous load, but that a bit of our stiff training might bring them around all right. The joke on the generals gave him a laugh for several days and when they all flew away after the vacation, he was calling them the old recruits.

When Sue came to Miami Beach for his school work in 1943, I was, incidental to my other work, in charge of the reception of foreign VIPS arriving from all over the world at the busy airgate of Miami. We very promptly arranged a deal, by which I delivered my important military visitors to his drill ground during the morning training periods. He would give them a fine briefing on the school work and then assemble his troops for a complimentary review. He always loaded the visitors in his special jeep to troop the line, giving them a thrilling ride and a fine look at his soldiers. Later, he joined me in entertaining them socially and I have many photos of our joint operations in my albums.

On one occasion, when the whole school command was giving an elaborate review for Hap Arnold, the Chief of the Air Corps, and his staff of generals, Sue and I went to the reviewing stand and obtained the seats of generals sitting on Arnold's right and left. When Arnold sat down, after watching intently the preliminary stages of the formation, he turned to his right to speak to his Chief of Staff, but Sue poked his finger at Arnold's chin and said "Pull it in" When he turned to his left, I touched his shoulders and said, "Get them back" Then, we three had a good laugh, for both Sue and I had been over Hap in his Beast Barracks.

When Sue Clagett was a boy, the safety bicycle had not even been invented. He rode in the old mule drawn rough ambulance around the Army posts or rode a horse over the western trails. When he died he had flown in airplanes almost all over the world at speeds in excess of a hundred miles per hour. During his childhood, he saw the western sheriffs and their prisoners, that look so romantic on our movie screens, coming into the old Army posts, and the settlers trains that were still moving by horse and oxen across the empty plains. When he died the USA had moved across the whole Pacific Ocean and had occupied Japan and Korea on the mainland of Asia. The armies were in Germany and Italy. The western plains were full of people, whose agricultural efforts were feeding the nation. It was a wonderful age, and he enjoyed all of it.

Sue Clagett was a great officer in many unusual ways. He was quick of decision, strict in discipline, confident of his own ability and unafraid of anything. When others disagreed with him and overruled his decisions, he cussed a bit, lit another cigar and went on to the next job with enthusiasm. When the day's work was over he liked to sit down with good companions, a tall glass and a cigar, to shuffle the cards and, at any game at all, try to see who was the keenest player or on whose side sat Lady Luck. He made the play warm and interesting, interspersed with good laughter and pleasant recollection. He was a good soldier and a fine, loyal classmate. The Academy can be proud of him.

Mrs. Mary Clagett, his wife, in Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Henry G. Thorne, his daughter, in Falls Church, Va.; Mrs. J. W. Guerin, his daughter, in San Francisco, Calif.; Mr. Henry B. Clagett, Jr., in New York City; and Mrs. Cornelia Fuller, his sister, in Washington, D. C. survive him and mourn his loss. To them I extend the sympathy of his mourning classmates of the Class of 1906, U.S.M.A.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Ralph Allen Jones

NO. 4520 CLASS OF 1906

DIED NOVEMBER 21, 1952, AT JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK, AGED 69 YEARS.

BORN in Middlesex County, Pennsylvania, Ralph Allen Jones went with his parents at an early age to Jamestown, New York, and all his life he was closely connected with that Lake Chautauqua country in the southwestern corner of New York State. In June 1902 he and I marched together up to the Adjutant's desk under the elms on the edge of the Plain at West Point and presented our credentials. It was our last calm moment for a long while, for no sooner were we accepted than a pair of hungry yearlings, who had just finished their probational plebedom, took us under their tender care. They knew exactly what to do, as it had already been done to them. Ralph Jones was already well trained, submitted to discipline without rancor, and became a good example to the rest of us. He accumulated a half dozen nicknames; "Rah-rah", from his initials which were always loudly proclaimed in orders and skilllists to distinguish him from the other Jones boys; "Model", from his excellent behavior under duress; "Sister", from his gentle disposition; "Jonah", from his last name; "P.D.", from his having been born in Pennsylvania, and a couple of others that I cannot recall. The German proverb, "Much loved children have many names", applied to him.

In the Corps organization he became a Corporal, a Sergeant, an Acting First Ser-

geant, a Lieutenant, and he also had a quartermaster assignment. He sang blithely in the choir on Sunday mornings in the Old Chapel. He helped us operate the Y.M.C.A. for our entertainment and worship. He was the mainstay of the basketball team for all his four years. On the Gym apparatus he was a master showman. With his good conduct and my good luck, we once wangled a trip to New York together for two days, and had one big time. In academic matters, he suffered a bit now and then, bouncing back and forth from the goats as his instructors changed.

On graduation, he was assigned to the Eighth Infantry and, after his leave went off with his regiment to Camp Jossman on the island of Guimaras in the Visayas, just across the strait from Iloilo. The pulajanes were then terrorizing the countryside from their jungle hideouts. With his company, he went into the mountains of Leyte and finally brought out their leaders to prison, burying a number of their followers in the hills. He made Leyte well known to all of us before General MacArthur landed there on his famous return to the liberation of the islands. Sue Clagett and I saw Ralph in Iloilo on our way to Jolo in 1908, and he had some fine tales to tell us. He re-



turned to California Army stations that year and spent about four years in San Francisco and Monterey on quiet garrison duty. Then with his regiment, he was off again to the Philippines, this time to the hottest most active Moro post at Camp Keithley, on Lake Lanao in Mindanao. He was in a number of skirmishes and marches against the unsubmitive Moro datus, from Camp Overton to Malabang and Parang. In 1915 he returned through Honolulu, where many classmates joined him in a gay reunion. Almost at once on his return he went off to the Mexican Expedition with General Pershing, served on his staff, and when the General went to France, Ralph went along to Chaumont, operating a section of the AEF General Staff. Somewhere in between, he got in a short tour at Clemson College in South Carolina, and a briefer one at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

During that long period of quiet after World War I, Ralph served for a while in the Adjutant General's Office in Washington, took the Senior Officers' course at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduating in 1924, served four years on the Infantry Board at Fort Benning, and then studied at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, graduating in 1925, and later, at the Army War College, graduating to the General Staff Eligible List in 1930. While in Washington he also attended the Army In-

dustrial College, rounding out his Army education for all phases of military assignment. On reserve duty later, he took charge of the Military District of Western New York, and incidentally commanded all the CCC organizations in that area for a considerable period. After a couple of years in command of Fort Ontario at Oswego, N. Y., he was taken ill, due to his exposure in the Philippine service, and was retired from active duty for physical disability in 1938. He went back to his home town, Jamestown, N. Y. and lived there quietly until his death.

In 1909 he married Martha Falconer of Jamestown. In 1930, Mrs. Jones died, leaving him with three fine children. They are: Raph Allen Jones, Jr., who is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, stationed at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.; Mrs. Albert J. Morgan, who lives with her husband in Bronxville, N. Y.; and Falconer Jones, who remains in Jamestown and is President of the American Manufacturing Concern there. Falconer Jones has assisted me greatly in the preparation of this biography.

Those of his class at West Point who attended the 45th Reunion there in 1951 will long remember Ralph Jones for his enthusiastic participation in that delightful event. All of us remember him as a good cadet, an excellent officer and a worthy citizen. He was to us a beloved classmate, who returned often to his Alma Mater with a thankful heart for the training she gave him in his youthful days. He was always a Jamestown boy. He grew up there, graduated from its schools, married one of its girls, maintained a summer home nearby on Chautauqua Lake as a retreat for his family, sought Army duty near there as often as he could, and on his retirement, settled there to be with his old friends and his children. His children buried him there in the family cemetery, where they and his friends may carry their flowers on Decoration Day.

What will the historian of the Academy say of him? Perhaps nothing at all, because so many great events have crowded the stage of this earth to claim the attention of posterity. Yet, in his day, he led an Infantry company into the hot tropical jungles of the Philippines, and after hard marches and many battles with the pulajanes who were killing our soldiers and robbing the natives, brought out their leaders and restored peace. At General Pershing's Headquarters at Chaumont in France, he made a thousand decisions that helped us win our battles in World War I, and to move our armies into Coblenz for the occupation of the Rhineland. He prepared the Reserve Officers of Western New York for their parts in World War II. He trained an army of CCC workers to live in the forests as military units and to accomplish some real things when the rest of the nation was nearly idle. These things, we, his contemporaries, consider worthy of record, for out of such accomplishments and such devotion to duty, has been created this wonderful nation, whose constitution and whose flag, under the elms at West Point, that June day, fifty years ago, he swore to protect and defend.

—Charles G. Mettler.

James Preston Marley

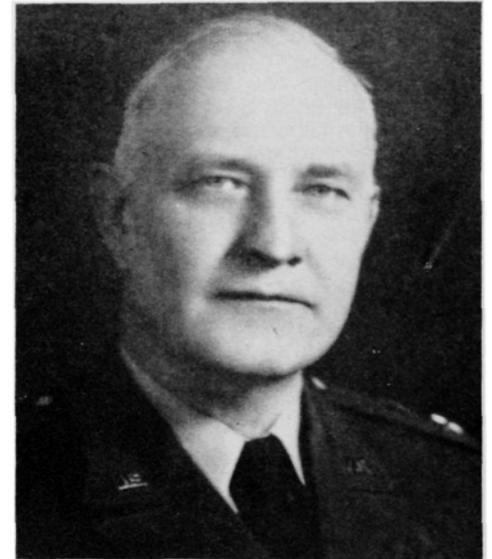
NO. 4557 CLASS OF 1907

DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1952, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 70 YEARS.

AMONG the one hundred and sixty-odd young men who came to West Point in the summer of 1903, to become the Class of 1907, was James Preston Marley. He

came from his native state of Texas, where he had been serving as a sergeant in the 1st Texas Infantry. There was one other in that group who had had Army service, so that these two possessed this advantage over the rest of us in our plebe beginnings. From the start Jim took a prominent position in the class, not only scholastically and militarily, but also in class and Corps athletics. He graduated high in standing and he wore chevrons all his upperclass years. Jim was one of the four-man class gymnastic team which culminated their cadet careers by winning the Indoor Meet.

But all was not work and seriousness with him, for he found time to be one of the organizers and leaders of that famous band known to the initiates as the "Black Hand", which concocted many harrowing and startling deeds to harass and perplex the Tactical Department. From these escapades he derived an unending amount of excitement and pleasure; and from them he had built up a fund of stories which kept alive our memories of cadet days. These activities reflected his inherent traits of leadership, comradeship and character, which won him the affection and regard not only of his own class but throughout the Corps.



As an artillery officer, Marley served from graduation until 1933 in all grades to include colonel; and his stations included the Mexican Border, the Philippines, and many of the States. He was an Honor Graduate of the School of the Line and the General Staff School; and he also graduated from the Army War College as well as the Navy War College. For four years he was an instructor in the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth. General Bryden, associated with him there, says that all found his enthusiasm, good sense, and clear thinking, especially in connection with field artillery matters, a source of inspiration, and that it was "a real pleasure to work with a man like 'Judge' Marley" As Army observer, he accompanied the Navy in fleet maneuvers to Wake Island and Hawaii.

From this record it was evident that detail to the General Staff would follow, and he was then sent as G-3 to the Panama Canal Department. Next he became Chief of Staff, First Army, and as such he planned the tactical exercises, and served as chief umpire, of the First Army maneuvers at Plattsburg, New York. Then came a tour as an Inspector General. His first star came to Jim in 1940 when he was sent to command the divisional artillery of the 8th Infantry Division. A second star followed within a year and he took command of the 8th Division. As with most of his

class, the powers that he decided he was too old for combat field service, and greatly to his disappointment he was detached from his command and made Commandant of the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Leavenworth. It was while on this duty that he was retired for age.

Aside from his professional abilities Jim's outstanding characteristics were his loyalty to his friends and his kindness and consideration for those with whom he served and those he commanded. His patience was boundless, and no detail, however small, failed to claim his whole attention. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to hear and tell stories of cadet and Army days. His hearty laughter always added to the pleasure and happiness of our class gatherings.

After retirement Jim and his wife lived in their lovely home in Washington; but he could not just spend his days in relaxation and idleness. He became head of the mathematics department in the Columbian Preparatory School, which position he held for seven years until worsening of his health compelled him to resign. The head of the school, Dr. Goolsby, states that Jim was: "wholly conscientious, able and reliable. His administrative ability was marked, his patience infinite. His interest in the students and his willingness to give his utmost to them brought universal admiration and liking". General Cubbison, closely associated with Jim in the same regiment during his first years as an officer, writes: "His outstanding characteristic was, I should say, genial friendliness. A fine sense of humor, a very good tenor voice (he loved to sing, especially cowboy songs) he was extremely popular on the officers line and with the men in barracks. All in all one of the top-flight lieutenants I have known in over forty years as an officer: a keen artilleryman and dependable to the last note of the bugle . . . and in my book, Jim Marley was peer to the best of them."

His other activities were many and varied. He was always doing things to improve and beautify his home and garden. Of great interest and pleasure were the many song birds which came to his well laden feeding stations. His memberships in organizations included: India Temple Shrine of Oklahoma City, Royal Arch and Knight Templars, and Hardeman Lodge, Luling, Texas. The Army and Navy Country Club of Washington had him as one of the founders; and he was an active member of the Police Boys Club, also in Washington. He served Esther Chapter, No. 5, Order of the Eastern Star as Associate Patron and had been elected Worthy Patron the year he died.

Unique among the many tributes to Marley's accomplishments and abilities are two: one an illuminated Certificate of Appreciation from the State of South Carolina signed by the governor, the other a signed letter from Lord Louis Mountbatten reading as follows:

British Joint Staff Mission
Office of the Combined Chiefs of Staff
Washington

9 June 1942

Dear General:

I had no opportunity of expressing my thanks to you for your courtesy at the Review of the First Army Corps. I was most impressed with the Eighth Motorized Division, and only wish that Hitler could have seen it, as it would certainly have worried him.

Yours sincerely,

Louis Mountbatten

Jim was born near Slayden, Texas, on November 20, 1882, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Mary Eudora Powell Marley. He graduated from the Luling School and attended the University of Texas for one year before enlisting in a Texas regiment with which he served until his entrance to the Point. On June 10, 1909 he married Anne Bonner of Luling, who survives him. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. A number of his classmates attended the beautiful services both in the Fort Myer Chapel and at the grave, acting as pallbearers. Another of the stalwart sons of West Point, an able officer, loyal friend and true gentleman has gone. In addition to our respect, admiration and affection, we cherish grateful memories for our having known James Preston Marley.

—P. A. L.

James Alexander O'Connor

NO. 4534 CLASS OF 1907

DIED MARCH 23, 1952, AT LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 66 YEARS.

It is strange what that response to the Last Roll Call does to the memories we have of a friend. His activities, which for many years we have thought important, and which have determined the present estimate we have of him, disappear as though wiped out by a sponge. In their place in the picture are the lines, sharp and clear as those of an etching, that form the memory of what he meant to us long ago. Somehow, in place of the general, we see the cadet; for the man, we substitute the youth. We come back to the present but slowly.

As I write this about Patsy, I see first of all plebe camp on a broiling August morning, and myself being introduced to someone who, by what grateful miracle I could not guess, was almost half an inch shorter than I was! In those days, when we were all immortal, I lived with him half of plebe year and through yearling camp. Do you remember the funny little chuckle with which he confronted something new to be mastered, and do you recall how much was new in those days when we knew that we were all destined to live for a thousand years—endlessly?

Later, when we came to know that the span was not endless, I was near him for a number of months in Hawaii. Together we spent nights in his mountain camp under the matchless stars. On lazy summer afternoons, we sailed a little catboat in the bay under Fort Shafter. We made long horseback trips up the winding valleys under the kukui trees. Mostly, they were times of sheer physical enjoyment, but, too, there were long hours of talk about things we had observed since we had studied books together. In those talks we became aware that the adventure was not of choice but of necessity, and more than once I heard the little chuckle again, now in appreciation of the fact that the problems were not merely those of material things.

Then we separated again, and for many years our ways lay apart. I knew the lovely person he married, and I learned of his family. I heard, as you did, of his achievement in his profession, and knew that the work was worthy of the workman. I saw him at Leavenworth, but as instructor when I was student; and, as everybody knows, the preoccupation of the two are sundered. But he distilled much from his experience that was valuable, and the brief sessions with him were fruitful. Once, in the hurry of the early days of the war, he spent an evening in our home, and told us of his

work. That was the last time but one that I saw him.

The years of the war were for him, as for countless others, years of haste and pressure. Into them he crowded the determination, formed years before, to leave a mark not of the man but of his manhood. That mark is still to be found amid the hills, the bogs, and the forests, the ice and the floods, of the Northwest, where the Alcan Highway threads its way across the wild. And though it is the destiny of all things made by man to be unmade again, still for a time the excellent things remain as a pride after the maker of them is forgotten. Thus may it be for Patsy's monument.

For a last time, after he retired, he and Marjorie spent an evening with us. He knew then, as we did not, what was the end of the road for him, but there was evident no shrinking of the spirit, no recession of maturity. Perhaps the immaturity was mine, for I confidently expected many years of continued use for his warm personality.

It is a slender record of a friendship, is it not? But you few, for whom it is written, will understand. You will know that nothing has been lost; you will know that naturally, if somewhat miraculously, there are still those among us who felt his in-



fluence as we did, and who will still echo his little chuckle in the face of the unsolved.

—A. W. C.

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Born: July 19, 1885, Bay City, Michigan.
Died: March 23, 1952, Los Angeles, Calif.
Educated: Bay City public schools; University of Notre Dame, 1902-3; U.S. Military Academy, 1903-1907; Engineer School, 1913; Command and General Staff School, 1923; Army War College, 1927.

Private life: Married Marjorie Belle Allan, 1912. Children: Patricia (Mrs. H. J. Theis); Jean Ellen (Mrs. J. O. Killian); Daniel Shiels; James Allan (d. 1945).

Military career: 2nd lieutenant, 1907; 1st lieutenant, 1911; captain, 1914; major, 1917; lieutenant-colonel, 1930; colonel, 1935; brigadier-general, 1942.

Service: Cuban Pacification, 1907; Hawaii, 1909; Fort Leavenworth, 1912; Washington, 1912 and 1913; (built foundation for Lincoln Memorial); Punitive Expedition, 1916; El Paso, Texas, and Louisiana, training Engineer troops, 1917; France, 303d Engineers, Rainbow Division, 1918; Camp Humphreys, instructor, Engineer School, 1919; District Engineer, Vicksburg, 1920; Staff and

Command School, 1923; District Engineer, Washington, 1923; Army War College, 1926; Command and General Staff School, instructor, 1927; Department Engineer, Manila, 1931; District Engineer, Buffalo, 1934; Command 5th Engineers, 1937; Commandant, Engineer School, 1939-1940; Corps Area Engineer, San Francisco, 1940; Monterey (Stilwell's staff), 1940; Army Engineer (with Gen. DeWitt), 1941; Alcan Highway (southern half), 1942; Commander Northwestern Service Command, 1942; Chief Engineer China-India-Burma Command, 1944; Division Engineer, Boston, 1945; retired, 1946.

Decorations: Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Honorary Commandeur, Order of the British Empire.

James Lawrence Walsh

NO. 4792 CLASS OF 1909

DIED JUNE 11, 1952, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 67 YEARS.

On June 11, 1952, there came the sad news of the death of Colonel James L. Walsh, USA (Ret), Class of 1909 of the United States Military Academy. His classmates and many friends received this news with a deep sense of loss. So too did the many Americans who were aware of his outstanding contributions to national defense. All realized that our country had lost the services of a stalwart citizen and one who had done much for the advancement of industrial preparedness in our country. To Jimmie Walsh came the rare honor of having served with distinction in the Army, in industry and then, in the end, of becoming a major influence in the progress of our national defense.

Jimmie Walsh was born in Boston, Mass. on May 6, 1885, the son of Judge James Lawrence and Rose Raycroft Walsh. He first attended the Boston Latin School and later, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. As a cadet, Jimmie was known to his friends as a serious minded student with a keen sense of humor. It was inevitable that he should graduate near the top of his class.

Commissioned originally in the Coast Artillery, the greater part of his service was in the Ordnance Department. Advancing rapidly, by 1915 he had graduated from the Ordnance School of Technology. As a young Ordnance officer, he was the inventor of an improved smokeless powder, the patent for which he gave to his government. Later he helped design the disappearing carriage for the 16-inch gun, the largest in the world at that time.

During World War I he served as Assistant to two Chiefs of Ordnance, Major General William Crozier and Major General C. C. Williams. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for conspicuous service as Chief of the Personnel Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, which he organized and administered with distinction. He saw foreign service in Mexico, England, Belgium, Italy and Austria.

Following his retirement in 1922, Colonel Walsh became associated with the Bankers Trust Co. of New York and was made Assistant Vice-President in 1926. The following year he became Vice-President and Director of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., and later he was Vice-President of the National Bank of Detroit.

During the Second World War, Colonel Walsh served as a special adviser to Lieut.

General Levin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance; as Chairman of the War Production Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and as Vice-Chairman of the National Technological Advisory Commission, appointed by the then Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson.

The Crozier Gold Medal, founded in honor of the great chief of Ordnance Major General Crozier, with whom he served in the First World War, was awarded to Colonel Walsh by the Army Ordnance Association for outstanding service to the nation in the field of industrial mobilization planning.

With its 35,000 members, the American Ordnance Association has become the leading society in the United States devoted to technical and scientific preparedness. Colonel Walsh helped to organize this group in 1919. It was first known as the Army Ordnance Association. He served as a director of the Association throughout the rest of his life and was founder and first editor of its journal—*Army Ordnance*. Elected president of the Association in 1947, he was completing his second term of office at the time of his death. The directors of the Association, in further tribute to his memory, left the office unfilled until the completion of his term on December 31, 1952.



Shortly before his death at Walter Reed Hospital, Colonel Walsh was presented with a special testimonial scroll signed by Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr. and General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff of the Army. It was read to him at his bedside by Lieut. General A. C. McAuliffe, Assistant Chief of Staff. This scroll, summarizing his achievements as a soldier and civilian, reads in part as follows:

"Your active military career was marked by outstanding service with the Ordnance Corps of the Army in the Mexican Punitive Expedition and in the First World War, at home and overseas. Since your retirement in 1922, your interest in the Service has continued, and in guiding the activities of the American Ordnance Association, for the creation of which you are largely responsible, you have contributed materially to the efficiency of the Army and the security and peace of our Nation."

Funeral services were held at Fort Myer Chapel on June 13, 1952, and Jimmie was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. Many distinguished friends served as honorary pallbearers.

In addition to his widow, the former Miss Mazie Porcher, of Cocoa, Florida, Colonel Walsh is survived by a sister, Miss Rosemary Walsh of Washington, D. C. He was

also survived by a brother, the late Raycroft Walsh, Vice-Chairman of the United Aircraft Corporation, of Hartford, Conn., who died on August 17, 1952.

The great energy and enthusiasm of Jimmie Walsh endeared him to his countless friends and associates throughout the land. The fruits of his efforts are shown in the success with which he met ordnance endeavor in science, in industry, and in the Armed Forces. His patriotic philosophy is expressed in his own words: "On land or in the air, on the sea or under the sea, ordnance is the crucial factor in any formula for national security. Ordnance is the crux of survival."

In Colonel Walsh's record are many letters from leaders of industry and of the high command of our Armed Forces. These bear tribute to his outstanding place in the annals of our national defense. To him was given a large share of the credit for setting in motion the flow of power between the ordnance organizations of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the civilian production system of America. This effort, combined with the nationwide membership of the American Ordnance Association, raised our military strength tremendously during and after World War II.

Perhaps the tribute to Colonel Walsh by General Charles P. Summerall, Chief of Staff of the Army (1928-1932) might be considered typical: "Few men have rendered more valuable and generous service to our national defense than you have done. By educating industry, you have made our resources available for war as no one else ever did. I hope that you may have many more years of devotion to the needs of our country."

As Jimmie Walsh joins the Long Gray Line, his old friends can say from their hearts, "Well done!"

—R. L. E.

Hugh Pitcairn Schively

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1912

DIED OCTOBER 23, 1952, AT YOUNTVILLE,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 65 YEARS.

HUGH PITCAIRN SCHIVELY was born July 20, 1887, in India, where his parents were engaged in missionary work. His four earliest years were spent in India, but his family returned to the United States in 1891 and chose the northwest for their home, living first at Anacortes, Washington, then at Bellingham, Washington, and later at Olympia, Washington.

Hugh's father was appointed Deputy Insurance Commissioner for the State of Washington in 1900 and the family thereafter resided in or near Olympia.

Hugh graduated from high school in Olympia in 1908 and was that year appointed to West Point, where he reported on March 2, 1908, and joined the cadet class of 1912.

Leaving West Point before graduation (March 16, 1910), Hugh decided to continue his studies at the University of Washington in Seattle. He enrolled in the law School there and graduated with the Class of 1915.

At the University, Hugh's interest in football continued. He was light for Coach Dobie's first team but continued on the Washington football squad and won his "German W" for his work.

Hugh joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and his devotion to his fraternity continued throughout his life. The growing complexity of the European War was a frequent topic of conversation between Hugh

and one of his fraternity brothers, George L. Febiger (Ex-1914) who was later to rise to high command in the U.S. Army.

In 1916 Hugh and George decided to enlist in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. After initial service at various stations Hugh was ordered to school at Ft. Leavenworth, and upon being commissioned was sent to Camp Fremont, California, serving there until 1918 when he was transferred to Camp Dix, N. J., where he served until the Armistice was announced on November 11, 1918.

In 1917 Hugh had married Miss Anne McCoy and had enjoyed a year of married happiness when, in 1918, his wife became a victim of the influenza epidemic and died at Camp Dix.

Hugh decided to remain in the Army and was ordered to St. Nazaire, France. He served as Motor Transport officer at Brest for nearly a year, returning to the United States in December 1919.

An illness which was diagnosed as diabetes had developed and Hugh spent a year in Walter Reed Hospital, hoping for further active service in the Army. He was, however, retired in 1920 as a Captain.

He entered the newly developing radio business and spent some time as the head



of the Radio Department of the Baldwin Piano Company. The arthritis which was to trouble Hugh for the rest of his life made itself felt and he was not able to continue further his radio work.

The years between 1924 and 1952 were spent in studying and writing, and in a continuous struggle against the ravages of arthritis.

Hugh was deeply religious and spent much time in preparing his views for publication. He put his views before the public in paid advertisements and labored continuously to awaken religious interest among the people of his community. He attended many religious conferences, his aim being to spread an appreciation of the value of religion, regardless of sectarian points of view. He was one of the earlier proponents of billboard advertising for religious subjects, and of the use of advertising technique in church literature.

Hugh's genial nature won him a host of friends and his later days brought back to his bedside many of the devoted companions of earlier years.

After several months spent at the Veterans' Hospital at Ft. Miley, California, Hugh was transferred to the Veterans' Home at Yountville, California. He died there of coronary thrombosis on Thursday, October 23, 1952.

Surviving are Hugh's mother, two brothers and two sisters. His youngest brother, Mr. Charles Schively, of 127 Lake Street, San Francisco, was Hugh's constant companion during recent years.

Funeral services were held on October 27, 1952. Among the pallbearers were three of Hugh's 1912 classmates, "Bill" Morrissey, "Monk" Lewis and "Phil" Faymonville, all retired Brigadier Generals.

Burial services were held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery on October 30, 1952.

—P. R. F.

Richard Carlton Stickney

NO. 5451 CLASS OF 1915

DIED DECEMBER 14, 1952, AT STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 63 YEARS.

COLONEL "DAD" STICKNEY was not a famous general whose portrait will adorn the walls of his Alma Mater but, when his illustrious Class lines up before the judgment seat of its Creator, it is doubtful if many, or any, will rank higher than he. He was of an unusually exemplary character; a God-fearing, clean-living man all the days of his life.

Dad was an outstanding soldier. Quiet, unassuming, utterly lacking in guile or subterfuge, he handled every job entrusted to him during his long military career in a highly efficient manner without fuss or effort at self aggrandizement. There was no kidding when Dad was on duty. He did what lay before him to the best of his ability.

Under a somewhat deceptive appearance of dignity and seriousness, Dad was full of animal spirit and the joy of life. In yearling camp, no dragging formation or boodle fight was complete without his presence. He celebrated a victory over Navy by playfully tossing some mess hall china in the air. "It fell to earth I know not where", but he walked the area for a month for willfully destroying Government property. He took his "slug" in stride. That was the kind of a fellow he was; he worked hard and he played hard. Win or lose he was in there punching to the end.

Dad was of the tenth generation of his family to live in New England. As a wit wrote in the *Hovitzler*, he was born into the Codfish aristocracy—at Gloucester, Massachusetts, on April 12, 1889. He entered West Point with the now famous Class of 1915. An ardent follower of sports, he made the varsity football and basketball squads in his plebe year and he continued playing as long as the "tacs" would let him. He also pulled on his Class tug-of-war team at the Indoor Meet.

Shortly after his graduation, Dad saw service with the 7th Infantry against Mexican bandits. He was a charter member of the 34th Infantry when that regiment was organized at El Paso in 1916. When the regiment was ordered to send an officer of field grade with the advance detachment to France in 1918, it sent the then Captain Stickney. He was promoted temporary major, commanded a battalion during the war and was wounded in action. During the unsettled days after the war he found himself in command of the 34th Infantry—with only slightly over four years commissioned service to his credit. When the Infantry School was reorganized after the war, he was selected to become a member of the first class to attend the school. When he completed the course at the C.&G.S. School, he was held over as an instructor and he remained at Fort Leavenworth in that cap-

acity for four years. Assignments such as those speak for themselves.

On July 20, 1918 Dad married his Massachusetts sweetheart, Pearl Fannie Goddard, descended from another old New England family. During their happy life together, they had three children. Richard, the eldest, graduated from West Point in June 1943, and was killed in action in the Pacific on January 3, 1945. Next came a daughter, Marion, now the wife of Robert H. Reno of Concord, New Hampshire. Alfred, the youngest child, graduated from Wentworth Institute and is now engaged in airplane production at Burbank, California. There are two grandchildren: Robert H. Reno, Jr., born May 1, 1950, and Rebecca Stickney Reno, born July 29, 1952. Dad was rightfully proud of his children and grandchildren.

Pearl has received many wonderful letters since Dad's passing. Many that especially pleased her were from men who had served under Dad, some of them way back in World War I. One and all emphasized that they always knew they would receive a square deal from the C.O.; that, while he demanded results and was impatient with lame excuses and bluffing, he was always just. They admired and respected him tremendously. How could it have been



otherwise? Dad lived his life strictly in accordance with the ideals taught him so long ago in the grim gray buildings at the Point on the Hudson: "Duty, Honor, Country".

Dad has gone, but those of us who knew him well—and to know him well was to love him—will never forget him. He leaves a niche in our hearts that can never be filled. His Alma Mater will miss a devoted son. Upon his retirement in 1948, he was advised to take things easy because of his weak heart, but he seldom failed to make the trip from his home in Stoneham, Massachusetts to West Point for June Week. He enjoyed meeting old friends, but I think that he liked best just to roam around the old place that he loved so dearly.

When Dad helped prepare the memorial article for *Assembly* about his son, Richard, he closed it with a favorite prayer. What could be more appropriate than to repeat that prayer for Dad?

"Unto Thee O God, be praise and thanksgiving for every splendid deed of sailors, soldiers and airmen, for every act of devotion of workers at home. May Thy blessing rest upon them and keep them in all their ways. More especially we praise and bless Thy Name for those who have been faithful unto death. Into Thy holy keeping we commend their souls, Deseeching Thee to

grant to all of us, for whom they died, that their love and devotion may bear fruit in us in more abundant love for others; for the sake of the great Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

—A. M. Weyand.

Geoffrey Prescott Baldwin

NO. 5549 CLASS OF 1916

DIED AUGUST 25, 1951, IN ROME, ITALY,
 AGED 59 YEARS.

GEOFFREY PRESCOTT BALDWIN arrived at West Point remarkably mature in mind and character. His father, Lieutenant Colonel John A. Baldwin, was an officer of the old Regular Army who served with distinction in the 9th Infantry during the Philippine Insurrection. While in the Islands he contracted a severe tropical disease which so undermined his health that he was invalided home and did not survive for long after his return to the United States. His widow, Mrs. Lucy Baldwin, was left with two young sons, Geoffrey and John. She settled at Battle Creek, Michigan and there brought up her boys in an atmosphere of reverence and veneration for the qualities of courage, integrity and devotion to duty which their father exemplified. She also instilled in them firm religious and ethical principles which remained with them throughout their lives. Mrs. Baldwin was a woman of unusual wit, charm and love of learning. She was thus enabled to give her sons an early home life that was exceptionally fortunate and both of them became very uncommon men.

Jeff's maturity of mind and character were indispensable to him as a cadet. He was not naturally athletic or graceful in his physical make-up, nor did he possess the ready wit and easy friendliness which enable a young man to be popular. He did not find favor with the Tactical Department (although far from "undissy") and did not achieve the leadership and distinction in the Corps to which his deep soldierly qualities and fine mind appeared to entitle him. He was sorely disappointed over this lack of success and the disappointment was reflected in a lack of attention to his studies, so that his academic standing at graduation was also far lower than his capabilities warranted. But he read widely in the fields of history and literature, which stood him in good stead in later life.

Without experience or innate aptitude as a horseman, Jeff determined to become a good rider. Very often he signed up for privilege rides and throughout his career as an officer enjoyed much pleasure and recreation from riding. He also loved the beauty and historical associations of the West Point countryside, and a horse could take him far and wide in a few hours, but when riding was not available he would walk to nearer spots in the vicinity of the Plain.

Jeff loved music and, in keeping with his unusual nature, brought an unusual instrument with him, to wit a flute, which he used to play now and then, as a plebe, during release from quarters. This attracted and diverted various upperclassmen, especially "Snoop" Goodman who, as a yearling before he joined the class of 1916, would save Jeff from many a crawling by demanding, "Mr. Baldwin, play us a tune on that old 'flutella'."

Baldwin was also unique in being one of the few cadets who ever demanded and got an apology from a Tac. It happened that one day on the pistol range the instructor

did not like Jeff's handling of the weapon, and after several corrections, became infuriated and told Jeff he was afraid of the pistol. To Jeff this was a mortal insult, as he regarded courage as the first attribute of a soldier. He demanded a retraction; when it was refused he went to the Commandant of Cadets, who wisely prevailed on the instructor to apologize.

Although Jeff was not a particularly outstanding or popular cadet he had qualities which gained the respect of all, and the affection of those who knew him best. He had a keen mind, great foresight and sound judgment; and he was a loyal and generous friend. Although serious by nature he had a well developed sense of humor and of the ridiculous; he was extremely courageous both physically and morally; and he possessed an indomitable will. All of these qualities caused him to attract favorable attention soon after graduation, and thereafter he never ceased to be an outstanding officer, as well as a salient and interesting personality.

Upon graduation, Baldwin volunteered for duty as an instructor at the 1916 Plattsburg Training Camp for business men. This required him to give up one month of gradua-



tion leave, but he cheerfully did this in order to gain additional experience.

At the conclusion of graduation leave he reported at Camp Harry J. Jones at Douglas, Arizona, for duty with the 11th Infantry, and was assigned to a rifle company as a junior officer. By the spring of 1917 he had already established his reputation as an outstanding young officer. He placed duty above all else, but when duty had been accomplished he relaxed and enjoyed himself as well as any. He regarded every special detail or job, not as an extra burden, but as an additional opportunity for achievement. He strove constantly to do the job better than was expected and usually succeeded. As an example, his regiment was ordered to prepare a plan of defense of the border area encompassing Camp Harry J. Jones and the town of Douglas against a possible raid by Mexican guerilla forces. In those days they believed in making the "shave-tails" work, and the regimental commander perhaps sensed that this particular "shave-tail" could and would do credit to his regiment. So he selected Baldwin to do the job. He was not disappointed. Jeff submitted such a well conceived, comprehensive and detailed plan that the Commanding General of the Douglas Sub-district called him to his office and commended him highly. And so it was with all his duties, both routine and special. He analyzed his assignments to discover pos-

sibilities for accomplishment not apparent from a superficial view point.

In the early summer of 1917, Baldwin moved with the 11th Infantry to Camp Forrest at Chickamauga Park, Georgia. Soon after arriving there the regiment lost two thirds of its personnel in the expansion of the Army, and Jeff became Regimental Supply Officer. With less than one year's experience as an officer he was faced with problems of supply and transportation which would have been formidable even to an experienced officer of that time, but he developed rapidly and solved all the difficulties in a superior manner. He received his promotion to captain in August 1917, and remained as Regimental Supply Officer during the period of organization and training in the United States, the voyage overseas in April 1918 and the service of the 5th Division in the defensive sectors of the Vosges Mountains. He was promoted to the temporary rank of major in August 1918, transferred to the 60th Infantry, 9th Brigade, 5th Division, and given command of the 2d Battalion. As battalion commander he achieved a superior record for leadership and gallantry in action, during the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne Offensives. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star.

During the bitter fighting north of Cunel in the Meuse-Argonne battle his much depleted battalion was ordered, in conjunction with the assault battalion of the regiment on his left, to drive the enemy from a large, heavily defended woods known as the Bois des Rappes. Baldwin placed himself with a small headquarters detachment, in the assault wave, and led the attack against die-hard German opposition through the dense undergrowth of the woods. Upon arriving at the objective on the northern edge of the Bois des Rappes, he discovered that a small group of his own battalion, whom he had been able personally to influence, together with about half a hundred men of the regiment on his left, were all that had reached the objective. More than a mile of dense woods, still containing many Germans, was between them and the nearest Americans. Baldwin assumed command of the entire force, decided that the toe-hold they held should not be given up, and reorganized them so as to hold what had been won. After several unsuccessful attempts he finally succeeded in getting a runner through to the regimental command post with a message stating his situation, his intention to hold on, and urgently requesting reinforcements. The regiment was preparing to come to his assistance when orders were received from higher up to have him withdraw. He objected vigorously but was over-ruled and finally he reluctantly led his small force back to our lines. They were forced to fight several times and Jeff had a hand to hand encounter with one German in which he killed his adversary and received a hole through his own helmet as a memento.

After the war Baldwin was on duty at the New York Port of Embarkation until 1920, when he was ordered to Fort Benning as an instructor in the Infantry School. He graduated from the Field Officers' Course there in 1922. From 1922 to 1925 he was on foreign service in Hawaii, and then spent a year at Fort Leavenworth as a student in the Command and General Staff School, of which he was a Distinguished Graduate in 1926. In 1928 he graduated from the Army War College and was immediately detailed to the War Department General Staff, on which he served with his usual ability and distinction until 1932.

From 1932 to 1936 Jeff was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at West Virginia University in Morgantown. While there he gave further proof of his perspi-

capacity and firmness in dealing with difficult and delicate situations. Certain top level authorities of the University were hostile to the R.O.T.C. and tried in many ways to hamper its functioning. Jeff handled the situation with such tact, shrewdness and firmness that the opposition gradually diminished and, at his departure, the R.O.T.C. was solidly established. His Corps Area Commander wrote to the War Department that Major Baldwin had handled the job in a "masterly manner".

Baldwin served as a member of the Infantry Board at Fort Benning from 1936 to 1940. This was a very important assignment and showed that he was considered by his Chief as one of the best officers of his branch. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Regular Army, on October 1, 1937 and was again chosen for duty on the War Department General Staff shortly after Pearl Harbor. He had in the meantime received his promotion to Colonel, A.U.S. on June 26, 1941.

In the spring of 1942 Baldwin was promoted to Brigadier General A.U.S., sent to Benning for a month's refresher course, and then assigned to the 79th Infantry Division as Assistant Division Commander. This division was just being activated and Jeff was very happy at being assigned to a combat unit. He looked forward with high hopes of further achievement and eventual service in battle. He tackled the job with his often proved intelligence, initiative and good judgment, and soon made himself invaluable to his Division Commander.

An incident which occurred during his service with the 79th Division illustrates his forthrightness and independent mind. At a formal inspection by the Army Commander, Lieut. General Ben Lear, Baldwin was in command of troops and, as such, was responsible for their smart appearance. They were very well turned out indeed, but General Lear took exception to one feature of their equipment and criticized it as being unauthorized by Regulations. Baldwin maintained stoutly that it was, and when asked by the three-star General how he knew it was replied, "Because I wrote the Regulation". He had had the task of drafting this regulation while a member of the War Department General Staff. Even tough old Ben Lear pursued the question no further.

There was great probability that Jeff would have risen to greater responsibilities and higher rank. But in the summer of 1943 misfortune fell upon him in the form of a serious skin disease. Although suffering great pain and discomfort he refused for a long time to leave his duties, but finally, against his will, was ordered to the hospital. He never went back to troops and, after an extended period of hospitalization, was retired on September 30, 1943 for disability in line of duty. He was immediately recalled to active duty and served on the War Department Manpower Board as head of its branch at Boston, Massachusetts until he reverted to the retired list early in 1946.

In April 1946 Jeff accepted a position as Chief of the Italian Division of the Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe (C.A.R.E.) and left for Rome within a few days. He remained there in this important position until his untimely accidental death from a fall which occurred on August 25, 1951. He had looked forward to acquiring a ranch home in New Mexico or Arizona after the war, to which he could retire with his brother John. But John died in the fall of 1945 and Jeff was left without a living close relative. Thus the opportunity for service to humanity offered by the position with C.A.R.E. in Italy greatly appealed to him, and during his five years there he did a truly noble work.

During all his life Jeff was very devoted to his mother and younger brother, John. Mrs. Baldwin made a delightfully cultured home for her sons until her death in 1928. Jeff never married, and from the early 1920's John lived with him until John died. John was a gifted boy who graduated with honors from Columbia University and, after graduate studies, entered the teaching profession. He held instructorships at Dartmouth and Princeton but after a few years his health failed, he became unable to work, and from then on Jeff took care of him. John reciprocated by pooling his small inherited income with Geoffrey's, by giving Jeff fine intellectual and artistic companionship and, during their last years together at Boston, by acting as a sort of confidential secretary.

One summer in the late 1920's the brothers went to French Canada during a leave of absence Jeff had taken from his duties on the War Department General Staff. They stayed in the village of Ste. Adèle, north of Montreal, which was French in language and tradition. Jack Baldwin had learned to speak French while an officer in the A.E.F. during the First World War; and both of them found the atmosphere of the region and the traditions and religious attitude of the French Canadians very congenial. They returned to Ste. Adèle many times and formed associations and friendships which were permanent and among the happiest of their lives. They practically adopted one charming but financially straitened family and gave them frequent assistance until Jeff's death.

The Baldwins were brought up as Episcopalians but both brothers became Roman Catholics in the late 1930's. Jeff's conversion to Catholicism made his position with C.A.R.E. in Italy especially congenial. His work was so disinterestedly successful, and he endeared himself so genuinely to clergy and laity that Pope Pius XII recognized his services by making him a member of the papal order of Knights of St. Gregory.

The esteem and affection in which Jeff was held by his classmates and friends was demonstrated at his burial. Colonel Joseph Koch, the Catholic chaplain who had instructed him in that faith, came to Washington to officiate, and delivered an eloquent and moving eulogy. Six classmates were honorary pallbearers, and a large group of other friends and classmates assembled to pay final honors to this gallant and high-minded soldier.

—R. C. B.

William Earl Chambers

NO. 5540 CLASS OF 1916

KILLED FEBRUARY 11, 1952, IN A PLANE CRASH IN MEXICO, AGED 60 YEARS.

WILLIAM EARL CHAMBERS, Class of 1916, was born February 9, 1892 at Chicago, Illinois. He entered the United States Military Academy in June 1912 as an appointee from the State of Washington. During his cadet years his classmates called him "Bunts" because of his short stature. This nickname followed him through life and became "Bunts" or "Buncy" as a term of real affection by those closest to him.

Upon his graduation in 1916 he was assigned to the 14th Infantry Regiment at Yuma, Arizona, and later moved with that unit to Vancouver Barracks, Washington. It was in Yuma that I first met Earl. With several other young newly commissioned officers I looked up to him as our example

and model. He possessed all of those traits most desired in a young officer. His unbounded energy, exceptional bearing, and high ideals made him the accepted leader of his fellow officers of this rank. Although he possessed the outward appearances of the strictest disciplinarian, he was most considerate and thoughtful of his subordinates. He helped and guided them to a degree unknown to his superiors. Here he displayed the rare faculty of having others accept his ideas as their own. His fellow junior officers recognized him as their superior in his knowledge of military tactics. In field problems his military "know-how" benefited all who participated.

When the regiment moved to Washington early in 1917, he organized and supervised drill in new combat formations and tactics, information upon which had filtered down through the medium of intelligence bulletins but had not yet been officially adopted. He would take young officers ostensibly on a hike or problem, and when in the woods would train them in the latest combat maneuvers.

This exceptional grasp of tactics in a young officer undoubtedly led to his assignment on November 4, 1917 as an instructor in the Department of Tactics at the



Military Academy. He held this position until February 28, 1919, at which time he became a battalion commander in the First Infantry until July 2, 1919, when he became Assistant Depot Quartermaster, American Expeditionary Force in France. On his return from overseas, during the period January 1, 1920 to August 1922, he served as a battalion commander, then was an instructor and also a student at the Infantry School in Georgia. In August 1922 he went to Hawaii, where he eventually became Assistant to the G-3, Schofield Barracks. His ability to engender warmth and comradeship among his subordinates and equals was very manifest in this assignment. It was in Hawaii that he developed his keen interest in aviation—a liking which never left him (and which eventually led to his death in 1952 in an aircraft accident).

He returned from Hawaii in August 1925 to attend the Command and General Staff College in Kansas, where he was graduated with distinction. After graduation in June 1926 he served as a Professor of Military Science and Tactics in the Military Department of Cornell University, and then as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College and as a student at the Army War College. Finally on July 1, 1936 he was able to do something definite about his love for flying. He attended the Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

As a result he received the rating of Aircraft Observer.

Upon graduation June 1937, he returned to Infantry duties at Fort Benning and in October 1938, for the second time in his career, was assigned as an Instructor in Tactics at West Point. On completion of his tour of duty at the Academy in January 1941 he served as Executive Officer, Operations and Training Division, War Department General Staff, until February 1942, when he returned to various duty assignments including one as Commanding General, Eastern Defense Area, Iceland Base Command, ETOUSA.

On June 11, 1943 he assumed the highly important position of Co-Director of Plans Section, Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command, European Theater of Operations. In this work he participated to a large degree in the formulation of the early plans of the "Operation Overlord" invasion of the Continent. Prior to his departure from England in December 1943 for duty in the Southwest Pacific Area, I attended a farewell dinner given him by his aide and a group of young officers with whom he had been associated. Here again I observed the tremendous loyalty and friendship which Earl engendered in his subordinates. Although I knew none of the other officers present, it was evident that his departure was considered a serious and personal loss by each one of them.

His last duty assignment was as Chief, Operations Division, G-3, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, from December 14, 1943 to November 16, 1945. In this important mission he distinguished himself and amply fulfilled the promise which his first duty assignment with the 14th Infantry in 1916 had clearly indicated.

For his military service during World War II he was awarded, besides his Asiatic-Pacific campaign medal with three bronze stars, and other decorations, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

He was returned to the United States in November 1945 for hospitalization due to a heart ailment, which condition eventually led to his retirement on August 31, 1946 by reason of physical disability.

Earl settled in Ithaca, New York, upon retirement. However, a lifetime of hard work made him restless in this inactive role. Therefore, it was with eagerness that he accepted the call of his fellow citizens to serve them as Commissioner of Police. His outstanding ability as an organizer stood him in good stead in this position, and he contributed much to placing the Ithaca Police Force on an efficient and competently-organized footing.

It was in early 1952 that this veteran infantryman, who had for so many years followed flying as an avocation, undertook a flying vacation trip to Mexico in a private plane. This flying activity had worried his friends for some years because of Earl's heart condition. However, his zest for this active sport led him to disregard the counsel of friends. It was on his return from his enjoyable fishing trip that his plane crashed in Mexico, on February 11, 1952, and Earl was killed.

It is somehow fitting that his end came in this way, for Earl was always an active, energetic and adventurous soldier, and it was in this role of an adventurer that he met his death with friends while actively navigating his plane in a strange country.

Earl was diminutive in stature but his preeminent military knowledge, coupled with his enthusiastic and competent devotion to duty, made him a giant among his fellows. I shall remember him always, as I know many who knew him will likewise do, as one who demanded the maximum performance of duty of himself and his sup-

eriors but was able to earn the lasting love and affection of his subordinates.

He is survived by: his widow, Mrs. Chambers; his son, William Junior; his daughter, Peggy (Mrs. Hiram W. Rainey); and three granddaughters.

—F. J. D. R.

Edward Joseph Sullivan

NO. 6734 CLASS OF 1920

DIED DECEMBER 10, 1951, AT DuBOIS, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 54 YEARS.

"I loved that guy too, we 'belonged' to the same kind of folk, and on a plane that doesn't adapt itself to the written word. I am sure that his merry Irish twinkle-and-quip will shock the angels into loving him there in Heaven as we here also took him into our hearts." So wrote Paul Keating in part, one of Sully's closest friends and intimates at the Colorado School of Mines. It was the same fine and lovable soul that entered the Academy as a Plebe, right fresh



from Pitt Pre-Med School with all the dignity, side-burns, seriousness and size to assure distinction in either a medical or military career.

Sailing on through the years in his chosen profession, he made friends on all sides, while earning the respect and admiration of his fellow officers. "A man of fine character, industrious, energetic and willing to assume responsibility—", "Reliable and trustworthy—", "An intelligent officer, quick to learn. He has very definite views of his own, but can so control them as to always work in harmony—", "He has the faculty of getting results without a lot of fuss—", "An officer of pleasing personality and a keen sense of humor, sincere, tolerant and well-informed. He is loyal to his superiors and well-liked by his subordinates; a cheerful and enthusiastic worker; always willing to carry more than his load", are but a few of the expressions of official appreciation of Edward Joseph Sullivan, Officer and Gentleman.

Following his graduation with honors from St. Catherine's School in his boyhood town of DuBois, Pennsylvania, "Eddie", as he was known at home, attended Duquesne and Pittsburgh Universities, preparing for the medical profession, in which his father before him was monumental in that part of the country. With the threat of World War I in the air, it was natural that the will to

serve his country as a soldier should outweigh the attraction of the study of medicine; whereupon Eddie Sullivan became Cadet Sullivan—"Sully" to his classmates.

An interesting and satisfying career followed in the Army with duties at, the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia; Chemical Warfare School and 1st Gas Regiment at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; Division Gas Company at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; again at Edgewood Arsenal as Company Officer, Regimental Adjutant of the Army's only Gas Regiment, and Chief of the Inspection and Safety Division of the Chemical Warfare Center; Army Industrial College, Washington, D. C.; with the 8th Infantry Division, 8th Army Corps and Tank Destroyer Center as Senior Chemical Officer; and at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, where he received the Army Commendation Ribbon, the citation reading, "Colonel E. J. Sullivan rendered meritorious service during the period August 3, 1942 to November 14, 1944 while assigned as Chief, Property Division, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colorado. His outstanding executive ability and leadership through an important period of expansion of production, initiative, resourcefulness, and outstanding devotion to duty enabled him to successfully accomplish the complex duties of multiple accountable property officer for Chemical Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Signal Corps and Ordnance Property Accounts, which contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Arsenal."

Although Sully's health was obviously failing, this loyal son of West Point managed to attend the Thirtieth Reunion of his Class of 1920, and, from his vantage point on the first floor of the 21st Division, met all comers with a cheery word and a good grind to add to the joviality of the occasion.

The end came on December 10th, 1951, returning this lovable spirit to his Maker. In a snowfall as friendly and comforting as his genial personality the final note of Taps was sounded in Arlington National Cemetery in the presence of his loving sisters, Marion, Loretto, Loyola, Jeanne, Margaret and Suzanne (Hugar), and devoted friends and classmates.

—S. R. H.

Arthur Superior Peterson

NO. 7859 CLASS OF 1925

KILLED OCTOBER 3, 1952, IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT NEAR SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. AGED 54 YEARS.

COLONEL ARTHUR SUPERIOR PETERSON, (U.S.M.A. 1925) and his wife, Hilda G., were instantly killed October 3, 1952, in an automobile accident just south of San Jose, California. Their son, Paul, who was in the rear seat of the Peterson car at the time of the accident, was critically injured but is recovering (at the time of this writing, January 1953) at Letterman Army Hospital. At the time of the accident, the Peterson family was enroute to Los Angeles, where they planned to meet the older son, Arthur S. Jr., and attend the Army-Southern California football game.

"Pete", as he was universally known, was born at sea on January 8, 1898, while his parents were homeward bound from a visit to their native country, Norway. Pete spent his early youth at Crandon, Wisconsin. At the outset of the Mexican campaign, in 1916, he enlisted in the 12th Cavalry and served with his regiment on the border.

Later he went overseas with the 320th Field Artillery and served during World War I, being discharged August 29, 1919. He returned home, finished high school and attended the University of Wisconsin for one year. His wartime service had engendered an urge for a military career and, after obtaining a waiver because of his age, Pete was appointed to the Military Academy July 1, 1921, graduating in 1925. He brought his bride, Hilda, to his first station with the 2nd Infantry at Fort Wayne, De-



troit, Michigan. He served a brief tour with the Air Corps at Randolph Field, Texas, in 1927 and then joined the 20th Infantry at Fort Warren, Wyoming. Next he served with other Infantry regiments until October 1, 1941, when he was detailed in the Finance Department. He had also been PMS&T at Lafayette College, Pennsylvania. His last detail was as executive officer of the Special Services Section at Headquarters, Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan. On his return to the United States in April 1950, Pete applied for retirement and left active service on September 30, 1951.

I was Pete's first commander after he graduated from the Military Academy, and during my comparatively long life and equally long military career, I have met but few officers in any grade who were able to match Pete's steadfast adherence to the qualities of loyalty and integrity. Like all of us, he felt from time to time that he had been put upon both officially and by individuals, but I can truthfully say that during the several times I served with him, and during all the time I have known him just as a friend, I never heard him say an unkind word of anyone. Not only was he a fine officer, but he was also a good friend and a delightful companion. It can also be said of Hilda, his wife, that she was not only the sweetheart of his youth, but also a dutiful and loving and wonderful mother, and Pete's counterpart in every way. I do not think that anyone can say better of either of them.

—W. J. N.

Aaron Warner Tyer

NO. 10320 CLASS OF 1935

KILLED MAY 28, 1952, IN A PLANE CRASH AT KOMAKE AIR FORCE BASE, HONSHU, JAPAN, AGED 40 YEARS.

BACK in the year 1935, the day or date is of little consequence, it was the young,

handsome Second Lieutenant, just returning home on leave after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point in whom my interest was centered. He was happy and was high in his praise of the education and military training that he had received at West Point. I recall him saying that he could not possibly conceive of there being anything to equal it anywhere in the world. He was a proud West Pointer at heart, I can assure you of that. We reminisced and I listened with admiring interest to this fine young man, and I knew that his whole heart and soul and his future life would be devoted to a career in the U.S. Army Air Force. This came to pass, for in due time he mastered the art of piloting all types of air craft. From that day forward I watched this young man's progress, because I singled him out as my hero, and he never let me down; through all the years he gained my admiration and respect for his ability, his courage, and his bravery. All of which is no doubt duly recorded at West Point, where the recording of his deeds are more complete than my memory can recall. Where, too, they may ever stand as a challenge to young cadets of future years. He served with honor at Pearl Harbor, in Japan, and throughout the Pacific, where he was wounded in action and later made a more recent record of heroism at an advanced air base in Korea. General Aaron Tyer was a lovable chap, ever and always a soldier, a gentleman, and above all, a man. Even as he scaled the ladder in promotions from one rank to another, he admired and appreciated the congratulations of his intimate friends, but he shunned fanfare, for as I have heard him say, "After all I am a soldier, a Pilot in the U.S. Air Force, I love it, I am doing the best I can, just what is expected of me. I do this in return and appreciation for the wonderful training given to me and the fine fellowship and friendship of my fellow colleagues"

General Tyer's accomplishments in the U.S. Air Force are a credit indeed to the city of Natchez, Mississippi, where he was born and reared and received his early schooling. Seldom in the entire history of



Natchez, in spite of the fact that it is one of America's oldest cities, has it ever had a native attain the high and honorable rank as did General Aaron Tyer. We have had them, but they are few.

The entire community of Natchez was deeply shocked when they received the news of the General's premature death. He died as he lived and I am sure that he would not have elected it to have been otherwise. General Aaron W. Tyer, was, and ever will

be, a credit to the United States Military Academy, to the United States Air Force, and to his native city of Natchez, Mississippi.

Surely his death is a great loss to his command and to the U.S. Air Force. He was my friend. My heart is filled with remorse, because my hero has fallen. My hero is dead. I pray God that his soul shall find rest and peace in the heavens high beyond the heavens in which he spent his life. I pray God that the heavens he loved so well will open and receive him, and that he will there find everlasting life and peace with his God, as a just reward for his exemplary life devoted to the welfare of his fellow-man.

—William H. Jones.

Edmund David Poston

NO. 15174 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED IN ACTION, MAY 19, 1951, NEAR KUNUM GOL, KOREA, AGED 27 YEARS.

EDMUND DAVID POSTON was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund D. Poston of Springfield, Illinois, and the nephew of Colonel John D. Frederick, Class of 1919. Following his graduation from High School in Springfield he entered West Point on July 1, 1942 at the age of 18 and from that day his brief career in the Army was characterized by a seriousness of purpose and a zeal for performing his duties effectively and efficiently.

Dave graduated with the Class of 1945 at the age of 21 and was commissioned in the Infantry. Following graduation he attended the Basic Course at Fort Benning and completed the Parachute School and Glider School prior to going overseas to serve 2½ years with the 11th Airborne Division in Japan. He returned to Fort Benning in 1948 as an Instructor in the Airborne Department of the Infantry School. At the same time he completed the Pathfinder Course and was awarded the Senior Parachutist's Badge.

When war broke out in Korea in the summer of 1950, Dave was enjoying the life of a young bachelor officer at Fort Benning, was doing well in his assignment, and had prospects of being assigned to take the Advanced Course at Benning before leaving there. However, having been disappointed in not getting overseas before World War II ended, Dave volunteered to go to Korea and was able to join the 187th RCT (Airborne) in Korea in early October and participated in the Airborne Operation at Suckchon.

Following the Chinese Communist intervention in the Korean War in November, Dave volunteered for duty with an Infantry Division and was assigned to the 38th Infantry Regiment of the Second Division. From that time until his death almost six months later he was continuously with a Rifle Company engaged in defensive and offensive operations. He was killed in action while commanding Company F of the 38th Infantry during the Communist Spring Offensive of 1951.

Two letters from men who served with him in Korea bear testimony to the type of man Dave Poston was. His Regimental Commander, Colonel John G. Goughlin, wrote to Dave's mother, "A Company Commander, your gallant son fell mortally wounded by enemy small arms fire while he, with his Company, was making a determined stand against fierce hostile attacks. It is difficult to express to you how deeply shocked the Regiment is by Edmund's loss. He was one

of our best. As an officer and as a man, Edmund was respected and loved by all; and we shall miss him very much both as a soldier and as a friend." Corporal Chester W. Richardson of Waverly, Illinois, wrote to Dave's father, "Everyone who served under Captain Poston will agree he was the best as a leader. He often said he wanted to see every one of us safely home to their families. He never risked a man's life and we all had a lot of confidence in him. He was a man to be proud to have served under."

For his friends who knew him best, superficial was not the word to describe Dave Poston; for in his reserved manner, quiet speech, and sincere friendliness there were always present the reflective mind and the receptive heart of the man whose interests lie beneath the surface of things. Yet unlike many of his bent of mind, Dave was an active and practical young man—his reflective mind and his ideals led him to strive for professional competence.

I recall a brief conversation with Dave, that sums up better than any way I know his attitude toward his profession. It was at Fort Benning in the spring of 1950 while he was instructing in the Airborne Depart-



ment, taking the Pathfinder Course and qualifying for his Senior Parachutist's Badge. He confided in me that in spite of many parachute jumps that he—like many other paratroopers, I am sure—"sweated out" each jump—and that he did not enjoy jumping from an airplane. I then asked the obvious question, "Why do you do it then—why don't you quit and just be an ordinary dough-boy?" His answer was brief and to the point, "I do it because I am an Officer."

Because he was an Officer he volunteered to leave Benning and go to Korea. Because he was an Officer he volunteered to go to the Second Division as a Company Commander when the Second Division needed replacements badly during the enemy offensive in the spring of 1951. Nothing could have been more foreign to his true nature than the bloodshed, violence, and disorder of ground combat—yet he was killed commanding his Company on a mountain top in Korea—because he was an Officer.

Dave Poston was a polished product of the West Point System. He was an Officer in the best traditions of the Service. He was a devoted son and brother—and an esteemed and respected friend. His remains lie in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield near the tomb of the martyred Lincoln, who knew long ago of the costly sacrifices that

must be laid on the altar of freedom. Yet to say that Dave has been lost to West Point, to the Service, to his family, his friends, or to the Nation and the cause of freedom is not true. All who came to know him have been influenced by his good example. The good he did will live after him.

"Blessed is the man," said St. Augustine, "who loves Thee, O God, and his friend in Thee . . . for he alone loses no one who is dear to him, if all are dear to Him who never can be lost."

—Wes Curtis,

Class of January 1943.

Charles Eads Coons

NO. 16519 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, MAY 19, 1951, IN KOREA,
AGED 24 YEARS.

CAPTAIN CHARLES EADS COONS, USAF, was leading a strafing run on a communist supply truck when his F-80 was hit by anti-aircraft fire. He was killed instantly on this, his thirty-ninth, combat mission. At the time of his death he was participating in Korean Operations as a member of the 9th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 49th Fighter-Bomber Group. His untimely passing ended the brief career of an outstanding officer, a man who was respected and admired by all the officers and airmen with whom he served.

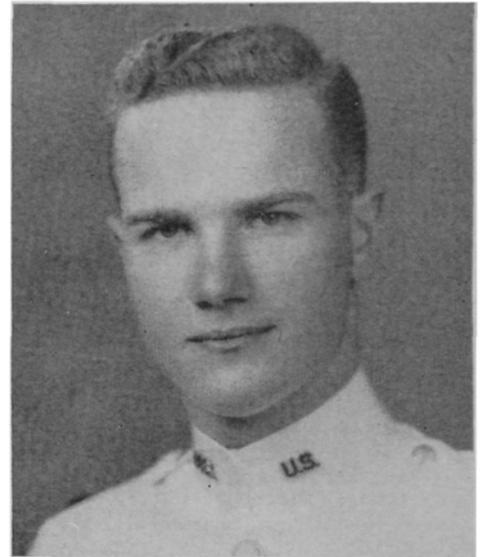
Charlie was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Coons of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He received his early education in public and private schools in Chicago, Illinois. The family then moved to East Orange, New Jersey, where Chuck enrolled in East Orange High School. There he demonstrated traits of leadership early in life as President of the Student Organization, Art Club, and the East Orange Hi-Y. Charlie was equally outstanding as a student. He received the American Legion Award for Highest Scholastic Honors and graduated from high school in 1944, as Valedictorian of his class. His academic and physical achievement enabled him to attain entrance easily to the United States Military Academy in 1944, an ambition which had burned within him since early childhood.

Most of us who were to know Chuck intimately first met him during Plebe Year. We first remember him as an affable, pleasant young man who had the gift of living life easily. His circle of friends, whom he affectionately called "his buddies", grew with each passing year. Those not privileged to know him well will doubtless remember him as Art Editor of the *Pointer* magazine for two years. His amusing *Pointer* covers conveyed cadet attitudes and events in a witty, subtle fashion that left all readers with a lasting impression of Chuck's artistic talents. As an athlete Charlie was an accomplished member of the Varsity Gym Team, specializing on the parallel bars. To round out further his activities at West Point Chuck attained the cadet rank of Sergeant-Major. Although he devoted much of his spare time to the *Pointer* and the Varsity Gym Team, he maintained his high academic standing easily and graduated 48th in his class.

After graduation from West Point Chuck chose service in the Air Force and entered Basic Flight Training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. During this period he went out of his way to avoid any serious

romances that might lead to marriage. He seemed to feel that he needed a few more answers to the business of running his own life before he was ready to assume that responsibility for another. This attitude, in addition to the skill he manifested in Basic Flight Training, led to his selection of The Fighter School at Las Vegas, Nevada, for Advanced Flight Training. He successfully won his wings as a jet fighter pilot and was assigned to duty with the 83rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 78th Fighter Wing, Hamilton Air Force Base, California. In this assignment he gained added proficiency and skill and, as soon as he felt he was ready, he volunteered for combat duty in Korea.

After only ten missions Chuck had his own flight, and as Flight Leader he received the Distinguished Flying Cross for leading his flight on a highly successful railhead attack in the vicinity of Sinuiju, Korea. The citation reads: "First Lieutenant Charles E. Coons distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on May 12, 1951. He displayed outstanding airmanship and navigational skill when he led his flight through below marginal weather over hazardous mountain



terrain direct to the target area in the vicinity of Sinuiju, Korea. Armed with rockets and machine guns, Lieutenant Coons led his flight in an attack against a supply train located in the marshalling yards, pressing successive attacks despite intense anti-aircraft and automatic weapons fire. Lieutenant Coons personally destroyed eight (8) supply laden box cars and damaged six (6) more. He also strafed a fuel truck that exploded immediately. In the same vicinity, there were troops in fox holes and of the thirty (30) killed, Lieutenant Coons accounted for fifteen (15). Having assembled his flight, he then proceeded to lead it through intermittent rain showers to his home base. As a result of this highly successful mission, vital supplies and fuel failed to reach enemy front lines. By his personal courage and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Coons has brought credit to himself, The Far East Air Forces, and The United States Air Force."

Chuck is now interred in the National Cemetery at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Although he has joined the Long Gray Line earlier than most of us, he has, during the space of his short career, more than lived up to the highest traditions of West Point. We who follow behind you, Chuck, only hope that we may carry our responsibilities as well as you have carried yours.

—J. A. E. and W. R. G.

Howard Gallaway Brown

NO. 17942 CLASS OF 1950

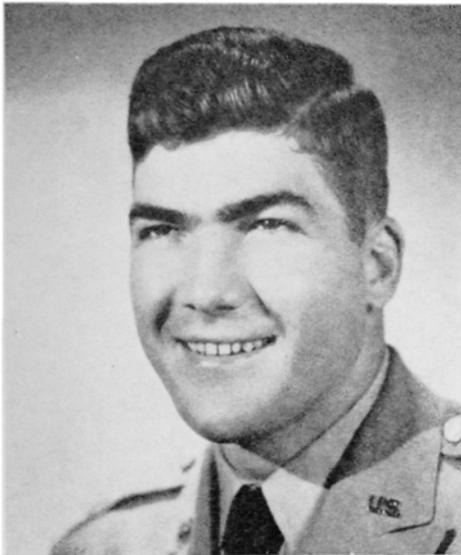
KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 22, 1950,
IN KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

HOWARD GALLAWAY BROWN was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on the 12th of January 1927, the third of four sons of Dr. and Mrs. George L. Brown. The days of his boyhood and youth were lived in his hometown, where he acquired the qualities of character and personality that made it a pleasure to know him as a man.

His high school days were spent at Tupelo in preparation for entrance to West Point. In high school, he was an outstanding guard on the football team and played in the school band.

After high school he attended Mississippi State College for a year prior to entering the Military Academy in 1945.

He entered West Point determined to carry on the military tradition of his fam-



ily. His grandfather fought with the Confederacy in the "War Between the States". His father fought in the Spanish American War and served as a medical officer in World War I. An uncle and two cousins are graduates of his Alma Mater.

Howard entered the Academy with the Class of 1949. His plebe days were interrupted when he received a knee injury playing football which resulted in his being awarded a large star to wear on his bathrobe. After a few months at home he joined the Class of 1950 as a member of Company L-2 in January 1947.

It was not long after his arrival in the company that Howard was tagged with the nicknames "Tupe" and "Brownie", both of which received equal usage. His sincere selflessness and friendliness, his sense of humor, and his winning smile immediately won the friendship of everyone in the company. Although those were the most apparent of his attributes, close association with him as a roommate for three years revealed his wholehearted application of effort to attain his goal of becoming a thoroughly competent officer.

His attitude was always wholesome, and he possessed well-rounded capabilities of leadership. These attributes were bolstered by his steady personality and his knack for influencing others with good judgment

and common sense. He never aspired to stars on his collar as a cadet, but he never lost sight of his goal of being the best officer possible, which might easily have resulted in his wearing stars on his shoulders as an officer.

The lighter side of his cadet days was devoted to frequent waving of the Confederate flag during discussions of whether or not the South would rise again. He played the harmonica both well and loud. He participated in intramural athletics, and was a sprinter on the Corps swimming team during his First Class year.

When graduation rolled around "Tupe" was commissioned in the Infantry.

His graduation leave was divided between home, a fishing trip to Canada, and a trip to Louisiana, before reporting to Camp Stoneman for shipment to Okinawa.

Instead of a boat to Okinawa, he took a plane to Japan and reached the front lines of Korea on September 3, 1950. He was assigned as 1st platoon leader of Company "A", 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division. He joined his unit in the midst of a North Korean break-through during some of the roughest touch-and-go fighting of the Korean War. He weathered the last few days of the Pusan Perimeter, in which the enemy launched numerous attacks. In the allied offensive after the Inchon landing, he was killed by small arms fire on September 22 while attacking a heavily fortified enemy hill. Colonel Michaelis, his regimental commander, wrote his parents:

"As a member of this command your son was liked by all his associates. He was an excellent soldier performing all tasks assigned him in a cheerful and efficient manner, winning the commendation of his immediate superiors and the respect of his comrades. News of his death came as a real shock to all who knew him, and his loss will be felt keenly in the organization"

Details of his death were received in a letter from his Battalion Chaplain:

"You have every reason to be proud of your son. He died a hero's death. As platoon leader of the 1st platoon, Company "A", he gallantly led his men into action on the assigned mission of attacking a heavily fortified enemy hill. By his courageous personal example and the display of qualities of leadership in the finest traditions of the United States Army, the mission was successfully accomplished. Howard was instantly killed by enemy small arms fire. The few men left in Company "A" who were with him at the time still remember Howard as an exceptionally able officer and a very fine person. In the few days that he was a member of the company he succeeded in winning a warm place in the hearts of his comrades.

"Howard's body was brought by litter jeep to the regimental station where it was noted that his face had a reposed and peaceful appearance."

When his personal effects were sent home his class ring was not among his belongings. Months later his ring was found on the person of a dead North Korean and turned over to a classmate who sent it to his parents.

Howard now rests in the Tupelo Memorial Park Cemetery. In dedication to the memory of a gallant soldier, a chapel of the First Presbyterian Church in Tupelo has been named the Howard Gallaway Brown Memorial Chapel. Many of us who knew him may not have an opportunity to visit his memorial, but his friendship, his character, and his ability will be a living memorial in our hearts.

A fitting tribute to his memory is contained in something which Shakespeare wrote about another military leader:

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that nature might stand
up

And say to all the world, This was a man"

—Alfred L. Griebling,
First Lieut., C.E.

James Robinson Pierce, Jr.

NO. 17937 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION, JUNE 16, 1952, IN KOREA,
AGED 26 YEARS.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES ROBINSON PIERCE, JR. was born December 30, 1925 in Tientsin, China. He graduated from the Officers' Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, on September 27, 1945, after enlisted service from September 20, 1944. He entered the United States Military Academy on July 1, 1946, graduating on June 6, 1950 as a Sec-



ond Lieutenant of Infantry. He qualified as a paratrooper at Fort Benning during the fall of 1950, subsequently joining the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, where he was stationed for a little over a year. After completion of the associate combat course at Fort Benning in December 1951, he received his promotion to First Lieutenant on December 2, and departed for overseas on January 29, 1952. There he was assigned to the 179th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division in Korea about February 12. After duty as a platoon leader, he became Company Commander of Company "L" in May 1952. He was recommended for promotion by his division commander shortly before he met his death while leading a counter-attack against the enemy.

He married Margaret Ann Rosser, of Clarksville, Tennessee, in December 1950. To this completely happy union was born a son, James Robinson Pierce, III, on February 29, 1952.

His family and friends are intensely proud of the way he lived and the way he died. His character, faith in his fellowmen, and deep religious convictions were markedly outstanding throughout his life. He died on June 16, 1952 in the finest tradition of the Army, paying the supreme sacrifice, fearlessly leading his men in the defense of their country.

—His Father.

