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Report of the President

OF THE

Association of Graduates, 1952 - 1953

Members of the Association:

For a number of years the Association of Graduates has made great effort, in cooperation with the Superintendent, to carry out what I consider the most important part of its mission, that is to keep our members informed about our Alma Mater and our Association. The basic thought behind this effort is that well-informed Alumni will instinctively seek to participate in the Association's affairs; and their participation, in turn, will stimulate and strengthen that vital influence in all our lives which we refer to as "The Sprit of West Point" To keep alive this Spirit—born and reared in beast barracks, on the athletic fields, in the labs and section rooms, on the drill and field maneuver grounds, on trips and furloughs, and by association with each other in the Armed Forces and in civil life—one must know what West Point has meant to our Nation in the past, what it means now and will mean in the future.

For the past year a committee of our Trustees has been trying to find out how there can be brought about greater participation on the part of our members in the affairs of our Association. The committee has received letters from a few graduates in which there are suggestions as to how to solve this problem. The one pattern in these letters that repeats itself over and over again is the apparent lack of knowledge of the affairs of our Association on the part of some of our alumni. Later on in this meeting the chairman of this committee will tell you about its work.

The means by which we try to keep our members informed about West Point and our Association are as follows:

- a. *Assembly*, our quarterly alumni magazine, which publishes correct information about West Point of today and about the operations of our Association, the important changes that occur here, current news of the activities of our living graduates (by classes) and memorial articles about our dead comrades.
- b. Our annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets, USMA*, which, in addition to important statistics about West Point, publishes a brief statement of the record of every graduate and, as far as practicable, tells where he is and what he is doing.

The West Point Alumni Foundation sends a letter to every graduate, annually, informing him about these two publications and giving him an opportunity to subscribe.

- c. The Annual Fund Raising Letter, which goes to all graduates, states briefly the activities of our Association and the consequent need for funds to finance these activities.

- d. The letters of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies (approximately monthly) to the Societies, which contain current information about West Point.

- e. Other means of reaching our alumni are through officers stationed at West Point who go out as speakers at various occasions throughout the Nation, and news releases of the Public Information Office, USMA, which are sent to the press and the West Point Societies.

- f. Then there is the annual *U.S.M.A. Catalogue*, mailed every year to all graduates; the Superintendent's Annual Report and a number of pamphlets, such as "Building Leaders", all of which are available for distribution upon request.

- g. And we must not forget the vital and effective information about our Alma Mater that is furnished by the cadet himself. Cadet debating teams go all over the country, and cadets speak occasionally at alumni gatherings. Our athletic teams are seen by many graduates every year.

- h. Nothing is as effective as a visit to West Point. Many ROTC students visit West Point annually and the Student Conference on United States Affairs brings many other students in colleges and universities to our campus each year. The American Ordnance Association, the National Industrial Security Association, and other similar organizations, visit West Point annually.

- i. The Superintendent sends a bulletin which contains a June Week program to every graduate, annually, inviting him to visit West Point during June Week.

- j. Annual Founders Day meetings are held all over the world and focus attention on our Alma Mater and our Association.

- k. The film, "This Is West Point" has been used very widely and is available for distribution at U. S. Army Film Libraries.

- l. Also, we have just completed our Sesquicentennial Celebration, which furnished the entire Nation with much information about West Point. Our Sesquicentennial book, *MEN OF WEST POINT*, shows the value of West Point to the Nation by telling of the accomplishments of its graduates during the past 150 years.

This is only an outline of what is done annually along this line. A complete and detailed report of the activities of the cadets

and of the Public Information Office at West Point would make a more complete picture but there is not space for it here.

From the above it is apparent that the Superintendent, with assistance of the officers stationed at West Point and the Corps of Cadets, and with the cooperation of the Association of Graduates, has done, and is doing much to keep our graduates and the public in general informed about our Alma Mater and our Association. Of course, improvement in our methods can be made, and we are always seeking to make that improvement.

Our Association's two publications, *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates*, are sent only to those who subscribe for them. We wish we could send them free to all graduates, but this is not possible due to the expense involved. More than 7,000 now subscribe, which leaves nearly 5,000 members, who do not subscribe or receive them. Very few, if any, colleges or universities in the country have a wider distribution of their alumni publications—where the distribution is based on individual subscriptions, as is the case with ours. It is important to keep in mind that publications cost money, somebody has to pay for them, and our Association is not rich enough yet to do this. We are trying to persuade more and more graduates to take these publications. We hope that those who now subscribe will urge non-subscribers to take both *Assembly* and the *Register*, and please don't forget that 10% of our graduates are still not members of our Association, which is something for us all to work on.

During the time I have been President of our Association I have made it a point, in my travels over the country, to contact groups of West Pointers whenever practicable in order to discuss with them the affairs of our Association and the activities, methods and objectives of our Alma Mater. Many helpful suggestions have come from these meetings and I believe I have been able to furnish much desired and important information about West Point. In carrying out this policy, last winter on a trip to Florida, I attended the following meetings of West Pointers:

- a. In Savannah, Ga., at the home of Altstaetter, '97, I attended a meeting which was held for the purpose of organizing a West Point Society of Savannah. At this meeting it was decided to organize such a society and the organization was completed at their Founders Day meeting in March.
- b. I attended a dinner meeting at Orlando, Fla., given by the West Point Society of Florida.
- c. I attended luncheon meetings given by the West Point Society of Miami on

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

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

To the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., in
Washington Hall at West Point on June 1, 1953

Fellow Graduates—

On behalf of all the officers stationed at West point, I wish to extend a most cordial welcome to you of the "Long Gray Line" who have honored us by returning to West Point this year to renew old friendships and to show again your love for, and loyalty to, your Alma Mater.

It is interesting to note that you who are here today represent an experience of some seventy-six years, more than one-half the lifetime of the Academy. When our oldest graduate present, General Hodges, climbed the hill in 1877, General Crook had just started his campaign against the Indians to avenge Custer's death. Benny Havens had passed away a few days before in Highland Falls, and the only buildings now standing that General Hodges saw as he reached the level of The Plain were the Library, the Old Chapel, which was then where the East Academic building is now, the old wing of Central Cadet Barracks, and the quarters of the Superintendent, of the Commandant, and those on Professors' Row. What a great change has taken place in the physical appearance of the Post since that time! I mention all of these things to emphasize the fact that it would be impossible for me to compose a description of all the various and more recent changes that would interest all of you equally, so varied is the familiarity of the graduates present with those developments. Some of you have been coming back every year; others have not seen West Point for decades. I shall have to assume that you will embrace the opportunity to go around and see for yourselves the physical developments that have taken place since your last visit. This will take some doing, as the reservation now comprises about 15,000 acres, or about the area of Manhattan Island. With reference to construction, therefore, I will simply mention briefly the new buildings which we plan for the future.

First, in order of time, will be the addition to the Library. After considerable effort over a period of several years, we have overcome the final obstacle, and work should start in a few days. The addition will extend southward in the space between the Library and the East Academic Building.

The next construction in point of time will probably be the new Laundry. Construction of this building has been authorized and funds have been appropriated; but the go-ahead signal is being held up in the Department of Defense, pending a re-study of the project. If and when the funds are released, this new Laundry will be located near the North Gate.

The development which will have the most effect upon the accomplishment of our mission is the conversion of the Riding Hall into a new Academic Building. This step is badly needed at the present time, because of the crowded conditions in the

section rooms, to mention only one reason. The building, when converted, will house eight of the academic departments, including one hundred and ninety section rooms, two large lecture halls, and miscellaneous spaces. The plans call for a building costing about \$9,000,000; therefore, it may be some time before our hopes are realized with respect to this conversion. If and when the Riding Hall is converted to an academic building, the West Academic Building will be released for other purposes, possibly for cadet barracks and for the housing of some of the activities of the Tactical Department. Even if part of this building is converted into cadet barracks, we will still need additional barracks; for there is a shortage at the present time of eight hundred cadet spaces, and the West Academic Building would accommodate only about four hundred.

Far in the future, of course, there is the project to establish a suitable memorial at Trophy Point. At present, the cadets' social activities have outgrown present facilities: we do not have sufficient space for hops or for cadets to entertain their friends, or for memorialization. Whatever building is erected at Trophy Point must be a suitable granite one; otherwise, it would be a mistake to build anything on this location. The cost of such a building is so great that we have little hope of getting this in the foreseeable future.

There are additional construction projects such as the rehabilitation of utilities, the construction of quarters, and re-routing of roads which would probably have little interest for this group. I shall spare you the details of these matters.

You may be interested, however, in a few highlights of the past year. This year has been rather quiet, at least when compared with the Sesquicentennial year which preceded it. The events of the Sesquicentennial year were covered in detail at the last annual luncheon. Therefore, I shall not touch on that program except to mention two events which were an aftermath of that year.

Colonel Leer, who handled the publicity so effectively, received a citation last January from the American Colleges Public Relations Association, "for his work in focusing favorable national attention on the United States Military Academy's Sesquicentennial." I believe that Colonel Leer well deserved that citation.

At Valley Forge on Washington's Birthday, the Military Academy received the Freedoms Foundation award for its activities during the Sesquicentennial. This Foundation is a national one which exists for the purpose of promoting American ideals by granting annual awards to individuals and institutions for effective work in this field. On the occasion mentioned, Vice-President Nixon made the presentation

of the scroll and medal to the Military Academy. The medal bears the inscription: "Honoring the USMA 1953 for outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American Way of Life." The credit for this award should go to the Steering Committee of the Sesquicentennial, General Fenton, Colonel Beukema, and the other members of this Committee; and to the Sesquicentennial Directors, General Crist and his successor, Colonel Hammond.

I suppose that you are all aware that we have a graduate in the White House. It was therefore appropriate that the USCC participate to the maximum extent in the Inaugural ceremonies. At first we were to be allowed to send only five hundred cadets, but we were able finally to send the whole Corps. We hoped to march in full dress. In preparation, therefore, we did some drilling in the snow and ice at West Point. These drills inspired a few horrified letters from cadet mothers to the effect that we certainly wouldn't be so brutal as to turn the Corps out in full dress in Washington in the middle of winter. However, the weather was beautiful on that day, and full dress was very appropriate. Indeed, those units which wore overcoats, appeared quite uncomfortable.

In addition to our participation in the parade, our Glee Club sang at the Inauguration Ball. From all reports it made an excellent impression.

I suppose that most of you remember your Plebe Christmas, and I should like to mention some of the innovations which have taken place in recent years in connection with our Christmas activities. Each year just before the holiday period, I explain to the Corps that we have facilities at West Point to take care of the entertainment of families and friends of just the one class. Traditionally, as you know, we accord the privilege of remaining at West Point to the Fourth Class. The upper classes, with few exceptions, have to seek their entertainment and relaxation at other places. This restriction has always been accepted in good spirit by the upperclassmen. Recently we have made a special effort to make this holiday period an outstanding one in the career of each cadet. Furthermore, we like to show the families as much of the Academy as possible, as a public relations effort. Our objective is to familiarize the cadet's parents with such details as how he lives, where he eats, and where and how he works and plays. We let the parents go into barracks and inspect the sumptuous rooms allotted to their sons. The old wash stands and water buckets are gone, and the lighting is fluorescent; otherwise, arrangements are just about the same as they have been for generations. These visits enable the parents to get acquainted with their sons' roommates and their parents.

This year, the outstanding event of the week, I think, was the Christmas dinner

which for the first time was held in Washington Hall. The use of this hall has become a real necessity; for, in recent years, some families have stood in line at the Thayer Hotel until late in the afternoon, and some have finished dinner just in time for supper. This year, we served sixteen hundred cadets and members of their families and friends in Washington Hall, giving them a complete Christmas dinner with turkey and all the accessories. There were no waiting lines, no aching feet, and no frayed tempers. It was a fine public-relations gesture, judging from the grateful comments of the parents. I believe this was probably the biggest family Christmas dinner in the Country. Lest the taxpayers be alarmed, I will state that the cost of the dinners was paid by the members of the Fourth Class; however, some of the "check book boners", so I have been told, passed the tax on to Dad.

During the week, all the academic departments had open house, and the parents were able to see where their sons went to class and what they studied.

You may also be interested in two or three of the personnel changes which have taken place during the past year.

We have a new Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General John H. Michaelis, Class of 1936. He replaced Brigadier General John K. Waters, who went to Korea as Chief of Staff of the First Corps. I am sure most of you are familiar with the brilliant record of General Michaelis, especially in Korea.

We lost a valuable member of the Academic Board, Colonel Oscar J. Gatchell, head of the Department of Mechanics, who retired on December 31st. He was succeeded by Colonel Elvin R. Heiberg, Class of 1926. Pursuant to my request, Colonel Gatchell was advanced to the grade of Brigadier General on the retired list, for long and distinguished service. Colonel Gatchell well deserved this honor. At the time, Colonel Bartlett, head of the Department of Electricity, remarked that it was customary for Hollywood to award an Oscar to a star, but at West Point we had gone one better and awarded a star to an Oscar.

One other change in personnel will affect this group considerably, and that is the transfer of Colonel McComsey to a new assignment after four very excellent years as staff alumni secretary. His place is being taken by Colonel Raymond Stone, Jr., with whom I suppose most of you have come into contact since coming here at this time.

I am sure that far greater than your interest in the physical plant is your interest in the Corps. At your Graduation Parade, when you doffed your full-dress hat as the Corps marched past in review, you took physical leave of the Corps; but most graduates never leave the Corps in spirit. Throughout the years, at many times, and from far distant places, your thoughts wander back to the Corps. You wonder what influences are shaping the soul of the Corps and what changes have been effected in the daily life of the cadet. Therefore, let me review briefly some of the changes of the last twenty years.

We still have the Blue Book, and, gentlemen, let me assure you that the cadet regulations are more all-inclusive now than they have ever been. The Blue Book has been rewritten some four times since 1933, the latest edition being dated 1 December 1952. This latest edition pretty well tells a cadet what he may and may not do from reveille to taps, and it even touches on after-taps activities. We have found it necessary to include in one volume, readily available to each and every cadet, a ready source of the rules by which he must live. Thus, we avert the many cases of ignorance of regulations which were rather prevalent in the

days of the less lengthy but much more general Blue Book. Let me mention a few specific changes:

We now have a neat-looking, gray tropical-worsted shirt, which the cadets wear to class in place of the dress coat. This class shirt saves wear and tear on the neck and on the cadet pocketbook, for it is not now necessary to have so many dress coats. There is also the short overcoat, developed during World War II to save cloth and to cut costs. Those of you who have worn a soaking wet, twenty-two pound, long overcoat will certainly appreciate the advantages of the newer short one. Each cadet still has one long overcoat for more formal occasions. Since dancing was cut from the crowded schedule some years ago, cadets are no longer required to have hop shoes and hop gloves. There is talk, however, of reviving these sessions in Cullum to provide each cadet an opportunity to learn to dance. However, it is hoped that more suitable partners may be provided. Again, as a measure to stretch the cadet pay, we now provide government-issue khaki uniforms, field jackets and fatigues for the summer training periods. We have discarded the old high black shoes of the period from 1933 to 1939. Also on the way out is the black sweater. A smarter gray suede jacket and black parka are now in favor.

Because of a greatly expanded Corps, it was found some years ago to be an extremely complex S-3 problem to route twenty-four hundred cadets to their classrooms by small sections. It was deemed necessary and desirable to let cadets of the upper classes go to class individually and be in class at assembly, thus extending classroom time. But rest easily, gentlemen; the Plebes still march—at Attention.

One of the ways in which the Academy has changed most since the war is in the broadening of the cadet's contacts with the outside world. If this change were merely a policy of giving the cadet more leave, and of permitting him freer association with civilians of his own choice, it would be open to some question. While it is true that the leave schedule has been modified for the purpose of better fitting it into the requirements of the academic and training programs, the activities that I am going to discuss are carefully scrutinized in the light of the mission of the Academy.

There exists in the Corps today a total of fifty-four extra curricular activities. These activities fall naturally into two classes: those which are recreational, and those which are intellectual, formal and, to some extent, departmental. A good example of the former is the Cadet Sailing Club, which brings its participants into contact with college students of similar interests. An example of the latter is the Cadet Debating Council, which enables its members to cross swords with the intellectual leaders of the collegiate world.

Our objective is two-fold: first, to bring cadets into contact with college students who will be the civilian leaders of the future, and also with civilians who now occupy positions of responsibility; secondly, to increase civilian appreciation of West Point as one of America's leading educational institutions.

Much of the success of this program depends upon cadet initiative. Here is an opportunity for the cadet of superior endowments to find an outlet for his intellectual curiosity and surplus energy. Here is our opportunity to show the civilian the best fruits of our endeavors.

Because of the short time at my disposal, I can give only a few illustrations. For instance, there is the R.O.T.C. Exchange Program. Throughout the Spring, R.O.T.C. students come to West Point in small groups

from their respective colleges, to live with the cadets in barracks, to attend classes, and to see for themselves what the Academy is like. Our cadets do not return these visits in kind; but our debaters and other activity-groups do, when they visit the colleges, make a point of seeking out the P.M.S.&T.'s and the members of the R.O.T.C. units. In this way a healthy, mutual appreciation is growing up, which cannot fail to produce beneficial results in the Service later on. The same can be said of the exchange visits of cadets and midshipmen of the Second Class, which also take place in the spring.

The West Point Debate Council is a fine example of an activity run by cadets, with some advice and assistance rendered by the Department of Social Sciences. It has nearly six hundred members; and during the past academic year, it participated in two hundred and fifty inter-collegiate debates. Wherever West Point teams went, they won a fine respect for the intellectual calibre of the Corps of Cadets and for the quality of instruction at the Academy. The Council also conducted the West Point National Debate Tournament to which teams from thirty-three colleges, scattered from coast to coast, came to contend for the mythical debating championship of the United States. It would be hard to tell who were more impressed, the college students or their coaches. We do know that the cadets who participated received valuable experience that will pay dividends as long as they live.

Then, there is the West Point Forum, an organization of cadets which invites distinguished leaders in the fields of education, government, and political science to address them. After the initial talk, which presents a preliminary survey of the chosen topic, there is a discussion period in which no questions are barred and every cadet is free to express his own opinions. The usual reaction of the visitor is astonishment at the breadth of information displayed by the cadet, the acuity of his questions, and the independence of his mind. If there is a perfect counter to the sneering phrase, "the military mind", this is it. The cadets receive the benefit of give-and-take with some of the best minds in the country, and a cross section of civilian leaders receives an entirely new conception of the intellectual calibre of the West Pointer.

Early in December each year, the Department of Social Sciences sponsors the Student Conference on United States Affairs, now usually referred to as SCUSA. Over fifty colleges east of the Mississippi send to West Point student delegates, accompanied by professors to advise and assist them, for the purpose of exploring some problem vital to the interests of the United States.

Last December, the topic was "A United States Policy Against Soviet Communism". Lt. General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Research, U.S. Army, spoke on "The Nature of the Soviet Threat to the United States and the Free World". Dr. Hardy C. Dillard, Professor of Law, University of Virginia, discussed "Arresting the Soviet Threat—Nonmilitary Factors"; and Mr. Edwin M. Wright of the United States Department of State spoke on the "Action and Interaction Between the Western World and Asia". The leaders of the round table and panel discussions, the consultants, and the observers were all distinguished in their respective fields; but, I regret to say, they were too numerous to name at this time.

The twenty-four cadet conferees received invaluable training in the technique of conferences and an enlargement of their understanding of the problems that now face military men. Since the participants were

carefully selected for their potentialities, the future benefit to the military establishment is obvious. West Point also benefited. The impression made by the cadets on the visiting students, professors, and officials was apparent from their enthusiastic comments.

I could go on and on, elaborating this theme; but I think that the examples which I have cited are sufficient to convince you that West Point has gone a long way since the days when it was a cloistered institution in the wilderness of the Hudson Highlands. Like you, I am well aware that mere contact with civilians is not, just for itself, a desirable end; but I think you will agree with me that the conditions of the modern world demand that West Point must be a part of the stream of American life and that without such contacts, the Academy cannot produce graduates fitted to exert the leadership for which it was founded.

And now a question. How many of you will forget trying to eke out the month on those last few coupons in your Boodle Books? This system no longer obtains. Commencing in 1947, cadets were put on a "cash and carry" basis.

The old days of Yearling Furlough are also a thing of the past. Now, each class is authorized about one month's leave each summer, plus a ten-day Christmas leave and a three-day spring vacation for all classes save the Fourth Class.

In 1948 a new policy was put into effect which permitted cadets to drink when more than twenty-five miles from the Post. This policy has been policed by the First Class. I assure you that punishments adjudged by the duly authorized First Classmen are as severe as, and in many cases more severe than, in other days. The Corps has a privilege and jealously guards it, knowing full well that flagrant violations will bring down the wrath of the authorities.

In 1940 it was determined to recognize further the status of the First Class by granting them certain privileges not accorded to the underclasses. At present, some of the privileges granted piece-meal after Christmas are the following: to leave the post at certain off duty hours; to visit or go to the motion pictures on certain evenings; to open checking accounts; to dine at officers' quarters or the hotel on specified evenings; to wear civilian clothes when off the post, taking advantage of First Class authorizations; and, during June Week, to leave the Post when duty does not require their presence. I believe that these privileges provide a tapering-off process by which the transition from cadet to officer is rendered more effective.

No longer is the tactics instruction limited to Beast Barracks, rifle range, the cavalry hike, the trip to Langley Field, and the other memorable incidents of your days. The present military-training course embraces something over two thousand hours during the four years. This stress is inevitable, because one of the missions of the Department of Tactics is a *Broad Basic* Military Education. The emphasis is on those two words, "Broad" and "Basic". It is not our intent to turn out a crackerjack artillery man, tanker, or pilot. Rather, we try, and we believe we succeed in the attempt, to produce a graduate who is a potentially splendid platoon leader and who has sufficient grasp of the larger aspects of the military profession to go on from there to bigger things. You will be surprised, I am sure, to know that there are scheduled each academic year only fourteen hours of close order drill. Our emphasis is on other things. We teach the plebe the rules of discipline, or "followership", if you will, and some tactics at the squad level. Progress-

ing from there, we have the yearling for two months at Camp Buckner, where he has the intensive field-training course at the squad and platoon level. Second class year is devoted to studies at the platoon and company level. During the summer, the Second Classman takes a two-months training trip, which includes visits to all of the Army service centers, two Air Force stations, an Airborne Division, as well as participation with the Annapolis Second Class in CAMID, the combined amphibious exercise at Little Creek, Virginia, supervised by the Marines. During First Class summer, the cadets take the Combined Air trip, which includes visits to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fort Knox, Fort Sill, Fort Bliss, and Fort Benning. After this trip, the class is divided into three main details; one, to supervise New Cadet Barracks; one, to supervise training of the Third Class at Camp Buckner, and a third detail, to go either to a Replacement Training Division or to an Air Force Indoctrination Center, as platoon leaders to train recruits. In this brief discussion, I hope I have shown you that we are doing our best to insure the Broad Basic Military Education. But one last word. I mentioned that we spend Plebe year teaching the cadet "followership". We spend the next three years trying to impart to him the vital principles of leadership, for this leadership is essential to the successful officer. We have developed certain methods by which we impart these principles of leadership. One of the most important methods is precept. I require all officers stationed here to be continually conscious of the example they set for the cadets. Further, we instituted in 1947, under the directive of the then Chief of Staff, General Eisenhower, a formal course in leadership.

These, then, are some of the comparatively recent developments in the life of a cadet. I think the present day product measures up to the standards of the past. I hope that while you are here, you will embrace every opportunity to talk to cadets and judge for yourselves.

Of the Corps, in the last published Report of the Board of Visitors, Board members had this to say:

"During individual contact with cadets and observance of the Corps in formation, the bearing of these young men gave evidence of their pride in themselves and in the Military Academy. In their conversation they revealed themselves as thoroughly individualistic in their personal opinions, but loyal to the ideals and principles of the Military Academy. . . The loyalty of the Corps of Cadets to the principles summed up in its motto of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY is evidenced by the way in which the body responded to the challenge of recent events."

Now for some remarks on the lighter side.

I am not sure whether I dare to talk in this vein to such a dignified gathering as this, but my conversations with Old Grads that come back during June Week make me believe that, in addition to the more serious aspects of life in the Corps, they are also interested in those little incidents which relieve the tension of cadet life and which are an indication of the morale, esprit, and psychology of the Corps.

Recently, I heard an Old Grad say, "I wonder if the cadets get away with some of the things we used to when I was a cadet. Just think of it, I used to make fudge over the gas jet. In fact, I was the best fudge maker in the company."

This Old Grad will be pleased to know that I just reduced a cadet Sergeant and gave him a month on the area for making popcorn and selling it to other cadets of

his company for ten cents a bag, and that on another occasion a cadet was detected engaging in an enterprise to sell orange juice to his fellow cadets. Also, it was not so long ago that we uncovered a printing enterprise in the Corps. It seems that two First Classmen, bent upon the commendable effort of reducing the expenses of their weddings, bought a whole printing set with which to print their wedding invitations; and, to help defray the initial cost of the equipment, they also undertook to print, for a proper sum, the invitations of others. It grew to be quite a business. These cadets showed a lot of initiative and other commendable qualities, but we had to punish them just the same.

Last fall, when the Commandant's intelligence section alerted him to the presence of a spider monkey in barracks, Operation Simian began. Agents reported that the fugitive's name was Mario, and that he belonged to an underground organization in the trunk room of one of the companies. With this clue, every packing case and locker was thoroughly inspected. Mario became the Phantom of the Sinks. Last December, when the search seemed to be at a dead end, the break came. Mario squealed on his master. The O.C. was inspecting a company trunk room and had, for the nth time, lifted the lid of a big, double locker. He found nothing; but as he turned away, Mario broke into a chatter, perhaps of exultation. The Tac turned the box over; and he found that it had a secret compartment which was a veritable penthouse, complete with exercise bar, battery-operated lights, etc. There was considerable dismay on the cadets' faces when the O.C. came striding across the area with the monkey on his shoulder, just as the classes were letting out.

Well, this episode presented somewhat of a problem. We couldn't punish Mario; and we couldn't graduate him. Therefore, we had to discharge him. And so we took him up on the property of a particular company and posted a notice to the effect that the master could have him, and no questions asked, provided he sent him away. I understand that, at the present time, he is at a certain roadhouse down in New Jersey, probably acting as an assistant bartender, a promotion which they tell me brought forth a quip from a cadet that this seemed to be quite a success story, the hero moving all the way from monkey, to cadet, and up to assistant bartender in three short months.

We had hardly cleared up the question of the monkey when the Tactical Department was advised that there was an alligator in barracks; and, as a matter of fact, a photograph of the reptile was published in the *Pointer*. After an intensive search, this quarry was finally located by a Tactical Officer. The alligator was taking his morning bath in one of the company showers.

This all goes to show that the Tactical Department always gets its man or monkey or what have you.

I have been more or less disturbed because the Old Grads, when they come back, always seem to have their sympathies on the side of the cadets and against the Tactical Department, and I have heretofore requested that the Old Grads not caution the cadets on the various tricks to play; but my recent observations have convinced me that the present-day cadet is just as versatile as any of the Old Grads were. Now I say I do not care whether you talk to them or not, because I do not think you can tell them anything.

Let me say again that we are very pleased and honored to have you visit West Point this June Week; and I hope that you will feel, as you go away, that this was the best one ever.

Report of the 84th Annual Meeting

OF THE

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

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, N. Y., June 1, 1953

1. The President, Chauncey L. Fenton, '04, called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

2. The Reverend Joseph P. Moore, of the Cadet Catholic Chapel, gave the Invocation.

3. General Fenton, remarking that we are honored by having one of the Long Gray Line now in the White House, asked that as a tribute to the President of the United States all present rise while the band played "Hail To The Chief". A detachment of the U.S.M.A. Band then rendered the ruffles, flourishes and President's March.

4. General Fenton expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Superintendent for the use of Washington Hall for this occasion, and gave credit to the Commandant of Cadets, Treasurer, U.S.M.A., Signal Officer and all others at West Point who had been instrumental in arranging for this luncheon and meeting. He also stated that we appreciated the cooperation of the Corps of Cadets in making facilities available for our visiting alumni.

5. The President presented the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, Colonel John A. McComsey, '24, commending him for his past four years of very efficient work; and introduced the new Alumni Secretary to the Superintendent and new Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, Colonel Raymond Stone, Jr., '23.

6. The reading of the report of the last annual meeting was dispensed with, since it was published in the July 1952 *Assembly*.

7. The Treasurer's report, which appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*, was likewise dispensed with.

8. The President stated that since his complete report would be in the July 1953 issue of *Assembly*, he would speak only briefly at this time on some of the Association's work. He then reviewed the great need existing on all sides for more and better information about West Point, and referred to the various media used by the Academy authorities and the Association to help spread this information.

9. The President:

a. Named Colonel Edgar Smith Walker, '83, as the oldest living graduate, and announced that in his absence a telegram of greetings was being dispatched, to reach him for his 95th birthday on 3 June.

b. Presented Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., '81, as the oldest graduate present.

c. Announced that, as directed by the Board of Trustees, telegraphic

greetings from this annual meeting had been dispatched to: Eisenhower, '15; MacArthur, '03; Bradley, '15; March, '88; Collins, April '17; Vandenberg, '23; Twining, '19; Ridgway, April '17; Clark, April '17; Gruenther, '19; Taylor, '22; and Wood, '00.

d. Introduced the four star and three star general officers present, including Clay, '18; Keyes, '13; Groves, Nov. '18; Craigie, '23; and Cabell, '25.

e. Reminded all present of the lasting and vital part that the Academic Board at West Point plays in the Academy's progress, and paid special tribute to the first Dean of the Academic Board, Brigadier General Roger Alexander, '07, as a fine representative of the Academic Board.

10. Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenger, '13, addressed the meeting as follows:

"General Irving, General Fenton, General Hodges, Fellow Graduates:

I think that I'm the number on the agenda which was lost a moment ago. Since we met here last June, more than 100 oldsters have hung up the uniform they have worn so long and donned the civilian blue of retired life. As one of that group, who after 40 years has moved over onto the shady side of the street, it is my privilege to join the Superintendent as a representative of the Alumni Association in welcoming you back to West Point today. In other years since the war, there have been uncertain moments and far-reaching decisions for the United States to face, but I doubt if any recent year has confronted our country with a greater challenge than that of today. Today, with the future of the world hanging in the balance, West Pointers stationed all over the globe and here at home are accorded the great privilege of following close order behind a fellow graduate who leads us in this era of America's destiny. That is one reason why this alumni day takes such a portentous significance. Assembled here again at West Point for this occasion, we can take stock of ourselves, live over the glorious traditions of the past and rededicate ourselves to our unswerving course of the future. And surrounded by these splendid youth that wear the gray, how fortunate are we alumni today to be able to stand firm as an organization in unflinching support of those basic American principles of which West Point is our living symbol. Yes, it is a great privilege for me to represent the Alumni Association in extending a warm welcome to all of you who came from a distance to rally around our Alma Mater on this occasion. Thank you."

11. Major General Frederick A. Irving, April '17, the Superintendent, gave the meeting a resumé of the present-day West Point, emphasizing the changes in the physical plant and plans for the future; the activities, both serious and frivolous, of the Corps; and the great efforts that are being made to have West Point and the Corps better known by the nation. (General Irving's complete address appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.)

12. General Gatchell, '12, chairman of a committee of the trustees, which for the past year has been inquiring into ways of securing greater participation by our members in the Association's affairs, reported as follows:

"Mr. President, Fellow Alumni:

At a meeting on June 2nd a year ago, the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates passed the following motion—that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of the Board of Trustees, which committee would make a study of the means and methods of allowing the membership of the Association greater participation in the affairs of the Association. As a result of this action, the President appointed the following committee: Gatchell, '12; Bellingher, '18; Bartlett, '19; DeGraaf, '20; Ely, '44. Although as individuals we thought about the problem a great deal, and talked it over with other graduates with whom we came in contact, for various unavoidable reasons it was December before we were able to meet formally as a committee. In the meantime, however, notices had been published in *Assembly* announcing the appointment of the committee and inviting the members of the Association to submit suggestions and recommendations to the committee. The responses to these notices in *Assembly* were very small, only four letters being received. When we finally met in December and started to work in earnest, we realized immediately that before we could do anything worthwhile, we must make an effort to obtain some sample at least of the wishes of the alumni in the matter. So after careful consideration, it was decided as a first step to contact a limited number of members and ask them for help in solving our problem. A letter was prepared and a list of 50 members was picked from the Alumni Register by General Danford but selected so as to give proportionate representation to all age groups. Each member of the committee personally signed and sent out 10 letters. They were not mimeographed letters; they were written letters. Seventeen replies were received. The committee also had available 10 letters which had been received by one of the members of the committee in response to a number of personal letters which he had sent out some time previously on his own initiative. In this total of 31 letters which were received, there were about 40 different suggestions

given. Some of these suggestions of course appeared in practically the same form in several different letters. As a result of a study of these letters the committee reached some conclusions and has submitted interim reports to the Board of Trustees, making certain recommendations that we thought we could reach at that time. Before going further, however, the committee feels that it should have more knowledge of membership opinion. Therefore, we have placed on the tables in front of you copies of the sampling letter which we sent out to the 50 members. If you have any ideas as to how the Association can be made more useful, and particularly how its membership can be allowed greater participation in its affairs, we urge you to send us a reply to that letter. Now don't try to scrape the barrel and just look for something if you haven't got something, but if you've really got something, we'd like to have it. I suggest that all replies be sent direct to Bartlett, who is the secretary of the committee and is stationed here at West Point. If however, for any reason you prefer to send your reply directly to any other member of the committee personally, it will be all right. All will be considered carefully by the committee. I might tell you that we have scheduled our next meeting for next Tuesday, June 9th, and we would like very much to have some of these letters come in before that time if possible. Now time does not permit any further discussion of this matter at this meeting, in this room, as we have to get out of here; but immediately after adjournment, our committee will meet in the Electricity Lecture Room at the south end of the 2nd floor of the East Academic Building. That is the last entrance to the East Academic Building near Post Headquarters.

Anyone interested in this subject is cordially invited to join with us there. We shall be glad to try to answer any questions you may have or to receive any suggestions you may wish to make in person. We would like to try to get through, if possible, by parade time so don't dilly-dally all afternoon but come on over. "Thank you."

13. Colonel Pope, '03, as chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees, discussed the reasoning leading to this committee's choice of nominees, and named the slate as follows:

For President:
Chauncey L. Fenton, '04

For Vice-Presidents:
Chauncey B. Humphrey, '98
Douglas MacArthur, '03
Geoffrey Keyes, '13
Thomas D. Stamps, August '17
Lucius D. Clay, June '18

For Trustees to Serve Until 1 July 1956:
Robert M. Danford, '04
Willis D. Crittenberger, '13
Harris Jones, April '17
Thomas D. Stamps, August '17
Earl H. Blaik, '20
George DeGraaf, '20
John A. McNulty, '20
Edgar W. Garbisch, '25
Garrison H. Davidson, '27
Ivan Sattem, '40

For Trustee to Serve Until 1 July 1954
(vice Piper, '89, deceased):
Charles P. Nicholas, '25

For Trustee to Serve Until 1 July 1955 (vice
Eisenhower, '15, resigned):
John H. Michaelis, '36

14. With his own nomination as President before the meeting, General Fenton requested General Gatchell, '12, the senior Vice President present, to preside.

15. With General Gatchell presiding, it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the nominations be closed and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot for the slate as recommended.

16. Upon resuming the rostrum General Fenton accepted his re-election with these comments:

"I think probably the greatest pride and satisfaction that any man can have is in the love and admiration of his family, his wife and children. Yet, he also has a great deal of humility in this connection, realizing that he can never reach the stature that he should reach as husband and father. I feel more or less that way about your election of me as President of this Association. I consider it a very great honor but I also feel very humble as I realize that I haven't the capacity or ability to discharge the duties of this office in the manner in which I should. However, since I am elected I shall do my best, and with your help I hope we will make some progress during the coming year. Without your help and cooperation, nothing worthwhile could be accomplished. I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

17. The Reverend Frank E. Pulley, Chaplain U.S.M.A., pronounced the benediction.

18. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

—RAYMOND STONE, JR., '23,
Secretary.



"Hail to the Chief"—as the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., in Washington Hall on 1 June 1953, honors President Eisenhower, '15.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER**ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.**

MARCH 31, 1953

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of March 31, 1953.
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the period 1 May 1952 to 31 March 1953.
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the period 1 May 1952 to 31 March 1953.
 EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the period 1 May 1952 to 31 March 1953.
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of 31 March 1953 and income received thereon during the period 1 May 1952 to 31 March 1953.

EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, MARCH 31, 1953

ASSETS	
SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)	
Irving Trust Company.....	\$189,134.50
CASH ON HAND TO BE DEPOSITED (April 3, 1953).....	2.00
CASH IN BANKS:	
Irving Trust Company (Checking Account).....	\$ 8,017.97
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Checking Account).....	26,163.68
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Savings Account).....	13,537.36
Newburgh Savings Bank.....	8,324.21
Harlem Savings Bank.....	10,188.27
Bowery Savings Bank.....	10,188.66
	<u>\$ 76,420.15</u>
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 4,754.61
	<u>\$270,311.26</u>
LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1952.....	\$ 49,209.35
Add: Increase 1 May 1952—31 March 1953 (See Exhibit B).....	17,587.75
	<u>\$ 66,797.10</u>
ENDOWMENT FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1952.....	\$179,717.18
Add: Increase 1 May 1952—31 March 1953 (See Exhibit C).....	7,815.54
	<u>\$187,532.72</u>
CULLUM FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1952.....	\$ 9,935.34
Add: Increase 1 May 1952—31 March 1953 (See Exhibit D).....	236.31
	<u>\$ 10,171.65</u>
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' SALARIES.....	\$ 252.90
DEFERRED INCOME (WEST POINT PLATES).....	\$ 174.78
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF COST OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES.....	\$ 627.50
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 4,754.61
	<u>\$270,311.26</u>

CHANGES IN THE GENERAL FUND**EXHIBIT B DURING THE PERIOD 1 MAY 1952 TO 31 MARCH 1953**

INCOME	
Payments on Life and Annual Memberships.....	\$ 8,189.00
Annual Dues.....	62.00
Gain on West Point Plates.....	1,591.07
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	611.45
Cash Contributions.....	9,323.10
Transfer from Endowment Fund.....	5,887.44
Royalties.....	2,895.90
Sale of Medallions.....	1,412.50
Sale of Rosettes.....	50.50
Sale of Badges.....	957.00
Miscellaneous.....	99.00
	<u>\$ 31,078.96</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries.....	\$ 9,189.73
Printing.....	274.99
Freight, Express and Postage.....	359.42
Telephone and Telegraph.....	401.67
Cadet Awards.....	75.00
Rosettes.....	113.60
Janitor Service.....	220.00
Secretary's Expenses.....	110.00
Bronze Wreath on Thayer Monument.....	181.26
Dissemination of Information about West Point.....	-400.00
Fund Raising Campaign.....	881.19
Supplies.....	534.66
Luncheons.....	151.65
Miscellaneous.....	598.04
	<u>\$ 13,491.21</u>
Net Change (Increase).....	<u>\$ 17,587.75</u>

EXHIBIT C **CHANGES IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND**
DURING THE PERIOD 1 MAY 1952 TO 31 MARCH 1953

PRINCIPAL

Contributions	\$ 8,024.25
Less—Transfer and brokers fees	\$ 8.75
Loss on Redemption of Securities	170.67
	\$ 179.42
	\$ 7,844.83

INCOME

Interest and Dividends from Securities	\$ 6,190.77
Less—Interest Purchased	185.12
	\$ 6,005.65

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	\$ 147.50
	\$ 5,858.15
Total Additions	\$ 13,702.98
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 5,887.44
	\$ 7,815.54

EXHIBIT D

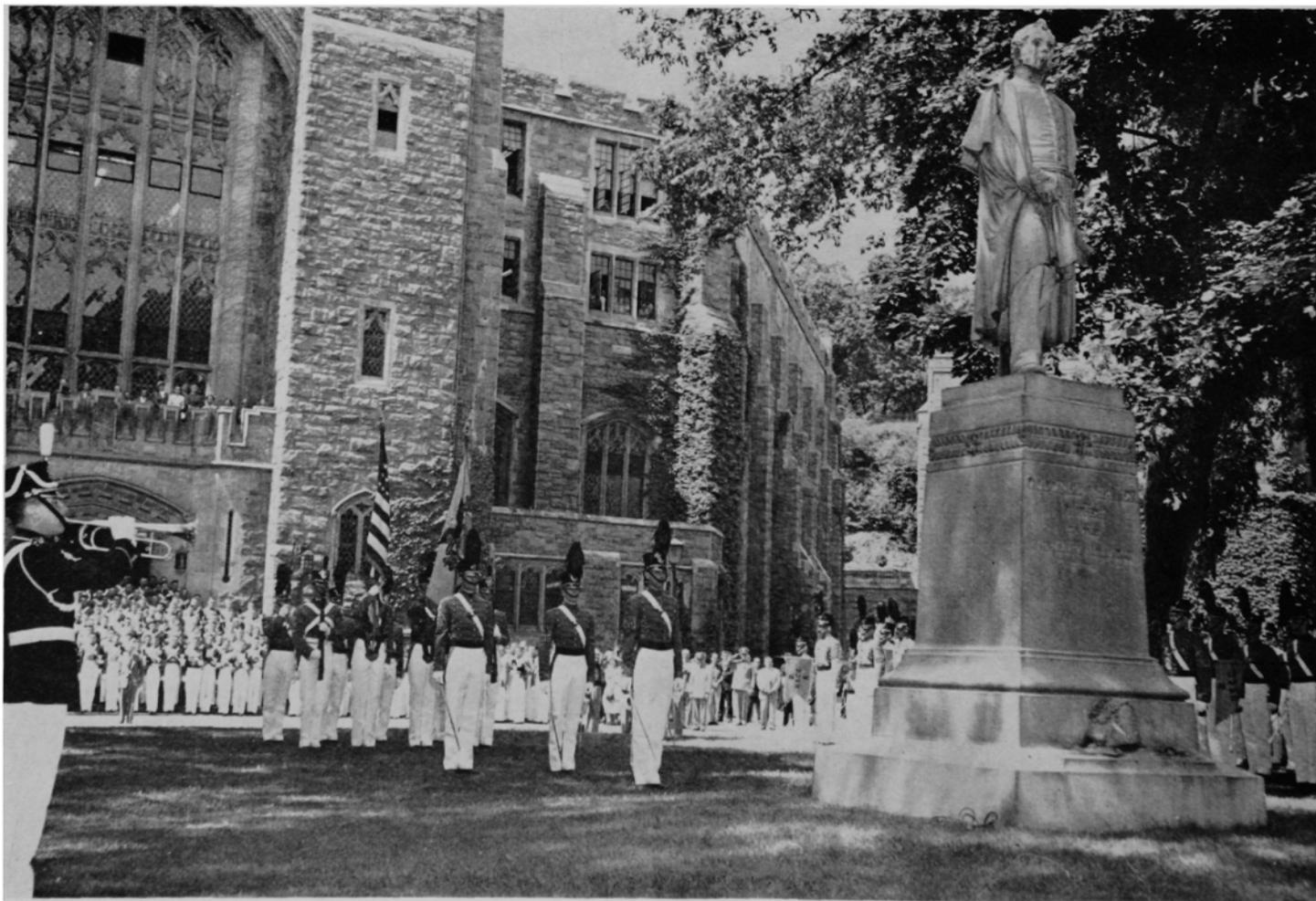
CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 MAY 1952 TO 31 MARCH 1953

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 3.81
Interest from Securities	237.50
	\$ 241.31

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	\$ 5.00
	\$ 236.31



"Taps"—at the memorial ceremony at Thayer Monument on 1 June 1953.

SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, MARCH 31, 1953 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1, 1952 TO MARCH 31, 1953

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Book Value at April 30, 1952	Purchases or Gifts	Redemption Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfers Expenses	Face Value or Number of Shares March 31, 1953	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis March 31, 1953	Approximate Market Value March 31, 1953	Dividends and Interest Received
June 4, 1931	One unit 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., 5 1/2% debent, due 3/27/40 and 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., capital stock NP.	10,000.00	1.00					100	1.00	\$ 9,082.00	\$ 237.50
May 8, 1950	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62	9,500.00	9,500.00					9,500.00	9,500.00	\$ 9,082.00	\$ 237.50
	Total Cullum Fund		\$ 9,501.00						\$ 9,501.00	\$ 9,082.00	\$ 237.50
<p>NOTE: Request of \$10,000 to the Association of Graduates by General George W. Cullum, under the stipulation that after investment the income is to be used for current expenses of the Association but only as long as the principal remains undiminished. If losses in the amount of the principal occurs, income is to revert to principal until the bequeathed amount is again attained.</p>											
ENDOWMENT FUND											
May 21, 1929	N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co., Series F-1 Ctf. 5 1/2% due 7/1/39	941.67	\$ 291.67		\$ 121.00	(\$ 170.67)					
July 25, 1929	TG & Tr. Co. Ptn. Ctf in B/M. 373-87 92nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Series 170869										
Aug. 1, 1933	First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y., common PV \$7.50	5	62.50					5	62.50	100.00	4.00
July 30, 1940	Kansas Power & Lt. Co. 4 1/2% cum. pfd. stock PV \$100.00	50	5,050.00					50	5,050.00	5,175.00	168.75
May 31, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G. 12 year Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 5/1/53	6,000.00	6,000.00					6,000.00	6,000.00	5,952.00	150.00
June 26, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G. 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 6/1/53	4,000.00	4,000.00					4,000.00	4,000.00	3,968.00	100.00
Jan. 27, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G. 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 1/1/54	1,000.00	1,000.00					1,000.00	1,000.00	986.00	25.00
Aug. 15, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F. due 7/1/54	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	94.50	
May 18, 1944	Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. 4 3/4% cum. pfd. stk. Series A. PV \$50.	100	5,000.00					100	5,000.00	4,800.00	237.52
Aug. 30, 1946	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. due 8/1/58	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	83.50	
June 30, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. current income 2 1/2% due 6/1/59 Reg.	33,000.00	33,000.00					33,000.00	33,000.00	31,416.00	825.00
Aug. 8, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F. due 8/1/59	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	80.90	
Apr. 7, 1948	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 12 yr. current income 2 1/4% due 4/1/60 Reg.	13,000.00	13,000.00					13,000.00	13,000.00	12,311.00	162.50
July 19, 1949	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G. 12 yr. current income 2 1/2% due 7/1/61 Reg.	3,000.00	3,000.00					3,000.00	3,000.00	2,841.00	75.00
Jan. 10, 1950	U. S. Treas. Bonds 2 1/2% due 12/15/72-57	25,000.00	25,000.00					25,000.00	25,000.00	23,943.75	625.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Sears Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock N.P.	300	13,050.00					300	13,050.00	17,625.00	675.00
Mar. 30, 1950	McGraw Elec. Co. Com Stock Par \$1.	100	4,987.50					100	4,987.50	6,975.00	350.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Seeger Refrig. Co. Com. Stock Par \$5.	200	1,650.00					200	1,650.00	2,575.00	220.00
Aug. 18, 1950	No. Am. Car Corp. Com. Stock Temp.	200	2,662.50					200	2,662.50	4,425.00	320.00
Dec. 29, 1950	Int. Minerals Chemical Corp. Com. Stock Par \$5.00	40	1,000.00					40	1,000.00	1,050.00	50.00
Mar. 30, 1951	Globe Union Inc. Capital Stock Par \$5.00	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	95.60	2.50
Mar. 30, 1951	U. S. Savings Bond Series G. Current Income 2 1/2% due 5/1/62	100.00	75.00					100.00	100.00	74.90	
June 1, 1951	U. S. A. Savings Bond Series F. 12 yr. due 2/1/63	200	9,712.50					200	9,712.50	11,100.00	620.00
June 11, 1951	Texas Co. Capital Stock	110	4,362.50					110	4,362.50	4,977.50	154.00
June 28, 1951	Eastman Kodak Co. Com. Stk. Stock Dividend	200	8,300.00					200	8,300.00	13,100.00	490.00
July 21, 1951	Phillips Petroleum Co. Capital Stock	120	2,425.00					120	2,425.00	2,715.00	72.00
Sept. 18, 1951	Merck & Co. Common Stock	4	416.00					4	416.00	404.00	12.00
Oct. 1, 1951	Merck & Co. Cuml. Conv. 2nd Pfd.	24	2,784.00					24	2,784.00	2,424.00	72.00
Oct. 1, 1951	Merck & Co. \$4 Conv. 2nd Pfd.	80	2,560.00					80	2,560.00	1,810.00	48.00
Feb. 5, 1952	Merck & Co. Common Stock	10,000.00	9,868.75	9,868.75			2.00	10,000.00	9,868.75	9,337.50	140.71
May 23, 1952	U.S.A. Treasury Bonds 2 1/2% due 12/15/72/67	250	1,375.00					250	1,375.00	2,062.50	
Aug. 1, 1952	Hallcrafters Co. Common Stock	10	592.50	592.50			2.00	10	592.50	567.50	12.50
Aug. 25, 1952	Sears Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock	10,000.00	10,375.00	10,375.00			2.00	10,000.00	10,375.00	10,500.00	74.17
Oct. 2, 1952	Dow Chemical Co. 3% Conv. sub-debentures due 7/1/85, Temp. 1/1/53 & 7/1/53.	100	2,375.00	2,375.00			.09	100	2,375.00	2,262.50	
Feb. 11, 1953	Merck & Co.	2	31.00	31.00				2	31.00	40.00	
Feb. 12, 1953	First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y.	250	2,218.75	2,218.75			.66	250	2,218.75	2,062.50	
Feb. 27, 1953	Hallcrafters Co. Common Stock										
	Total Endowment Fund		\$153,089.17	\$ 26,836.00	\$ 121.00	(\$ 170.67)	\$ 8.75		\$179,633.50	\$194,330.15	\$ 6,005.65
	Total		\$162,590.17	\$ 26,836.00	\$ 121.00	(\$ 170.67)	\$ 8.75		\$189,134.50	\$203,412.15	\$ 6,243.15

Examined and found correct:
 C. H. MILES,
 Colonel, G.S.,
 Comptroller, U.S.M.A.

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



FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF
The National Public Relations Committee
OF THE
West Point Societies

By COLONEL WALTER J. RENFROE, JR., '34

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROJECTS FOR 1953-1954

1. To develop widespread interest in West Point among boys well qualified to become cadets, and to encourage them to seek appointments.
2. To organize more widespread participation by the Alumni in the Public Relations Program, and is so doing to take active steps to keep the Alumni well informed about West Point.
3. In all public relations activities of your Society, to emphasize the career aspect of West Point education.
4. To use every opportunity to inform the public, and especially educators, of West Point's academic curriculum, methods, and results.

At the fourth meeting of the National Public Relations Committee (NPRC) of the West Point Societies, held at West Point on 30 May 1953, the projects listed above were adopted for emphasis in 1953-54.

The NPRC, organized in 1950, consists of one representative of each West Point Society, a representative each of *Assembly* and *The Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*, and three officers stationed at the Military Academy. The annual meeting of the Committee is held at West Point during June Week. During the year information, in the form of circular letters, is sent from the Secretariat, in the office of the Association of Graduates at West Point, to the various Societies.

The annual list of public relations projects is intended to concentrate the efforts of the Societies on a limited number of specific points based on certain phases of the Long-Range Policy. The Long-Range Policy consists of a policy statement together with a list of facts concerning West Point which it is felt desirable for the public to know. This policy, adopted in its present form in 1951 as the "Long-Range Program", was discussed at the 30 May meeting, and it was decided that the title should properly be "Policy" rather than "Program" (West

Point Societies have been furnished copies of this "Policy", and it is published at the end of this article).

The meeting was presided over by Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Retired, '04, President of the Association of Graduates. General Fenton explained that the assembled group was composed of representatives of eight of the West Point Societies, of several of the Trustees of the Association of Graduates, of one reunion class representative (Cocheu, '03), and of the local members of the NPRC. Major General F. A. Irving, Superintendent of the Military Academy, and Colonel G. A. Lincoln, Professor of Social Sciences, were also present.

After a brief explanation of the functions of the Superintendent's Information Committee and its role as a policy-making and coordinating agency in the field of public relations had been presented, General Fenton called on Colonel C. P. Nicholas, '25, Professor of Mathematics, to review the NPRC Charter. In doing so Colonel Nicholas stressed the fact that the NPRC, like each West Point Society, is an autonomous group, separate from the Association of Graduates. Colonel Nicholas pointed out that the mission of the NPRC is to "guide and facil-

itate" the public relations efforts of each Society, and he called attention to the fact that the guidance furnished by the NPRC is accomplished principally through two documents, the Long-Range Program and the annual list of projects.

Discussion then centered on the Long-Range Program. Major General Garrison H. Davidson, '27, stated that he felt the entire effort could not be effective as long as the NPRC and the West Point Societies remain autonomous. He felt that strong centralized control and direct, concise guidance were necessary for an effective program. He also felt that the Long-Range Program was not a realistic program, or plan of action, but rather a simple list of items of information. Colonel Nicholas pointed out that the plan for specific action during the coming year was embodied in the second paper to be discussed, the list of public relations projects for 1953-1954. General discussion then highlighted the fact that the so-called "Long-Range Program" was in fact not a program but rather a policy statement. It was then decided that the title should be changed to "Long-Range Policy"

Lieut. Colonel James H. Frier, Jr., April '17, President of the West Point Society of Cleve-

land, spoke of his connection with Reserve Officer Association groups in Ohio, and expressed the feeling that closer relationships between West Point Societies and Reserve Officer groups would be highly desirable and of mutual benefit, as well as helping to emphasize further the West Point ideal of "Duty, Honor, Country". It was suggested that National Guard groups also be included in this proposed interchange. It was agreed that the Cleveland Society should submit to the NPRC as soon as practicable the draft of a fifth project for 1953-1954, based on this proposal.

General Davidson explained further his views on the necessity for a brief list of clear-cut, definite objectives with major emphasis on the timing of their presentation to the public. He also expressed the belief that guidance should be detailed, so that alumni who have little time available would be able to carry out the projects without spending hours on the preparation of speeches and the like. Several others present felt that the Societies did not want to be "dictated to". General Davidson agreed that these groups could not be ordered to undertake specific projects, but reiterated his belief in more definite guidance and a carefully planned timing.

General Irving spoke briefly on his concept of West Point public relations, saying he felt that these activities must be "natural". He felt that the people in the field must determine their own timing, seizing opportunities as they present themselves. He referred to the Sesquicentennial year as one such opportunity which had been well used.

Colonel Cocheu described briefly an impromptu television program which has been presented in Washington last year, where the oldest graduate in the area and a young West Pointer recently back from Korea had discussed their cadet experiences and subsequent Army service. He felt that the program was outstandingly successful and should be undertaken in other parts of the country.

The proposed list of public relations projects was then adopted, with the understanding that the Cleveland Society would submit a draft for a fifth project as proposed by Colonel Frier.

Colonel James B. Leer, Public Information Officer of the Military Academy, reported on the activities of his office during the past year, referring to magazine and newspaper stories, home-town releases, television programs, the use of the film "This Is West Point", and the activities of the local Visitors' Information Center, opened in 1952 near the South Gate of the Military Academy.

Brigadier General Oscar J. Gatchell, Retired, '12, called the attention of the Committee to a newly-published booklet about the Cadet Chapel. He praised highly the work done by Colonel Lawrence E. Schick, '20, and Major George S. Pappas, '44, in its preparation. (The booklet, entitled "The Cadet Chapel", may be purchased from the Office of the Chaplain, U.S.M.A. at West Point for \$1.00 a copy.)

Colonel G. A. Lincoln, '29, spoke about cadet activities which aid the public relations effort of the Military Academy, referring to the West Point Forum, the West Point Debate Council, and the ROTC exchange visits.

Colonel Raymond Stone, Jr., '23, recently appointed Secretary of the Association of Graduates, outlined briefly the increased emphasis being placed on the Association assisting cadets who are honorably discharged

from the Military Academy. Under the present plan these cadets are contacted, whenever possible, before they leave West Point; given a list of West Point Societies, and advised that they may contact these Societies for possible help in employment placements.

General Fenton spoke of the continuing increase in the number of West Point Societies, which has now reached 26. He urged patience and expressed the opinion that such growth is necessarily slow-moving.

Colonel James L. Hayden, Retired, April '17, representing the West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area, reiterated his appeal, expressed at previous NPRC meetings, for a continuing exchange of information between the various Societies. He also referred to the necessity for reorganization, in some cases, of old Societies, in order to permit their undertaking the new functions called for by the activities of the NPRC.

General Fenton called to the attention of the meeting his concern over the impression of generally lowered morale on the part of officers throughout the Services, brought about by the very difficult living conditions, frequent transfers, and the family hardships incident to present-day service. He felt that all Societies should be aware of these conditions and should work, in whatever proper way they could, toward alleviating these difficulties.

The meeting ended with a recitation by Colonel Charles F. Crain, Retired, '94, of the stirring poem, "West Point", beginning "O Spartan Woman, . . ." by Brigadier General Charles T. Lanham, '24.

LONG-RANGE PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY FOR WEST POINT SOCIETIES

I. GENERAL PURPOSE

The general purpose of public relations activity by West Point Societies is to present to the public a correct, balanced and modern picture of West Point. It is important for the public to have a well-proportioned picture, with greater emphasis on curricular aspects than has heretofore been customary. The usually publicized aspects of football, parades and discipline should take their proper places as only a part of the picture. By contrast, the frequently unpublicized aspects of academic excellence, broadness of curriculum, and stress on character development, leadership, and physical fitness should, by taking their correct places in the whole picture, assume greater prominence than the public has heretofore attributed to them.

II. FUNDAMENTAL ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Over a period of years, public relations activities related to West Point should be directed toward informing the public that:

1. West Point is a national institution of great importance to the country's security.

2. West Point has provided outstanding leaders in all major wars of U.S. history; during the past 150 years West Pointers have been the nucleus of professional offi-

cers who set the standard for the United States land and air forces in training, discipline and combat; and West Pointers have sacrificed their lives in battle to a greater relative degree than any comparable group of Americans.

3. As a result of their training, West Pointers have made major historical contributions to the civil and political development of the United States.

4. West Point is an under-graduate institution on the college level, granting a bachelor's degree.

5. West Point is founded and operated on democratic principles; qualification for admission is based on mental proficiency, physical fitness, and sound moral character; and cadets are admitted from all walks of American life, rich and poor alike.

6. West Point's curriculum and methods are progressive and modern, being continually scrutinized and adapted to changing conditions, both civil and military.

7. The West Point education is broad and balanced. The following features should be stressed:

a. West Point education does not concentrate solely on strategy and tactics. The school year of 39 weeks is devoted principally to academic education, while military field training is accomplished during the summer.

b. Although stressing the scientific subjects necessary in a professional career, West Point is not a specialized engineering school. It combines the characteristics of both engineering and liberal arts colleges. The curriculum is about 60% scientific and 40% humanistic.

c. West Point teaches fundamentals, leaving academic specialization to be accomplished in graduate work after the cadet becomes an officer.

d. The West Point courses encourage free discussion and expression of individual opinions. Performance on the Graduate Record Examination shows that cadets are outstanding in effectiveness of expression.

e. Numerous extra-curricular activities broaden the cadet's point of view (West Point Debate Council; West Point Forum; Language clubs, Literature Club; Mathematics Forum; etc.).

8. The West Point system of education is thorough, requiring each student to develop himself by diligent application and daily participation in small group recitations under carefully trained instructors.

9. West Point provides a broad basic military education, rather than individual proficiency in the technical duties of junior officers. Specialization and mastery of technical duties in chosen branches are matters of post-graduate education, after the cadets have become officers.

10. The program at West Point lays constant emphasis on the development of character, leadership and integrity.

11. All cadets undergo four years of active physical training and athletics, ensuring their development in physical stamina, moral courage, and qualities of leadership. This program includes not only intercollegiate sports, intramural sports, gymnastics, and other forms of individual physical development, but also a comprehensive course in the preparation and administration of physical training programs, coaching and other similar responsibilities of regular officers.

WEST POINT SOCIETIES

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

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ALABAMA Birmingham, Alabama

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158 The Highlands, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Sec'y-Treasurer: Col. John J. F. Steiner, April '17
Room 1214, Alabama Power Bldg.,
Birmingham, Ala.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF DENVER Denver, Colorado

President: Lt. Col. John P. Doidge, '28
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4045 E. 18th St., Denver, Colo.

2nd Vice-President: Capt. Mark Rhoads, November '18
Davis Lane & Enterprise Rd., Arvada, Col.

Secretary: Mr. Donald R. Lunney, '45
2876 S. Glencoe St., Denver 20, Col.

Asst. Sec'y: Maj. John B. Hull, June '43
517 Magnolia, Denver, Colo.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Bakersfield, California

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Sec'y-Treasurer: Col. Albert H. Burton, '25
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WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT Hartford, Connecticut

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

Vice-President: Col. Charles V. Wynne, '33
64 Robbins St., Waterbury 8, Conn.

Secretary: Lt. Philip H. Raymond, June 14, '22
18 LeMay St., West Hartford, Conn.

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Sec'y-Treasurer: Lt. Col. Gordon P. Larson, '33
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Secretary: Col. Morris H. Marcus, '21
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Treasurer: Lt. Col. M. F. Gilchrist, '39
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Bust of President Eisenhower Presented to West Point

On May 29, 1953, a bronze bust of President Dwight D. Eisenhower was presented to the Military Academy by Mr. George E. Sands of New York City in the presence of a large group of distinguished guests. The ceremony was held in Cullum Hall, adding color and dignity to the initial day of June Week. Colonel Lawrence E. Schick, Professor of Military Topography and Graphics, opened the proceedings in his capacity as Chairman of the West Point Museum Board and introduced the principal speaker, Colonel Herman Beukema, Professor of Social Sciences, U.S.M.A. Colonel Beukema addressed the assembled guests as follows:

"This ceremony brings to a happy conclusion a chain of events which began late in the period of General Eisenhower's service as Chief of Staff of the Army. The record has already become hazy. However, it discloses a moment when Miss Helen Keller introduced Brig. General Edwin N. Clark, ORC (Class of 1922, USMA) to Mr. Jo Davidson, distinguished sculptor. In the conversation that followed, Mr. Davidson expressed the desire to produce a portrait bust of Gen. Eisenhower. Gen. Clark carried the idea to Gen. Eisenhower, and obtained his consent to sit for the bust on the condition that it go to West Point. In addition, Gen. Clark made contact with the then Superintendent of the Military Academy, Maj. General Maxwell D. Taylor, and secured that officer's approval of the negotiations. Sittings were completed in Washington before Gen. Eisenhower retired from active service. In 1948 two castings of the bust were made in Paris, one destined for West Point, the other for some appropriate place in Europe.

"An interval of several years elapsed, chiefly because of Mr. Davidson's reluctance to take the initiative for the next step. The hiatus ended with Mrs. Leo Pollak, talented New York sculptress, saw the bust and determined that it should go to West Point. In the spring of 1951 she wrote to Gen. Irving, offering the bust on behalf of an unnamed donor. Further correspondence disclosed the fact that the prospective donor was Mr. George E. Sands, of New York City. His admiration for Gen. Eisenhower and his belief that the bust would serve as a source of inspiration to coming generations of cadets were responsible for this generous decision.

"The West Point Museum Board called on Mrs. Pollak and Mr. Sands in July, 1951, viewed the bust and pronounced it a super-

rior work of art. In the following month Mr. A. A. Weinman, serving West Point as a member of its Art Advisory Committee, also examined the bust and pronounced it 'a very lifelike portrait of Gen. Eisenhower, revealing much of the inner man . . . (and)

fully worthy of being included in the collection of the Museum.' Gen. Irving's letter of acceptance to Mrs. Pollak followed. At this point, however, it was discovered that the actual purchase of the bust had



yet to be accomplished. Mr. Davidson's death in January 1952 further delayed action. Gen. Clark again intervened to push the matter and Mr. Sands finally acquired the bust from the Davidson estate.

"In November 1952, Col. Matheson, Director of the West Point Museum, reopened correspondence with Mrs. Pollak and Mr. Sands. A visit of the Museum Board to New York followed in due course. Tentative arrangements were made for a June Week presentation ceremony. The Board then selected from the pair of busts the one which you will shortly see unveiled.

"The story of the artist, the sculptor, the writer or the musician who lived in poverty and died in obscurity, only to achieve greatness after his death, has become a commonplace in the record of human events. Mr. Davidson's life story happily does not fall into that category. Born in New York City in 1883, studying under George deForest Brush and Hermon A. McNeil, and later at l'Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, he early achieved recognition as an outstanding por-

trait sculptor. The adjectives 'heroic' and 'colossal' appear repeatedly in the critics' appraisals of his productions. His subjects cover a wide cross section of the world's leaders in many fields of endeavor over the past five decades — among them Woodrow Wilson, Anatole France, John D. Rockefeller, Walt Whitman, George Bernard Shaw, Marshals Joffre and Foch, General Pershing, Rabindranath Tagore, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Albert Einstein, Will Rogers, and other notables too numerous to list.

"Mr. Davidson's work is found today in the galleries and museums of the world's art centers, notably the Palace of Versailles, Musée des Invalides, and the Luxembourg, Paris; the Capitol Building and the National Gallery of Art, Washington; the Palace of the Legion of Honor, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Will Rogers Memorial, and the Universities of Illinois and Indiana. Exhibitions of his work from 1909 down to the current decade cover a similar range. In brief, long before Jo Davidson's death on 2 January 1952, the basic realism and vigorous clean conservatism of his work had won world-wide recognition of his outstanding skill as a sculptor. The Eisenhower preserved by Mr. Davidson in bronze is the replica of the man fashioned by Nature and the hard knocks of life; not the distorted projection of some twisted mind's reaction to the impact of Gen. Eisenhower's personality.

"The unveiling of a portrait is normally the occasion for a eulogistic recital of the subject's accomplishments. In the present instance, however, much of the race is still to be run. Eulogy must await the day when Dwight David Eisenhower will have filled the blank file in the 'ghostly assemblage' of the Long Gray Line that has awaited his coming ever since a certain day in June 1911. Then and later there will be ample time to sing the praises of the man who in little more than a decade has leapt from the obscurity of a field officer's duties to the highest military and civilian posts within the gift of the American nation, a man who, despite the heavy duties and great honors conferred upon him, remains best known to his countrymen by the simple, affectionate title of 'Ike'. He would be the first to insist that his race must be finished and the final score be posted for all to read before the commentator may dismiss the restraints which govern us today.

"Even so, there is much in that record which can be discussed in an hour like

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this without trampling on the proprieties. We may ask ourselves, for example, why his immediate reaction to the sculptor's proposal was the decision to have the finished work presented to West Point. Was this his way of paying tribute to his Alma Mater, his way of saying that West Point had soundly shaped and trained him for the heavy responsibilities destined to fall on his shoulders? I can only express the personal conviction from what I have seen and learned of this man in the 42 years I have known him as classmate and friend that such was the case. And, having answered my own question, I will ask you to glance with me at the towheaded youth from Abilene, Kansas who on 14 June 1911 became New Cadet Dwight David Eisenhower.

"That, however, was not the way he identified himself to the hard-boiled First Classman who came forward with West Point's distinctive type of welcome. 'Ike Eisenhower' was the plebe's answer to Question Number One.

"Say 'sir' to me, Mr. Eisenhower, and wipe off that smile."

"The smile was erased from his lips, but never from his eyes. The positive qualities which in time were to become the distinctive assets of a great leader were from the outset part and parcel of the make-up of this youth. Heredity is largely responsible, the inheritance of the pioneering drive which brought the original Eisenhowers and their brood from Switzerland to Pennsylvania several decades before the birth of the United States. That drive carried a later generation of Eisenhowers to Texas, where Dwight D. Eisenhower was born, and thence to Kansas, where he was reared. Andrew F. Schoepfel, wartime Governor of Kansas, writing in 1943 about the man who in that hour was proving his abilities as a military leader in North Africa, spelled out the item of General Eisenhower's inheritance:

"In him, the strong qualities of courage, vision, wisdom and inspiration have their roots in the pioneer stock which conquered the Kansas plains and prairies and which inspired its offspring to seek its destiny in the light of Divine wisdom and truth.

It is well that in his veins flows the blood of men who believed in God, who sought the truth in living, and whose creed was based upon the Golden Rule of the Bible, rather than upon a false code of personal selfishness and personal gain."

"Heredity, however, does not tell the whole story. Environment played a vital part in this family of six sons, all of them individualists, and trained to measure up to an exacting standard of character and performance. Ruggedness of personality was the logical end-product of such schooling. The ruggedness was happily balanced by resiliency of temperament, the knack of getting on with people. When one adds up the composite of qualities which comprised the personality and character of our subject, he is forced to conclude that few men have entered West Point since its founding in 1802 better equipped to make the most of its training system. From the outset of his cadet career, Ike adjusted himself readily to the endless demands and harsh discipline imposed by his upper class mentors. Nightly after taps classmates from his floor of 'Beast Barracks' assembled in his room to rehash the troubles of the day. Ike's contribution to the comments never varied; he could laugh at his own mishaps. His sense of humor, priceless equipment for a

plebe, was a buffer against the shocks and troubles which left their mark on less resilient personalities. No scars were visible on the body, mind, or temperament of Cadet Eisenhower when 'recognition' brought plebe year to its end.

"The color and pattern of the three upper-class years of his life were a composite of early as well as immediate influence. The vigor, ebullience and drive of the youth were the gift of his forebears. On the other hand those positive characteristics were never strongly asserted in the effort to attain rank, whether in academic standing or in the quantity of gold braid worn on the sleeve. Ike was no 'fileboner'. Instead, he was a typical exponent of 'F' Company, that unique band of individualists bent on living dangerously, while making life miserable for the Department of Tactics. In both respects they were highly successful. Such nonchalance disappeared however, when it came to athletics. Here again Ike ran true to form. Even in his plebe year he came to be known as a young man in a hurry when he walked onto a football field.

"Ike's physical assets for the game were in no way extraordinary. Nevertheless, early in the fall of 1912, his yearling fall, the sportswriters singled him out as the most promising halfback in the East. The man's drive was asserting itself. Ultimately it brought trouble; almost disaster. A succession of injuries crippled a knee and terminated a football career. Some weeks later, mounted gymnastics in the Riding Hall sent that cadet back to the hospital for a period of months. The day came shortly before graduation when a medical board was ready to vote Cadet Dwight D. Eisenhower physically unfit for military service. On the plea of the chairman, they took a second look, this time noting the cadet's other assets for the Service. Provisionally, they decided to take a chance 'in the interest of the Service', enabling Cadet Eisenhower to become a second lieutenant of infantry on 11 June 1915.

"West Point had long since left its stamp on the man. The enduring values of its system of education and training had become permanently fixed in his personality and character. The influence of these attributes on Gen. Eisenhower's decisions and action in the critical days when he led the Allied forces of the West against the Axis is best left to the judgment of the man himself. His view has been clearly expressed in his selection of West Point as the permanent home for his portrait bust.

"The men of West Point are deeply grateful for this simple acknowledgment by its most distinguished living son of his lasting debt to his Alma Mater. We are happy and proud to have that debt symbolized in this superb example of the sculptor's art. Future generations of West Pointers, preparing themselves for a life of service to the nation and the free world, will gaze at the bronze, seeking to discover the qualities of mind and character which have made Dwight D. Eisenhower a world leader in its hour of greatest danger. Many of those cadets will catch the message imprisoned in the metal, and having caught it, will attempt to emulate the record of the man portrayed. With us, those cadets will be glad that Dwight Eisenhower has come home to West Point."

Mr. Sands then presented the bust to the Academy with a few well-chosen remarks, emphasizing his personal admiration for President Eisenhower and concluding with an invitation to Mrs. John Eisenhower to perform the unveiling. Following General Irving's acceptance, the guests were invited to examine the bust before its removal to the West Point Museum, where it is now prominently displayed on the landing outside the Flag Room.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

(Continued from page 1)

3 February and the West Point Society of the Florida West Coast on 11 February.

During this trip of five weeks I came in contact with about 100 graduates. We discussed many things pertaining to West Point and our Association. In this way I have tried to keep our Association working along the lines that our membership approves.

One of the most important events each year in connection with our public relations program, is the meeting during June Week of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies. A dinner meeting was held this year on Saturday, May 30, and I urge you to read the report of this meeting written by Renfroe, '34, and published in this *Assembly*.

The increase in the number of organized West Point Societies during the past year is most gratifying. There are now 26 of these societies in being, and several other groups of West Pointers are planning to organize in the near future.

The cadet phase of our work is not being overlooked and we are seeking ways to improve it all the time. Also a great deal of attention is being paid to cadets who are honorably discharged. Some of our most loyal supporters are West Pointers who are ex-cadets, and we hope that more and more of them will join the Association of Graduates.

The net worth of our Association has increased by more than \$25,000.00 during the past year. We still have a long way to go to reach \$500,000.00 for our Endowment Fund but I am certain that it will be reached. I wish to thank all those who have contributed and to assure you that you have made a good investment. Please see the Treasurer's report published in this magazine.

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

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

—CHAUNCEY L. FENTON, '04,
President.

BULLETIN BOARD

Academic Calendar—1953-1954

1953

- 8 September, Tuesday—First term begins.
- 22 December, Tuesday—First term ends.
- 23 December, Wednesday, to 30 December, Wednesday—Term Examinations.
- 22 December, 12 noon, Tuesday, to 3 January (1954), 5:30 P.M., Sunday—Christmas leave for upper classes.
- 30 December, Wednesday—Ex-cadets report for admission.

1954

- 4 January, Monday—Second term begins.
- 2 March, Tuesday—Entrance examinations begin.
- 9 March, Tuesday—Re-examination of ex-cadets.
- 18 March, 3:15 P.M., Thursday, to 21 March, 6:00 P.M., Sunday—Suspension of duties.
- 3 June, Thursday—Second term ends.
- 4 June, Friday, to 7 June, Monday—Term examinations.
- 8 June, Tuesday—Graduation.
- 15 June, Tuesday—June entrance examinations begin.

NOTICE TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS TO ASSEMBLY

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Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A WEST POINT SOCIETY?

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

Then why not organize one?

Here is the way to do it:

(a) Visit (or write to) the Secretary of the West Point Society nearest you. Learn

what his Society does, how it is organized, and what the benefits of membership are.

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

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

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

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

(4) Suggestions on how to get started.

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

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

SPEAKERS FROM WEST POINT

It has been suggested that the most basic public relations service any graduate or ex-cadet can perform for the Military Academy is to keep himself thoroughly informed on recent developments at West Point. Too often, in our stories of the "good old days", we emphasize unusual and humorous events, leaving with our hearers the inference that this kind of situation was and remains typical of the Military Academy. We tend, too, to regard the Military Academy as unchanging, and we don't take the time or trouble to bring themselves up to date.

An individual cure for the malady described above would be a careful perusal of the latest *USMA Catalogue* and reading of other up-to-date reports, such as those found in *Assembly*. A most effective way for groups of West Pointers to bring themselves up-to-date would be for such groups to invite officers presently stationed at West Point and qualified cadets to address their meetings, whether these occasions be gatherings of a West Point Society, the annual Founders Day dinner held at a post or nearby city, or some other assemblage of West Pointers.

In the past few years several officers from West Point have addressed groups at Founder's Day dinners in various parts of the country, and last March cadets of the West Point Debate Council, then on a debate tour, were able to speak to certain Founders Day assemblages. There are obvious limitations on the numbers of officers and cadets qualified for this type of mission and available at a certain time, as well as realistic restrictions on travel and expenses involved. Sometimes it is possible for an officer on an official trip to work in such a speaking arrangement as part of the trip. At any rate there is nothing to be lost by checking into the possibilities. Any group contemplating a West Point get-together is encouraged to contact the Adjutant General, U. S. Military

Academy, concerning the possibilities of obtaining a speaker from West Point. While no advance guarantee can be made as to the availability of a speaker for any and all occasions, efforts will be made at West Point to fill all reasonable requests.

THE USMA CATALOGUE

The annual *USMA Catalogue* is one of the best sources of up-to-date, accurate and comprehensive information about West Point. All of our alumni who speak or write about the Academy should have the latest *Catalogue* readily available as a valuable and authoritative reference. *Assembly* is informed that the *Catalogue* is now being mailed annually to each graduate whose current address is of record in the office of the Association of Graduates at West Point. Any graduate who fails to receive his copy by this means may obtain one by request to the Adjutant General, U.S.M.A., West Point, New York.

AID FOR HONORABLY SEPARATED ALUMNI WHO ARE SEEKING CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

For many years civilian employment placements for honorably separated alumni have been undertaken in various ways. This aid is extended to honorably separated graduates and former cadets alike.

Recently a greater need for such service has been particularly evident among separated cadets. The Corps is aware that the Association of Graduates, largely through certain of its West Point Societies connections, can produce positive results, and is availing itself more and more of such counsel and guidance.

During the spring of 1953 about fifty (50) cadets, including the June "foundlings", received this type of advice, which includes individual interview (if desired), a list of the West Point Societies, and a letter of advice as to procedure and retention of West Point contacts.

The Corps appreciates this program as one potent answer to their question "What can the Association of Graduates offer me?"

—Raymond Stone, Jr., '23,
Secretary,

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

REUNION CLASSES—PLEASE NOTE!

The New York Public Library requests that each West Point Class publishing a "year-book" furnish a copy of the book to the Library at 5th Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, attention Mr. Dornbusch, Special Assistant in Government Documents.

A REPORT OF THE INFORMATION PROGRAM OF THE U. S. M. A. SESQUICENTENNIAL

By MAJOR GEORGE S. PAPPAS, '44

EDITOR'S NOTE: Publication of this article in ASSEMBLY has been delayed because of lack of appropriate space in recent issues. It is presented now mainly because of its value as a complete description of a very successful effort to place before the public accurate information about West Point. It is noteworthy that this objective was accomplished in the way all such endeavors concerning West Point should be undertaken, that is—by all individuals and groups involved (including the Association of Graduates) cooperating with the public information agencies established by the Superintendent, under policies approved by him as the individual directly responsible for the welfare of the Military Academy.

The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy at West Point was observed with appropriate ceremonies during the period set aside for the commemoration of this important anniversary, January to June 1952. The various events of the commemorative period were centered about the theme selected for the Sesquicentennial, "Furthering Our National Security".

Four major events were scheduled: the Inaugural of the Sesquicentennial, on 5 January 1952, featured the national character of the Military Academy; the Lee Portrait presentation, on 19 January, emphasized the unity of the Nation, that unity which has prevailed since the days of the Civil War; the Founders Day Observance, on 16 March, centered about the graduates and the Armed Forces—the Army and the Air Force; and the Jubilee Convocation, on 20 May, stressed the academic nature of West Point. The other events of the Sesquicentennial were all closely related to the theme of the observance. The Sesquicentennial Lecture Series presented the roles of higher education, business and industry, and the media of communication in furthering the security of the Nation, as well as indicating the effects of modern technology on the combat forces and discussing the role of NATO and SHAPE in furthering the security of the free world.

OBJECTIVES

The basic objective of the information program established for the Sesquicentennial was to disseminate information about the events of the Sesquicentennial as widely as possible. The secondary purpose was to place before the public accurate information about West Point.

To achieve these two objectives, information pertaining to the Sesquicentennial and to the Military Academy was directed toward five groups of "publics": toward the people of the United States, because West Point is the United States Military Acad-



Obverse (above) and reverse (below) of the medallion presented to the Superintendent by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge on 22 February 1953—and mentioned near the end of this article.



emy; toward educators, because the Military Academy is an academic institution; toward the Armed Forces, because West Point trains its cadets for service in the Army and the Air Force; toward graduates, because of their interest in their Alma

Mater; and toward educators and military men of other nations, because of the esteem in which they hold West Point. This report will indicate to what degree information pertaining to the Military Academy and the observance of its Sesquicentennial reached these various groups.

In general, four types of information were circulated: information pertaining strictly to the Sesquicentennial; historical information emphasizing the progress and accomplishments of the Military Academy in its first one hundred and fifty years; information stressing the mission and function of West Point today; and information pertaining to plans for the future. This information was released in three phases, in so far as timing was concerned. Phase I, the preliminary phase, was devoted chiefly to the announcement of the forthcoming observance. Phase II, the pre-Sesquicentennial phase, extended from June through December 1951. The purpose of this phase was to prepare the various groups for the actual Sesquicentennial observance by placing before them the plans for the commemoration. Phase III, the operational phase, was devoted chiefly to continuous and thorough coverage of all Sesquicentennial activities, utilizing all available media.

OPERATIONS DURING PHASE I. (1950—31 May 1951)

The operations during the preliminary phase may be summed up in one word: preparation. The first press release pertaining to the Sesquicentennial was made on 1 November 1950. This release contained the formal announcement of the forthcoming Sesquicentennial and coincided with the distribution of the printed announcement to over 3,300 individuals and institutions. The release was distributed to over 3,000 news outlets throughout the nation and was the only formal release made during the preliminary period.

Inasmuch as graduates of the Military Academy, members of the Corps of Cadets,

and officers of the post were all vitally interested in the Sesquicentennial, much effort was devoted toward preparing them for the coming events. In 1951, the four issues of *Assembly*, the quarterly alumni magazine published by the West Point Alumni Foundation for the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., carried articles pertaining to the plans for the Sesquicentennial. The circular news letters from the Secretary of the Association of Graduates to the various West Point Societies also mentioned the Sesquicentennial.

To keep the Corps of Cadets informed of the plans for the observance, a member of the Sesquicentennial staff met periodically with the Cadet Undergraduate Council. The members of this council, one cadet from each company of the Corps, relayed the information given by this staff officer to the cadets at company meetings.

The officers of the Sesquicentennial staff visited each of the academic departments, the Department of Tactics, the 1802nd Special Regiment, and the USMA Station Hospital to brief the officers of each group. Plans were discussed in these meetings and an attempt was made to inform the officers of the assistance each officer would be expected to give to ensure the success of the Sesquicentennial. To keep the officers fully informed of the progress of plans for the observance, copies of minutes of the various meetings of the Sesquicentennial Steering Group and the plans for the various events were distributed to each department and agency on the post.

Initial contacts were made with the various media during this period. Generally, these initial contacts were confined to merely mentioning the Sesquicentennial in the course of conversation pertaining to routine public information matters. These contacts were made by the Public Information Officer, Colonel James B. Leer, and his staff. The purpose of these initial contacts was not to obtain immediate coverage but, rather, was to inform the media of the approaching observance.

During this preliminary period, plans were formulated for the preparation of various Sesquicentennial brochures, pamphlets, programs and other miscellaneous publications. This included the preparation of a tentative printing schedule and the outlining of the contents of the various publications.

OPERATIONS DURING PHASE II.

(June 1951—January 1952)

Phase II of the information program, the pre-Sesquicentennial phase, was devoted to direct contacts with various media, to the final preparation of miscellaneous publications, and to the

preparation for coverage of the various Sesquicentennial events. The summer months were used to visit newspaper and magazine editors and radio-television executives. The balance of the period was used for the preparation of publications.

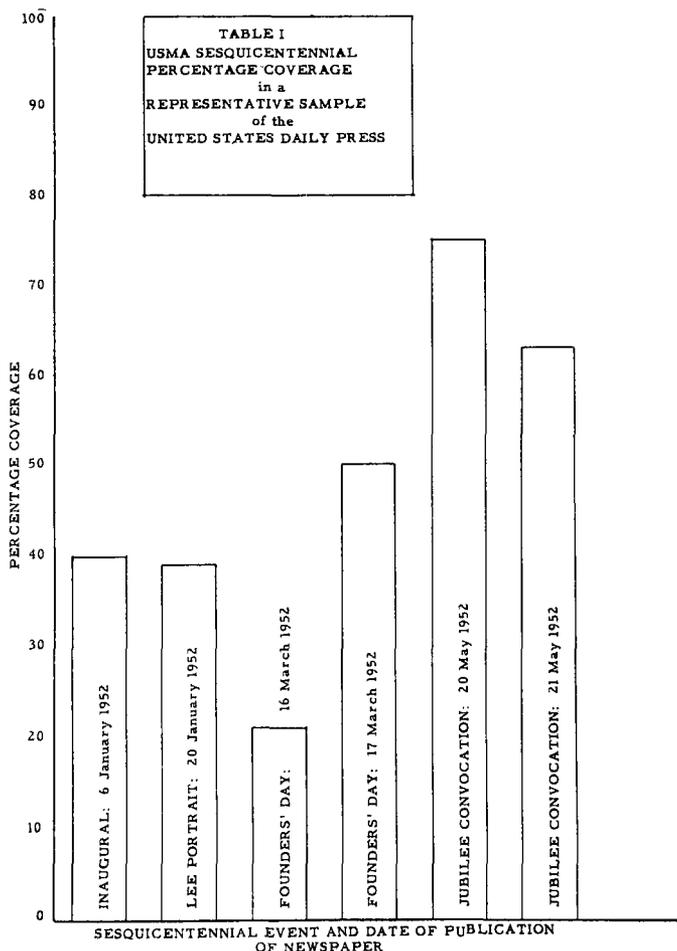
Throughout June, July and August, Colonel James B. Leer, the Public Information Officer, and Major (then Captain) George S. Pappas, Assistant Sesquicentennial Director, made many visits to media representatives. Emphasis was placed upon direct contact with magazine editors, since magazines are prepared from three to six months in advance of the date of publication. Calls were made upon approximately twenty-five editors of national magazines during this period. These editors were informed of the approaching Sesquicentennial observance and were given a brochure listing the major events scheduled. These men were approached with the thought that, although anniversaries were a very usual occurrence in everyday life, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Military Academy was of interest to the people of the United States because of the national character of West Point, because its cadets are drawn from every state in the Union, from every walk of life. This approach was most successful. Almost without exception, these editors asked for suggestions for articles and, in most cases, sent writers and/or photographers to West Point to prepare articles. The results of this personal contact with the editors of the magazines and the approach made to these men resulted

in the publication of fifteen magazine articles during the Sesquicentennial period. In addition, contacts made by mail with many other magazines whose offices were not located in the immediate area resulted in publication of many other articles.

A total of more than fifty magazine articles were published in forty-two different periodicals during the Sesquicentennial period. The magazines were of a varied nature. Articles appeared, for example, in the children's magazine, "Jack and Jill", in the "Park Avenue Social Revue", in the "Saturday Evening Post", and in the "National Geographic Magazine". The circulation of the twenty-one magazines whose circulations figures were available totaled more than 35,800,000 copies.

The personal contacts with newspaper editors and radio-television executives also brought excellent results. Although newspaper contacts were restricted chiefly to the newspapers in the New York area and to representatives of the major news services, widespread interest was aroused in the Sesquicentennial. The Public Information Officer and his staff supplemented the New York contacts by personal calls upon newspaper representatives during football trips in the fall of 1951 and by personal letters to the editors of the papers on the information release list maintained in the Public Information Office. A great number of newspaper articles resulted from these contacts and letters, including articles in newspapers widely separated geographically such as the Kansas City, Missouri, "Star"; the New York, New York, "World Telegram and Sun"; and the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, "Journal". Another result of this personal contact with newspaper personnel was the wide coverage given the Sesquicentennial. With the exception of the Lee Portrait Presentation, all the major events were covered by a minimum of thirty-five press personnel. The Jubilee Convocation was attended by over one hundred and twenty-five reporters and photographers.

The visits to radio-television executives made by the Assistant Public Information Officer, Major Joseph Cutrona, also brought excellent results. With the exception of the Lee Portrait Presentation, all the major Sesquicentennial events were broadcast or televised. The call on the network special events executives resulted in network crews visiting West Point to survey the facilities. This permitted proper planning to be instituted for the broadcast and televising of the Sesquicentennial events. In addition, these personal contacts resulted in more than thirty-five special radio programs and over fifteen special television programs on



sponsored network time during the period of the observance.

Final preparation of the many miscellaneous publications was completed during this phase. The Sesquicentennial Booklet is perhaps the most outstanding example of these publications. The booklet was prepared for sale and for distribution to delegates and distinguished guests during the Sesquicentennial period. Other notable publications were the Sesquicentennial brochures and calendars. During the Sesquicentennial period, over 173,000 copies of the various special publications were distributed throughout the nation.

Throughout this period, newspaper and magazine writers and photographers visited the Military Academy to obtain information for articles. The Public Information Office, assisted by personnel from the Sesquicentennial staff, escorted the media representatives and assisted them in obtaining the information necessary for their respective articles.

The Corps of Cadets, alumni, and officers of the post were kept informed of changes in plans during the period. Orientation of post personnel continued. The Superintendent, in his annual address to the West Point Woman's Club, emphasized the events of the Sesquicentennial and discussed the role the wives of the post would play in the observance.

Members of the Public Information Office staff, the Sesquicentennial staff, and other

officers of the West Point garrison made visits to civic groups, both in the immediate area and in other parts of the Nation, to acquaint them with the plans for the Sesquicentennial. Speakers at various Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, and other civic club meetings extended invitations to the members to visit the Military Academy during the observance.

During this six-month period, the Public Information Officer and his staff sent a great amount of information pertaining to the Military Academy and to the Sesquicentennial to the various media. Many magazine and newspaper articles appeared as a result. Close liaison between the Public Information Office and the Sesquicentennial staff resulted in a maximum of information being disseminated.

OPERATIONS DURING PHASE III (1 January—1 July 1952)

The public information operations of phase III were conducted primarily by the Public Information Officer and his staff. This phase included the release of information pertaining to the various Sesquicentennial events, the escorting of press personnel at the events, the providing of facilities for these personnel, and the dissemination of background information requested. The conduct of this Sesquicentennial program was performed in addition to the routine work load of the Public Information Office.

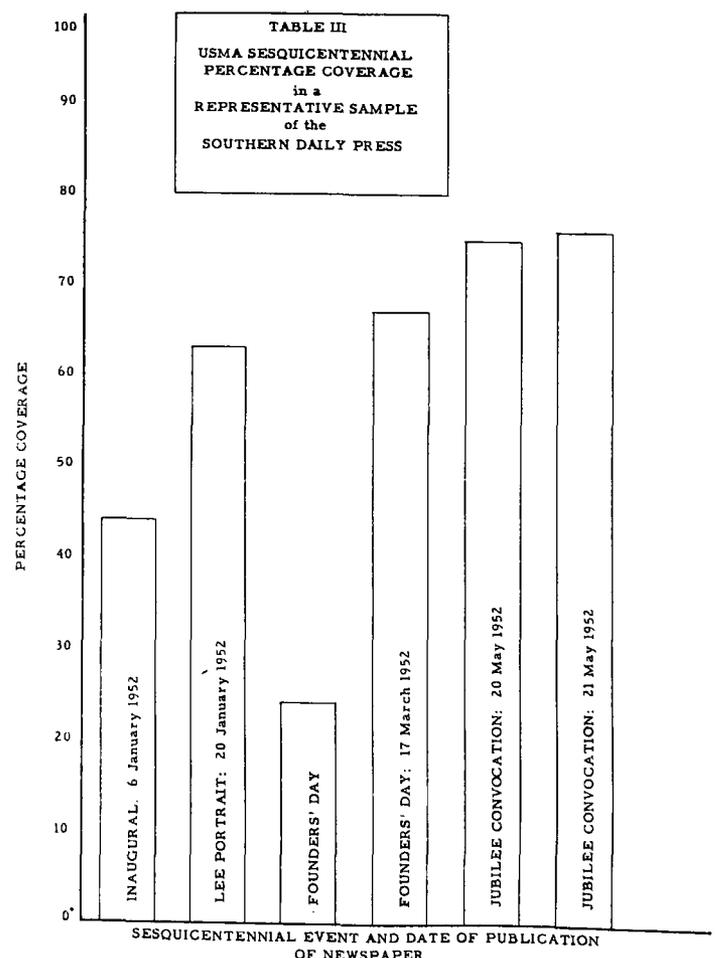
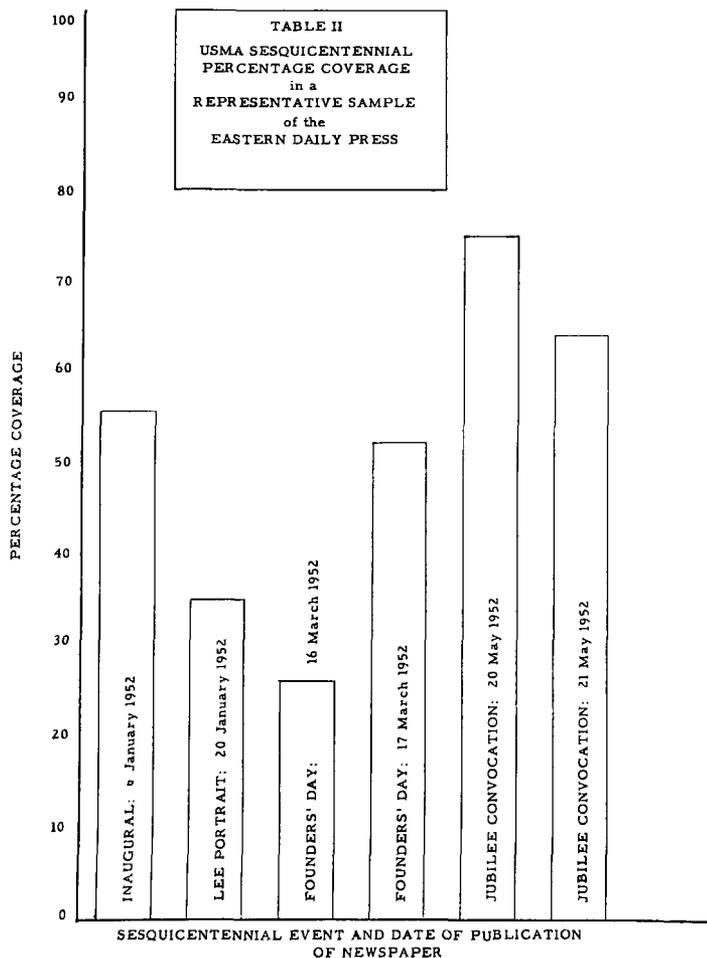
Approximately thirty special Sesquicen-

tennial news releases were made during this period. Generally, a release, accompanied by an invitation to cover, was distributed about ten days prior to each major event. A second, more detailed release was distributed two days before the event. A third release was prepared the day of the event.

Descriptive material was made available to press and radio personnel for each of the events covered. This material included guest lists, programs, descriptions of the ceremonies, and background information. The Public Information Office staff and other post officers escorted the media representatives during their stay at West Point. In addition, photographs were prepared for distribution to the press immediately following each event.

The Sesquicentennial staff published many information pamphlets for guests and for the general public during this period. These were distributed to guests both before and during each of the events.

A survey of press coverage was made by the Sesquicentennial staff following each of the major events. A one-hundred newspaper representative sample of the daily press of the United States was used for this survey. A summary of the results of this survey is shown in the five tables published with this report. The clippings obtained from these newspapers have been bound and are available in the USMA Library. ("Sesquicentennial Newspaper Clippings, Volumes I-VIII")



Orientation of post personnel and the Corps of Cadets continued during this period. In addition, speakers reviewed the Sesquicentennial for various civic groups throughout the immediate area.

The Association of Graduates provided thorough coverage for the Sesquicentennial events in *Assembly*. The first three issues of the magazine in 1952 carried articles about the observance including comprehensive quotations from the principal speeches made at the various events. The circular news letters to the West Point Societies also mentioned the events.

The publications of the Corps of Cadets, the *Pointer* and the *Howitzer*, devoted space to the anniversary. Each edition of the *Pointer* made some mention of the events taking place. A section of the yearbook, the *Howitzer*, was devoted to the Sesquicentennial.

Each guest and delegate at a Sesquicentennial event was provided with a "kit" of informational material. This kit included the program for that specific event, the Sesquicentennial Booklet, the 1951-1952 USMA Catalogue, a Visitor's Guide, a Sesquicentennial Calendar, a Sesquicentennial Medallion, and other information pertinent to the particular event.

Following each event, photographs were sent to the various delegates and guests. In addition, a copy of Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy's book, *Men of West Point* and a copy

of the record proceedings of the event were distributed to these persons.

The Visitors Bureau of the Public Information Office, under the direction of Captain Willard M. Munroe, planned the visits of the many distinguished guests who came to West Point at times other than the scheduled Sesquicentennial events. In addition, many groups visited the Military Academy during the period. These included the National Security Industrial Association, the American Ordnance Association, a group of woman's page and food editors from newspapers throughout the country, and many others. The new Visitors' Information Center, prepared jointly by the Public Information Office and the Sesquicentennial staff, recorded over 30,000 individual visitors during the year.

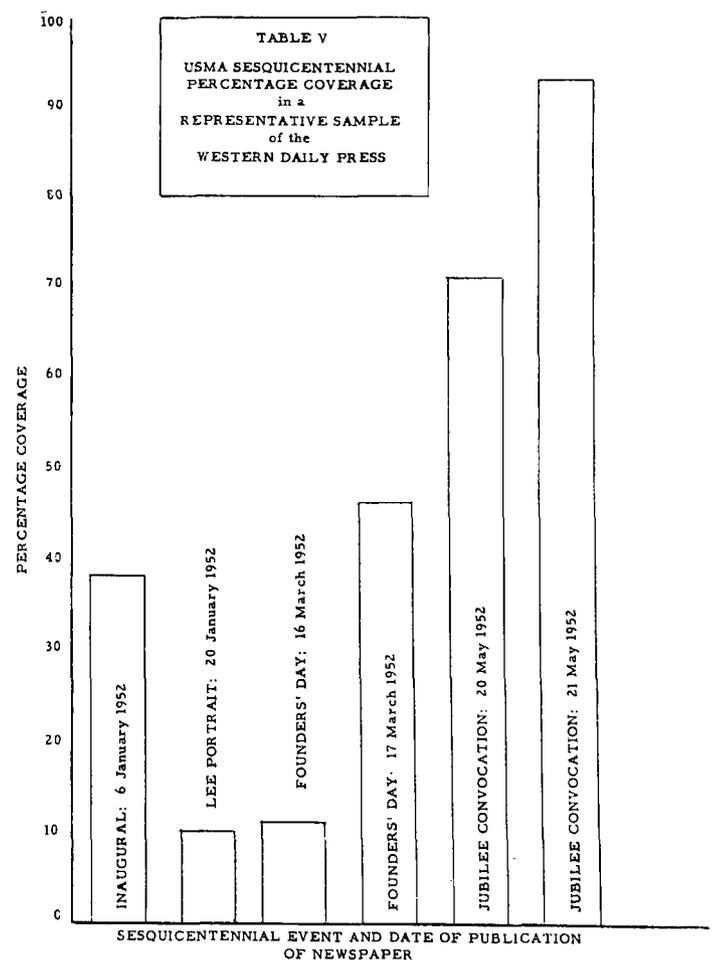
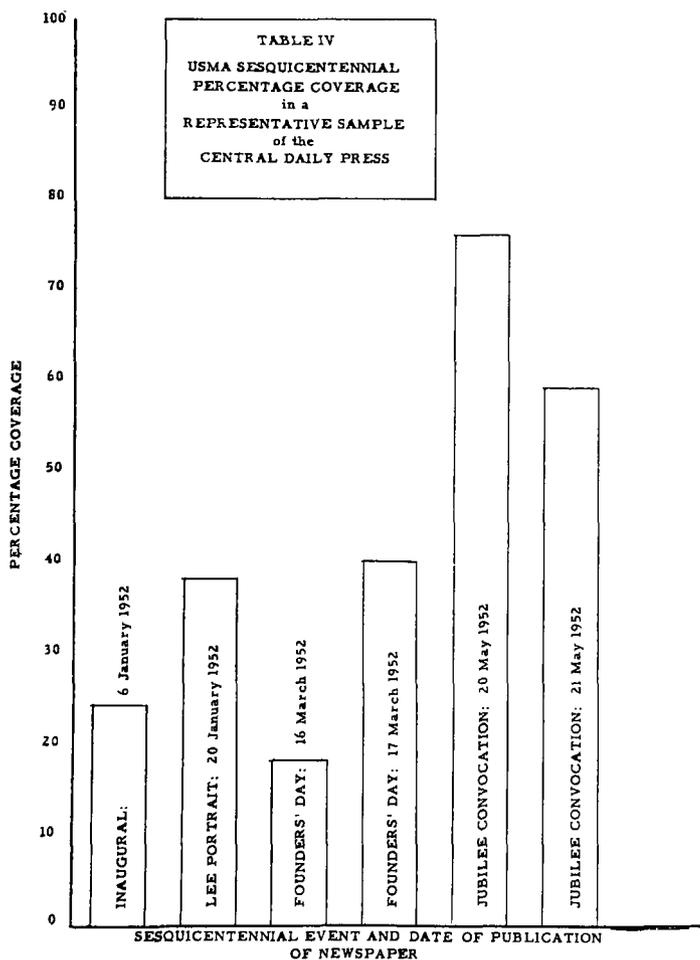
In addition to the above mentioned public information matters, the Public Information Office and the Sesquicentennial staff sponsored many displays and exhibits. These included window displays in New York City and Boston, displays in Army Information and Education centers throughout the United States and overseas, and the distribution of twenty-five photographic montages to schools and libraries throughout the country.

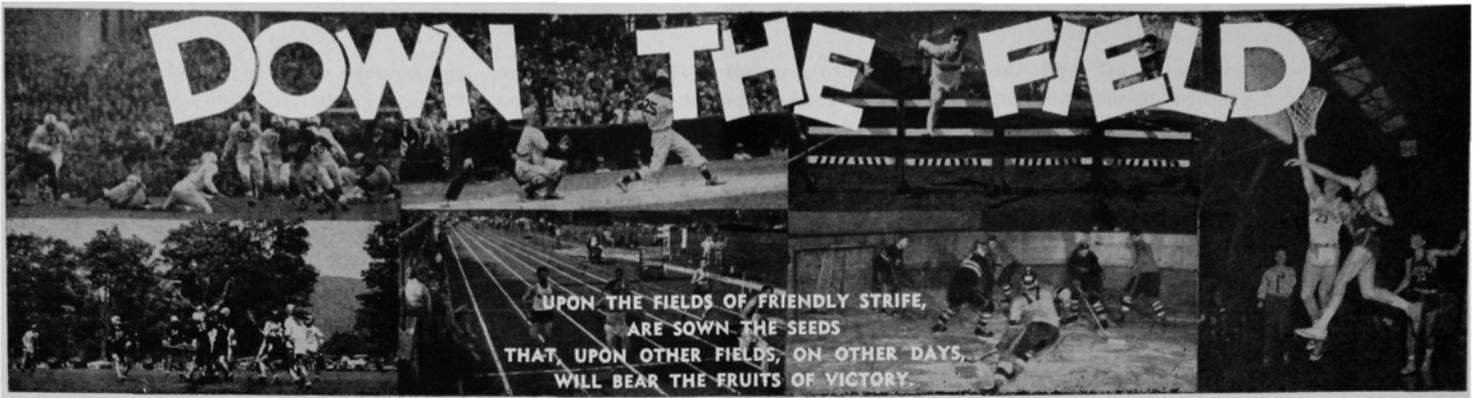
Although the final special Sesquicentennial event was the Jubilee Convocation on 20 May 1952, results of the public information program continue even at this date.

In January, District II of the American College Public Relations Association presented a citation to the Public Information Officer, U.S.M.A., Colonel James B. Leer, for "his work in focusing favorable national attention on the United States Military Academy's Sesquicentennial" The award was made at the annual district convention of the Association in Albany, New York. On Washington's Birthday, 22 February 1953, the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, presented a medallion to the Superintendent, Major General Frederick A. Irving. The citation accompanying the award stated: "A special Honor Medal has been struck by our distinguished awards jury for the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Their Sesquicentennial observance program stimulated a national consciousness of the values of duty, honor, and love of country. Today Freedoms Foundation salutes the Academy Superintendent, Major General F. A. Irving, and the West Point cadets whose integrity and love of country make them the proper heroes of American youth".

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From the foregoing report, it would seem evident that the Information Program of the Sesquicentennial did achieve its two-fold purpose: it provided wide dissemination of information about the events of the Sesquicentennial observance, and it placed accurate information about West Point before the public.





By Joe Cahill

LACROSSE

F. Morris Touchstone, celebrating his twenty-fifth year as lacrosse coach, came mighty close to having the one present he wanted most as a remembrance. The Cadets got away to a running start, winning eight straight. A win over Princeton would have clinched the National Championship. However, the Tigers had other ideas and put the damper on an undefeated season with a 9-7 victory. Then the Navy game took on added significance when it developed that Army needed a win over the Midshipmen to lock up the title. Navy had other intentions and put the Cadets in place with a 10-7 setback. With these two losses Army found itself tied with Navy for second place, while Princeton, idle the last two weeks of the season, took top honors.

Goalie John Johnson, team captain, was signally honored by being named to the All-America first team. Johnson's play throughout the season was superb. He was credited with 209 saves in 11 games and was mostly responsible for keeping the winning streak intact.

Pete Leone made the second team attack and Stan Touchstone, the coach's son, and Max Murrell gained third team mention at midfield and defense, respectively.

TRACK

Lew Olive, a yearling from Louisville, Ky., became the first Army miler to win an IC4-A title. He negotiated the distance in 4:11.0, the fastest outdoor mile in West Point history. It was, however, one second off Dick Shea's all-time Academy mark set in the Field House in February 1952. Olive's performance was nothing less than sparkling, considering the fact that he ran without benefit of a workout the week preceding the meet, which was writ time here. His accomplishment was further highlighted by the fact that he outdistanced two of America's foremost middle distance stars, Fred Dwyer, Villanova; and Joe LaPierre, Georgetown. In the same meet, Joe Perlow, captain, tied with Van Zimmerman of Pennsylvania for the pole vault title, clearing 13 feet 4 inches.

Two individual titles came our way in the Heptagonal meet at Yale University. Olive found only token opposition in the mile, romping to home in 4:16.8. The other win came in the quarter mile relay. Don Fuqua, Bruce Hardy, Sheldon Lustig and Don Smith put together an 0:41.8 for the

ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1953

September	26—Furman University
October	3—Northwestern University at Evanston
	10—Dartmouth College
	17—Duke University at New York City
	24—Columbia University
	31—Tulane University at New Orleans
November	7—North Carolina State College
	14—University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia
	21—Permanently Open
	28—Navy at Philadelphia

440 yards which is a new Academy record. Army placed second behind Yale in the race for team honors.

Against Navy the Cadets came up with their finest team performance of the season. The Cadets won eight of the 16 events and tied for two others for a solid 73½-57½ victory. First places were garnered by Bruce Hardy, 100 yard dash; Lew Olive, half mile; Dick Neu, mile; Bob Day, two mile; Bill Purdue, high hurdles; Don Fuqua, broad jump; and Dave Patton, shot put. The mile relay foursome of Olive, Smith, Keith Born and Gerry Corpew won by five yards. Perlow tied with Navy's Reid in the pole vault and Bill Boyd tied with Navy's Pierce in the high jump.

Track and field took on an international hue at the end of the season when the Cadets were invited to compete in a unique triangular affair against a team composed of Oxford-Cambridge thinclads. Army teamed with Yale as an entry and Pennsylvania-Cornell made up the third squad. Only first places counted. Both American teams finished ahead of the British. Army-Yale won the meet 9-6. Boyd won the high jump, and Purdue, the high hurdles, for Army's share of the points.

BASEBALL

The defeat by Navy, 10-2, only served to point up the sub-par performance of the major sports in the interservice series. In six contests the Middies demonstrated their superiority in all but track. In league competition, Army finished with a pair of victories to place seventh, one game ahead of Navy, in the cellar.

NOTES

Ed Dinges, half miler, set a new Academy mark of 1:52.5, when he out-legged Penn's Paul Raudenbush, in a dual meet.

Lloyd Appleton, wrestling coach since 1936, will act in an advisory capacity only this winter, thereby devoting more time to his duties in the Department of Physical Education. His successor has not been named.

Lt. Colonel Jim Schwenk, '39, succeeds Colonel Phil Draper in the Graduate Manager's chair this summer. Schwenk was captain and fullback of the 1938 team. Ray Allen, No. 1 on the Cadet golf squad, set a new record for the Academy course this spring when he carded a four under par 69. Col. Russell "Red" Reeder, Ass't GMA and Plebe baseball coach, the past five years, has given up the diamond duties.

Bob Vantatta, who produced two successive National small college basketball champions the past two years, has signed a contract to coach the Cadet quintet, succeeding Elmer Ripley. The Pistol club won the National championship this spring and then returned to the intercollegiate calendar as a varsity sport following a hiatus of five years.

Don Fuqua was awarded the AAA Trophy presented annually "to the cadet of the First Class who rendered the most valuable service to intercollegiate athletics during his career as a cadet" Walt Browne, enjoyed his first season as golf coach in view of the 4-3 win over Navy.

Pete Witteried, captain-elect of the swimming team, made the All-America team in the backstroke.

He turned in the fourth best time in the country at 200 yards and ranked 5th at 100 yards. New spring sports captains include Frank LeCates, baseball; Gerald VanValkenberg, golf; Pete Leone, lacrosse; George Olmsted, tennis; and Charles Brown, track.

Furman has replaced New York University in the opening game on the football schedule.

The Violets dropped the game this spring. Tulane and North Carolina State appear on the schedule for the first time. 79 of the Nation's finest college tennis players competed here in the Eastern Intercollegiate championships this summer. The University of California dominated the play. Clifton Mayne and Fred Hagist, both of California, were finalists in the singles. Mayne bested his teammate in three straight sets. Rupert and John Rickson, twin brothers, also of California, defeated Mayne and Hugh Ditzler in straight sets for the doubles diadem.



New Members

We welcome to our membership 444 graduates of the Class of 1953 and 24 other graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,414.

OVER 91% 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.

The news of the various classes, as presented in the REPORT section of ASSEMBLY, is, for each class, the contribution of a member or members thereof. ASSEMBLY is glad to devote as much space to this news as practicable, but ASSEMBLY assumes no responsibility for its accuracy. Any reader who questions any detail of the news as presented by the contributor should communicate with the author of the news—not with the editor of the magazine. If the author's identity is not apparent from the signature at the end of the contribution for each class, the editor of the magazine will furnish the author's name on request.

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Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present at West Point during June Week 1953 (center) leads the column of the Long Gray Line to Thayer Monument on June 1. With General Hodges are Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, Superintendent (left) and Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Class of 1904, President of the Association of Graduates (right).

1888

At the annual West Point dinner held last March in the Officers Club at Fort McPherson, Georgia, the Class of '88 was represented by Brigadier General William R. Sample.

Of the 44 graduates of '88 the five surviving octogenarians are: Hartman, March, McKinstry, Sample and Wilder.

The latest death in the Class was that of Brigadier General Guy H. Preston, 88 years of age, who died in Palo Alto, California, in December 1952.

—William R. Sample.

1890

Don Carlos Buell died at his home in Nashville, Tenn., April 26, 1953. He was 86 years old. Don Carlos was brought up in the Army. His father was a Colonel of Infantry. His uncle was Major General Don Carlos Buell of Civil War fame. Don Carlos, our classmate, was in Indian fights when he was twelve years old. A very modest man and a most lovable character. After leaving West Point he returned to his home in Nashville, Tenn., and established an insurance company which grew to be a large concern. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

The death of D. A. Nunn, ex-1890, at Crockett, Texas, was announced May 5th, 1953. After he left West Point he returned to his home in Crockett, where he took up the practice of law. He would never take any criminal cases but devoted himself to other branches of law, and was a member of a prominent law firm in Crockett, Texas.

Good news from Primus Davis, who is successfully combating arthritis. Colonel

Rowell is recovering from his fall of six weeks ago. Colonel Ferguson is recovering from his operation at Walter Reed Hospital. Goober Brown was the only member of the Class of '90 who attended the Graduation Parade this year. General Ryan will pass the summer in St. Petersburg, Florida.

—J. A. R.

1894

The Class of 1894 was represented at the June Week ceremonies by Frank Cocheu, Carlos Crain and Laddie Ladue. Carlos, as usual, came from Pasadena, thus preserving his nearly perfect record of attendance for many years. In this atmosphere it was natural that the talk should turn to our Sixtieth Reunion, due next year—an event of such interest to all members of the class. It is not too early for each of us to begin planning for that important occasion, in the hope that a goodly proportion of our membership may find it possible to be present.

—W. B. L.

1895

As it grows older '95 seems to have developed "the itching foot", judging from reports from all parts of the country. Last winter Perry Miles, home base Johnston, Ohio, covered most of the West Coast States; Fine Smith, from Canada, now makes his home in San Diego, Cal.; "Sloppy" Watson has moved from Washington to Fort Sam Houston; Dixon now lives in Moscow, Idaho, having given up his Corvallis home; "Barney" Pritchard landed in Washington, D. C. for a visit to Walter Reed (he is about O.K. again, we hope); Absalom Pearce, after a long period of "no find him", is now back again in San Antone; Miles, on his western trip, saw almost all of the Class west of the Mississippi, and all the Class widows. He reports that practically all are in quite fine shape except Pearce, who is crippled by arthritis. Tommy Dwyer now lives in Newport, R. I.; and "Hoss" Cavanaugh, with his new wife, spends his winters in Winter Park, Fla., and his summers in Essex, Conn. "Hoss",

on his trip north in May, stopped off in Washington. He reports that Louis Nuttman's broken hip is entirely cured and he can see better out of his one eye than most of us can with two. Also that August Nissen is slowly recovering from his recent severe illness, as is also Mrs. "Benjy" Simmons.

We hear that "Tommy" Darrah has given up his avocation of making fine antique and miniature furniture, ship models, etc. His work has been much admired.

Only one of '95 attended Alumni Day—Dwyer was supposed to be present but did not show up, so "Hoss" Cavanaugh represented '95. He was No. 14 in the "Long Gray Line"

After this issue of *Assembly* Perry Miles will be Class Secretary for the next two issues and he will be followed by Louis Nuttman.

—H. La T. C.

1897

We regret to learn of the death of two former members—

Colonel Philip R. Ward, at Buffalo, New York, 9 March 1953, and Colonel James V. Heidt, at Little Rock, Arkansas, 31 May 1953. Both were commissioned in 1898 and were retired as colonels.

During the past winter Katy Connor and wife made a tour, mostly by air, of South Africa, the Rhodesias, Kenya, Uganda, Egypt, the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey, and were home in Washington in April. They go to their summer place at Gloucester, Mass., for the summer.

Conklin and Hughes represented '97 at the alumni ceremonies at West Point in June.

Ferguson returned recently from a business trip to Venezuela. He saw Alcantara and reports him in reasonably good health.

Jim Fiske reports he is the only '97 man living in southern California. He and Mrs. Fiske celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on April 17th.

Articles in Orlando, Florida, papers, credit Fassett, together with Avery D. Andrews, '86, with having organized nearly thirty years ago the West Point Society of Central Florida, with the assistance of Williams, R. L., '15, a local attorney. Fassett has lived at Orlando with his sister, Alice, since his retirement in 1923.

Drury, a lieutenant colonel, retired, living at Athol, Mass., reports he "is rusting out, without any rust to date—no aches nor pains of any kind"

—C. D. R.

1899

We infinitely regret to chronicle the passing on June 5th at Walter Reed Hospital of our friend and classmate Halstead; also of that charming and gracious lady, Mrs. Charles Brook Clark, in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Merry and Humphrey have been up from Texas, circulating in this area. Sep was our sole representative at Graduation this year and has been reconnoitering the ground for our 55th reunion. He, Merry and Herron say that, D.V., they will be there. Merry has been visiting with his daughter Mary Frances, whose husband has just graduated from the National War College and will spend the summer at his old home in Iliou, N. Y.

—C. D. H.

1901

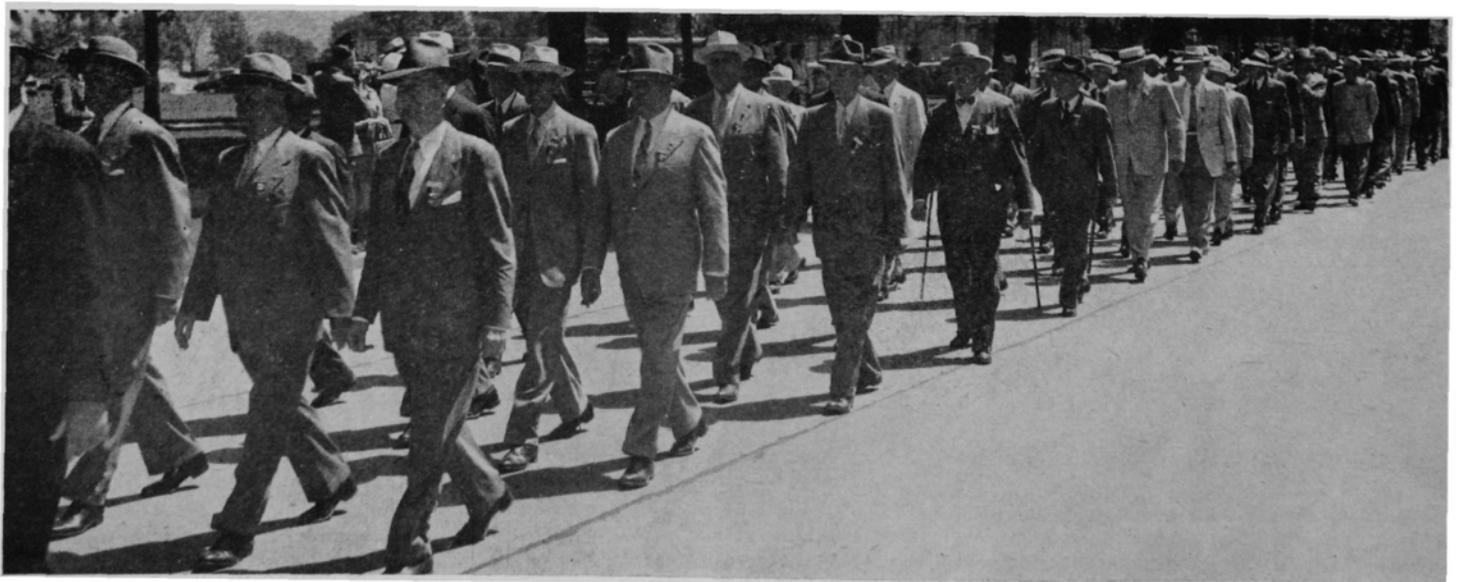
The Round-table had the pleasure of Kay's presence on March 25th. He was in Washington for a once over at Walter Reed. He came through the examination OK for he was present at West Point for graduation.

Beverly Browne has rejoined the Table after his sojourn in Florida, but he cannot stay put very long; he is now preparing for a trip abroad.

Bettison, looking fit, stopped on his way from his Florida estate to his Villanova home. He treated the gang in two ways—one, by his cheerfulness. He still acts like our Class President.

On May 20th Dinsmore kept his promise and stopped over on his way to West Point. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dinsmore; both looked well and were as cheerful as ever. The regulars were very glad to see them and hope they will repeat soon.

1901 had a gay time at the graduation this year. Beverly Browne, as a dinner host, made history for the Class. The guests in-



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cluded old friends of classes previous to our own and from all reports there were no "old men" at the party.

Members of the Class at the Point were: Beverly Browne, Bettison, West, Dinsmore, Tidball, Roth, Lahm and Kay.

—R. M. B., Jr.

1903

JUNE 1953—Whew, half a century is a long time! But nevertheless, twenty-three members of the Class met at the U.S.M.A. for their Golden Anniversary Reunion on June 1st. The June Week schedule had started May 29th, but reporting in was somewhat ragged and those who arrived in the sunshine of Sunday afternoon, May 31st, congratulated themselves on having missed the preceding cold and rain. Most of us were billeted in Cadet Barracks and ate in the Cadet Mess—it was economical and it simulated a return to old times; but oh, how changed! We never had running hot and cold water in our rooms and bath room facilities at the end of each hall—and then how could there be a 54th Division?

Finding quarters for their wives presented a practical problem for those of our classmates whose wives graciously came along; to Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Turtle, and Mrs. Wuest our grateful thanks for your presence and your part in keeping our minds off too vivid a sense of the fading of our youth.

"Thank God, that, while the nerves decay
And muscles desiccate away,
The brain's the hardest part of men,
And thrives till three score years and ten."

As expected, the Superintendent's reception proved the happy meeting place of many old friends of other classes, and the parade following was as near perfection as anything we put on in our day; some even claimed it was better. In some ways it was different: each battalion was as numerous as the whole Corps in 1903; the far away massed formations with wide intervals made it harder to observe individual action and quite impossible to pick out one's particular cadet; the C.O. and staff stood at attention and not at parade-rest with folded arms, as we used to do, while the band marched and countermarched across the front; but it was an inspiring sight and we were sensible, as always, of feeling pride in having once ourselves been a part of this Corps that has no equal.

Sunday evening several of us attended and greatly enjoyed the Glee Club concert.

On Monday morning, June 1st, one or two took advantage of the chapel service and organ recital. As always service in the chapel was an inspiration and a help. We had to admit that the choir had improved.

Promptly at 11 A.M. the classes formed in front of the Officers' Club—there were only 17 men in ranks ahead of 1903 this time and no representative of 1902. Our twenty-three present were: Brant, Brown, L. G., Cocheu, Collins, Farmer, Farnum, Gaston, Graham, Grant, U. S., Howze, Jones, C., Lyon, Moore, R. C., Pope, A. M., Ristine, Rodney, Rose, W. H., Schley, Taylor, Turtle, Tyler, M. C., Winfree and Wuest. The march over to the Thayer Monument was less spritely and precise than even 25 years ago, but the band considerably slowed down the tempo and we all got there, to be thrilled and impressed all over again with the dignity and harmony of the Alumni Exercises—and what a setting! Surely, nowhere else is there to be found such harmony and mutual adjustment of nature, man and art.

The review of the Corps of Cadets for the Alumni followed without delay, and upon its conclusion we boarded a bus, provided by Cocheu's foresight and efficient staff work, and with the help of the Class wives and friends planted a red oak across the road from the Officers' Club, the first Golden Anniversary Tree to be presented and planted by a class—as Cocheu pointed out, 1903 has been enterprising and resourceful in initiating new customs. Rose then, in the name of the Class and with his usual facile and appropriate remarks, presented a wrist watch to his grandson, the first grandson of 1903 to graduate, Cadet Frederick P. Reynolds 3rd. We were glad to have with us at this ceremony Clifford Jones' son and Grier's grandson, both cadets—1903 lives on in the Corps as well as in our memory.

Then at 12:15 P.M. followed the luncheon and meeting of the Association of Graduates in the Cadet Mess, concluding with its President's account of the Association's affairs and the services it renders, and then an address by the Superintendent, Major General F. A. Irving, in which he outlined the changes that have occurred of late, the new buildings proposed, and some incidents to show that today's cadets have lost none of the enterprise and ingenuity for extra-curricular and proscribed fun and activities, of which the old-timers like to boast. The meeting ended with some routine reports, with the introduction of Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Retired, Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present, and of other graduates whose services have made them famous.

Graduation parade at 4 P.M. again was colorful, impressive and perfect—again we old-timers got the thrill we had come for: Dick Moore from California, Lyon from Oregon, Rose, Tyler and Winfree from Florida, Farnum from Maine, etc.—oh, those present pretty well boxed the compass. Thanks to the "Supe's" courtesy and consideration, a section of the visitors' seats in front of his quarters was reserved for 1903.

At 7 P.M. a majority (22) of the surviving members of 1903 and Brant gathered on the second floor of the Officers' Club for their 50th Reunion. The occasion was appropriately opened with a toast to "The President of the United States", now again a graduate. Dinner was good, adequately served and copiously lubricated; but here advancing age was registered by notable abstemiousness on the part of many, climaxing in Turtle's total aridity. Between courses some routine business was transacted, messages received explaining absences were reported—from "Trophy" Bendel because of his wife's serious illness, from Gilmor, Gimperling, Hawley, from "Chick" Leeds because of an aggravated attack of arthritis, from "Pat" Lynch in Trieste after visiting his son George, a B.G. in Naples, from MacArthur because attending the graduation of his son from school, and from Preston because of an operation on his eye. There was also a cordial message of good will from "Sep" Severson's widow. A map on which Schley had carefully plotted the domiciliary distribution of our surviving members, the book of our Furlough Songs, and other such items of possible interest were passed around. It should be noted here that Rose had brought from Florida a souvenir cane for each classmate present. Levy Brown gave some account of his 13 grandchildren, in which number he claims to excel the rest of us.

When the eating was done, Pope, Class President, took over. He spoke briefly of the discharge of his duties as such, thanked the Committee, which, under Schley's chairmanship, had organized the Reunion, paid special tribute to Cocheu's efficiency in making all the arrangements at West Point. He

laid special stress on the difficulties experienced in trying to get adequate biographical notices for members of the Class who have died, and urgently asked that all living members without delay prepare a sketch of their lives, including pertinent facts and matters of interest that are not in the official records, and send them in to the Association of Graduates for file until needed. Finally, he recommended strongly that the Class charge a committee with handling its affairs, so that the burden of work and responsibility may be shared and not placed upon one individual, and so that there is adequate provision for routine succession, as at our age fate may most unexpectedly tap any individual on the shoulder; he also recommended that action be taken to provide for the Class Fund to go ultimately to the Association of Graduates, when the last of us passes on. He then called on Schley to report as Class Treasurer and Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Schley reported the status of the Class Fund and requested a donation of \$10.00 from each member. He then reported the recommendations of his Nominating Committee as follows and moved their adoption, viz.:

(1) That the Class adopt for the conduct of its affairs a Class Committee of five members, to be known as "The Class Committee, 1903 U.S.M.A.";

(2) That this Committee select from its members a chairman, a treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary;

(3) That the members of the Committee be as follows: Cocheu, Farnum, Grant, Rodney and Rose.

After full discussion the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted.

Motions of thanks and appreciation were passed.

By way of reminiscence, Pope eulogized Upham, and recounted some of his exploits while a cadet to illustrate the fact that our Cadet Days were not all work and no play, and that even the rigid discipline of the U.S.M.A. could at times be circumvented. Schley showed some excellent slides of photographs he had taken while a cadet, they proved a test of our memories to recognize classmates as they looked a half century ago. Some historic documents, shown in the same way, brought back memories. Ristine reminded us of the baby Pope once asked a founding home to send him to West Point—fortunately the baby was not sent and Pope could come out of the hospital where he had sought refuge. During the entire reunion period, "Sep" Winfree, suffering from the urgencies of perennial youth and with a persistence worthy of a better cause, had been trying to arouse his aging classmates to more active kinds of fun. Now after dinner his efforts still met with inadequate response, even when he recalled some "off-again" incidents in the riding hall. A few desultory reminiscences concluded the organized party at a little after 11 P.M.; but some individual groups continued scattered local bull sessions until late into the night.

1903's GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY REUNION was over; but tragedy followed closely upon its heels: Clifford Jones' wife, Estelle Mackey Jones, died suddenly that night, June 1-2, of a heart attack. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to our Classmate and to his son, Cadet Clifford Jones, Jr., for both of whom her sudden death was a terrible shock. Farmer and Gaston represented the Class at her funeral service in the Old Chapel on June 3rd, after which she was to be cremated and buried in the cemetery at West Point.

Epilogue: On June 6th Emma and George Cocheu's thoughtful and cordial hospitality

found expression in a party at their home for all our classmates in Washington, for those passing through on their way home and their wives, widows, sons and daughters and their families, a final event that suitably set the seal of memory on this reunion.

It is distressing to have to report our latest casualty: Olan C. Aleshire died at Letterman Hospital, San Francisco, on May 8, 1953, and was buried next to his wife in the Presidio Cemetery on May 11th.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

Brant telephoned on 30 May as he passed through Washington on his way to West Point, and it was hoped that he would be back this way by 4 June, in time for the last monthly luncheon until October of Washington classmates. However, he missed it by a day, and telephoned again on the 5th to say that he was on his way back to Texas after a fine stay at the Point, where only he, Danford and Fenton represented 1904.

A note from Cubbison indicates that all is well with him and George Allin out in Carmel, California. They represented 1904 at a successful Founders Day Dinner in March. He says that Win Stilwell has a house in Carmel bursting with children and grandchildren, and as for himself he reports a total of ten grandchildren. At the time of writing, he and Lucile were about to start on their annual spring pilgrimage to Fort Sill, Wichita, Denver and Salt Lake. The really important news, however, is that his address is no longer Box 132, Carmel, California. It has been changed to Box 49A, Route 2!

In March, Fenton was in Washington for the annual Small Business Convention, at the conclusion of which he spent a week or so at Walter Reed for a check-up. Apparently he was given a clean bill of health, for a post card from Bermuda soon thereafter indicates that he and Marguerite spent several enjoyable days there with other New York State Bankers. He returned home in time for Graduation Week at the Point, where he conducted the affairs of the Association of Graduates in his usual efficient manner and was reelected President of the Association for another year. Once again congratulations are in order.

Richardson, R. C. reports that he "spent winter in N. Y. Saw Harry Reilly frequently as we were in same hotel. Also had the pleasure of foregathering with John Danford, Irving Phillipson and Arthur Budd from time to time. When spring came I went to my old home in Charleston, S. C., for a week and there had a fine visit with Jake Mack who has a delightful home, across the Ashley River, which he designed and built himself. It would be a credit to any outstanding architect. Went to St. Augustine, Florida, where I saw Fritz Manley, '05, an old friend."

Wright is still living in Scarsdale, New York. On 30 May, 1953, he was Grand Marshal of the very fine Scarsdale Memorial Day Parade.

—W. B.

1905

We have been saddened by the death of Ernest Graves on June 9, 1953 at Walter Reed Army Hospital where he had been ill for many months. He died on the date of his Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary. A floral tribute was provided by the Class and classmates in Washington attended the final services. On May 11th, 1953 the Assistant Chief of Engineers pinned silver stars on his pajamas, as Ernest's advancement to the grade of Brigadier General, on the retired list, had been authorized by a special act of Congress.

Mrs. Marjorie Burch Wolff Rutherford, wife of Allan Rutherford, died at Baltimore, Maryland, after a short illness. She had not only been an Army wife but after Allan's retirement she had been associated with him in a real estate business. Allan has been extended our sympathy.

Kiehl, who lives in McAllen, Texas, spent the summer of 1952 in California but as he was about to return home he had to enter Letterman Army Hospital where he was operated on. After a two-months stay in the hospital he returned to McAllen. Two months later he entered Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio, for further treatment. He was discharged March 20th and is now convalescing nicely. Prosser was one of his visitors while in the hospital.

Mrs. James Roy Murray of San Antonio, Texas, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Carolyn Marie Murray, to Lt. Col.

George Lloyd Magruder, AUS Reserve, second son of Colonel and Mrs. Lloyd Burns Magruder, of Rumson, New Jersey, on June 12, 1953.

Sherman Miles and your scribe were the only representatives of the Class at West Point on Alumni Day this year. Curley, Doe and Lentz were expected, but the bad weather early that morning must have changed their plans.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

Left Miami Beach with the other migratories on April 18; via Daytona Beach, where we had a grand dinner at George and Christine Morrow's estate on the Halifax River; via Sea Island to look for Ned King, who commanded Bataan for Skinny Wainwright; via Parris Island, to see nephew and niece, where he commands a training battalion; via Charleston to see Roger Taylor who instructed 1923, 1924, and 1925, in O.&G.; to Washington, gay with the Spring, decorated in pink dogwoods and gorgeous azaleas and back to Dillard for the bloom of the laurel and iris; with memories of a grand free lunch at the A & N club with Earl McFarland, Alex Gillespie, Clyde Abraham, Tubby Loughry and Dick Burleson.

Joe King's daughter, Mary, called on the phone late one night at Miami Beach and explained the mysteries of Lake Okibogi, where Joe and Hap Green take their families in summer.

Mick Daley's new brigadier son Jack, in Korea, announces the marriage of daughter Katherine Anne, at Carlisle Barracks, on June 13 to Lieut. Arthur Trudeau, Jr. How time do fly. Mick left West Point to be there. Red Hoyle's son-in-law, Col. Armstrong, fired the first atomic artillery in Nevada and is now off to Carlisle as instructor at AWC. The Hoyles were at West Point for the graduation to help the Eph Grahams celebrate with 1903, their fiftieth anniversary, and took off with the Grahams for Washington after the reunion. And Red sports a license plate REDH on the rear of that new car.

Hap Pennell and Norma were in Florida last winter and will be at Tryon, S. C. in July, where we hope to see them.

McKew Parr, Senator from Hartford legislature, took the whole senate, with him



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to Saw Mill Farm, with interesting incidental stops explained by McKew. "So Noble a Captain", an authoritative life of Magellan, by McKew, has just hit the news-stands. The critics say it's the last and best word on the great navigator.

Earl and Edith McFarland visited Chauncey Fentons for graduation at the Alma Mater and helped reelect Chauncey to President, Assn. of Grads., for which we are all thankful. What a fine job Chauncey has done for us all. McFarlands daughter, Mary Ann, with her children are back from Europe and her husband, Twitchell, is expected soon.

Dick Burleson reports that summer will find the Burlesons close to the Plupy Shutes in Maine.

Jim and Gene Riley saw Phil and Ann Mathews off for Europe on the USS United States and are at Carlisle to see Joe Anderson graduate from AWC. They were at West Point too. Daughter Nanie is in Washington buying a big enough house to care for her growing family and Joe Anderson, while he operates with the GS, for a tour. Daughter Betty's husband, Jim Shaw, is experting in Hollywood on the movie, "The Caine Mutiny," and they live in Beverly Hills.

The Charlie Rockwells are in Madrid this summer visiting their son, who is secretary at the Embassy.

Cort Parker writes me a fine letter about the virgin stand of timber on the original Mettler grant near New Brunswick, N. J.—such a nice excuse for a letter. He has been in New York attending treatments for Elizabeth, who is now much improved in health.

No more room for news but plenty more on hand. When you visit the Smokies this summer, turn west from 441 at the Methodist church in Dillard. I'll tell you the rest of it.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

For an off year, 1907 had a very creditable representation for June week. Warren Lott drove up from Georgia and picked up Paul Larned and Johnny Sullivan in Washington. Sunny Jim Martin had been expected, but was unable to make it. With Roger Alexander we foregathered here in Newburgh Monday evening and had a most delightful visit. Roger recently spent a week with his brother-in-law on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and while there drove into Washington where a class luncheon was given in his honor. Present, besides the guest of honor, were Jimmy Collins, Gutensohn, Ben Castle, Clyde Eastman, Rutherford, Johnny Sullivan, Paul Larned and Mr. Earl Findlay, whom we all remember was Ben's guest at our 45th reunion.

Paul Larned reported that the Booths were in Washington for a brief stop on their way from a trip to Bermuda and the Haydens stopped by returning from Cuba.

The Washington group gave a luncheon for George Dailey back from a riotous time in Europe. The Collins went to Texas to visit Michael as they had planned and went on into Mexico. Jimmy lost all his aches and pains as soon as he got down to his old stamping ground in the warm dry southwest. Jim Steese was last reported heading for California and Alaska. The Larneds

recently returned from a roving trip through Virginia. They stopped at Roanoke, where Lucian Booth was acclaimed by everybody in town. He is prominent in civic affairs and they all think the world of him. At Charlottesville they visited the Stearns, Class of 1909, who were expecting the Bill Ganoes after the latter had finished some business in New York.

Rick and Audrey Morrison left Washington in May for their summer home on Marblehead Neck. They stopped overnight with us on their way and reported a new granddaughter, Audrey, born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrison, now living in New York.

The Clyde Eastmans were expected to leave Alexandria about July first to take up residence in their new home at 48 Dolphin Drive, Paradise Island, St. Petersburg 6, Florida, not too far from Walter Wheeler.

Mary McNeil recently underwent a rather serious operation, but word from Mac informs us that it was entirely successful and that she is recovering most satisfactorily.

We regret to have to record the death of Stiffie Thorpe, notice of which was published in the last issue of *Assembly*, and to announce the passing of Harry Rutherford's wife. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

Supplementing Babe Chilton's summary of Patsy O'Connor's military career, Jerry Taylor sent us the following list of some of the more important projects which were accomplished under Patsy's direction: Construction of the foundation for the Lincoln Memorial in 1914, construction of the filtration plant and the water supply system for Washington, D. C., survey and recommendations for dredging the Potomac and enlarging Gravelly Point for the location of the National Airport at its present site, while District Engineer in Washington from 1923 to 1926. In 1931 he built the tunnels on Corregidor which played such an important part in the last days of the fighting on Bataan. His most spectacular project was the construction of the lower half of the Alcan Highway during World War II.

Paul Larned reported a very gratifying response to his last bulletin, but unless human nature has changed since our younger days, there are probably some who have overlooked it. If this is news to you, look through your desk and let Paul hear from you.

—H. W. W.

1908

The 45th Reunion took place as scheduled. The dinner was held on the evening of May 30th at the West Point Army Mess. Those present were: Ayres, Burns, Chaney, Dougherty, Drennan, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Goethals, Hall, Hayes, Hester, Hughes, Jarman, Kennedy, Pendleton, Ricker, Smith, R. H., Sturedvant, and Terry. The success of the dinner was entirely due to the work of the committee in charge: Edgerton, Burns, and Terry. There were no speeches. We had a fraternal visitor from 1906. Riley, who came downstairs later from a semi-official dinner, and was most welcome.

Marshall was unfortunately prevented from attending the dinner by a medical engagement, but he joined us in barracks the next day.

The Class was saddened by the news of Erwin's death. This occurred on March 27th, but we only learned it at West Point. *Assembly* was informed in late May when a bill for dues was returned, endorsed by the executor.

A good deal of news was picked up by Edgerton from regrets for our dinner. Culum is so involved in a mining deal in Santa Fe that he could not come East. Cunningham and his wife were sailing for Ireland on June 2nd. Desobry regretted that his strength would not permit him to make the trip. Grisell says his wife's health does not permit him to leave her for more than a day or so. Johnson is much occupied with the love life of his mares. Kelley had hoped to come, but found that Congressional business was too pressing. Matile said he was so sorry he could not get there. O'Brien, Slaughter, and Smith, T. J. could not come because of illness. Sneed reports with great pride that he is coming north later to put two young sons in summer camp (these youngsters, he carefully observes, are not grandsons).

A fine telegram was received from Los Angeles signed by Bailey, Barker, Brown, Deans, Fitzmaurice, Garey, and Marks.

As those who read the papers know, Edgerton is now running the Export-Import Bank.

—C. L. H.

1909

'09 was represented at West Point during June Week by Farman, Goetz, and both Van Deusens. A class sabre was presented to Cadet Frederick F. Van Deusen, Class of 1953, at the '09 class tree on Sunday afternoon, May 31. Those present included the young man's parents, E. R. and Kay, and his fiancée, Miss Caroline Simpson of Fayetteville, N. C.

Eve Brookie, wife of John Lee, died at her home at York, Pa., on April 12. Services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church in York. Interment was at Fairmont Cemetery, Denver, Colo. The Class has made a memorial contribution to The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's.

Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Lehman was married to Claude Thummel on April 25 at the Fort Myer Chapel. They will make their home at 101 Brookhaven Drive, McLean, Va.

Johnny Johnson underwent a major operation this spring at Walter Reed Hospital and is reported to be convalescing satisfactorily.—Earl North and Arnold Krogstad have also been in Walter Reed during recent months but are said to be fit for front line duty again.—Ted Chase and Tom Milling gave a class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in April for Cope Philoon who was passing through Washington.—A joint luncheon of the Annapolis and West Point Classes of 1909 was held in Washington on April 21. Vice Admiral W. W. Smith and Jake Devers were the sponsors. The affair was attended by 11 of our West Point class and 14 of their Navy opposite numbers.—Garry Ord, Jr., has been promoted to an Air Force Captaincy.—The Thruston Hughes' gave an at home '09 dinner party in May; the guests included Anne Briscoe, Beckwith Delano, Wilhelmina McDowell, Nellie Miner, Mazie Walsh, Ted Chase, and the Baehrs, Beeres, Catrons, Millings, Mountfords, Ords, Stokelys, Thummels and Wens.—Katherine Hughes has again been elected President of the Washington Branch of the

Army Relief Society, a most active organization comprising twenty Sections.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

In an interesting news note Fred Carrithers describes a fine trip which he and Mrs. Carrithers took last fall and winter to Mexico. Leaving their home in Manitou Springs, Colorado, in late October their destination was Guatemala City but due to unsettled conditions there they decided against it and spent some time at Tehuantepec, Oaxaca and Mexico City. They then took a house at Morelia, the capital of Michoacan until the middle of February. While there they observed and enjoyed the everyday life of the city and the native holiday festivities. Their next journey was toward home, stopping at Guadalupe, Juarez, El Paso, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona, where they spent the month of March. On their way South, in El Paso, they saw their youngest son, Dick, his wife and two daughters. He is now an Air Force major in the Far East Command. Their second son, Bill, also a major, is stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida. Fred and his wife say that while they saw much of life off the beaten tourist track they were glad to get home and send a cordial invitation "to come on up and see us".

Sam Edelman and Snakey Dunlop represented the Class at the June Week festivities this year. The weather for the most part was fine and the exercises thrilling and impressive as they always are. Jack and Ella Heard came through Washington about the middle of May. Jack told of his travels around the country. They were enroute then to their summer home in Silver Lake, New Hampshire. We enjoyed also a phone call from Walt and Molly Dunn. They were in Washington for a few days in early May.

Dan and Alice Torrey have just bought a beautiful new home at 3940 Fordham Road, N. W. in Washington, D. C. Their daughter and our Class' first baby, Alice Shipp, has recently sailed to Europe on the Queen Mary, to be with her daughter, Alice Blue Irving for the arrival of 1910's first (we think) great-grandchild. Little Alice's husband is Lieutenant Frederick F. Irving, son of the Superintendent of the Military Academy. The expected baby will be the sixth generation in the Army. Daddy and Frances Byars were in Washington the fore part of May visiting their son, David, Jr., and his family who live at 805 S. Overlook Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Young Dave is a colonel in the Army and has recently returned from a tour in Germany. Of the Washington contingent, Pappy and Gertrude Selleck and Joe and Gladys Leonard left in early June for Branberry Point, Lake Dunmore, Brandon, Vermont and West Winfield, New York (near Utica) respectively, to be gone until October. A nice prospect for the summer!

Durward and Olive Wilson report a fine visit recently to their son, Lieutenant D. S., Jr. and family at Fort Bliss, Texas. Young D. S. is a lieutenant in the Artillery. On the 16th of May Fritz Strong was the recipient of a small, delightful birthday party at the Statler Hotel in Washington. It was arranged by his wife, Marjorie, and was a complete surprise to Fritz. A few of his close friends helped celebrate. May he have many happy returns.

—R. H. D.

1911

Undoubtedly all members of 1911 have received the sad news of the passing of our beloved former President, Gus Franke. (A memorial article about him, by J. B. Crawford, appears in the "In Memory" section of this issue of *Assembly*.—Editor) At this writing (June 13) Louise and I are at Myrtle Beach for a few days with Mike. It is comforting to realize how well she is adjusting herself to the inevitable. It is also comforting to learn from her that Gus's last days were not scourged with intense pain and suffering. We are looking forward to a visit from Mike early this fall. This morning she had a letter from Jimmie Crawford saying that he was about to take off for Letterman Hospital, where he will have an operation on his hands, and he and Margie will get in a visit with her family.

Our internationalist, Haig Shekerjian, has been heard of from two sources. Jim Mooney reports that Haig livened up the April 15 class luncheon and Nick reports that Helen and Haig have arrived in San Francisco and have taken over an apartment at 1330 Jackson St. Ben Lockwood felt that Haig should have taken a penthouse on the top of Tanfaran (nearby race track).

The April gathering of the 1911 west coast sextet was with the Ladds. The September get-together will be with Bug and Dave Cowles.

Leo Heffernan is in Letterman for treatment of a throat ailment. Nick says that he seems just as enthusiastic and chatty as ever, though his voice is hoarse and not too strong. Nick blames his failure to make the deadline with his report on having arrived at what he calls the mystic age of 65. I, of course, do not agree with him. There is no reason for a young sprout of those youthful years to be forgetful. When he gets as old as Speck Wheeler and I are there may be some excuse.

On Tuesday, May 12th, 1911-USMA and 1911-USNA joined in luncheon at the club. According to Jim Mooney there were tall glasses and tall tales. With twelve Navy and eight Army present things appeared to be about even.

Congratulations to Frank Kemble. At his request a post card came from Joe McNeal. Joe reports: "Am enjoying good health. Mary and I enjoy our home. Daughter in Spain. Worked till '51. Read, garden, community do-gooder. Would like to hear from Jesse Ladd and any '11 file". Joe's address is 706 N. Sandusky St., Mt. Vernon, Ohio. I hereby nominate Joe as the Class Scribe. With his Spartan brevity we could have news of everybody in the allotted space.

A letter from Jack Kutz requesting addresses of 1911 living on the west coast gave his plan of motoring out to the west coast, up to Banff and Lake Louise, Yellowstone, Salt Lake City and Denver—leaving St. Petersburg about May 2nd.

Betch reports that he saw Jim Burt, who becomes eligible for retirement in August. Jim hasn't yet decided what he is going to do about it. Lucile (Mrs. Betch) was preparing to attend the reunion of her Vassar Class (1916).

John Beatty shows no sign of becoming inactive. He is now Coordinator of BERC. The BERC is a research team of selected business executives from the community (Portland, Ore.) together with faculty members of Lewis and Clark and Reed Colleges, studying specific economic problems.

A letter from Phil Fleming discloses that

he expects to be relieved from his ambassadorial duties soon and on his way home.

—I. T. W.

1912

"Heinie" Hinemon is slowly recovering from two serious operations at Walter Reed and while there saw our one-time "Tac", "Ike" Newell, also a patient, whom your class president saw at the June reunion. Colonel Newell stated that about half of his stomach was removed in his operations. Despite this he appeared to be looking as well as ever.

Warner Day, on his return from California, gave a glowing account of his reunion with Hobson, Faymonville, Anderson, Morrissey and "Monk" Lewis. It was the first reunion of Day, Morrissey and Lewis since they were roommates in Beast Barracks in 1908. "Phil" Faymonville tendered them a cocktail party at the Olympic Club in San Francisco attended by several classmates and their wives, and "Swede" Anderson impressed them with his professional game of golf which keeps him busy 365 days each year. Bunny and Phil earned the acclaim of being hosts "par excellence!"

"Ham" Haislip addressed the veterans of the 10th Armored Division of his XV Corps of Patton's Third Army at the Hotel Washington in Washington, D. C., on 23 May. It must have been a glorious occasion!

Ruth McLane, John T.'s widow, writes from Baltimore that son John is with the Mountain States Telephone Co. in Denver and that daughter Jean and her husband live in Baltimore, where he is serving as an interne.

Genevieve Brown is enjoying reunion with her sons-in-law and daughters at Plattsburg, N. Y., including her six grandchildren.

"Mucker" Sibert wonders what "P" Wood likes so much in Korea instead of residing in the good old U.S.A. Says that the beach combing in Destin, Fla., is rather slim. FLASH! Again old man "P" Wood is on the move, this time from Tokyo to Hotel Eden, Geneva, Switzerland.

Carl Dick is active in the patriotic work of disseminating literature pertaining to the keeping of America safe and sane for Americans, in keeping with our country's best traditions. In late May he motored from his home in Athens, N. Y., to spend his annual vacation back home in Ohio. He attended the annual West Point dinner in New York in March where he was joined by classmates Gatchell, Maxwell, Smith, Bennon and Crittenberger, the latter performing nobly as master of ceremonies.

In San Francisco the annual dinner brought together Faymonville, Lewis, Morrissey, Sullivan, Hobson and Chynoweth. "Chen" brought about a bit of added spirit to the occasion by treating the 1912 table to Mumm's Extra Dry in abundance, inasmuch as that same day his prisoner of war check, unsolicited, had dropped into his lap. The boys had fun!

"Tubby" Barton, when last heard from, had been in Camp Gordon hospital nursing some ulcers which have bothered him for a long time. He has resigned as Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce of Augusta, Ga.

"Ike" Spalding sends in word that the West Point dinner in San Antonio was attended by Ben and Rachel Delamater, Kelly,

Bodine, Greenwald, and "Ike" himself. Ike's auto tag is Texas No. 1912!!! In mid-April a class luncheon was tendered "Ike" at the Army and Navy Club in Washington; attended by "Sid" Spalding, Hayes, Rose, Keyes, Thomas, Mooney, Malony, Drake and Snow. Our Ike talked with Jones, B. Q. by phone and visited Littlejohn and Nalle on his return trip, also "Arch" Arnold at Southern Pines. Ike reports that John Kelly is active in church and business affairs and that he makes all the hops; that "Nall" Bodine is having trouble with his football knee; that Joe Greenwald has a new official mount—a combination of Rolls-Royce, Pierce-Arrow and Ford, a sight to see, yes, and a real hot rod with deluxe appearance.

The Nickerson name is being carried on the rolls of the Ordnance Corps with the transfer to that Corps of son Fred (USMA 1950), at present at Aberdeen, Md. Son Richard is a Captain, Ord-Res., at the U. of California, while son Donald (USMA 1939) is an Industrial Engineer with the American Steel & Wire Co., Joliet, Ill.

Dick Hocker has moved from Arcadia, Cal., to Box 867, 29 Palms, Cal., said to be "out on the desert". For further details consult our good friend John Lindt.

The annual West Point dinner in Los Angeles was attended by Cook, Lewis, J. E., Lindt and Paules. The week following the dinner the Lindts and the Lewises came to Los Angeles for a luncheon with the Paules, whose son John graduated from the Advanced Course at Fort Sill prior to his return to Europe to the First Division. "P.D." Paules reports visiting the Burton Reads at Pasadena, their first reunion since Burton left us at West Point in 1909.

"Chen" Chynoweth, just to keep active, has taken on a few more hobbies such as equitation once a week, painting in oils, and enrollment in a French course at the U. of California in the endeavor to improve on his Cadet French as taught us by M. Georges Castegnier. On May 26 his daughter Ellen Mary Chynoweth was married to Richard R. Soule of Berkeley, a graduate of the 1944 class of the U. of Cal.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to Sid Spalding, whose Mother recently passed away at her home in Barrington, R. I., where she made her home with her daughter Helen. Many members of the Class who participated in the many class gatherings at Sid's Powtomack Farm across the Potomac from Washington back over the years will always retain happy memories of Mother Spalding who contributed so much to the festivities.

We quote from a letter from Sallie Flint: "It will give me the greatest joy and satisfaction to send Paddy's class ring for display with the other class rings in the Library at West Point. I am so proud that the Class feels as you say they do about wanting his ring and I know that Paddy would be most proud and happy too. West Point to him was more than his Alma Mater; it was almost a way of life for him, and I know that when the time came for him to place his own life in peril it was his ideal of what it meant to be a WEST POINTER that inspired him."

Congratulations to "Patsy" (Miss Marth Hardi) Cook on her graduation from The Bishop's School, La Jolla, Calif., in June, and also to George F. McC. Chase of Milwaukee, whose marriage to Miss Genevieve C. Williams of Chicago took place in May; Bud Sullivan will say goodbye to his bride in June and take off for Korea; Johnny Anderson, who will finish his freshman year as a Medical student at the U. of St. Louis, will be married this summer; young Leland Devore, back from Germany as a Lt. Col. of Ordnance, is stationed at Erie Ord. Depot at LaCarne, Ohio, which enables him to make frequent trips to see his mother (Genevieve) who lives at Short Creek, W. Va.; young George Harrison, son of our Bill, was entertained in San Francisco by Phil Faymonville while in town on business from his home in New York; service orders indicate that Ann H. Spalding and her husband will move soon from Washington to the Army War College at Carlisle Bks., Pa., and that Sam S. Walker will go to Panama from Benning.

A salute from the Class to three of our members — Crittenberger, Maxwell and Smith—who are hard at it in N. Y. City devising ways and means for raising funds for many worthwhile charities. We feel sure that they would welcome any ideas you may have to further their fine projects—and of course you may be sure that your contributions would be most welcome, especially after you will have fulfilled your obligations to Buddy Rose, our Class Treasurer.

On June 3, "Colonel" Snow, being a member of the Fort Delaware Society, served at the head of a committee which placed a Confederate Memorial Day wreath on the graves of 2,200 Confederate dead in the National Cemetery at Finns Point (Old Fort Mott), N. J. "Colonel" writes: "Pretty good for a Damsyankee, n'est-ce pas?" Our "Colonel" also attended some of the June Week exercises at West Point and took along with him as his guests two teen-age

farmer boys to see the sights and get a bit of inspiration. While there he inspected in the Library the display of class rings, with Paddy Flint's in a special box that he had procured for the purpose from Bailey, Banks & Biddle, who made our rings. We too would no doubt have shed a tear just to contemplate the significance of having Paddy's ring there representing 1912 and recall how Paddy kept faith with West Point and her best traditions. On the annual Alumni Day "Colonel" was a luncheon guest of his one-time Colonel of the First Infantry at Schofield Barracks in 1915, at the West Point Army Mess, who now is Maj. Gen. Henry C. Hodges, Jr., USA-Ret., the oldest West Point graduate at West Point during last June Week.

The only 1912 representatives attending the June week ceremonies were Gatchell, Maxwell and Snow, who roomed together in the 52nd Div. of Cadet Barracks. Of course our honorary member of the class, Sgt. "Marty" Maher, aged 77, was on hand to greet all arrivals and to proclaim the glories of the Class of 1912! A pleasant feature of the stay was the invitation extended to the three 1912 representatives to be the guests of 1913 at the buffet supper held in the West Point Army Mess by the many members of 1913 and their wives.

Our Class Secretary, "Arch" Arnold, shifted from Southern Pines, N. C., to his four-island homes in Cranberry Lake, N. Y., to put the camping sites in good order for the visiting members of the Arnold clan throughout the summer, along with a goodly number of casual tourists who will be passing that way and open to persuasion to tarry a while. Without golf to interfere, Archy is looking forward to catching up on his projected plans for putting in order also the secretarial affairs of the Class of 1912. Remember, Archy, like all class secretaries, expects lots of mail from the class membership, so do YOUR part, brother!

1912 tourists: Harry McLean, when last heard from in May, was in Madrid, Spain; the Johnny Lindts visited their son Johnny and his bride in Marysville, Calif., in May and also called on classmates en route in San Francisco and on the Monterey Peninsula; the Max Sullivans have rented their San Francisco home for a year and in May left for Detroit to visit son Bud and his bride before proceeding on a long motor tour including Sully's home in Minneapolis and high spots in Canada; the Bunny Hobsons in April enjoyed a week's motor trip into Southern California and in mid-June they, accompanied by daughter Mary and one of her girl friends, left on a motor trip to



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1913-1915

Lake Louise and British Columbia, Canada; the Monk Lewises attended the 1913 class reunion at West Point in June; Colonel Snow, on an inspection trip down to Chestertown, Md., found "Loopey" Larrabee living the life of Riley, and his neighbor, "Giant" Kirk temporarily away at Walter Reed for a bit of minor surgery; the Nickersons drove up from San Diego and found the Johnny Lindts out when they called in Riverside; Robby Robertson, the busy Director of Civil Defense of California, visited classmates on the Monterey Peninsula in May; the Maxwells, always on the move, dropped by to see Sallie Flint in Burlington, Vt., in April.

Mrs. Katherine Jackson (widow of Cris Burlingame), one of our most loyal boosters, writes that her son Capt. John H. Burlingame, USAF, is now in Europe following completion of an advanced course in communications at Scott AFB in Illinois. He flew more than 59 combat missions over North Africa and Italy during World War II.

From Johnny Hauser, living at Fayetteville, near Fort Bragg, we learn that several classmates stopped off to visit him while en route to their destinations, viz., Ike and Al Spalding, Ben DelaMater and wife Rachel. According to Johnny, the Burfie Browns are still able to report "Here" at Asheville, where he saw them recently. The Hauser children are reported as follows: Charlie in the Fort Bragg Library, Chuck with the 2nd Division in Korea and Bill doing well at West Point. And last but not least, John and Dorothy are well, sunburned and enjoying life at their beach cottage at Holden Beach.

—W. H. H. and J. N. H.

1915

June Week brought the first break in a 14-year procession of sons of 1915. Another three years must be added to that break before Suddath's strapping son collects his diploma and commission. Next on the list should be Harmon's oldest hopeful, getting his first lessons in that well known West Point sport, "Drag-it-in-Mister," as these notes go to press. Any more prospects? And just when does the parade of grandsons start? Ye scribe and his classmates would like to know.

For 1915 the celebration began on 29 May when a simple, impressive ceremony was staged for the official acceptance of the President's deeply prized gift to the Military Academy, a bronze bust of himself, executed by Jo Davidson, foremost portrait sculptor of the current era. The ceremony is described in a separate article in this issue of *Assembly*.

The evening of 31 May saw the annual gathering of the clan at the Leone Farm, where Gene and May once again did themselves proud as hosts. Informed a fortnight earlier that only two members of the class had indicated their intention to return, our hosts nevertheless insisted on continuance of the annual custom. By the time mess call was sounded the figure had grown substantially. Among the fortunates to share in the hospitality were the Ellises, Bragdon, Jameses, Smalls, Beukemas, Jimmy Lester, Mason Young, and Ed Hyde.

Time to close ranks again, but almost nobody left on active list to do the job. Mason Young, looking completely fit (and don't change that "i" to an "a" just yet) came home from France and the headaches of

infrastructure to enjoy Walter Reed's standard dry cleaning operation, preliminary to retirement. A visit with his son and family (Major Young, M. J., Jr., '44) gave him a perfect base for his June Week activities. The farm in southern New Hampshire which came to Mason mid-way in his career has begun to show the results of his foresight in setting out a big acreage of apple trees. Mason declares he will use the farm as a base while he catches up with his duties as a dad and granddad.

On 31 January, Joe Swing mounted what Jimmy Lester describes as "a fine retirement ceremony" for aforesaid Lester. Since that date, Jim and Millie have done a lot of traveling, including a trip to Hawaii, visits with friends along the West Coast of California, including Mae and Reese Howell in Los Angeles. Turning east they motored to the Grand Canyon and renewed ties with relatives in Louisville, Ky., and Columbia, S. C. Settled at the Kennedy Warren, they are looking over housing prospects in the Washington area. June Week brought them to West Point as guests of the Superintendent and Mrs. Irving.

Highlight in class news for May was the class luncheon at the White House. Twenty-nine of Ike's classmates joined him and Mamie in his study at 1300, then moved to the dining room for lunch. Seating was alphabetical. "Just like Beast Barracks," as Tom Taylor noted. No glasses were heaved at the gunner; at least none were reported. Despite such curbs on normal 1915 blumptiousness, everyone had a wonderful time.

The following Monday, regular day for the class luncheon, only Jack Davis and Tom Hanley showed up at the A&N Club. Tom asks that everyone note on his calendar the first Monday of the month; the hour, 1230. For those in Washington and its hinterland, the telephone reminder is getting too difficult; for those who plan a trip to Washington, a bit of planning will provide your chance to see your classmates.

Brad and Mary had a wonderful trip to London where they attended the Coronation as representatives of the Armed Forces. The class officers are planning a farewell dinner for them in the Washington area on some July date to be announced later. All members of the class who can make the trip are urged to sign up. Write to Hanley for information as to major details.

Add one more casualty to the growing 1915 contingent in the "ghostly assemblage" of the Long Gray Line. On the afternoon of 18 May the last volleys were fired and "Retreat" was sounded for Norman Randolph at the West Point cemetery. A wholly unexpected heart attack two days earlier was responsible for his death. There had been no earlier intimation of that weakness. Back in the days immediately after World War I, while Norm was on duty at the Academy, he had picked the plot for his burial. Here at West Point, he declared, he had enjoyed the happiest days of his life. Beeson Hunt, Harold James, Crampton Jones, Fred Irving, Harris Jones and Herman Beukema served as honorary pallbearers. Among the friends who motored from Philadelphia for the last rites were the Lil Lymans and George Beurkets.

Class briefs: Jim and Helen Van Fleet appeared in a press photo showing them taking off by plane for Alaska. Denied the chance to polish off the Reds in Korea, Jim settled for a few shots at the Browns,—in this case, Kodiak bears. He bagged a big one, 1,950 lbs., the largest brought down in the current season. On 21 June he was at West Point for a brief visit with his two daughters and their families. The Haws are off to California, where they expect in good season to settle down. Ray March has re-

covered from a successful operation for glaucoma. Tom Taylor had a check of his eyes at Walter Reed; at last report was having no trouble. Stratemeyer, Hanley and Beukema, all harboring the same physical handicap, are behaving nicely and thus keeping the life insurance companies happy. Tom, in fact, has generated the confidence in his well-being to plan an early trip to Europe. By way of warm-up he and Cecelia took a trip to Florida. Walt and Betty Hess have bought a handsome place in Arlington, not far from the Washington Golf and Country Club. Gilkeson is still another to join the Washington colony.

Item to add to the Class roster you received a few months ago: Adolph Unger, Municipal Judge; doing business in Canton, Ohio. Home address: 638 Exeter Ave., S. W., same city. A victim of Pechol's descrip in 1913, he got back into uniform during WWI, rose to the rank of captain, served with the Second, Third, and Fourth Divisions. In 1920 he resigned his captain's commission. Thirty-two years later he had the pleasure of doing his bit to promote the candidacy of a USMA classmate for the Presidency.

Tom and Mary Larkin, spending a few days in Puerto Rico and getting a first taste of the pleasures of retirement, made contact there with Raul Esteves, two-star AGO of the PR National Guard. Steve reports the Larkins as brushing up on their Spanish in preparation for trips to Mexico and Spain, and was happy to help the good cause by contributing several books of his own authorship, both in Spanish and English! Any other bilinguals in the class? We'd like to know. Somebody tell Jack Davis to sit down. Texan is not a language; merely an unfortunate way of life. Getting back to Steve, I am the proud possessor of his Opus No. 438 (so identified on the cover), entitled *Notes on Clausewitz' "On War."* The introduction contains this illuminating bit: "A short time after joining my regiment I caught hell from my regimental commander for not having read the 'Military Bible.'" Occasionally thereafter he encountered an officer who had not mastered all nine volumes of the Kraut genius. Hence this outline, dated 1952, in 67 chapters, count 'em—67! And, if I am a qualified critic, this book rates as a fine piece of work, one that would have delighted and astounded P. Fieberger.

Bursts of energy are reported from two other quarters. From Jack Davis' file an unidentified newspaper clipping which reads: "Lieut. General Henry S. Aurand makes his debut on KHON Sunday with a five minuter called 'A Logistician Takes a Look'. The station loves him to death (sic). He sponsors his own show, writes his own commercials, scripts the program and presents it himself." Not a word about his playing a harmonica and assorted drums by way of accompaniment.

From Hume Peabody, via Haw, comes the prescription for "How to Succeed and Get Paid for It." Are you interested? Well, here it is right from the pony's mouth:

"You asked about the radio business. It's tremendously interesting, a lot of fun and a Hell of a lot of hard work. As for continuity and advertising writing . . . it's a cinch. Know the people you are writing for . . . know what you want to tell them . . . and then say it with short sentences and simple words . . . sentences without a verb, maybe . . . even phrases . . . split infinitives when it reads smoother (NOT 'more smoothly') . . . end a sentence with a preposition if it adds punch . . . in other words, to Hell with grammar as we learned it years ago . . . write like we talk (NOT 'as' we talk) . . . and there you have it."

There's more of the same; also, there's a limit. After all, this is a respectable

magazine. We look on a well turned, able-bodied infinitive as a thing of beauty, and not as a plaything for the first word-butcher who never learned his grammar, let alone rhetoric. What's more, we still use the old heave-ho on candidates who "write like they talk," meaning those so addicted to the use of Americanese that their financial success is assured if they can only stay out of the Armed Forces.

—H. B.

Belated word from Hume, after the above was in the printer's hands, indicates: (1) a return to grace, i.e. he's given up broadcasting; (2) an acre and a half of lawn is getting overdue attention; (3) the Peabodys are bent on transplanting themselves in some spot further south.

1916

Dwight Johns and Laura returned in May from a trip of several months through Europe, England and Scotland. While in Germany, Dwight had a brief visit with Bill Hoge on his special train at Frankfurt, Germany. Bill, as you know, is now commanding the Seventh Army. On his return home he came to Washington for the annual meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers, of which he has just been elected President. Both he and Laura are now back at their home in Piedmont, California.

Red O'Hare, who retired last winter, decided to stay abroad for several months and we do not yet know where he will make his permanent home.

Bob Walsh, who also retired at the end of February, is making his permanent home in Washington. Immediately after retirement he became connected with the Fairchild Corporation, one of the aircraft manufacturing outfits which has been very active in the expansion program both of the Air Force and the aircraft industry. He seems to divide his time between Washington and Hagerstown, Md., where the main plant is located.

Joe Grant is living in El Paso. He and Hearse Henderson had a visit with Bill Hoge before he left the Fourth Army. Joe is planning a trip to Mexico next fall, then off to Spain to see Bill Shipp. He is taking

his Masters Degree at Texas Western College and is a member of Sigma Delta Pi, a national honorary Spanish fraternity.

Holland Robb was at Walter Reed Hospital early in May undergoing pre-retirement check-up. For several years he has been on R.O.T.C. duty at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, Pa. but will retire on July 31st. His plans now are to settle in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Crampton Jones is another member of the Class who will go on the retired list at the end of July. He is due to be in Washington for physical check-up in June and maybe at that time we will learn where he plans to settle permanently.

Bob Neyland, who was undergoing treatment at Walter Reed last winter, left there in March. We understand he is now residing temporarily near Sarasota, Florida.

Goop Worsham and Marj visited with the Stanley Scotts at Fort Belvoir over a week-end in May. His work with the R. M. Parsons Company at Frederick, Md. seems to agree with him. He looked splendid.

George Andrew, who gets an itchy foot ever so often, was wandering again last winter. After spending the winter months in Florida he headed west, sightseeing en route, until he reached Boise, Idaho. There he visited his youngest daughter and got acquainted with two grandsons. On his way west he stopped at the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he ran into Duke Townsend, who was there for some dental work. He says that Duke is well and happy running his ranch in Louisiana. George expects shortly to be back home in Northfield, Vermont.

Ray Moses and Marjorie, after visiting in Honolulu, returned to their home in New Hampshire in March. Their son is about to leave for Korea.

Knox Cockrell's boy, Jimmie, who has been on duty with the paratroops at Fort Bragg is also heading to the same place.

Monty Monsarrat, who underwent a rather serious operation in Honolulu, is out of the hospital now and talking about the 1956 Reunion already. His new address is 3522 Kahawalu Drive, Honolulu.

Carl Marriott, also in Honolulu, does not get around much since his illness two years ago. His address is 188 Dewey Way. A letter from his 1916 friends would bring him welcome Class news.

The count of 1916 on the active list in our last Assembly notes was wrong. This is right—on the 1st of August, after Robb and Jones retire, five will remain—Bill Hoge, Horace McBride, Stanley Scott, Calvin DeWitt and Bill Shipp. However, our Class Sons still carry on. Thirty-one have grad-

uated already and four are now members of the Corps—Abernathy, Peyton, Spence and Finley. Anytime you are visiting the Academy, you may want to look them up.

—E. G. B.

April 1917

Our class takes special pride in the appointment of Matt Ridgway to succeed Joe Collins as Chief of Staff. Classmates in Washington will welcome him and his family later this summer. Those of us who live in Washington are happy that Gladys and Joe Collins are to remain in the Capital because of Joe's high-level assignment with NATO.

According to a compilation made by Bill Eley, all members of our class will have been retired by 31 July 1953 except Clark, Collins, Erler, Ford, Gurney, Harper, Harrison, Irving, Jones, Noce, Ridgway, Slaughter, Smith, Sullivan, Wood—a total of 15.

Members of the class at West Point for graduation were Harry and Enriette Schroeder, whose son, Robert L., graduated into the Artillery (and Dave and Lucie Rumbough, whose son, David H., graduated into the Infantry) and Bill Eley and Jim Hayden and Henley Frier. The weather was beautiful. The special garden party on Constitution Island at Miss Warner's house, which has been restored, and Graduation Hop in the Cadet Mess were among the memorable experiences this year.

The March get-together of the members of the class in the Washington area was a dinner dance at the Fort McNair Officers Club, Saturday, 21 March. Gladys and Joe Collins had us all for cocktails first at their quarters. The entire evening was an outstanding success, all agreed. Present were Solonge and Morris Barroll, Gladys and Joe Collins, Dot and Birdie Eagles, Dot and Bill Eley, Jeannette and Jack Jackson, Hannah and Prof Jones (who were visiting the Ransoms for the cadet "long week-end"), Adele and Meach Meacham, Dorothy and Mitch Mitchell, Mildred and Dan Noce, Helen and Bob Ransom, Harry Schroeder (Enriette was in Europe visiting one of their sons), Mary and Cooper Smith, Sam Smith and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Smith, whose husband is in Korea, Cather-



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ine and Willis Teale, Emily and Kive Tully, Elizabeth and Van Vander Hyden, Mary and George Wooley.

The Bill Heaveys have moved to New York from Houston and are living at 200 East End Ave., New York 28, N. Y. Bill is consulting engineer for Frederick R. Harris, 27 William Street.

Florence Busby Stanford, AC's widow, writes that she received her copy of the 35-year book at her new home at 301 W. State St., Trenton, N. J., where she moved from San Antonio.

Bill Harrison writes from Tokyo that the West Point dinner there on 16 March was a great success, Pasha Sullivan performing as Master of Ceremonies in "magnificent style" Wayne Clark made the speech of the evening. P. Wood, USMA '12, the oldest graduate present, made a very fine short talk.

Class sons now in the Corps include Frier 1954; Carleton Coulter, Jr., Warfield Lewis, Jr., and Norman Schwarzkopf, all three of 1956.

Adele and Meach Meacham invited the Washington area classmates to their annual party at their lovely house in Green Spring Valley, Md., following the Maryland Hunt Cup races April 27. Present were: Dot and Bill Eley, Rothee and Leo Erler, Suzanne and Ira Crump, Catherine and Willis Teale, Dorothy and Cooper Smith, Emily and Kive Tully. The Crumps had just returned from a year in France, spent mostly at Suzanne's home at Cannes on the Riviera. They visited Cambridge, England where their son, Alan, USMA June '43, is interred in the beautiful cemetery there. He was killed as a bomber pilot in WW II.

We have received letters recently acknowledging receipt of our 35-year book, presented to them by the class, from the widows of Mike Brennan and Red Morford.

Jack Nygaard writes from Geneva, Switzerland that he sailed from NY in February, spent two weeks in Italy where Anna Maira is singing in grand opera, then reported for duty in Geneva as Executive Officer of the U.N. Korean Reconstruction Agency. Jack's recent visit to the U.S. was his second in 11 years.

Helen and Bob Ransom's party Sunday 17 May for the class at their lovely country place at Gaithersburg, Md. was, I think, the finest and happiest one we have had. The climax of the afternoon was the arrival of Kewp Yuill with Gay and Dot and Bill Eley who had brought him out. Kewp had obtained a special pass from Walter Reed and made his first appearance with his artificial leg. His courage and cheerfulness reflected great credit on the class of '17. Others present: Laura and Percy Black, Gladys and Joe Collins, Suzanne and Ira Crump, Rothee and Leo Erler, Jessie and Clark Fales, Jeanette Jackson, Adele and Meach Meacham, Dorothy and Mitch Mitchell, Mildred and Dan Noce, Alene and Burnet Olmsted, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Enriette and Harry Schroeder, Mary and Cooper Smith, Catherine and Willis Teale, Emily and Kivas Tully, Elizabeth and Van Vander Hyden with their 2 daughters and Mary Wooley. Altogether 41 were there.

Tupper Cole retired 31 May. A final review and reception was held for him at Fort Knox. Tupper commanded the last cavalry regiment to be mechanized, a historical fact very fitting for the truly great horseman that he was.

Harold Jackson retired 30 June. A special review was held for him at Fort McNair. He and Jeannette sailed 16 July for an 8-months' motor trip through Britain and the continent. They expect to live in Washington when they return.

Stunned by Henley Frier's announcement of the arrival of two more grandchildren, The Reserve Officers Association recently elected him President of the Cleveland

Chapter, the only West Point graduate in this area to be elected ever to any office by this group. This departure from precedent was due to Henley's campaign promises that he would secure ten new ROA members for every unit increase in the number of his own descendants, thus assuring adequate National Security for Cleveland, Ohio and adjacent territory.

—S. H. S.

August 1917

My sincere appreciation to Doddy Stamps for taking over, on a minute's notice, and pinch-hitting for me in the April issue. He and Lois report the birth of a third grandchild in Frankfurt, Germany—daughter of Major and Mrs. Charles D. Daniel.

Seven of our class took our places in the Long Gray Line on Alumni Day. In addition to Jerry Counts, Doddy Stamps and Kit Carson stationed at the Point, there were Hi Ely, Sam Rindsdorf, Bob Bringham and Katie White. Although not able to be present, Bill Kolb was represented by his wife Lucy, who had been visiting her daughter Billy in New York for two weeks.

Among those receiving their diplomas was John L. B. Bringham, son of our Bob.

Jerry and Anne Counts have just returned from a visit with their four grandchildren (parents, Capt. and Mrs. John M. Minor), in Shreveport, La.

Kit Carson, who will retire at the end of July, plans to settle in Gainesville, Florida where he and Helen will build a home.

It is with deep sorrow that I report to you the death, on April 9 in Orlando, Florida, of Willard Hall. He was buried in Arlington. Just two years ago Willard had retired, after a most successful career with the Standard Oil in Venezuela. He had only recently completed a lovely home in Winter Park, Florida, in which to enjoy the fruits of his efforts.

Ed. Leavey, who only very recently came to New York as vice president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, was, last week, elected president of Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Inc., Nutley, N. J., a research associate of IT&T.

Biff Jones' son, Capt. Larry Jones, Jr. of West Point, and his brother-in-law, Major Ronan C. Grady, Jr. made TV history recently on NBC's "Break the Bank" by winning \$6,700.

Wilson Bingham, in a letter telling me Bob Bringham was leaving for his son's graduation, writes—"Wish I could hitch on a wheel chair with a trailer carrying my oxygen tanks and breathing machine, and another trailer with Emily and the medicines, shoe horn, bath towels and other things she uses as chief nurse and bottle washer." Wilson can now walk as far as 100 feet without stopping for breath. A great tribute to his courage and the devoted care of Emily!

Leo and Miriam Conner recently gave a class party in Washington honoring the birthday of Norman McNeil. Present were Nig and Dolly Huff, Phil and Tommy Day, Lew and Elaine Griffith, Red and Esther Shaffer, Pete and Gertrude Purvis, Biff and Elizabeth Jones, Pop Goode, Eleanor Sharpe, Louessa Coffey, Dorothy Matlack, May Heavey, Marguerite Eyster and Norman and Carabel McNeil.

Biff and Elizabeth Jones, on a trip through the southwest, stopped off at Los Cruces, New Mexico, to see Mildred and Del

Delehanty. Their home is on the edge of town, where they are growing some of a newly-developed strain of long staple cotton.

Biff attended the West Point dinner in El Paso, where he joined with Del Delehanty and Jack Hawkins to represent our class. Jack had come down from his home in La Luz, New Mexico.

Red Reeder, a new professor at Syracuse University, is for the present keeping his home near Falls Church, Va.

Honus Wagner has left Washington for his apple orchard in West Virginia and will be away until October.

Dent Sharpe recently retired for the third time. Nig Huff's early retirement will take from the rolls the last of our class on active duty in the vicinity of Washington.

Red Shaffer has just bought a home in Bethesda, Md., two doors from the Huffs.

Word has come to me that Poopy Griffith has just proven himself the most considerate (or smartest) husband of the class. He first bought Elaine a roll-type power mower so that she could mow their lawn in Virginia. As its speed threatened to run away with her, he promptly converted it into a rotary mower which Elaine can push herself. He can now sit on the porch with his cigar and cool drink, in deep satisfaction, as Elaine cuts swath after swath.

Ted and Mary Buechler's son, Capt. Theo. B. Buechler, was married on April 11 to Wanda Standlee, daughter of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Earle Standlee.

Horace Harding has recently come to Governors Island as Assistant to the Commanding General of the First Army.

Jules Schaefer writes that he and Catharine have just returned from the San Francisco area, where they had delightful visits with the Chapmans and the Bissells at Carmel, and the Bobrinks at Palo Alto. He also talked with Jack Mallory, who with Taylor deCamp, was in the hospital being processed for retirement.

Bill and Maude Jenna spent a week in Tokyo on her arrival from the States. They had a reunion with Pinky and Nan Rolfe. During the same week, Pat Mahoney arrived back in Japan as a civilian. He is with the Department of Army as a civilian, assigned to the Japan Construction Agency Army Engineers.

At the West Point dinner, Pat and Pinky made up our class representation.

Bill Chapman writes he and Willie Wilson went up to the Presidio for the annual West Point dinner and sat with Mickey Kernan, Jimmy Hea, Taylor deCamp and Jack Mallory.

Carl and Madeline Wilson are at present living in Carmel, where they have rented a home for six months. Their son, Nickie who recently passed his examinations for West Point, is with them. Another son, Ernie is already in the Academy.

—Walker G. White.

June 1918

What a reunion!

By the afternoon of Friday, 29 May, several of the class had checked in and things began to happen. Most of the men were quartered in the thirtieth (old 24th) Division, and the ladies in the dormitory in Washington Hall.

Shortly after supper the bull session got under full steam in Tenny Ross' room (3021). Hans was in unusually fine fettle. He and Freddie Kimble were excellent foils for each

other and kept the banter at a rapid pace. Shortly after two in the morning, being uncertain of Hans' authority to be out after dark, a motorized escort appropriate to the occasion was constituted to take him to the hotel where he was staying. A duly authenticated receipt of his delivery was obtained from the desk clerk.

His Honor, the Mayor of Olean, better known to us as Davie, had a golf date with Freddie K. for Saturday morning. Soon after Freddie awoke he was caught surreptitiously whistling the "Missouri National." By ten o'clock it was pouring! Throughout the day (Saturday) because of the rain there was little outside activity, but the bull session worked up a fine head of steam. Hans was back with an "unlimited pass" as well as unexpurgated comments. With each new arrival, the verbal steam increased till Eddie Dando's startling necktie blew out the safety valve completely.

For supper we scattered in groups, mostly in Orange County. Two of these groups by chance met at the Beau Rivage where they joined forces. The ensuing dinner was hilarious but delicious. By the time we had returned to barracks, ostensibly for repose, the need for another bull session was irresistible. Finally—about four—Freddie went to bed and Hans was deposited at the Thayer.

Sunday, 21 June, was a bright lovely day. Many of us went to the Baccalaureate Services. In the afternoon we all attended the Supe's reception, then parade. By seven that evening most of us had assembled at the Community House at Round Pond for a class picnic. It was chilly enough to make the open fire more than decoration. In almost no time a spontaneous program of skits got underway with Bud Miley acting as the ring master. How Earl Rundell kept the hats straight is still a mystery. Bud and Fenie gave some fine dramatic presentations of folklore as did Charlie and Eve Blanchard. The Kramers produced song and dance numbers and Alice a recitation. The "Dirty Dozen" was reorganized by Lucius, and Sam Sturgis went Swedish again. (Golly, I can't remember all of the acts and actors!) Anyway, it was far

better than any store bought program. It might be mentioned that several Engineers, including very senior ones, got lost on their way to Round Pond. Most of us got home at a reasonable hour Monday morning.

Monday, 1 June. This was another sparklingly bright day. The alumni ceremonies took up the morning. The old grads formed over by Cullum Hall and marched to their place at Thayer Monument between the two cadet regiments. A brief but touching ceremony here. Then they filed out onto the Plain where the Corps passed in review for the alumni. Right after the review we were photographed (see cut). The Association of Graduates luncheon in the Cadet Mess was next on the program.

Graduation Parade at four. What a setting for such a colorful spectacle! There is always a tug at heartstring of an old grad when he observes this ceremony. When we left the Corps to take our place behind the Supe (General Tillman) there were one hundred thirty-seven of us. Today five hundred ten bid farewell to the Corps.

That evening we gathered at the Officers Club for dinner and dancing. There were several "community" telephone calls to wives who could not be there.

Lita Holman was hospitalized just before the reunion so neither she nor Lane could be present as planned. We were delighted to hear from Lane that Lita was coming along fine. Mary Barth was still having difficulties with her broken arm and could not make the trip. Pat Casey was tied down planning how to run the New York transportation system out of the red, so he and Dorothy were not with us.

As those of us living in barracks were preparing to go to breakfast, Joe Kovarik got the tragic news of his wife Edith's death. It was a terrific and saddening shock to all of us. Edith had been in the Memorial Center Hospital since 28 April where she was given X-ray therapy and other treatment (for cancer). Knowing the strong bond uniting classmates, Edith insisted that Joe attend the thirty-fifth, his first, class reunion. He came, though not optimistic, still hopeful of her improvement. We cannot help but respect her unselfish bravery. Knowing it was possible she might not see

Joe again, she wished him and us to celebrate our reunion to the fullest.

Edith was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, 5 June. At her own request no flowers were sent but as she again so unselfishly suggested, contribution to the American Cancer Society. Our class is making such a contribution in memory of Edith Kovarik.

—C. P. T.

November 1918

Our Thirty-fifth reunion was a lulu. Forty-three attended and have now gone their various ways, weak and tired, but proud and happy. One was heard to mumble as he departed, "I think that I have caught up on my Bonded Bourbon ration. Now I need not drink any more for another five years."

Van Voorst established a class Orderly Room in 2913 (old 2313) on Friday afternoon. There, soon after, McGiffert pulled the first cork. There, and in other rooms of the 28th and 29th Divs, many a tall tale was told, some old, some new, some cut from the whole cloth, some true. Mike Kelly led off with his "cat in the cleaning box" and Monk Dickson put the lid on with his "philosophical kangaroo."

Saturday night, to paraphrase, "A Dutchman named Van Voorst", etc., "lost his way" and we almost went without our liquor for a whole day. But others produced emergency rations and Van finally arrived with an ample supply. It was a grand affair. Sergeant Dulaney's steaks broiled over charcoal were excellent.

Sunday night we dined well in the Trophy Room at Bear Mountain Inn. (See cut.) The vanishing bar disappeared into the wall when dinner was announced, but when Howard Peckham got the crowd around the piano the trick panel went up again.

All but a few whose business called them away early marched to Thayer Monument



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Seated on ground, left to right: Olivia Baish, Mary Louise Bishop, Fenie Miley holding her granddaughter, Mary Russell Miley. Seated: Fran Sturgis, Dottie Casman, Marian Ross, Adelaide Baish, Sylvia Shattuck, Louise Bishop, Anne May Lorence, Carol Smith, Inez Adcock, Birdie Hewitt, Eve Blanchard, Elsie Townsley, Louise Dean, Marjorie Clay, Hans Kramer, Alice Kramer. First row standing: Casman, Kimble, Bellinger, Pichel, Lifsey, Horr, Lewis, Hamilton, Ross, Adcock, Hewitt, Barth, Miley. Back row standing: Robinson, Blanchard, Underwood, Lorence, Kovarik, Grant, Smith, Baish, Sturgis, Townsley. AWOL: Marie Robinson, the Rundells, Clay, Dando, Davis, Ward.

Monday morning, reviewed the Corps and lunched together at three adjacent tables in the Cadet Mess, staying for the Annual Alumni Meeting afterwards.

Present were Badger, Bannister, Benton, Bergman, Binder, Blair, W. P., Brinkley, Canaan, Carroll, J. V., Cocke, Conrad, G. B., Curtis, Dickson, Dolph, Elleman, Fasnacht, Fellers, Fitzpatrick, Freeman, Gorman, Griffiths, Groves, Holbrook, Hubbell, Jenkins, Kelly, McGiffert, Miller, A., Miller, M. M., Norman, Peckham, Piland, Pinto, Riani, Spring, Stevens, F. A., Trichel, Van Voorst, Vidal, Wanamaker, Whelchel, Williamson and Yeager.

Badger, Carroll, Elleman, Jenkins, McGiffert, both Millers, Norman, Stevens, Wanamaker, Williamson and Vidal brought their better halves. Williamson and Groves produced unbelievably attractive daughters.

Dick Lee wrote that personal affairs forced a last-minute change of plans. He could not re-une this year.

Carroll, J. V., reports a son, James Langton, in the new First Class; a daughter, Patricia, married to Lt. G. W. Kirby, Jr., C. E., with a son aged five months; and another daughter, Mary Ellen, married to Lt. E. B. Nelson, Armor, with two children, Patricia Ann, two, and E. B., Jr., seven months.

"Pop" Gildart reports: "Drex Dana called at our home in April, while on a business trip down to Los Angeles from Bakersfield. Charley Morrison came over to participate in the evening's reminiscences. Drex's son is taking pilot training on jets, since his graduation last June. Carter, Hesp, Morrison and I represented the class at the annual dinner in Los Angeles in March.

"I have been the mayor's man for Civil Defense in this town since last July (w/o pay). I plan to finish out the remainder of the twelve months and then let someone else undertake this labor of love.

"My son, Charles R., Jr., is a 1st Lt. of Arty, Asst. S-3 of the 37th FA Bn, 2d Div, in Korea.

"Recently the West Point Society of Los Angeles entertained the beasts-to-be of this vicinity, and I suppose it will be the last time for over a year that any of them will have dined with a group of West Pointers and been allowed to eat with their chins out.

"Isabel and I left last December 17 for New Orleans where we took the Alcoa Line 'Polaris' for San Juan, P. R. We spent a month visiting our daughter and son-in-

law, and inspecting for the first time our first grandchild, George Draper Lewis IV, born there last August. We returned to New York by Navy transport, and after a stop in Flint, Mich., got back to our home February 6, at 531 Elm St., Sierra Madre, Calif."

Bixby writes of his short stories, of winning a "Reader's Digest" prize and the Random House Best Article of 1953 Award, and of his new book nearing completion. His son Peter married last March. Bix and Ruby plan to spend six months in Mexico next winter.

Baker, Colwell, Muller, Munford, Schow and Sherrill, in addition to Lee, were unable to come to the Reunion.

During June Week, Paul Kelly, our "Little Mike" addressed a post card folder of pictures of West Point to brother "Old Mike" All of our class present for the thirty-fifth reunion insisted on signing, each adding a greeting to old "Millimeter." Many of June 1918 joined, and others too, including Master Sergeant Martin Maher (Retired), making it a real Round Robin. Old Mike has replied in a touching letter too long to quote in full. Parts that will pass the censor say:

"Have gone over the Round Robin post card folder gleefully several times trying to make out the greetings and jocular remarks and mutter under by breath 'B. J. Plebes'. . . It is too bad I can't acknowledge individually the greetings of all those who signed, but perhaps you will find some way to express my very real appreciation of the unusual tribute they have paid me. I am fairly well—have no aches or pains . . . Mary joins me in best regards and congratulations on a successful and happy class reunion." "Mike."

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

While it is no longer news to most of you, your scribe cannot refrain from pointing out the high estate to which two members of the class have recently been nominated; Nate Twining to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Al Gruenther to be Supreme Commander of the NATO forces

in Europe. Our congratulations and best wishes to both of them.

Horace Speed reports from Washington on a class cocktail party at the Army-Navy Club on 30 May. In attendance were Mike and Marjorie Brannon; Bunker and Jinny Bean; Bill Barton (in town from Rockford, Illinois where he is President of W. F. and John Barnes Company); Joe and Maxine Cranston; John and Ann Crowe; Fred Drury; Les Flory; John and Bert Hardin; Herb and Annabelle Jones (just in from Paris); Doc and Opie Loper; Doc and Patty Martin; Tony and Helen McAuliffe; Dick and Emma Ovenshine; Charlie and Peggy Pyle; Willie Palmer; Jim and Mary Phillips; George D. Rogers; Don and Bea Shingler; Horace and Minnette Speed; Eddie and Barbara Starr; Ham Young; Joe and Marion Phelps (retired and living at Bozman, Maryland); Al and Dade Wedemeyer; and Marian Bruckner. The Sladen Bradley's and the Nate Twining's intended coming but were prevented by sickness. Mary Rex was hurt in an automobile accident so the Rex's could not come. Brown, W. D. is much better but his throat still bothers him some.

Horace also turned in the following news items. Louis Ely was married on 29 April to Miss Gladys May Phillips. Louis is retiring soon and plans to live in the Washington area. Harlan Hartness has reported for duty in Washington as Chief of the Armed Forces Information and Education Office, where Ray Burgess will be his assistant. Jazz Parsons has been ordered to Europe where he will probably be Chief of Staff of the Communication Zone at Verdun. Jim Phillips has orders to Germany. George Rogers is assigned to the Office of the Inspector General and Wayne Zimmerman has reported for duty as Deputy Inspector General. Bob Hill expects an assignment at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. John Crowe is expecting orders to the Armory at Springfield, Mass. Orders are out for Bert Hayford to come to the Office of the Chief of Transportation and for Gene McGinley to a Task Force with Headquarters in Washington. Classmates temporarily in Washington are urged to contact Horace Speed for any information they want including time and place of class parties.

A note from Jazz Murphy conveys the information that he expected to leave his job as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, USAREUR in May for return to the Zone of the Interior and assignment as Chief of Staff, First Army, Governors Island, New York.



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He reports no changes in personnel of the class in Europe except that Al Morgan has been ordered to Headquarters, USAREUR, from Spain to become Deputy Commander of the Northern Area Command. When Jazz gets to Governors Island he will find Ed Sebree, Deputy Commander, First Army, there waiting for him. Jazz has been a fine European correspondent and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for it.

A letter from Doc Loper tells that he and Opie are spending the summer at their place in Westerly, Rhode Island. Doc was retired on 31 May following a heart attack late last winter. To use Doc's own words "the medicos have concluded that I should be put out to pasture (or to stud—if you please—as in the case of old race horses) and we find ourselves highly satisfied with the verdict. We will spend the summer in Rhode Island and at some later date reach a decision as to our ultimate abode and occupation". Best wishes for complete recovery to Doc.

John Hardin is to become President of the Mississippi River Commission. He and Bert are to spend a month in England before John takes over his new job.

June Week at West Point brought a few classmates to the Post here. The McGregor twins, Tom Jr. and Rob Roy, stole the show at graduation. Since the graduation of twins in the same class is a rare event they were besieged with photographers and reporters and got a lot of publicity. Tom and Dee McGregor very naturally attended the graduation. Tom has recently taken over the job of Post Commander at Fort Ord, California, a welcome assignment since he and Dee are both Californians. Tom Jr. left the Post for Washington expecting to be married there on 6 June. Chick Noble was at West Point briefly to attend the meeting on 30 May of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies. Chick is President of the San Antonio Society. His address is 828 Ivy Lane, San Antonio, Texas. His son, Lt. C. H. Noble, Jr. is a member of the Marine Corps and has received the DFC and five Air Medals for his work as an aerial observer with the Eleventh Marine Regiment in Korea. Bunker and Jinny Bean stopped off at West Point long enough to see their yearling son Dick at June Week. Bunker was enroute back to Fort Benjamin Harrison where he is Commanding General of the Army Finance Center. He expects soon to move his force into a new twenty-three

million dollar building. The only other class son graduating was Halvor H. Myrah. Also present at June Week were Jack Domminey, Roy Green, Frank Davis, and your scribe. In the presence of witnesses, Roy Green stuck his neck out and offered to buy champagne for the class dinner at our 35th Reunion next year.

Your scribe was surprised and touched late in April to receive a confidential letter from a member of the class enclosing an anonymous and unsolicited contribution of \$20.00 to the class fund. The donor said he was moved to his action out of appreciation of being associated with such a fine group of men as are contained in the SO class. I am only sorry that I cannot divulge his name.

Ham and Viv Hamilton are living on the recently completed "Skyscraper Army Post", a Wherry project of apartments next door to Fifth Army Headquarters (1649 East 50th Street, Chicago 15, Illinois). Ham is with the I.G. Section of Fifth Army Headquarters. Viv received her Master's Degree in Home Economics from the University of Chicago in December 1952, her thesis being "Contemporary Home Illumination"

Shorty Whitesides retired on 30 April. Fred Porter writes from Purdue where he is PMS&T that he expects to retire on 50% disability on 31 July. He hopes to settle in the Denver area. Pat Echols also expects to be retired this summer. His son, Marion P. Echols, Jr., a graduate of VMI, is now serving in England as a 2nd Lt. His eldest daughter is married to a Marine Corps Captain and is now living in Tokyo.

Kyke Allan is retiring from business and from living in Paraguay. He and Emma Louise will travel in Italy, Switzerland, France and England until early in October when they expect to take up residence at their home in Washington, D. C. (1304 30th Street, N.W.).

Marion Sheehy, John's widow, is living at 633 Kellogg Avenue, Palo Alto, California. She writes that she is developing a magazine agency service serving particularly military personnel. Many of you will, no doubt, receive her business card this summer. Al Moore, retired in '51, is now living at 17270 Clara Street, Los Gatos, California.

Don't forget that next June is our 35th. Start making your plans now to come back for June Week.

—B. W. B.

1920

During June Week just passed the following classmates were noted as present for all or part of the ceremonies — Bessell, Bullene, Collins, J. G., DeGraaf, Hayden, Johnston, E. C., Leehey, McNulty, Sand, A. G., Ryan, Schick, and West.

There were no Class Sons in this year's graduating class—hence, no sabers. Charlie and Horty West had an "Open House" for all members of the Class and their wives on Sunday evening after Star Parade, and Kay Bessell entertained all the wives at a luncheon on Monday while classmates attended the Alumni Luncheon.

Rhu Taylor announced his marriage to Cecile Kay Berton in March 1953 at New York City. They will reside at 210 West 94th Street, New York City 25.

Herb Reuter, in a letter dated 19 March 1953 to Charlie West, related that he was engaged in a strenuous job involving the consolidation of seven major subordinate commands of the Ryukyus Service Command into a single organization, which he says will be at least four times as large as the whole Fort Monroe setup when he reported there for his first duty in September 1920.

Herb also said that he had his lot and house plans ready for retirement near Carmel, California. While he is not scheduled to retire this year, he feels that it is high time to complete all preparations.

There are three sad notes which must be included in this release. First, Selwin Gay died at his home, 80 De Peyster Avenue, Tenafly, New Jersey, on April 10. He was 52 years old and was Directory Engineer for the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, 165 Broadway, New York. Selwin resigned from the Army in 1923, and in that year started work with the New York Telephone Company as manager of a Manhattan business office. He switched over to A. T. & T. in 1929, and in 1949 secured the position which he held at his death. He was a member of the Englewood Field Club. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Grace Ayers Gay; a daughter, Patricia, and a son, F. Selwin Gay, Jr. Most classmates will remember that Selwin's sister, Margaret, is the wife of Tyree Horn.

The second sad announcement is that of an automobile accident which occurred south of Okeechobee, Florida, on the 7th of February 1953.



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Mrs. Margaret Watson Vanture, wife of Lt. Homer Selman Vanture, was killed, and her infant son, Homer Selman Vanture, Jr., and a young cousin, Suzy Workizer, were injured. Lt. Vanture is the son of Mrs. George Dewey Vanture of 115 East Clematis Street, Sarasota, Florida, and our classmate "Czecho".

The third bit of sad news came in a letter from Don Van Sickler who ran across it in the Department of the Army records in Washington. The records show that Randolph B. Wilkinson, our classmate who has long been unheard of, died on 24 June 1949. The record did not indicate the place or cause of his death but it came from the Veterans Administration Office in Seattle, Washington. It indicated also that Randolph, although 43 years of age, and separated from the Service for 22 years, had proved himself a true son of West Point by joining the Army on 9 October 1942 at San Francisco, California, during the dark days and months immediately following Pearl Harbor, and that he remained in the service until discharged because of a physical disability on 14 January 1943. The record indicated that his next of kin is a daughter, Mary June Wilkinson, whose address in July 1949 was 2104 Cullum Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The Army Navy Air Force Journal, dated 4 April 1953, announced that Eddie McGaw has been transferred from Camp Carson, Colorado, where he commanded the VI Corps Artillery, to Hamilton AFB, California, where he will have the Western Army Antiaircraft Command.

Classmates recently promoted in the RA: Colonel to Brigadier General: Rex Corput—Signal C; Homer Kiefer—Arty; Crump Garvin—Inf; George Honnen—Inf; and Charles G. Holle—C.E. Brigadier General to temporary Major General: Bernard L. (Robbie) Robinson—Deputy Chief of Engineers.

Air Force Secretary, Harold E. Talbott, announced recently the appointment of Lt. Gen. Thomas Dresser (Tommy) White as Air Force Vice-Chief of Staff.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

This not being a reunion year there were very few Orioles at West Point for June

Week. Eddie Clark was in for the unveiling of the Eisenhower bust in Cullum Hall on the Friday before graduation but couldn't stay over. Al Price and Wes Yale had sons graduating but neither was able to be on hand. On Sunday night Charlie and Nelle Sue Branham invited several Orioles to a supper at their house in Highland Falls in honor of Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present at West Point during June Week. Others present included the R. H. Johnsons, the Kleins, the Kyles, the Olmsteds, the Spaldings and the Barretts. General Danford was there, too, and had recalled for him a lot of the events of the Oriole cadet days.

George Stephens, Professor of English and an honorary member of '21, had a serious heart attack just before June Week and is still in the hospital at this writing—June 15th. It is nice to be able to report that he is making excellent progress along the road to recovery. The Orioles sent him flowers during June Week just to wish him well and to tell him he was being missed.

The changes of station characteristic of this time of year are under way. Bob Pierce was on hand for the wedding of their daughter, Jeanne, on May 25th but was slated to move soon after that from Kentucky to Germany. Mark McClure is returning from Heidelberg to be deputy G-2 in Washington. Spry has left MATS at Westover AFB to become Director of Materiel in the European Command. Al Kastner went from Fort Hood to the Far East and Giles Carpenter from Fort Monroe to an ROTC job at the University of Hawaii. Perry Smith left on May 16th for station in Naples. And we hear that Bill Lawton has left FEC Hq in Tokyo to be C.G. Korean Communications Command.

Everyone is pleased that the Orioles have another four-star general. Max Taylor has joined Ben Chidlaw in that grade.

Frank Kane has recently retired, and so has Ham Meyer—for the second time! Ham has been Chief of Staff of the 49th Division in California since his retirement from the Regular Army in 1948. He was planning to take a couple of weeks of hunting and fishing in Canada during May, after which his plans were not exactly definite. Granger Anderson, who retired something over a year ago, has settled down in the Detroit area. For a group as small as the Orioles, it's surprising that there are so few areas in the country now where you are more than a day's drive from a classmate.

—C. J. B.

1923

Kenner Hertford and Joe Greene are preparing a booklet on the 30th Reunion for distribution to the Class; consequently this account will be confined to a very brief resumé of events. A total of 59 members, with a goodly number of wives and children, were here for all or part of the festivities. Deke Stone assigned the whole of the 27th Division to '23. Wives and daughters had a WAAF barracks building at Stewart Air Force Base.

Fritz Breidster was one of the early arrivals in order to attend the ceremony for the presentation of athletic awards on 29 May and to present in person the Class of 1923 Swimming Trophy to Cadet James E. Pfautz of Pennsylvania.

A smorgasbord dinner, followed by dancing, was held at the Stewart AFB Officers' Club on the evening of the 30th. This was the first get-together of the Class. The facilities were shared with the Class of June 1943, which was a unique opportunity for us to meet a lot of recent graduates and get to know them. Subsequent conversations with some of them indicated that the pleasure was mutual.

Special thanks of the Class were tendered to Major General M. R. Nelson, who made the facilities and services of Stewart AFB available to us, to Captain Marguerite Miller, who, with her WAAFs, made the accommodations for our ladies so comfortable, and to Captain Leo A. Polinsky, who arranged a wonderful bar, smorgasbord, orchestra and all the Officers' Club facilities for our enjoyment.

The second event was the picnic at Bull Pond on the evening of the 31st. Sergeant Chesnutt served a juicy steak dinner with all the trimmings. The BYOL bar was presided over by various members, who mixed the drinks, and John Chambers, who tasted each one to make sure that it met the standards of the establishment. Les Holcomb brought his saxophone along and joined the accordionist in regaling us with all our favorite songs of the twenties. Les can play even better than in '23, which is saying a lot. Fritz Breidster gave a smash-hit rendition of "Sipping Cider Through a Straw." The antics of the dancers would have made Mr. Vizay rap his stick on the back of a chair and admonish us about "ballroom dawncing."

The serious side was not forgotten. Fritz made a short, affectionate talk to the class



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and paid tribute to our deceased members, whose names he read out.

There was a good attendance of the Class at the Old Grads Review on the morning of June 1st. Afterwards those present assembled in the stands for a group photo. Some members had to leave early, and so are not in the picture which will be published in the Reunion Booklet.

Other June Week events are described elsewhere in this issue, and hence are omitted from this account. The Class had the graves of our departed members in the Post Cemetery decorated on the 30th of May with red carnations tied with a bow of black, gray and gold ribbon, bearing the Class numerals in gold. Mrs. Allen C. Keyes, Al's mother, was unable to accept the invitation to attend our class functions. However, she was given a '23 arm band, which she wore, and several classmates broke ranks during the march to the Old Grads Review to speak to her. Louis Vauthier sent his regrets from Bergenfield, N. J., pleading the infirmities of his more than 90 years; though the Spirit of West Point is still young within him.

Two class sons will enter in July. They are Don Ellerthorpe, Dean's son, and Richard Morton, Bill's older boy. There are doubtless others, whose names will be published when known.

According to a news release, Ray Milton is Transportation Officer, U.S. Forces in Austria. Wopple White writes: "After 31 July 1953, I will retire to a little farm in E. Pittston, Maine. Mailing address RD No. 2, Gardiner, Maine. Any of the classmates who want to see a bit of God's country will be most welcome."

General Orders No. 26, Hq. Ft. Hood, Texas, 13 March 1953, announces the naming of a permanent barracks in honor of Lou Storck, killed in France 30 July 1944, and of his son, Louis J. Storck, Jr., killed in Korea, 6 October 1952, while attempting to hold an outpost against overwhelming odds.

Ben Wells died of a heart attack in Los Angeles last January. He had headed his own firm of management and training consultants there for many years. His widow, Margaret H. Wells, and a daughter, Mary Margaret, survive him. Expressions of sympathy on behalf of the class were sent to them when the news came to our attention.

The Class of '23 increased its West Point membership 100 percent with the recent arrival of Deke Stone. He is a member of the Superintendent's Special Staff, his title being Alumni Secretary.

—W. J. Morton.

1924

The gratifying response to our inquiry for information for the July issue of *Assembly* has at last demonstrated that it is possible to attain a response from practically the entire roster of the *Herd* which should become S. O. P.

Bob Harper's daughter is entering her second year as a student at University of New Mexico. Rod Rodieck is entering his sixth year as a member of the U.S. Delegation, United Nations Military Staff Committee. Bill Linn is with the Personnel Division, Adjutant General's Office, U. S. Army. Pat Partridge, Lt. General, C. G. Air Research & Development Command, U. S. Air Force, Baltimore, Md. says daughter, Patricia Henley, graduated from Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, 31 May

'53. Charlie Van Way, Chief of the Manpower Branch, Industrial College of the Armed Forces presents Manpower and Management courses at the three war colleges, George Washington University as well as other schools. Charlie also monitors a course "The Development of Executive Skills" which has met favorable response from senior officers. Bob Finlay, who is living in Ridgewood, N. Y., sent in a note dated 17 March '53 which failed to reach the Contact Committee. In it he reported Bulls attending the N. Y. West Point Society dinner on 14 March — Joe Poblete, Mike Cleary, Dennis Mulligan, Don Storck, Peyton McLamb, Cy Caywood, Lowell Limpus, Jennings, Kraft, Kuniholm, Kidwell and Finnegan. Sam Strohecker, says the Northwest Annual West Point dinner was held at Ft. Lewis, present were Bragan, Decker, P. B. Nelson, Sather and himself. Sam reports occasional contacts with Tandy and



SONS OF '24

With Plebe Baseball Squad, May 1953

Left to Right: John Stevenson, Plebe—bull pen and batting practice catcher; John Smythe, First Classman — Assistant Coach; Mike Conrad, Plebe — regular shortstop.

Itschner (Eng's). Ben Mesick, C. O. Watertown Arsenal, Mass, and D/A Coordinator for the Titanium Industry says he hopes to finish out at Watertown—adds that daughter, Charlotte, graduated from Stanford University, California 14 June 1953. Ray Raymond, Col. A. F. Reserve. In civilian capacity, liaison officer between Automotive Division, Business Services Administration (Commerce Dept.) and Pentagon, etc. Resides D. C., operates nationally. Hobby—fishing in Chesapeake Bay. No children—no time for it. Hayden Boatner, Major Gen. Deputy Army Commander Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston and likes it. Son, Jim, USMA '51, has completed combat service in the 15th Infantry Korea. Pete Davies, sells Fords in Silver Spring, Md. and raises Hereford Cattle in Calvert Co., Md. Pete has new grandson whom he states is candidate for USMA '74. Gus Watson, Washington, D. C. Same business. Same place. Son, Jimmy III, 25, 1st Lt. Eng. Reserve Corp., Baltimore, Md. David M., 22—2nd Lt. Ord. Reserve Corps en route FECOM. Charles C., 17, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa. Emil Peterson, Col., Asst. Commandant, Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, will go to 6th Armored Division at Ft. Leonard Wood July '53 after 3 years at

Belvoir. Russ Moses, Retired, Commandant, Cadets N. R. Crozier Tech. Hi, Dallas, Texas. Son, William, Texas A & M, '53 is honor military student, commissioned Regular U. S. Army—will marry Ellen Edwards June 6. Son, George has 2 years at Texas A & M. Russ is a director of Dallas Veterans Service Center. Tommy Allen, Col., Senior Instructor Penna. National Guard at Indiantown Gap, is quite a family man. Married are Mary-Elma—3 children, John, 2 children, i.e. 5 grandchildren. Tom, Jr. U.S.N.A. '53 to Lt. U.S.M.C. and will be married June 6. Helen Jr. will marry June 5 Tommy's roommate, also USNA, a '53 and to USMC. Helen graduates '53 American University. All of this leaves Ruthie, 18, still at home. Jimmy Moore, Major General, Commands Army War College at Carlisle, Pa. where he has only recently arrived. Angie Dugan, Col. Armor, is PMS&T at University of Arizona at Tucson, expects to retire July '54. Has son, Danny, USMA '55. Clyde Eddleman, AC of S, G-3 D/A reports that son, John, is now a student at Georgetown University, Foreign Service School. Francis J. Graling recently completed 3 years duty as U. S. Army Attache, U. S. Embassy, Ottawa, Canada and was assigned to the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, Canada-United States. The following letter was addressed to members of West Point Class of 1924 in Washington, D. C. "Charles and I would like to thank you all for the beautiful gift you sent us on our wedding. Your thoughtfulness will long be remembered by us as a great example of our American friendship. We do appreciate it. Although I have not met personally with you all, I feel that you are near and dear to me just like my oldest friends. Your sincere interest in me and your friendship have given me the greatest encouragement and increased immensely my respect to my father's classmates. Signed —Vivian Tse (Mrs. Charles Y. C. Tse)". Bruce Bidwell, representative Chief Military History with G-2 says both of his daughters are getting married—one to Air Force Pilot (Jet) just back from Korea and the other to a civilian. Ewing France (Retired) Secretary White Plains Realty Board, White Plains, N. Y. says son, Sam (USMA 1946) has made him a proud grandparent, the year-old future West Pointer, Samuel William France. Hardy Dillard, Professor of Law and member of Board of Consultants, National War College has been invited to lecture at Oxford, England this summer. "Jags" Eyerly, (AFF Board No. 3, Fort Benning, Ga.) and Louise are proud grandparents (a baby girl). Sam Fisher, Deputy Commander, ASA Training Center, says that his older son who graduated Class of '53, West Point, chose artillery and is stationed at Fort Sill. Younger son planning to enter USMA in July 1954. Clarence Rothgeb, is Chief of the New Mexico Military District. Daughter, Georgia, Medic in WAVES married in December 1952 and is at Memphis Navy Hospital. Son, Bob, is attending University of N. M. at Albuquerque (19, a junior) and hopes for West Point next year. Dick Thomas, Col. U. S. Army, Retired, and living at Clearwater, Fla. advises that he and spouse will spend July and August vacationing in Mexico. Bob Stika, Retired as of 30 April 1946, reports Kathryn Jane Walter (granddaughter) born 6 January 1953. Bill Johnson, Retired, farming poultry and citrus, reports that he has one son in his second year at University of Florida—studying Electrical Engineering. Earl L. Scott who retired in February 1953 resides at 411 East View Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn. J. D. Scott, Inspector General, I Corps, Korea, writes that he expects to return to the US after 20 months in Korea. George Smythe has been assigned to Office Chief of Staff as adviser

on civilian affairs. Son, John graduated from the Academy 2 June 1953. At graduation this year, McComsey and Eaton made the arrangements and "Zero" Wilson presented plaques to twelve '24 sons—Baker, Russell A., Jr., Cousland, Walter C., Glasgow, Robert E., Hutchinson, Cary B., O'Connor, Mortimer L., Smythe, John D., Wilson, Joseph C., Fisher, Samuel H., Jr., Friedersdorf, Louis C., Jr., Koch, Ralph A., Jr., Maher, John P., 3rd, Van Wyk, John David. Bulls attending were Glasgow, Fisher, Cousland, Van Wyk, Wilson, Koch, Stevenson, Storck, Sullivan, Smythe, White, Eaton, Hutchison and McComsey. Sullivan is at Braden, Tasker, too, is in Cornwall; McComsey, Secretary of the Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y., leaving for EUCOM, and Doc Eaton hopes to avoid the Pentagon. V. C. Stevens, is Chief of Staff, U. S. Military Mission, Irania, daughter, Bette, with American Airlines, Washington, D. C. Logan C. Berry, is Army Attache, Mexico City and loves it. Recently he showed Haydon Boatner his first bullfight. Dick Nugent, Retired, is a consultant to several Aircraft Corporations. Dick, who now has two granddaughters reports that his son-in-law, Capt. Blaine Butler, is flying B-29's in Korea. Rich Richardson, Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick AFB, Fla. says his son (Bud) is flying F-94's in Korea and that daughter, Janet, was married 20 June 1953 to 2nd Lt. E. P. Andrews, Arty-USA (USMA '53). Harry Van Wyk, Deputy Post Commander and Chief of Staff, S. F. P. E. says son, Derek is to be married to Marie Louise Riordan of Washington, D. C. on 11 July. He graduated from W. P. on 2 June. George Lightcap, Retired, and representing the United Services Life Insurance Co. of Washington, D. C. at all military installations in Kansas reports that business has been good. Ralph Glasgow, Brig. Gen. U. S. Army, Commanding General, San Francisco Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason, California reports that Ralph I. Glasgow, Jr., age 27, married Miss Shirley Minor at Louisville, Ky. on 23 May 1953. He is an engineer employed by the General Electric Co. in Louisville where they will make their home. Another son, Robert E. Glasgow, age 23, graduated from West Point on 2 June 1953 and be commissioned into the Infantry. C. H. Duval, Adjutant General, The Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., reports that his wife, Elisabeth, a former Hungarian concert violinist, is still using her talent in the Washington area. She recently played for Wives of 1924. Joe Morris is at Iwakuni, Japan as Commanding Officer, Hq. 6418th Air Depot Wing, APO 954, C/O PM, San Francisco, California. Dave Erskine, Deputy Chief, Counter Intelligence Corps, Fort Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland reports that his 3½ year old son (born in Germany) is a very *lively* addition and will groom him for the class of 1972! Ray Beurket, Chemical Officer, Second Army, Ft. George G. Meade, Md. reports daughter, Margaret Mary, attending Vassar College, Class of '56, and son, Ray, Jr., at Gilman School for Boys in Baltimore, Md. Bod Selway, Col. Retired, permanent physical disability, as of May 31, 1953, is living at 3445 Ramona Drive, Riverside, California. P. F. McLamb, at National City Bank, 55 Wall Street, New York City, as usual has daughter, Barbara, at Sweet Briar. Son, Peyton, Jr. aspiring to enter West Point but having "principal" appointment trouble. Martin Hass, Chief of Staff, Caribbean Command, Quarry Heights, Canal Zone, sends best wishes. Grif Griffin, Cit. Consulting Engineer, Congress Hotel, St. Louis 8, Mo. has son 1st Lt. USAF, George AF Base, California. Sam Strohecker, Cit. Mgr. Seattle District Office, DuPont Co., Explosive Sales Division. Eddie White, Maj. Gen. Chief A&AF exchange service, New York City. Married son and

daughter and one plus grandchildren. Pete Hains, B. G., is Chief of Staff, Second Army, Ft. Meade, Md. since February '53. Son, 2nd Lt. P. C. Hains enroute Korea. Louie Friedersdorf, Col. with Eighth Army on UNC Committee for Repatriation of PW's. Has son graduated USMA '53. Wally Hastings, Col. Asst. C/S Logistics, Hq. Allied Forces Southern Europe will remain in Naples for present. Son, Wally Jr., 2nd Lt., USMA '52, ordered to Korea. Second son, Charles, Princeton '52 to Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, and third son, Bob, goes South Kent School in Connecticut. C. C. Sibley, Col. Asst. Chief Transportation Officer, Washington, D. C. moves to Transportation Officer, U. S. A. Europe, in July. Has son with OCS Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga. and grandson November '52. Yea, America! Charlie Reading, Civilian, Mgr. Engineering Dept. General Petroleum Corp. at Los Angeles and likes the job of supervising 40 millions in construction projects. His new address 3700 W. 190th Street, Torrance, California. Howie John, Col. Attache Athens, Greece is moving into G2, D. A. Washington, D. C. June '53 and will be hot prospect for new car — Davies take note. Frosty French, Lt. Col. teaching the boys at Michigan State how to do it—he's AROTC and has six grandchildren so far. Frank Kidwell, Col. S. C. USA, Signal Officer 1st Army, Governors Island, New York, works in spare time as V. P. of N. Y. Chapter, Armed Forces Communication Assoc. Joe and Frank have 2 grandsons by son, Pat and 2 daughters at home. Bill Eareckson, Col. President of Physical Evaluation Board, Wright Patterson AF Hospital, Ohio, is also boning retirement. "Zero" Wilson, presently PMS&T at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico. Sailing July to HQ, USA in Pacific. Son Joe graduated West Point, June '53. Sammy Samouce, Col. on 3 year detail Chief Personnel Branch, Hq. Allied Forces Southern Europe expects to remain in Naples for two years. Son, Warren, Class '54 USMA. Mail to CINCOSOUTH, Box 4, FPO, New York, N. Y. Jack Kirkendall, Deputy C. O. Keesler AF Base, Miss. rounding out 4 years. One of his 19 godchildren graduates '53 USMA. Charlie Dasher, Jr., Major General, C.O. 24th Infantry Division in Korea. Took over after six months as Asst. Division Commander of 3rd Division when Dutch Smythe went to the 3rd. Write him APO 24, San Francisco, Calif. Francis Kreidel, Col. Commands Provost Marshal General's Center and School at Camp Gordon, Ga. Was at Tehran, Iran, 48-50, possibly will go to FECOM next. Daughter, Sheila, at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y. H. E. Kesinger, Gen. C. O. XVIII Airborne Arty, Ft. Bragg, beginning January, after 2½ years attache London. Pete Lee, Col. is teaching at War College, Carlisle, Pa. but moves to A. G. O. Washington July 1. Son, Capt. R. V., Jr., faculty, Arty School, goes to advanced course August '53. Phil Garges, Col., Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, USA, Buffalo, New York. Sam Smithers, Retired—Agent Equitable Life Assurance Society who operates at Ft. Benning, Ga. exclusively says that his son, Lt. Charles L. married Miss Joan Haring 16 May 1953, stationed at Ft. Benning. "Mac" MacCloskey, Brigadier General USAF, C. G. of Air Resupply and Communications Service, Washington, D. C. reported (on 21 May 1953) as follows: "My father, General Manus MacCloskey, class of 1898, whom many of our field artillery classmates will remember, is well and healthy and is visiting us at our home in Washington prior to going up to his 55th reunion in June this year." Jim Kraft, Col. now C. O., Fort Slocum, N. Y. where he has been for 6 months. Steve Ackerman, Retired '52, now Graduate Student, School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. after having been

accepted as a postulant for Holy Orders from Diocese of Atlanta. Polly and Scotty at Sewanee, Anne at University of Chattanooga, Stephen, Jr. 1st Lt. Ft. Bragg. Gene Ely, Col. Deputy Commander, Western Area Cmd. French Zone, became Grandpa, also son, Mike, 2nd Lt. at Fort Hancock, N. J. Write APO 227, N. Y. Burger, Col. Hq. 1st Armd Division Arty. Ft. Hood, Texas after 4 years Trieste, Germany. C. K. Darling, Col. Executive I. C. Section, Hq. 4th Army. Son, 1st Classman USMA, another son drafted enroute Korea. Al Jennings, Col. G-3, First Army. Al and wife spent leave in Europe where they saw many Bulls, also son, Allan, Class '50. W. M. Ives, Jr., Col. SAI, New York National Guard, 270 Broadway, 7 New York City (new job). Dick Prather, B. G. Chief Staff Alaskan Command, will go to 44th Infantry Division, Ft. Lewis, Washington in July '53. Ben Mesick, Col. C. O. Watertown Arsenal, Mass. and likes it. Is Department of Army Coordinator for Titanium Industry, also on Titanium Research Steering Committee. Daughter, Charlotte graduated Stanford 1953. W. H. Arnold, Major Gen. New Commander Hq. U. S. Forces Austria. Son, Joe, in Austria, son Howard at Princeton and 2 new grandchildren. R. B. Pape, Col. has new job G-2, Hq. USFA, write APO 168, New York. Tom Roberts, Col. Chief, Military Assistance Division, EUCOM, Frankfurt, Germany, expects stay another year. Tom is grandpa the second time. Wendell Blanchard, Col. Army Attache, Brussels for rest of year. Son finishes hitch in Army in December, will resume at M.I.T. Daughter, Lydia, Wellesley, and daughter Carol in High School. Jack Reipe, Col. Dept. Area Commander, Northern Area, USA Europe goes to PMS&T, University of Georgia at Athens, write APO 757, C/O PM, New York, N. Y. L. C. Berry, Col. is Army Attache at Mexico City and likes it. Write care American Embassy, Mexico, D. F. Col. H. A. Malin is Transportation Officer, FECOM and anticipates returning in September, write APO 343, San Francisco, Calif. V. R. Miller, Col. is PMS&T at Michigan. Write 1915 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. Daughter, Judy, graduated St. Elizabeth's Academy, N. J. Son, Jerry, 1st Lt. Germany, son Dick, student Michigan U. Jimmie Willis, B. G., now C. G. Signal Corps Supply Agency, Philadelphia, Pa. Write 225 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Ken Strother, Col. OCAFF, Fort Monroe, Va. for 6 months after return from Japan. His daughter, Joanna, at Middlebury College, Vt. Art Trudeau, Major Gen. Commanding 7th Infantry Division, APO 7, San Francisco. Son, Arthur, Jr. graduated distinguished military graduate and honor graduate, Gettysburg College—now active duty. Charlie Royce, B. G. now Asst. Division Commander, 1st Infantry Division goes to Asst. Div. Commander, 7th Armd. Div. Write APO 1, New York. C. P. Summerall, Jr., Col. is Chief Army Section MAAG—UK at London. Write care FPO, USN 100, New York, N. Y. Daughter, Judy, just married to one Smith II, son of Bull Smith. E. C. Wallace, Retired, is living at 9153 De Adalena Street, Rosemead, California. Bob Miller is senior Army Instructor, Montana National Guard. John C. Smith is C. O. Camp Hakata, Regional Area, Kyushu, Japan. John C., II will graduate from Johns Hopkins Medical School in '54. Tad Tasker, USA Ret'd, is disposing of his Hudson-Severn School and will be associated with Leiwant and Company, Inc., Commerce Court Bldg., Newark 2, N. J. Bill Kendall is still running the Exchange Service in Europe. Les Skinner, V. P. and Manager of Engineering for the Oerlikon Tool and Arms Corp. of America, entirely by coincidence is renting Lee, R. V.'s, very nice residence in Asheville, N. C. Les is thrice a grandpappy with one a coming candidate for about Class

of 1974. Lowell Limpus, Chief of N. Y. *Daily News*, UN Bureau, is in Orlando, Fla. doing a series of articles for the local paper on eminent members of the West Point Society of Central Florida. Althea, daughter of Jim and Isabella Hulley (Ret'd) will spend a few weeks this summer in Heidelberg with Lucian and Nancy Wells. W. K. Dudley, Director Communications Department, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. says that his daughter Joan K., "Alpha Phi", returns as a Junior to Colorado University this fall. Jordan Theis, Boss Man, Frankfurt (Military Lord Mayor) made the Coronation. Andy Gamble, C/S Oregon Military District, Vancouver Barracks is leaving for the Far East — says he has bought a home in Vancouver where he will retire. Pete Shunk, is Director, Department of Electronics, AA & GM Branch, Artillery School, Ft. Bliss. Will report for duty Washington, D. C. on 27 July. Liebel (Brig. Gen.) is Chief Support Plans, Hqs. U. S. UCOM-J3. Reg Dean is Engineer, V Corps, Frankfurt—will retire '54.

The following Bulls having sent in only their current assignment as listed below, there is nothing more we can say about them.

Col. Ernest A. Merkle, Arty, PMS&T, Fordham University.

John A. Stewart, Ret'd. Insurance & Real Estate at Los Altos, California.

General Charlie Palmer, U. S. Army, G-3, OCAFF, Ft Monroe, Va.

Col. H. P. Gard, Antiaircraft Officer, Hq. U. S. Army, Alaska, APO 949, c/o PM, Seattle, Wash.

E. A. Ebersole with the State Central Savings Bank, Keokuk, Iowa.

Pete Sather, Retired 1950. Engaged in Commercial Fishing, Southeastern Alaska.

P. A. Pickhardt, Senior Army Instructor, Arkansas National Guard.

Ray Coombs, Retired, 170 Warren Road, San Mateo, California.

Bob Paton, Chief, Packaging Branch—Materials Laboratory, Wright Air Development Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Walton G. Procter, Civil Engineer, Engineer Sec. Hqrs. 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Clint Robinson, President, Carborundum Company, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Dave Page, Retired from publishing business, consultant on informational problems.

James G. Anding, Deputy Director, Office of Military Assistance, Office Sec. of Defense, Washington, D. C.

Bob Harper, Commanding General, Air Training Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Jim Stowell, Commander, Continental Division, MATS, Kelly AFB, Texas.

Bob Cullen, Retired, Col. 1947. Admitted to Texas State Bar, 1952, graduated St. Mary's Law School 1952, employed as Claims Attorney, A. B. Haston Claims Service, San Antonio, Texas.

Charlie Landon, Director of Statistical Services, DCS/Comptroller, Hq USAF, Washington, D. C. since 1950.

Tom McCulloch, Deputy Commander, Finance Center, U. S. Army, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Effective 1 August 1953, Finance Officer, USAFFE, Tokyo, APO 343, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

Dan Hundley, Comptroller TIC, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Bill Maglin, The Provost Marshal General of the Army (Major General), Washington 25, D. C.

Armand J. Salmon, Civilian, State Supervisor N. J. Motor Fuels Tax Bureau, State House, Trenton, N. J.

Sam Conley, Deputy G-3, Hq. Army Field Forces, Ft. Monroe, Va.

John F. Williams, Retired, Employed as Asst. Commandant of Cadets, The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.

Bill Triplet, Chief of Development Branch, Research & Development Division, A/C/S, G-4.

J. W. A. McNary, General Superintendent, Construction, Consolidated Edison Co., 708 First Ave., New York City.

Heyward B. Roberts, Retired, presently teaching (Head Math Dept.) Sewanee Military Academy.

Robert H. Thompson still practicing law at Jackson, Mississippi.

Malin Craig, Jr., Senior Instructor, District of Columbia National Guard, Washington, D. C.

Phil Garges, Col. Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, U. S. Army, Buffalo, N. Y.

Joe Burrill, Chief of Army Section, MAAG—France, APO 58, New York City.

Due to the summer vacation period it may not be possible to send out an individual letter to each Herdsman, therefore it is requested that news items be forwarded without delay to C. S. Raymond, 1727 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. or J. A. Watson, Jr., 839 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

—Ray and Gus.

1925

These notes tend to begin with disturbing regularity on a sad note. Leeb Woods lost a long, tough bout with leukemia and was buried in Arlington on 28 May. Almost had it whipped at one time with Dorothy's care and many letters of encouragement from the Class. He asked me to tell in these notes how much he appreciated the letters and how helpful they were. I hear also that Tom Ashburn passed away some time ago but have no details.

A sizable contingent attended June Week festivities. At the old grads' luncheon the following were present: Alspach, Nutter, Cabell, Kelley, Strange, Dunford, Dunn (Daddy), Nicholas, McManus, Hopkins, Haskell, Dickson, Esposito, Grubbs and Ritchie were seen about, Bill looking well and weighty. Claude Burback stopped in for a few minutes on his way to his new post as CO of the Port of Bremerhaven. Mutt Crandall returns to USMA as Treasurer in July, which raises the local contingent to three. We'll let him take a spell at writing these notes to give you the benefit of his wit and sagacity. Three sons graduated this year—Grubbs, Conder, Haskell. We'll try to find out who enters with the new class and report in the next issue.

Sol Senior is sparkplugging a New York monthly luncheon with considerable success. The first was held on 25 March and was attended by Morford (telephone company), Lord (New Jersey barrister), the Governors Island contingent of Margeson, McManus, and Nutter, the N. Y. Nat. Gd. contingent of Kelley and Senior, and Saltzman. At the next meeting Babcock and Dunford (UN Hqrs) joined the group. Sol is trying to complete the group with Garbisch, Haskell, and Kost, and Mitchell promises to join on his return from USAREUR in 1957. Luncheons are held the fourth

Wednesday of the month at the 71st Regt. Armory, Park Ave. and 33d St. Any in the area at the time are cordially welcome. Sol can be reached at MU 8-7600.

The N. Y. Public Library is seeking copies of our Tenth and Fifteenth Reunion Booklets. If you have one to spare, please send to Col. F. E. Dunn, Room 2 E 960, the Pentagon.

An item at hand announcing Don Bailey as CG, Central AAA Command, Kansas City. Don's command encompasses half of the 48 states and keeps him moving so that the lawn is out of hand and completion of his stone wall problematical. Dan Robertson writes that he has completed an enjoyable 21-month tour of active duty with the Air Force and is now back in private business. Dan can be reached at 1922 N. Newland Ave., Chicago 25. Sam Lamb announces a So. Cal. roundup at the anniversary meeting of the L.A.W.P. Society on 16 March. Those attending were Bartz (public schools), Berilla and Dansby (both real estate), Gardner (manufacturing), Henn and Lamb (both relaxing), Ruppert (sales), Wiley (distribution), Holcomb and Moore (the only two not retired). Absent were DePew (rtd., relaxing) and Randall (rtd., airlines). Sam invites all to join the increasing So. Cal. colony. His address is 1709 Chapala St., Santa Barbara.

During June Week six of us visited Doris Barth and her mother, Nana Spear. Nana unfortunately suffered a fractured collar bone in a fall and had to forego June Week festivities but was fully determined to proceed as scheduled with their planned vacation. The old W. P. fight! We are in accord that the greatest contribution of the Class to W.P. is being made by Doris in her tough assignment as hostess, with Nana in the background keeping up morale and nudging Doris over the bumps.

What follows is garnered from Daddy Dunn's voluminous notes on monthly class meetings and happenings in Washington. I wish they could be reproduced verbatim, but the 1,000-word limit does not allow, and condensation will destroy their witty and pleasant flavor. Some of Daddy's reflections on June Week—a nice trip up and a safe landing despite an unreliable pilot (3-star Cabell); relief that at parade Monday our Math. P. Nicholas was turned out properly after going completely through the Supe's reception Sunday sans insignia; the out-of-this-world organ recital with Mayer's head bobbing around like a cork on the high seas while he flayed mellow tunes from the organ with both hands and both feet, actually whipping the instrument like a hopped-up octopus; the Supe at his reception as he gave each an unhurried and recognizing look with a warm personal greeting which made one feel that the entire program was planned for the guest's individual benefit; the Kaydets, in mass formation, rolling down 10th Avenue like a gigantic blue-gray-white blanket, wheeling sharply left to cover the Plain like the morning dew, their white trousers breaking at the knees like several thousand well-oiled hinges. (Kinda suspect Daddy was well-oiled while this stuff flowed.) Heard along the line of march of the Alumni from our front rank: "We're getting too close to the head of this line to suit me!" Mac's message in the front of the April '53 *Assembly* is worth a second reading. Pulling for Bill Pheris, who at this writing is sweating out the findings of the medical board. His son is at NYMA receiving guidance from John Harvey Kane. Bryte planning retirement in July, possibly in Washington. Whizzing through Washington: Peppie Clay from the Rattlesnake Area, Oklahoma; Bolduc from State College, Pa.; Gillmore from Ft. Bragg; Davis en route to the FE; Henn in to make medicine with Bigelow's office; DeArmond passing through on the run, checking in

with Tulley (the latter resplendent with shiny new star); Dobak in momentarily from the Salt Flats of Utah; Howze en route to Ft. Knox. News from Ray (ever-bearing) Toms of a month-old son, Llewellyn Anthony Stuart Toms. Milt Hankins boasting a Paris address. Hopkins returning from romping with Wiley Moore, PMS&T at UCLA. Gus Bruner bailing out of New Orleans to pitch camp in W. Va. Nice notes from Gose from Fort Campbell with proud doings of his four youngsters: Elliott after a Ph.D. at Cornell, Jim a math. expert at Ft. Sands, Dave and Eleanor both in school. Bill Kost scheduled for two weeks active duty at Bragg in June, where he should meet Gillmore, Red Newman, Kidwell, and others. Mike Giddens enjoying an easy life in the Ozarks (P.O. Box 71, Alpena, Ark.); has three sons in the Service (one slanted toward W.P.) and a daughter in journalistic work with the Navy. We note orders on Axel (we want our) Dobak to Fort L. Wood, where all claims should be routed. Carolyn Purdue now settled at 745 Brown Ave., Columbus, Ga. Carolyn will represent Acacia Mutual Life — prospects take note. Diz Barnes to Langley Field after a long, tough assignment in Washington. Claude Black writes that he is located at Terrace View Drive, Knoxville 19, Tenn. Bruce Clarke reports seeing in Korea Bennett, Oxrieder, Cleland, Bowers, Wayne Smith, Gaddis, and missing Galloway out on location with his hairy Engineers. Reports '25 doing a swell job. Also reported in Korea: Finn, Grayeb, Cole, Deery. Red Willing expects to return from Germany in July; new assignment unknown. Same from Dawson at Yokohama, who reports Burbank in that area. Cavelli and family happily back at Ft. Eustis after four years in EUCOM. Riggins and Farwick in Europe. Deery en route to FE. Carne and John Block still at Valley Forge Mil. Acad., John in math., Bim in history, Larter, President Soc. of Mil. Historians and Collectors. Kuhre taking an Executive Course at the U. of Pitt. Wilmer Gullette in Mexico. Bigelow en route to Alaska. Tom Whitted to Holland in April. Charlotte Freund's two daughters are married, Connie to Sterling of '46. Marie (Ted) Dunn reports young Russ, now 15, a sophomore in Geo. Wash. High, Alexandria, Va. Virginia Tischbein at 2500 Q St., N. W., Wash., D. C.; daughter Sally Anne married to Lt. Edmund Faison. Galloway reports to Belvoir this June. Grubbs ordered to E. Kentucky State College; Bill Wood to Culver; Gaddis and Huyssoon to Sixth Army from FE and Fort Bliss, respectively; Lynch to Chicago from Berlin; Oxrieder from FE to Columbus, Ohio. Joe Daugherty reports all well at Fort Lee, Va. Gene Steele finally to roost at RR 1, So. Bloomington, Ohio. Sampson hiding out in Park Hills, Covington, Ky. Nick Robinson retired in April, planning to settle at Bradenton, Fla. Nick Jr. enters W.P. this summer. Joe Denniston finally located holed up in Wiesbaden and sentenced to two years in the Pentagon. Sam Dickson graduated from U. of Alabama Law School in June. Expect to see Sam and Kirkpatrick on the Supreme Court some day. A nice letter from Sir Edward McLaughlin, now Consul General and Land Commissioner for Bremen, saying he is slated for one more year there. Peploe ordered from Lewis back to FE. Linkswiler from the Bad Lands Area to Germany in August. Westphalinger from Rochester back to prop up Pentagon. Paul Seleen also ordered back to G-4. Fighting Joe C. will go to the Airborne Corps at Bragg this summer. If you detect a sour note in these columns, it may be a reflection of the feelings of ye scribe, who on 4 June packed merrily for a long vacation with his family but on 7 June found himself holed up in Washington (where these notes are writ-

ten) sweating out a theoretical six-week assignment, and remembering vividly that last year's two-week assignment lasted three months. Yeah Academic Leave!

—V. J. E.

1926

It is our sad duty to report the death of Gabe Parker at Burtonwood, England on the 22d of last May. Gabe had served as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force during the war, returning to civilian life after the end of hostilities. His last position was as a top civilian employee of the Air Force at a base in England. His wife and daughter Jeanne were with him at the time that he suffered a fatal heart attack. Gabe was buried at West Point on the 27th of May. Mal Kammerer joined other classmates and friends stationed at West Point in paying respects at the graveside service.

We are proud to announce the award of the Silver Star to Jake Herte of the Class of '51, for gallantry in action in Korea on 7 December 1952. The citation says in part: "As leader of an extremely dangerous daylight patrol, Lieutenant Herte immediately and with complete disregard for his personal safety, rendered aid in the evacuation of a fellow officer and several enlisted men who were wounded during the action. Although the entire area was under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Lieutenant Herte rallied his small force and effected the evacuation of the wounded men in a minimum of time. After successfully evacuating the men to the friendly line of resistance, Lieutenant Herte moved out once again to recover the body of another officer and aid in the evacuation of another seriously wounded comrade." Our congratulations are hereby tendered not only to young Jake, but also to Else and Roy who have every reason to burst with pride.

Two of the Class have recently written the lead articles for the Army, Navy and Air Force Journal. Herb Ehr Gott's piece, "Aviation Engineer Force", appeared on 4 April along with a stern looking photograph of the author. Bill Creasy's serious countenance adorned his article, "Chemical Corps Research and Development" on 23 May.

Red Corderman has been moved from Philadelphia to the Office of G-4 in the Pentagon. Rumor has it that he did not particularly relish the change in locale. Pick Collins also moved to Washington in recent weeks. He is serving in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer after a tour at Fort McPherson, Georgia. McDaniel was displaced from Washington to Tokyo where his family has hopes of joining him soon (according to daughter Elizabeth who was a First Classman's date during the last June Week). Bob Des Islets is also pulling out of Washington to serve in the blue grass country as a member of AFF Board No. 2 at Fort Knox. Other recent moves involved the shift of Johnny Roosma and family from Stuttgart back to his old stamping grounds at Governors Island. At about the same time, Bob McDonough was transferred to the Far East from Atlanta, Georgia. Olaf Pearson arrived in Korea in April to command the 417 Engineer Aviation Brigade of the 5th Air Force. He finds the work very interesting. His family is residing in Jacksonville, Florida while he is gone.

A recent note from James Oka Wade states: "I am at Camp Breckinridge, Director of Training for 101st Airborne Train-

ing Division. No classmates here; have not been with any since I left Japan last summer where I was with Skinny Ringler, Harold Doud, and Bill Deyo. Jessie (wife) and I are here in a set of quarters. Our Ellen graduated from Ole Miss in June 1952 and married Richard F. Ackerman, Ensign, USN. Our Jane, aged 15 is here with us. We would welcome any of the Class and or their wives or offspring to drop by to see us if they come this way by auto (no train service)."

We have received announcements of three marriages in recent weeks, including Katherine Burwell (daughter of Nelle and Jimmy) to Lt. J. M. Wallace, USA in San Antonio on 16 May; Polly Mood (daughter of the late Major-General O. C. Mood and Mrs. Mood) to young Rod Smith in Washington, D. C. on the 6th of June; and Katherine Louise Schimpf to young Vald Heiberg in Leavenworth, Kansas on the 16th of June. After their respective honeymoons, the Wallaces took up housekeeping at Camp Polk, Louisiana, while the Smith's and Heibergs established temporary residences at Fort Belvoir.

Johnny McFarland was tour director for Field Marshal Montgomery during the latter's visit to this country last spring. Mac steered the Field Marshal to West Point and while here, stole away from the official entourage long enough to have a brief reunion with the local classmates. Still gifted with a full head of red hair, Mac's appearance and spirit mark him as one of the few remaining youthful-looking members of the Class.

West Point was honored by five Class stars simultaneously when Major Generals Ankenbrandt and Nelson, and Brigadier General Corderman dropped in during the last week-end in March. Anky and Red stopped by to see their plebe sons, while Nellie motored down from his Stewart Field estate to attend Cadet Chapel.

Dick McMaster has written from El Paso that Bill and Frannie Ennis, recently back at Bliss, "look great". He also wrote that Master Sgt. Herbert H. Smith had just been retired with appropriate ceremonies. Many of the Class will remember Smith, who completed plebe year with us and then resigned during yearling summer. The El Paso Times reported that, "The 51 year-old veteran who had 28 years in the Regular Army and who holds the rank of colonel in the Officer Reserve Corps, plans to live in El Paso." Another ex-classmate, Joseph P. Dawson (who left us at the end of plebe year) is the new owner and manager of Beachmoor Inn at Taylor's Point in Buzzards Bay, Mass. He would be glad to see any classmate who gets close enough to drop in.

John Harvey Kane officiated at an impressive little ceremony at Thayer Monument during a respite in the crowded June Week program. The purpose of the occasion was to welcome the Class Sons in the recent graduating class into the Service. Recipients of Harvey's sage advice as well as small mementos, were Tom Canham, Pete Conzelman, Vald Heiberg, and Rod Smith. Dusty Rhodes, who couldn't make the formation due to a last minute slug for running a late, was represented by his mother, Anne Wilson Ginn. Marjorie Conzelman Davis, and the parents of the other cadets were present along with Red Reeder, Roy Herte, Al Heidner, Nellie Nelson, and Roy Silverman. Admiral Sims made a brief appearance during June Week, but slipped away before we had a chance to talk to him. Just before June Week, young Vald Heiberg was awarded the major A with Navy gold star for participating on the track team. Placing in both hurdles events, he contributed to our only major sports victory over Navy during the year.

The new plebe class of 1957 will include Jay Andersen and young Ringler for sure, plus possibly the sons of Broadhurst, Collins, and Linc Jones, who have first alternates. Other possibilities are Jay Stanton, who has a third alternate, and Bob Des Islets, who has to pass a reexam in Math.

—E. R. H.

1927

Just after the deadline for the last issue, Barney Daughtry sent news of classmates contacted during a visit to the Far East. Then, your reporter made a fast trip in that direction via Alaska and, finally, a letter from Nellie Fooks, G-3 Army Forces Far East, completed the following coverage:

Still in Korea are Tom Watlington, commanding a Corps Artillery, P. D. Ginder, a Division Commander, and Bill Verbeck who has moved to a ROK Training Center. Others in Korea: George Martin, G-3 Eighth Army; Mac McKinney, Commandant of the ROK Military Academy; Chief Bender with Eighth Army Headquarters; Jim Smyly and Dick Dickerson with Corps Headquarters; and Bill Carlock, Chief of the Liaison Group at Panmonjom.

In Japan, Buz Howard is Provost and Cy Williams with the I.G. at Army Forces Headquarters, Fred Day, Al Lepping, Bill McNamee and Sid Parsell are with anti-aircraft outfits, John Kochevar recently departed and is now at Ft. Bliss, Texas, while Mid Condon has just arrived.

In Alaska, Bert Holtzworth is the J-4 of the Alaskan Command, Carl Lundquist commands an RTC at Ladd AFB, and two new arrivals should be settled, Barney Daughtry as Post Commander of Ft. Richardson and Hank Zeller as Inspector General.

Turning now from our overseas report to some Washington events, we note recent orders to Germany for Jerry Lillard, now in G-2, D/A and for Ray Bell and Mike Williams, both currently on the faculty of the Army War College. Bob Naylor has been ordered to the Joint Landing Force Board. Recent visitors to the Pentagon: Chuck

Ewing from his duties in Canada, Chubby Doan from Ft. Hood, Hal Isaacson from Sixth Army, and Trapnell from Indo-China. To somewhat brighten the Capital scene, your Washington Chapter celebrated the 26th anniversary of our Graduation Hop with a small hop at the Army Navy Country Club. And speaking of Graduation, Gar Davidson reports he was royally entertained by the classes of '28 and '33 during this last June Week Reunion.

Congratulations to two new Air Force brigadiers—Jack Sterling, C/S 14th AF, March AFB, California and Pat Pachynski, Deputy Director of Communications, Hq. USAF.

The initial firing of an atomic artillery round at Camp Desert Rock on 25 May was witnessed by a number of the class: Gar Davidson, Chubby Doan, Bob Sink, Ralph Zwicker, Bob Naylor, Stu Wood, Art Solem, Hal Isaacson, Duke Gilbreth, Woody Hocker, and Jack Burdge.

We know of at least four weddings in June in which the children of classmates figure as principals. Three were on June 13th. Sue and George Levings' daughter Eugenia Huntley married Captain Alan Jackson English, USA, Class of '49, at the Cadet Chapel. Maggie and Bob Sink's daughter Mary Mervin ("Pete") wedded Captain Claron Wagar Meldrum, Jr., USA, at the Hacienda, Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, near Camp Roberts, California. Betty and Jack Lovell's second son, McKaig, an engineer student at the University of Virginia, and Nancy Ann Morrow of Old Greenwich married the same day. On June 20th Chic and Tom Watlington's daughter, Mary Clare, became the bride of Captain Stephen Orville Edwards, USMA '46 at Fairland, Maryland.

—P. W. E.

1928

Celebration of our 25th Reunion is the big news this time. The Washington contingent got off to a head start on May 22d with a party at the Army & Navy Town

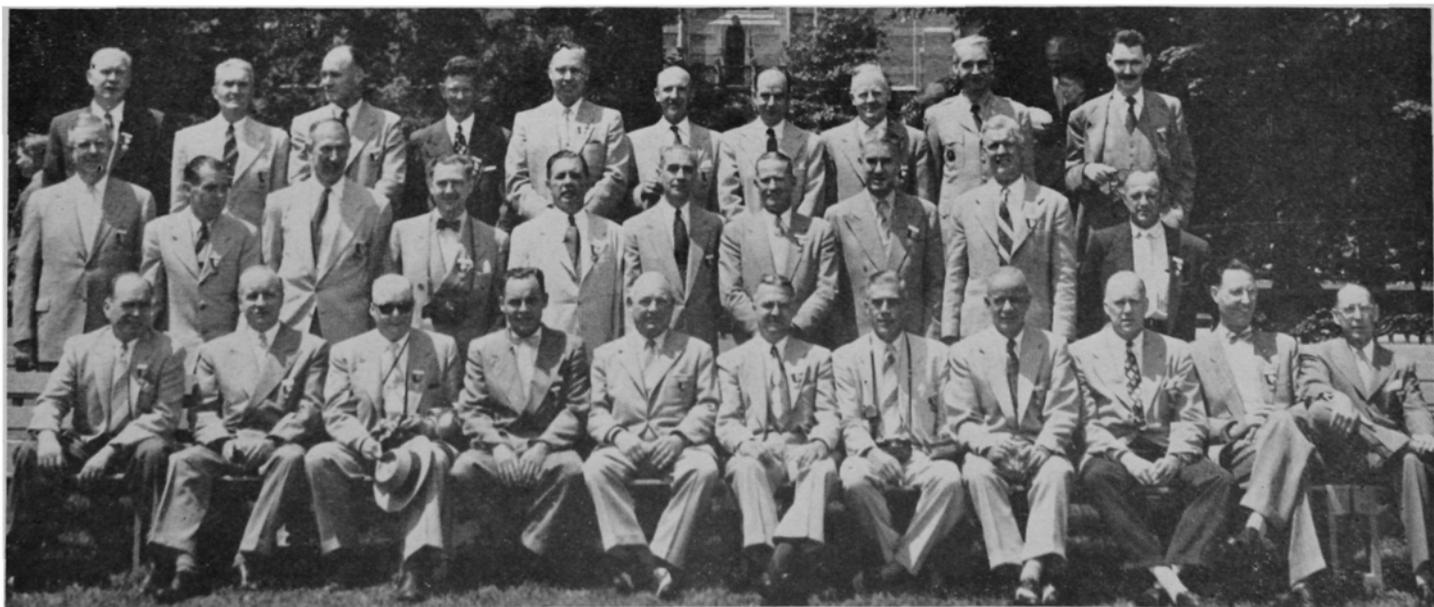
Club. Those in attendance, many with their wives, were Bill and Bob Browning, Butchers, Curran, Everest, Greear, Green, Gilchrist, Hinrichs, Hennig, Holley, Houseman, Hyman, Tom Lane, Maxwell, Morrow, Mundy, Nelson, Oakes, Raymond, Simon, Smyser, Wills and Wyman.

June Week festivities started on the evening of May 30th when early arrivals foregathered at Billingsley's for "preliminary indoctrination". The next evening a cocktail party at Calyer's was followed by a dinner dance at the West Point Army Mess. A picnic at Round Pond on Monday evening concluded the festivities. All formations were well attended, and, judging from the volume of merriment, chit-chat and enthusiasm, there is plenty of life in the old gang yet. Billingsley and Calyer, with their respective wives Peg and Betty, worked untiringly to make this reunion a happy and pleasant one. Planning and organization of the program was perfect and we all want to thank them wholeheartedly for the splendid results obtained. Betty and Peg have asked me to express their thanks to all who attended for the gifts which were presented to them at the picnic at Round Pond as a token of our appreciation.

Forty-five classmates, twenty-five accompanied by their wives were on hand. Those with wives attending were Billingsley, Blair, Bock, Brentnall, Bill Browning, Bullock, Butchers, Boland, Calyer, Coverdale, Farra, Parson Howard, Ludlam, Maerdian, Maxwell, McLennan, Morrow, Rich, Pooh Smith, Smyser, Spivey, Staley, Tarrant, Yost and Weiner. Present solo were Briggs, Red Brown, Bulger, Enger, Everest, Goldsmith, Harbold, Tom Lane, Middlebrooks, Mitchell, Mundy, Oakes, O'Brien, Reynolds, Saunders, Skeldon, Somerville, Todd, Wells and Harry Wilson. June Week was thrilling, exciting and pleasant. We missed our classmates and wives who were unable to attend but will look forward to our 30th in '58. Let's hope for an even larger turnout then.

Four sons of '28 graduated this year. Brentnall, Coverdale, Halterman and McLennan. We welcome them all as members of the Long Gray Line with congratulations and best wishes.

Three new Air Force Lieutenant Generals now grace our ranks: Sam Anderson, CG



25th REUNION, CLASS OF 1928

First Row (Left to Right)—R. C. Brown, Bulger, McLennan, G. F. Smith, W. W. Browning, Rich, Middlebrooks, Butchers, Reynolds, Coverdale, Smyser.

Second Row—Enger, Todd, Harbold, Wells, Oakes, Farra, Mitchell, Maxwell, T. Lane, Weiner.

Third Row—H. E. Wilson, O'Brien, Ludlum, Skeldon, Blair, Maerdian, Yost, Morrow, Billingsley, Boland.

of the 5th AF in Korea, Hank Everest, AF Director of the JCS, and Rosy O'Donnell, DCS Personnel of the AF, both in the Pentagon.

A note from Breden enroute to a new assignment as G-4 of the I Corps in Korea says—"visited Bill Breckenridge and Kai Rasmussen, both in G-2 at AAFE Hq. in Tokyo. Have just heard Dave Traub has G-4 at KCOMZ in Taejon".

From Paul Johnson in Turkey:—The Class of '28 is represented in Turkey by Dixon Smith, Bob Finnegan and myself. Not many classmates travel to this part of the world. However, in '52 The NWC class visited Turkey and we were glad to welcome E. K. Daley and Tommy Lane. Dick Smith is the Engineer for the Army Group with station in Ankara. Bob Finnegan is in Istanbul advising Turks on a NWC level. Both Dick and Bob are graduates of NWC. Next year is my turn.

Finally, from Dan Doyle, ex-'28, now a Lt. Col. ORC:—Orders received for Field Officers Course Fort Benning effective 20 July '53, thence to Camp Kilmer in September for shipment to Bremerhaven.

—S. G. McL.

1929

June Week 1953 at West Point, having faded into oblivion, should focus all '29er's attention on June Week 1954. The 25th reunion of the class of '29 will consist mainly of a picnic at Round Pond, a dinner at Bear Mountain and an evening at the West Point Army Mess. These three affairs will be held on Saturday evening, Sunday evening and Monday evening, June 5, 6, and 7, 1954. Abe Lincoln is going to be here by himself since yours truly is leaving and he will continue to use the *Assembly* notes as a source of information to all you members of the Class of '29. I am sure that Abe will master-mind an organization to handle the gala event, however.

I saw Whitside Miller and Johnnie Nesbitt here during June Week. Whitside shook hands with the 1953 goat after he received his diploma amidst a glare of press flash bulbs. Whitside had a sympathetic smile on his lips. The class of '28 had a healthy

group here this June Week and seemed to be enjoying themselves. '33, '23 and '18 were sporting armbands in large numbers also.

News flashes . . . Red Thompson, George Bush, Jeff Seitz and Dave Buchanan about to wear stars. Gladys and Mac Mc Nerney are launching another son into the Military or Naval service. Son James came up with a lucky 7 in the West Point Presidential and 11 in the Annapolis Presidential. These, together with an appointment from the Naval Air Reserve, have him confused for the moment but a decision is expected before 7 July 1953. David is now a yearling at West Point. After a six year tour in Washington, the Mc Nerney's expect to be transferred to Aberdeen Proving Ground this summer. Following have passed through Rome recently—McKenzie and Person (Hq. USFA Salzburg), Bork, Conley and Ranck on a N. W. College visit where they were briefed on Italian affairs and the art of eating spaghetti, Russ Vittrup (MAAG—Greece) from Athens. Jim Gavin left Hq. AFSE (Naples) for VII Corps, Stuttgart, Germany. Weary Wilson says, "After seven years in the comparative quiet of the backwater in St. Paul, Minnesota; Mobile, Alabama; and Atlanta, Georgia; I find myself in Casablanca responsible for the relatively small area of French Morocco, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Eritrea and Turkey. On a recent trip around my area I enjoyed a few minutes visit with Slim Vittrup in Athens, where he appears to be at least Crown Prince. He told me that Zip Millett is at Beirut and Stephenson, H. W., at Damascus. I was in Beirut from midnight to 3 A.M. changing planes but was kind enough not to wake Zip. Hope my travels will carry me there again at a more appropriate hour. After my family joins me in July, I expect we'll like it (if I live through it)." . . . From FECOM—P. D. Harkins has made his debut as Chief of Staff, 8th U.S. Army in Korea. It looks like the "Supe" and the "Com" have gotten together again, this time to fight a war, and not to train others in military ways as at West Point. Lester Vickrey and Kai Rasmussen dominate the staff of Headquarters, Army Forces Far East, with Les as G-3 and Kai as G-2. In the Headquarters of the Far East Air Forces, Don Zimmerman has been shifted from Director of Plans to Deputy for Intelligence. Terry Abbott is still the Director of Installations for the Far East Air Forces. Hunt Bassett has been elevated to head the Air Force Security Service. He visited the Far East in June. Nelly Lynde runs the Army Ordnance Depot in Japan.

Paul Elias is Ordnance Officer for AFFE. Pinky Wetzel accompanied Air Secretary Talbott on his tour of the Far East. Pinky was taking care of the personnel business for Air Force Headquarters. . . Merle Thompson writes—"Just a note to bring you up to date—After two years (1950-52) with the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre (French War College) I've been chief of the Organization Branch, O&T Div. of SHAPE. Now I have orders to the Office of the JCS to arrive by 15 August. Fine time to be going to Washington! Fred Chaffee, '29, is replacing me and should arrive 15 July. Don't see too many classmates here—Paul Freeman is the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff here. Sands is in Fontainebleau, 30 miles south, Viney is in Stuttgart as Seventh Army Engr. Officer. Hope to be up for the 25th, I've missed all the other reunions." . . . Doug Wiegand writes from Alaska—"Here in the northern region we occasionally meet a few members of the class. Bill Hamlin joined us for three or four days this spring and was followed by the visiting firemen from the War College class—Ran Kutz and Bill Thompson. New orders indicate that Gordon Harding will bring our class strength in this theater up to a total of two. I look forward to any class members in transit to or from FECOM giving me a ring at Headquarters, USARL, should they pass through Alaska." . . . Ed Murphy says, "Dutch Kraus, Fred Sladen and I are the only members of the class of '29 in Heidelberg. Jim Gavin was the guest speaker at a Quartermaster Association dinner at the Schloss Hotel a short time ago at which he made a very fine account of himself. Henry McKenzie is still holding down the post of Quartermaster at USFA. I am returning to the States at the end of this month for assignment as a student at the Industrial College. Undoubtedly at the hub of Army activities there should be some news I can pass on to you." Paul Harkins writes, "Over here, I run into classmates now and then. Steinbeck is here in Seoul. Kirkpatrick, E. E., is still in the building game over in Tokyo. Had dinner with Daddy Woods and Mays and Kirkpatrick, along with Colonel Kirkpatrick who used to be Surgeon at West Point and is now Surgeon at the Tokyo Army Hospital. Rumor has it that J. F. R. Seitz and Red Cooper will soon be Korea bound. That's only in the rumor stage at this time." . . . Tom Sands speaks of seeing Dick Wentworth and Jimmy Hannigan at Fontainebleau. . . This is my last effort on *Assembly* notes. See you at the 25th reunion.

—P. H. D.



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1931

Well, June Week has come and went again. Four stalwarts paraded with the alumni, namely, Danek, Buchwald, Skidmore, and the undersigned. The other three were here to observe their sons participating in the June Week activities. Don Buchwald is to be in the G-3 Section, stationed in Chicago; Danek is still at Fort McClellan, Alabama; and Skidmore is still running the Post Exchanges. Dick Lawson reports from Carlisle Barracks that Deke Roller passed through Carlisle and showed his ever-growing historical film record of the Class. Joe Coolidge threw the party and some footage of film was added. Speaking of Joe Coolidge, he is headed on PCS to Korea this summer. Ted Parker is commanding the 45th Division Artillery in Korea, and Jack Daley is commanding the 2d Division Artillery at the same spot. Deke Roller is transporting all of his film in a new Buick "Skylark" sports car, which does 110 mph whenever the cops aren't looking. His Skylark has promoted his unannounced appearance at Fort Monroe with Leo Cather, Pumpelly, Inskip, and Irvine. In Washington it was Bert Muentner.

Deane Gough was recently assigned to Headquarters of the XVI Corps in Japan. His wife and sons are living at 1300 Knox Avenue, Easton, Pa.

Elegar reports from Ecuador that he wants it distinctly understood, particularly by the Chemistry Department at West Point, that in January of this year he was issued a patent for inventing a chemical home dehumidifier. His having been anchor man in Chemistry, with no near competitors, had nothing to do with his invention. He is at present under orders to U.S. Army Caribbean Command.

A note from Freddie Berg reports that he is at the San Antonio Field Office, OTIG. Freddie also reports that recently the West Point Society of South Texas was formed and through it seven of the Class were present for their initial meeting, namely, Candler, Feagin, Gordon, Al Greene, Olson, Stroker, and Freddie.

Chester Ott reports from Portland, Oregon, that he is doing fine and has seen Fran and Willie Ragland in San Francisco.

For the "M" Co. members, Spike Whitson is in the vicinity of San Antonio, having retired, and his black mustache is now white.

Chuck Westpheling reports from Ankara that there is a dearth of classmates in his part of the world. He helped arrange for the West Point dinner there and was the only representative of '31. He was well within pistol range of the speakers' table, indicating that "time is marching on". On a hasty trip to Heidelberg, he lunched with Bob Quackenbush and Chet Diestel.

Norm Tipton visited Ankara, representing the National War College, and of course, saw Chuck then.

Ash Haynes reports that Cora and Johnny Hagood spent two weeks vacation in the Canal Zone from Barranquilla, Colombia, where Johnny is employed by Sears.

Congratulations are in order to Don Zimmerman, Ed Messenger, and Tom Stayton for their recent promotions to B.G. Incidentally, Trickie Troxel has been nominated for his stars.

Jocko Malloy writes that he expects to go to Europe in August and is driving cross-country in July with his family.

As a reminder, next June the "First Sons" of the Class will be graduated, i.e., Hunter

and Moses. The Class fund is not too flush, and any contributions for the fund will be greatly appreciated so that graduation presents can be purchased for these sons and others following along.

After the summer shift of personnel there should be a substantial amount of news concerning the Class scattered to the four winds. If you have any information concerning classmates, please send it on to me here. I have one year to go before departing this station.

—Dickson.

1932

Pinkie Smith, ever faithful in furnishing "column-fodder", sends along the following random notes of doings in and out of Washington:

"Can't help but comment on such a nice party Charlie Baer and Jim Woolnough 'laid on' for us 11 April at Fort McNair. One of the largest assemblages of the year—59—seemed to have a good time and those of you were unable to attend missed a swell time.

"The Dale Means will be pulling stakes soon and take off for Fort Sill where Dale will report in the summer for duty on the staff and faculty. The Bill Means will be leaving us soon for an assignment in Oslo, Norway, where Bill will head up the Army part of MAAG. Our reps over at the NWC and ICAF will respond, or prepare to respond, at the termination of this school year, as follows: Roy Moore to the good ole Pentagon on the Joint Staff; Bill Kunzig to the same building for duty in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Charley Piddock to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Frank Jamison is scheduled for FECOM; Cordie Tiemanns to Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. The McFeeleys are going to leave us in early June singing 'California, Here We Come'—Mac is assigned to Hqs. Sixth Army at the Presidio. Just read the Lou Truman's orders returning Lou from Korea to Hqs. Third Army, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, at some future date. Bill Huber has orders for FECOM, sailing in August.

"Since last bulletin, scouts report seeing the following out-of-town classmates in halls of the Pentagon: Hal Walmsley—now in Baltimore with Hqs. Chemical Corps Materiel Command; Irving Roth—now on faculty at C&GSC but under orders for early shipment to Salzburg, Austria; Harry Porter—now at the Air Materiel Command, Wright Field; Moose Mussett—now stationed in Naples—reports that the '32 contingent there is getting along fine.

"Jim Boswell, recently returned from a trip, brought the following news on those 32ers he saw: Bill and Phyllis Moore are in Hawaii where Bill is ExO, J-3 Division of CINCPAC; The Eddie Farnsworths still hold forth in Tokyo and have just extended another year; Charlie D'Orsa, C.O. 180th Inf. Regiment, Korea, is enjoying himself to the fullest; Pop Duncan, C.O. 224th Inf. Regiment, Korea, also happy with his job.

"Well, I would say, and won't you, that Bill Kunzig and Duke Ondrick put on a might fine party for us at the Army-Navy Country Club on May 23rd. There were 48 present and I really think that it was one of our nicest parties. Thanks again, Bill and Duke!

"I feel certain there are others, but I have been told that the following 'sons' have all passed mental and physical exams and are among those who will likely be 'ram-

ming in their chins', 'sucking up their stomachs', and 'raising their chests', come July: Charles Williams, who belongs to Charlie and Alice Williams; Leigh Ogden, the pride of Milt and Dorothy Ogden; Jimmie Woolnough, offspring of Jim and Aggie Woolnough; Mike Keating, scion of John and Bedie Keating; and Donald Whalen, product of Honey and Betty Whalen. Our congratulations to all concerned." (NOTE: One Charles Wheatley is also among the new plebes—he may be Binks' son—Binks is an aircraft engineer in California).

"In looking over orders, I notice that the following additional '32ers will join us during the summer months: Joe Stearns to G-2, D/A, Phil Pope to G-2, D/A, El Davis to OUSA, Bill Powers to OCE, and, Bill Call to OCOd.

"In spite of repetition, I want to list again others scheduled to join us soon: Ken Zitzman, Ward Gillette, Alex Graham, Floyd Hansen, Bob Hewitt, Sam Horner, Dave Schorr, and Johnnie Steele.

"Colonel Eksadhi Praband, known to all of us as Bunmar, is back in this country for a few weeks. Bun is Deputy Chief of Engineers, Thailand Army. Bill Powers, presently Chief of Norfolk Engineer District, forwarded me a newspaper picture of the two taken when Bun, with other senior Army engineer officers from 14 nations, went to Norfolk to inspect one of Bill's dams.

"Betty Hewitt sent in a note telling she had moved the Hewitt domicile to 1122 South 22nd Street, Arlington.

"Claire Jameson is going to stay here with us when Frank takes off for FECOM. In addition to her, the following wives are here while "papa" is away: Mary Cary (Hugh); Rose D'Orsa (Charlie); Betty Hewitt (Bob); Marge Truman (Lou); Dora Fischer (Harvey); and Roberta Sundt (Danny).

"Jim Churchill, PMS&T at UCLA, was in town a few days last week browsing around. Jim said that about two weeks ago he and Jim Rankin were on a fishing trip to Mexico—just afishin'. Rankin lives at Fallbrook, California, and actually is raising lemons and avocados as reported and doing all right in his endeavors. Churchill also mentioned seeing Red Rude a short time ago. Red is PMS&T at the University of Washington, Seattle.

"Johnnie and Vi Gavin from Leavenworth are in town for a few days—they report the Lou Coutts and Charlie Murrays, also at Leavenworth, are doing fine.

"A few weeks ago, it was learned that a son, John Swaney, was born to Chuck and Helen Clark here on 1 April 1952. Also, it was learned that, through oversight, the little rascal was not presented a baby cup as has been our custom when babies of members of the class on duty here were born here. So, on your behalf, a baby cup was delivered to the little fellow this past week.

"I hear that the 15 wives who attended the Girls' Luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club on 27 May had a real good time. Boys, I bet you had a lot of burning ears that day and just didn't realize the cause of it all."

Here are interesting excerpts from letters from Bill Powers, Poo Hillsinger, and Pete Hinshaw, in that order:

"Archie Lyons is over at Fort Eustis and Johnny Coughlin is at Fort Monroe, but we see each other very rarely, mainly because my job keeps me on the go almost constantly throughout the State of Virginia. I have been promising myself for a long time that I would look up Jim Beery in Richmond but

as yet I have not found him in town at the same time that I have been there. A short while back I noticed in your memo that Bill McNulty was spending a short leave in Roanoke and although I combed the darned town completely I couldn't find him.

"In my District we have just about completed two dams, one the John H. Kerr Dam, a few miles south of South Hill, Virginia off Highway No. 1 and the Philpott Dam, about one hour's ride south of Roanoke. If any classmates would like to visit one of these two I should be delighted to make arrangements for a complete tour. If the party is not too large I can arrange for overnight accommodations at the John H. Kerr Dam. I would certainly like to play host to any who might consider a weekend trip."

"I have just received the class list that you so thoughtfully sent me and I assure you I appreciate your kindness no end.

"After retirement you are apt to think of yourself as beyond the 'swing' of things and half of the distress retirement creates is in losing the sight of your friends and classmates. I think you eventually realize precisely what West Point and the Class means to you even more as you grow older and begin to lose contact. Your list at least helps in knowing precisely where people are and what they are doing.

"Please tell Hunter Harris we eventually had forwarded us his letter with appropriate notes from Ed Suarez and Jean Mussett. I shall answer it when Poula and I finally translate it all. We charitably think some of it is in Italian!

"Perhaps I should add that about a year ago I accepted appointment in the Department of State as an aviation/legal expert. I was then assigned here at Caracas as an Economic Officer but upon arrival was assigned the Political Section. Just like the Army, isn't it? However we are well situated and have a spare room for any of you who can wangle a trip in this direction. Army, Air and Navy Missions here should make it fairly easy."

"The Class of '32 here is planning to spend its Easter vacation on Capri where that old arranger, Ray Cochran, has reserved one floor and terrace of the swankiest hotel on the island. The party will include all of the kids and if last year's trip is any criterion its going to be a rough weekend.

"You had us all pretty well pegged but if you are interested in addresses, those of Cochran, D. B. Johnson, Seaward, Braude,

Mussett, Wheeler, and Hinshaw should be changed to CINCSOUTH c/o FPO NYC NY.

"Sunny Italy was cold all winter and is just now thawing out; the water is still too cold for swimming, but should be just right in about a month."

Congratulations are due—and are hereby tendered—to Leo Dahl, Danny Campbell, Chuck Anderson, and Rom Puryear upon their elevation to Brigadier General. Leo is at Wright-Patterson AFB, Danny at Eglin Field, Chuck in Washington, and Rom at Tinker AFB.

A note from Gary and Gale Hall at Benicia Arsenal, California brings news not only of Gary but of other classmates in California. Gary writes:

"I have been in command of Benicia Arsenal since 1 Jan 53. It is about 16 miles from Camp Stoneman, 19 miles from Travis AFB, and about 45 miles from San Francisco. I have a big old house on the Arsenal and have plenty of room for anyone passing thru. The climate is wonderful, and the work is interesting and rewarding.

"Gale took a trip South during Easter Week and stopped over to see the Jimmy Rankins at Fallbrook, California. He looks fine and reported seeing Jimmy Churchill (now instructing at UCLA). Rankin has made himself, thru education and application, a real authority on avocados, and operates a large ranch.

"In looking over various colleges for Martha Gale to attend this fall, I ran into Joe Greenwood. He is teaching Physics at Stockton College. He is married and has 2 children. Dan Gilmer is G-3 of 6th Army at the Presidio of S.F. and looks as young as ever."

John Meeks, we are told, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for services as Commanding Officer of the OPPAMA Ordnance Depot in Korea. Margaret and the children are living at 4511 Rokeby Road, Baltimore. Congratulations, John!

June Week was a quiet one for '32—that is, for all except Lauri and Edna Hillberg, whose beautiful daughter Mary was married on Graduation Day to new Second Lieutenant Robert Young. Lauri and Edna came from Germany for the ceremony—both fine and enjoying life in Heidelberg.

Last, but certainly not least, is a note from Pop Duncan from Korea:

"Just a note to tell you that I frequently see Charlie D'Orsa, who commands the 180th Inf. of the 45th Division, and Bob Hewitt, who is Division Arty Exec of the

40th Division. My Regt (224 Inf, 40th Div) recently relieved Harvey Fischer's. Harvey has given up his Regt and, I understand, is Chief of Staff, IX Corps. Mitt Glatterer is G-4, X Corps and I've had the good fortune to see him several times. Last time I saw him he was worrying about bakeries for ROK units. Best wishes to all—"

—Burke.

1933

An indication of the howling success of Thirty-Three's 20th Reunion is found in the petition of the older classes to bar Thirty-Three from cadet barracks at any future reunions. The opening event was an informal get-together at the Club, the second night was a steak picnic at Round Pond followed by a cocktail buffet and dance at the Club on the third night.

Those who were able to attend for any or all of the reunion were Hartel, Moorman, Eyler, Ferris, Tague, Webster, Clarke, Bartlett, Sigmer, Bellican, Corum, Ryan, Devine, Gillon, Hurlbut, Schull, Bev Jones, Matheson, Miles, Huntsberry, Broshous, Pohl, Summerfelt, Bridgewater, George Chapman, Leydecker, Boswell, Downing, Ashworth, Markle, Baumer, Breit and Cory. All of the aforementioned brought their wives and Clay Bridgewater started a new fad of spending the first three days of his honeymoon at a class reunion—that takes courage.

Those attending solo were Vic King, Wynne, Gallagher, Rayburn, Sweeting, Edwards, Gibbs, Gretzer, Shinberger and Henderson.

Herb Plapp couldn't make it but he sent his wife along with the Ted Schulls. Fran Gates dropped in on the cocktail buffet along with her fiance George Mueller of '40. They were married on 6 June and we have dropped Fran from the '33 roster since she has transferred her allegiance to the Class of '40.

Skin Henderson took the honors for having come the greatest distance—India. He coupled his reunion activities with his stepson's graduation.

Lyle Bernard in Europe informs us that '33 in Europe held a 20th Reunion in Heidel-



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berg. Clyde Jones, T-bone Bowen, Dave Wagstaff, Lyle Bernard, Bill Calhoun, Versace, Duff Sudduth, John Cleveland, Bill Blandford, George Carver, John Honeycutt, Cy Letzelter, Ducky Hallock, Paul Walters, Cam Longley, Sid Giffin, and Kingfish Kelley, and their gals all assembled at the Schloss Hotel, Heidelberg, and drank a toast to the members assembled at West Point. George White is also at Heidelberg but was on TDY in Rome the night of the party, and Stephenson leaves for the States about 5 June. Ben Harrell, Bobby Tripp, Dod Starbird and Sibley are at SHAPE but weren't able to attend.

We were sorry to hear of the death this past spring of Hadley Richardson's wife, Vera. Hadley is a patient at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado, and would like to hear from his friends and classmates.

WASHINGTON DATELINE — The class dinner-dance in celebration of USMAY's 151st birthday in March was a great success, thanks to the Oscar Senters, Tommy Moormans and others of the committee. Fran Hill MC'ed the formation like an old master. Bob Turner, down from Carlisle, was called upon (according to plan) as the oldest Grad present (apologies to Bill Ely), for a few remarks; but the "planners" had underestimated Bob's persistence. In spite of timely and untimely pre-arranged heckling, he "held the floor"—if not the undivided attention of his audience—for at least twenty amusing minutes. Red White recalled some funny and some near disastrous incidents during the "long four years". Walt Downing read a few "skins", naming appropriate culprits. The quartet of Hartel, Whipple, Ferris, and Clarke not only stayed on key but actually knit four parts into a reasonable facsimile of close harmony (there were other opinions, of course). Sim Whipple entertained with some solo work with his guitar. All the ladies were most charming and seemed to enjoy our evening. Quite a few good pictures were taken; some will be put in the Twenty Year Book.

George White was in the Pentagon in mid-April on business for USAREUR. He looked fine and seemed to be pleased with his assignment in Heidelberg. Mac McCrary also came to "the big house" in March from Europe; he did an excellent job of briefing the brass on an aspect of NATO, but seemed anxious to get back and we didn't see much of him.

Fritz Hartel, Room 3E 479, The Pentagon, says the orders for the 20th Yearbook

are coming in all too slowly. Send your order and five bucks to Fritz or you will have to wait until the 25th Reunion.

—C. H. M.

1934

June Week of 1953 brought the 20th Reunion of the Class of 1933, serving definite notice of the imminent approach of our own two-decade gathering. Planning on this colossal affair has already started in a nebulous sort of way. This bids fair to be the historical event of the fifties, so start your personal planning now for a nostalgic return to the Hudson Highlands in June of 1954. It has been suggested—in a completely unofficial way, of course—that our reunion motto be: "Back for more in '54!" The big days of reunion activity will be Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, June 5, 6, and 7, with graduation taking place the morning of the 8th.

To come back to 1953 for a moment, however, the visiting representation of '34 this year consisted of Pete Ward and his Better Half, down from the Canadian Staff College, in Kingston, where Pete has been U.S. instructor for two years; Axel and Dottie Waugh, up from Washington for the occasion; and Ellis and Elma Davis, who, in addition to getting in on the June Week activities, were somewhat preoccupied with the impending marriage of Elma's daughter to a member of the graduating class. Ellis, on the faculty of the Engineer School, reports that he is the only '34 member at Belvoir. Pete Ward, by the way, leaves Canada this summer for the National War College in Washington, where he will have as classmates George Gerhart and Harry Hilliard.

Perry Griffith and Jim Walsh had indicated their intention of returning for June Week, but neither was able to make it. A last-minute rumor also had Lou Walsh coming back, but he too failed to show. Those who did make the grade, along with the local inhabitants, assembled at Browns' for refreshments on Monday evening, June 1st, and later proceeded to Hillyards' for dinner.

Paul Turner sent word that he couldn't make it to this June Week but would be on hand without fail in '54.

Chick Andrews wrote in May to report that he had volunteered to return to Korea

and was, at the time of writing, an artillery battalion CO for the third time in less than four years. This time he has a direct support FA outfit. Chick wrote that Bill Voehl was Assistant Chief of Staff of the 3d Division.

Miles Chatfield visited West Point from his home base at Springfield Armory again this spring to lecture to the First Class on small arms developments. Bill Stone is ordered back from Europe and will no doubt be settled in Washington by the time these lines are published.

The Washington '34 representation has really been stirring things up of late. We publish the following reports furnished by members of that group:

"In December, members of the Washington Chapter—in excess of 50—decided that an interest should be stimulated in some sort of events for those in the area in order to bring the members of the Class of '34 and their families closer together. This—among other reasons—to provide the required support for the Cotillion Committee. Bud Buehler, who has not been given a title, but who has been saddled with the responsibility of running this chapter, appointed a Special Events Committee to start the ball rolling in this respect. Norvell, Tibbets and Simpson were designated members of this committee.

As first step, a cocktail party was held at the Fort Myer Officers' Club on the 10th of April, with a large turnout. In attendance were Bartons, Betts, Bruces, Buehlers, Denisons, Gilmans, Gerharts, Griffiths, Hills, C. W., Hubbards, Lamb, Leggs, McLennans, Moores, E. W., Norvells, O'Neils, Smollers, Stevens, Snees, Slumans, Volckmanns, Waughs, Winns, Wolfes, Walshes, Warrens, and Janet Diefendorf and Betty Moseley. The ladies have a luncheon scheduled early in May at the Shoreham Hotel, timed to take advantage of a fashion show being held in the Palladium Room. Salye Gerhart, Foss Foote, Charlotte Hubbard, Jeanelle Killian, and Constance Luehman make up the Committee who are arranging for this get-together. Initial indications are that this, too, will be well attended.

One of the most significant undertakings is a proposal to organize the entire class on a more or less formal basis. A proposed charter to effect this will be circulated to all members of the class shortly in order to find out the wishes of the class. The Washington Chapter feels that something along this line is necessary now that we are assuming the responsibility of the Cotillion from the class of 1924, and also be-



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cause we are approaching that point in life where some of our sons will be graduating from USMA, and it was felt that we should maintain contact with them while they are there. A guiding hand during that time is most helpful, as we all know. Don't forget to give this matter your prompt attention."

"An agreement has been signed with the Class of 1924 to take over the Army Navy, Air Force Cotillion. For the 1953-1954 season, management of the Cotillion will be on a joint basis between the Classes of 1924 and 1934; beginning with the 1954-1955 season, '34 will take over complete management of this activity.

"The original committee during the discussions and signing of the agreement was comprised of Stevens, Griffith, Gerhart, and Warren. Due to changes of station and other necessary adjustments, the effort during the 1953-1954 season will be carried by a committee composed of Griffith, Betts, and Moseley. This committee will work with a similar group from 1924 for the 1953-1954 season.

"It is felt that the favorable response to this project which was circulated by Buehler last year is most heartening, and indicative that the Class appreciates the value of the Cotillion and its perpetuation on the same standard as maintained by the Class of '24. All Class members should keep this project in mind, particularly with a view to the day when they are stationed in the Washington area. Wholehearted support is expected, class-wide, in every phase that may be necessary to make the management of the Cotillion a complete success."

—W. J. R.

1935

The class was left stunned by the tragic news of the death of Dick Ellsworth as a result of a B-36 crash in Newfoundland last March. Mary and the boys have elected to live in Rapid City where Dick is held in highest respect by civilian and military alike. At any time that travel takes any member of the class in the vicinity please call on them. We were represented at the funeral by Jim Walsh. The Air Force Base was rededicated by General Eisenhower recently in Dick's honor and renamed Ellsworth Air Force Base. At the ceremonies the President unveiled a memorial plaque marking the field.

In Washington the "B-Squad" continues to increase with the arrival since last publication of Ellen Heckemeyer and Connie Strauss—"debs" appear to have been re-quisitioned for '53 so all prospects be prepared.

As usual at this time of the year changes of station, with particular accent on schools, take the greatest part of the news. Art Fickel, John Throckmorton, Curley Edwards and Ham Twitchell are ordered to the National War College for the '53-'54 course with Pete Glassford, Tex Knowles and "Iron Man" Russell to attend the Industrial College. At Carlisle a very large turn-over is reported. The following departures from the present ('52-'53) class: Joe Anderson to Pentagon, OSD; Tommy Clarkin, to the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Art Frye, ZI Engr District; John Gloriod, to Pentagon, G-3; Charlie Leonard, Far East; ditto for Don Phelan, Charlie Rich, and Rube Tucker; Henry vanOrmer to the Military Mission, Greece and Johnny Williamson to Army Attache Spain completes the list of those departing. For the next class, "Tige" Beall, "Break" Breakfield, Walt Bryde, Kelso Clow, Jim Frink, Bob Glass, Bill Grieves, Tommy Lang, Frank McGold-

rick, Ellery Niles, Al Robbins, George Ruhlen, Norm Skinrood, Jim Totten, Dave Wallace, Joe Wiechmann, Johnny Wright and Jim Worthington.

Ed Gray has been named assistant to the general manager of the coach and aircraft division of the White Motor Company, in charge of the division's production. Congratulations, Ed, for such a meteoric rise since joining the firm in 1947. Ed and his family live at 1870 Nela Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.

We are proud to learn that Bud Russ was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Kumwha, Korea in October of 1952. It is hoped that Bud will be en route Stateside before he "runs out of chances" Bob Frith, in command of the 602 AAA Gun Bn at Edgewood Arsenal was awarded the Legion of Merit for achievements while serving as Exec Officer, Fuels and Lubricants Division, QM Section, Hq, Japan Logistical Command.

Duncan Sinclair, who is under orders to the National Security Agency this September, writes from USAREUR the following highlights: Russ Smith, APO 403, in charge alien Labor Service Division; Hank Hille, Engr Div, USAREUR, en route ZI as chief Garrison Engr Dist, Garrison, N. D.; Jack Rhoades, moving from 2d Armd Div to Office of Chief, Officer Assignments in G-1, Hq, USAREUR, APO 403; Mike Bowyer, CO, 7752 Finance Center, APO 807, at Friedberg, Germany; Jeff Rumsey, Chief, NE Engr Dist in France, based at La Citadelle, APO 58; Nat Martin, Engr Div of USAREUR, Com Zone at Orleans. Nat is due to return to the States in a few months; Milt Rosen, following 2 years at Garmisch Recreation Center moved to Frankfurt as Hq Commandant of European Command, and due for rotation in Jan. '54; Gene Orth, G-2 Exec, 7th Army, headed for student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB; Rip Lashley, from G-3 Office, 7th Army to CO 371st Armd Inf Bn at Nuremberg; Harry Harden, in G-3, 7th Army, APO 46; Larry St. John, en route to Staff & Faculty, Armd Forces Staff College; Sailor Hawkins, still headmaster 7th Army NCO Academy in Munich, APO 408; Phil Mock now CO 16th Infantry, 1st Inf Div, APO 1; Ed Bechtold beginning 5th year in France, now at SHAPE as Exec for Natl Mil Reps; "Putz" Osmanski, leaving for Harvard School of Business Adm; Joe Keating, awaiting ZI orders; Ellery Niles, CO, 39th Engr Gp, APO 403, recently rendered yeoman service in assisting the Dutch recover from the flood; Carmon Rogers, CO of the Metz QM Depot; Otto Rohde, CO, 37th Engr Gp, APO 165 (at Hanau); Harry Lewis, still in London with the 32d AAA Brig Planning Gp, due for ZI soon. Hugh Exton reports that the following were at Camp Desert Rock for firing of the atomic artillery shell: George Jones, Jim Adams, Hank Thayer, Tiger Beall, Jim Donohue, Tommy Lang, Chuck Symroski, and Henry vanOrmer.

George Jones has departed Fort Bragg for duty in FECOM. Helen is remaining there at 105 Snow Circle, WHP, Fort Bragg, N. C. Drop in whenever in the vicinity.

Somers Dick and Rooney Ryneanson are still at Fort Leonard Wood. Burnis Kelly writes from FECOM that he has but 6 months to do there. He has recovered from an operation in Japan that hospitalized him two months. He saw Dan Murphy on arrival FECOM and Norm Skinrood before leaving for AWC. Dave Gregg is now in Japan, Engr Depot Yokohama. Dave Stone is in X Corps and Autry Maroun has a regiment in Korea. On the DC scene, Glenn Cole has left for tour in FECOM; Jean is remaining here at 5809 Fourth Street, South, Arlington, Va. Jim Wilson will leave for Japan where he will become A-3 of Japan Air Depot Force.

Socially, we had a supper-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club in May with 53 attending and a picnic is planned at Triton Beach, Md. on the 11th of July with families invited as a novel affair. Should be a huge turnout so the young crowd can become better acquainted.

In orders from Carlisle, we omitted Joe Pickard who is due to go to the Iceland-North Engineer District. Grab the electric blanket and drop in on Joe!

Regards from all of us here in DC. We are dedicated to turning out another "More Yet" before the close of the year so keep us posted on current changes of address.

—E. H. F.

1936

June Week Has, and my tour as your West Point secretary About Has. Only '36 returnees were Stinky and Barbara Davis, Bernie and Edna Bess, Doris Hiester, and Ken Madsen. However, none was present for the Alumni Review and only your local contingent of four participated.

Ollie Haywood was here in May to lecture on mathematics to the Third Class. Ollie and Helen stayed with the Tetleys; Sally had a swell dinner for the 36ers, which Bill Kimball of Mitchel AFB attended. Bill said Bob Quinn is also at Mitchel.

Washington '36ers held a formal graduation dinner dance at the Fort McNair Officers' Club on 13 June. Elsie Holderness, Rachel Thompson, Eleanor Jones, and Jo Garland made up the Arrangements Committee and Pete Garland collected the cash. Eleanor Jones offered the Jones Menagerie as quarters to West Point '36ers but none could attend.

Seems the class is in the chain letter business; one from Ben Evans, the last one received from Bill Kinard.

Stork statistics: Rip and Barbara Landry are doting parents of a daughter born in April—Hilary Finch—their first; Jim and Kay Landrum, a son in December, their 3rd (?); rumor has it that Bill and Maurene Sibert expecting their second; also Ben and Midge Evans—will be their 5th (?).

Don Bodine writes he and Claude Crawford are headed Stateside—Claude to Naval War College and Don to Air War College. Mildred Childs contributed for the first time; says she, Chick and three daughters are headed for the Air War College; also that Al Peck is leaving Benning for Europe, that Lee and son Tommy will live in Columbus until they can join Al; that Dottie and John Lynch are at Benning and recently held a '36 and '35 reunion party.

Tom Hayes writes as District Engineer, Little Rock, Arkansas, that he is somewhat isolated but sees Roy McCarty occasionally who is at Vicksburg as Executive Officer to the President of the Mississippi River Commission until this summer when he leaves for the Far East. He also wrote that Gil Dorland has the District at Nashville, Tennessee; Bill Shuler the District at Los Angeles until the summer when he goes to Army War College; Wright Hiatt finally to be blasted out of Chief of Engineer's Office for AWC; and Joe Nazzaro at Lake Charles AFB, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Talked to Ben Davis on the phone recently; said he was leaving the Pentagon for the Far East and Korea in July.

Doris Hiester reports Dave wrote the following: Ben Turnage, G-3 Operations, Eighth Army; Rip Smith is Senior Advisor II ROK Corps; Jess Drain, CO 7th Inf 3d Div; Micky Mikkelsen Senior Advisor to Korean Army Chief of Ordnance in Taegu,

which is a big job setting up Korean ordinance from stem to stern; Chuck Prosser, CO 60th Ord Group; Bill Davis, CO 59th Ord Group; John Heintges was a member of the visiting AFF team to Korea recently and visited 40th Div while there. Dave is still with 40th Div but Doris moved from Fort Montgomery to South Villa Parkway, Highland Falls, N. Y. Doris said Kitsy Westmoreland and daughter have joined Westy in the Far East.

See where several '36ers are attaches: Ray Cato, Denmark; Al McCormick, Guatemala; Bill Ryder, Japan; Tom Lawlor, Lebanon; and Bill Covington, Syria.

As for the local '36ers, Ted and Sally Tetley are at MIT where Tet is gaining more knowledge; Mike and Mary Michaelis are kept plenty busy with USMA activities and Mike, in addition, has summer training inspection trips, speeches, etc. Jack and Nan Daly and Jane and I are preparing to depart for Carlisle Barracks. Barring emergencies, I plan to keep Mike company on the trip to Benning and to Little Creek to see the cadets participate in CAMID.

Just called Mike and told him I would turn over the class notes to him as soon as I finished this column. I wish to thank all you guys and gals of '36 for your help during the past three years. I'm sure you'll be much better informed by future writers of this column.

Be seeing you-all.

—Jim Billy.

1937

June Week, 1953, has come and gone with little activity here at West Point for off-year '37. Eddie, Bob, and three younger Bessons took off for a month to the West Coast and back prior to the festivities. The Besson hotel in their absence took care of Dottie and Eph Graham, the elder Grahams (Class of '03), and several cadet drags. Claudine and Giles Evans were here from Washington, where Giles is playing politician as first assistant to the Engineer Commissioner. The Grahams, Evans, Registers, and Palmers gathered at the Palmer house on Saturday night, but since the Graham and Evans households are only a few blocks apart in Washington the geographical range represented was not very wide. All that I can report of the evening is that Eph is a connoisseur of serious poetry in the wee small hours of the morning. Phyl Clark was in Cornwall and attended the Supe's reception with us on Sunday. Clark is at Sandia but headed for FEC shortly. Also seen during the week were Ray Rumph (Middletown, N. Y.), Cullen (Sperry Corporation), and Williams (Sullivan Prep, Washington).

Mellie Clark (Al's widow) has written Bob Besson telling of her appreciation for the large number of classmates who attended his services at Arlington in January and the letters she had received, among them ones from Donohew in the Philippines, Stevenson in England, and Westover in FEC. She has purchased a house at 355 Arcadia Place, San Antonio.

Scheidecker writes from Maxwell AFB on assignments of classmates there: Batjer to 2nd Bomb Wing, Savannah; Fellows to Newfoundland; Herman and Scheidecker to FEAF; Clingerman to the Philippines; and Bob Griffin remaining as an instructor.

Duke Davis and Pete Hyzer are leaving ROTC duty at Yale and Norwich respectively; Duke to Austria and Pete to OCE, Washington. Ed Spaulding is back from Turkey and with MDW, Washington. It is rumored that Hoot Horrigan was at Stewart Field

recently for a few minutes. How about checking in next time, Hoot?

Charlie Register is leaving for overseas this summer, leaving the Bessons and Palmers the only representatives at West Point at the present writing. We will be holding forth in the TD for another year. I am subbing for the other Bob in this issue but he has been unanimously re-elected in absentia as scribe. Keep the news coming.

—Bob Palmer.

1938

In addition to the usual excitement and frolic of West Point gatherings, two spectacular events illuminated our Fifteenth Reunion. Bob Kuhn fell off a cliff and Jack Brownlow, of all people, lost his voice. Someplace buried further down the column will be found the epic of Kuhn's Falls and Les Silences du Colonel Brownlow.

What a whing ding our Fifteenth Reunion turned out to be! Classmates and wives came from miles around and neither they nor West Point will ever quite be the same. Estimates of the number of those attending vary in direct proportion to the sobriety of the observer. The most logical consensus seems to be that about seventy-five classmates or wives were here for the reunion at some time or other.

Charles and Midge Anderson came up from Monroe where he is with G-3, Field Forces. The Adams, both Dow and April, stayed for all of June Week before returning to AFF Board 1 at Bragg. Bill Beverly with wife and Dave Byars without also were on hand.

The Barnards came all the way from Denver for the Reunion. Harvey is retired and is now Personnel Director of the Frontier Air Lines. Art Smith tried his best to come but at the last minute had to wire his regrets.

Much credit and a lot of thanks go to the Learnmans, the Brownlows and the Mathesons for the entertainment and activities scheduled for the reunion. They worked hard and long and their efforts were deserving of our deepest thanks. On Memorial Day, which came on Saturday this year, the Class held its first June Week affair with a cocktail buffet at the Skating Rink. It was cold enough to freeze the ice on the rink without the usual machinery, but with a roaring fire and a well stocked bar it was a grand evening that was enjoyed by all. Fifty-three classmates and wives showed up and all concerned drank and ate the reunion fund twenty-one bucks in the hole.

The J. B. Colemans and the Dapprichs were early on the scene. Carl and Dottie, who were married fairly recently, are now at Valley Forge where he is teaching science. Ole and Bunny Danielson came up from the U.N. and New York; Danny is still expecting an overseas assignment sometime in the future. Jerry and Rosalie Folda were also present. Jerry has finally left Washington and is en route to Europe. Willie and Margaret Earle Langford, the only couple from Carlisle able to get over, were able to be present for our opening party. Willie expects to be assigned to Second Army at Meade after finishing the War College. Polly and Bob Kuhn flew over from Wright-Patterson in his private plane.

After the party at the Skating Rink, most of those present went to the Officers Club for a dance. As there were reunion gatherings all over the club, it was quite an evening. It was toward the end of this evening that the epic of Kuhn's Falls occurred. Bob and Polly, along with Jane Learnman,

were getting into Jane's car in rear of the Officers Club when suddenly Bob disappeared without trace. It took some time to discover that he had stepped off a retaining wall in the darkness and had quietly descended into Kosciusko's Garden. Aside from a few scratches and an injured dignity, Bob escaped unscathed. Kosciusko's Garden has become Kuhn's Garden to the Class of 1938.

Amick scheduled a business meeting of the Class at 1300 on Sunday and surprisingly enough about thirty bodies showed up. The term "bodies" is used advisedly because the party the previous evening at the Skating Rink had taken its toll. After considerable discussion and a lot of noise, two things were finally decided. Jocko Jacuski will edit a book of pictures which will include snapshots of the reunion taken by Jocko at all of the functions, as well as the pictures of family groups sent in by enterprising classmates. The booklet will be designed so as not to cost more than \$2.00 and will be sent to all who had previously agreed to buy the fifteenth reunion book. The second thing decided was that the command post of the Class of 1938 will close at West Point, New York, effective upon publication of these notes and will open in Washington, D. C., in care of Colonel G. G. O'Conner. The above change was voted by the active members of the Class of '38 present at the Fifteenth Reunion because of the unfortunate fact that come September only two members will be present at West Point.

On Sunday, the evening of the Supe's reception, the class reserved the cabin at Round Pond for a picnic supper together with a bar and three piece orchestra. The orchestra had as much fun as the class, with the result that the concrete floor in the cabin was almost cracked and the din could be heard clear to Popolopen. A more senile bunch of jitterbugs has never before been observed in one group. There were 64 people present, all of whom had a fine time.

Junie Lotz, who now has his PhD in Electronics, was able to get up for the picnic but could not stay for the following evening. The Glaces came over from Sears Roebuck and were here for all of June Week. Al and Mims Jones also came over from Pennsylvania where Al is PMS&T at Lafayette College in Easton. Audrey and Johnnie Jannarone arrived in time for the picnic but it was a close race. John is the Tulsa District Engineer. Smiles and Jim Mrazek were able to come for all of June Week, although Jim is on his way to the Far East.

On Monday, the night of Graduation Parade, we put on a royal affair which put the Coronation to shame. The committee had reserved one of the fancier rooms at the Club where we had cocktails and snacks before hand. Then we moved into the big dining room where a big U-shaped table had been set up. We had the entire dining room to ourselves and our own orchestra. With the gals in formals and most of the men in white jackets, we did not look quite as old as we had begun to feel.

The Maloneys were able to stay throughout the reunion. Mal is looking fit as a fiddle and twice as healthy. The Mel Russells and the Bob Sniders also came and were able to be with us for all events. Don and Maggie Saunders were able to make it for Sunday and Monday, only. Alan Seff and Bert Harrison were able to be present for a few days each.

It was after our final formal party that Les Silences du Colonel Brownlow began. Somehow Jack lost his voice, an event to which some of us have looked forward for a long time. It was a hollow victory, however. Arguing with a voiceless Brownlow turned

out to be as empty as hitting a man whose hands are tied.

Amick recently returned from Carlisle and furnished the following hot information right off the local griddle:

Wansboro and Izenour are being ordered to G-1, Pentagon. Eckman and Collins have orders for the European Theater, while Sternberg is going to the Far East. Lipscomb is scheduled to go to Turkey. The JCS will get Hutchins, Langford goes to Second Army at Fort Meade and Lynch is scheduled for duty as an instructor at Fort Leavenworth. Mick drew a blank on the future assignment of other classmates at Carlisle.

The Tokyo contingent of the Class of '38 held a reunion annex at the Washington Heights Club in Tokyo on 30 May, strictly Dutch and BYOL. As reported by Taylor, the Boyts, Carusones, Denhoims, Crockers, Jacksons, Loves, Riordans, Taylors and Williams' were present.

Stilwell is the U.S. Adviser to the 1st ROK Corps while McKee has the same job with 1st ROK Division. Corbett, Hannum and Irvin are still in Korea, Bill with the 7th U.S. Corps Artillery, Dully as Assistant G-3, 10 Corps and Jeff with the 8th Army. Jim Bassett, and Ward Ryan are also reported in Korea. Hartline, White and Harvey are reputed to be en route.

Bill Walson just returned from Korea and is now spending his leave with Sue in Carmel, California, with future assignment unknown. Frank Jenkins is returning from Turkey soon and will join Georgia at Fort Sill.

Mert Singer is finally tearing himself away from Hawaii and is scheduled to report to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, as the new PMS&T. Hal Kelly is scheduled for the Industrial College this fall. Hal Moorman is with MAAG, in Formosa.

As for the local contingent, the Harringtons, Machens and Millers place their respective portions of the Tactical Department in other hands and depart this August for Carlisle. The Bixbys join the New York Engineer District. The Learnmans are going to school at Norfolk while the Brownlows will be attending Leavenworth.

In September, only the Amicks, the Jacunskis, and the Mathesons will remain at West Point. Even Don's status is up in the air. Consequently, to you in Washington, from failing hands, we throw the torch.

Command Post, Class of 1938, closes West Point and opens Washington, D. C., 1200 hours this date. Rear CP remains open at West Point indefinitely.

—E. A. M., Jr.

1939

This summer sees many of our class leaving West Point. First of the group to depart was Sailor Byrne in response to a hurry-up call from FECOM—Wally Grant and Phil Davidson (both Colonels) will be going to the Army War College—Homer Barber was recently promoted to full Colonel and will be leaving his Post Ordnance chair (which he had just about warmed up) to work in the Chief's office in Washington—Bart Lane, Bob Brinker, Ted Hunsbedt, Ralph Jordan, and Jack Meyer are also under orders. Those remaining will be Joe McChristian (full Colonel) due to head up one of the Cadet regiments—Ed McConnell and Marshall Wallach as Tacs, Frankie Joe Kobes heading up the Physical Ed department, and Bill Clark in Social Sciences. Harvey Fraser is due to arrive in July to take over his job as Professor of Mechanics

and rumor has it that Bill McCaffrey is coming in as Assistant Commandant.

Good news from Joel Walker who is now at Lake Charles, Louisiana, convalescing from wounds received in Korea—expects to be back to duty in July or August. Joel had a chance to see Bill Smith, Phil Seaver and Bill Reilly at the Founders Day dinner at Ft. Sam Houston.

Ray Janowski is in or around Munchen, Germany, with Helen and the boys keeping him company on several of his trips around Europe. Rumor has it that the Jack Schraders have recently had an addition to the family. Dick Cleverly has recently been joined by Adelaide and the children in Germany. Last report had Charley Fredericks at Hq. USAREUR, Heidelberg. Frank Iseman is C.O. of an AACCS Squadron in Munich. Bob Richardson, Joe Bowman and Sam Zethren are in Paris with SHAPE. Tom Whitehouse is with Hq. 12th Air Force in Germany. Art Poinier is with the Southern Command of NATO. Rocky Crawford is with JUSMAGG in Athens, Greece. In England we had Ed Schmid in the depot business and Rigley running an Air Rescue Group.

On the other side of the world Carl Buechner, Curley Edwards, Tommy Thomason, Don Simpson, and Moe Boylan are holding the fort in Korea, soon to be joined by Ewell. In Tokyo Burt McCollam, C. J. Long, Johnny Ray, Brockman, Gallagher, and Dick Morrison got together for the Annual West Point Dinner.

Back here in the States, Coyne, Rogers, and Gilchrist are with Hq. Sixth Army at the Presidio, San Francisco. Max Cochran is PMS&T at San Luis Obispo—Brad Smith with III Corps at Fort MacArthur, California—Swede Larsen is with XVIII Airborne Corps—and John Urban is going to school at Stanford University. At Ft. Benning Ed Smith is in the Staff Department of the Infantry School—Frank Mildren is also at Benning—Bill McConnell is running ORC Infantry training this summer. In the vicinity, Ed Hoopes is still the civilian of Columbus and Bill Stubbs is going strong with Sears Roebuck in Atlanta.

Ken Scott extends an invitation to all to drop by and say hello when passing through Rio de Janeiro. He tells us that Seth Hudgins is going to join him. Dan Tatum is finishing up at the Air War College and will be leaving as John McDavid arrives in August. We all join in wishing a full and speedy recovery for John's daughter, Mary Lynn, who was stricken with polio last Fall.

Tom Bartel is going great guns with the Quaker Oats Co.—he's just been made Assistant Manager of the Akron plant and will be relocating his family.

Riggs Sullivan and Ad Breckenridge are each commanding a recon wing at Lockbourne and Forbes AF Base respectively. Bill Martin, George Jumper and Bob Gideon are commanding Bomb Wings. Ditto for Pete Vandevanter, with "Butterball" Wilson as his deputy. John McCoy is Director of Material for Hq 2nd AF Barksdale AF Base, Louisiana. Paul Long is doing development work at Sandia Base, New Mexico.

Harry Kinnard stopped off at Naples to see Matt Smith on a trip to Greece and Turkey. Harry is one of the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College.

Jarvis Jordan is moving right along as an engineer with American Machine and Foundry (and not, as previously reported, in the life insurance business).

Bob and Helen Schellman had an addition to the family—making a total of five. Pinky Ginder is doing quite well with CIA in Washington. Your class news reporter would like it if you could snoop up some poop about the fifty or more classmates in the vicinity of D. C.

Don't forget to send in your current address to the "Resident Secretary, Class of

1939—West Point, New York" so that you will get in on all the news about our 15th reunion.

—M. A. L.

1940

Just back from a trip through Latin America. Saw Bill Heinemann in Bogota, Colombia, where he is working with Motores S. A. Bill has two kids who thrive on the Bogota weather. Up into Panama I met Dave Parker who took Marv Jacob's job as military assistant to the Governor of the Panama Canal. No classmates noted between Panama and Mexico. Next one encountered was Jim Humphrey in Miami, Florida.

News from the Service Journals: Vic Conley and Dave Crocker going to Student Detachment Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. Jack Wright and Bryce Denno leave Fort Leavenworth for Far East Command. Gasperini off to Bremerhaven after completing course at Leavenworth. Jim Lotozo from Los Angeles, California to OCAFF at Fort Bliss. Cassibry also assigned to Armed Forces Staff College from Fort Leavenworth. Jack Dibble leaves Leavenworth for TAGO, Washington, D. C. Pillsbury to Intelligence in Washington and Fraser goes to West Point for assignment. Wendell Coates, who is stationed at Trieste, recently attended an Army I&E conference in Washington. Sullivan reports that the Far East seems to be the popular spot for graduates of Leavenworth. Tentative assignments are to the Far East: Perry, Paten, Rizza, Burfening, Banks, Shanahan, and Lee Fritter. Other assignments are as follows: O'Brien, J. A., probably Albuquerque; Beaudry G-4 Department of the Army; Krauss to Third Army; Mastran going North to Alaska; Brown, H. C. to USEUR; Ed Hendrickson to MAAG, Paris, France. Bonham stays at Leavenworth to do some teaching. Cook goes to The Infantry School at Benning. Winton also to join Staff and Faculty at Leavenworth.

Those going to Leavenworth for the next class are: Ahamajan, Bayerle, Biswanger, Cibotti, Floyd, Fuller, Moore, J. M., Pfeil, Rodgers, Rosen, Spengler, Strauss, Doderidge, and Wilderman. Pat England leaves Boston to G-4 in Washington. Swampy Marsh joins me here in Puerto Rico.

It is always tough to report the deaths of classmates. The Army-Navy-Air Force Journal of 25 April reports the passing of Colonel Henry P. Heid, Jr. in St. Louis, Missouri on 23 March 1953. Pat was buried at West Point. Ted Hoffman was killed in a light aviation aircraft accident in May. He was buried at West Point on May 29th. No other details are known at the time of this writing.

Len Orman comes through as usual and gives me the following information. Gee still at Frankford Arsenal, Fowler at West Point but leaves soon, Hazeltine in the Pentagon. Butch Dixon in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was in a bad automobile accident, but is reported O.K. now. O'Neil is still Post Engineer at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Forbes in the office of the Chief Signal officer in Washington. Ray Clock in Austria still. Thommen with Shell Oil Company in vicinity of New York City. Roedy at Fort Belvoir. Arnold, L. is with Communications Department at Fort Sill. Gerhardt Brown on way to FEC. Dice with AFF Board No. 2 at Fort Knox. Francisco with JAG stationed at Benning. Woody Smith with Career Management in the Pentagon.

Dave Guy just left for the Middle East with wife. Williams in Turkey. Bidwell Moore with editorial group at Fort Sill. Klar recalled to active duty and in office of CSO in Washington. Yeager is Assistant Military Attache in Moscow. Shoss is in the office of the Secretary of Defense. Shoemaker in Japan. Bengston in England. Steve Silvasey back from Europe and is on ROTC duty in Jackson, Mississippi. Don Baumer, whose picture recently graced the pages of *Look Magazine* (as an affable dinner guest), is in Highland Falls. Gushurst with a Brigade in Wiesbaden, Germany. Vanderhoef in Washington.

Cunningham back from Korea to G-3 Section Hq FECOM in Tokyo. Walters a student at Sill. Carnahan transferred to Ordnance. Glad to report that Sam Patten's two children have completely recovered from recent polio attacks. Jake Taylor in the Pentagon. Moon Mullin should be home from Turkey soon. Wilcox is in the Pentagon. Beiser teaching English at West Point. Prann is an instructor at Maxwell Field. Brice is at Army Chemical Center, Maryland on a two-year duty with Chemical Corps. Crown is Engineer Officer at Fort Meade, Maryland. Light is AA Officer with Eighth Army.

Orman is with Hq Test Group AFF Board No. 4 at Fort Bliss. Belt is teaching at CG&S after Korea tour. Bill Clay in Department of Ordnance at USMA. Paulick coming back from Ankara, Turkey to Army War College. Harry Wilson, just married, still living in Carolina. Wendell Sell at Hq. Support Group AFF Board No. 4, Fort Bliss. Buck a student at Maxwell Field. Rumor has Hargis living in South America. Anyone know? Ray Sleeper an instructor at Maxwell Field. Pidgeon at Fort Bliss. Strock with Standardization Mission in Ottawa. Tuck is retired and is a gentleman farmer in Arizona. Leahy is with Hq Airborne Test. Sec. AFF Board No. 1 at Fort Bragg. Scott Case at West Point. Yates in Turkey. Milner is a student at the University of Michigan. Kolda is retired and with County Surveyor's Office in Los Angeles. Turner to Armd Forces Staff College in Norfolk. McLean at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Johnny Wohner in the Pentagon.

Wing Jung is with G-2 in Korea. Butch Emery in Germany. Barry now has law degree and with JAG. Danny Briggs with National Guard in Idaho. Colacicco now retired but working in the Pentagon. Bierman in the Pentagon. O'Keefe on AFF Board No. 4, Fort Bliss. Schockner a student at Fort Sill. Bates is AFF liaison officer at Fort Monmouth. Al Richards at Fort Mon-

roe. Rimmer still on the Artillery Board at Fort Sill. Symroski in the Pentagon. Cassidy on AA Staff in England. Strong is a student at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Lucas at Fort Bliss. Hank Adams teaching at Leavenworth. Epley is an instructor in the Artillery School at Fort Bliss. Shagrin in Germany. Klunk on last year of his tour in Turkey. Clark, L. L. out of service. Anyone know his address? Swank is at Fort Mason, California. Bill Litton still missing in action in Korea. Al Gillan is C.O. of an Air Force Base in England. Freudendorf is AFF Liaison Officer at Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Maryland. Rick Ferrill at Ent Air Force Base in Colorado. Ross is at the Artillery School at Fort Bliss. Lanny Witt is in the Pentagon.

John Coontz writes from Reno to report that he, Jim Loewus and Graham Sanford met at the anniversary dinner. Sanford is a successful cattle rancher in Minden, Nevada.

The Engineers are at it again, with Minahans, Dunhams, and Hasemans throwing another party at Fort Belvoir. Those present, complete with wives: Balthis, Colacicco, Crocker, Davis, T., Dunham, Floryan, Hamelin, Harrison, Haseman, Klar, Lewis, McFarland, Manzolillo (he got by the door again), Nelson, Quaid, Rosen, Shoss, Smith, W. W., Stella, Symroski, Vanderhoef, Vaughan, Webster, Watrous, Wilcox, Williams, Witt, Chandler, Fisher and Wohner. Bachelors were Bagstad, Haessly, Farthing, O'Donnell, and Zahrobsky. Sullivan and Dice also attended.

Jeanne Minahan, although an organizer of the party, couldn't be there for the festivities because of the arrival of Mary Catherine Minahan on 7 May. John came in later and passed out Dutch Masters. After the party, Len and Vi Haseman took off on a six-week leave across the country and back in a house trailer. Complete with all five children and the dog.

Tony Wermuth reports from Europe that he comes home this summer for assignment in the Pentagon. Jim Maedler now at USAREUR. McKenney, Bawtby and Brosseau are still with the Headquarters. Larry Legere has moved to Orleans, France. Mendez is an attache in Madrid with seven children. Anyone to compete with the class Daddy? Merchant and Stoddard are in Portugal. Abbey in the Netherlands. Clapsaddle. Thayer Ahmajan, Bert Lane. C. A. Murphy, Paul Phillips, Esau, Stewart, Brewer, Corby and Marston got together for the annual dinner. Strock to Army War College.

Letter from Charley Balthis tells me that George England is in the Pentagon, along with Meszar and Black. Lee Cagwin writes from North Korea. He has seen Bill Clark who has F.A. Bn. at the front. Charlie Shaunessey in Korea with Q.M., as is Phil Elliott. Lee is now Regtl. Commander and had interesting assignment as Liaison Officer to the Turkish Brigade.

Dyke writes from Pepperrell Air Force Base in Newfoundland. He says that he and Bud Horton are fighting the paper problems like true goats, but fortunately others are also involved so there are no numerical errors. Carey O'Bryan in charge of mobilization operation at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, where he has been stationed since June 1952.

Another party at Norfolk, Virginia, sends a paper napkin on which are scribbled the following historical items: Page and Helen Smith sent greetings and proudly present the fact that they now have five girls. The Normans also send greetings. Regards come from the "Moss-head" Parkers. The six Kenneys have been silenced by the seven Smith, but still think they are doing pretty well. The Gleszers were present as well as the Alexanders, the Turners and the deLatours. Johnny Townsend missed the party for a week-end at West Point.

Martha and Wally Clement report the arrival on February 23rd of Sarah Preston Clement. Wally is in Korea where he has seen Millican, Green, and Bottle Kasper. Martha and Sarah are staying in Kentucky while Wally is overseas. Sam Peterson is in the same outfit with Wally.

John Aber goes to Engr. School at Belvoir. Mayo still at Sill. Jerry Addington taking a course at Sill. Page Smith has orders to Turkey, Turner to Belgium, deLatour to Germany, Townsend to Ethiopia, Gleszer to Saudi Arabia, Alexander to Poland, and Kenney remains at Armed Forces Staff College as an instructor. Woodward has been named as Staff Secretary to the U.S. Commander, Berlin.

This is it for the summer. Please write me at 2156 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. A three-cent stamp will reach me.

—Hank Brewerton.

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Camp Desert Rock, Nev.: The Army Home Town News Center reports that Paul Gray,



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Commander of the 246 Field Artillery Bn at Ft. Bliss, was a recent participant in the ninth nuclear test.

U. of Michigan: Jerry LaRocca reports that Ike Winfree is completing the Air Force Guided Missiles program and will get his Masters Degree. (Jerry (Dr. LaRocca, that is) was taking his preliminary examinations for a PhD in the Guided Missiles Field (Aero Eng) and expecting orders to Holloman Air Dev Center in New Mexico.

U. of New Hampshire: Jim Forsyth completes 3 years ROTC and is expecting to see Korea before the end of the summer. "Tom O'Connell is in ROTC at Boston College."

Kansas City, Missouri: George Stalkaker, Deputy for Operations, Hq Central Air Defense Force, is going to the Armed Forces Staff in August and hoping to go overseas from there to a light bomb wing.

Maxwell AFB, Ala.: Arn Phillips will finish the Field Officers' Course in June and return to Wright Air Development Center at Dayton.

Brize-Norton AFB, England: Ben McCaffery commands the AAA Bn at the base and used to work for a base commander named Tom Corbin. Tom is now here at SAC Hq as acting IG. Ben saw Dick Kline and Max Hall recently. Dick is in the IG business and Max is an exchange officer with the RAF—radar work.

Born: To Ruth and James Forsyth at U. of New Hampshire on 1 March '53—their second child and first son: James Paul, Jr.

Married: Patricia Head to John Locke on 7 May at Maxwell AFB. John, a student at the Air War College, will depart for Korea in July to take command of a Jet Fighter Wing.

Died: At Brooke AH, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, following a critical illness, Mrs. Dorothy Elder, wife of Lt. Col. C. L. Elder of Holloman AFB, N. Mexico. In addition to her husband she is survived by four children, Clarence, Michael, Christine and Richard Elder; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gorman of Highland Falls, N. Y. Burial was at West Point, N. Y.

Missing in Action: Andrew J. Evans, Jr. (Rumored POW.)

Orders: To Stu Det Hq Third Army, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.: Bob Keagy. To Hq 21st Ftr Bmr Wg, TAC, George AFB, Cal.: Fox Rhynard. To

OCOFINFO, 8529th AAW, Washington, D. C.: Bob Coakley. To USA Forces, FE, Yokohama: Win Curley, Lem Faulkner, Jim Strain, Joe Canella, Jim Sykes, Tony Tonetti. To Hq Sp Wpn Comd, Sandia Base: Jack Millikin. To 7689th Hq Gp, USFA, Salzburg, Austria: Al Jensen. To Columbia U.: Paul Skowronek. To Ft. Amador: Bob Elsberry. To AFSS, Norfolk: Jim Laney, Wally Lauterbach, Geo. Stalnaker. To 310th Bomb Wing, Smoky Hill AFB, Kansas: John Henschke.

Potpourri: Between my ramblings and those of various transients, I have crossed paths with the following characters: At Camp Desert Rock, sharing the same trench, dust, flash, and boom, I found Duck Deyo, currently with G-4, Hq Army Field Forces, and Eric DeJonckhere who commands a squadron of B-36s at Roswell, N. M. At Ft. Bliss, living as backdoor neighbors, I met Paul and Marian Gray, and newlyweds Jim and Addie Healy. Paul, whose job (see above) is made interesting by being the first one of its kind in the Army, was full of poop about missiles, both guided and unguided. Jim had little to say except, "Yes, Dear." The following week, at a short indoctrination course, Tom Corbin and I found ourselves in the same class together with Bill Seawell, who commands a B-36 wing at Carswell. We all converged on Ben and Joyce Mayo, who are roughing it at Colorado Springs (Hq ADC). Just back from Japan and having bought a new house, they provided the epitome in hospitality. Stopping here on his way home, Dick Travis allowed that he and Bill Mitchell were attempting to become the oldest living residents of Langley. Ralph Freese is TDYing here and finding little favorable comparison between his base at March and the mysterious and exotic middle-west at Omaha.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

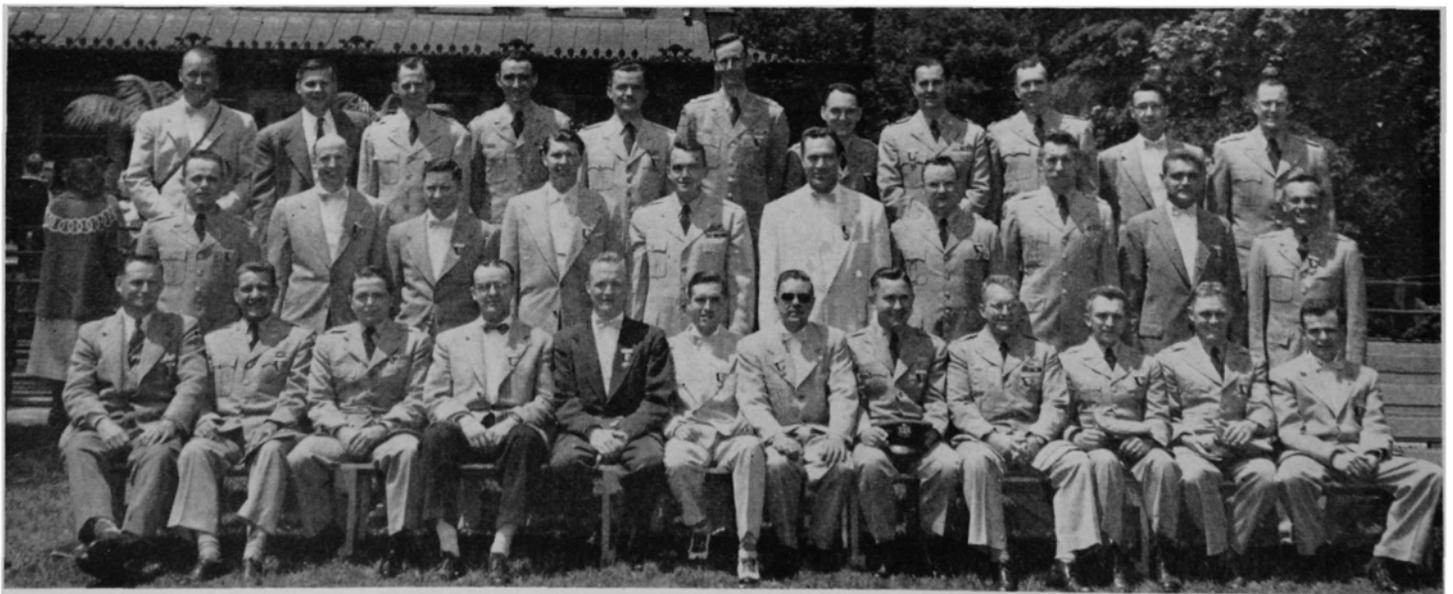
In a decidedly undemocratic fashion this spring Fran Roberts, outgoing Class Chair-

man here at USMA, had Dale Buchanan "elected" new Chairman and yours truly, Carl Ulsaker, new *Assembly* reporter to succeed Dale. My feeble protests having been raucously laughed down by twenty classmates present at the meeting, I resign myself philosophically to accept this quarterly invasion of my red comforter time and begin the task with the usual plea for more news to Box 42 from you men in the field. I offer as evidence of a shortage of news-worthy poop the small amount which has trickled in since the last class notes were published.

In April Jim Hayes, Exec of Infantry Section, CMB, and Bob Townsend, representative of the Armor Section, spent two days here shocking First Classmen with the news that they were going to have to learn to soldier before they could become technical specialists or experts in the field of international relations. During June Week Bob Bringham, Thurman Brandon, and Bobo Clagett were the only visiting classmates. Bringham saw a younger brother graduate in the Class of '53, and Clagett, a gay bachelor, was just on the prowl. Local residents passed a quiet week in contrast to the tenth reunion blowout last year. The only official class party was the annual dinner dance held together with the Classes of '43 and '44 at Camp Buckner on 31 May.

Other local news concerns the annual change over of class personnel. Bill Plott and John Baker will join the Law Department this summer. Gene Voegeli seems to be the only other incoming member of '42. Departing are Fran Roberts, Lee Cage, Jim Hottenroth, Van Warren, and Bud Roecker. Since we are over the ten year hump, I predict that the class group at West Point will grow progressively smaller with the passing years.

From the field '42's frozen food financier and entrepreneur nonpareil, Pat Williams, reports that he has had to give up his ambitious promotion, the new company which most of you were petitioned to invest in. Two unexpected operations and emphatic medical advice for a prolonged rest made the project impossible. Pat wants all to know that our class would have had operating control of the business and that he is grateful for the support and confidence given



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Front Row (sitting) Left to Right—Neale, Wehrle, Baer, Benson, R. N. Smith, Kurtz, Harrington, R. J. Smith, R. M. Cook, Heltzel, Saari, Dannacher.

Second Row (standing) Left to Right—Batson, Wilkes, DeGruchy, Criss, Cobb, C. E. Hardy, Stewart, Conmy, Lawrence, Moses.

Third Row (standing) Left to Right—R. L. Fisher, Hain, Hollis, Cosgrove, McDermott, Camm, Walker, Waters, Bennett, Brook, Fiss.

him by so many. Too bad, Hugh; better luck next time.

Tom Iuliucci writes that he and Earnie are enjoying life at the University of Puerto Rico to such an extent that they have added a fourth small fry to their growing brood. Tom says that when the Joe Hennessees and Dave Clagetts come for a visit the kids number almost a dozen—quite a houseful!

From Seymour Rubenstein in Korea comes the information that he is Exec of an Engineer Combat Group and that he has seen John Baker, George Allin, Ernie White, Jim Bartholomees, Don Bolton, and Chief Lumpkin. He missed Bill Zimmerman and Chub Jordan, also supposed to be somewhere in the Land of the Morning Calm.

A card from Jeff Davis states that he is going into his third year on the Staff and Faculty of the AWC at Carlisle Barracks, "probably the best post in the Army today." He claims '42 can look forward to a wonderful year on or after 1955, when we become eligible to attend as students. What's the definition of that word "eligible," Jeff?

Overheard in the sinks: Howard Fender, District Attorney in Fort Worth, packs a pistol in true Texas style. Joe Cannon is at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Hank Urrutia at HQ USAEUR, Bob Blair with a tank battalion in Germany. Millie Marks had an eight pound boy for Ted in January. Another recently born class son was that of Lucy and Jake Ballard. The Brughs either have had or are about to have their seventh child. Thus increaseth the progeny of '42.

—C. C. U.

January 1943

June Week was exciting; the Tenth Reunion, a huge success. But before describing these activities I shall mention other Stateside and some overseas news.

Frank Camm, now a student in the Engineer Advanced Class at Fort Belvoir, is headed for FEACOM in July. Frank, acting as Field Representative of the Chief of Engineers, completed in May a tour of the Far East and Alaska with Major General Tansey. En route, Frank had a Chinese dinner with Walt Hogrefe (Yokohama Engineer Depot) in Tokyo, talked with Vernon Sanders and Art Grace. In Korea, he lunched with Les Harding (Opns O, 36th Engineer Gp), talked with Danny Moore,

saw Wray Page in the distance (the general was leaving), heard some high praise of Tim Brown and Mitch Goldenthal, and ran into Doug Blue. As you know Danny is GI of the 7th Div, Tim a Bn Commander. Doug commands an EAB. Mitch, as an EAB commander, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in completing a large forward air base for the Fifth Air Force in Korea. In Alaska, Frank talked with Jake Kitch, found Tom Beeson (he commands a Gp at Elmendorf) down with the mumps, missed seeing Howard "Handle Bar" Wehrle.

In another interesting letter, Ralph Hoffmann writes from Rome, where he has been Asst Army Attache since March 1952, that John Norris and family were recent visitors. Others passing through have been Kay Berry (Air Attache IG), Chuck Alfano, on Signal business, Vic Cherbak, on TDY, and Bowlin, on AF Business. Ralph would like to have more friends drop in.

John Courtney (6113 Dunleer Ct, Bethesda 14, Maryland), just in from the Far East, reports that Jake Weber and Art Hurr work in Programming, Hq FEAF, Tokyo, and that Hugh Jordan works upstairs from them in Training. John saw John Ross and Les Taylor in Korea and Bill Hardy, who's putting on weight, in southern Japan.

In December, Herb Kemp leaves his ASA post near Nurnberg, Germany, to return to the ZI. The Kemps now have two children, a boy and a girl, ages 8 and 4, respectively. Founders Day saw gathered together at Frankfurt Pete Grimm, Duke Windsor, George Watson, Bob Burlin, "Mac" McClure, Jack Wheeler, Jack Upchurch, Al Toth, Pete Pavick, Paul Ellis, Elvy Roberts, Dick Schlosberg, and T. Q. Donaldson. Born on 24 April at Landstul, Germany was Bruce Stuart MacVeigh, son of Stuart and Suzanne MacVeigh.

Jim Hackler and Eddie McGough will take squadrons to Europe soon. Tom Mesereau will leave Fort Leavenworth for United States Army Europe in July; Bill Hahn will go to FEACOM. Merle Carey will remain at Leavenworth as an instructor.

Fly and Peg Flanagan, with their three children, visited Bob and Virginia Fiss in May. Fly was on his way to the Far East. Peg and the children were to stay at Fort Sill.

Earlier I said I would describe the Tenth Reunion. Actually I ran out of steam after the first two parties and can cover the event only partially. At the picnic at Round Pond on 29 May, the usually restrained Bill and Mimi Waters came out very gay. Russ

Smith, whose 64th B Sqn had just returned from the UK, was in from Tucson. I noticed the gray in Heltzel's hair. George and Kae Anne Criss wore the latest in casual attire. Bill Hensel, bubbling with enthusiasm, spoke of Fort Benning, said that Tom Farnsworth, Antonioli, and Sam Karrick are Korea bound, that Hal Roach is slated for Leavenworth, that Jack Armstrong has remarried. John Nazzarro is in G3, TIC.

The buffet dinner dance at WPAM on 30 May went into the wee hours. I talked with the very friendly Bob and Millie Maloney. Both were well tanned from the Florida sun. Skippy Moore, Fritzie Barber, and Sue (Kremer) Wagner added much to the affair. It was easy to spot Frank Camm in the group. Johnny Baer looked prosperous. "Handle Bar" Wehrle was in, all the way from Big Delta, Alaska. Bachelor Ed Murray was about, and strangers Clarke Hain and Belmonte Cuculo, with his wife. Chuck Hardy looked very well.

Bob Fiss made the following head count of out-of-towners in for the Tenth Reunion: Johnny and Jane Baer, Joe and Nancy Benson, Rabbit Brook, Frank and Arlene Camm, Bob and Ruth Cook, Jerry and Ruth Cosgrove, Dan and Louise Cota, George and Kae Anne Criss, Bill Cuculo and wife, Bill and June Dannacher, Ollie and Dorothy De Gruchy, Rog and Jane Anne Fisher, Don and Dagmar Griffen, Chuck and Hazel Hardy, Chuck and Margaret Heltzel, Russ and Sue Herrington, Bob and Tish Kurtz, Bob and Millie Maloney, Bill and Dolly Neale, Walter and Anne Nygard, Emory and Jane Prince, Al and Jacqueline Saari, Bob and Marilyn Smith, Lowell and Rosemary Wilkes, Russell and Dorothy Smith, Buck and Anna Stahle, Clarke Hain, Howard Wehrle, Charley Wirt, Ed Murray, Paul Andrepont, Bill Hensel, Bob Lawrence, Skippy Moore, Fritzie Barber, Sue Wagner, Bill Pietsch, and Jack Hine's widow.

For a look in on some of the wives attending and the effects of ten years on some of the Class of January 1943, see the accompanying cuts.

—Howie.

June 1943

The tenth reunion has come and gone. While it lasted it was a great affair. Some of the sparkle and glitter has been captured in pictures taken during the reunion



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which will be included in *Forty-three plus Ten*, our ten year book.

Speaking of *Forty-three plus Ten*, a progress report might be in order. Things are shaping up fine. We are busily making final changes and additions in order to get the book ready to send to the printer. We are including everything that is sent in right up to the publisher's deadline (end of June). The book will be set up during the summer, and copies will be mailed out to individuals beginning about 1 Sep 1953. If you have a change of address to report, do not fail to let us know. We will send to current addresses if they appear to be correct. Otherwise, we will use the permanent addresses in cases of doubt. Be sure and get your copy. REMEMBER TO DROP A NOTICE OF CHANGE OF STATION TO: BOX 2, West Point, New York.

June Week witnessed the gathering of some 72 members of the Class of June 43. Of this number approximately 59 were accompanied by their wives. Two classmates, Dick McCord (in Greenland) and Eddie McCabe (in Japan), were very graciously represented by their wives, Marian and Helen. Returning 43ers, upon checking in at alumni headquarters (and making necessary financial arrangements), received a gold and gray bow-tie with "June 43" printed in black on the front. These ties became an integral part of the June Week attire. No special activities were scheduled for Friday night, but many informal gatherings took place.

Saturday night the first big party took place at the Officers' Mess at Stewart Field. Sharing the club with the class of 1923, a large crowd gathered on the dance floor for cocktails (and photographs for *Forty-three plus Ten*) and conversation. After much milling around, many exchanges of greetings, and several drinks, all went downstairs to the dining room where a wonderful buffet was spread complete with a cake decorated with greetings to the class. Then once again we returned to the dance floor, which by now had been prepared for the dancing which was to last well into Sunday morning.

At this point I might list those who were present at the first gathering of the class. Later in the column as space permits I will add other items of interest. The following were present Saturday night at Stewart Mess: Paul Atkinson, Clarke and Betty Baldwin, Frank and Dorothy Ball, Lem and Cathy Blank, Bud and Fran Bolling, Ernie Boruski, John and Irma Bower, Ned and Nikki Burr, John and Pat Buyers, Bob Callan, George and Olivia Campbell, Bob and Dottie Clark, Rex and Nancy Cocroft, Howard and Carolyn Coffman, Roger Conarty, Buck and Mary Ann Coursey, Joe and Jeanne Cullen, Doug Deal, Bob and Carol deCamp, Bill and Virginia DeBrocke, Phil and Ginny Eastman, Clare and Jane Farley, Hank and Rebecca Fletcher, Jesse and Jane Fishback, Steve and Edith Gordy, Ronan and Barbara Grady, Jim and Smitty Greene, Bob and Jane Hancock, Teague and Ginny Harris, Frank and Dar Harrold, Lee and Dorothy Hayes, Bob and Nancy Hoffman, Lee and Ann Hogan, Pat and Cobe Hurley, Norm Keefer, Fergie and Mercedes Knowles, Bill and Nancy Malone, Dick McAdam, Helen McCabe (Mrs. E. F.), Bob and Bev McCanna, Frank and Lee McMullen, Bill Mitchell, Jack and Jerry Morris, Tom and Phyllis Oliver, Earl and Jo Olmstead, Stan and Elaine Pace, Bill and Beanie Peak, Bob and Florence Plett, Ernie and Betty Price, Bud and Nancy Rundell, Frank and Betty Saul, Sandy and Chris Semback, Al and Fran Shipstead, Sy and Annabelle Silvester, Harvey Short, Bill Snavelly, Stukie and Camille Stevens, Art Surkamp, Frank and Ronnie Taylor, George and Anne Thompson, Ted and Kathleen Watkins, Bill and Doris Westbrook, Jay and Ellaine Wethe.

Sunday many attended the Supe's reception in the afternoon. That night those who were wise wore a sweater or a coat to the dance in the pavilion at Camp Buckner. Our class in conjunction with the classes of 42, Jan 43, and 44 filled the pavilion with songs, laughter, music, and good cheer—all this, in spite of the chilly evening. (Some of the weaker souls built a fire in the fireplace in the ladies' lounge and spent most of the evening in relative warmth. The rest

of us kept warm with dancing and liquid refreshment.) A delicious charcoal-broiled roast beef dinner provided the necessary calories needed for warmth and the dancing which lasted well into Monday morning. This party gave us a chance to see many friends from the other classes present and also to greet a few newcomers from the class who had not been present Saturday night; namely, Eddie and Pat Curcuru, Bill and Marion Deekle, Hank Morgan, Robin and Ella Olds, and Frank and Bea Wood.

Monday morning, those of us who could (and I am proud to say that most of us were able) turned out for the alumni parade. It was a pleasant sunny morning, and the alumni exercises were very impressive. After the parade we joined the rest of the grads for the annual luncheon and business meeting of the Association of Graduates, which was held in Washington Hall (Cadet Mess). For this affair Bill Spahr and Al Tyralla, who had not before been in attendance, joined us. While the men were thusly engaged, the wives attended a luncheon in the West Point Officers' Mess.

Monday night, after viewing graduation parade, we all went to a picnic in the Snack Room in the Skating Rink (originally planned for Round Pond but changed because of the cool weather) officiated over by Steve Gordy. A roaring fire in the fireplace, plenty of beer and hot dogs, and plenty of room—plus Bud Bolling and Robin Olds with their harmonicas—what other result could you expect; we sang many of the old (and some not so old) songs until some of us could hardly speak above a whisper. Space was available for dancing, but few took advantage of it, preferring more the comfortable chairs. A few of the early departers had gone, but Marion McCord (Mrs. R. D.), Pete and Maria Ryan, and Bill and Barbara Spahr joined the group to keep up the head count.

I did not make the graduation ceremonies, so I cannot report on that affair. Shortly thereafter the exodus began. There were many informal meetings to discuss "old times," but gradually calm descended on the Rock. All in all, it was quite a reunion.



TENTH REUNION—WIVES OF CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Front Row (sitting) Left to Right—Marilyn Smith, Jane Anne Fisher, Mimi Waters, Dolly Neale, Jane Baer, Margaret Heltzel, Lynn Cobb.

Second Row (standing) Left to Right—Dot Bennett, Virginia Fiss, Alice McDermott, Jacqueline Saari, Arlene Camm, Nancy Batson.

Now for some scattered bits of news. A birth announcement from the Hal Aarons indicating the safe arrival of Barbara Leslie on 15 May also furnished the following information on the C&GS crop: Hal Aaron shortly en route to Hq. First Army, Governors Island; Dale McGee to ROTC duty at Texas A&M; Arch Hamblen, Al Burdett, Del Perkins, and Jim Phillips to FECOM; and Dave Davenport to the Pentagon with Army Comptroller. Bill Greenwalt and Al Jones are going to report for duty at USMA.

Also due at USMA are H. T. Wickert from Japan to the Dept of Engl and Dave Galas from Europe to dept unknown. Hershberger is due to return from Brazil to the Dept of Foreign Languages.

Of the crew here about half are departing: Bill Westbrook to Greenland, Steve Gordy to the Adv Crse at Sill, Bob Clark and Earl Olmstead to FECOM, Clarke Baldwin to Knox, Ernie Price and Frank Taylor to Randolph Field, and Roger Conarty to Adv Crse at Benning.

From the *A&N Journal* we culled the designation of the following to attend the 53-54 course at C&GS: Wally Magathan, Harvey Short, Quint Atkinson, John Bell, Mark Boatner, Bob Burrows, Ernie Buzalski, John Cochran, Bethel Edrington, Fox Fredricks, George Newman, and Bob Sonstlie.

A note from Dutch Umlauf, written in beautiful California, where he is soaking up sunshine prior to a trip to FECOM, arrived the same day as a birth announcement from Jug Burrows concerning the birth of daughter Sheryl Jean on 21 May.

Via a round-a-bout way we heard that Willie Cover is a busy man working with the ROTC at Iowa State (Ames) where he has bought a house and settled down for a while.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of John M. Davis in a plane crash over Long Island, New York on 24 April 1953. It was quite a shock and I am sure that all join in expressing our heartfelt grief over this unfortunate accident.

We were also sorry to hear (through a letter from Bud Bolling) of the unfortunate death of Mark Boatner's son, Mark IV, after being struck by a car. Mark flew home from FECOM to be with his wife Jane. To Mark we also extend our condolences over this unfortunate accident.

Other news from Bolling concerns assignments for advanced course graduates at Benning: Bill DeBrocke to AFF Board No. 3 at Benning, Rip Collins and B. G. Stevens are due to go to FECOM. Bolling, Hecker, Herres and others are still at Benning. Bud

had to finish a field manual to get up here for June Week. He must have finished it, for he was here with bells on.

Junior Lloyd, who is aide-de-camping around the Far East with Gen. O'Daniel, reports that he visited with Rafael Ito on a recent trip to Manila. Rafe is the CO of a Scout Ranger Battalion at Fort McKinley just outside Manila. Rafe holds a commission as a Major in the Philippine Army and has a wife and four fine children.

Les Hardy in Germany with the 2d Armored reports that he and the other classmates present (Pinky Winfield, Nick Parker, Jack Teague, and Bill Lutz) are all doing their best to keep the division on a steady and even keel (this I would like to see).

Ralph Hallenbeck in Hq USAF sent the news of the pending promotions of Ben Cassidy, Deke Childs, Robin Olds, Stan Pace, and Jimmy Keck to the grade of Colonel to join Marty Martin. I have since heard that Cassidy, Childs, and Olds have been promoted, and since these promotions were to be made prior to 30 June, by the time this comes out all will probably have been made. While on the subject of promotions, the D/A and D/AF have been so busy promoting to Major and Lt. Col. that I have had a dickens of a time keeping track. Many best wishes are in order, so to all concerned here is a wish for continued success. I am sorry that I do not have them all available to list here.

George Campbell is about to leave his AAA assignment at Middletown, N. Y. for a fine boat ride (with family) to Rio de Janeiro. In from Japan to join the same AAA outfit (now moving to Stewart Field) is Bob deCamp. Bob and Carol are busy fixing up their house in Cornwall which they had purchased back in 48 when Bob was at USMA teaching English.

Now for some miscellaneous bits of news that come to mind concerning the reunion. Ned and Nikki Burr made a quick trip up from Phila where Ned is taking a course in Electrical Engineering at the Univ of Pa. Bob and Florence Plett left Japan by plane Monday, 25 May, spent two days in Boston, then took a train to NYC and Beacon, then a ferry to Newburgh in time to go directly to the dance at Stewart on Sat nite. Bob is going to RPT for a one year course in Math prior to an assignment to USMA in the fall of 54.

Harvey Short flew in from California where he has been Chief, ROTC Branch, Sixth Army for the past year. After his return from the reunion he planned to start packing for the forthcoming C&GS assign-

ment. Dick McAdam, another long-distance traveler, flew from Sandia (present assignment) to Baltimore where he joined Doug Deal for the auto drive up to the Point. Art Surkamp looked tan from his present assignment in the Canal Zone.

Tom and Phyllis Oliver motored down from Boston (where Tom is finishing up his doctorate at MIT) in a 1932 Lincoln 12 convertible which Tom has rebuilt. It is Tom's pride, and apparently he is the only one who knows how to operate the various and sundry gadgets and switches. This poses a minor problem for the Olivers when Tom returns to Wright-Patterson (to teach in the Air Force MIT) this summer.

From cars to money—i.e., R. C. Grady. After leaving the reunion festivities Grady went to NYC and on an afternoon television give-away show. By knowing the correct answers to three questions, Grady split a \$6,000 jackpot on the "Break-the-Bank" program.

Well that's about all for now. Next year the WP group will include Curcuru, Farley, Fishback, Greene, Hancock, Malone, McCanna, and Ryan in addition to the new ones coming in. Do not forget our address: P.O. Box 2, West Point, N. Y. Let us know of any change of status. It is especially important that we know your correct address for the mailing of *Forty-three plus Ten*.

And do not forget that this is your column. If you do not see your name it is your own fault. It takes only a minute to write a few lines. We all want to hear from you, so do not delay. The next column will go to press about 10 Sep 1953.

—Bill Malone.

1944

The group at West Point is working hard on plans for our tenth year reunion and the Ten Year Book. Have not heard yet what response was received from the initial letter sent out by George Pappas and his committee. Time is dear in this project and all replies should be in by now but if you haven't returned the questionnaire or possibly did not receive one because of a late address change, please write George and tell him you want them to go ahead on the yearbook for a cost of between \$6 and \$8. Also, you'll be hearing more of the reunion plans, so any of you who will be in the States next June keep this in mind.



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Too, if you have not sent in your \$2 (at least) to the Class Fund, try to get that in to Bill Fullilove and his Steering Committee as soon as possible.

The roster sent out with the bulletin concerning the Class Fund was complete except for Mary Brickhouse, who is living in Newburgh and working at West Point.

Dick Erlenkotter wrote from Formosa in April to bring things up-to-date from there. "Up-to-date" is hardly a true expression since most of the material comes in well before the deadline for publication. Anyway, Dick says "Doc" Hayward is not the only '44-er on Formosa; that G. B. Brown and Darrow (Dabrowski) are there also. Brown and Darrow are in Tainan as artillery advisers, G. B.'s family being with him since early in March. Erlenkotter is in Kao Hsiung as an engineer adviser, but Bette and the children are remaining in Clemson, S. C. until he returns.

Doug Gallez has been transferred to the Department of English at USMA after a tour with the Signal School in Europe.

"Hi" Ely is busy with work for the Association of Graduates in addition to running his locker plant and mail order meat business. See your favorite slick paper magazine (*Holiday*, *Esquire*, etc.) for his Jugtown Mountain ads. "Hi" and Judy should have three children by the time this gets out. If you are driving between New York and Philadelphia anytime stop off near Flemington on Route 200 for a free steak or smoked ham.

The Elys have seen Al Norton recently. Al is living near Hohokus, N. J. and is in business with his father-in-law building homes. Had also heard from Roy Hoffman, who is now at Red River Arsenal, Texas, Arkansas, Texas with Ordnance.

"Kris" Klinge wrote in a full resume of his activities to date. If everybody was as factual as "Kris" these reports would be a snap. "Kris" married Therese Meehan of Brooklyn in 1946 and they now have a boy and a girl, ages three and two. He was in the ETO until June 1945, then Japan 'til 1947, then received his Master's degree in Petroleum Engineering from Univ. of Pittsburgh in 1948. After that on to several locations with the QM and the petroleum industry, including Venezuela and the West Indies. Just finished the QM advanced course at Ft. Lee and in July goes to Ottawa, Canada with the Interchange Officer Group—but, he omitted his present address. "Kris" had recently seen Losch, Bootz and Tuttle at Ft. Benning.

Bob Strecker has been Asst. PMS&T at CCNY since May of 1951. Lives at 445 Spring

Valley Road, Paramus, New Jersey with Nikki, and their four children, three girls and an eight-months old son.

Dave Fitton is the flying safety officer at Stewart Field and has recently completed the only college course in aircraft accident prevention in the world at Univ. of So. Calif. Dave was in Korea previously as one of the first F-86 pilots and has one damaged MIG-15 to his credit.

The Class has received a letter from Jerry Mickle expressing his and Edith's thanks for the Class Cup presented to them in December. Others at Bliss with Jerry are DeArment (until Fall, then to AOC), Aurand, Blandford and Mike Farne. Jerry had also just seen Phil McAuliffe and Jack Trimmer at Desert Rock.

C. S. "Johnny" Johnson reports their third child, William W., born March 4 at Ft. Bragg.

Jim Cumberpatch has been ordered from his job as Plant Representative with Lockheed to the F-86 interceptor gunnery school, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada. Soon as the course is completed in August it's on to Camp Stoneman for shipment to Korea.

The Washington group is beginning their exodus this summer but put on a final blow-out in April attended by thirty classmates with wives or dates. Blanchard and Connell are leaving late in the summer for the advanced course at Benning, Peterson heading for Leavenworth and the C&GS in the early fall. Al Bethel and John Moore are taking over as Class representatives in the Washington area.

Charles and Dorothy Daniel have a new daughter (as predicted in this column earlier) born May 17—name: Louise. Jack and Nancy Cushman also have a new daughter born 21 May. Both Charles and Jack are in Frankfurt. Dorothy wrote that "Wolf" and Suzie Wolfinger have left Turkey and should be at their new assignment as ROTC instructor, Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley; Larkin Tully was married in Paris in February; Bob Pearce is with Division Artillery of the 28th Division and Pete Almqvist is with the 2nd Armored Div.

Tom Tarpley's mother was nice enough to send word of Tom and Trudy. They have a son, Thomas M. Tarpley, Jr. born 8 March in Ankara, Turkey. Tom's tour in Turkey ended last month and they flew home by way of London. After a short visit with their families in Illinois they report to C&GS at Leavenworth on 2 September.

George and Betty Wear are now at the C&GS school. George recently returned from Korea, where he had been with the 31st Inf. Regt. as a company commander,

regimental S-3 and then as battalion commander. Their present address is 322-1 First St., Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Kern Pitts has been in Puerto Rico since June of 1951 with the 7502d AU Personnel Center. He and Ginks and two daughters seem to be enjoying the gay tropic life but will have to give it up and return to the States next summer. The "Colonel" has a number of other willing participants of tropical living around him in John Sullivan, T. E. Lawrence, Fred Black, "Chuck" Davis, and Jim Bandy. Dean Bressler was in Puerto Rico but recently was transferred to a United Nations mission to India. Sullivan is with the G-3 section at Hq. Antilles Command; Lawrence in the same outfit with Pitts; Black is S-1 of the RTC; Davis is with Antilles Engineering and Bandy is with AFROTC at Univ. of Puerto Rico.

Nels Parsons has just finished a two year graduate engineering course in guided missiles at Univ. of Cal. and is now assigned to the Development and Test Section, Office Chief of Army Field Forces. New address is 850 Colfax St., Toledo, Ohio.

Bev Snow writes that he, Andy Keller, Jack Howell and Jack Irvine completed the Engineers advanced course at Belvoir on 12 June. Bev has been assigned to duty in London in the office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Royal Engineers. He and Marie have a son, Edward James B. Snow, born 5 June. Bev's new address is c/o OARMA, London, England, Box 36, Navy 100, FPO, NY, NY. Keller has been assigned to the Far East (SCARWAF), Irvine to OCE, Washington and Howell to ROTC, Drexel Univ., Philadelphia.

Since you are paying for *Assembly* you might as well see your name in print so drop me a note at 1748 Vinton, Memphis.

—Buford Norman.

1945

Dear Vacationers:

I know it's summertime, you're changing stations and all that: BUT the dearth of news for the column at this same time each year makes this issue's column something of a headache. So be sure to send us your new stations for the next issue so we can relocate you.

To start with a happy note: wonder how many of you shared Larry Jones' good fortune with him via radio a couple of nights



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after Graduation. Larry and brother-in-law Grady answered radio's invitation to "Break the Bank" and did just that to the tune of \$6,700. Larry says he has heard from people from whom he had not heard in years. For ourselves we'll go on record as saying that he impresses us the same way he always has. We last saw him on the occasion of Bob Burgess' wedding, early in June, down in New Jersey. Bob and Alice are now honeymooning before Bob reports back to Fort Sill for duty with OCS there. Bob Campbell was another irrepressible usher in the wedding and your correspondent was best man. A guest at the wedding was Ed Sullivan, and we understand we were all written up in his column a few days later. Haven't seen it ourselves, though. On the subject of weddings, Art Hanket was married early in June also. Have no details on this, though. And reports have reached us from several sources to the effect that Bill Clark is engaged. No details other than the fact that the girl is from New Orleans.

There is also some good news about Zoot Johnson. He has an extension of a fourth year with the English Department and is to be the head of Fourth Class English, which is quite a feather in his cap since he will have a variety of majors and lieutenant colonels working for him. Zoot is about to complete work required for his master's degree in English. His thesis on Yeats is finished and the scholarship that went into it is attested by the fact that in a recent lecture, Professor Tyndall of Columbia University had occasion to quote Captain Johnson! Randy Preston goes from West Point to Texas A&M to get his master's in Math.

A recent long letter from Jim Shilstone carried the offer to do all he could in the way of hospitality for those who plan to make the Army-Tulane game in New Orleans. Suggest you contact Jim care of the Shilstone Testing Laboratory. Speaking of get-togethers and reunions, Mrs. McCarron wrote us that the classmates stationed in the Washington area had a large picnic sometime in May which she attended. Among those whom she recalls as being present were the Brunsons, Eysters, Trefz, Atkins, Bennets, Hesses, Groves, Geoff Keyes, Gelinis, and Wrights. Geoff who is in the Pentagon with Special Weapons and studying Law at nights at Georgetown, also made it up to West Point for June Week, as did I also. The big class affair was a joint 1945-1946 formal hop at the pavilion at Buckner. The weather for June Week was unpredictable, as usual,

and on this night quite cold. However, it failed to dampen the party spirit and festivities continued until early in the morning. It was good to see Frank Marvin again. He had come up from Craig AFB. And Bill Snow made his first return also. We saw him at the Alumni Luncheon. At that function, mention was made of the approach of our tenth anniversary. It may seem a little premature to you, but we assure you that plans can seldom be begun too early. So we would appreciate an expression of opinion re plans for June Week functions and on the idea of a "Tenth Year Book". Send us your ideas.

Now for the news that has been sent to us. Wade Shafer got his master's in Metallurgical Engineering from Rensselaer. He and Ann and the two kids are now at Watervliet Arsenal. He reports having seen Bob Loudermilk at Watertown Arsenal recently. Major Walt Carter sent a cover letter and news from APO 86, Hq 179th Infantry. The news was contained in a unit publication from Korea which bore the headline "Captain Gatsis gets DSC." The article discloses that Andy had already been awarded the Silver Star. The DSC award was for "extraordinary heroism" while commander of a company in action during the famous Christmas night attack at Luke's Castle last December. It was for his actions in reorganizing his men and launching the counterattack under extremely hazardous conditions that Andy was cited. The article carried the further good news that he would probably be returned to the States either in August or September. Walt Root was awarded the Bronze Star in Korea recently. Walt is with 38th Infantry. Dorothy is presently residing in San Francisco. Ray Griffith is reported as being with the First Cavalry in Japan. His wife, Janet, is in Glendale, California.

A letter full of news from Buzz Trustin tells us that he is now stationed near Ashiya, Japan, flying C-119s. He and Litzie welcomed a boy in August of '52 giving them a balanced family of one each. They had been stationed at Wright-Patterson prior to Buzz' overseas orders. He further reports that Joe Ledford is even now en route to FEC and that Vern Smith is now at Albuquerque. And from Wright Patterson came a letter from Hartwig and Dan Perry telling class news there. A huge Valentine's Day party was organized by Rochfort and Stick. From the mere list of those present, it must have been a tremendous party. Here goes: Rochfort, Stick, Hearin, Wohlford, Galligan, Gilbert, Peterson, Cummings, Nichols, Hartwig, Swain,

Ray Jones, Patterson, Dan Perry, Seegar, Crouch, Webster, Hegenberger, Blessley, Walker, Foley, Trimble, W. C. Clark, and Thayer. Of those Stick, Hearin, Jones, Webster, and Trimble are still in the single state, but the others all attended with wives. Further family news is that it was a boy at the Bissells, and a girl at the Foleys, and the Hartwigs. Rochfort, Hearin, Wohlford, Galligan, Gilbert, and Peterson all completed 18 months at the Institute of Technology and are now on orders to Korea. Breene, Hanes, R. M. Smith, and Swartz are attending Ohio State. Also nearby is Chuck Moran at Lockbourne, while the list of those at Wright-Patterson itself is completed by Clair Whitney, Minor, John Fitzpatrick, Chickering, Farrar and Munyon.

A long letter from J. B. Townsend was delayed in reaching us so that some of his news had already seen print. However here are some still fresh items. Horowitz is back in the U.S. and stationed at Presque Isle, Maine. Boots Blesse is at gunnery school at Nellis AFB near Las Vegas. John Pauley at Langley AFB. Paul Baker with Special Weapons in Pentagon. Al Neville is at Williams working in psychological research. As for J. B. himself, he is now at Shaw AFB with group operations, 363rd TAC Recon Group, after having served with 5th Air Force in Korea. Another baby item: A girl to the Walt Jagiellos on 6 January last. They were at Knox, but are now on orders to PMS&T at Tennessee State Teachers' College.

We are a little late in publishing the news of Jackie Marvin's death last winter. There just is no way of expressing the shock, grief and sympathy we felt for Frank. So we had failed to print anything. However, realizing that many of their friends might not learn of it otherwise, we reluctantly write this small and inadequate expression. As mentioned in another paragraph, Frank is now at Craig, and the two boys are with his family in Rolla, Missouri.

The column is being written on home soil at West Point where we are spending part of our leave. Left Sill on May 26th and motored East by way of Cincinnati, so as to check in with Jean and Doug Kenna who are looking and doing well there. We made three days of June Week at the Point before the Burgess wedding, already described. Then to Washington where we saw Jean and John Bennett for a short visit. The class has reason to pop up its chest collectively at news received from Benning's Advanced Course this year. It seems that in one of the two Advanced Classes there,



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Harry Shaw graduated number one. George Dexter two, John Bennett three, and Ted Adair four. How about that? After eight days in D.C., we returned to West Point for a more leisurely visit. Blackie Campbell back from a visit with the Norman Mallorys at Fort Monroe, Virginia, reports Norm with Research and Test Section there. It's always a pleasure to see Gerry and Bob Woods in New York, where they keep active and busy. Bob reports that J. Y. Bohn, a civilian, is also in New York working for ESSO. Here at West Point, the classmates are looking forward to the arrival of reinforcements; for there is a very large contingent moving reluctantly on to new fields. Joan and Kay Stewart are the first of these to arrive. Saw them at Delafield with their two tow headed youngsters. Kay is to be with the Military Psychology Department. Among those expected any day now are the Vinsons, Elkeys, Dingmans, Rehms, Hank Hughes, and McQuarries. More about assignments in the next column.

Our own orders came as a complete surprise. The Counter-Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, Maryland, for five months and then overseas. So there will be two more columns from us anyway. So send us your news at that address. Meanwhile, best to all.

—Jim Alfonte.

1946

Walter Frankland wrote from Korea on 5 Mar 53 to say he is with the Second Inf Div. Walt also has some other news to pass on. When he reached the Division Rear in Aug he ran into John Stannard, who was then the Commandant of the Division NCO Academy. When John finished his tour there, he served as a company commander in the 23rd Inf. and later as Bn. S-3. Art Pence was S-2 of the same Bn.

Walt went over from Camp Drake with Al Futrell, Dick Bresnahan, Booth, Mossey, Lewis, and Markle. Lewis and Walt were the only ones going to the Second, Warner went to the 38th and Walt to the 23rd where he had Fox Company for four months. At the present time Walt is finishing his last two days of a ninety day tour as Commandant of the Div. NCO Academy. Warner Lewis got his promotion to Capt. while doing an outstanding job with George Co. of the 38th. He was slightly wounded on "Old Baldy", but was returned

to duty where he was with the Bn. Staff until fully recovered; then he received his present command.

Art Bugh was assigned as a Bn. S-3 with the 223rd Inf. Heard that he was hospitalized, but do not know when or how seriously injured. Al Futrell, also wounded and evacuated, was with the same regiment as Easy Co. CO. Walt saw Dick Kinney with the 5th Inf., as a Bn. S-3. Bob Dunham was killed while with the 38th Inf. Prior to Walt's going to Korea, he attended the Advanced Course at Fort Knox along with many others from our class. Most of the Infantry there ended up by going to Korea, while those in Armor scattered in all directions. In June, and while still at Knox, Walt was best man in Tom and Bikie (Charles Daniel's sister) Pardue's wedding. At present they are down at Benning where Tom is attending the Advanced Course.

Jim and Jane Hobson are in Europe traveling all over the country, while he is with the Intelligence Division of Hqs. USAREUR, APO 403, NYC. Andy Lamar is with the 73rd Tank Bn. His division took over his old Sector (Walt Frankland's sector in Korea) but so far Walt has been unable to see Andy. That's all from Korea.

From Tokyo Dave Peters sent a list of classmates that attended the West Point dinner there on 16 Mar 53. They are Conolly, R. L., Fischer, J. C., Gillig, R. W., Hale, Richard, Lawson, W. E., Peters, D. M., Thomas, V. F., Tribolet, R. W., Weinstein, M. S., and Wiss, J. W. Maj. Gen. J. P. Sullivan was M.C. and Gen. Mark Clark made some remarks. Dave was with the 187th Abn in Korea and returned to Japan in June '51 with the unit. Ever since he has been with Hq FEC with M. Gen. Bryan L. Milburn who is J-1 of the Joint Hq.

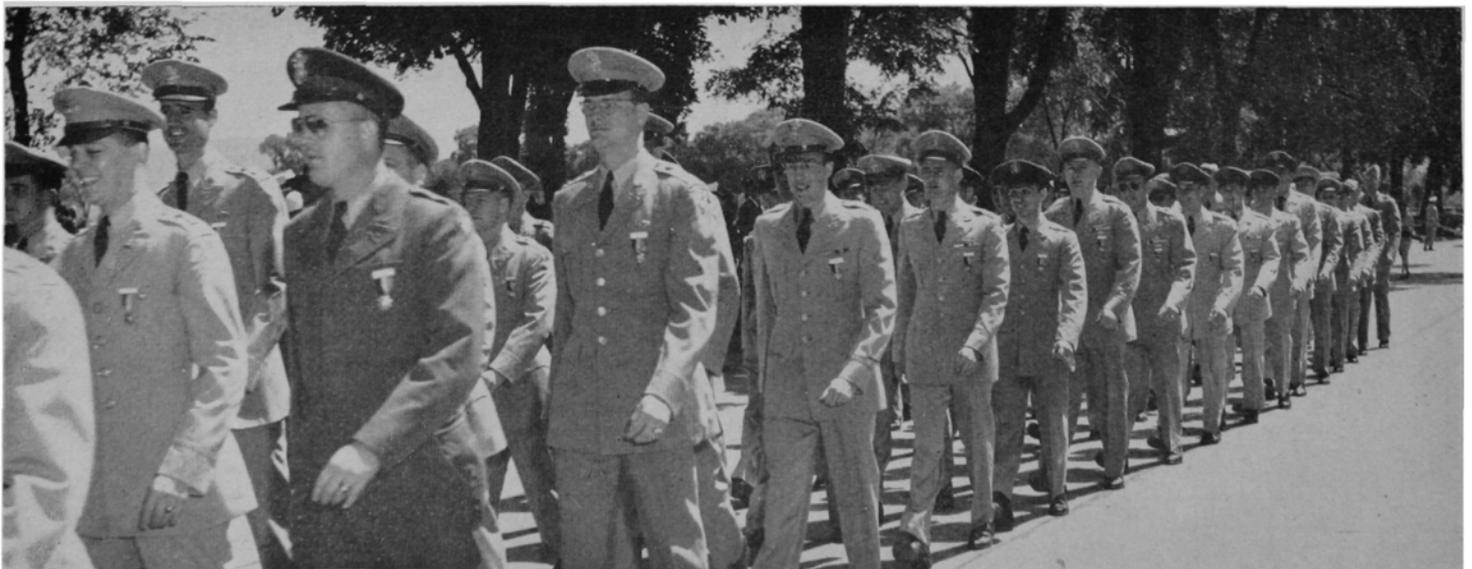
Harold Lacouture resides at 6 Church Road, Downham Market, Norfolk, England, where he is on the USAF-RAF exchange program along with Jack Bodie and Frank Hamilton. Frank and Lac are both flying bombers while Jack is a jet man. Jogie Lacouture stayed with Jack and Iny Bodie prior to going into the USAF hospital near Cambridge where the Lacouture's first baby Terry was born on 1 May 53. Jack and Iny have 2 girls Kathie and Jan. Frank and Jane Hamilton have no children. Jogie and Lac have been able to get over to Germany for some skiing, a very enjoyable experience. The Lacoutures were visited by Virginia Hughes during early May while she was in England. Since Buster's death in Korea she has been living with his family in Germany. General Hughes commands an Army Post.

Gene Melo who is with Hq. USAFE, APO 633, NYC, wrote to give us the details of the West Point dinner held on 14 Mar 53 at Frankfurt, Germany. Gene, only '46 Air Force member present, was elected to give the attendance roll. R. A. Johnson—Tdy from office of QM Gen, Wash, D. C.; G. E. Andersson—29th FA Batt. APO 39; J. Gutting—40th Tank Batt., APO 39; J. W. Callaghan—Hq 4th Div, G-1, APO 39; R. F. Morris and E. J. Morgan—16th Fld, 2 Armd Div, APO 42; R. W. Storm—Hq 5th AAA, APO 46; R. X. Sheffield—5th Corps Arty, APO 79; E. W. Jones—552 AAA Gun Batt. APO 46. G. M. Jones who is at Hq USAFE, A-2, was unable to attend due to his children being slightly ill at the time. R. O. Burke is stationed in the Munich area with Hq 12th AF, A-3. He is presently at Landsburg but will undoubtedly move from there when the Hq. opens up their new site at Landstuhl.

Louis Creveling is still Aide-de-Camp to C.G., Field Command, AFSWP at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N. Mex. He will remain there until the end of August at which time he will transfer to Parks AFB with delay en route at Craig AFB and Nellis AFB for jet training. He'll go overseas the first of the year. At Sandia Base the '46 ranks are thinning rapidly. Si Hunt and R. B. Stewart are FEAF bound in the summer. Don Lundholm is slated for Combat Crew Training at Randolph in Aug. Ray Boyd is in Wash., D. C. Walt Lyman is due to leave the first of the year. That will leave only Fred Hafer of AF and the Army troops at Sandia. Among Army troops are Myer, Teglund, Dorney, Jim Edler, Diver and Alford Allen. At the Founder's Day dinner there at Sandia on 20 Mar our class had the largest contingent. Jack Cairns, again a civilian, was there. He's in business with his father in Albuquerque.

Al Wheat is at Los Alamos with Dick Pitzer. Hal Hallgren, Bob Wayne, Bill Moore, Pankowski, Don Messmore, Al Bird-sall, and many others have been to Sandia for short visits this spring. Louis has a daughter, Marianne, born on 11 Dec 52. Jack Cairns' twin sons are one year old and have almost whipped the old man.

Brent and Phil Clements, Box 964, Clemson, S. C., are at Clemson A&M College where Phil is instructing Air Force ROTC. They have been there since last Sept. Philip Lee Clements III was born on 23 April 1953. The Clements also have a daughter Louise who will be six in June. Charles Fitz Gerald is there also instructing ROTC. The Clements saw Gene and Joe Buzhardt this spring. Joe is practising law in McCor-



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mick, S. C. Which reminds me that the France family also visited the Buzhardt's in McCormick last May. We stopped in for a short visit on our way to New Rochelle, N. Y. I have been transferred by my company (Carborundum) from Texas to our New York City District. I will be selling in the Bronx, Long Island, and Westchester County. For the moment any mail can reach me at 21 Parkview Court, White Plains, New York. That is my Mother and Dad's home, although we are staying with Ethel's parents in New Rochelle. We are looking forward to some football games this year which we have missed for the last 2 years.

You will be interested to know that Burt Cameron passed a Physical Evaluation Board and reported to the USAF Institute of Technology on 8 May 53. He will be on duty there until Sept when he joins the Sept Class in the Resident College. You may remember his right hand was quite badly shot up in Korea and he is just now getting out of the hospitals.

C. C. Larson, 14960 Alva Drive, Pacific Palisades, Calif, wrote to tell of his marriage on 6 June 53 to Shirley Loreen Robinson from Long Beach; she goes to U.C.L.A. The Robert T. Gormans have a daughter, Susan Carol, born 22 April 53 at Macon Hospital, Ga. David D. Brown was married to Robin Lynch of Washington, D. C. on 1 Sept 51, at Ft. Myer, Va. A son, David, was born 6 Aug 52 at Ft. Wood, Mo.

Compassionate reasons necessitated the resignations of Ray Glatthorn in November 1952. Together with his wife, Florence, and year-old son Kenneth he has taken up permanent residence at 510 NE 51 Street, Miami, Florida. Ray is in business as an insurance adjuster. Presently at the Univ. of Va. studying Nuclear Physics are Ray Thayer, William H. McMaster, Robert T. Wagner, and S. John Stratis. Mason P. Rumney will start the Nuclear Physics course in June. R. T. Wagner has just had his tour of duty extended at the Univ. to study for a Ph. D. in Physics. S. J. Stratis is going to Sandia Base, N. M.

A late dispatch from Dave Peters announces his engagement to Miss Joan Sabin, Class of 1952 at Univ. of Md. Joan is the daughter of Rear Admiral L. S. Sabin, J 4 Hq., FEC, APO 500, S.F. They were planning to be married on 27 June 1953 in Tokyo and go to Hawaii for their honeymoon. Peters expects to go to the Inf. School in Sept.

Doris and Ray Wagoner have a son, Ray III, born 16 Dec '52 in Munich, Germany. Ray is currently Operations Officer of the 70th Engineer Battalion, which is located at Camp Saalfelden, Austria, in the Austrian Alps. Paul Norris is commencing his second year of a 4 year assignment at Univ. of Md., College Pk, Md., Detachment 330, teaching Air Science and World Political Geography to freshmen. He is concurrently enrolled at the George Washington University Law School as a sophomore. He expects to graduate in 1954. Paul and Winifred have a daughter, Leslie Margaret, born 31 Dec 52 at Walter Reed AMC. Their address is 6919 18th Ave, Hyattsville, Md.

Ed Drinkwater returned from Japan in January and was assigned to the Staff & Faculty of the Ordnance School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. He was Chief of the Armament Branch until May and then was transferred to Post Hq. as Secretary of the General Staff. Also at Aberdeen now are Johnnie Mathias, Bob Bassler, Tom Agnor (going to West Point in June), Jim Brooks, and PapaJohn. Ed expects Gene Sharkoff and Bill Kiser, who has just transferred to Ordnance from Artillery, to report this summer.

O. D. Street has sent a list of Artillerymen who had a reunion in Feb. when the Arty Officers Advanced Course visited Ft.

Bliss, Texas. Kathleen and Oliver Street, Qtrs 5602, Ft. Bliss, Ass't S-3, 2d GM Gp (247th FA Bn); Valerie and John Dayton, 213 Ponder Drive, Ft. Bliss, Instructor Elect. Dept; Nancy Ann and Carey Milligan, 4050th ASU, Ft. Sill, Okla.; Barbara and Dick Ruble, 6317 Osage Rd., El Paso, Tex., Test Officer AAF Board No. 4; Vicki and Josiah Wallace 5619 Gray, El Paso; Instructor Dept of GM; Jane and Miller Robinson, 305 Collins Dr., El Paso, Instructor Dept of GM; Shirley and Glenn Dettrey, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Vel and Bill Grisham, 509 Morgan Ave., El Paso, Instructor GM Dept, TAS; Ann and Charles Daniel, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Chris and Hal Hallgren, 111 Ponder Dr., Ft. Bliss, Instr. GM Dept; Bobbie and John Paden, 2603 Ft. Sill Blvd., Lawton, Okla., AOAC; Odile and Tom Huddleston, 1651 Lucas St., Arty Village, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Connie and Rex Beasley, 707 N. 32d Lawton, Okla., AOAC; Dorothy and Jean Joyce, 2203 Hoover St., Lawton, Okla., AOAC; Winnie and Ed Joseph, 1430 N. 21st, Lawton, Okla., AOAC; Pat and Dan Hickey, 1612 McGlachlin St., Lawton, Okla., AOAC; Harriet and Dudley Stark, 4114 McConnell Ave, El Paso, Staff & Faculty; Dick Burgess, 219C Alicia Drive, El Paso, 97th Bn Wing, Biggs AFB; John Vaughn, 219 Alicia Drive, El Paso, American Air Lines, Notre Dame '46; Ginnie and James Cavanaugh, 6332 Osage Rd, El Paso, Guided Missiles Dept, Ft. Bliss; Bobby and Harris Woods, 303 Leavell Van Horne Park, Ft. Bliss, GM Dept, Ft. Bliss; Jay and Ralph Starner, 2217 Baltimore Circle, Lawton, AOAC; Babs and John McDonough, 2233 Hoover St., Lawton, AOAC; Joan and George Porter, 2319 Denver Ave, Lawton, AOAC; Pat and Edwin Weber, 315 Ponder Van Horne Pk, Ft. Bliss, Guided Missile Dept., Ft. Bliss; Carolyn and Harold Terrell, 2008 McGlachlin, Lawton, Student AOAC; Virginia and Philip Haisley, 1626 Snow Rd., Lawton, AOAC; Betty and Doyle Merritt, 1639 Snow Rd., Lawton AOAC; Rosemary and Stan Welch, 1703 Elizabeth St., Allamogordo, N. M., Holloman AFB; Roberta and E. J. Brechwald, Holloman AFB; Rita and Gene Pfauth, 1529 Smith Ave, Lawton, AOAC; Sugar and Bob Lenzner, 209 Ponder Dr., El Paso, Inst. GM Dept, Ft. Bliss; Marcella and Bill Stroud, 1407 N. 24th, Lawton, Student Adv. Course, Ft. Sill; Carol and G. W. Hough, 3311 Cucho Rd., Lawton, AOAC; Genevieve and Elmo Cunningham, 900 Chelsea Dr., El Paso, Gunnery Dept TAS; Mary Lou and Ed Basham, 422 Mulberry, Warrensburg, Mo., AOAC; Dimpie and Fred Derrick, 4316 Kemp Ave, El Paso, 1st GM Gp, Ft. Bliss; Janet and Bob Hamilton, 122 Leavell Van Horne Pk, GM Dept Ft. Bliss; Jane and Fred Hickey, 2119 Bell, Lawton, AOAC; Kay and Alvin Ash, 1st Off Stu Btry, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Lyzette and F. E. Dockstetter, 1622 Snow Rd., Lawton, AOAC; Lucy and Dick Diver, 5013 Cherokee Rd., Albuquerque, N. M., 8470th AAU AFSWP Sandia Base, N. M.; Eva and Fred Dodd, 104 Leavell Dr., El Paso, AFF Bd No. 4, Ft. Bliss; Alma and Bob Babcock, 3917 Leeds, Apt No. 4, Lawton, AOAC; Mary Lou and Carroll O'Neill, 1807 Lawton Street, Lawton, AOAC; Peggy and Jim Ladd, 511 Morgan Ave, El Paso, Tactic Dept Inf Sect Tas, AA & GM Br. TAS; Jane and Ralph LaRock, Qtrs 5657 Ft. Bliss, 1st GM Brigade; Sam Title, BOQ, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Barbara and Jack Wieringa, 1447 Spaulding, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Dick Tuck, Sheridan Hall, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Claire and Pappy Papatones, Box 1183, TAS, Ft. Bliss, GM Dept, TAS Ft. Bliss; Bill Smith, Sheridan Hall, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Peg and Ken Steen, 3704 Denver St., Lawton, AOAC; Jeanne and Danny Finnegan, 2233 Hoover St., Lawton, AOAC; Carole and Howard Pleuss, 4312 Florez, El Paso, 1st GM Gp; Louis N. Roberts, Ft. Sill, AOAC; Betty and John Price, 1628 Snow Rd. Arty Village, Ft. Sill, AOAC; John Byrne, Ft. Sill, AOAC;

Laura Ann and Dan Moriarity, Ft. Bliss, 1st GM Brigade; Ruth Anne and Paul Kelley, Ft. Bliss, Elect Dept, TAS, Ft. Bliss; Jane Ellen and Joe Giza, Ft. Bliss, C/I Dept, TAS Ft. Bliss; Candy and Raoul Quantz, 107 E. Gallegher Ave., WSPG; Jeanne and Bob Rush, 1419 N. 24th St., Lawton, AOAC; Jane and BB Williams, 308 Ponder Dr., Van Horne Pk, Ft. Bliss, Elect Dept, TAS, Ft. Bliss; Squeak and Steve Conner, 204 Scott Ave, Van Horne Pk, Ft. Bliss, Elect Dept, TAS; Annalee and Frank Schoen, 5613 G. Moore Pk, Ft. Bliss, 1st GM Brig.; Robin and Bob McCoy, 1513 N. Campbell, El Paso, Stu Det. That is a long list, and because of space limitations I have omitted the date of marriage, children's names and ages, and previous assignments. Please remember that I have left Texas. So address all news to: Sam France, 21 Parkview Court, White Plains, New York.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

The class reporter is sending word from CAMID VIII and there's lots of Poop. Let's cover in general the returns from the last letter. 170 of the gang sent back the cards and we here appreciate the kind words which many of you included under remarks. A quick run-down of the comments, it was unanimously approved to spend the funds collected through our class council here. Many thanks to you who sent checks with your cards and for those who asked who to make their's payable to use "1947 Class Fund". The reaction to sending flowers was carried by 99% of the answers. The 10-year book did not receive the fullest support—only 83% stated they would like one. This of course would be a project for a successor to us stationed here. However, I have seen those accomplished by the 10 year classes and they are mighty fine! For future planning on the Memorial, we received a large response—about 98% in favor; there were also some helpful suggestions of type, size, etc. As you all should know, this was only a "Gallup Poll" and not meant to commit anyone at this time to anything! All of these projects will take time, thought and approval, so if you have ideas send them in. Next order of business are personals from the cards. Hirschfeld has changed his name to Field, has been retired, and is living in Chicago. Tom Flattery going to Law at U.C.L.A., out of the Service; Ted Bielicki R.O.T.C. Norwich University; George Harrington reports a son born at Wright-Patterson AFB, also there are Bob White, Jim Ryan, Ralph Nurin, Jack Coyne and John Mock; John Delistraty plans 2 years at U.S.C. studying Nuclear Physics; Frank Lamattina back from Korea, is Staff J.A. at Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass; Mark Kinevan is a Major, USAF; Marvin Stock leaves Belvoir for University of Ill.; P. J. Curry, out of the Service, living at 25 Bailey Ave., Watertown, Mass.; Bob Sottem is expecting a "son" in July; Todd Mallett is commanding a Hv. Mortar Co. in Korea; Tom Perkins has recovered from a long illness, address: 1203 Quentin St., Denver 8, Col.; Bob King on R.O.T.C. Lafayette Col.; Peckham's at Brighton, Mass., had a son born 3 Feb.; Jack Palmers is at Carswell AFB, Texas; Al Hudgins is with the RAF 30 miles SE of Cambridge.

Received a card from Bob Lane, who just left George Heiser at the University of Va. On his way to Sandia he called the Dunlaps, the McCords and the Bob Montague's, while passing through Ft. Sill. The Bob Lanes have a girl, 3, and expect another.

Got a short note from Arnold Tucker, now in Tokyo, and he expects to report to the Dept of Tactics in August. Longer letter brings news of Dot and Wayne Hauck. Wayne has transferred to the Ordnance Department as a result of a Korean souvenir. He has bought a lot and is building in Aberdeen, Maryland. Jack Ray took time out to send on a bit of information of his civilian activities. He married after graduation and received a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering and is now working for Magnolia Petroleum Co. presently in Rodessa, La. He is now Dist. Pet. Engr. which was a promotion. Les Stevens writes to say that he married in '49 and has a son, and by now maybe a daughter (he hopes!). After 22 months on Okinawa he has gone to flying school. Now flying big ones at Donaldson AFB, S. C. Les also sends word on Cliff and Cynthia Fimmer, who are at Otis AFB, Mass., and are expecting their third child. Bill and Betty Reckweyer are at Wright-Patterson and, hold your hats, they just had twins for a total of five. I'm sure they would accept our hearty congrats. Tom and Eleanor Monahan should be back from Alaska by now. Les also saw Winkie Scoville and Dick McClure at the Squadron Officers' Course at Maxwell early this year. Thanks for a good letter. Duke Duquemin wrote a book for this issue but space is limited to 1,500 words. He is at Benning; Ann and I spent two days with him after a vacation at Sea Island, Ga. in April, and Duke arranged a class gathering. Present were the Congers, Nails, Balls, John McCullough, and the pretty blonde member of the Don Krause family. Don was away. Absent were the Munfords, the W. A. Carpenters, Bob Ozier, and the George Blands who were detained by the stork, also the Junie Icklers who had an earlier visit. The hot news from Benning seems to be the new concept on the Advanced Course of 6 months starting in July and in January each year. Orders have reached many of our Infantry pals to convene at school this summer. Some are Cronin, R. A. Maloney, Lange, Nairn, Russell, Taugel, Salisbury, Culin and others. The Wherry Housing there is tops but you must apply in person to rate one. Jug Williams, married in April, plans to hit the course also. He left Hank Emerson in Tokyo aiding Gen. Mark Clark. Sure was a great letter, Duke, keep it up. News from Chuck Stewart at Ellington AFB tells that he was a Major for a while but now back to tracks. He saw Hap Arnold, who is on duty with the RAF. Further reports that Dave Newcomb is there with him to go to school. Dick Rantz took time to check in, he has 2 girls. He calls them terrors but we know! Dick's at Bowling Green State University on an ROTC tour.

While I was in Baltimore this Spring George Goldsborough came by the house fresh from Japan, Ruth Ann and the three children were up in New York State, George is house hunting in Washington, with station at Andrews Field. He reported that Don Helling is Staff Judge Advocate at Ashiga Air Base, Kyushu, Japan. George is now in the Law business with the Air Force. Wally Lukens writes that he left Governors Island for Law School in California and completes his first year this June. There is a real response coming in from all sectors — got a letter from Roca, you may write him c/o Laboratories Anakol, Box 2220, Lima, Peru. Dan Hering sends poop on assignments from Ft. Knox: Addison to ROTC in Missouri, Baer to instruct at Armored School, Burner to Madrid to study Spanish and then teach at USMA, Cosgrove to Europe, J. V. Dunham to school in Ga., Jack Faith to USMA, Gerrity to Ismar, Turkey, Gossett is detailed in CIC, Grant and Sullivan to a civilian school in Ga., Al Haig

to 1802d at West Point, McNeil and Kennedy both going to school, Bill Webb to Europe. Fine reporting! Have a letter here but can't give credit as I have no name. Ruth and Ike Snyder going to MIT, Jean and Don Robb at Mercer Island, Washington, Kay and Hal Grossman at University of Ill. to graduate in Sept, Jim Mattern at Signal advanced school at Monmouth, Hank Hill in Washington walking the Pentagon. Mel Rosen sent a fine letter, he and Shirley are going to Oak Ridge in September. Mel gave some very fine comments on the letter we sent out, thanks. I want to thank Dick Littlestone for a vote from Ft. Sill, he is finishing Advanced School. Newsy report from Bill Kuykendall finds him at Pinecastle AFB, Fla. taking transition to return to his squadron at March AFB in July. Mike Dunham is also in his squadron, Dean Gaushe is in his wing, Dave Odell is at March. Ted Gregorie is at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. John Guice, flying jets left Pinecastle for Nellis AFB, Nevada, where he will see Jody Johnston. Bill really got around on his trip, stopped at Sill and saw John Paules, Kermit Reel, Tom Hayes, Dick Littlestone, Bob Curtis, McCord, Tom Rogers, Sullivan and Dexter. While there, played golf with Short, Koch and Bill Henry, met Koch's wife, Margo, a New Orleans belle, and Bob Short's little 5 month old daughter, Sandra. Bill and Jetta Kuykendall have a two year old Mike.

Gee, here I haven't even mentioned the class gathering at West Point. Bob and Beverly Rosen and Dot and Wayne Hauck came and stayed with the Mahlum's, Mike and Marguerite Maloney with us. The Don Burton's, George Maloney came with his girl of the hour, Bob Lilley and Ed Robertson flew in for a Brunch given Sunday morning by the Coopers, Mahlums, Monroes and Bentleys. Tom Benson came and left before things began to roll, Jean Burner arrived after all was over. Bernie and Marcia Gardiner joined about 25 of us for a big dinner party Monday night in Cornwall. J. J. Williams came up and joined the fun.

The bachelors — Murphy, Brennan and Griffith—held a cocktail party at Murphy's apartment.

Say guys, this column is more like the old kick, let's keep the poop flowing—you are doing great. Here's for greater reports.

—Bill Cooper.

1948

Five years have passed since we left the Rock on the Hudson and the first reunion was attended by thirty-three members plus wives, children, drags, and lots of -stories. There was the picnic that went off for a good meeting, with beer and spaghetti, out at Round Pond. The picnic was scheduled, the party at Newburgh on Sunday night was not. Several took part in the Alumni Exercises and marched in the Alumni Parade. Many attended the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates. Those seen at West Point during the festivities were Bill and Mary Hayden, Jack Buckley, Bill and Mary Buckner, C. C. Elebash, Al and Sue Quanbeck, Norm Robinson, Irv Schoenberg, Sid and Anne Berry, Howie and Sally Adams, Bill and Pat Burrows, Jack and Audrey Kastris, Rich Cooper, Ed and Mari Klett, John and Doris Maple, Joe Aron, Gaylord and Pat MacCartney, Bill and Cathy McGuinness, Jack and Bette Hamilton, Flick and Sue Fleming, Bob and Carol Pomeroy, Stu Young, Steve and Anne Griffith, Paul Weaver, Jack and Jean Doody, Sam and Alice Cockerham, Jim and Sally Macklin,

George Thomas, Bob and Jane Taylor, Sam and Joan White, Don and Mae Kipler, Jim and Beverly Hall, Bill Smith, and Lake Churchill.

Flick Fleming dusted off the "Cremation of Sam Magee" during the evening at Round Pond and a group picture was taken, but at this time is not available for publication. A short business meeting was held discussing the placing of a plaque in Cullum Hall honoring deceased members of the Class in the Korean War but no action was taken. It was thought that the time for that plaque was premature in view of the fact that Korea has not been finished and there is likely to be other names to add to the list.

News about the ones that were at the Reunion includes Bill Hayden who has just finished civilian schooling at University of Michigan. Bill Buckner has completed his assignment in the Amphibious School at Quantico and is to report to Fort Knox for the Advanced Armored Course. Others that should be in the same Course at Fort Knox are Don Starry, John Bellinger, Parry Sykes, Jess Kelsey, Bob Cushing, Hank Perry, Walt Meinzen, McSpadden, Deehan, McEnery, Blakeslee, Packard, Whitehead, and Lem Robinson. The latter names and information were sent to me by Don Starry, who says that his contribution for the class news for this decade has now been delivered. Al Quanbeck and Sam White report to West Point this summer for assignment as instructors in the Mechanics Department. Bill Burrows and Sid Berry are going to the Social Sciences Department as instructors also. Norm Robinson is ROTC Instructor at CCNY. Howie Adams and Irv Schoenberg are ROTC Instructors at the University of Maryland. Deacon Griffith is at Marion Military Academy in Aurora, Illinois as ROTC instructor. Jack Doody and John Maple are due to go to Advanced Infantry School at Fort Benning. Jack Kastris is at Stewart Field in New York. Rich Cooper is to go to Army Language School at Monterey, California, to study Russian. Ed Klett is out of the Service and working for Dupont in Kingston, New York. Joe Aron and Jim Hall are still at Fort Belvoir, getting ready to go to the Advanced Course. Bill McGuinness has finished his first year at Annapolis as instructor in aviation. Jack Hamilton, Gene Fleming and Jim Tuthill have transferred to the Ordnance Corps. Sam Cockerham is an ROTC instructor at Purdue. Jim Macklin has finished his first year at Columbia in Law School. Bob Taylor is at Fort Dix. Bill Smith is at Harvard studying International Relations and due to go to West Point in the Social Sciences Department in 1954. Lake Churchill is an instructor in the AA and GM School at Fort Bliss.

Ted Huie is at Georgetown University studying law. Bob Ward is down at Penn Military College on ROTC duty. Ash Foote, Jug Haskell, Pierce Gaver, Frank McClaffin, Wes Jones, as well as Churchill, are still at Fort Bliss. The Gavers just announce the arrival of twin boys.

A letter from Lyle Walter tells news of Fort Hood. Those down there at present are Don and Jeanette Reynolds, Tom and Betty Bowen, Bud and Jane Waggoner, Ed and Marty Nelson, Bob and Sally Marshall, Charley and Dottie French, Andy and Pilar Witko—most of them have families and dogs.

Jim Barnett says that the bunch at Fort Leonard Wood is splitting up. Denny Patterson and Bill Byers are going to the University of Illinois in June. Tom Jones heads for MIT. Jim Barnett and Pickle are going to the Advanced Course at Belvoir. Willie Burns is going to Purdue from Belvoir. John Egbert is going to MIT. Bear Brennen is expected to go to the University of Illinois. Bob Graf is leaving California Tech and attending Advanced Course at Bel-

voir. Sam Holliday finished his PMS&T duty at Carthage, Missouri, and has not found out where he will go from there as yet. Ken Barber has been assigned to the Flight Safety Section of the Central Air Defense Zone and is living at 5115 72nd St. Terrace, Prairie Village, Kansas. Reuben Anderson is in Rome, Italy, as Aide to General Christiansen. Norm Lovejoy goes to MIT in June.

Two marriages are in prospect at this time. Bob Graf and Mary Evelyn Parke, out in Salem, Oregon, and Bill Whitson to Marianne Swisher in Kansas City. Both are on June 19.

Best wishes to all for a happy summer.

—Charley Nash.

1949

I was sorry not to have been able to have attended June Week this year but I imagine the Class of '49 had a good delegation at the ceremonies. I hope that next year, at our Fifth, everyone will plan to attend, so that we can have a grand reunion.

A note from (Rigor) Morton says that he and the Ortons have bought houses in Williamsburg, Virginia, and that although they are only 150 yards apart it was four months before they realized who was who. George Orton is considering coming out of retirement and back into the Army, in the very near future.

I think congratulations are due for all of the following who have made Captain in the past few months: Charles W. Anderson, Jr., Frank H. Brock, William E. Dirkes, William B. Liddicoet, John C. Peters, Mansfield I. Smith, Robert F. Swantz, John G. Albert, Abner B. Martin, Davis P. Parrish, William C. Shiel, Robert C. Stender, Donald R. Woods, Hugh Wynne, Timothy C. Cronin, III, Ronald E. Lemay, Walter R. Milliken, James F. Schmidt, and William R. Lambert.

Griff Jenkins is now assigned as Deputy Chief of Personnel Branch, USAF Institute of Technology, and consequently, has an opportunity to see the names and orders of a great many of our classmates. He writes that Don Woods was over to see him recently from Purdue, where Don is receiving his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering.

John Walter writes that Chuck Reed, stationed in Tokyo, is now Junior Aide-de-Camp to General Weyland. Johnny Saxon is now at the Pentagon assigned to the Deputy for Personnel. Abbot Greenleaf is an instructor at the Sqdn. Officers Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He, Al Goering, D. D. Klein and Walters had a reunion some time ago. Ralph Raabee is going to attend a two year course at M.I.T. starting June 15th. Ralph, I believe, has already spent some time at M.I.T. taking a special course in management.

A few months ago I was in New York and had dinner with Bob Barton and his wife. Bob is preparing to teach chemistry at the Point next year and is presently attending Columbia. I know that Bill Ross and a few others have been attending Columbia this past year, so we should have a good representation as instructors at the Point next year.

Charlie Smith believes that he and Bob Derrickson are the only members of the class of '49 north of the Alaska Range. Frank Hinchion and Fred Maughmer are stationed at Anchorage. Apparently, they all seem to like their assignments in Alaska.

There have been several marriages in the class in the past few months; Bob Fallon was married at Ft. Bragg in May to Mary

Snyder of Syracuse, N. Y. with Jim Coghlan as best man and Ross Johnson, Jack Madison, Ken Miller and Dave Freeman as ushers. Bob Johnson was married to Ramona Weber of Hibbing, Minn. last October. Incidentally, Bob is on his way to Austria. Don Keith married Erika Krause in Germany in April. Tom Mullen is being married this month to Gertrude Tyne, Berkley Heights, N. J. and is expecting to take a honeymoon to Europe. (Tiger) Howell got married near Wiesbaden in May.

The following have had children recently: a second baby girl for the Harry Maihafer; a son, for Al and Adele Lombard; the George Pollins had a new daughter last October, and Bob and Connie Hunsen had their first child, a girl, born in Tokyo. It seems as though the girls are beginning to outnumber the boys.

The following are a list of those now stationed at Ft. Bragg and assigned to the 82nd Abn. Div. I suppose that most of them spent the winter at Camp Drum (Pine Camp): Paul Monahan, Joseph Hickey, Willie Hugh Jenkins, Bill Street, Bill Marslender, Jack Arnette, Ross Johnson, Ken Miller, Fred Deem, and Jack Madison.

Herb Turner has written that he is working as an apprentice with the architect firm of John Lloyd Wright in Del Mar, California. Herb's ambition is to combine painting, sculpture and architecture into one profession. Before going to California Herb saw Steve White, whom I imagine most of you know is in the Veterans Hospital in Boston.

Harry Maihafer is stationed at Ft. Dix with Joe Turley, Paul Terrien and Dick Dumphy. Harry says that they are the only members of the Class presently stationed at Dix, as the rest of the group have moved on to other assignments.

Some of you have recently written that you did not know who the Class Representative is or his address. My address is, 700 Hyde Avenue, Ridgway, Pennsylvania. If any of you are traveling through Pa. both Til and I would appreciate your stopping by, at least for a visit or overnight as we have plenty of extra space.

I shall be looking forward to having more news for the next issue. I know that more of you are in the States than ever before, so just drop a postal card as to your whereabouts and what you are doing. We are all interested.

—John I. Saalfeld.

1950

REMEMBER THE "CUP"! That's where we left off last time and it looks as though we have a winner. Ken and Mary Hall are claiming it and unless someone objects very soon, it's theirs. Probable Class Godson is Walter Alfred Hall, born on 8 January 1951 at Fort Richardson, Alaska. The Halls had a daughter last June and by now (June) should have had their third. There aren't any more prizes, Ken!

Letters from the following make this issue possible: Lou Leiser, K. T. Veley, "Turk" Edwards, Jim Dunn, Stan Prouty, Mrs. C. Ridgely Lamdin (Bill's mother), Marie Kaseman, Al Breitwieser, Mrs. J. G. Harrell (Norris's mother), George Morrissey, Ralph Stevenson, Marie Watson (Doc's wife), Chuck Hammond, Carm Milia, Terry Parsons, and Bob Douglass.

Lou Leiser is with an All Weather outfit at Presque Isle, Maine. Recently he saw Dave Ray, Harold McCoy, and Pete Nibley who are at Tyndall AFB. Bob Weber is at O'Hare AFB, Chicago, and Bill Clement is at Dover AFB, Delaware.

Jim Dunn writes from the Presidio of Monterey, California, where he is assigned to the four year Foreign Area Specialist Training School studying Russian. Jim returned from Korea last fall having served as a guerrilla unit commander.

From Fort Bliss Stan Prouty and Jack Koehler write that they are attending the Guided Missiles School with Ronnie Rovenger and D. S. Wilson. Also at Bliss are Grayson and Anne Tate, Bill and Sue Pogue, Paul and Lonnie Anne Vanture, Luke and Louise Aull. Bill and Lois Howell, Rudy and Rosemarie Cosentino, Phil and Tess Donahue, and Don and Fran Langren. Jim Barnes and Gus Hergert left Bliss for Sill and Claude Daughtie went to Fort Totten, N. Y. Tex and Shirley Gillham are at Biggs AFB.

Ken Hall sent more information from Camp Campbell. In the 511th Airborne Dick Stewart is a Company Commander, Mark Jones is Ass't Regt'l S-3, Al Sanderson is Aide to General Beach. Also at Campbell are Rex Jennings, Phil Bolte, Jim Wheaton, and Mark Hanna, who is convalescing from his serious wounds and is shooting some terrific golf. Give us a stroke a hole Mark, and you're on.

At Carswell AFB are Ty Tandler flying B-36's and Don Dunbar.



1950 AT BRANDENBURG, GERMANY, IN 1952

Front Row (Left to Right)—Willy Bounds, '49, Lounsbury, Reybold, Ruppel, Foose, Truesdale, Lobe.

Standing—Hubbard, McBride, Brandon, Barker, Howell, Wickham, Zabel.

A few more of the boys have given up their bachelorhood and were married recently; Bill Lamdin to Patricia Harpold at Ft. Myer, Va. on 7 June. Ben and Malvene Lewis were best man and matron of honor respectively; Bob "Turk" Edwards to Rhoda Behrnt, at Ft. Riley now; Dan McDaniel to Helen Bonar at Ft. Bliss; Andy Byers to . . . What's her name, Andy? Norris Harrell to Kathryn Jane Griffith in Zurich, Switzerland; and Chuck Hammond to Marge Helm in Idaho.

Marie Kaseman says that "Chipper" is in Taegu, Korea flying F-84's. He's completed about 70 missions, is Ass't Group Operations Officer, and should be home in August. Bob Hoover and George Vlissides are in or around the Taegu area; Dick Leavitt and Bob Willerford with wives Joan and Mary are in Japan; Gene and Jackie Etz are in Austin, Texas after Gene's tour in Korea; and Bolo and Phyllis Brunson are in Belgium with the Air Attache's Office.

Al Breitwieser recently transferred to the Corps of Engineers but is presently attending the Battery Officer's Course at Ft. Sill. With him are John Miller, Dick Rein, "Tut" Parnly, and Red Farrell.

Ralph Stevenson, at Walker AFB, N. M., sent some helpful news. He is now a Personal Equipment Officer for a B-36 Squadron. There also are J. C. Bean, Bucky Cronin, and Sam Nicholson, all B-50 Navigators. Danny Rogers is or was there flying B-50's. Link Faurer is on his way to the Far East to an All Weather Recon Sqdn., and Hal Gottesman, after B-29 training at Randolph, will be headed East (Far, that is!). Buz Baxter is flying F-86's out of Clovis AFB, N. M.

Some good news about "Doc" Watson; his wife Marie was able to identify his picture in a propaganda photo released by the Communists. In one of his recent letters he said that he would like to hear from some of his classmates. His address is Lt. John W. Watson, 0-62720, c/o Chinese People's Committee for World Peace, Peking, China, Prisoner of War Camp No. 2, North Korea.

Chuck Hammond at Mountain Home, Idaho, is with Art Trompeter, Sam Lockerman, and Cully Mitchell—all in a B-29 outfit.

Carm Milia at Ft. Knox says that Al Paulger left recently for Europe. Tom Fife is at Knox also, helping to deactivate Armored OCS.

Belvoir is still swarming with classmates. We're going to have a party soon and we'll make a complete report then. Some of the newcomers I've heard of or seen are Jim Kelly, Gerry Kelley, George Lear, Blair Ross, Jim Donovan, and Dave Pettit, Jack Hurst, Art Blair, and Jim Trayers left recently for a year's tour with our Engineer Districts. Ed and Mickey Crockett and Shorty Adams stopped to see us a few weeks ago. Ed is at Ft. Knox and Shorty is back at Ft. Myer.

Herb Underwood supplied me with a list of those classmates who were at Benning as of last Founders Day, 17 March. They are Baxley, Butler, Chandler, Chapman, Dickerson, Dielens, Dodge, Duggins, Fahs, Fitts, Galiffa, Griffin, L. H. Hammond, Holt, Howard, D. R. Hughes, Irons, Klie, Lange, J. M. Lee, Parks, Pierson, Porcher, J. J. Ross, J. R. Shaffer, Sharp, Sibbles, Slavins, C. R. Smith, Steinberg, Tankersley, Vanderluis, and Worley. I have heard that Jack Murphy and Jake Allen are there too.

Combining information from K. T. Velej, Terry Parsons, and Bob Douglass, we have lots of names of those in Europe. The following were at a Founder's Day Dinner on 13 March at Stein Castle in Nurnberg: Birk, Creuziger, Hutcheson, Lumsden, Mayfield, McDowell, Mielenz, Saalberg, Shade, Shem-

well, Singleton, Steele, Trefry, and Douglass. Another dinner was held at the Frankfurt/Main Casino. Attending were Bashore, Hansen, Hoisington, B. H. Jones, Al Jennings, Mathey, Fette, Prentiss, Bohn, Vanston, Reed Davis, Flynn, Ward, Kuckhahn, W. D. Jones, Hamel, O'Quinn, Henderson, Eastman, and Bob Wilson. Those above have seen the following at one time or another in the recent past: C. Bell, Strickland, F. King, Talbott, Lodewick, Ache, F. Howard, Heard, Ruppel, Freedman, McCleary, Stu Wood, Lounsbury, Singer, McGuire, Hoham, Round, Quarstein, Jackley, Darland, Pat Wilson, Passmore, Romanski, Preuit, Middleton, T. McBride, Lockwood, Triem, Monihan, Mueller, Melton, Hendrickson, Lunger, Listro, Truesdale, Fastuca, Barger, Gilbert, Means, Pelz, Spielman, Tullidge, Shelley, Briggs, G. Rees, T. Ball, Crawford, Bannister, Wagoner, Lobe, Brandon, Zabel, Petree, Navarro, Cunningham, Ferguson, Lombard, Crist, Yeoman, Durst, and Bill Mastoris, last two in Trieste. Most of those in Europe should be home by the end of the summer.

More babies—always more babies! Girls to Lou and Barbara Leiser, Ken and Mary Hall, Dave and Marie Kaseman, Bob and Mary Willerford, and the CQ Jones'. Boys to Bill and Bettie Curry, Ed and Mickey Crockett, Chuck and Joan Butler, the K. T. Veleys, Jim and Nancy Dunn, Bob and Martha Morrison, the Pete Nibleys, the Rex Jennings, Carm and Barbara Milia, the Bob Douglass' and the Roger Lynns. The Blues are catching up to the Pinks! Some of the boys have already requisitioned their third offspring—that's batting pretty close to a thousand—there in three plus years!

'Til next time—and don't forget that the "CUP" goes to Ken and Mary Hall unless we get a protest soon.

—Lou Genuario.

1951

Welcome Home, '51!!! The news is beginning to filter through concerning the boys who are returning from overseas. "Groggy" (always was my favorite nickname) Crowe, Lou Michael, Rod Gilbertson, and Joe Rogers are now stationed at Ft. Myer in the 3rd Inf. Regt. Tom Foster is at Camp Irwin, Calif. G. says he saw Gus Villaret and Jim Cox on his way home—John Byers was with them. Lane Holman and Hank Evans are to be at Ft. Sill, and Bob Volk is going to Ft. Campbell.

George Psihas writes from Camp Atterbury, Indiana, that he has been joined by Pete Pazderks (reportedly ruff on those gold bar lieutenants) and John Haumerson. George relates that Tom James in Alaska has transferred from Infantry to Engineers; that Joe Rogers is back at Ft. Myer after a year in Korea; and that Mrs. Rogers tells him that Herb Allbritton is back in the States.

Still in the Far East, we have Eric Antila of the 24th Div, in Sendai, Japan, with the 50th Sig Bn, XVI Corps; Ed Peloquin as Exec of Charlie Battery, 213th FA in Korea; and down the road a piece from Ed* is Bill Malouche, who is serving as American adviser to the 101st ROK Bn; Cuny is serving in the Long Lines Signal Group with the Korean Base Section, which furnishes supplies, transportation, communications, and service to the United Nations fighting forces; Herman Vetort is CO of the Tank Co, 65th Inf Regt, 3rd Div; and Chance Barrott is with the Tank Co, 38th Inf Regt, 2nd Div.

From our correspondent on Okinawa, we have the following breakdown on the ten members of '51 stationed on the "rock" Bob Fitch and Bob Macklin are with the 29th RCT; Saint St. Mary, Glen McChristian, Alan Frick, and Joe LaFleur are with the District Engineer; and Pete Thomas is with the 97th AAA Group. For the Air Force, we have Jack Craigie and Nub Reed flying B-29's with the 19th Bomb Gp, 20th Air Force.

And while we are on Air Force, Sprague, McDonald, Watsey and Cuthbertson are flying F-80's with the 67th Tac Rec Wg; John Powell is a B-26 navigator with the same outfit. And by this time I guess most of you have seen Buzz Aldrin's pictures of a Red pilot bailing out of a crippled MIG which was the "Picture of the Week" in the 8 June issue of *Life*. And in the *Air Force Times*, we have a picture of Dick Guidroz, who doesn't waste time getting his MIGs—two in one day. At Smoky Hill AFB, Kansas are Frank Sisson flying B-29's and Howie Wiles and Payton Cook flying KC-97's. John Cunningham is flying F-86's at George AFB, Calif, and Bill Baird is flying F-84's in a SAC outfit at Dow AFB, Me.

While on the subject of flying, I heard recently that Samotis was in the nose of a B-26 that came in short of the runway on a GCA run. Sam was shaken up a bit but no real damage was done except a few torn ligaments in the knee. Sam is a navigator-bombardier and has been flying propaganda drop missions. He and Long are members of a psychological warfare unit in Korea.

Medal awards: Silver Stars to Joe Clemens, Tom Harrold, and Pat Pattillo (Pat won his during his first night in combat); and a Bronze Star to Paul Summers for meritorious achievement as commander of "M" Co, 40th Inf Div, 223rd Regt. Congratulations.

George Harman seems to be having a varied military career. After a stint with the 45th Div in Korea, he became aide-de-camp to General Ruffner. After the boss returned to the States, he went to Japan to put the finishing touches on a book depicting the 45th in Korea. He is now angling for a job with the Japanese Construction Agency on an engineer project in Japan.

Speaking of aides, recent additions to the ranks include Barnett De Ramus as aide to General Adams, CG EUSAK; Larry Crocker as aide to General Bowman, FE Engr in Japan; and Red Leffler, aide to General Dasher. Why don't you aides get hot and keep us posted on the members of the class who are in your respective outfits?

Norm Jorstad and Pete Thorsen (will you please print next time, Pete?) write that some of Black '51 gathered in Frankfurt for the 151st birthday of Ye Olde Woo Poo. Members present included: Thorsen, Hook, Van Keuren, and Winfield (517th FA); Doval and Birdseye (519th FA); Doerfflinger (Hq Btry, 36th FA); Snyder (78th FA); and Rawlings, Torseth, Atkeson, Galligan, Irving, Schweizer, Schwartz, Mintz, Scheider, Woodley, Woodson, Daigh, and Jorstad. All had a big time and were looking forward to the '55 reunion. Pete Thorsen and Frank Winfield were together in the 517th FA Btry, but, when they won more than their share of the athletic honors, were placed in different batteries. Also from Germany comes the news that John Ballard is hauling vegetables from Japan to Tokyo in a C-46; that Dick Allen is home recuperating in San Antonio; and that Jim Lowere is with the 213th FA Bn in Korea.

Recent Weddings—Led Long and Mary Louise McBride (formerly of Natchitoches, La.) on the 25th of January; John Cunningham and Peggy Fry of New York City on the 11th of April, Joe Crocco doing the honors; and John Moroney and Eda Theresa Fuccella, Bronx, NYC, on the 13th of May. I saw Bob Lerner here in Vermont recently

and he gave me the news of his wedding, but I must admit to losing all the details. All I can remember is that her name is Lola and they were to be married in the Old Cadet Chapel sometime during June. So sorry, Bob. (Go ahead—FIRE ME!) Welcome into the club, Girls!

She's a Darling! Deborah Anne McIlwain to Bob and Ruth the 30th of December; a girl to Rollo and Jerry Tausch sometime in December; Sandra Nel Wiles to Howie and Martha Nel the 13th of April; Linda Susan Umstead to Stan and Pat the 17th of April. Bill and Joan Baird have a daughter who is eight months old and the Fischls have a girl but as yet no vital statistics.

It's a Boy! Patrick Edwin Ryan to Pat and Jo Anne the 5th of October; Frank P. Vallella, Jr. to Frank and Holly the 2nd of February at West Point, N. Y.; Thomas Brandt Tennant to Brandt and Elke the 29th of February; and William Andrew Malouch to Bill and Audrey at West Point the 1st of April.

To all the proud parents—Hearty Congratulations! The girls are still way ahead in the running.

Since a few people have written to ask who won the cup, I say again: Walter Carper Phillips, III, born 19 February 1952 to Walt and Polly, is the proud possessor of our class cup. (How about a picture of our Godson, Walt and Polly?)

Since many of you remember Bradford and Kendrick Holle, I would like to relate a few incidents in their career after leaving the Academy. They attended the Canal Zone Junior College and then entered Tulane University, graduating in August of 1952 with BS degrees in Civil Engineering. After receiving the Distinguished Military Student award and the Distinguished Military Graduate designation, they obtained Regular Army commissions in the Corps of Engineers. After duty at Belvoir, Va, and Polk, La, they received orders to the Far East—reporting date to Stoneman, 29 June 1953. Any correspondence may be addressed c/o Division Engineer, South Atlantic Division, Corps of Engineers, Box 1889, Atlanta, Ga.

I have received notification from Headquarters, Fort Hood, Texas, that a permanent barracks area there has been named Storck Barracks in honor of Colonel Louis J. Storck, who was killed 30 July 1944 in action at Coutances, France, while commanding the Reserve Command, 4th Armored Division, and his son, First Lieutenant Louis J. Storck, Jr., formerly a platoon leader of Company B, 16th Armored Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division, during the period 24 July 1951 to 1 March 1952, who was killed 6 October 1952 in action in Korea while attempting to hold an outpost against overwhelming odds.

The response to the plan for reporting location of classmates by Battalions hasn't been too good. (People are still asking what happened to all the D-2 boys.) However, undaunted, the plan goes on. The October issue will be aimed specifically at the members of the Second Battalion, First and Second Regiments, whose present location has not appeared in *Assembly*.

So long, good luck, and keep writing.

—“P. T.”

1952

Greetings and Happy Anniversary (to the brides and grooms of last June and July). Greetings and Congratulations to the Class of '53—now you can be the JUNIOR Lts. for a year!

Appropriate for the anniversary report is the announcement that the “Cup” goes to Lou and Joan Pendleton. They are the proud parents of Scott Freeman Pendleton, our Class Godson. Scott was born at 1312 hours on March 2. Congratulations, Lou and Joan, and best wishes to Scott. Lou is in Leghorn, Italy.

More births since the last issue of *Assembly*. Born to Steven Zelle and wife on March 20, a son, Ralph Steven. To Sherm and Judy Webster at Scott AFB, a boy, Keith Madison. A boy to Don and Ruth Barton on April 14 at Lowery AFB. Tom and Ann Murphy have a son, Daniel Royden, born on April 4. Down in Houston, Texas, Ellington AFB, Jack and Nancy Robinson have a daughter, Susan, Born 12 April. Jim and Gladys Rink have a boy, Richard Jay, born March 12, at Ft. Campbell, Ky. John and Meredith Garver have a son, John Baltzly, III, born at Ft. Kober on April 4. To Jim and Jinny Campbell on March 26 in Augsburg, a son, Douglas James. Glen and Jane Kingsley have a boy, Glennon M., III, born March 20. To Mac and Noel McCollough a girl, Constance Hart, born March 24. Karen Lee, born to Dick and Marie McCoy on April 4. Bill and Doris Duncan's son, Charles Irwin, arrived April 4, at Ft. Benning. Bill is with the 508th. Warren and Marylon Hayford have a son born May 8. Jim and Jeri Maloney greeted their daughter, Kathleen Rosanne, on April 25, in Austria. A boy, David Kent, was born to Dave and Doris Eachus on March 28 at Ft. MacArthur. Dick and Barbara Debolt have a girl born April 19, Deborah Ann. Kerm and Marianne Bell welcomed James Patrick on April 3. Ivan and Evelyn Mechtly have a baby girl (I've not learned the date of her arrival or her name). Homer and Gloria Kiefer have a daughter, Sharon, born April 8. Congratulations to all the new parents and best wishes to all the new members of the family.

With all these births there *must* be some marriages, so will list the ones I've learned since the last issue. Vicki and Don Bradley were married last October at Colorado Springs. Bunny and Joe Austin, last July; Gloria and George Rule, December 6; Ann Guest and Bill Linkenhoger at Waco, Texas, in February; Marie Burkholder and Robert “Sam” Wetzel, at Chicago last December; Elizabeth Boyd and Fred Stevens, at Milton, Mass., May 2. Harry Van Trees was married April 25 at Arlington, Va., and Luddy Harrison was married in March. I've not learned their brides' names. Elaine Kirkland and George Bowman, 11 April, in Seattle.

J. D. Hogan distributed a few cigars in May—and why not? A 1st Lt. can afford cigars. Congratulations, J. D., and here's hoping the tracks come soon. And speaking of tracks, I'm told Nails Kelly has made Captain. Congratulations to you, Nails. I've finally polished the gold off my bars too.

Word from Europe—Al Dombrowsky and Don Sells are in Worms. Charlie Steen and Jim Tow are in Nurnburg. Bob Wright is in Munich. The 43rd Div. has the following members of '52: Burny Knight, John Bart, King Peters, and George Barkley. At Wurtzburg are John Gibney and Gordo Carpenter. With the 28th Div. are Lou Bryan, Stan Kuick and Jim Brenner. Dick Coleman and George Nixon are with the 4th Div.

At Camp Hayford, Wash. are the following, and all Battery Commanders: Kermit Bell, Jim Lynch, Glen Cardell and Joe Hendrickson.

At Ft. Richardson, Alaska, are Wes Jones, Ike Eisenhart, Pete Pfeil, John Cook, Homer Kiefer and Jerry Brisman. You can contact any of these boys through Jerry. His address is B Btry, 147 F.A. Bn., APO 949 c/o PM, Seattle, Washington.

A report from Williams AFB lists Larry and Delphin Johnson, Tom and Doris McClung, and Bill and Ruth Shields. At San Marcos, Ken Kronlund, Dave Rohr, Ray Norton, Bob King, and Frank Pimental. At Bryan AFB are Mark Oliphant, Bob Tanguy, Bob Rounding, Bob Kendall, and Dick Baker. At Reese, Ray Koestner and Jerry Kutz. At Lewiston, N. Y. are Bob and Dotty Burke, Ray and Jean Wallace, and Warren and Jan Spaulding. Bob has departed for Bliss, en route to Alaska. Warren will be leaving for FECOM soon, but Jan and he will be proud parents before he departs. The following are at Vance AFB: Bill Landon, Bill Gordon, Ralph Leonard, Jim Sullivan, Ray Simmons, Don Williams and Bud Jenkins.

Al Bracy is with the 1st Div. in Germany. Jimmy and Nancy Mueller are en route to Germany. I hear Dory Ludlam and wife are enjoying Ellington AFB. So is Bob Vining. Bruce Beard left during the spring for FECOM. Bruce is among the first of the Air Force to get overseas orders. Preston and Nancy Maddocks reported to Stewart AFB for duty. At Ft. Lewis are John Misch, Pete Withers, Sam Wetzel, Jack Witherall, Dave Bond, Leo Lennon, Harvey Perritt, Herb Schandler, Ernie Condina, Willie Finn, Frank Boyer, Ray Espey, Mel Young, and Owen Holleran. Bob McCrindle, Jerry Ruff and George Ralveya are in Korea. Ivan Mechtly will join them soon.

Jim Paris and Marty Celec are Supply Officers Inc. at McGuire AFB. They have the titles of Unit Supply, Base Stock Control, FW&T, and Base Salvage Officer.

Ralph Cline and John Bovard have orders for Europe and I'm told that Art Stebbins has orders for FECOM.

Skip Wensyel is looking for orders to FECOM soon. He is aide to Brig. Gen. Zwicker, Assistant Division Commander of the 5th Div. at Indiantown Gap.

I have just received word from Pete Haines that Metz Seebach is still in Walter Reed. If your travels should bring you within range, take time to drop in for an exchange of gossip with Metz. I'm sure he would appreciate word from the outside.

This about takes care of news for this issue. Any news or views will be welcomed by the Class. My address is still 3006 Cody Road, Columbus, Georgia, or Co. K, 85th Inf., Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Good luck and best wishes to all.

—“Willy.”

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'53 DONS THE ARMY BLUE.

On 2 June the Class was together as an entire group for the last time, and shortly thereafter embarked on that long awaited prize—graduation leave—with all except 5 of the 510 proudly wearing the gold bars.

Wedding bells rang for over one-fifth of the Class, and to those, we send our best wishes and congratulations. To the others who are waiting, we say best of luck, and we will be watching for your announcements.

Of course, it is too early for any news, however, I will be expecting to hear from all of you as soon as you get settled. Keep me posted as to where you are and what you are doing. My address is on the bottom of the Class Constitution and is: Bill Jefferson, 649 Fifth Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Good luck to all of you!

—“Jeff.”

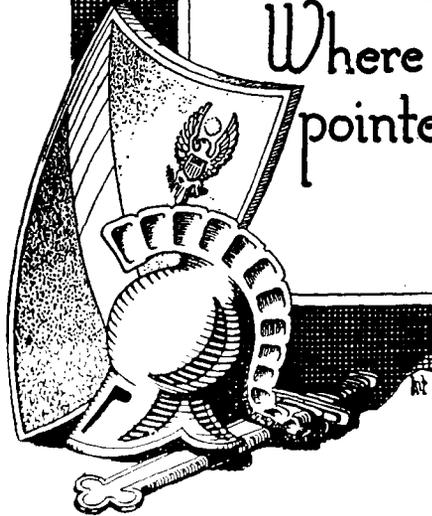
LAST ROLL CALL

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

Name	Class	Date	Place
Philip R. Ward	Ex-1897	March 7, 1953	Buffalo, New York
Francis A. Pope	1900	April 29, 1953	Washington, D. C.
Charles H. Jennings	1902	February 4, 1953	Miami Beach, Florida
William F. Morrison	1902	April 24, 1953	Leghorn, Italy
Albert C. Wimberly	1904	February 14, 1953	Washington, D. C.
William W. Erwin	1908	March 27, 1953	Chapman, Kansas
John N. Smith, Jr.	1912	June 13, 1953	New York, N. Y.
Richard U. Nicholas	1913	May 8, 1953	San Antonio, Texas
Norman Randolph	1915	May 15, 1953	Valley Forge Army Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania
Willard M. Hall	August 1917	April 9, 1953	Orlando, Florida
Harold W. Gould	June 1918	March 2, 1953	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Robert R. Raymond, Jr.	1919	June 17, 1953	Cambridge, New York
F. Selwyn Gay	1920	April 10, 1953	Tenafly, New Jersey
John Russell, Jr.	1920	February 9, 1953	Huntington, West Virginia
Joseph I. Greene	1923	June 25, 1953	Newark, New Jersey
Ben L. Wells	1923	January 16, 1953	Santa Anita, California
Alan D. Clark	1937	January 7, 1953	Robins AFB, Georgia
James R. Luper, Jr.	1938	February 28, 1953	Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska
Theodore L. Hoffmann	1940	May 20, 1953	Near Gary AFB, San Marcos, Texas
William P. Litton	1940	November 2, 1951	Between Itami AFB and Tsuiki AFB, Japan
Raymond C. Brittingham, Jr.	January 1943	March 25, 1953	Baltimore, Maryland
Harold H. Buth	1945	June 26, 1951	Near Oscoda AFB, Michigan
John S. Gayle	1946	July 21, 1951	Alaska
William M. Harton, Jr.	1946	May 4, 1953	Oxnard AFB, California
Arthur B. Wilcox, Jr.	1946	April 8, 1952	Denver, Colorado
Charles W. Hill	1947	August 27, 1952	Chanute Field, Illinois
John O. Bates, Jr.	1950	June 12, 1952	Korea
John M. Garrett, Jr.	1950	November 6, 1951	Near Gila Bend, Arizona
Anderson O. Hubbard	1950	October 23, 1952	Near Parqnau, France
Russell E. Leggett	1950	December 12, 1952	Langley AFB, Virginia
John M. McAlpine	1950	June 24, 1952	Korea
Lewis A. Page, Jr.	1950	June 20, 1953	Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
Harry E. Rushing	1950	March 3, 1952	Korea
Stanley P. Shankman	1950	January 19, 1952	British Columbia
William B. Slade	1950	May 12, 1952	Korea
Edward J. Mueller, Jr.	1951	April 2, 1953	Korea
Frank E. Walker, Jr.	1951	January 21, 1953	Near Plasterrock, New Brunswick, Canada
Thomas P. Casey	1952	May 20, 1953	Near Williams AFB, Arizona

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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McCOY, A. A.	1946	DECEMBER 31, 1952	70
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Editor's Note: The date of death of Henry B. Clagett, Class of 1906, published on this page of the April 1953 issue of *Assembly*, and in the heading of the memorial article about him beginning on page 46 of the same issue, as November 24, 1952, was in error. The correct date of his death is November 14, 1952.

William Cauldwell Rogers

NO. 3554 CLASS OF 1893

DIED DECEMBER 5, 1952, AT LEBANON SPRINGS, NEW YORK, AGED 82 YEARS.

ONCE again the Class of 1893 of the U.S. Military Academy has to mourn the passing of an esteemed associate. The widow of Colonel William Cauldwell Rogers grieves for her beloved husband but is comforted by many happy memories of his devoted life. Colonel Rogers died December 5, 1952 at Lebanon Springs, New York, some time after a surgical operation which at first seemed to improve his trouble, but which, however, was too deep seated for his survival. His service as a West Point educated U.S. Army Officer has been long and honorably devoted to its highest ideals.

He was born April 7, 1870 in New York State and appointed therefrom to be a Cadet in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point,



N. Y., June 16, 1888. Failing to pass the year end examination he was re-appointed June 15, 1889 and graduated on June 12, 1893 as a Second Lieutenant, Seventh U.S. Infantry.

After graduation leave he reported to his regiment's headquarters at Fort Logan, Colorado, for garrison duty which continued until the Spanish War, in which he distinguished himself by gallantry with the same regiment as First Lieutenant in the Battle of El Caney and at the siege of Santiago, Cuba, July 1, 1898. For this he received a Silver Star decoration.

After the Cuban War Rogers was for sometime Assistant Adjutant General for the District of Alaska at Fort Egbert and then he was promoted to Captain, 27th Infantry, at Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., where his new regiment embarked for the Philippines via the Atlantic Ocean, Suez Canal and standard routes. Here he participated gallantly in several notable battles with Filipino Insurgents until, overcome by hardship and exposure, he was sent to the General Hospital in San Francisco, California, late in 1903, but he had recovered well enough to command an Infantry Company at Fort Sheridan, Ill. by April 1904. Following this came arduous relief work in the San Francisco Fire and Earthquake dis-

aster, April and May 1906. Soon after came orders to join the Army of Cuban Pacification, which continued until he was returned to the U.S. as sick in November 1908, reporting at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Upon full recovery of health Captain Rogers was ordered to the Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Army Service School until May 3, 1914, then Regimental Adjutant, 27th Infantry until promoted to Major, 20th Infantry, March 11, 1916. Soon after this he was briefly detailed to be Instructor Inspector of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. This completed, he had important work with the Officers Training Camp at San Francisco, California, April 28, 1917. On May 15, 1917, Rogers was made Lieutenant Colonel and assigned to the newly organized 42nd Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah, which he trained until he was Colonel of Infantry, National Army, August 16, 1917. He was afterwards on duty with the 79th Division Headquarters enroute to France for overseas combat duty against hostile German troops. As Commanding Officer of the 313th Infantry Regiment he engaged in severe fighting during 1918, including the famous Argonne drive and the fierce Meuse Heights operations, later returning to General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Force in Chaumont, France. This was followed by General Staff duty in the War Department, Washington, D. C. Lastly he was stationed at Governors Island, New York Harbor, and retired from active Army duty at his own request after thirty years service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Later Congressional legislation for the Army advanced him to Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired.

In all his Army Service, Colonel Rogers was a perfectionist in regard to his devotion to a conscientious and faithful performance of military duties. His superiors appreciated his cheerful performance of duties whether routine or dangerous. It was all the same to a gallant officer, mindful of and devoted to his high mission as a West Point officer in the U.S. Army.

During his West Point Cadet days he was a favorite with his Class of 1893 for his cheerful ways, which helped to make pleasant days in an arduous system of the survival of the fittest in strenuous military training.

His Civil History after retirement shows him to be a talented artist and a notable author and writer, especially in the Bible Exposition of the Gospel of St. John entitled "The Four Gems" He was noted as an accomplished inventor of great ability. He was the Chess Champion of his community, which he honored in other ways by his civic wisdom and cooperation with worthy projects. So we may safely say that Colonel Rogers was very successful in his long series of professional achievements, and in his retirement as a contributor to worthwhile civilian life.

As his spirit has returned to God who gave it may his associates join in the prayer of his grieving loved ones left behind that some time in their ultimate destiny there will be a happy reunion of harmonious souls.

He leaves behind to mourn his passing a grieving widow, Mrs. Marion B. Rogers, of Lebanon Springs, New York; and a large family of devoted and married sons and a daughter—all scattered throughout the United States.

In his latter days his sensitive mind, always searching for the truth, received inspiration from the Spirit of Truth even as Jesus, our Saviour, received inspiration from the Almighty Father to whom he was

later received after his earthly passion into Eternal Glory. Thus the Spirit of our beloved Rogers has gone to its celestial home.

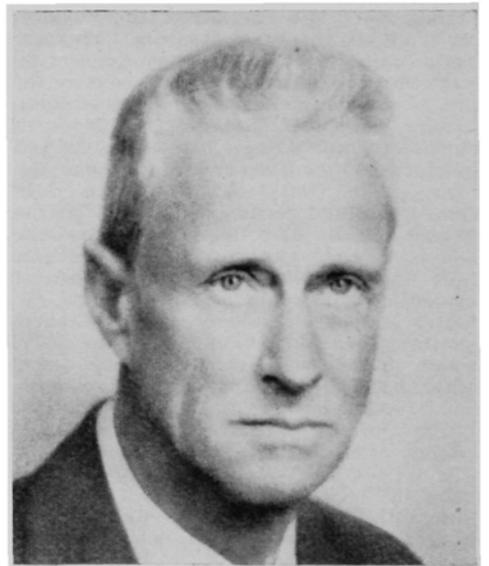
—Arthur M. Edwards,
a Classmate.

Charles Cook Farmer, Jr.

NO. 3905 CLASS OF 1899

DIED MAY 16, 1952, IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AGED 76 YEARS.

CHARLIE FARMER is one of those of our Class whose military careers were cut short by illness. His years with the colors were comparatively few and many of us, including myself, never saw him again after that bitter February morning when we marched



between snowdrifts shoulder-high to Graduation in Cullum Hall. Quiet and retiring as a cadet, he never developed into a flamboyant or colorful officer, but served his country well and faithfully, without fanfare or the blowing of trumpets. And so there is nothing flamboyant or colorful about his official record. It tells the all-important story of high character and duty well done, but unhappily there is little else to be gleaned from it except dates and places and routine promotions from second lieutenant to colonel. Nor is that all! Childless and outliving almost all of his close friends and blood relatives, and having never written an autobiography, there is now disconcertingly little to be found to tell what manner of man he was. He is gone but little more than a year, yet the past seems to have closed over his dreams, his hopes, his ambitions and the inner man as completely as the ocean closes over a ship that sinks beneath its waves.

We know that he was born in 1876 in Mt. Carroll, Ill., of sturdy pioneer stock that came early to this country, and to the Illinois country with the first wave of settlers, and we remember the amusement and zest with which he would recount the adventures and pleasures of the smalltown boy in the eighties. But once he said that his life from the age of twelve until he came to

West Point had been largely hard work, and from that and from the critical struggle he had with the first-year work there, we inferred that he did not have too much schooling at home. However, he had a good mind and by graduation had attained a very respectable class rank.

As a cadet, he was well liked and could always amuse the group with his dryly humorous tales and ready wit, but the habit of his plebe year of quickly slipping away to his books never left him. Quiet, studious, attentive to duty and retiring, few of us felt that we knew him well. But he had his close friends, with some of whom he corresponded until death intervened, and he found time to form at least a few of the warm and generous friendships of youth that among graduates so long endure and are of their most precious possessions. He was one of that not inconsiderable group of cadets who strongly preferred the carefree life of a private and a private he remained!

Joining the Cavalry on graduation, his Army life was largely in the great Southwest, at that time barely emerged from the Indian wars and the days of the covered wagon, and still largely undeveloped. There, hard riding and the pursuit of the elusive bandit whose ready escape was over the border, were still the lot of the Cavalry. Much of his time was spent in temporary camps, either very cold or very hot and always comfortless, but there was service for him in the storied and happy posts of Bliss, Grant, Huachuca, Mercedes and McAllen, and for the young there was ever song and laughter and hunting and fishing, and the cares of the world sat lightly on their shoulders. But he was not always on the Border. In his story, there is duty in Cuba and in Panama and at Fort Meade, S. D., Fort Robinson, Neb., Monterey, Calif., and in 1905, graduation from the one-time Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth. Then there was Philippine duty, where in the 4th Cavalry and as a troop commander he took part in the Moro wars under that renowned Indian fighter, Hugh L. Scott, of the Class of '76. In 1906, when civil government was established, he became Secretary of the District of Sulu. Over the years, he served with the 4th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th, and 17th regiments of Cavalry. In 1907 and 1908 there was a long leave and travel in China, Burma, Ceylon, Italy, France and England.

Some years before World War I he began to have trouble with his hearing and by 1917 he was so deaf as to be unfit for combat duty, but was able to serve usefully as an instructor of the National Guard on the Border, and in France as a Supply Officer and as Chief of Staff of the great American base at Is-sur-Tille. However, by 1920 he was no longer able to carry on and so was retired. Established in Florida, he was happy because of much time for his garden, for reading, and for his correspondence with old friends, but he was remote from the beaten track of his classmates and few of us ever saw him again. Enjoying foreign languages, he read much in Spanish and in French. His first wife, Hester Nolan, died in 1941, and in 1943 he married Mrs. Eugenie B. Nelson, a congenial companion and a devoted wife. Together, until his death, they enjoyed their home and garden and watched the cosmopolitan life of Miami swirl past. She continues at their home at 328 SW 15th Avenue, and to her Charlie Farmer's living classmates extend their warm sympathy, the assurance of their continued interest in her, and their appreciation of her loving care for him in his last years, in particular during the two years that he was an invalid.

—C. D. H.

Berkeley Thorne Merchant

NO. 4411 CLASS OF 1905

DIED JULY 27, 1952, AT BETHESDA, MARYLAND, AGED 70 YEARS.

To his classmates of 1905 "Budd" Merchant represented the spirit of eternal youth. His passing at three score years and ten comes to us as a shock not only at the loss of a gallant soldier, a loved comrade, and a friend, but at the realization of the passage of years since in June 1901, as entering plebes, we climbed the slope from the old railway station (there were no automobiles then) to the West Point Plain.

From that date until, his heart failing on the 27th of July 1952, he left us, he continued to be to his classmates the symbol of their youth in June of 1901.

As a young officer, as an officer in the middle years, and when he had reached the sunny westward slope, he represented the



beau ideal of the military profession, a beau sabreur.

Handsome, well built, with a perfect military bearing, always immaculately turned out and a superb horseman, he was most ideally suited to his selected arm, the Cavalry.

To this his chosen arm and to the military profession in general, during his thirty-three years of active duty, he rendered that high type of service for which initially he seemed so well equipped.

Marked with years of military routine faithfully performed and interspersed with duties of great responsibility, his service was highlighted by General Pershing's conferring upon him the Distinguished Service Medal for rendering to the A.E.F. a special service which he as a horseman, a cavalryman and competent in organization and command, was uniquely fitted to perform.

To the Cavalry arm he gave the full measure of enthusiastic, intelligent and competent devotion at a time (unfortunate for him) when the technological development of military weapons was rendering the horse cavalry obsolete.

Even Jeb Stuart as a cavalryman could not have prevailed over the inexorable

changes in tactics and in relative importance of arms resulting from technological changes in weapons of warfare.

That Budd made a brilliant last stand in rendering cavalry of value to our A.E.F. is attested by General Pershing's citation in conferring upon him the Distinguished Service Medal. Had cavalry played the important part in the A.E.F. that it had played in former wars, Budd's Distinguished Service Medal might well have been supplemented by recognition of other vitally important and distinguished service. For he was especially prepared and equipped to lead and direct, with competence and distinction, cavalry in battle.

For the benefit of the record, here are some of the highlights of his thirty-three years of active service:

- 1901-1905 Cadet, West Point.
- 1909-1911 Batangas, P. I.
- 1912-1913 Mexican border.
- 1914-1915 Second year Mounted Service School.
- 1916-1917 Pershing punitive expedition.
- 1918-1919 A.E.F. World War I. (Organized and directed the Veterinary Corps A.E.F., for which he received the Distinguished Service Medal.)
- 1919-1921 Instructor in Equitation, Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas. (Eventually head of the Department of Equitation.)
- 1921-1922 Student and graduate French Ecole de Cavalerie (outstanding among such schools in the world), Saumur, France.
- 1926-1927 Graduate Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
- 1929-1933 War Department General Staff.

While on duty with the New Jersey National Guard, he had a heart attack, which caused his retirement in August 1934.

Budd, from the start of his service, had a military objective in keeping with his special gifts and inclinations. He concentrated on cavalry as an element in war and in particular on equitation and horsemanship when these were still greatly important at West Point and throughout the Army as well as throughout the military world. Then the romance and prestige of the cavalryman were not merely matters of history as at present, but were still importantly considered in the strategy and tactics of all armies.

He became not only an outstanding exemplar of the art and knowledge of equitation and horsemanship but the dean of military instructors therein. For years he was importantly connected with our international equine competitions in which our Army took a deep professional interest. He was captain of the U.S. team in the horsemanship competition of the Inter-Allied Games following the Armistice, in the A.E.F., 1918. He also captained our mounted team at the Olympic Games in Antwerp, 1920. During many years of his service he officially participated in numerous important horse shows throughout the United States, always with great credit to the Army and with personal distinction and honors.

Although Budd strove to the last to wring every ounce of effectiveness out of his beloved horse cavalry in terms of modern weapons and changed means and methods of warfare, he was one of the little body of clear, logically-thinking and forward-

looking officers of the Cavalry who saw the handwriting on the wall. He was among those who strove to prepare for the era of armored warfare when the Cavalry insignia would appear on the turrets of armored vehicles and the Cavalry doctrine of mobility, firepower and shock would find battlefield expression without the aid of his beloved horses.

Had his health permitted, it is highly probable that he would have gained distinction as one of the leaders in the transformation of horse cavalry into the effective armored force of World War II.

From those who were his close friends and close observers of his service throughout the years, comes confirmation of the hopes we had in him as a cadet and a young officer.

Budd was a splendid gentleman and always a superior officer. Every job given him was performed most efficiently. Everything he attempted was accomplished superbly.

"He covered up a natural shyness by at times a more or less gruff manner. But his real sympathies were deep and true. When he gave you his friendship, it was for keeps. I do not know of a more staunch and faithful friend than he."

Due to failing health it was his bitter disappointment that he could not have an active part in World War II. His disappointment was alleviated in a large measure, however, by the fact that he was ably represented on the battlefield by his son, a lieutenant colonel in the antiaircraft artillery.

Also during the years before and during the war, he had the immense satisfaction of making his knowledge, experience and wisdom, gained through long years of active service, available to a long roster of active officers formerly under his command who came to him from time to time with their problems, as guide, philosopher and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Coghlin Merchant of Washington, D. C., and by his son, Lieutenant Colonel Marvin H. Merchant, Armored Force, and three grandchildren. He was especially pleased that one of them was named after him, Berkeley Thorne Merchant II.

In terms of years, and in terms of deeds, Budd fulfilled the poet's evaluation of living:

"We live in deeds, not years;
in thoughts, not in breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

* * * * *

He lives most who thinks most,
feels the noblest, acts the best."
Requiescat in pace.

—A. G.

Gustav Henry Franke

NO. 4948 CLASS OF 1911

DIED MARCH 19, 1953, IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 64 YEARS.

On March 24, 1953, Major General Gustav H. Franke was laid to rest at West Point, that rock-bound highland home he loved so well.

Gus Franke entered West Point with the Class of 1911 and graduated 13th in that class. His military career, a highly successful one, was brought to a sudden close in 1942. Wearing the stars of a Major General, Franke was about to embark for combat at the head of the 81st Infantry Division when a heart attack felled him and forced his retirement from active military service. Undaunted he slowly fought his way back to good health, built a beautiful home on the shores of the Atlantic in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and became a tireless worker and leader in the affairs of that community. Then that other great killer, cancer, ended the life of this man who had marked himself as a leader in civilian as well as in military life.

Dynamic is a word that well befits Gus Franke. Always active, he played polo until past middle age and was a top-notch football official of the South Eastern Conference at the age of forty-eight. The maintenance of a high state of physical fitness was to him a duty he owed his country. The heart attack that forced his retirement followed a strenuous trip over the obstacle course at the head of elements of his division.



He was a man of strong convictions who could never compromise where principle was involved. A proposition was either white or black to him; there were no grays in his life. He loved a battle and pitched into the closest friend when he believed that friend to be in the wrong.

After his retirement, his interest in national affairs seemed to grow steadily, and he made use of his ability as a writer to express his views on various questions. His letters, which appeared frequently in the Charlotte Observer, give a vivid picture of a man who believed in hitting the line with everything he had.

Rugged people often have the faculty of making enemies. Gus Franke had a remarkable capacity for making friends that characterized his whole life. *The Howitzer* of 1911 said of him: "If all the exponents of Good had the magnetism for his fellows that he has, there would be much less Bad in the world". Without preliminary nominations, the Class of 1911 elected its first president in 1916. When the last votes had arrived from the Philippines Franke had received so great a majority as to make his election practically unanimous. He remained Class President until 1951, when on the occasion of our fortieth

reunion at West Point he asked to be relieved of his duties.

The writer of this article was appointed to the faculty of Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1948. General Franke had served there as Professor of Military Science and Tactics some 15 years before. I expected to find that older members of the Faculty would recall Franke favorably. Gradually I was to realize that this man in a period of four or five years had made his stamp not only on the college but on the town of Auburn as well. Never have I known people in so many walks of life speak with such admiration and affection of a man who had been so long gone from their midst. The solicitude of the people of Auburn for General Franke during his last illness was a tribute to a man who loved his neighbor.

But to have known this man at his finest, one must have seen him in his home. Gus Franke married Mildred (Mike) McKee of Washington, D. C. in the Spring of 1912. Gus acted wisely, for in the remaining forty-one years of his life he found that this sweetheart of his youth never failed to be an inspirational helper, a wise counselor, a congenial companion and a devoted wife. The marriage was blessed by two daughters and a son, all of whom married early in life. Gus was proud of his lovely girls and of his son Gus Jr., Major of Field Artillery, who was twice decorated for bravery on the field of battle in the early days of the Korean War. He loved them and the nine grandchildren they brought him with a deep devotion, and the happiest days of his later years were those on which he gathered as many as possible of them around him in his home. One could not attend one of these reunions without feeling that a God-fearing man was receiving the crowning reward of a Christian father.

General Franke was a battle-tested veteran of World War I. He was a man whose professional competence was of the highest order. He was a born leader of men. There seems little doubt that, but for an unkind fate, his name would now be listed among the great military leaders of World War II. Yet he never complained of that fate, but kept on living his old unselfish life, preoccupied always with thoughts of his family and friends. Particularly was this true during the last year of his life, when he knew of the terrible malady with which he was afflicted. Even when informed that he had but a few days to live his thoughts were still of his fellow men. "No flowers," he requested his friends, "please send the money you would spend on them to the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund".

Truly a great man has gone to his Creator.

—J. B. Crawford.

Leon Harold Dunn

NO. 6120 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

DIED SEPTEMBER 3, 1952, IN WATERTOWN,
NEW YORK, AGED 56 YEARS.

NEARLY thirty-five years ago, at Fort Monroe, Va., two young second lieutenants of Coast Artillery, recent graduates of the U.S.M.A., made a solemn promise to each other: the survivor would attend the other's funeral. It was the writer's sad duty to at-

tend, at Watertown, N. Y. on September 5, 1952, the funeral of his closest life-long friend and classmate, Leon Harold Dunn. He was joined there by another classmate, Brigadier General Marion Van Voorst, one of Leon's oldest friends.

The Watertown *Daily Times* of September 4, 1952 stated in part: "Leon H. Dunn, 56, president of Martin Furs, Inc., died suddenly of a heart attack at his home about 3:30 Wednesday afternoon. (September 3rd.) Surviving Mr. Dunn are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Martin Dunn; a daughter, Miss Nancy Jane Dunn, and several brothers and sisters.

"Mr. Dunn appeared to be in his usual health during the day, having made a trip to Syracuse in the morning to take his daughter back to work there. He returned in the afternoon and shortly afterwards collapsed suddenly in the bathroom of an attack of coronary thrombosis. He died within a few minutes after the arrival of a physician".

It was Leon's privilege to be a member of the "Long Gray Line" before and



during a large part of World War I and to see many of his instructors attain high rank and fame during that conflict. He also lived to see many of those who marched shoulder to shoulder with him in the Corps reach military eminence in World War II.

For him, however, as for many of that era who had the capacity for military greatness, a soldier's fame was denied by the false economy and governmental shortsightedness of the early 1920's. To save money, the Army was reduced in size and officers were urged to take a year's pay and resign, or else suffer a reduction in rank. With the pride and independence which had characterized his early ancestors in northern New York, Leon chose to resign and embark upon a career which would be limited only by his own ability.

Born in Wells, N. Y. July 25, 1896, Leon had been graduated from high school in Northville, where he is now buried. He had also attended Union College in Schenectady before entering the Academy; so, in 1922, having resigned as a first lieutenant, he returned to his beloved northern New York to begin a career in civil life. With his wife, Margaret Martin Dunn, whom he had married in 1921, he settled first in Clinton, N. Y. and became secretary of The Martin Co., furriers of Utica. In 1934 he moved to Watertown, N. Y. where he later became owner of Martin Furs, Inc.

In Watertown, as in the Army and in Utica, Leon made a host of friends. He was a member of the Jefferson County Golf Club, the American Legion, and of Fish House Lodge No. 208, A.F.&A.M. Those of his classmates who, during the past thirty years, have been privileged to enjoy the warm hospitality of his home and of his north woods campfires will never forget his love of the north country and his sincere affection for his fellow men. For years classmates and civilians alike mingled as his guests and were happy and proud to call him friend.

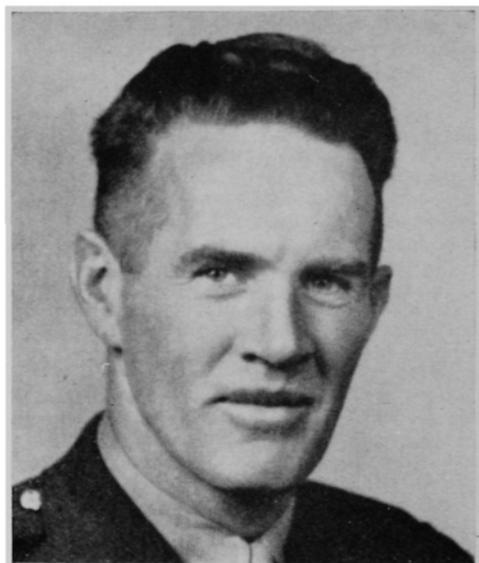
In twenty years of activity in civic organizations I have met many men in many communities throughout New York State. Never, however, have I seen anyone so highly regarded in his community as this unassuming classmate whose greatest happiness was found in simply being a "friend to man". The profusion of flowers that literally filled the room around his casket and the many expressions of regard that I heard at his funeral are testimonials not only to Leon as a man but also to him as a West Pointer who entered civil life late and yet won a lasting place in the hearts of his fellow citizens.

I may never again sleep by a campfire in the north country of New York as Leon and I did so many times together; but I shall visit Northville on occasions to stand by his grave and remember. There will be no tears, for I shall recall the happy days of our youth—in gray and khaki and "cits"—and be glad for the memories that come flooding back from West Point and Fort Monroe, from France and the far-off Rhine. And often, as I sit here alone in my cabin study where he and I sat many times before, I shall see again, in my mind's eye, his relaxed form and quizzical smile; and I shall hear again his low chuckle at some recollection of our youthful escapades. For me, therefore, he is not dead. He lives, and will live as long as God gives me remembrance of the days of our youth and of the classmates who, in memory, are always young.

—Edward A. Dolph.

crose, academics—indeed, all of the familiar aspects of the life known to cadets. I am sure that all of his classmates, who read this attempt to describe and remember him, will have poignant memories of Al's noble efforts to discourse and declaim, and to instruct the poor "tenderfoot" with whom he came in daily contact. None but his roommates will remember his daily letter to his beloved Katharine and the eagerness with which he awaited her regular replies. Only upon receipt of such a missive would Al subside into himself; then his eyes would reflect the greater things to which he eventually arrived.

Following Al's graduation, he was commissioned in the United States Army in the branch he loved best—the Cavalry. Service at various stations included the Presidio of Monterey, the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, plus an unforgettable assignment to the Military Academy as an instructor. With the advent of the war, he was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division, then to the activation of the 6th Armored, and after the desert training, was sent overseas to the



European Theater, where he commanded the 86th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized of the 6th Armored Division during the "breakthrough" and the Brittany Campaign. Immediately thereafter, as a Colonel, he commanded the Division Reserve Command, and later, Combat Command A of the 6th Armored. His command, which was one of the principal units engaged with the German Army at Bastogne, liberated the infamous slave camp at Buchenwald. Al wore the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and his decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the American Commendation Ribbon with Cluster, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the Government of France.

Typical expressions from men of the 6th Armored Division following Al's death give some idea of the place he held in the hearts and minds of the fighting men.

Major General Robert W. Grow, 6th Armored Division Commander wrote:

"It is not easy to put into words the thoughts that hit us when we got your message—A great soldier and a great guy. He fought well and the results were good. The army will miss a top leader and I will miss a great friend, who never failed me or his men in battle. He did his job well."

Colonel John L. Hines, Jr. wrote:

Albert Everett Harris

NO. 8887 CLASS OF 1930

DIED DECEMBER 6, 1952, AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, AGED 49 YEARS.

It is difficult to realize that Al with the curly red hair and the crinkly blue-eyed smile has joined the "Long Gray Line". To him, at last, has been given the one final order: "Rest!"

Albert Everett Harris, a member of a pioneer Nevada family, came to the United States Military Academy on July 1, 1925. There, he and all the rest of us were ground and sifted through the seeming strife of "beast barracks". One thing which stands out in my mind was the impossibility of wiping off Al's ever present grin. We joined forces as roommates shortly after the advent of beast barracks and went on through, as Al said: "four years of normal military education and one year of post graduate work to polish up some of the facets of these 'diamonds in the rough.'" At the Academy Al explored fully every phase of cadet life. He strove always for the best results in all of his efforts—football, la-

"Al and I were very close together during the war, and no one knows better than I do, his splendid character, deep loyalty, keen practical mind, never failing good humor and cheerful outlook on life. All of those of us in the 6th Armored Division, who knew him under the revealing clarity of battle and so loved and respected him will join me in mourning him. . ."

From Charlie W. Barbour of Washington, D. C.:

"I was Colonel Harris' intelligence sergeant, and was with him constantly under the worst conditions . . . he was a brilliant combat leader and many of us who served under him have his leadership to thank for being home today. If ever an officer was at all times an inspiration to his men, then that was true of Colonel Harris. . . At each of our Division Association reunions, the Colonel's name has been greeted with a standing ovation. . ."

"I think the greatest tribute that can be paid an officer is that of the men he led, and I want to assure you that there aren't enough words for the men of the 86th to express the gratitude they have for the privilege of serving under Colonel Harris. As long as any of us shall live, his name will live with us."

Following the war, Al remained on occupation duty as Provost Marshal of the United States Constabulary under the command of Major General Ernest N. Harmon.

The facets of life are many. Al was given temporary duty orders to the United States and during this period obtained leave to visit with his family. I met Al at a hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada—a meeting of pure chance. Needless to say, reminiscences were many and varied but an outstanding one is that while Al was on the ground with his troops at Frankfurt, Germany, my outfit was bombing the same target from English bases. Unwittingly and unknown to each other, we were working together and helping each other. Another occasion of such unwitting cooperation came when General Patton's forces ran out of existing maps of the terrain over which they were progressing. We were called upon to drop these maps. Al and his outfit received these maps and proceeded with the offensive.

Al was married to his beloved Katharine upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1930. This marriage resulted in the birth of two daughters, Maizie and Kress. The ever charming Katharine and the effervescent Maizie and Kress lived with him in Germany and later returned to the United States to be with him in the usual postwar station assignments that fell to all our lots. For Al these included duty at Fort Knox and at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, where in 1951-1952 he was Director of Instruction.

At the time of Al's reception of the final order, he was the Army Attache Designate to Turkey, and was studying Turkish at the Language School in Monterey in preparation for his new assignment.

Al's funeral was held with full military honors at the Presidio of Monterey—his first station and his last.

He is buried in the picturesque and peaceful San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco, overlooking the Golden Gate in the same plot as Katharine's father and mother, Colonel and Mrs. John Paul Ryan.

His family will reside at 777 Washington Street, in Reno, Nevada, with the younger daughter Kress remaining with her mother while Maizie continues her education at the University of Kansas.

There's a bit of Shakespeare which most aptly describes my friend and our classmate—Al Harris:

"Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar
Those friends thou hast, and their adoption
tried
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of
steel.
Beware of entrance to a quarrel; but being
in,
Bear't, that the opposed may beware of
thee. .
This above all: to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

R E S T !

—G. L. M.

John Earl Metzler

NO. 9365 CLASS OF 1932

DIED NOVEMBER 8, 1951, IN BAY SAINT LOUIS,
MISSISSIPPI, AGED 43 YEARS.

ON the morning of November 8, 1951, Johnny and Betty Metzler were enjoying a normal day together at their pleasant Logtown, Mississippi, home when Johnny suffered a severe heart attack. Twenty minutes later while they were en route to the hospital, John died quietly and painlessly, and a big man was gone.

This is not intended as a statistical record of Johnny's career. It's all in the AG's files, and letters from his senior officers confirm, that his professional performance was uniformly superior from his first assignment as a bachelor Second Lieutenant when he helped pull a Corps Area prep school out of the doldrums, through his war service in a key logistics spot supporting the Normandy invasion, to his final duty as Assistant Professor at West Point. This article is intended as a brief glimpse of him as a personality over the years, written for those who knew Johnny but didn't get to see him as often as they would have liked; those who knew him as a cadet and didn't serve with him in later years; those who met him late in life and would like to know of his early years; but mostly for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Metzler, of Youngstown, Ohio, who thought of him always, but like all soldiers' parents, saw him all too seldom. It's for Betty, too, of course, but she is part of it all and already has all this in her heart.

The material for this article about him was contributed by people who knew him intimately; contemporaries, officers both senior and junior to him, and civilians. Many of the individual letters were in themselves longer than space allows for this article, and, in sum, they cover all his adult life from the time he entered West Point until he died. I have only edited and (regretfully) condensed them, but I have sent them all on to Betty. If it seems written in a rather lighter vein than one would expect in an article of this kind, it is because that's the way Johnny himself thought and talked.

The letters were written independently, of course, in widely scattered parts of the globe, and covered different periods of his career, but one theme stands out to a startling degree in all of them—Johnny would do anything to help others; from the Goat roommates he carried through academics, to the ill wife of a classmate whom he wrote

just one week before his own death. "You don't need a doctor," wrote Johnny, "you need a good dose of Metzler's. Come down and stay with us for a while."

But to begin at the beginning.

Johnny's undergraduate years were those of a normal cadet who leaned toward the vigorous approach to life and had a well-balanced sense of values, serious when the situation required, carefree when the heat was off. He regularly gave a generous amount of his time to instructing Goat roommates and, in some specific instances, this was the deciding factor which kept them in the Academy.

A little bull for strength and a well-rounded athlete, Johnny was the leading ground gainer in the first victory ever scored by the Engineers in their classic series with the well-loaded Goats. A roommate (on the Goats, naturally) writes that his most vivid recollection of cadet days was getting in the way when John was in a scoring mood. Emerging from the subsequent blackout, he found John bending over him, almost in tears, and the game temporarily forgotten.

His first station after graduation was Fort Monroe, and typically enough, he started off by setting something of a record. Probably because he himself got into West Point the hard way by a competitive exam from the Ohio National Guard, Johnny always took a personal interest in helping others to enter and graduate from the Academy.

The Corps Area had not been too successful in getting its quota of soldiers into West Point so it was more or less natural that Johnny, with two other Second Lieutenants, should be given the job of starting a full time prep school to do something about it. He not only helped plan the course, taught a full schedule and coached in his spare time, but went out on his own on weekends to dig up Congressional appointments. The result of all this was that the Corps Area, which had only two appointments to the Academy from the ranks per year, entered a total of 26 soldiers in the two years that Johnny was there.

During this period he also consumed countless hours and a Plymouth roadster ricocheting between Monroe and Langley Field where a peachcake named Betty Wheeler was living with her folks. In early 1933 they were married at Fort Monroe and began more than 18 years of extremely happy married life. From then until the time war broke out, Johnny had the usual succession of peacetime posts, always living the full life and enjoying it thoroughly. A friend who moved to a post two weeks before the Metzlers left, and were themselves involved in packing and crating, found that Betty and Johnny had arranged for quarters, beds were actually made up, and food was in the icebox. Undoubtedly he could have found plenty of others to do the job under the circumstances, but he would no more have missed doing it himself than he would have missed the bottle of sparkling burgundy with which he and Betty punctiliously saluted each wedding anniversary.

A formidable statistician, Johnny featured his Panama tour by making a profound and scientific study of the probabilities of the Panamanian lottery in order to beat it methodically. He didn't buy any Cadillacs down there, but on the other hand, he was never seen walking barefoot in the streets. Hand in hand with this pastime was his hobby of working the most difficult crossword puzzles in pen and ink, in the firm conviction that anyone who used an eraser was an illiterate sissy.

His golf was studious and serious. Maybe he had the occasional hook and admittedly there was a little more tail on his slice than

he would have liked, but he finished every round convinced that he finally had the secret and that he would cut ten strokes off the next round. His golf secret must have been living right, because when his car received a direct hit by a stroke of lightning one time while Johnny was in the act of putting his clubs in the trunk, he got by with nothing less than a knockdown (up at the count of three) and an embarrassing burn.

He was also a short order cook of no small accomplishment. One of his more bizarre methods which you will not learn at the Cordon Bleu, involved making hamburgers by rolling the meat in a perfect sphere, christening it after some well known character, and then flattening it by slamming it onto the table top. It is to be noted that Hitlers were always wafer thin.

He liked his coffee à point (no cream, please, just a little evaporated milk), knew how to make it, and was a touch sensitive to any criticism. He was a self-taught pianist and after dinner entertained friends with a wide selection of pieces. As he himself airily put it, if you didn't like "Symphony" you could take your choice of "Cheminade's Scarf Dance in B-flat" or a game of pin-ochle.

To finish off, but by no means exhaust, comments on his interest in the indoor sports, he was the genial autocrat at the poker table, and many an Army wife today calls her hands correctly because of Johnny's jovial but firm insistence on the well-known rule that you get just one call and must read the hand right the first time.

The early stages of World War II found Johnny in the Pentagon in charge of the vital European Section of the Army Service Force's Planning Division and the following is almost a direct quote from his Commanding General. The responsibility for seeing that combat troops leaving for England were properly equipped, that service troops were provided to meet requirements, and that all the equipment and supplies required for the Normandy invasion were provided in time within the strictly limited shipping capabilities, rested squarely on Johnny's shoulders. For well over a year of most intensive activity preceding the Normandy Invasion, his usual work week ranged from 80 to 90 hours. Johnny was always the last one to leave and literally worked himself into a state of physical exhaustion. After a brief rest he was back in the office on the same schedule and after several other attempts to slow him down failed, the C.G. issued an order that no one in Johnny's section would leave until Johnny did himself. Seeing that this made all the others follow his own man-killing schedule, Johnny finally shortened his hours somewhat. To quote his boss, "During all this time he was quiet, reasonable, pleasant and brilliant". He spent time in the active Theater of Operation during the most critical period and went to Europe for assignment just before the end of the war, following through with his tremendous logistics job as Chief of the Army Service Forces Redeployment Liaison Mission.

After the war he returned for the second time to the Academy he loved, this time as Assistant Professor in Mathematics. Although far from well, he turned in his usual outstanding performance for a year and a half before going to Walter Reed in 1947. While undergoing treatment there, his impact on the others can best be shown by a verbatim excerpt from the letter of a lady who gave her time to teaching ceramics as part of the occupational therapy course in the hospital. She was the Austrian-born wife of a university professor in Washington, a professional ceramist in her own

right, and on the verge of having to give up her service at Walter Reed because of lack of time.

"Colonel Metzler was one of the patients I shall never forget. He made me disregard all worries and troubles of the day and overcome fatigue and impatience, and neglect the chores of 'important' house work. I came to the hospital because I knew he was there and needed me. . . When he was discharged everybody was sorry to see him go. Not many patients have made me feel so grateful that I am allowed the privilege to help."

It is to be noted, of course, that all the other patients in that class at the hospital profited by her going there because of Johnny.

After retiring in June of '48, he, Betty and the two children went to Logtown, Mississippi; a sunny pleasant town where they had a house and four acres right on the Gulf. Was it time to quit, take it easy, feel sorry for himself maybe? Not for a minute.

He reported items for the two local newspapers, was Secretary-Treasurer of the PTA, and a trustee of the Logtown school. Per-



sonally and by himself, he dug up enough donations from local merchants to build a badly needed school cafeteria. Having got the money, he recruited his then 10-year old son Johnny and two others to help him build it. He loved the place and its people, and they loved him, as their written eulogies show.

He's gone now but he left some very real and tangible monuments behind him. The 19 years of professional services rendered, the 26 potential officers, the Goat roommates (very real officers), and the school cafeteria should be enough.

Besides those, however, there is first of all, 12-year old Johnny, Jr., a good looking boy who is big for his age and doing very well in the 7th grade at St. Stanislaus, a top flight school in Bay St. Louis. There is also 19-year old Lucia, a lovely lady who has finished her education and has an excellent secretarial position in an important firm in New Orleans: a poised, mature gal who was a marvelous help to both Betty and young John in the tough period, and who spends all her weekends with them. And finally, there is Betty, with a lifetime of memories who wouldn't have changed a day of it.

Like a real champ, he finished going away.

—Ken Zitzman.

John Edward Ray, Jr.

NO. 14706 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED JULY 25, 1947, IN A PLANE CRASH NEAR
NAHA ARMY AIR BASE, OKINAWA,
AGED 26 YEARS.

JACK was born at Lincoln, Nebraska, on December 7, 1920, while his parents were living at Clay Center, Nebraska. His early boyhood was spent at Clay Center, and then he moved to Hastings, Nebraska, in 1929. It was there that he received all of his schooling prior to going to West Point, including three years at Hastings College.

He was greatly interested in football, and lettered two years in high school and all three years at Hastings College, where in his senior year he was chosen Honorary Captain and All-Conference Center. In addition to his athletic ability Jack was the lead in his high school play his senior year. He was also the recipient of the Rotary Medal for Outstanding Senior Boy and that same year was chosen by Job's Daughters as Job's Gentleman from the Order of De Molays of which he was a member. He was a class officer in high school for two years; Class President one year and Class Secretary another. He was also Class President as a freshman in college.

One man with whom Jack was closely associated for several years was Dr. Harry R. James, Head of the Science Department at Hastings College, who wrote that—"Jack Ray was one of the finest of all the fellows with whom I have been privileged to work during my twenty years at Hastings College. He was the sharp, clean-cut, gentlemanly type which everyone admires and respects"

"Among the student body he was somewhat retiring and reserved and was never one to seek the spot-light; yet he was well known to all and everyone was his friend. He went about his work in a quiet, earnest and efficient manner and always did everything well; giving his best to the work before him."

"The entire faculty looked upon Jack as a fellow of sound judgment and one who was completely dependable at all times. His courteous, cooperative attitude was an inspiration to both his teachers and to his fellow students."

"As an athlete Jack was a coach's dream. He was lightweight for football but his fight and aggressiveness made him a most valuable man on the team. Playing at center in a conference where he was usually outweighed he could still be counted upon for sixty minutes of fight. I do not recall that he ever had to leave a game. He was a great team player and never tried to be the 'star'. He played a hard, clean game and he played to win. His fighting spirit was typical of Jack's philosophy of life; when he chose sides on a question it was that side which he thought was right and he gave it his fullest support. West Point should be proud to honor him both as a soldier and as a man."

One of Jack's finest birthday presents arrived on December 7, 1941 when he received his appointment to West Point, and his carefree college days came to an end in the summer of 1942 when Jack entered West Point.

Jack's roommate at West Point wrote:

"When Jack arrived at West Point, he quickly established the fact that he was a real man in every way. His was the great enthusiasm and warm humor that kept

many of his classmates pushing ahead during the dreary days of Beast Barracks”.

“His keen mind and the excellent academic background acquired at Hastings College allowed him great latitude in choice of interests while at West Point. Without question he was the most popular cadet in his company, but popularity was something that he never worked for or thought about. His humor was so clean and infectious, his character so strong and manly, and his outlook so fresh and well balanced that he possessed the real qualities of leadership sought after by so many and achieved by so few. But those of us who lived with him and knew him best will remember longest his ever present desire to help others, for no man has ever been more unselfishly devoted to others.”

Like all of his classmates, Jack was happy when the four year course was cut to three years, and of course Graduation Day in June 1945 was one of the big events in Jack's life. It meant the start of a new career and also the chance to actively help the United States in the War with Japan.

The first few months after graduation were spent in the Southeast United States.



First Jack was assigned to Napier Field, Dothan, Alabama to take P-40 fighter transition and gunnery training. Next he was assigned to Orlando Field, Florida, to take a short Junior Staff Officer's Course. At Orlando Jack first heard of the Japanese surrender. The surrender was followed immediately by large scale demobilization which resulted in closing up practically all bases in the Southeast United States. From Orlando Jack was transferred back to Napier Field and from there to Dale Mabry Field, Florida, and thence to Bartow Field, Florida, for a few weeks and finally to Hunter Field, Georgia. After waiting at Hunter Field for a few more weeks, Jack received orders sending him to the Overseas Replacement Depot at Kearns, near Salt Lake City, Utah. From there he was sent to Camp Stoneman, California; the last Stateside stop before departure on the troop transport USAT Admiral Hughes to Manila in the Philippine Islands.

The three weeks spent in Manila were very enjoyable, but further orders soon arrived sending Jack to Okinawa. He was assigned to the 21st Fighter Squadron, 301st Fighter Wing, with primary duty as Squadron Adjutant and secondary duty as fighter pilot.

Jack loved the flying more than the paper work and he flew every chance he had. He

soon developed into one of the best pilots in the squadron, and was one of the first of his classmates on Okinawa to lead a flight. On at least two occasions Jack showed a high degree of skill in bringing his disabled fighter plane back to the field for a safe landing.

The combination of flying P-47's and keeping the paper work in order didn't give Jack too much leisure time, but he spent many a free evening at the squadron club leading the barbershop quartet in some of their favorite songs. However, Jack often gave up his free time to volunteer for weekend patrol flights for nothing pleased Jack quite as much as flying.

Living and working with Jack on Okinawa for over a year was truly a privilege. He was always ready and eager to lend a helping hand when needed and he always lived by his high Christian principles. He had the wonderful trait of being able to find and appreciate good in everyone. His fine personal appearance and that infectious smile were enough in themselves to win him many friends, but his straight-forwardness, security of purpose and his engaging personality won him many more and bound those friends to him with unquestioned loyalty. His venturesome character and creative, versatile mind, coupled with a courageous spirit equipped him richly for his career in the Air Force.

The crash of his P-47 ended the promising career and the mortal life of John E. Ray, Jr., but, with the Grace of God, Jack has the privilege of being young throughout Eternity.

—His Classmates.

Andrew Alexander McCoy, Jr.

NO. 15945 CLASS OF 1946

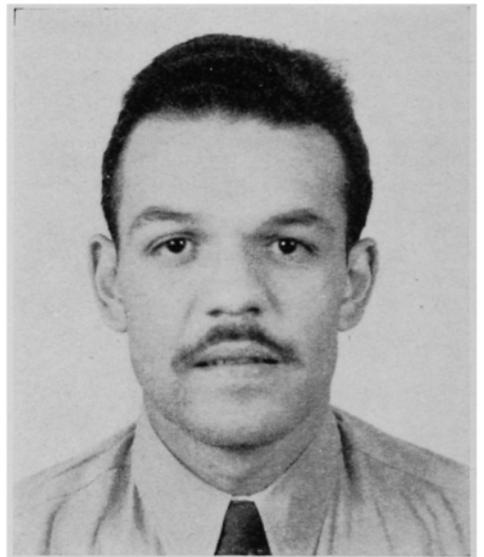
KILLED DECEMBER 31, 1952, IN A PLANE CRASH NEAR FORLI, ITALY. AGED 30 YEARS.

ANDREW ALEXANDER MCCOY, JR. was born in the year of nineteen hundred and twenty-two on the twenty-seventh day of July in Leechburg, Pennsylvania, at the home of his maternal grandfather. He was brought to Pittsburgh soon after birth and spent his childhood in Pittsburgh. His early childhood traits indicated the path his life was to follow for he showed great interest in scholarship, art, music and sports. While still in grade school, Andrew wrote a play for the grade school graduation exercises in which he played the leading part of the defense counsel. Andrew was a leader from the start. He was elected president of the student council at Baxter Junior High School and served two terms in this capacity. He was on the honor roll from grade school through high school and expressed a desire at an early age to study law. While a pre-law student at the University of Pittsburgh, Andrew spent several summers as a counselor at Camp James Weldon Johnson near Pittsburgh, where he spent many hours with young boys training them in various arts, crafts and sports. Andrew had a sincere interest in youngsters and often liked to relate to them his experiences as a newsboy; his newsboy experience beginning at the age of nine. His conscientiousness in whatever job he undertook was passed on to the younger boys. After receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Andrew received an appointment to West Point and graduated from the Academy in 1946. Andrew used the motto "If you cannot find a

way, make one" as his guide throughout his life. His determination, ambition, ability and good nature carried him through his short, but full, life.

Andrew belonged to several organizations during his life. As a member of the R.O.T.C. at the University of Pittsburgh for four years, he became a member of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade and was later elected Captain of the Society. He was also a member of the John Marshall Association at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1946 Andrew became a member of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy. In 1950 he became a life member of the Air Force Aid Society of Washington, D. C.

His assignments during his military career were all dutifully performed. In addition to his flying duties, while serving three years in Germany from 1949 through 1952, Andrew was in charge of all base supplies, and often served as Defense Counsel and Trial Judge Advocate in Courts-Martials at the base. His superior officers have sent letters of commendation for the fine service performed by Andrew while overseas and have commented on the great interest he took in social and domestic affairs. He took



part and contributed both money and hard work to charity drives overseas, established himself with foreign friends as a peacemaker, and took great delight in telling his foreign friends of the American ideals in life. Telegrams and letters from Europe and America have borne testimony to the good will he instituted on both continents.

Captain McCoy returned to the United States in October 1952 on a thirty-day leave before reporting to his new station, Dover Air Force Base, in Delaware. He was enriched in knowledge from his travels and was making plans to re-enter college when he received his last assignment to lead a squadron of planes from the United States to Europe. With courage he performed his last duty to his country. An excerpt from a letter Andrew wrote home while serving his three years of duty overseas will best express his own personal feeling for his profession—"I am happy again now that I am flying jet aircraft again—fighter planes had become a part of me, and once you soar to the vastness of God's kingdom and see all about you so small and infinite, there is no turning back—I have climbed to heights where peace is utmost and clouds do not venture—there have I found a world with God . . ."

—Germaine McCoy Haynes,
his sister.

Emory Robert Wells

NO. 15636 CLASS OF 1946

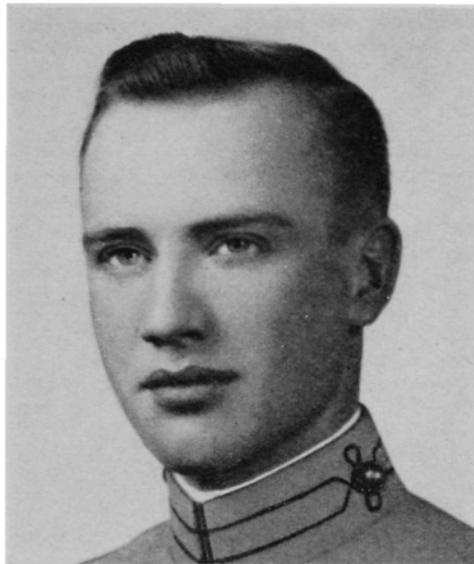
OFFICIALLY DECLARED DEAD AS OF MARCH 10, 1951, AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE IN FLIGHT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

FROM his days as a Georgia school boy to the hour he and the B-29 he commanded disappeared somewhere over the Mediterranean, Captain Emory R. Wells was a leader.

Born on April 20, 1926, near a small South Georgia town of Ashburn, the son of Mrs. Andrew Smith and the late A. B. Wells, Captain Wells showed an aptitude for leadership early in life.

This courage grew with him, from his early days as a farm boy, as a West Point graduate, and, finally, as a soldier who made the supreme sacrifice.

His childhood years were spent on a farm with his parents. When his father died, he took on many of the responsibilities of adulthood while he was still a



youth. Working side by side with him was his family: his mother; his sister, Louise; and his brother, Preston. It was in his family and his friends that he found his greatest encouragement.

Sometime during his early life, he was given the nickname, "Bud". The name remained with him throughout his lifetime. The nickname exemplified the zest for life which he maintained and his always good-natured vigor with which he met the problems, the set-backs and the successes of his life.

He had that rare combination: scholarship mixed with generosity and humor. A quiet and determined student, he believed in action. He was ambitious, but never demanding. He loved laughter, but never at the expense of others. During high school, he was a superior student. He took part in high school athletics—mainly baseball and football—but his main interests, and great achievements, came in academic studies where he excelled. He was a member of his high school Beta Club; he took an active part in activities of the high school Future Farmers of America organization. When high schools added the World War II Victory Corps program, "Bud" Wells was a natural choice as student commander at Ashburn.

Following high school graduation in 1942, he entered the Citadel at Charleston, S. C., where he continued his outstanding scholastic record. It was at the Citadel that he made his decision to enter the U.S. Military Academy.

After completion of a year of study at the Citadel, he was admitted to West Point in 1943.

He was graduated from the Academy in June 1946. On July 12, 1946, he married his childhood sweetheart, Miss Claire Thompson, in his home town.

Their son, Emory R. Wells, Jr., died in September 1949.

Assigned to Walker Air Base, Roswell, New Mexico, Capt. Wells reported for overseas duty at Lakenheath, England, in February 1951.

Three weeks later, Capt. Wells and eleven others aboard the B-29 he commanded disappeared in the Mediterranean area somewhere off the coast of Southeastern Spain on a routine navigational flight.

A report of faint SOS signals spurred a round-the-clock search for the missing plane, its crew and its commander.

The Spanish Government permitted the search to cross Spanish soil; the U.S. Air Force was joined by the British, French and Spanish Air Forces.

The search failed to uncover any sign of the plane or its crew.

On February 10, 1952, in the home town he loved, memorial services paid tribute to the 24-year old soldier who fulfilled the pledge of allegiance to his country which he made upon graduation from West Point.

Like thousands of others who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, he is remembered not as much as a hero as a boy on a Georgia farm who rose to a high pinnacle of success, and, along the way, made others happy.

Whatever his shortcomings, fear was not one of them. He was immensely proud of his family, his friends and of being a member of the Armed Forces of his country.

He leaves behind him a memory of humbleness that only the courageous know.

—Mrs. A. C. Smith, his mother; and Austin Saxon.

Thomas Francis Casserly, III

NO. 17376 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION, OCTOBER 1, 1952, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT THOMAS FRANCIS CASSERLY, III, was born June 16, 1928, in Englewood, New Jersey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Casserly, Jr.

Tom entered the United States Military Academy in 1946 with many future friends and classmates. His ability to project his sincere understanding to others was felt even in Beast Barracks, where we first had the honor of knowing him. Through four years of diligent work and training, Tom not only bettered himself but also helped to better others. On many occasions he offered his time and assistance to classmates who were having difficulty in various subjects. He wore academic honor stars during his plebe year, but because he was helping so many other cadets, his own standing fell slightly the last three years. He often told us that honor and achievement did not always have to be visible; what mattered most was what one's heart and

soul felt. This was Tom, a true, loyal and sincere friend to all, and loved by all. On graduation, Tom took a commission in the Air Force and in his training he again excelled.

On August 9, 1951, he married Elizabeth Fissell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Fissell of Montclair, New Jersey, at Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange, New Jersey. By January 1952, Tom was off to Korea where he fought his last and greatest battle. The following are extracts from two letters written to Libby after Tom's death—we know a man by what his friends say:

From a classmate: "There was something magnetic about Tom; I've known many people better than I knew him, but never have I formed such an admiration or affection on actually, a casual acquaintance. He had ability plus—I knew that from the Point. Yet he was so friendly and well-adjusted that to talk to him was pleasant as well as stimulating. I don't think I've ever known a man with more self-respect that came from within. He didn't talk about his ideals, but from his way of living and working they were apparent. On the other hand, his confidence was as far from egotism as black is from white; his conscien-



tiousness was not the eager type by any means. He didn't butter up the right people to get ahead; he just did a better job than anyone and let the record stand quietly"

From his Squadron Commander: "His sheer capacity for work and thoroughness in performance of duty were far beyond that ordinarily found in an officer of his experience. . . I feel that you should know that prior to his accident, he was recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross, The Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Silver Star, the latter for uncommon bravery in action against the enemy while attempting the rescue of another downed pilot. It is the consensus of all of us who have served with Tom that he represented the highest ideals of the service he so genuinely loved"

Tom was killed on October 1, 1952 in Korea, as the result of a plane crash while returning from a combat training mission. He had been indoctrinating a new officer in the type of formation being flown in Korea when his ship developed a mechanical failure.

Tom was a true Christian, whose sole ambition in life was to help others. Towards this end he dedicated his short but full life.

Tom has a daughter Susan, born on June 29, 1952 whom he never saw, and it is she

