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

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For over a century and a half the United States Military Academy has been responsible for providing the nation with graduates possessing the basic knowledge, qualities and character required for progressive development as career officers of the Regular Army. This responsibility has been met by a continuous evolution and development of the Academy curriculum, and in no field of instruction have greater changes occurred than in that which deals with the vital tools of war—Ordnance.

The importance of instruction of the Cadet in Ordnance was clearly stated by General J. Lawton Collins, then Army Chief of Staff, at the Founders Day Exercises, held at West Point on 16 March 1952. General Collins declared: "A new framework of national defense is being created because of new developments in weapons that completely astound even the most optimistic military planners. Guided missiles, atomic weapons, jet aircraft and tremendously powerful ammunition are among these developments and their implications are so vast and their potential so promising that if we are not careful it is possible that our total national effort could be directed into one specific system to the detriment of other systems which, in time, might prove even more effective." Thus it becomes increasingly important that our future military leaders secure a basic foundation upon which to build their understanding of modern and future weapons.

An understanding of the engineering principles embodied in new weapons, and their effective evaluation, is essential for every good officer, regardless of branch assignment. Admiral Mahan stated many years ago: "The student will observe that changes in tactics have not only taken place after changes in weapons, which necessarily is the case, but that the interval between such changes is unduly long. This doubtless arises from the fact that our improvement of weapons is due to the energy of one or two men, while changes in tactics have to overcome the inertia of a conservative class; but it is a great evil. It can be remedied only by a candid recognition of each change." The course in Ordnance and related activities at the Military Academy must make this recognition by its graduates possible.

The present Department of Ordnance at the Military Academy is a gradual growth from the Department of Artillery and the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery. In the earlier stages of development the instruction was mostly practical and little is known of it prior to 1812. From 1812 to 1817 General Cullum writes: "tactics of infantry and artillery were Captain Partridge's delight, and were well taught, but were necessarily limited, owing to the small number of cadets to exercise, and the few pieces of Ordnance for drill or target practice."

The Department of Artillery first appears upon the records in 1817, the first instructor being George W. Gardiner, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Artillery, whose tour of duty extended from 15 September 1817 to 1 February 1820. During part of this time he was also Commandant of Cadets. In 1821 the instructor in artillery was made a member of the Academic Board by Academy Regulations. The instructors in the Department of Artillery are shown in Table I.

From 1820 to 1857 the artillery course gradually became more theoretical and less practical. In 1826 the scientific portion of the course was transferred from the Department of Engineering under the head of "Science of Artillery". In 1839-40, pyrotechny was added along with instruction in the manufacture of gunpowder, percussion powder, cannon and projectiles.

In 1857 the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery was organized pursuant to the following resolution of the Academic Board of December 5, 1856:

"That the portion of the present course of artillery which comprises the science of gunnery, and what is known in our service as Ordnance be disconnected from that which relates to tactics merely, and be made the subject of a separate department, and that the additional time necessary for the development and improvement of this department be taken from that now given to practical engineering in October."

By December 9, 1856 the course was arranged as follows: "Ordnance and Gunnery from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from October 1 to the end of the first week in March, alternating every other week day with cavalry tactics during October and two weeks in November, and with riding during the remainder of the term."

The Academic Regulations of 1857 provided for the detail of the instructor of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery and constituted him a member of the Academic Board. Captain James G. Benton, Ordnance Department, was assigned to duty at West Point and became the first Professor of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery. The Professors of the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery are listed in Table II.

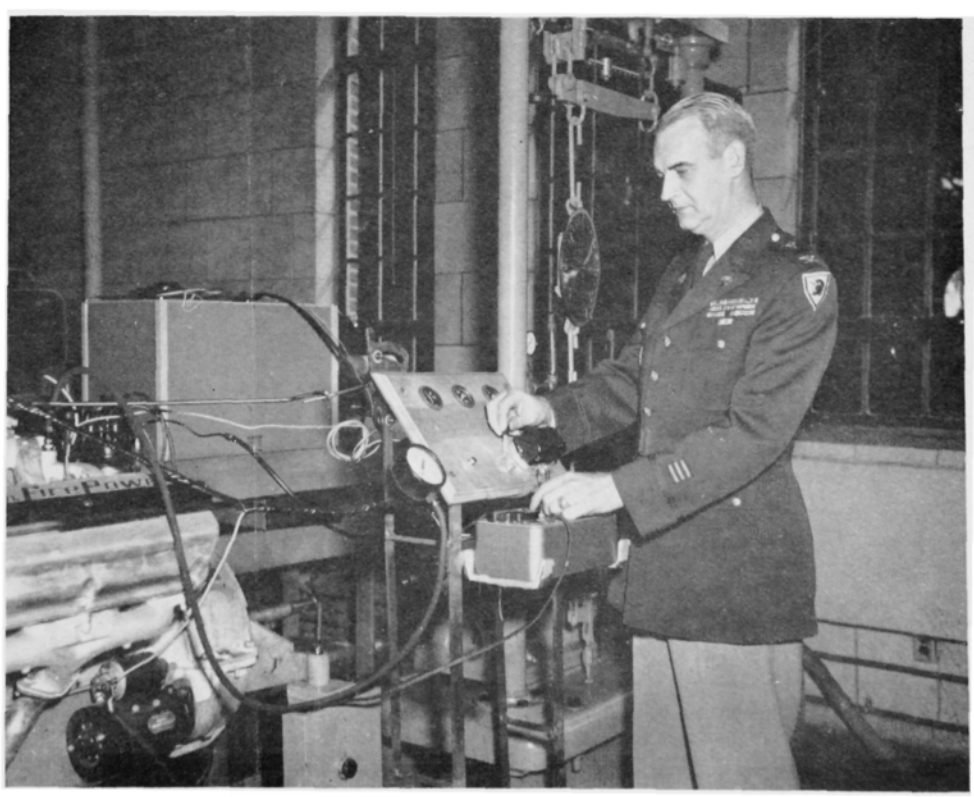
In 1857 the course was described as follows:

a. Ordnance and science of gunnery—nomenclature and description of the different kinds and parts of artillery, gun carriages, caissons, and other artillery carriages, of artillerists' implements and military projectiles.

b. Gunnery—Theory of gunnery.

c. Pyrotechny—making musket, rifle, pistol, cannon, and howitzer cartridges, preparation of strap, grape, and canister shot, priming tubes, fuzes, slow and quick match, portfire, rockets, carcasses, fireballs, light balls, and incendiary composition, loading shells, shrapnel shot, and grenades; making musket balls; putting up stores for transportation; loading caissons, and the manner of proving powder, shot, and shells, inspecting guns, etc.

Only cadets of the First (Senior) Class were taught by the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery. Upon beginning the study of Ordnance the class was divided into sections according to general merit as cadets, and after the January examinations they were re-sectioned in accordance with their standing in the subject. Practical instruction in the laboratory was given to the First Class during a part of Summer en-



Colonel John D. Billingsley, Professor and Head of the Department of Ordnance. . .

TABLE I

INSTRUCTORS IN ARTILLERY, U.S.M.A.

Name	*Class*	*Rank and Regiment*	*From*	*To*
George W. Gardiner	1814	Second Lieutenant, Corps of Artillery	17 Sep 1817	1 Feb 1820
Fabius Whiting	Non-graduate	Captain, Corps of Artillery	15 Aug 1820	7 Aug 1821
Z. J. D. Kinsley	1819	Second Lieutenant, Third Artillery	18 Dec 1823	1 Dec 1835
Robert Anderson[1]	1825	First Lieutenant, Third Artillery	1 Dec 1835	6 Nov 1837
Miner Knowlton	1829	First Lieutenant, First Artillery	9 Nov 1837	1 Jul 1844
E. D. Keyes	1832	Captain, Third Artillery	25 July 1844	24 Dec 1848
William H. Shover	1838	Captain, Third Artillery and Brevet Major, U.S.A.	24 Dec 1848	7 Sep 1850
George H. Thomas[2]	1840	First Lieutenant, Third Artillery, and Brevet Major, U.S.A.	2 Apr 1851	1 May 1854
Fitz-John Porter[3]	1845	First Lieutenant, Fourth Artillery, and Brevet Major, U.S.A.	1 May 1854	11 Sep 1855
Henry F. Clarke	1842	First Lieutenant, Second Artillery, and Brevet Captain, U.S.A.	11 Sep 1855	6 Aug 1856

1—Union Commander at Fort Sumpter 1861
2—"Rock of Chickamauga".
3—NYC Police Commissioner 1884.

campment and between the 1st of April and the 15th of May. In 1857, as has already been noted, the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery had been organized and hence the tactical part of the course had been transferred to the Department of Tactics.

The unusual ability of Captain J. G. Benton, Ordnance Department, the first instructor in Ordnance and Gunnery, gave an organizational form and content to the course of instruction that was felt during the next half century. His textbook, *Benton's Ordnance and Gunnery*, published first in 1861, was well known as a model book and furnished the basis of most of the subsequent texts. It is interesting to note that the U. S. Naval Academy's first ordnance text was also published in 1861.

The first of the revisions was made by Captain Alfred Mordecai, Ordnance Department, who published a series of pamphlets, taking up the different chapters of Benton in detail and bringing them up-to-date. His intention was upon the completion of the work to publish it in book form, but unfortunately he was relieved from duty before this work was accomplished.

The course for some years after Mordecai's tour consisted of his pamphlets and those parts of Benton which still applied, supplemented by notes published by Major Clifton Comly, who succeeded Mordecai. It was during this time that the old system of exterior ballistics, Didion's, was replaced by a more modern one, Niven's.

Captain Henry Metcalfe, who succeeded Major Comly, found that the course needed a thorough revision, and he proceeded with the work and finally published his *Ordnance and Gunnery*, which remained a textbook until 1896. When Captain Metcalfe's book was written the artillery system of the United States was in embryo, as was the subject of small arms and certain other aspects of Ordnance. Shortly after his relief from duty in 1891, all these factors in the Ordnance field assumed definite shape. The

TABLE II

HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ORDNANCE AND SCIENCE OF GUNNERY

	Name	*Class*	*Rank When Appointed*	*Term of Service* *From*	*To*
1.	James G. Benton	1842	Captain, Ordnance Dept	27 Feb 1857	26 Apr 1861
2.	Stephen V. Benet[1]	1849	First Lieutenant, Ordnance Dept	26 Apr 1861	1 Feb 1864
3.	Thomas J. Treadwell	1854	Captain, Ordnance Dept	11 Feb 1864	13 Sep 1864
4.	George T. Balch[3]	1851	Captain, Ordnance Dept	22 Feb 1864	12 Jul 1865
5.	Alfred Mordecai	1861	Captain, Ordnance Dept	12 Jul 1865	2 Aug 1869
6.	Theodore Edson	1860	Major, Ordnance Dept	2 Aug 1869	17 Nov 1870
7.	Thomas C. Bradford	1861	Captain, Ordnance Dept	1 Jan 1871	12 Jan 1872
8.	Stephen C. Lyford, Jr.	1861	Captain, Ordnance Dept	30 Jan 1872	28 Jun 1872
9.	John R. McGinness	1863	Captain, Ordnance Dept	25 Jul 1872	30 Aug 1874
10.	Alfred Mordecai	1861	Major, Ordnance Dept	30 Aug 1874	28 Aug 1881
11.	Clifton Comly	1862	Major, Ordnance Dept	28 Aug 1881	28 Aug 1886
12.	Henry Metcalfe[4]	1868	Captain, Ordnance Dept	28 Aug 1886	8 Aug 1891
13.	Lawrence L. Bruff	1876	Captain, Ordnance Dept	17 Aug 1891	14 Aug 1900
14.	Frank E. Hobbs	1878	Captain, Ordnance Dept	15 Aug 1900	1 Jul 1904
15.	Ormond M. Lissak	1882	Captain, Ordnance Dept	1 Jul 1904	10 Apr 1908
16.	Edward P. O'Hern[2]	1894	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	10 Apr 1908	21 Aug 1908
17.	Colden I'H Ruggles[2]	1890	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	21 Aug 1908	30 Jun 1911
18.	William H. Tschappat[1]	1896	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	1 May 1912 and 20 Feb 1918	8 Jul 1917 / 10 Jul 1918
19.	Charles G. Mettler	1906	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	2 Sep 1920	14 Jun 1924
20.	Earl McFarland[2]	1906	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	15 Jun 1924	24 Aug 1929
21.	Alexander G. Gillespie[2]	1906	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	30 Aug 1929	20 Aug 1933
22.	Thomas J. Hayes[2]	1912	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	21 Aug 1933	15 Jul 1938
23.	Oscar J. Gatchell	1912	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	15 Jul 1938	1 Aug 1940
24.	Lawrence C. Leonard	1922	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	1 Aug 1940	2 Jan 1942

1—Later Chief of Ordnance.
2—Later Assistant Chief of Ordnance.
3—With Erie Railroad 1872-1878.
4—Inventor of first detachable magazine for small arms.

system of artillery, guns, and carriages, became somewhat stabilized, a new small arm was adopted, smokeless powders came into vogue, and many other minor changes were made.

These changes necessitated a further revision of the course. The result was the publication in 1898 of a textbook, *Ordnance and Gunnery*, by Captain L. L. Bruff, Professor of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery.

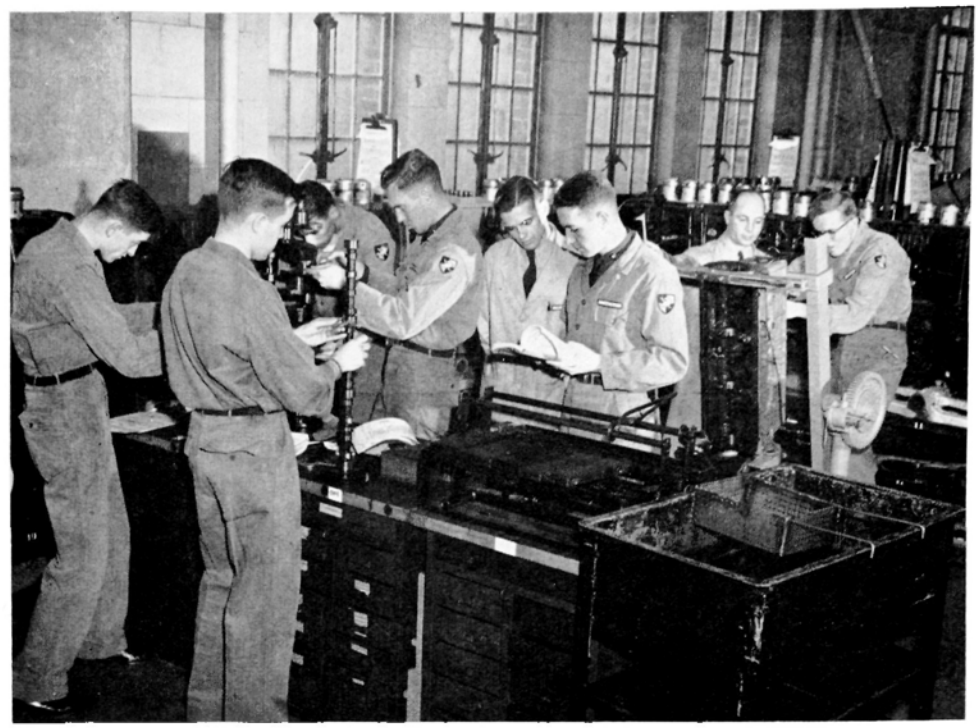
Let us pause at this point and examine the course as conducted at the time of the celebration of the Centennial of West Point, 16 March 1902. Major Frank L. Hobbs, Ordnance Department, was Professor of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery and the subjects taught were as follows:

a. Gunpowder and interior ballistics—composition and manufacture of gunpowder, the laws of its burning in air and in a gun, formulas by which the velocity of a projectile and the pressure in the bore of a gun can be computed, pressure curves in a gun, and a general outline of the characteristics of powder.

b. High explosives and smokeless powders—General properties of high explosives and of each particular explosive used for military purposes, giving its preparation, properties, uses, etc. The procedures in the manufacture of smokeless powder, the reasons for its superiority over ordinary powder and a description of the principal smokeless powders.

c. Guns—a description of gun steel and its properties, chemical and physical, its manufacture and the various gun-making processes used. The principles of machines used in metal working and the various operations at the gun factory in building a modern gun. A description of the elastic strength of guns including the strains and stresses which act on a gun and the laws of their distribution. A description of measurement instruments and methods of employing them. Finally, a description of all the guns in the United States service and their characteristics.

d. Projectile and armor—Various field, siege and seacoast projectiles, their methods of manufacture, inspection and tests, and their employment. The kinds of armor and their relative value, and the effect of projectiles on armor.



Engine Laboratory Instruction. . .

e. Fuses and primers—Description of various fuses used in projectiles, with their requisites, including the common or friction type and the obturating primers.

f. Exterior ballistics—An analysis of the motion of projectiles in air. Deduction and application of the formulas covering the laws of resistance and those by which the various elements of the trajectory can be calculated.

g. Artillery carriages; theory of recoil—Description of the principles of wheel carriages and the various brakes used to diminish recoil, together with the draft of the horse, his mode of attachment and the harness. Description of wheeled carriages for field and siege services, and description of seacoast carriages for guns and mortars and older forms of carriage found in the service. Here emphasis was placed on the principles governing the recoil of guns and formulas deduced by which the elements of the system could be calculated.

h. Pointing; probability of fire—Laws and principles of gunner and the use of pointing equipment.

i. Portable arms—Description of various hand arms, swords, sabers, bayonets, etc., together with the principles upon which they depend and a discussion of the modern small arm. A description in detail of the various parts of the Springfield rifle and principles of the caliber .30 rifle, including its ammunition.

j. Machine and rapid fire guns—The principles upon which the various machine guns are built, their advantages and their disadvantages.

All parts of the course except those purely descriptive were illustrated by problems which were solved as a test of the thoroughness with which the principles taught were understood. The total number of lessons in the course was as follows:

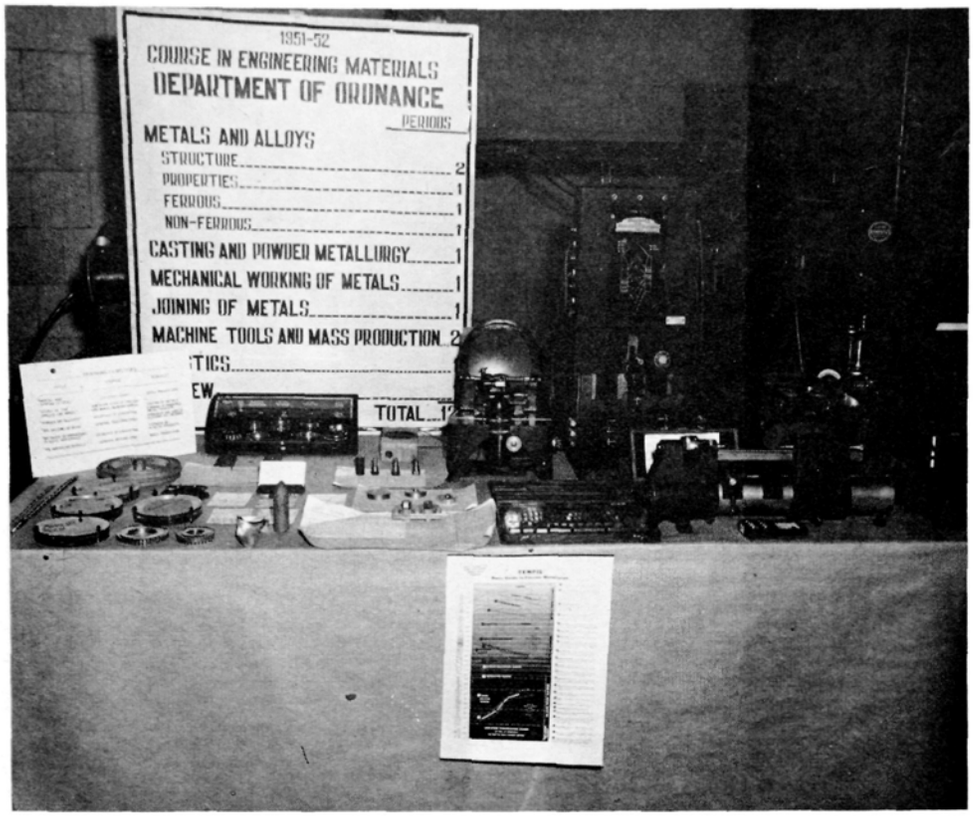
Advance	54
Review	27
Practical instruction	6
General Review	16
Total	103

The average length of lesson assignments were 12 pages advance, 24 pages review, 40 pages general review. The time allowed for the course was as follows: "From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other week day from September 1 to June 1, alternating with riding, and during February with drill regulations, execpt Saturdays from September 1 to December 1, and from March 15 to June 1."

The class was divided into eight sections and each section varied from five to ten cadets.

The next fifty years saw the course in Ordnance and Gunnery survive two drastic

Armament Instructional Aids. . .



Engineering Materials Instructional Aids.

cuts in time allocated for Ordnance, due to the reduction in the length of the course at the Military Academy resulting from the two World Wars.

Immediately prior to World War I the text in use was one by Lt. Colonel Ormond H. Lissak, Professor from 1904 to 1908. As the war clouds gathered over Europe in 1914 the incumbent Professor, Lt. Col. William H. Tschappat, recognized the serious need for a new textbook. This revision was made necessary by the stepped up development program resulting from the production by American manufacturers, and probable adoption by the United States services, of many items of European equipment. Colonel Tschappat's revision was published in 1917. Unfortunately, its publication coincided with the suspension of the course in Ordnance and Gunnery and the absorption of certain of its descriptive coverage by the Department of Tactics during the accelerated instruction of the War classes.

During the period July 1917 to September 1920 there was no Professor of Ordnance except for a short period during 1918 when Colonel Tschappat was so designated. The number of recitations in Ordnance and Gunnery went from 100 for Class of 1916, 88 for Class of 1917, 41 for Class of 1918, 80 for Class of 1919, to 0 for Classes of 1920 and 1921.

In 1921 the course was reestablished at 95 recitations for the Class of 1922, with Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. Mettler as Professor. Tschappat's text was used as the basis for the reviewed course.

Lieutenant Colonel Earl McFarland succeeded Colonel Mettler as Professor in 1924 and recognized the importance of including coverage of combat vehicles and other World War I developments. In 1929 Colonel McFarland published a revised text incorporating new Ordnance matériel and at the same time greater stress in the course was placed on shop and laboratory work. This period was marked by an increase in machine shop practice and cadets learned to operate most of the more common machine tools.

The concept of the course in the thirties was the study of basic principles and fundamental theories, and the construction, operation and use of standard service weapons and related equipment, supplemented by practical work in shops and laboratories. The efforts of nations to increase the firepower, mobility and general combat effectiveness of their armed forces, through improvement in their material and the use of new processes, techniques and materials employed, made necessary further revision of the subject matter of the course. This requirement resulted in the publication in 1938 of a revised text *Elements of Ordnance*, by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Hayes, Professor of Ordnance. This text, incidentally was the last single volume text that has been prepared for use in the course in Ordnance and Gunnery at the Military Academy.

By 1940 the Heads of all the Academic Departments at West Point, except the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery and the Department of Law, were permanent professorships. Lieutenant Colonel Oscar J. Gatchell, Professor in the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery, was appointed permanent Professor of Mechanics, and Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence C. Leonard succeeded him as Professor of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery.

The years 1940-50 saw many changes take place at West Point due to World War II and its influence on the organization, curriculum and operation of the Military Academy. As would be expected, these changes had a major impact on the Department of Ordnance and Science of Gunnery.

Prior to 1940 the Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery had been Post Ordnance Officer, Post Range Officer, Curator of the Ordnance Museum and Post Chemical Officer, in addition to serving as Head of the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery.

Upon the recommendation of each Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery after 1938, the Professor was relieved in 1941 of his additional duties as Post Ordnance Officer, Range Officer and Chemical Warfare Officer. This freed him of an ever increasing administrative load and permitted concentration on Departmental matters. Later, in 1945, the Professor was relieved as Officer in Charge of the West Point Museum, which further freed him of outside operational responsibility.

On 2 January 1942 the name of the Department was changed to Department of Ordnance, since most of the instruction in the science of gunnery had given way to more emphasis on the engineering and functioning aspects of matériel. Colonel Leonard continued as Head of the Department and became the first Professor of Ordnance. Table III shows the Heads of the Department of Ordnance since the change in the name of the Department.

In 1947, by Congressional action, the Heads of the Department of Ordnance and the Department of Law became permanent professorships and Colonel John W. Coffey became the first permanent Professor of Ordnance. He was succeeded by the present incumbent, following his untimely death on 8 March 1951, resulting from an aircraft accident while in Europe on a special assignment.

In the pre-war four-year course each cadet of the First Class attended in Ordnance every other day during the academic year, making a total of about 105 periods. This included about 35 periods devoted to automotive instruction and machine tool laboratory instruction.

The academic year 1942-43 brought the transition from a four- to a three-year course at the Military Academy. One class graduated in January 1943 and a second in June 1943. The division of the Corps into Air and Ground cadets also took place during this year.

The mission of the Department of Ordnance was not changed by World War II. Accomplishing this mission in about half the time became a problem of eliminating

TABLE III

HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ORDNANCE

	Name	*Class*	*Rank When Appointed*	*Term of Service From*	*To*
1.	Lawrence C. Leonard	1922	Lieut. Colonel, Ordnance Dept	2 Jan 1942	26 Mar 1947
2.	John W. Coffey	Aug 1917	Colonel, Ordnance Dept	27 Mar 1947	8 Mar 1951
3.	John D. Billingsley	1928	Colonel, Ordnance Corps	26 Jul 1951	Present

all but the most essential subject matter. No time was available for machine tool laboratory instruction, and this instruction was dropped from the curriculum. After the Class of June 1943, automotive instruction was transferred to the Department of Tactics. This instruction was given during the Fourth and Third Class years. The regular three-year curriculum became effective with the Class of 1944 and continued to the Class of 1948, which class reverted to the four year course. During this period each First Class Ground Cadet received about 55 periods of instruction by the Department. The Air Cadets received about 35 periods.

Hayes' *Elements of Ordnance* remained the standard text for the course. It was supplemented by various departmental pamphlets, Ordnance School texts, Training Manuals, etc., where these could be used to better advantage or were needed to keep up to date with new developments such as rockets and recoilless weapons. Outside lectures were used to a limited extent consonant with the time available for the course. Demonstrations of Ordnance matériel at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, were conducted for most classes.

In 1947 Ordnance was given 93 periods when the four-year course was reinstituted for the Class of 1948. Automotive instruction was transferred back from the Department of Tactics. The entire First Class took the full course since there no longer was a separation into Air and Ground Cadets. Hayes' *Elements of Ordnance* continued to be used as a basic text through the year 1948-49. Since that time texts prepared by the Department have replaced it in its entirety.

Special Weapons Instructional Aids.

Let us look at the Ordnance picture at West Point as it exists today. The current courses in Ordnance are designed to teach the student how to apply basic scientific principles and fundamental theories to the design, construction and functioning of military weapons, and automotive equipment. Introduction is made to the engineering and industrial problems involved in the manufacture of these weapons and equipment. The student is oriented on modern trends of research and development in all fields of military combat matériel and acquainted with the need for weighing advantages of costly new military developments in terms of the drain on the resources of the nation (skilled man-power, critical materials and industrial plant and equipment), as well as the value to the country in military operations. Opportunity is given for the application of certain of the principles studied in previous courses in physics, chemistry, electricity, and mechanics. Emphasis is placed on developing in each student a facility for logical, critical and independent thought in the field of Ordnance.

The 1953-54 course in Ordnance consists of four subcourses: Engineering Materials and Processes, Armament Engineering, Automotive Engineering, and Special Weapons Engineering.

The Engineering Materials and Processes subcourse covers the study of the more common engineering materials used in weapons, ammunition and automotive combat vehicles, including the sources of these materials, their composition, properties, uses, limitations and the fabrication process used to produce end items. Fifteen and two-thirds hours, (ten 70-minute periods; two 2-hour laboratory periods).

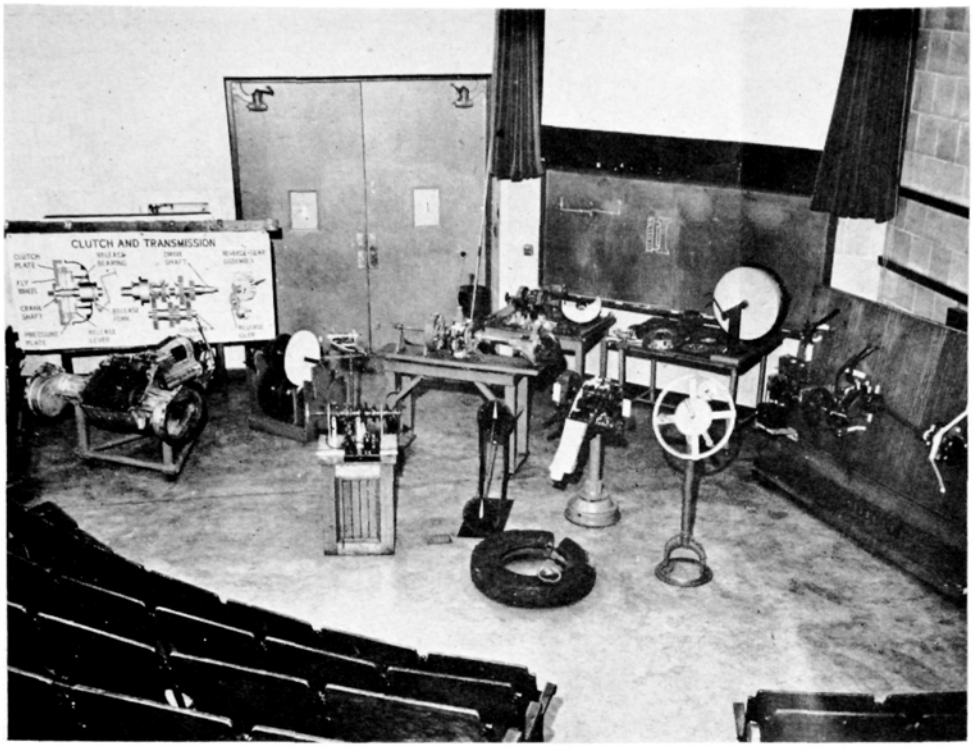
Armament Engineering covers the design, engineering, production, and trends of development of explosives, ammunition, small arms, and artillery; the principles of interior, exterior and terminal ballistics. Fifty hours (thirty-six 70-minute periods; four 2-hour laboratory periods).

Automotive Engineering covers the design, engineering, production, functioning, maintenance and trends of development of wheeled and track-laying vehicles of the type used in the military service. Detailed coverage is given of internal combustion engines, transmissions, power trains, suspension systems, steering systems and brakes. The laboratory work consists of disassembly, inspection, and assembly for operation of originally unserviceable gasoline truck engines; work is done by groups of four cadets. Fifty-three and one-third hours (thirty-two 70-minute periods; eight 2-hour laboratory periods).

Advanced Armament covers a study of (1) the more common types of guided missiles including their principal components, the basic engineering principles of their operation and their technical capabilities and limitations, and (2) atomic weapons and the terminal ballistic effects of atomic explosions. Nine hours (six 70-minute periods; one 2-hour laboratory period).

It will be noted that the scope of the course indicated above is very broad, and therefore every advantage must be taken of modern training aids; instruction techniques and coverage must be confined to essentials.

Specimens of ammunition displayed to demonstrate engineering features of various types.



Lecture Room, Ordnance Laboratory display of some Automotive Training Aids.

The cadets are arranged in sections of from fourteen to eighteen men, in accordance with their academic standing in the course. All sections take Engineering Materials and Processes, simultaneously, at the beginning of the course. Then the class is divided and one half take Armament Engineering while the remainder take Automotive Engineering. After mid-year these two subcourses are repeated in order that all sections take both of these major subcourses. At the end of these courses all sections take the Special Weapons Engineering subcourse. At the conclusion of this last subcourse, all but exempted cadets take four comprehensive Written General Reviews covering the entire scope of all subcourses. Exempted cadets are given special work in lieu of the written examinations.

In the section rooms there are no formal recitations, and very little use is made of the blackboard for graded exercises. Instead the section room attendance is used for discussion, demonstration, exploration and examination. Short written tests are given about every third attendance, and during the year nine Written Partial Reviews are given. The Written Partial Reviews are comprehensive tests covering approximately ten lesson assignments. Daily writs are graded on a 3.0 basis; Partial Reviews 6.0, and General Reviews are valued at 9.0. A grade of 2.0, of a possible 3.0, is considered "proficient", or passing.

During the laboratory periods, except in automotive engine instruction, instruction is largely by demonstration rather than by having the cadets perform actual experiments. In automotive engine laboratory each cadet is assigned to a group of four, and each group works on its individual engine for the entire engine laboratory course.

Extensive use is made of training aids, cut-away models and components, in various stages of production, throughout the course. These aids are secured by local fabrication, purchase, or by donation from various manufacturers and arsenals.

The present instructional staff consists of a permanent professor and eleven detailed officers. The detailed officers are made up of eight Ordnance Corps, one Artillery, one Engineer Corps and one Air Force officer, of whom three are Reserve Officers on active duty and only seven are graduates of the Military Academy. In general the instructors have had college post-graduate work in such subjects as mechanical engineering and mathematics, or are graduates of Service Schools—nine of them hold Masters Degrees, the others Bachelor Degrees. There are graduates of The Ordnance School, the Guided Missiles School, the Command and Staff College, and the National War College. In order not to be inbred, the instructional staff consists of former students of Michigan, Georgia Tech, Maine, Cornell, Harvard, Florida, Pennsylvania, Rensselaer and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

As has been previously mentioned, text material consists largely of material prepared locally by the instructional staff. The Armament and Special Weapons material has been assembled into an Armament Engineering Text which is revised annually and, after each such revision, is reviewed by some outside agency or activity in order to obtain complete coverage and factual up-to-date information. A new automotive text "Automotive Mechanics", by W. H. Crouse, has been adopted for 1953-54, which will be supplemented by an Automotive Engineering Handbook prepared locally. The current text used in the Engineering Materials and Processes subcourse is the Naval Institute Text, "Engineering Materials".

In order to augment the instructional staff with experts in various fields, requests are placed with other military agencies, industrial corporations and educational institutions for lectures and demonstrations covering certain aspects of the course. During the academic year 1952-53, eighteen outside lecturers participated in cadet instruction in Ordnance. Most of these covered specialized portions of the course and made their presentations during regular class time.

Included in the program of outside lecturers were three senior officers, who covered Ordnance activities in the three Services (One representative from Industry who discussed The Ordnance-Industry Team) for the one hundred and fifty cadets exempted from the Written General Reviews. This coverage was presented by means of informal discussion periods.

The final regularly scheduled activity of the Department of Ordnance each year is a field trip to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. At Aberdeen there is a demonstration of all new equipment and a night firing display of the various weapons. The program presented by the Proving Ground lasts from early morning to late evening and is looked upon as a fitting climax for the course in Ordnance.

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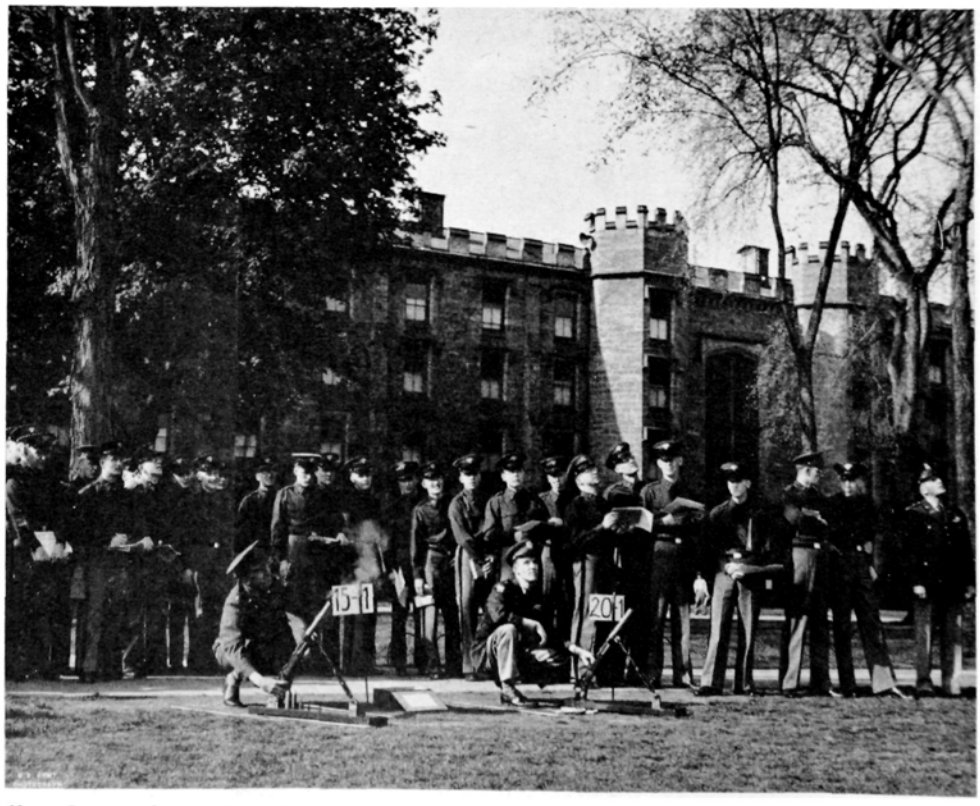

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BULLETIN BOARD

A Father's View of West Point at the End of His Son's Plebe Year

Editor's Note: The following address was presented last June, at a meeting of a West Point Society, by the father of a cadet now in the Corps. The Commandant of Cadets has sent a copy of the speech to the parents of each of the present plebes. *Assembly* believes that the speech will also be of interest to all of our alumni.

GENTLEMEN:

In this company the announced topic presents me with some difficulty. Fathers, sons and the United States Military Academy are subjects neither narrow nor shallow. Each of you is an acknowledged expert, qualified by experience, in at least two of these fields—some of you in all three—and I have not shared with most of you the unusual privilege of a West Point education. Without advance consultation with the other fathers present, I must try to divine and express, accurately and impersonally, their common reactions to the plebe year, and to do so, of course, in the clipped and concise idiom so much admired by the West Point English Department. Yet, I am suddenly conscious of facing more of what General Eisenhower has called "assembled brass" than most subordinate line officers with ninety days of training ever got to see in my Army of thirty-five years ago. Not that Keene Watkins or Jud Crary disturb me, for they are now my brothers at the Bar—and no lawyer worth his salt ever permits himself to stand in awe of any other lawyer. But if my tenses switch and my modifiers dangle, the rest of you gentlemen must share the responsibility.

In deference to the precise and proper objectives of the English Department, let us first characterize, if we cannot define, the terms of our topic. A father is said to be a man who looks upon his son as his last hope of rectifying his own mistakes. The son, entering West Point, is still a boy; and a boy has been described as a noise entirely surrounded by dirt. Whether quite in that condition or not, he is considered by his own father to be a chip off the old block, and therefore "good West Point material"

The Military Academy should not be flippantly characterized, here or elsewhere; but it appears to me to be a venerable institution, impressive in history and tradition, which administers systematically what is described in my only available source material—the letters of one plebe to his parents during this past year—as "a million dollar education, rammed down our throats, nickel by nickel". It is the considered judgment of one father that this process, though undoubtedly trying, is effective and most beneficial.

As your son prepares to leave for the Academy, there will rush to your mind many things that you should have taught him, but did not—things not found in books, that you have learned the hard way out of a tough and exacting experience. Of course you have tried, but the boy did not seem much impressed. There was more of interest in any motor vehicle than in your pontifical views on life. So, often, you waited. And now at the station you belatedly draw the boy aside and rumble, "Look, Son. This is no junior country club you are going to. You will compete for everything, but with men who will be your best friends for life. Keep your feet dry, your eyes open and your rifle exceptionally clean. And *don't ever quit.*" He shakes your hand and leaves you feeling rather inadequate as a parent.

He arrives safely on the banks of the Hudson. You wait anxiously for his first letter. Finally it arrives. He would have written sooner, but there has been very little free time—since the very moment, it seems, when he stepped through the front sally port. He is quartered in what he calls "Beast Barracks."

"Do you suppose," asks Mother, wide-eyed, "that he is really living in the stable?"

He has not been around very much yet, but is getting acquainted with a number of first classmen. That is, he is learning their names. They in turn are teaching him many things—things you never thought of teaching him. How to "brace". That, it seems, is raising military posture to the fifth power. He learns the number of lights in Cullum Hall, the days until graduation, a weird definition of leather, and a great deal more. Mostly, at first he seems to think negatively—in terms of demerits.

Then comes a week's march up the river. Your confidence picks up. You did teach him to trench a pup tent.

Meanwhile you receive a formal but cordial letter from the Commandant of Cadets suggesting that a little encouragement from home might from time to time be helpful. You determine to be steadfastly encouraging. The Colonel's wish shall be treated as an order. You square your shoulders and smugly think of yourself as a functioning, coordinate part of West Point.

Then academics start. Letters during the next month are very brief. Not that they are, as yet, "clipped and concise" in style. There is just no spare time. You soon learn why.

"Pop, I can't figure this. They give us more each day than we can finish. We get demerits for not doing it all, and more demerits if we burn lights after taps." He is not exactly discouraged; but he is definitely confused. You remember the Commandant and write air-mail.

"Son, you are up against something bigger and tougher than you are—the System. To handle it, you must first learn to live with it. Right now your problem is survival. Roll with the punch. Cover all of each assignment the best you can in the time you have; but after taps relax and sleep. Don't buck the System. Roll with it now. You can lengthen your stride later on."

There is no direct response, but in another month the tone of his letters has changed. The ultimate issue is still in doubt, but the immediate situation is in hand. Occasionally the letters contain passages of relief. These are often in that singular vernacular that is the peculiar property of late teen-age and early twenties.

"Inter-murder has commenced. We played such-and-such company today. They had two firsties in the backfield. There is no law in inter-murder against dumping a firstie hard as hell. I have lived!"

You worry along with the Registrar's monthly academic reports. They are disarmingly accurate to three decimals, not too brilliant but each a little better than the last. In the demerit column appears an actual credit balance. When the first term "writs" are passed, your confidence goes up two points. Your son has his feet under him now. And then a strange thing happens to you. You feel your own ambition to achieve moving over to make room for an ambition that he achieve. There is a new feeling when you say, "My son is at West Point." You repeat it to yourself when you are alone. You are frankly proud—not so much that he is your son as that you are his father.

And so the second term wears on. Its highlights are the brief but sportive hour when cadet rank reverses itself and upperclassmen brace for the plebes, and the final great day of "recognition" when plebes become people.

Meanwhile you realize that certain changes are taking place. If your son has a younger sister, he may write to her—once or twice a year; and if she sends these letters home, you just might come across something not intended for your eyes.

"You know, Sis, the Old Man really has more on the ball than I used to give him credit for." The words blur just a little as you read them a second time. Gentlemen, if you ever run across anything like that, then *you* have lived. Even the "Old Man" phrase is not painful; and if it is capitalized, you go forthwith on your knees and give thanks to the English Department.

After recognition your young plebe—before reaching home and civilian clothes—may call first on little sister. He asks her to dance. She nearly swoons. Another point of view is added to your original source material.

"Pop, he dances like a ramrod, but he doesn't interrupt when I'm talking." With this the splitting of the atom pales into insignificance.

It is trite to say of West Point that your sons "go in boys and come out men." That can be said of many experiences. What impresses you, and what counts, is the kind of man who comes out. He is straight up and straight out. He has learned to listen. He no longer detonates habitually at half cock. You are aware that he thinks without a noise. He has, when you dig them out, reasons for what he thinks. When you realize what West Point has done in one year, you know there is nothing you would not do for West Point.

Other fathers here may correct me if I am wrong, but I would say that our collective feeling for the Military Academy at the end of the plebe year is probably, first, one of gratitude—a very personal gratitude; and second, one of deep and sincere respect; and finally, one of rejuvenated confidence. For despite a time-honored apprehension over the irresponsibility of each successive younger generation, we do not really fear for the future of our beloved country—for its safety or its integrity—not while enough of our sons have the free and competitive opportunity of a West Point education.

We pray, but we pray with confidence, that in future times of crisis, when straight, objective thinking is needed and the tough, hard decisions have to be made, these younger sons will be a credit to you older sons of West Point and to your history and traditions; and we are doubly grateful that you deem us, as fathers, to be a part of it all.

BOOK REVIEWS

WHY COLUMBUS SAILED. By Albert B. Donworth, Sc.B., '91. New York: Exposition Press; 205 pages; Illustrated; Appendix; Chronology; $3.00.

Reviewed by
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Librarian, U.S.M.A.

This is a revised and somewhat enlarged edition of the book which appeared in 1939 under the title, *The Reason Why Columbus Sailed*. The general organization and practically all of the textual material of the first edition have been retained. Several illustrations have been added, including one of the author.

As Mr. Donworth says in his preface, "On this subject there have been many books written, but this narrative presents the story in a new light—not by bringing forward new records of facts, but by giving prominence to happenings that have hitherto been considered of minor importance. While it required research to assemble an account of these events, they have been in undisputed records for a long time—oftentimes events and records that were ignored because they seemed inconsistent with the general story as it has been unfolded in the past."

The thesis of the book is that Columbus was familiar with all of the lore of the Vikings, derived from their early voyages and settlements in the New World; that with his knowledge of astronomy, cartography and navigation, he was able to utilize this information in the preparation of fairly accurate charts; and that his first voyage was no blind expedition into the ocean void, but a carefully planned application of data which were amazingly precise for the time.

To support this theory Mr. Donworth has marshaled all of the information now available concerning the Norse sagas, the Kensington Stone, archaeological investigations of the sites of Norse settlements, and Columbus's visit to Iceland in 1477. It appears, however, that the author was not familiar with Arlington H. Mallery's *Lost America, the Story of Iron-Age Civilization Prior to Columbus*, which was published in 1951. It and McKew Parr's *So Noble a Captain*, also reviewed in this issue of *Assembly*, contain additional facts that would have been useful.

Mr. Donworth builds up a good case. He shows that Columbus knew that the distance across the Atlantic was approximately 2800 miles, and that he also knew that the American coast turned abruptly west at the tip of Florida. From the Norse, who had been that far, he learned that the whole eastern coast was inhabited by hostile savages, hence he sought to go south of what he thought to be a great island in order to reach Asia. But although he had a fairly accurate estimate of the width of the Atlantic, he grossly miscalculated the size of the earth.

So Noble a Captain, read in conjunction with *Why Columbus Sailed*, throws much light on the contemporary background of Columbus's voyage, and does much to explain the great navigator's extreme secrecy about his maps and plans. It also provides further confirmation of Mr. Donworth's thesis.

Altogether, this is a fascinating book for those who enjoy unraveling historical mysteries.

SO NOBLE A CAPTAIN—The Life and Times of Ferdinand Magellan by Charles McKew Parr, Ex-'06. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Co.; 423 pages; Illustrated; Appendix; Index; $6.00.

Reviewed by
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Librarian, U.S.M.A.

As Mr. Parr explains in his preface, he became interested in Magellan by chance. He happened to stop over in Guam on a flight to Hong Kong in 1940. While there he learned that the island was Magellan's first landfall after his discovery of the strait which bears his name. Then in the Philippines Mr. Parr found a Spanish version of Pigafetta's Journal of the voyage. In it Ser Antonio Francesco Pigafetta, Patrician of Venice and Knight of Rhodes, referred to the calumnies with which enemies had besmirched his hero's reputation, and appealed to the Grand Master of his Order, "I hope that through the efforts of your most illustrious lordship the fame of so noble a Captain will not be effaced in our time." Mr. Parr's subsequent investigations convinced him that Pigafetta's despairing appeal had not been answered and that Magellan had never received justice at the hands of posterity. The result was a ten-year quest in which Mr. Parr ransacked the libraries of America and Europe to unearth the complete story, which he now presents in this volume.

The tale begins with the migration of Magellan's first recorded ancestor, a French adventurer from Burgundy named de Magalhais, to Ponte da Barca, Portugal, in 1095 A.D., and traces the family's fortunes down to the birth of the distinguished explorer. This introductory chapter is in itself a fascinating survey of the Middle Ages and the development of the great era of exploration that culminated in the voyages of Vasco da Gama, Columbus and Magellan.

The story moves on through Magellan's upbringing as a page in the court of King John II, the usurpation of the throne by Dom Manuel and Magellan's consequent loss of royal favor. It traces his eventual success in getting an assignment to an expedition to the Indes via the Cape of Good Hope, his practical experience in navigation and fighting in the Orient, and finally, his discovery of the Philippines, which he kept a secret, but which furnished his chief motivation for his epochal quest of the passage around South America.

The rivalry between Spain and Portugal is given full play. The full malignity and short sightedness of Dom Manuel, which forced Magellan to renounce his Portuguese nationality and enter into the service of Charles V of Spain, is well established. The stage for the great voyage is set with plot and counterplot, royal support, and sabotage by the agents of the Portuguese consul.

The saga of adventure which now opens is an epic worthy of the mightiest pen. Through it all Magellan is the moving spirit, equal to every trial of circumstance, suppressing mutiny, fortifying his crews against famine, disease and arctic rigors, sailing with unflagging confidence towards the Philippines, and bringing his exhausted fleet in triumph to its destination only to lose his life in an unnecessary attempt to subdue a native chieftain.

There is enough adventure in this volume to furnish the basis for at least six historical novels, though Mr. Parr's book is a serious biography and not a work of fiction in any sense of the word. Although occasionally one wishes that he had reduced the amount of detail in relating the intrigues leading up to the final voyage, the presentation is by no means pedestrian. His style is easy and free flowing without resort to the cheap effects of the popularizer of history. His book is indeed the fulfilment of Pigafetta's entreaty that "the fame of so noble a Captain will not be effaced in our time."

THE SECRETARY SAYS:

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Our master file is forever in need of all available assistance in keeping addresses up to date. Changes of address average about 50% of our total plates annually. If you subscribe to *Assembly* or the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*, or are to receive any of our other communications, correct addresses are vital. *Class Secretaries* can help by sending us copies of any address list they publish. *Individual alumni* make an excellent investment whenever they turn in a Change of Address form specifically addressed to the "Association of Graduates, USMA" *Unless we have your correct address it is mighty difficult to serve you properly.*

West Point Commemorative China and Glassware

A new arrangement with Heisey for the crested glassware has recently been completed, and orders are now being filled promptly.

PLEASE—for either china or glassware, if you place Christmas gift orders, don't wait until the last minute. Order early.

Reporting Deaths of Graduates And Former Cadets

The best substantiation of a report of death is an official written announcement or newspaper article that includes date, place and manner of death. Since such news often does not reach us promptly we need your help, so that our records will be accurate and our procedures properly guided.

Data To Be Sent In By Class Secretaries

Class Secretaries, please keep sending the Association Secretary a copy of every class bulletin, news letter, year book, reunion memo, addresses list, or what have you, that you put out.

New Assistant Cadet Hostess At Grant Hall

Mrs. Beatrice E. Holland, widow of John F. Holland of '25, took office in October as Cadet Hostess Doris Barth's assistant. Mrs. Holland succeeds Mrs. Frances Gates Mueller.

Class of 1953 Joins the Association

Almost 90% of the Class of 1953 have become Association members. This percentage compares favorably with that of recent graduating classes.

—*Raymond Stone, Jr.*, '23

THE ARTHUR T. DALTON COLLECTION

A Friend of West Point Presents His Prized Collection of Autographed Photographs Of Generals of Both World Wars To the Library, U.S.M.A.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur T. Dalton, U. S. Army, Retired, has given the Library a unique collection of autographed photographs of West Pointers, general officers of both World Wars. Although not a West Pointer himself, Colonel Dalton conceived through 34 years of military service and association with graduates a strong affection for the Military Academy. Thus, one of his hobbies after his retirement for physical disability in 1932 was to continue his correspondence with his former comrades in arms and to obtain the photographs of general officers. These he treasured until in 1945 he generously offered to present the portraits of the West Pointers to the Military Academy.

His gift continued in installments over several years as he filled the gaps in his collection. Now the portraits, arranged in alphabetical order, fill four handsome albums stamped in gold. The Librarian took the liberty of inserting Colonel Dalton's likeness as a frontispiece to the first volume.

When the Military Academy was under severe attack after World War II, Colonel Dalton took issue with its detractors in the Boston newspapers. His staunch support, which was always backed up by factual information, was much more effective than a rebuttal by a West Pointer could have been. At a time when few outsiders cared, or dared, to defend the Academy, he came forth as a courageous champion. It is therefore appropriate that his collection should be cherished in the Library as a permanent reminder of his loyalty.

Colonel Dalton was born in Salem, Massachusetts, on March 23, 1877. He is the possessor of a proud military heritage, which began with his great great grandfather, who served in the American Revolution, and continued through subsequent wars.

During the Spanish-American War he enlisted as a private in Battery "D," 1st Regiment of Heavy Artillery of Massachusetts. To his dismay he did not get to Cuba, but he made up his mind that he wanted a career in the Regular Army; so he enlisted, eventually took the examination for commission and became a second lieutenant in the Infantry. His subsequent service included the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Border and World War I. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1922, and in 1932 his old injury, contracted in the Philippine fighting, resulted in his retirement.

The Essex Institute of Historical Collections printed a vivid account of Colonel Dalton's military service in its July-October 1952, issue. The U.S.M.A. Library is fortunate in having a copy. It is a pleasure to reckon such a staunch patriot and fighter among the friends of West Point.

—*William J. Morton*, '23,
Librarian, U.S.M.A.

Manuscript Diary Concerning U. S. Grant Presented to the Academy

Mr. Stefan Lorant, author of *I Was Hitler's Prisoner* (1935) and other books, has presented to the United States Military Academy the manuscript diary of Bishop John Newman, who was a close friend of General Ulysses S. Grant, and who attended the General during his last illness at Saratoga, N. Y. The diary records the condition of General Grant from day to day and his conversations with Bishop Newman. Toward the end of his life, Grant's condition (cancer of the throat) prevented him from speaking and his replies to Bishop Newman were made by him in pencil on the pages of a small scratch pad. Mr. Lorant presented these pages to the Academy together with Newman's diary. The Bishop was a conscientious observer, as well as a great admirer, of General Grant, and he meticulously copied the slips of paper containing Grant's handwritten notes, incorporating them into his diary to provide a word-for-word transcription of their conversations. This material gives a vivid picture of the fatally-ill general forcing himself, with all his will power, to continue the writing of his memoirs until the end. The gift is now in the Library, U.S.M.A.

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John Newman was a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a close friend of President Grant — a friendship which continued until the death of the General on July 23, 1885. In 1869, Newman was appointed to the New Metropolitan Church in Washington, D. C. President Grant was a member of his congregation. Later he was pastor of the Central Church in New York City, of which Grant became a trustee, and in 1888, aided by the Grant family, was elected a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For many years he was associated in the public mind with President Grant and was thought of as "Grant's Pastor". Their friendship never wavered, and Newman remained by his dying friend's bedside until the end.

Mr. Lorant was the Editor of Das Magazin, Leipzig, in 1925, and of Bilder Courier in Berlin, the following year. From 1927 to 1933, he was Editor of Muencher Illustrierte Presse, and it was while he was serving in this position that he was arrested and imprisoned by Hitler in March 1933. Upon his release in September, he escaped to Hungary, and later made his way to the United States. In addition to his diary entitled *I Was Hitler's Prisoner*, he is the author of several other works including: *Lincoln, His Life in Pictures* (1941); *The New World* (The First Pictures of America) (1946); *F. D. R., A Pictorial Biography* (1950); *I, Abraham Lincoln* (1951); *The Presidency (From Washington to Truman)* (1951); and *Lincoln, A Picture Story of His Life* (1952).

General Lee's Sash Acquired by the Museum

Through the generosity of Colonel Henry Fairfax Ayres, USA (Ret), of Shaftsbury, Vt., Class of 1908, USMA, the buff-colored silk sash worn by General Robert E. Lee when he surrendered to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, on April 9, 1865, has been acquired by the West Point Museum.

For years it was the prized possession of Colonel Ayres' family, having been presented to his mother by G. W. C. Lee, son of the Confederate General, from his father's estate. With the sash are letters and documents pertaining to its history.

In the opinion of Colonel Donald R. Matheson, until recently the Director of the Museum, "The sash is an item of great significance and one of the most important recent additions to the Museum's collection."

A detailed history of the sash has been compiled by the Assistant Curator of the Museum, Milton F. Perry, and has been placed on file for investigation by anyone interested in the famous Southern commander, a graduate of West Point, and Superintendent from 1852 to 1855.

The sash was brought from England in a blockade runner and was presented to Lee by the "Ladies of Richmond" in 1863, along with a beautiful sword and belt. Lee wore the sword and sash soon afterwards for a series of photographs taken in Richmond. The pictures were sent to England, where they were used by Edward Valentine, a young Virginia sculptor, who made a small statue of Lee that was sold to raise money for the Southern cause. This was the only time Lee was ever photographed wearing a sash.

On the morning of Appomattox, April 9, 1865, he retired to his tent to dress for the meeting with Grant. He put on a new uniform—the only clean one he had, as his trunks had been captured shortly before by Union armies.

Colonel John W. Fairfax, of Longstreet's staff, (grandfather of the donor of the sash) reported to Lee at this time asking for any orders the General might care to give. Lee had none, but Fairfax, noticing that his commander was having difficulty tying the sash about his waist because of an injured finger, remained to aid him.

Unfortunately no photographs of the surrender were made. Matthew B. Brady, the most famous Civil War photographer, was still at Petersburg, 100 miles away, taking pictures of the battlefield there. He did not arrive at Appomattox for several days, thus missing the most important picture of the century. However, several of the officers present at the meeting described Lee's "elegant sash."

In 1869, when Lee was President of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) at Lexington, Virginia, a Swiss artist painted the last portrait ever made from life of the beloved leader. Refusing to appear in his uniform, Lee did consent to place it on a table before him, with his sword and the sash, remarking that he had surrendered wearing the "very sword and sash you paint there." The portrait has been lost, and the Museum has only a colored photograph of it which very clearly shows the buff sash.

Exactly thirty years after the surrender, a large painting of the event by Thomas Nast was unveiled at Galena, Illinois. Nast did a great deal of painstaking research and was advised by Colonel Charles Marshall, Lee's aide, who accompanied his chief at the ceremony. Lee is pictured wearing the same buff silk sash.

In 1896, George W. C. Lee, as executor of his father's estate, gave the sash to Mrs. Elizabeth Fairfax Ayres, who very carefully preserved it in a silver chest. It then became the property of her son, who donated it to the West Point Museum.

No better description of the sash can be found than that prescribed by Confederate uniform regulations: "buff silk net, with silk bullion fringe ends; sash to go twice around the waist and to tie behind the left hip; pendant part not to extend more than eighteen inches below the tie."

It is now on display at the Museum beside the last bugle to blow at Appomattox and 2 shells fired during the Battle of Fort Sumter, April 12-13, 1861, which began the war.

How the "Runt-Flanker Game" Became the "Goat-Engineer Game"

By WILLIAM J. MORTON, JR., '23

On Thanksgiving Day, 1919, my class ('23) played the first Runt-Flanker Football game of the post-World War I period. Football had been discontinued during the war.

The tradition, as it had been handed down to us, was that if the Runts won, we were sure to defeat the Navy the following Saturday. The game was a strictly plebe affair, though the upper classmen attended and lent encouragement to the contestants. For the game the four tallest companies, A, B, L, and M were classified as flankers and the rest as runts. Play began in the usual way with eleven men to a side, but in order to insure a Runt victory, the Runts had unlimited privilege of substitution. Furthermore, the Runts never removed a man for whom they sent in a substitute; consequently, after a few plays, the field was swarming with Runts. The Flankers might make an initial touchdown, but they were sure to be overwhelmed by the Runts eventually. Each side had a banner—usually an old bed sheet adorned with designs painted in shoe blacking and red metal polish called "pomade." The banner was jealously guarded, and it was considered a great coup if a patrol from the opposing side sneaked over and wrested it from its owners. This usually led to some smart fist fights.

In those days the football field was in front of Cullum Hall, where the baseball diamond is now. Temporary wooden stands were erected, running north and south on either side, for the duration of the season.

Our game went off as planned, with no untoward incidents except for an occasional fisticuff over the banners. The rival cohorts marched to the field to the stains of improvised bands and occupied the stands on their respective sides. The Runts won as scheduled, but Army lost to Navy next Saturday in spite of the favorable omen.

With the game of 1920 came the great débacle. The new plebe class ('24) was given to excess in all things. We called them "The Militia," and they called themselves "The Thundering Herd," which they certainly were.

The preliminaries went as before. This time there were long windrows of straw on the side lines, the field having been covered the night before as a precaution against snow. These windrows were destined to serve a useful purpose for the Flankers as the drama unfolded.

When the Runts made their first touchdown, their cohorts swarmed down on the field and rushed the Flanker stands. The outnumbered and beleaguered Flankers put up a gallant fight but were overwhelmed. All over the field one could see isolated Flankers, each battling like some desperate insect being dismembered by a swarm of ants. Flanker after Flanker had his clothes ripped off him and stood in stark nudity. Then he would spy a windrow of straw and make a dash for it. Before long there were heads of naked flankers sticking up out of the straw everywhere, beseeching friends and roommates to fetch them clothes. Some of the braver souls, who were suffering from the cold, rose up and dashed for barracks, counting on speed to conceal their persons. Everyone on the field was in tatters before the mêlée subsided.

Then the rioting broke out in barracks. The plebes got completely out of hand and made a Saturnalia of the rest of the morning. A Runt division would raid a Flanker division; and then the Flankers would retaliate. In those days each cadet room was provided with an iron wash stand, basins, and two water buckets. The buckets were just the thing for a water fight. Soon all of the halls were awash.

Even the Tacs did not escape unscathed. Major Parker Kalloch, the Tac of D Co., was in his orderly room, wearing a resplendent, new Brooks Brothers uniform, when the noise outside became intolerable. He set out to quell the disturbance. As he came out of the door onto the stoop of the 15th Division, some cadets let fly with two buckets of steaming, hot water, thinking they were surprising some other cadets whom they had just chased in. The new uniform was a bedraggled mess. The cadets took to their heels and escaped before they could be identified. A few days later the Commandant of Cadets, Major General (then Lieutenant Colonel) Robert M. Danford, Class of 1904, assembled us and informed us that the Runt-Flanker game was too expensive to continue. The Cadet Store had received requisitions for about $7,000 worth of new uniforms to replace those ruined in the riot. Instead, a game between the Goats and Engineers would be substituted.

This was a clever idea because the goats and engineers were indiscriminately distributed throughout all companies and divisions of barracks. There were no longer any fixed organizational groups that could be pitted against each other. He was also clever to substitute a harmless activity for an objectionable one, instead of taking the negative course of prohibiting the game. Subsequent events have vindicated General Danford's judgment.

I have recently heard that there was originally an annual Goat-Engineer game at the beginning of the century. Thus General Danford reestablished an older custom. I have no idea when or how the game got transformed into a contest between the Runts and Flankers.

New Professor of Mechanics, U.S.M.A.

Colonel Harvey R. Fraser, Corps of Engineers, has been appointed Professor of Mechanics, USMA. He fills the vacancy created when Colonel E. R. Heiberg was promoted to Head of the Department on Colonel O. J. Gatchell's retirement.

A native of Illinois, Colonel Fraser was graduated from the Academy in 1939 and received the degree of M.S. in C.E. from California Institute of Technology in 1948. He was an instructor and associate professor in the Department of Mechanics from 1948 to 1952.

Colonel Fraser was an Engineer Company Commander in the 24th Division in Hawaii when World War II began. Later he returned to the United States to command an Engineer Battalion in a General Service Regiment. After ten months he was transferred to the United Kingdom, where he spent the next year as an Engineer staff officer in a Base Section engaged in airfield construction. He moved to the continent in June 1943 with the Brittany Base Section. In December 1943 he took command of the 51st Engineer Combat Battalion, which position he held until the end of the war. After a short tour in the Engineer section of the Third Army, Colonel Fraser was transferred to the United States and assigned to the Manhattan Engineer District at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He came to his new assignment at the Academy from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he recently was graduated from the Command and General Staff College.

Plebe Orientation Program—1953

New Cadet Barracks this year was no different than it has been for many years. Plebes got up at the crack of dawn, ran like scalded dogs all day, pulled their necks in as far as always, and worked hard until they dropped into bed. Discerning individuals noticed, however, a great calm and quiet usually foreign to this period of cadet life. First Classmen spoke with dignity. Most of them still had their voices after two weeks. The furtive scurrying after taps was gone. Plebes were rarely caught slipping through the moats before reveille.

The Corps has! Yes, the Corps has—progressed. As the national attitude progresses so does the Corps. New approaches to labor management are being formulated daily. The approach in New Cadet Barracks this year attempted to capitalize on the best of these advances—motivate the new cadet to the point that his every thought, desire, and effort is to be the best cadet in his class.

This result was achieved subtly through positive leadership. The new cadet was deliberately "sold" by a calculated program of the gentlemanly example of the First Class, a high-powered orientation program, and a course in Ethics presented by the three principal Chaplains.

The orientation program consisted of lectures on the history of West Point, the Army and Air Force, presented in short, costumed playlets with live musical background from the USMA Band. Tours were made of Grant and Cullum Halls, the Museum, Library, and Gymnasium. In each place, plaques, pictures, and records of the Academy's great were pointed out, the objective being to develop pride in each new cadet that he, too, is a member of that same Corps. Three grand stage productions were presented in the Army Theater. The first of these was the "History of Military Music", presented by Major Resta and the USMA Band, assisted by First Classmen. Seven hundred and thirty New Cadet chests rose with pride when the "Hellcats" furnished the inspiration of the day playing in the spotlight with twirling bugles and spinning drumsticks. Another stage effort was centered around a two-hour course in Social Customs and Behavior. A humorous skit aroused interest and the Cadet Hostess, Mrs. Barth, proved to be a very talented guest speaker. The final presentation was an extravaganza called the "West Point Musicableaux". The music was from the songs most sung by cadets. During the playing of these songs tableaux were portrayed by First Classmen on a stage elevated above the orchestra. This striking program sent the new plebe class out of the Army Theater with an inner motivation to find their niche in the Long Gray Line.

The overall complexion of the summer training was that of men training other men to become members of a superior team by word, by example, and by knowing their job. The First Class demanded the maximum of themselves and of the new cadets and the results proved that leadership from a gentleman's tongue can be as powerful as the horseman's whip.

—*R. H. S.*

Recent Changes in the Superintendent's Staff

Colonel Frank G. Davis, Class of 1919, has succeeded Colonel H. Crampton Jones, Class of 1916, as Inspector General, U.S.M.A.

Colonel Harry W. Crandall, Class of 1925, has succeeded Colonel Marion Carson, Class of August 1917, as Treasurer, U.S.M.A.

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence E. Gooding, Class of 1936, has succeeded Colonel Travis T. Brown, Class of 1934, as Quartermaster, U.S.M.A.

Lieutenant Colonel Edwin W. Richardson, Class of 1937, has succeeded Colonel James B. Leer, Class of 1936, as Public Information Officer, U.S.M.A.

Lieutenant Colonel James T. L. Schwenk, Class of 1939, has succeeded Colonel Philip H. Draper, Jr., Class of 1929, as Graduate Manager of Athletics, U.S.M.A.

Academic Calendar—1953-54

1953

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.

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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.

WANTED: ASSEMBLYS

The Association of Graduates would appreciate receiving donations of the following issues of *Assembly*:

October 1942
January 1948
January 1949

WANTED: HOWITZERS

The *Howitzer* Board desires to complete its file of *Howitzers*. Over a period of years, many books have become so badly worn as to be unusable. Other issues are missing entirely. The Board needs copies of the following issues of the *Howitzer* (all dates are inclusive):

1896 to 1904
1906 to 1909
1911 to 1914
1917 to 1922
1924-1925
1927
1933
1944
1950

Any person having any of the above books which he is willing to donate to the *Howitzer*, please contact Cadet Roger Browne, Editor, 1954 *Howitzer*, Company G-2, USCC, West Point, N. Y.

Colors of the 2nd Infantry Regiment Presented to the Academy

The colors of the 2nd Infantry Regiment were presented to the United States Military Academy at a review on the Plain on Saturday, August 8th. Retired at Indiantown Gap, the colors of the 162-year-old Regiment were presented by Colonel Philip W. Burges, former regimental commander, and by a color guard of seven enlisted men.

The color bearers wore the uniform worn by the Regiment in 1791, when the Regiment was known as the 2nd Sub-Legion of the United States Legion. In addition, the baton bearer wore the uniform worn by the 2nd Infantry Regiment during the Mexican War—the same uniform as the Regiment's Drum Major wore when he stormed the Fortress at Chapultepec, being the second man to reach the top. His baton was broken in the assault and was repaired with wood from the flagpole of the Fortress. The baton was carried by the 2nd Infantry Regiment in all ceremonies.

The military history of the nation is the history of the 2nd Regiment. Its battle honors include Maumee and Fallen Timbers, Chippewa and Lundy's Lane, Chapultepec and Bull Run, Shiloh, Gettysburg, Santiago, Normandy, and many others. Eighty-four engraved silver rings are on the staff of the Regimental color, each ring commemorating a battle in which the Regiment took an honorable part. From the tip of the staff fly 46 streamers denoting the Regiment's campaigns. The Regimental motto, NOLI ME TANGERE, (No one Dare Touch Me), was given to the Regiment by Wayne's Legion in 1791.

Many graduates of the Academy have served with the 2nd Infantry Regiment in its 162 years of existence. The first graduate to be assigned to the Regiment was Auguste Chouteau, class of 1806. Among the famous graduates who also served in the Regiment were: Albert Sidney Johnston; Kirby Smith; Simon Bolivar Buckner; George Pickett; Omar Bundy; and Briant H. Wells. The names of 9 officers and 88 enlisted men of this Regiment, killed in the Civil War, are listed on Battle Monument, which was erected in memory of the Regular Army officers and men killed in that war.

The colors of the 2nd Infantry Regiment will be displayed, together with the distinctive unforms of the color bearers and the baton bearer, in the West Point Museum until such time as the 2nd Infantry Regiment may be reactivated.

General Sherman's Punch

Not all of the old books in the U.S.M.A. Library are as dry as they look. Some of them bear pencil annotations that are pretty juicy. For instance, here is one calculated to make the reader drool. It is General Sherman's recipe for punch.

1 cup Lemon Juice
2 cups Sugar
3 cups Whiskey
4 cups Water
1 box Guava Jelly
1 pt. Champagne

We don't think this recipe is in the General's handwriting; but it was probably written by one of his devoted disciples at the time in the 1880s when he was spending most of his leisure on the porch of the Old Hotel. It is well known that he was a connoisseur of drinks.

No directions for mixing the potation were recorded. Doubtless the General would have scorned to give his recipe to anyone ignorant of the fine points of combining the ingredients.

George Washington's Pistols Presented to the Museum

Clendenin J. Ryan, prominent business executive of New Jersey, has presented to the United States Military Academy a historic pair of pistols, once the property of George Washington.

Originally given by Washington to his private secretary, Bartholomew Dandridge, the pistols were sold at the time of Dandridge's death to Colonel Philip G. Marsteller, who was one of Washington's pallbearers. The bill of sale accompanies them. Mr. Ryan obtained the pistols in 1951 from Mr. E. Hubert Litchfield, collector of arms and armor.

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

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Other activities at the Military Academy make material contributions to the Ordnance education of a Military Academy graduate. Other Academic Departments incorporate in their courses problems and background material related to Ordnance. The Department of Tactics devotes considerable time to the operation and employment of Ordnance matériel.

The cadets have an opportunity to observe the normal functioning of the Post Ordnance organization and to visit its facilities. During the Summer training periods Ordnance Maintenance support is rendered by Post Ordnance personnel in support of Summer camp.

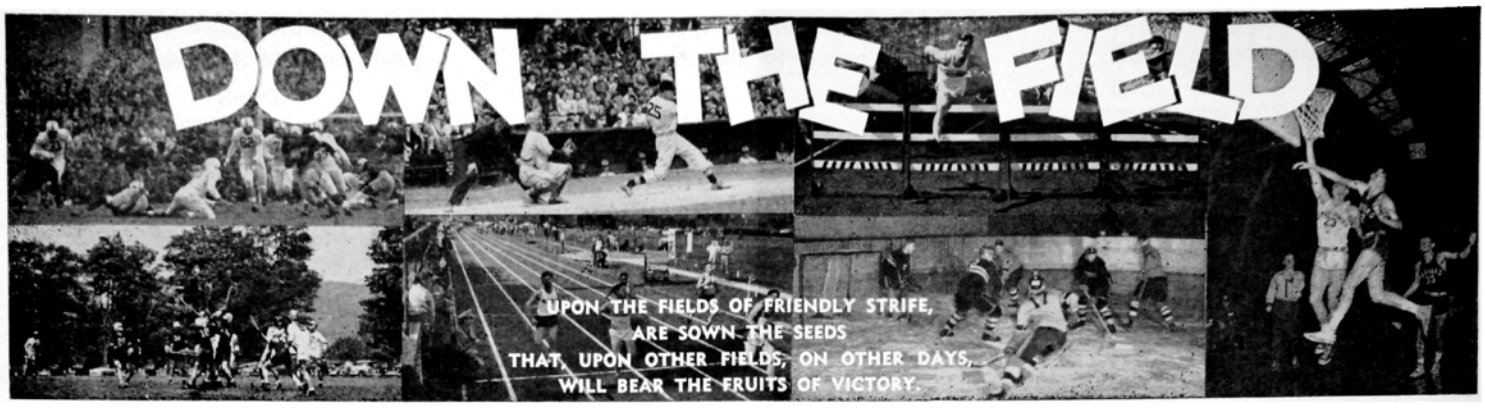
For those cadets who desire to examine old weapons and models of previously used items or Ordnance matériel, the West Point Museum offers ample opportunity for them to do so. This activity was formerly under the jurisdiction of the Professor of Ordnance and is therefore the depository of many Ordnance items of historical value. Frequent use is made by the Department of Ordnance of museum items for regular instructional use.

The Academy Librarian has been most interested in obtaining books and other publications and maintaining a complete reference library on Ordnance subjects.

In the fall of 1951 the Cadet Ordnance Club was authorized and organized. Cadet Paul A. Gray was elected President by the members. Membership is not limited to the First Class, but all of the upper classmen are eligible. The Club has been quite active in sponsoring a wide variety of functions pertaining to Ordnance. It has sponsored an automotive work shop, encouraged the utilization of the small arms and machine shops by its members, and has had guest speakers on Ordnance subjects for twelve of its meetings. It is expected that as this extra-curriculum activity becomes better established more diversified projects will be sponsored.

Many agencies, both governmental and civilian, have contributed to the Department of Ordnance by freely giving information and by providing material assistance. Frequent visits of industrial and civilian leaders, notably officers and members of the American Ordnance Association, have permitted contact of the instructional staff and by members of the Corps of Cadets with American Industry.

The foregoing story of the evolution of Ordnance instruction given at West Point during the one hundred and fifty years since the founding of the United States Military Academy emphasizes the typical progressive development of the academic courses in the accomplishment of the Academy's mission.



By Joe Cahill

WEST POINT, 15 October 1953—Hampered by losses of key personnel and throttled somewhat by the rules revision, Army is nevertheless marching through its sixty-fourth football season just about as anticipated.

Though not exactly news, it is interesting to note once again the losses that the squad has suffered since the last day of football in 1952—and we are not referring to the normal departures at graduation.

Gone via injury is Neil Chamberlin, a fine tackle prospect; academic failure accounted for the loss of Freddie Meyers and Mario DeLucia, both regular backs; and the resignations of Dick Reich and Ronald Lincoln completed the demise of what many rated as a potentially powerful Army squad.

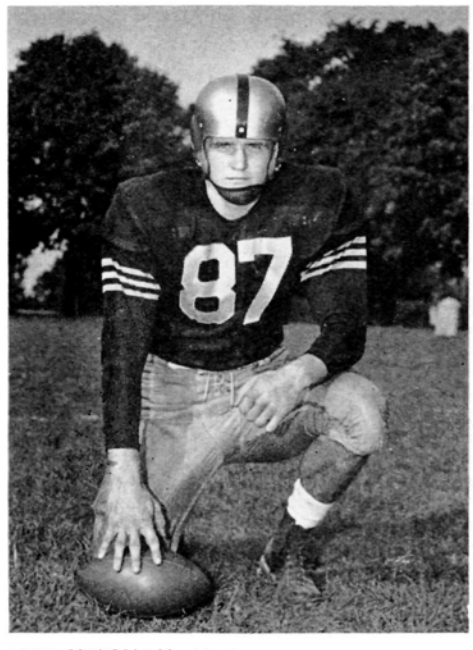
The football rules committee then stepped in and completed the destruction of fond hopes for a winning team by eliminating the platoon system, which helped make Army a team to be reckoned with in any league.

These setbacks notwithstanding, Earl (Red) Blaik and his assistants went to work with the remnants, and appear to have welded a pretty fair combination, all things considered.

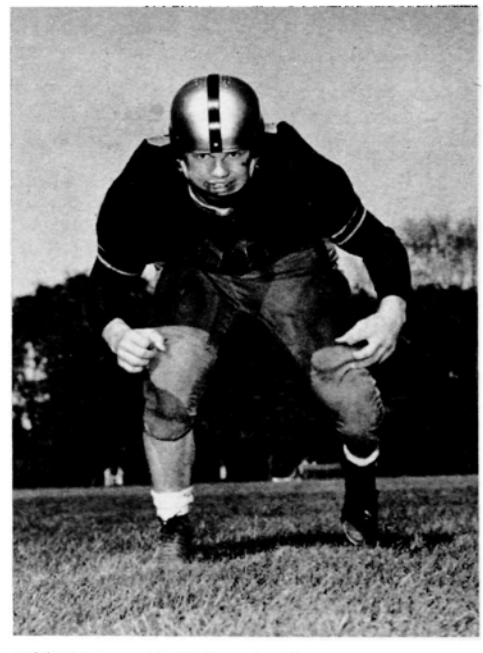
Six yearlings have come to the rescue. With few tested veterans on hand, Blaik turned to these uninitiated few—who are coming through with alternately outstanding and sluggish performances.

In the backfield Pat Uebel of Bellevue, Ky. has taken over the left half post and appears to fit in well despite his greenness.

FREDDIE ATTAYA—Fullback. .



BOB MISCHAK—End. .



RONALD MELNIK—Tackle.

U. S. M. A. FALL SPORTS 1953

(With Scores to Include 24 October)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

FOOTBALL

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
September 26	41	Furman 0
October 3	20	Northwestern—at Evanston 33
10	27	Dartmouth College 0
17	14	Duke—at Polo Grounds, N. Y. 13
24	40	Columbia 7
31		Tulane—at New Orleans
November 7		North Carolina State College
14		Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia
21		Permanently Open
28		Navy—at Philadelphia

SOCCER

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
September 25	4	Ithaca College 0
October 3	7	Buffalo State Teachers College 0
10	1	Yale—at New Haven 1

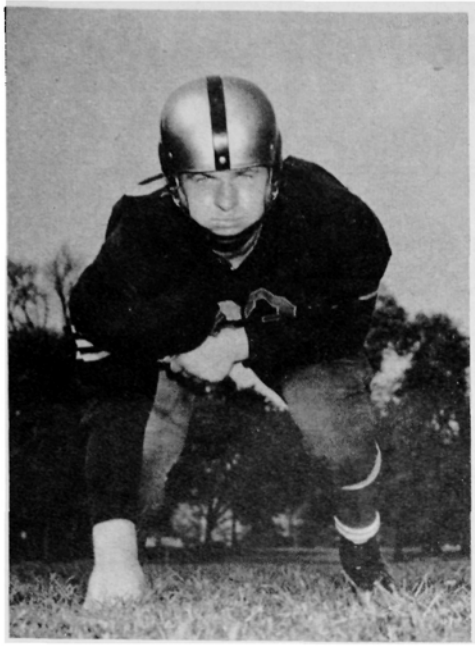
SOCCER (Continued)

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
16	4	Penn State College 3
21	7	Fordham 0
23	2	West Chester State Teachers Col. 1
28		Rider College
31		Temple—at Philadelphia
November 7		Cornell—at Ithaca
13		Pennsylvania
21		Navy—at Annapolis

CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Army Score*	Opponent and Score*
September 25	30	Providence College 27
October 2	29	Villanova College 30
10	24	Dartmouth College—at Hanover 33
17	25	Manhattan College at New York 34
23	43	Pittsburgh 16
30		Syracuse
November 6		Heptagonal—at New York
16		IC4A—at New York

*Low score wins



RALPH CHESNAUSKAS—Guard.

He has started all three games thus far, playing with Pete Vann, quarterback; Freddie Attaya, fullback; and Gerry Lodge, right half; in what is considered the regular backfield.

Sophomore linemen include tackles Ron Melnik and Bob Farris, guard Ralph Chesnauskas, and end Don Holleder. Farris is probably the most heralded of the lot. A transfer student from Vanderbilt, where he was a standout at center, Farris is in the process of proving to both the academic and tactical departments that he is four stripe material. Holleder is being compared, as a receiver, with ends of old like Dan Foldberg. Many imply Holleder has it on the former all-American from Texas, in that he is faster afoot. Chesnauskas and Melnik are simply rough, tough linemen, who will be heard from as soon as the sheen wears off.

The remainder of the line is built around experience. Captain Leroy Lunn, a guard; Bob Mischak, an end; and Norman Stephen, center; have had considerable playing time to their credit over the past three seasons.

In the opener with Furman we expected a tartar. The Purple Hurricane was loaded with thirty-two seasoned veterans. A year ago they had cut down West Virginia, who went on to top Pittsburgh. To complete the cycle, Pitt dumped Army. All things, therefore, pointed to a whopping opener for such an unseasoned outfit.

LEROY LUNN—Guard.

Army decided the contest in the opening minutes. The line took complete charge of the Southern entry, and by halftime there was no question about the outcome and the possibility of an upset seemed silly. The final score of 41-0 did little more than to build up a false prosperity.

The true evaluation came at Evanston the following Saturday, when Northwestern proved that football is nothing more than a game of errors. The team that makes the fewest almost always wins. Certainly that seemed like some sound thinking when you analyze what happened.

Our line, though outweighed by several pounds per man from end to end, took complete charge of the Big Ten representative for the entire first period and part of the second. We scored once and fumbled on Northwestern's 4 en route to a second touchdown. Later in the game Jerry Lodge had an open field between himself and the goal line when he dropped a pass interception. In the same vein, Attaya reeled off a clever 28 yard run down deep in Northwestern terrain when he, too, fumbled the ball away. Yes, there were so many chances to win this one. The final count of 33 to 20 hardly tells the story. It was so much closer.

Dartmouth came to Michie Stadium a humbled, embattled group. Navy had thumped them 55 to 7. The Big Green had little, or so it seemed. But as Coach Blaik has often repeated in the dressing room: "Football games are not won on the rubbing table." This axiom was spelled out for the squad that day. Dartmouth reared up on its haunches and stubbornly refused to allow Army to score in the first half.

BOB FARRIS—Tackle.

This new-found fire was partially a rebound by Dartmouth after two successive shellackings. But from my vantage point, I believe I detected an air of complacency on the part of the Cadets. This was quickly dispelled during the intermission, however, as Army came to life—displaying precision, skill and a desire to annihilate the opposition. Pete Vann, if one boy can be singled out, took complete charge. His passes clicked on 12 of fifteen occasions. He demonstrated poise and a rifle arm. Some thought he looked the caliber of Bob Blaik, Arnold Tucker, or maybe Arnie Galiffa. Anyway, the 27-0 win, was mainly attributed to this boyish looking signal-caller.

Looking ahead, it still seems like a hazardous business to try to forecast the remainder of the season. There is still no possible yardstick with which to gauge the cadets. The schedule seems overburdened with good teams. Duke, at this writing, is rated seventh in the Nation. Columbia and Pennsylvania are always difficult no matter what the season's records might be. Tulane, like Duke and Northwestern, is simply out of our class at this time. As for Navy, who knows? The Middies, as usual, are loaded. They always are. Only this year their schedule is tailor-made. "Nothing is impossible", Coach Blaik once told me. There have been so many times when he has proved it on so many football fields.

ON OTHER FIELDS

Six dual and two championship meets compose Army's 1953 cross country schedule. In the championship tests the Cadets will compete in both the IC4A and Heptagonal races at Van Cortlandt Park. In another visit to New York City the Cadets will vie with Manhattan's strong harriers.

Coached by Nate Cartmell, the Cadets will be striving to extend to seven their successive string of Heptagonal titles. However, the task may prove more difficult than in recent years. Coach Cartmell reports that four of last year's first five runners are absent from the scene. Most important of these is Lew Olive, Heptagonal individual champion, who has used up his eligibility. Most prominent of the returnees is team captain Bill Cory. Others who figure to score for the Cadets this fall are Bob Wray, Bill Almon and Jim Healy.

In their first three meets the harriers outdistanced Villanova 29-30, and Dartmouth 24-33, after being upset in the season's opener with Providence, 30-27.

Army's 1953 soccer schedule is a typically tough alignment of games that includes most of the finest teams in the East. Now in his seventh season, Coach Joe Palone is striving to match his incomparable record of only one loss over the past three seasons, including successive Eastern championships in 1950 and 1951.

Lack of depth is the principal problem. Five starters are gone, including Fred Smith, second team all-American. The starting team, according to Palone, may well be as strong as the teams of the past three seasons, with six regulars returning. Scotty Adams, who learned his soccer in Scotland, is the key man. He was an all-American at Inside Left last year. Palone rates Woody Black, left wing, as one of the finest he has ever coached. Dick Johnson, the team's high scorer, born and raised within the shadows of the Military Academy at nearby Cornwall, is also back.

Palone has the booters right at the top of the heap, as usual, following their first three contests. The record thus far shows wins over Ithaca, 4-0, and Buffalo State Teachers, 7-0; and a tie with Yale, 1-1.

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The Black Knights of West Point, an illustrated history of Army football teams, by James S. Edson (author of *Alabama's Crimson Tide* and *The Tigers of Auburn*) is due for publication in December by the Bradbury, Sayles, O'Neill Company, 219 East 44th Street, New York 17, N. Y. The book will include the 1953 Army football season.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Keeping up with the correct addresses of our alumni is one of the principal problems of the Secretary of the Association of Graduates. Unless the current address of an alumnus is known and recorded in the Secretary's office at West Point, the Association cannot be of service to him. In this situation, ASSEMBLY and its readers, together, can be of great value to the Association and to our "missing" alumni. Beginning here, we will print partial lists of these "unknowns" in each issue of the magazine. If any reader, including, of course, the owner of the name, knows the correct current address of any of the alumni listed (alphabetically by classes) below, and will send that name and address to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point, he will be doing a most important service for the collective benefit of all West Pointers.

CLASS OF 1892

Palmer, John McA.

CLASS OF 1896

Bell, Ola W.
Hood, Duncan N.

CLASS OF 1898

Welborn, Ira C.

CLASS OF 1903

Lynch, George A.

CLASS OF 1904

Crystal, Thomas L.

CLASS OF 1905

Sharp, Herndon
Ward, Bloxham

CLASS OF 1906

Fox, Hally

CLASS OF 1910

Edwards, Allen R.

CLASS OF 1911

Hicks, Frank H.
Kieffer, Philip J.

CLASS OF 1914

Bradley, James L.
Brown, Harry M.

CLASS OF 1915

Brady, Thomas J.
Gillette, Douglas H.
Hooper, Otto A. B.
Lyon, Edwin B.
Williams, John H. C.

CLASS OF 1916

Hemphill, Pettus H.

CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Black, Percy G.
Guion. James L.
Schwarzkopf, Herbert N.

CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Bell, John T.
Deeble, William R., Jr.
Hea, James J.
Moomau, Edgar B.
Paca, William W.
Saunders, John B.
Taylor, Vincent N.
Timberlake, Edward W.

CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Bagby, Robert E.
Corpening, Maxwell M.
Foster, Robert T.
Hoffman, Charles E.
Irish, Wynot R.
Kern, Thomas F.
Knight, O'Ferrall
Lamar, Julian K.
McKee, Charles E.
Whitaker, Reginald

CLASS OF NOV. 1918

Brown, John T.
Dietrich, John P.
Dzau, Linson E.
Hill, James H. Carney
Rosendahl, Clarence A.

CLASS OF 1919

Barlow, Raymond C.
Bennison, Richard T.
Child, Robert W.
Davidson, Donald M.
Halter, Bryan S.
Jackson, Charles R.
Keeley, John T.
Kirby, Alexander G.
Luce, Dean
Miller, Paul R. M.
Molitor, Carl
O'Connor, Cornelius E.
Pyle, Charles A.
Regnier, Romeo F.
Sampson, Horace P.
Springer, Robert M.
Stovall, Albert S. J.
Warren, Joseph H.
Winn, Walter S., Jr.

CLASS OF 1920

Ager, Snowden
Blodgett, Frank H.
Box, Jefferson D.
Burkart, Esher C.
Burt, Reynolds, J., Jr.
Carr, Lawrence J.
Cassidy, John F.
Chapman, Harold J.
Clendenen, Clarence C.
Elliott, Escalus E.
Ellis, Hamilton P.
Fulton, Alan L.
Garrison, Cornelius
George, Alexander
Hamilton, Fred L.
Hart, Aladin J.
Hasbrouck, Sherman V.
Higgins, Wilson B.
Johnston, Eugene C.
Johnston, Oscar R.
Lake, James L.
Link, Eugene M.
McCormick, Harlan T.
McMillin, James M.
Merritt, Wilmer B.
Mudge, Verne D.
Reece, Raymond H.
Reybold, John B.
Rudolph, James M.
Sand, Harold O.
Searcy, Frank T.
Shallene, Wilbert E.
Smyser, Harold E.
Stace, Donald F.
Starr, Francis J.
Trimble, Ford
Trimble, Robert S., Jr.
Wakefield, Mortimer F.
Whitmore, Charles S.

CLASS OF 1922

Ficklen, Holmes
McDavid, James E., Jr.
McLallen, DeWitt L.
Molloy, Harold T.
Woods, Fred J.

CLASS OF 14 JUNE 1922

Cothran, Francis E.
Goddard, William B., 3rd
Kleinman, Edward A.
Wittkop, Hilbert M.

CLASS OF 1923

Guevara, Santiago C.
Hennessey, Charles A.
Kerr, Wade L.
Smith, Valentine R.
Williams, George F.

CLASS OF 1924

Ackerman, Stephen W.
Cavenaugh, Harry T.
Coates, Charles H.
Crosby, George D.
Daniel, Charles D.
Dickerson, James B.
Forman, Ovid T.
Foster, Andrew P., Jr.
Gillespie, Walter D.
Griffith, Leslie E.
Keeler, Frederick R.
Kernan, George M.
Kielty, Joseph A.
King, Harold O.
Leonard, George B.
Mabie, Russell L.
Mattice, Earl
Meister, Melvin E.
Noel, Wilbur K.
Ramsey, John W., Jr.
Regnier, Augustus J.
Robins, Edward A.
Smith, Douglas B.
Steel, George H.
Tandy, Fremont S.
Traywick, Jesse T., Jr.
Triplet, William S.
Wrockloff, George E., Jr.

CLASS OF 1925

Clark, Richard T.
Cleland, Joseph P.
de Gravelines, Kryl L. F.
Dowling, Albert R.
Wright, Willard L.

CLASS OF 1926

Gaffney, Robert A.

CLASS OF 1927

Axup, Roy W.
Brown, Frederic J.
Carlock, Willard B.
Cobb, Arthur L.
Crume, John R., Jr.
Curtis, James D.
Doty, Ralph E.
Funston, Frederick, Jr.
Hackman, David M.
Harding, Neil B.
Howard, Francis E.
Johnson, Max S.
Kaylor, John P.
Kochevar, John H.
Lovell, John R.
Segarra, Antulio
Stober, Mason F.
Thompson, James V.
Webb, Elmer M.
Whitehouse, Benjamin

CLASS OF 1928

Anderson, Frederick L.
Baker, George W.
Bisson, Maurice C.
Brennan, Thomas J., Jr.
Coleman, Frank J.
Dickey, Foster R.
Flood, Henry L.
Olive, James F., Jr.
Wiesenauer, Robert
Sherburne, Thomas L., Jr.
Wilson, Daniel McC.

CLASS OF 1929

Abbott, Ward T.
Brewster, Myles W.
Clarke, Logan
Coolidge, George W.
Costello, Normando A.
Dwyre, Douglas G.
Fagg, William L.
Gilbert, Oliver H.
Griffin, Thomas N.
Hayden, Everett C.
Montgomery, Harry G., Jr.
Robey, Pearl H.
Smith, Robert V. M.
Treat, Charles H.
Van Bibber, Edwin M.
Vickrey, Luster A.
Woods, Ralph N.

CLASS OF 1930

Ahearn, Walter E.
Anderson, Harry C.
Barrow, Ralph C.
Blackford, Clifton D.
Corr, Francis J.
Cron, Robert E., Jr.
Darrah, James T.
Davis, Mahlon S.
Dennis, Albert E.
Diddlebock, William H.
Guthrie, John S.
James, Joseph E., Jr.
Koscielniak, Adam A.
Kenny, Eugene A.
Kunzig, Henry B.
Lancefield, Robert L.
Langdon, Wendell H.
McCoy, Howard M.
Olin, Charles L.
Patrick, Bream C.
Perry, Willis A.
Sawin, Clement V.
Smith, Harold L.
Stevens, Eli
Stuart, Archibald W.
Watson, Robert J.

CLASS OF 1931

Armstrong, Donald K.
Baldwin, Charles P.
Bard, Charles R.
Barr, John E.
Beck, Theodor J.
Beishline, John R.
Bethune, Philip H.
Bowman, Wendell W.
Brown, Sidney G., Jr.
Carlisle, James H.
Cheal, Robert M.
Fletcher, George E.
Gay, Alfred C.
Green, Carl E.
Hartman, George F.
Herrick, Curtis J.
Hiddleston, Eugene W.
Hogan, Arthur H.
Leeper, Earle D.
Leinster, Roy L.
MacLaughlin, Victor J.
Mayo, Paul A.
McGee, John H.
McVea, A. J.
Patterson, Donald R.
Quackenbush, Robert E.
Taylor, William, Jr.
Truly, Merrick H.
Uhlman, Harold R.
Wilson, Norton B.
Workizer, Daniel T.

New Members

We welcome to our membership 21 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,399.

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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1888

Assembly takes great pleasure in recording for the Class of 1888, and for all other members of the Long Gray Line, the high honor conferred last summer upon General Peyton C. March. At a ceremony at the White House on 30 July he was tendered the Thanks of Congress. In the presence of several distinguished guests, including Senator Saltonstall, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the Senate, the Honorable Dewey Short, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, and the Honorable Robert T. Stevens, Secretary of the Army, President Eisenhower read the Concurrent Resolution:

"Whereas General Peyton C. March retired from the position of Chief of Staff of the United States Army on June 30, 1921, after a distinguished career: and

Whereas, despite his retired status, his interest in national defense has continued to be profound and continuing; and

Whereas he has displayed this interest by many constructive suggestions which have been of great value to the War Department and the Department of the Army: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE (THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING), that the thanks of Congress are hereby tendered to General Peyton C. March for his selfless and patriotic interest in the United States Army since his retirement, manifested so often by his helpful counsel to the War Department and the Department of the Army, thereby contributing greatly to the national security of the United States."

—*C. N. B.*

1890

Mr. George M. Brown, Class of 1890 died in New York, on August 10, and was buried in St. Louis on August 13. Brown resigned after three years service in the 16th Infantry and devoted his entire life to business pursuits. He was very successful and built up a very large corporation known as "Guaranteed Products Co.," and when he retired from business in 1946 he was the wealthiest man in the Class of '90.

Brown was a man of strong character. He helped to organize the American Legion and he brought the Boy Scout Movement to America. To those who knew him well he was an outstanding character.

Colonel H. T. Ferguson and General Ryan celebrated their birthdays on August 23rd at the Detroit Hotel. General Ryan had to move his birthday from October 22 to August 23rd. One of McNair's daughters was present and an enjoyable dinner was held in the hotel dining room.

—*J. A. R.*

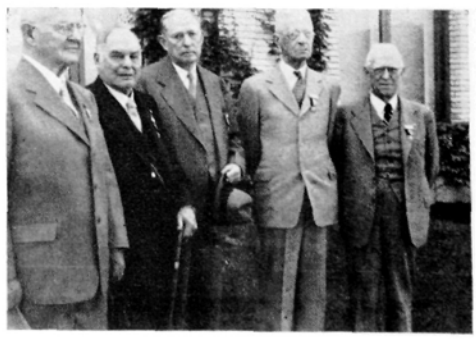
1891

The death of "Bill Thicket" Bush in May reduced our number to eight, with two of our clan in '92. Bush passed on without suffering after a long period of poor health. Please note the change of Birdie's address to Apt. 3, 3607 Chevy Chase Lake Drive, Chevy Chase, Md. Sometime this month (September) your scribe will move to Apt. B-201, 819 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa. Late in August we enjoyed a drink and a chat with Schoef by phone. That old soldier carries on with his fine cheer but has practically given up the use of the pen. Our Emeritus Member, Hodges, placed the wreath in June, and adorns the cover of the July *Assembly*.

—*L. S. S.*

1893

Three Generals and two Colonels, Emeritus, (meaning packed with merit) of the original Class of 1893 assembled in the



60th REUNION, CLASS OF 1893.
Left to Right—McManus, Edwards, Walker, Kilbourne, Cocheu.

Officers Club at West Point for their 60th Reunion dinner on May 31, 1953.

We were a last remnant of a Class that

has given honest, faithful and dangerous service to our Country. Present were Major General Kenzie W. Walker, Major General Frank S. Cocheu, Brigadier General George H. McManus, Colonel Lincoln F. Kilbourne, and Lieutenant Colonel Arthur M. Edwards. Our chastening experiences of survival straightway strengthened our already affectionate comradeship.

Preceding the dinner a brief prayer service was held in loving memory of our departed comrades. Then the enjoyable dinner proceeded, after which agreeable personal remembrances were in order. Thus the fraternal event passed into pleasant history.

The following day, June 1, featuring the West Point Alumni gathering, brought this '93 group very near the head of the column, marching to honor Colonel Thayer, West Point's Founder. In the Parade Reviewing Line later we held honorable precedence. The luncheon of the Association of Graduates was illuminating and enjoyable.

Graduation Day on June 2 thrilled the old-timers with pleasant memories of their halcyon days. Then, with fraternal farewells, our 1893 Reunion group separated, thankful that we had been able to attend these memorable exercises.

—*Arthur M. Edwards.*

1895

In July, Frank ("Sloppy") Watson, with his son, Numa, attended the funeral in San Francisco of his grandson, Numa Augustin, Jr., who died from battle wounds like his namesake of '95. "Sloppy" visited Joe Herron at Long Beach before returning to Fort Sam Houston to undergo an operation from which "he came through in good shape".

"Barney" Pritchard wrote from the post hospital at Fort MacArthur that he expected to be back home within a week.

Caspar Conrad reports that both he and "his best girl" are far from well.

Tommy Darrah is spending the summer in Harwich Port, Mass. His heart attack and eight weeks hospitalization last fall have slowed him down.

"Hoss" Cavenaugh received an O.K. in June after a physical checkup at Walter Reed. About this time, his wife, Josepha, was quite ill but is gradually getting stronger. "Hoss" lost his class ring on the beach. A week later, some "kids" found it. If you are going to the races, write "Hoss" for a tip. It doesn't seem that he can lose.

August Nissen says that he is a little wobbly but keeps in fairly good shape by walking.

Joe Herron is well and active; is interested in the West Point Society of Los Angeles. He writes that he is "busy working (!!!), playing, or studying and entertaining friends from all over the country".

For something to do, Perry Miles has been writing some of his memories of service. His World War I service was unique because the regiment he commanded was incorporated in a French division.

After reporting so much illness, it is a pleasure to end on a happy note by recording the very good health of all of our class widows who wrote to your reporter; Bertha Bash, Katrina Schulz, Nellie Richardson, Estelle Simmons and Jane McGrew. Bertha's daughter and granddaughter are now living with her. The much decorated Taylor Simmons has terminated his service with the Air Corps and is back with his mother. He is now the Washington representative of a prominent New York firm of architects.

—*P. L. M.*

1897

"Sheriff" Conley's granddaughter, Mary Clare Watlington, was married June 20th, to Captain Stephen Orville Edwards, Class of 1946. The wedding was at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fairland, Maryland, near the Conley home, followed by a reception at the house. A very large number of friends were present. The young couple reside at West Point, where Captain Edwards is an instructor.

The class was greatly saddened by the death of Hughes at Walter Reed Hospital on August 6, 1953. Hughes had been in good health and spirits until shortly before his death. Burial was at Arlington on August 10th, with his classmates Conklin, Conley, Ferguson, McCoy and Roberts, C. D., among the pallbearers. Hughes is survived by three sisters and five brothers, all of whom were at the funeral.

It is noted in the Report of the President, Association of Graduates, that a meeting was held at the home of Altstaetter at Savannah for the purpose of organizing a West Point Society in that city.

Dinky Roberts' grandson, Heyward B. Roberts, Jr., was sworn in as a midshipman at the Naval Academy in June 1953,—a good example of the "integration" of the Services, his father and grandfather being West Pointers.

—*C. D. R.*

1903

Pope, A. M., then our Class President, drove his car proudly to the 50th Class Reunion and was a bit self-conscious about having had the license number "W.P. 1903" for many years. When he returned home he found a letter from a judge in a town 20 miles away, advising him that his car with license number "W.P. 1903" had been reported for traffic violations three times and threatening jail if he did not answer this summons! He replied that neither he nor any member of his family had been in that town for ten years and there must be some mistake. He promptly received another letter saying he had violated traffic rules three more times, and was given 24 hours to appear in court. Pope got his hometown supervisor to telephone the judge that Pope was honest and of good character. The judge admitted there might be some mistake, but the next day Pope was notified that he was still violating the laws and that the State Police had been ordered to pick up the car with his number and arrest the occupants. The next day the judge called Pope and said the Police had picked up the car with license number "W.P. 1903" and its girl owner, and that for the first time in the history of New York State two licenses with the same number had been issued. Pope thinks some one is trying to join our Class.

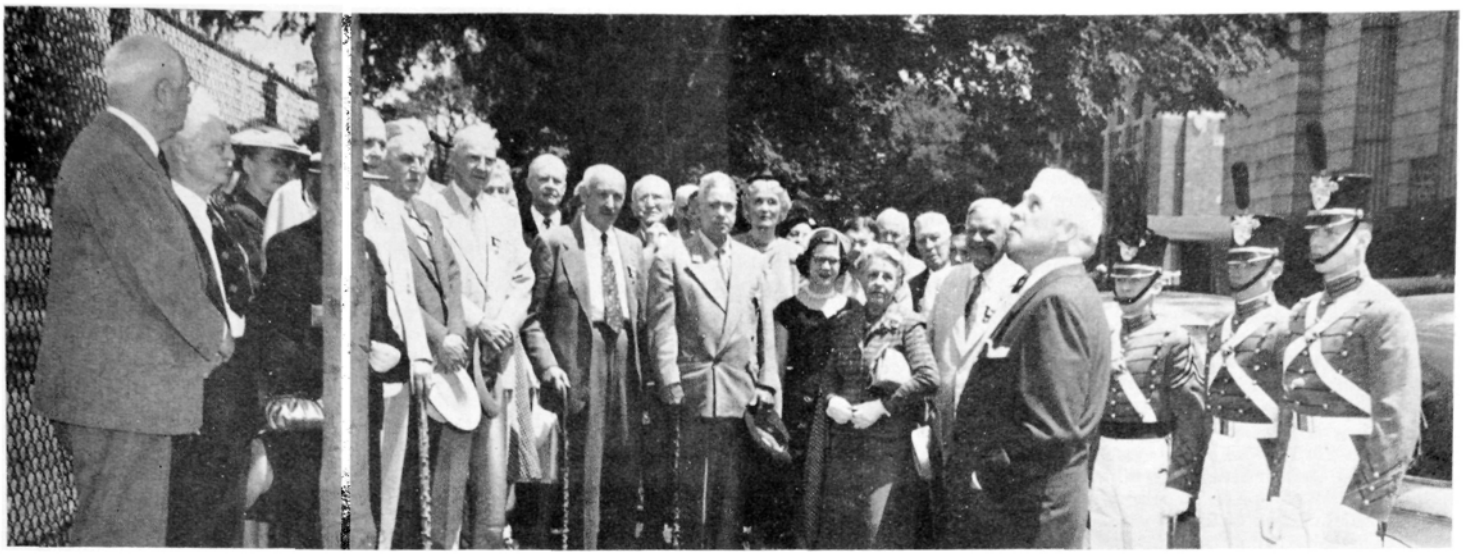
"Sep" Preston's eye operation, which prevented his being with us in June, has been successful and he is recovering. The same good news about Ellery Farmer's operation at Walter Reed Hospital. Our best wishes go to both of them.

News from Harry Hawley indicates that he is ill. I am sure he would appreciate a

CLASS OF 1903—50th REUNION, 1 JUNE 1953.

Front Row (Left to Right)—G. W. Cocheu, L. G. Brown, Cadet F. P. Reynolds, III, W. H. Rose, Mrs. Lewis Turtle, Mrs. M. C. Tyler, Mrs. W. H. Rose, Mrs. C. Jones, Mrs. F. P. Reynolds, Jr., Mrs. E. F. Graham, Mrs. O. G. Collins, Miss Collins, Mrs. R. M. Lyon, M. C. Tyler, R. M. Lyon, J. Gaston, E. F. Graham, C. Jones, O. G. Collins, Cadet C. Jones, Jr., and Cadet Jerry Burbach.

Back Row—E. Farmer, L. Turtle, J. L. Schley, B. F. Ristine, D. R. Rodney, R. C. Taylor, J. W. S. Wuest, A. M. Pope, F. H. Farnum, U. S. Grant, 3rd, S. W. Winfree, R. C. Moore, M. W. Howze and G. C. Brant.



CLASS OF 1903—PLANTING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY TREE.

Front Row (Left to Right)—A. M. Pope, R. M. Lyon, Mrs. R. M. Lyon, J. Gaston, M. W. Howze, C. Jones, W. H. Rose, S. W. Winfree, Mrs. W. H. Rose, R. C. Moore, G. W Cocheu, Cadet F. P. Reynolds, III, Cadet Jerry Burbach, and Cadet C. Jones, Jr.

Back Row—Mrs. C. Jones, B. F. Ristine (side of head only), Mrs. O. G. Collins, O. G. Collins (just one eye), U. S. Grant, 3rd, J. W. S. Wuest, R. C. Taylor, Mrs. L. Turtle, Mrs. E. F. Graham, L. G. Brown, G. C. Brant, and L. Turtle.

letter; his address is "Route 2, Box 2199, Pompano Beach, Fla."

Charles Sherman Hoyt, whom many of us remember as with us for a time at West Point, died at Long Beach, Cal., on August 1st, survived by his widow and a daughter.

—*U. S. Grant, 3rd.*

1904

Again, as happened last year, Budd was in the vicinity of Old Black Point, Connecticut, recently, where Bryden was spending the summer, but, as before, the two failed to get together. Budd sent in a newspaper clipping about a Stanley Koch who heads a staff of 150 persons in New Jersey working on the development of new tubes for television. It appears, however, that he is not our Stanley, who, at last report, was still in San Antonio, Texas. Harry Reilly spent two weeks with the Budds at their farm in Windsor, Massachusetts this summer, and then went on to Lisbon, New Hampshire, to be near Bob Richardson in the nearby town of Bath. Budd is going to St. Alban's Naval Hospital soon for a check-up. Best wishes for a clean bill of health.

A note from Bill Copp in Westport, Connecticut, indicates that he is in good health and just as full of pep as ever.

McIlroy pulled a surprise in July by sending in a check for unsolicited class dues! He said that Moody is closing up his work in Ohio and was soon to return to his home in Washington, D. C.; that Bill and Nancy Brunzell had called recently and looked very fit; that McKell had been unusually quiet since taking a leading part in the Ohio Sesquicentennial earlier in the year; and that J. G. McIlroy, Jr., is now a lieutenant colonel in the Regular Air Force and stationed at Scott Field.

Another good man has gone. It is sad to record that Hoyt died in his sleep during the night of 1-2 August 1953, at the Veteran's Hospital, Long Beach, California. Neal represented 1904 at the services and sent flowers for the Class. Burial was at West Point.

—*W. B.*

1906

This class mourns, along with the rest of this nation that he defended so nobly, the passing, on Wednesday, September 2, at San Antonio, of General Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright, our own beloved classmate, at the very beginning of his seventieth year. Dear, fine old Skinny, with his Cavalry stories and his gay songs, has gone to Fiddlers Green. But his indomitable spirit, that made us all so proud to march with him through the years, still lives and will travel these last long miles beside us still. How wonderful he was, when the overwhelming odds were against him, when

CLASS OF 1903—PRESENTATION OF WATCH TO FIRST GRANDSON GRADUATE.

Left to Right—A. M. Pope (hands only), R. M. Lyon, E. Farmer, Mrs. R. M. Lyon, J. Gaston, M. W. Howze, B. F. Ristine, C. Jones, Mrs. O. G. Collins, J. W. S. Wuest, W. H. Rose, S. W. Winfree (head hidden), R. C. Taylor, Mrs. L. Turtle, Mrs. W. H. Rose, L. G. Brown, M. C. Tyler, R. C. Moore, Mrs. F. P. Reynolds, Jr., Cadet F. P. Reynolds, III, Cadet Burbach, and Cadet C. Jones, Jr.

hope of help or supply was gone, without medicines in the steaming jungles of Bataan, holding back the screaming attacks of the Japanese! When Doug MacArthur was ordered to leave him the hopeless task on Corregidor, how boldly he took the leadership and held again until his island fortress was pounded to dust and rubble—till we could build the barrier across the road to Australia. Rescued from his Manchurian prison, he stood beside MacArthur, on the deck of the *Missouri*, to watch his captors sign their unconditional surrender,—a living symbol of victory. Long will this world remember him!

How small the rest of our little doings seem against that great background!

Phil and Ann Mathews came back on the *Queen Mary* from a grand visit to England and Ireland. The whole Twitchell family (Mary Ann McFarland) assembled at the McFarland home in Washington after Twitch finished his tour abroad. The Burlesons are back from the Maine Coast and the Rileys back from their lakeside Maine summer, where the Hoyles paid them a visit. The Shutes have empty rooms now at their Maine Cape Cottage home, since the three girls with their children have rejoined their families. Joe King was in the same hospital with Skinny and saw him often, giving us bulletins as Skinny sank into his last sleep.

Jack and Alfrida Wainwright were with Skinny continually, from the time he entered the hospital in July, and sent a fine telegram when Skinny died. Adele, Skinny's wife, was too ill to be present.

Brigadier General John P. Daley, Mick's middle boy, has been detailed as Chief of Staff to Major General Bryan, senior member, UN Armistice Commission, in Korea. George Paine's wife is still at Pineville, La., nursing her ill sister. Chick Downing's wife is still at Kinderhook, N. Y., teaching her grandson to step into Chick's shoes. George and Christine Morrow are over the hill at High Hampton and the Mettlers are off for Washington for outpatient advice. The rest of this class is holing up for the winter up north or flying south to escape it.

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Funeral services for General Wainwright were held at San Antonio with family and local friends present. General "Ned" King, who was his commander at Bataan, flew there to be present at the last rites for his former chief, and later joined the nation in Washington in ceremonies honoring General Wainwright. General Wainwright's remains, beautifully encased and flowered by friends and classmates, lay in state in the trophy room at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington cemetery, in Washington, D. C. on Monday and Tuesday, September 7th and 8th, where his thousands of friends and many grateful people, who remembered his stand at Corregidor, paid appropriate honors and expressed their grief. The pallbearers were: General Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff; General King, of Bataan; General Crane, Ordnance Department; General Greeley, Division Commander; and classmates: Generals Loughry, McFarland, Williford, Gillespie, Abraham, Colonels Burleson, Selton, Mathews and Riley. The military escort and graveside ceremonies were provided by the Military District of Washington and were arranged by Colonel Joseph Anderson, son-in-law of Jim Riley, and now on duty with the General Staff, U.S. Army, in Washington. Masonic ceremonies were conducted by local Masonic bodies at the graveside. There, in the shade of the Arlington elms, with those other heroes who made and preserved this nation, his body rests. God rest his brave soul.

—*Charles G. Mettler.*

1907

The best news we have heard in a long time was the report of the release on August 26, the twenty-second day of the Korean armistice exchange, of 1st Lieut. George P. Shedd, 3rd Division, who was taken prisoner early in 1951. We sincerely hope that his long confinement and treatment in prison camps have not seriously impaired his health and we will anxiously await a more detailed report from his family.

Ben Castle sent us a most interesting report about Jimmy Steese. Enclosed was a card which reads "Lieut. Gen. James G. Steese, D.S.M. A.D.C. to Governor of Alaska" The appointment as Lieutenant General and A.D.C. to the Governor of Alaska occurred this summer while Jimmy was in Alaska. It will be helpful to him in his foreign contacts, especially at the forthcoming meeting of the Harbor Congress in Rome, which he is going to attend. He will be sailing from Quebec early in September on an Italian ship which will take him to Le Havre, thence to Paris for a few days before going to Rome. After attending the Congress in Rome he will go to South Africa. Without doubt Jim is the most traveled man of the class. Ben neglected to tell us about his own trip abroad this summer, which Paul Larned informed us was most enjoyable. As might be expected, he played golf on all the famous courses in England and Scotland.

Jim Laubach is still maintaining his reputation as a gardener, as evidenced by an account in the Asheville Times of the Fourteenth Annual Flower and Vegetable Show of the Men's Garden Culb held in the City auditorium on August 21 and 22. He was runner-up for the sweepstakes and won first prize for annuals, a second prize for gladioluses, a second for perennials, a third for roses and a third for vegetables. Jim still has his green thumb.

Marjorie O'Connor was in Arlington, Virginia, in June with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Killian, awaiting a port call to go to Frankfurt, Germany, to visit her other daughter, Patricia, wife of Colonel Jordan Theis. Her son, Douglas, who lives with her in Los Angeles, expected to fly over on a student's space requirement for the summer months.

We Wagners visited our daughter, Dinny Somerville, at the Presidio of San Francisco, where Duncan is G-1 of the Sixth Army, and had a wonderful time. Waldo and Ijai Potter entertained us in their lovely home and at dinner at The Sea Wolf —a charming place reminiscent of Jack London's early days in Oakland. They also took us on a most interesting drive around Oakland and Berkeley and the Mt. Diablo area. We made an overnight trip to Carmel and the Monterey Peninsula but were too crowded for time to visit Judge Henry in Carmel or Ski Santschi when we were passing through Palo Alto, much as we would have liked to have done so. Our principal activity was enjoying the family and reestablishing relations with our grandchildren. Not having visited San Francisco since our return from the Philippines many years ago, we found it most interesting and with a charm quite different from any other city that we have known.

Ijai Potter gave us a copy of Game and Gossip, a magazine devoted primarily to coverage of events on the Monterey Peninsula. The Assistant Editor and Art Director is Suzanne Armstrong, daughter of Thurman Bane, who is living with her mother in Monterey. The very attractive cover of the current issue is an example of her work.

Paul Larned reports that Mrs. David G. C. Garrison is living at Charles City, Virginia, and that her son, David, class of 1948, is a Captain at present in the Academic Department at Fort Benning and expects to take the Advanced Course starting in September. He was in Korea for eighteen months at 8th Army Headquarters and on combat duty with the 7th Infantry. The Dan'l Boones are moving to a new home somewhere between Los Angeles and San Diego, but Dan'l failed to give Paul his new address. Cincinnatus Somers was in Walter Reed for an operation during the spring and has completely recovered. Jim Gallogly was also at Walter Reed for a check-up. Paul recently spent a weekend with the Haydens at their beautiful place at Mattituck, Long Island. He also took a most enjoyable weekend trip with Jim Steese through the latter's home territory in Pennsylvania. Paul told us that in addition to other honors Jim has the distinction of having received the first degree awarded by the University of Alaska. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and is the official U.S. delegate to the International Geographical Society and to the International Navigational Society.

Sloan Doak has been laid up with shingles for the past three months and spent nine weeks in Johns Hopkins. It is pathetic to think of this wiry hard-bitten Texan in anything but the best of health. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Spencers are planning to come east this fall and will be with the Sullivans while in Washington. Buzz Christy is located at 315 West Latham Street, Phoenix, Arizona, and Paul was disappointed in not getting any reply to letters sent to that address. He doesn't know Buzz's aversion to letter writing.

Enrique White is here in the east for the rest of the summer, but later expects to be with his brother, Colonel E. K. White, at 2310 Oldham Street, Austin, Texas.

Injun Hayden made the Saturday Evening Post in the July 11 issue. In a letter to the editor commenting on job preference for veterans he related his experience in a civil service job as Loan Administrator of the Veterans Administration for the State of Maine, which was operated for three years at one-third of the average cost of such offices in the United States.

The Washington group recently tried an afternoon cocktail gathering in place of the monthly luncheon. Nine of them foregathered and had a chance to gab in privacy. It proved to be so successful that they may substitute this form of get-together in place of the regular luncheon. Sounds rather interesting.

Paul reports that thus far contributions to the Class Fund have amounted to about $300. Have you sent in yours? We put this last so you will remember it.

—*H. W. W.*

1908

Since the last report more details have been secured from Erwin's brother (Lt. Col. Vincent P. Erwin) about Big Red's death. He had been farming on March 26th and had a date for the following morning with his Japanese man of all work. Red did not show up and the man went in to wake him and found him dead. Erwin never married.

Bonesteel was in Tucson last spring and plans to return there pretty soon. Hall is scheduled to go to Rome on September 11th to an international congress. Garey reports all the "Angelenos" are well and happy. Everybody who could get away (including the scribe) has been out of Washington and news is scarce.

Hanlon died on August 26th and was buried at Arlington on September 3. His widow was too ill to attend. The following members of the class attended the ceremony: Bonesteel, Edgerton, Garrison, Hall, Schulz, and Sturdevant.

—*C. L. Hall.*

1910

An interesting letter was received the other day from Martin Ray's son, John, '39, who is a lieutenant colonel and stationed in the Far East Command. John thinks that old grads are entitled to "tell the world" when they have 10 grandchildren. He says that his father has been the proud grandpa of 11 for some time and now comes news of the 12th. John suggests raising the Class Cup to the Class Grandpa or else challenge the title. Our hearty congratulations to Martin. He and Jeanne live at 39 Rodney Street, Glen Rock, New Jersey.

A little while back a post card arrived from Fred Holmer. A nice card it was with a fine picture of "Native Dancer" on the back. Fred's message in part was "just to remind you of the good old days in the Riding Hall" This of course was a bit of ribbing of Snakey Dunlop's riding prowess or lack of it in the days of old. Remember the horse, "Sherman"? He was a gray also, not quite so speedy as the "Dancer" but much meaner tempered. All will be interested to learn that Warb Beach now lives at 7917 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, Va. Saw him the other day. He looks well indeed. Charles Hines and his new bride, née Lowella Carter of Boston and New York, came to Washington in the early summer and live at Quebec House, South, 2800 Quebec St. N.W. They were married on June 20, 1953 at the Fort Myer Chapel. The ceremony was followed by a small reception at the Army and Navy Club. We send them our sincere congratulations and best wishes. Word comes from Spec Wallace's farm, "Fairmont," Stony Point, near Charlottesville, Va. that he has become very successful in raising and selling gamecocks. It was good to see Guy and Mary Chipman last June. They had come north for the Kentucky Derby and visited Washington for a few days before returning to their home in San Antonio. A good letter from Joe Taulbee in San Antonio tells of a fine trip he made to Mexico this summer where he visited some enjoyable resort spots. He said Ducky Reinhardt also got away for a while to visit his daughter, Anne, in Salt Lake City. Speaking of grandchildren, Durward and Olive Wilson have a new granddaughter, Ann Augusta, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. C. A. Kengla, born last spring in Wiesbaden, Germany.

—*R. H. D.*

1911

Congratulations to Heffy on his victory in the recent battle at Letterman. I recall years ago when under adverse conditions he was not so successful when he fought the battle of Mobilitz.

Nick reports also that Jimmy Crawford was making good progress with his hand treatment.

Mike Franke, accompanied by that fine son of hers, Gus Jr., came up to see us a couple of Sundays ago. Their visit was far too short but I enjoyed talking to Gus about his experiences in Korea. He is now a Major of the Regular Army and is on ROTC duty at the University of Florida.

Betch, by his attention to duty, is placing himself in the old reliable class. Here is his report:

Sid Foster writes: Just living the life of a country squire on a hill top overlooking Pangus Bay and watching the world go by.

Gertrude Booton writes: John G retired from the paper manufacturing company, Hollingsworth and Whitney, a year ago and intended to stay retired but has taken up a position as consultant at Watertown Arsenal. The Bootons have a new grandson, John Booton Litherington. John Booton, Jr. is still with Mohawk Mills and has bought a farm there. The Bootons would be happy to see any and all classmates passing through Boston.

Psi Holland sends his best regards to all classmates.

On a brief trip to Washington in September I had a nice little visit with Lorraine and Karl Bradford. They are delighted with their fourth grandchild. The count now is three grandsons and one granddaughter. Sally Bradford (Mrs. R. E. Peek, Jr.) lives in Sarasota, Florida.

The unprecedented heat wave this summer must be responsible for the paucity of news.

Now I have a proposition. Between the receipt of the October issue and the first of December I would like very much to receive a note, even a post card, from every member of the class.

—*I. T. W.*

1912

This column is sad to report the unexpected passing of John N. Smith on June 13th at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, after a brief illness. He was the 46th member of the Class to join the 1912 section of the Long Gray Line across the river where he certainly received a "Well Done" pat on the back from his classmates, especially in view of his splendid career on this earth, the last twenty years of which were devoted to his outstanding leadership in the admirable role of Manager of the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled. He was laid to rest in Arlington, with his classmates Littlejohn, Drake, Haislip, Mooney, Thomas, Jones, B. Q., Wilbur, Rose and Snow serving as honorary pallbearers.

Our class widows rate *first* as a group in supporting this column by sending in news items about themselves and their families. Margaret Edwards, Eaton C.'s widow, reports her new address as Box 872, Kentfield, California. Marguerite Holliday wrote from Walter Reed in August that she was recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Esther Kimball, since Kim's passing over a year ago, is happily engaged as a nurse among the mental patients at the Augusta (Maine) State Hospital. Mary Riley's new address is 15 Rico Way, San Francisco, only a block away from her daughter Mary Ellen (Mrs. Robert Barbieri) and her two youngsters. Pat Jr. graduated from the ROTC at the U. of San Francisco in June and was commissioned in the Anti-Aircraft (Regular Army) with station at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He married his sweetheart of long standing, Miss Sunny Lou Hadley of San Francisco, on July 2, 1953.

Caroline Walker (Johnny's widow) suffered a fall in July, requiring hospitalization at Walter Reed for a time, following which she went with son Sam Sims and his children on a motor trip into Canada before helping him pack and take off in August for their new station at Fort Kobbé, Canal Zone. Ruth McLane spent some time at Rehoboth Beach, Del., with Jean and Mike and her husband, Dr. Thomas A. Moseley, who was "Paddy" Flint's faithful Operations Officer of the 39th Infantry at the time of his fatal wounds in action in the hedgerows of Normandy. The Johnny Anderson-Lyon wedding in June was a gala occasion which brought about a family reunion at "Annhaven", the lovely home of the "Swede" Andersons on the Monterey Peninsula. Among out-of-town visitors were the Barrets of Atherton and d'Alary Fechét from Santa Barbara.

Howard Bennion made a breezy speech-making visit to San Francisco last summer but failed to let the 1912 contingent there show him the bright side of life in the big city by the Golden Gate.

Fate has dealt severe blows of late to Ed Boykin, who lost his beloved wife last winter and who suffered his third severe heart attack in June which hospitalized him for over a month. May the sun shine on Ed again in the near future!

The Burfy Browns enjoyed a family reunion in Asheville when Jean and her three children and her husband (Bob Van Volkenburgh) from Fort Sill visited them last summer. Burfy reports that the Steve Chamberlins, over from Tennessee, were in Asheville house-hunting and that they have decided to settle in retirement in that vicinity. On Burfy's 64th birthday Jess sprung a surprise party for him. Among the guests present was a lady whose parents' plantation home near Charleston, S. C. was the hiding-out place for Burfy's relatives when the Yankees came and played havoc with that part of the Confederacy.

The Chen Chynoweths enjoyed a visit last summer from their daughter Frances, her husband, M. Sauvageot, and granddaughter, Ann Laura, from Paris, France.

Pat Cook and her granddaddy, our "Doc", made several trips north from La Jolla, Calif., last summer and called on classmates along the way.

Banker Albert E. Crane reports that old age is blowing hot on his neck, compelling retirement two years hence, whereupon he plans to tour the country and have a drink on all his classmates, far and wide.

Warner and Hart Day, back in New England from their trip to the West Coast, made a motor trip through their beloved New England and decided, after all, that Bernard de Voto was about correct in his tribute to his native New England in "New England, There She Blows". Warner's main project (keeping his beautiful Hingham lawn green) keeps him well exercised.

We are distressed to learn that Donald Dean, our late beloved Bill's younger broth-

er, died at his home in Pasadena last year, leaving us without any record of Bill's next of blood kin.

Jake Fortner, hard at it on his 65th birthday, with a gas experimental project to cope with, writes that he and his wife Norma are enjoying the best of health and are looking forward to joining us in the flesh at our next (45th) reunion. He wants to know "how come" our Class President got the nickname of "Colonel" Shades of those "plebe" days of sounding off our P.C.S.'s!!! Remember?

Ethelyn and Kuddle weathered Houston's hot summer trying to keep up with the plantation and their many civic activities, in addition to playing grandparents in a family group of 16 mighty active people. Kuddle says: "I try to ride with the youngsters and help them saddle their mounts, only to come home dead tired."

Maxie and Katherine Maxwell made their annual pilgrimage to Modesto, Calif., last July to be with Maxie's mother on her birthday. They extended their trip to San Francisco where Phil Faymonville staged a cocktail party in their honor. In Santa Barbara they found d'Alary Fechét in fine fettle and very much occupied with civic and church duties, in addition to giving aid and comfort to the aged widows of Santa Barbara.

The Class is indebted to Harry Malony for his doing a long overdue obituary for publication in *Assembly* on classmate Bobby Lee, who passed to his reward in 1941 at Richmond, Va., in a community associated with his famous uncle, General Robert E. Lee.

In August Bill Wilbur wrote from Boulder, Colorado, where he was visiting his daughter Mary and her family: "It is good seeing classmate John Lewis here in fine shape and doing such a splendid job of civic service for his community, building a Memorial Baseball Field and a new City Hall. He recently had his gall bladder removed and says he feels much better as a result."

Johnny and Patty Lindt made several trips last summer up and down the coast, from their home in Riverside, to see their son Johnny at Marysville and to celebrate with Patty's mother, Mrs. Merriman, her birthday in July in San Francisco, on which occasions they visited with classmates along the way.

Harry McLean returned to the U.S. in August after touring Europe by motor through Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium and France, where he had the pleasure of meeting Chynoweth's daughter, Mrs. Sauvageot, and family, and of extending to the happy young couple greetings from 1912 to their first child, a daughter. Harry also spent some time in Spain.

Lt. Col. John Shirley Wood, Jr., son of our own famed "P" Wood, was recently promoted to that rank and is now serving as aide-de-camp to General Gruenther. Old man "P" himself was cited as being the oldest graduate present in Tokyo at the annual West Point dinner, where he made a short but snappy speech.

Our only class son now at West Point, Bill Hauser, a member of the Class of 1954, and to be graduated next June, will be the last of the 1912 line of sons unless Sid Spalding's namesake becomes eligible a few years hence. Bill is to receive a class present at graduation, probably at the site of our class tree, located near what was once the "Com's" tent in summer camp at old Fort Clinton.

Red Pulford served a term in the V.A. Hospital in Saginaw, Mich., for high blood pressure and arthritis, and reports improvement since his discharge therefrom.

Nickerson sends greetings to all 1912'ers from Banff, Alberta, where he spent a few days while touring the Canadian Rockies, following Bunny Hobson's tour of the same delightful region.

Bill and Charlotte Morrissey live busy lives in busy San Francisco. Bill is proud of the honor of having framed for Chen his first oil painting to be accepted for display in one of the Bay Area Art exhibits.

Cattleman Bill Nalle wishes that more classmates would motor via Culpeper to see him and Mary, as Ike and Al Spalding did last spring. Bill keeps so occupied with farming that he has little time to indulge in his old hobby of hunting, especially duck shooting, in which he excelled in his Leavenworth days on the Missouri flyway.

Bill Wilbur left in September headed for Capetown, South Africa, where he plans to stay for a few months, probably gathering material for some future lectures on international problems. During his absence Larry expects to spend most of her time in Seattle.

We were proud to read Hal Boyle's syndicated column of August 3, 1953, in which he wrote: "The man who saved Korea was the 'Little Bulldog'. He was Lt. General Walton H. Walker, first of the Eighth Army's four commanders in the 37 month Korean War."

Betty and Chan Robbins, now with the 4th Division in Germany, wrote that they are still in the market for an appointment to West Point for their son Bus (1912's Class Grandson). They are sending him to Sullivan's in Washington to prep, in the hope that he will qualify to enter the Point in July 1955. Bus was born in Kansas, spent many years in El Paso, Texas, and has been on the move ever since, with no real "home ties". Who in the Class will rustle an appointment for this boy, in whom the Class has a special interest?

Josephine Rayner is very good about keeping us informed about Harold, who passed his 65th birthday anniversary in the V.A. Hospital at Peekskill, N. Y., where he has been a patient for some two years. Harold lives in a dream world, she says, is not cognizant of his condition and suffers no pain, while receiving the best of care, though he looks very thin and pale. Josephine adds: "His innate sweetness and courtesy remain the same and everyone seems to be very fond of him".

The Sid Spaldings spent the summer months with their five rapidly growing youngsters at their Twin Brook Farm, Center Conway, N. H.

Ike and Al Spalding spent their summer as usual, at Chatauqua Park, Boulder, Colorado, to escape the heat of San Antonio. Ike sets his classmates a good example as supporter of this column with frequent class news items.

Houston and Ada Whiteside enjoyed, at their slummer place in Cascade, Colorado, a week-end visit from the Maxwells in July.

Madge and Sully Sullivan, with their San Francisco town house rented, are now living at their country place, "Wyanoke", Route No. 1, Novato, Calif., about 25 miles from the Golden Gate bridge.

It is with pride that your class officers quote the following from a letter recently received from General Omar N. Bradley:

"As the time approaches when I will be reverting to an inactive status, and looking back over my military career, I realize the debt I owe to the Class of 1912 for getting me off to the right start at the Military Academy. As long as I live I know that I shall remember my plebe year, and as long as I live I shall always have before me the lessons I learned during that year from you and your classmates. I thought then, and I know now, that the Class of 1912 was among the finest the Academy has ever graduated."

—*W. H. H. and R. T. S.*

1913

All of us who were able to be at the 40th Reunion of the Class in June had such an enjoyable time that it is extremely difficult to be brief in our notes to those unable to attend.

The weather, except for some rain on Saturday, was perfect; Sunday, Monday and

40th REUNION, CLASS OF 1913.

Tuesday were "out of this world", so that the Parades, Chapel, the Supe's Lawn Party, the Old Grad's Parade, Graduation Parade, in fact—all formations went off with the beauty and precision to be expected. Those of you who could not attend missed a great gathering, a marvelous Reunion, and brilliant Alumni Exercises. We had some sixty or seventy of us present at one time or another, men, wives, and offspring—at each of the get-to-gethers.

Your committee of Viner, Calhoun and Greene, had the situation well in hand, so that quarters for the wives and offspring at Bear Mountain Inn left little to be desired. The Class stayed in barracks, although there were well beaten paths to the Inn on Friday—for as many as arrived that early—and on Saturday.

Sunday night we had the big Green Room of the Officers' Club, where Mr. Straight, the Manager, gave us a sumptuous buffet supper. To this we invited as our guests the few 1912 who were back—they were Maxwell, Snow and Gatchell. Also we were most fortunate to find Allen Thurman's widow, who had married James C. Ruddell of 1916, so we had them as our guests much to her delight and our pleasure.

On Monday night we had our Class rally and dinner at Bear Mountain Inn, and according to a letter received by the committee, it was an event to be recalled in later days. We had enough of drinks, food (steaks — perhaps from Pat Rafferty's cattle) for all, had you been able to come. The ceremonies were brief—no long talks—we put a time limit on each—one minute. Yet, Critt, Monk, Greene, Jack the Boy, King, Keyes, Cutler, and perhaps a few others had their say. We had a prayer for those of our Class who have already joined the "Long Gray Line", and we had great interest in the telegrams and letters from those of you who could not make it, but thoughtfully wrote news of yourselves. We left about midnight with deep feelings of regret, yet pleasure at again having been together.

The following were present at one time or another: Brewer, Calhoun, Considine, Crane, Crittenberger, Cutler, Davidson, Dorst, Foote, Englehart, Fuller, Greene, Herwig, Johnson, Jones, W. H., Keyes, King, Lewis, Martin, Newcomer, Oliver, Palmer, Perkins, Perrine, Rafferty, Roberts, Roseyear, Rowley, Viner, Weeks, Young, G. R., and Sadtler.

The ladies who came back (God bless them! as they made the party) were:— Mrs. Carlos Brewer, Mrs. Dan Calhoun, Mrs. Jack Considine, Mrs. William Crane, Miss Crane, Mrs. Crittenberger, Mrs. Harold Cutler, Mrs. James Dorst, Mrs. Englehart, Mrs. Francis Fuller, Mrs. Doug Greene, Mrs. A. B. Johnson, Mrs. Geoffrey Keyes, Mrs. H. B. Lewis, Mrs. Newcomer, Mrs. Paul Newgarden, Mrs. L. E. Oliver, Mrs. Dana Palmer, Mrs. W. A. Rafferty, Mrs. W. B. Roseyear, Mrs. O. K. Sadtler, Mrs. J. W. Viner, Mrs. L. B. Weeks, Mrs. G. R. Young, Master Francis Fuller, Master William Fuller, and Miss Dolly Weeks.

The Class Meeting was held in Monk's room in barracks on Monday morning just before the Alumni Parade. Wop Sadtler made the Treasurer's Report as of June 1, 1953. It was moved, seconded and passed that each year at Graduation, from the Class Fund, we offer to send to both the Cadet and Catholic Chapels flowers to the value of $15-$20 in the name of the Class in memory of those who have left us—the pastors of both Chapels to be consulted. There being no other old or new business Monk stated that he could not serve as President of the Class, as he felt that someone living near West Point or in the East might take the job. Without debate or any nominations it was (due to Monk's under the table methods) voted that Joe Viner should be presented with the job. Joe accepted due to the fact that both Wop Sadtler and Doug Greene said that they would help. Viner was to appoint such others to such jobs as he might elect. This he has done, as follows:

Viner	President and Secretary
Doug Greene	Vice President
Monk Lewis	Vice President
Wop Sadtler	Treasurer

The following were designated as district Class Representatives, to get news or help when needed,

San Francisco Area—Archie Dorst, 42 Plaza Drive, Berkeley 5, Calif.

San Antonio Area—Falkner Heard, 401 Terrell Rd., San Antonio, Texas.

Washington, D. C.—A. B. Johnson, Luckettts, Va.

New England Area—L. E. Oliver, Havabrook, Williamsburg, Mass.

New York Area—Joe Viner, Duane Lane, Demarest, N. J.

Philadelphia Area—D. T. Greene, 835 Morgan Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.

Florida Area—G. R. Young, 4564 Ortega Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla.

Los Angeles Area—C. A. Rowley, 7803 E. Harper Ave., Downey, Calif.

The entire Class was much saddened to learn that Dick Nicholas had passed away and had been buried in Arlington. Dick had sent in his intention to come to the Reunion. Ethel had written that his heart was set on the date.

We had a great many letters and telegrams from many of those who could not come, too many to put in this news column. Most of them, in fact, all, or excerpts of them, were read at the banquet.

Henry Perrine reports that the 1913 Class has a "godson" at the Academy—his son David entered with the 1953 plebe class.

None of us could find our Class tree in June. It is now reported that it was buried, but has since been raised and now can be seen.

"Brig" Young could not make it in June. We missed him—the first reunion he ever missed. Silas Ratzkoff and his brother-in-law, Lester Siff, were coming but Silas had a slight attack of heart trouble in the Spring and both could not make it. Archie Dorst visited him in New York and said Silas was better. Putman was so busy with engineering in California he just could not get East. Sterling Larrabee was heard from, too—just could not make it. Pete and Pauline Corlett had just come back from an extended trip to California. En route they saw T. K. Brown and Cheadle. "Shorty" Williams is in Florida. He had an illness after our last reunion—feels better now, but did not wish to take the chances. Manning was coming, though didn't arrive, so it must have been "politics" or something else! Stuart Cramer got as far as New York City, where he became indisposed, so he could not make it. He wrote of his great disappointment. Norton lives in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has been quite ill, so could not make it. Anyone going to Florida should call on Norton. Denny McCunniff, in Denver—he had "too much family and too much young" to make it in June. Lathe Row of Lead, South Dakota, had to take a trip to Florida and the West Indies. He has a boy—Clark Row, a freshman at Yale. He wants any of us to visit him in the "Black Hills" Minna Crutcher was coming, but she had to go welcome another grandchild in Elizabeth, N. C., where her daughter lives. Young "Jack" is running the big farm at Henning, Tenn. Everyone asked for "Nelse"—DO Nelson! He is anchored at Dallas, Texas, with his big job. We were disappointed not to see him. King is in Washington, at Walter Reed—for a check-up. Falkner Heard has been in Europe visiting his boy—but is now in San Antonio. Just could not make it. Jim and Henrietta Gillespie sent their regrets. We all wished to see Sammy Gibson but his plans failed to make it possible.

It is our intention to send a New Year's letter to all of you each year. Hope to see many of you at one or more of the football games—especially the Navy Game.

—Vincr and Greene.

40th REUNION, WIVES OF THE CLASS OF 1913.

1914

In June the 1914 men in the Washington area had a luncheon for Jack Jewett, during his recent trip from the Virgin Islands. In July they had luncheon for Jim Cress, who was in town on his way from Europe to his home in California.

At one or both of these meetings were: Andy, G. P., Andy, J. B., Skimp Brand, Pink Bull, Jim Cress, Reiff Hannum, Maggie Harris, Fred Herr, Bennie Hoge, Henry Holcombe, Jack Jewett, Harold Loomis, Paul

Paschal, Toohey Spaatz, and Leland Stanford.

After the group had decided the fate of the nation, Jim Cress and Henry Holcombe got together on a really important issue. Both have just returned from a number of months in Europe and they agreed for their own benefit, if they ever go abroad again, and for all who plan such a trip, that a car is a must on a really pleasant tour of Europe. Jim bought a foreign car, which he brought back home with him, and Henry finally rented a Chevrolet for two or three months. So if the advice of these worthies is worth anything, don't go to Europe without due consideration of the most important accessory of all, a car. Try sightseeing in your own city without a car, and do any of us try to tour the United States—for months—by train, bus and taxi?

Retired folks who are looking for something to do, but not too much or too strenuous, might be interested in Jack Jewett's account of the Virgin Islands. In addition to his other activities there Jack now has an insurance office in St. Thomas. The best part of it is that Jack has to be in the office only part time, of his own choosing, and his work consists mostly of screening applicants rather than soliciting clients.

Classmates visiting Washington are asked to remember the regular 1914 dinners, the first Wednesday of each month, at the A&N town club. Drinks start around 6:30. At the August dinner meeting we were happy to have Dad Ingles with us. Dad is retiring from his regular position with R.C.A. and will move this fall to Washington where he has just built a new home, almost across the street from J. B. Anderson.

We regret to report that Cy Hoskin passed away on June 4, 1953, and was buried in Arlington on June 9. Cy had been sick for many years and our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife.

In collecting news regarding various members of the class several letters have come to hand which tell the local picture. Tom Monroe writes from headquarters Region 1 of the Office of Civil Defense of the State of California, where he covers the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino—"My brother, Mc, (Class of November 1918) arrived this week from Germany. He brings word from Jack Thompson, Nina, and family, who are enjoying life down on the eastern shore. A couple of weeks ago, Jim Byrom and Louise came over to the coast from Chico. We had a great visit and dinner with them at the Eureka Inn. Jim is manufacturing lumber specialties and has a fine organization in Chico. Clara and myself are enjoying the simple life in the Redwoods. The jungle is encroaching since I have little time at home. This Civil Defense job calls for lots of travel and many evening meetings besides office routine. Tom, Jr., wife, and daughter are now in Baghdad, where Tom is a military attache. Putnam, wife and two kids are at Fort Benning, where his youngest (a daughter) arrived in July. My contacts with members of 14 are few. I enjoy seeing infrequently Robertson of '12, Moose Ardrey, Sliney, and Roberts of '13, Keliher of '15, and Woodward of '16, through Civil Defense."

Jens Doe says, "For the past year we have lived in our home here in Carmel. The two preceding years we spent traveling in Scandinavia, and on the Continent, plus a winter in Texas. Our daughter Camilla, graduated from Castilleja (Palo Alto) in June and we are leaving soon to place her in school in Boston. Hope to stay east long enough to see some Army football."

Bill Ryan adds that, "As you know, Jens Doe and I have been the only two of 1914 graduates in this area for years until Monte Glass arrived about a year ago. Have seen him only once, however, as he seems to enjoy the quiet and solitude of Carmel Valley. Incidentally I do hope to be present for the 40th Reunion where we will go from Florida, where Mary and I are planning to spend several months this winter and spring."

Empie Potts writes from Hampton: "I have been acting as the coordinator of Civil Defense for Hampton which has kept me busy. The more the apathy the harder we have to work to hold the organization together. We have to ask people to do a lot of work for no pay and they just do not respond. We are now having one of the hottest summers on record down here and my garden is parched. We could use some of your cool weather and a lot of water. Have not seen McCain in a year. My son graduated from the College of William and Mary in June, where he took ROTC and is now commissioned a 2nd Lieut. in the Adjutant General's Corps—Res. He hopes to be sent to the AG School at Ft. Ben. Harrison soon and do two years of A.D."

Allen Cowgill adds from Syracuse, "I too am enjoying retired life. We spend much of our time up at Sandy Point on Lake Ontario these warm days. I have plenty to do."

Johnny Carruth says, "The class group in San Antonio now includes Jim Bradley, Ike Gill, Peter Downs, Tim Rees, John Carruth, and Elmer Adler. We were sorry to lose John Henry and Marguerite Woodberry, who moved from San Antonio to Greenville, South Carolina, this spring. John Henry is building a home there, which will be completed about November first. His temporary address is Route 3, Taylors, S. C. Ike and Lilian Gill spent this summer in New England. They are building a cottage in Jamestown, R. I., and plan to make it their summer home hereafter. Jim Bradley has been in California for several months, visiting his daughter. Tim and Amy Rees have with them their daughter, Mildred, and her three children. She will join her husband, Captain Lytle, in Germany later on. Dorothy, the youngest daughter of John and Earll Carruth, and her little son, Christy, have been with them this past winter while her husband, Major Ralph Potter, was in Korea. She will join him in Japan soon.

Roberto Lim has given us a summary of his father's last years. We hope to secure more detail for a later issue. (1) 1941—Commanded the 41st Division in Bataan, which Division gained recognition in the distinguished Battle at Abucay—(2) 1942 up to the surrender of the Fil-American Forces—was taken to Capas, Tarlac as POW—(3) Released in 1942 and lived with his brother-in-law, Mr. Clemente Hidalgo. Was hospitalized several times for illnesses—(4) 1944—Captured by the Japanese and detained at Fort Santiago—(5) 1945 Transferred to Bilibi Prison, Manila, and was never seen subsequently.

In Palo Alto, Geo. Febiger has emerged as a champion fisherman. He and Helen talk of 25 lb. catches on the Rogue River, Oregon, with Doc and Sophia Waldron of 1915—and just recently George and Doc sought the elusive trout at 7,200 feet in the High Sierras where they undertook to be cavalrymen for the last 10 miles. Careful questioning indicates that maybe the fishing was better than the catching.

Freddie Herman, our able Historian, is seeking a 10-year and a 15-year book, both to be sent to the New York Public Library at its request. If you can help him please write direct to 15 W. 2nd St., Westfield, N. Y.

Skimp Brand, Fenn Lewis and Pat Hogan performed a pleasant duty which certain of the class officers missed, and arranged a "Watch from the Class of 1914" for Lieut. Thomas W. Holcombe, son of Henry and Dorothy, to commemorate his U.S.M.A. graduation. The watch was shipped on or about 31 August '53. It is well that no matter what—the class acts!

And now may the undersigned confess to involvement in local politics and winding up as President of the Palo Alto Republican Assembly. This resulted in a delightful "Welcome Home from Europe" party extended to Eleanor Cress and her husband.

Empie jumped us to print and we can add a quotation from the August 9 issue of the Daily Press of Newport News—"POTTS TO HEAD PUBLIC WORKS FOR HAMPTON"

Graduation in 1954 will be on June 8. This will be our 40th Reunion. We are planning for a 100% turnout and recommend that you make your plans for the trip now. At the last luncheon in Washington all present agreed to attend.

The undersigned has undertaken to get this data together and wishes to express his thanks to all who have contributed, and especially to Skimp Brand, who, despite his heavy full-time job, has carried on this work for many years. Those who have information for *Assembly* will help greatly by sending news to Henry Holcombe, Mt. Vernon, Virginia, for the eastern part of the U.S.; to John Carruth, 241 Claywell Drive, San Antonio, Texas, for the San Antonio area; and to Bruz Waddell, 619 S. Citrus Ave., Los Angeles 36, California, for the West and Southwest; or, to the undersigned, 1945 Byron St., Palo Alto, California.

—*Jim Cress.*

1915

Brad's retirement on 15 August after more than 42 years of service terminated his double tour of four years as Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Succeeding Ike in that capacity, after Ike had for six months served as initial presiding officer, Brad held his office under four Secretaries of Defense: Louis Johnson, Gen. George C. Marshall, Robert Lovett, and Charles E. Wilson. He retains rank as General of the Army without active assignment. His time and energies will be fully absorbed by his new duties as Chairman of the Board, Bulova Research and Development Laboratories, Inc. In that capacity his contribution to the technological elements of national security will continue.

Retirement ceremonies included the presentation by the President of the United States of one more cluster to Brad's DSM and a review and garden party at Fort Lesley J. McNair, with Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens as host. The Class of 1915 gave the Bradleys a farewell dinner at the Army & Navy Club in Washington on the evening of 8 August. Aside from the Washington group, a substantial number made the trek from the outlands with their wives: Hobbs and Leone from New York; Taylor, Avent, and Sherburne, from the Carolinas; Williams from Florida; James from Connecticut, and Teter from West Virginia. All told, 63 were on hand to give

Omar and Mary a grand send-off. After a few months in New York while Omar breaks into his new job, the Bradleys will be off to Europe for an extended trip. They are planning to settle in Southern California. By the way, the mapmakers will have to change an item on the West Virginia map, where the town of Bradley takes pride in its new name.

Jim Van Fleet has become a globe trotter. Recalled from Alaska, where he had been hunting, Jim spent some time in Washington; then took off for Korea. Early in September he cabled Helen to meet him in London, one stop-off in a full itinerary. The press reports that Jim has become a member of the Board of Directors of The Twentieth Century Fox Corporation.

A letter from Gibson to Tom Hanley includes a number of interesting items, beginning with Gibson's trip around the world last winter. Taking off from New York on 9 November on a combination cargo-passenger ship which touched various southern ports, he visited Panama and Tahiti, landing in Brisbane on Christmas Eve. The Australian visit included all the important cities. In Gibson's words: "It was a case of visiting old battle fields, since I spent two and a half years there in W. W. II. Yes, I once was a Sydney Commando." The return trip included Auckland, Fiji, Honolulu and Victoria. From Vancouver, he took the Canadian Pacific through the Rockies, "with a fine view of Mount Eisenhower." Early in March he was back in Coral Gables.

Gibson, President of the Army & Navy Club of Coral Gables, has turned over to Cliff Jones the secretaryship of the West Point Society of Miami. He adds that Jones has successfully undergone an operation in the Naval Hospital at Key West; also that Hobbs and Doug Weart are seriously considering the business of settling down in Miami.

A few reports on summer vacations. The Conklins, after a brief stop at West Point, were off to New England. The Hanleys and their daughter picked Ocean Beach, Md., with an eye to possible purchase of a summer place in that vicinity. The Beukemas had three marvelous weeks in Nova Scotia, and stand ready to give it a thumping recommendation if anyone is interested. Stanton will add his endorsement.

Mason Young, retired on 31 July, reports his permanent address as RFD No. 1, Derry, N. H.

Joe and Mrs. Hayse drove to New York early in September to meet their daughter Nellie, returning from a visit in England. A brief stop at West Point, where they visited with the Beukemas, showed Joe how the "little gray schoolhouse" had grown since his cadet days.

—*H. B.*

1916

Since the last issue of *Assembly* we have lost two classmates. Bill Coffin, who has been in ill health since 1951, suffered a heart attack and passed away on August 13. He was buried August 16th at East Hampton, L. I., the place where for several years he has spent his summers. On August 28th Potter Campbell died in a Veterans' Hospital at Orange, N. J. The death of these two men is not only a severe loss to our Class leadership but it deprives us all of two loyal friends. In Bill we have lost our president, whose sound judgment and comradeship have meant so much to us. Since our early cadet days Potter Campbell has been a moving spirit in every Class activity. We mourn their passing and our deepest sympathy goes out to their families.

Crampton and Harriet Jones spent part of August in Washington. Cramp retired in July and plans to live abroad. He expects to sail in October but as yet has no permanent home in mind. Holland and Marian Robb are taking a post-retirement trip to Europe sailing on September 8th. They plan to cover England and the continent and return next June. Then they will live in Chapel Hill, N. C., where they are building a house.

Dixie Bonfils has retired from business in Denver and spent the summer hunting and fishing up the Alcan Highway, ending up at Anchorage. He expects to come east for the Navy game this year. Maurice Miller writes that they expect to throw a 1916 party for Fay and Peggy Prickett when they arrive in San Antonio on their automobile trip around the country. When last heard from they had just reached the Pacific coast. Bill Spence is a grandfather—a girl born July 16th at Fort Leavenworth. His son Bill is with the Eighth Army in Korea. Rinearson is renting a house in San Antone but expects to build when prices come down—hope it's soon. Harlan Mumma has moved to Indianapolis, where he is Executive Vice President of the Zenith Metal Corporation, which makes molding and trim for the big motor companies.

Joe Bolton was burned out of his home in San Antonio last March. The fire put his wife and daughter in the hospital for three months, but, although severely burned, they both have recovered now. The house was a total loss with all it contained. Joe had to borrow a complete outfit from Mac Cockrill until he could get to a store. Nothing gets Joe down for long, however; he is planning to rebuild better and bigger than ever. Joe's a Reservist and was recalled in '50 for about two years with the Air Force; flew the world and worked plenty.

Joe Tully is in the real estate business in San Antonio. Babe Weyand's son was married last May at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., to Miss Jeanne Pierce, daughter of Brigadier General James R. Pierce. He is with the 101st Airborne. Horace McBride came up from Panama for a brief visit with his parents in San Diego. He and Fat Styer got together for an afternoon of golf. We are warned that their score is classified information. Styer and Doe are planning a trip east this fall to visit her mother at Niagara Falls. Fat's son is on R.O.T.C. duty at the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, N. M.

Jack Nygaard is living in Geneva, Switzerland, where he is connected with the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. Murph Irvine's duties as a rancher are really bearing down. He has to divide his time about equally between his home in Coronado and his ranch in Arizona.

Bob Neyland is back in Knoxville, Tenn., where on August 18th he was presented with the Football Writer's Association award for his contributions to football over a period of 25 years. The presentation was made at a big testimonial dinner and Bill Britton and Paul Parker, his former assistant coaches, returned to complete the trio that put U. of T. in top flight. It is the first time that this award has ever been given to a coach.

—*E. G. B.*

April 1917

The Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Stevens were hosts at a reception at Fort McNair 13 August for General and Mrs. Bradley and Gladys and Joe Collins, following a farewell review for them. All members of the class and their wives in the Washington area were invited. Present were: Solange and Morris Barroll (she just back from France), Dot and Bill Eley, Rothe and Leo Erler, Jessie and Clark Fales, Louis Ford, Florence and Make Macon, Dan Noce (Mildred was in Europe), Aline and Burnet Olmsted, Penny and Matt Ridgway, Mary and Cooper Smith, Sam Smith and his daughter-in-law, Katherine and Willis Teale, Emily and Kive Tully, Elizabeth and Van Vanderhyden, Mary and George Wooley, and Gay and Kewp Yuill.

Vivian Irving spent most of the summer in Europe visiting their son, who is stationed there, and his wife and newly arrived baby. Fred was on an official trip in Europe for a brief visit also.

According to a dispatch in the New York papers, "Brig. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Administrator of the N. J. Department of Law and Safety, scoffed at charges by Iranian communists that he promoted the pro-Shah uprising" in August. He was in Pakistan, Lebanon, and Egypt during the early summer.

The Mitchells have bought a house in Florida and have been living there since his retirement early last summer—P.O. Box 1062, Isle of Sicily, Winter Park, Florida.

The first gathering of the class in Washington for the fall was a party at Fort McNair for Penny and Matt Ridgway, Gladys and Joe Collins, and a farewell to Louie Ford, who retired October 31st. Details of the party will appear in the next issue of *Assembly*. Washington classmates meet on the third Thursday of alternate months at the Fort McNair Club for luncheon. If you are coming to Washington try to plan your visit so you can attend.

A Florida paper recently carried an article about Charlie Gerhardt. The following extracts will bring to mind our cadet days. "Cadet Gerhardt wrote his name large in West Point Athletics. He was the 138 lb. quarterback of the great unbeaten football team of 1916, which licked Notre Dame and Navy with such Army stars as Oliphant, Vidal, McEwan, and Biff Jones, with Matt Ridgway as manager. Playing third base on the baseball team, his .403 batting average led all the Eastern colleges." Referring to his accomplishments in polo, the article states that he was the best player in the Army, with a 7 goal handicap. The article devotes much space to Charlie's distinguished record in Europe in World War II. Nina and Charlie's son, Chuck, was a candidate at the Quantico Marine Officer Candidate School and will return to Duke University this fall. Nina and Charlie live in Winter Haven.

—*S. H. S.*

August 1917

Many thanks to each of you for your generous response to my request for news. I am most appreciative and would be lost without your wonderful support.

Through *Assembly*, we have the one means of keeping track of one another, as our ranks on active duty become thinner and thinner in the months ahead.

The end of July brought many of our class to retirement. Among those now free to enjoy the friuts of their efforts were Miles Cowles, Ted. Buechler, Nigger Huff, Jimmy Hea. Jack Mallory, Taylor deCamp, Kit Carson, Des O'Keefe and Froggie Reed.

Miles and Anne Cowles, after four years in Switzerland, have made no definite plans for retirement. After a vacation on their farm near Three Rivers, Michigan, they probably will find their way back to Princeton where they have always felt much at home. Their daughter Nancy was married on June 19 to William Heath Black.

Des and Alice O'Keefe plan to return to Chevy Chase, Maryland, where they have a home.

Carl Wilson writes they are "kinda" pleased these days and very thankful for their good fortune. Carlisle B., Jr. is a lieutenant in the Far East Command; Ernie and Nickey, the second and third sons, are cadets at West Point. Ernie is a third classman and Nick just joined the new plebe Class. He and Madeline are settled for the moment in Carmel, California.

Also in the plebe Class is Stephen D. Place, Jr. Including these latest arrivals, there are eight Class sons at the Academy.

We are sorry to hear that the Willie Wilsons had a bad fire on their ranch recently, and that their son was seriously burned.

Pete Purvis has forsaken his law course to accept a position with St. John's Military Academy, Washington, D. C. He is in charge of the military training of the cadets.

Gordon Heiner was one of those present at the last class luncheon of the Washington classmates. He had just been discharged from a successful operation of a minor character. Gordon now lives in Lexington, Va.

Word from Del Delehanty tells me that Lt. Wm. Diehl, son and only child of our departed "Square Diehl", was in combat in Korea until the truce. He was an honor graduate of Stanford in Civil Engineering.

Kit Carson will enjoy life in Gainesville, Florida, Box 2186, University Station.

From out Hawaii way we hear that George Hirsch is still Ordnance Officer at Hdqrs. U.S. Army. My informant, Bart Harloe, says the only good thing about his long imprisonment in Japan is he came out a good bridge player. When he gets a little short of cash, he promotes a game—and Bart is the regular contributor. Bart has spent the summer holiday from the University of Hawaii planning for the civil defense of Hawaii and playing tennis with Virginia. Reports state that she can still cover the court well and hits a hard ball despite her gold bracelet from which hang five charms, each one containing the name and birth date of one of her grandchildren.

Froggie Reed will carry on after July 31 and act in a consulting capacity with the Northrop Aircraft Company on armament and guided missiles.

We regret to have to report the sudden death of Cooper Barnes, who died of a heart attack on July 21 at San Clemente, Cal. His death was exactly 35 years to the day he was reported killed in action in World War I.

We also regret to have to report the death of Hal Rose on July 5th, 1952. Hal died after undergoing a major operation at Walter Reed Hospital. At the time of his death he was President of the Kingston Bank and Trust Co. of Kingston, Tenn.

A housewarming given by Miriam and Leo Conner in Washington on May 21 brought together many of our class, as well as the wives of a number of our classmates. Present were the Jack Bellingers, the Phil Days, the Pop Goodes, the Poopy Griffiths, the Nigger Huffs, the Biff Joneses, the Norm McNeills, and Pete Purvises, the Red Schaffers and Louessa Coffey, Marguerite Eyster, Dorothy Matlock and Eleanor Sharp.

Hal Barber writes from Madrid, Spain, where he is a special assistant to the ambassador, that on a recent quick trip to Washington he spent the night with Pop and Helen Goode. Hal says Pop is having a wonderful time as head of the Soldiers Home and apologizing profusely for having given up handball and taking to writing books. He is doing a history of the Soldiers Home and, we understand, loves it. He says he is glad they taught him to read and write at the Military Academy.

I understand that Dottie Marlock took off on August 7th for a 4 or 5 week trip to Europe on business for her section of the Pentagon.

Jules Schaefer was recently one of a number of businessmen representing a cross section of industry who dined with the President in Washington.

Horace Harding retired about two months ago. He is now living in Lenox, Mass. Swede Sarcka recently dropped in to see him and found him busy working on his very nice place down in Virginia.

Dad Riley recently teamed with Jane Pohl Rust, daughter of Herman Pohl to instruct a group of children ranging from eight to thirteen on the fine points of horsemanship.

On a flying trip to Los Angeles I was able to drop in and spend an all too short a time with Wilson and Emily Bingham. Wilson, with a big assist from Emily, is winning his fight back to health once more.

Pablo Cole has just returned from a five week honeymoon trip to the Pacific Coast. He and his bride had luncheon with Cooper and Kay Barnes just a week before Cooper's untimely death.

Henry Gantt was recently honored by representatives of twelve communities in Southeast Alabama for the outstanding job he had done as Post Commander of Camp Rucker. Henry has now retired to Gloucester Point, Va.

On April 1st Dent Sharpe was retired or, as he puts it, "reverted to the retired list for the third time". Since May he has been putting his place at Dennysville, Maine, in shape and doing a great deal of salmon fishing just 100 yards from his front door. Dent reports the country is a hunter's paradise—deer, partridge, and woodcock at the front door, and duck and geese not far off. He writes that his sign hangs out for all classmates and friends, and adds these instructions for those in the vicinity—"Just go to the Post Office or General Store and they will direct the traveler" In the winter he and Eleanor will live at the Windsor Park Hotel—2300 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.

—*W. G. W.*

June 1918

This summer we acquired a new country gentleman, a new member of the bar, new sons-in-law and new STARS. We now receive belated word of a new Class Son.

Elsie and Clarence Townsley (our new country gentleman) have moved into the beautiful place they bought some years ago at 36 Dogwood Lane, Manhasset, L. I., N. Y. Clarence writes: "No longer having an office (complete with stenographer), I will have to pass on my pearls of news by long hand. * * * Elsie and I are settled in our new house now. To me it is still an adventure, as I have never before lived in my own place. So far we have been running a minor hotel, having house guests most of the time. That pleases us no end as that was one of our hopes when we chose this area to settle in. Hope you and 'GG' will come over and inspect our place in the near future. (Map inclosed.)" We have never seen a more beautiful map than the one which came with this letter.

Congratulations to Squire Jim Pichel, who has passed his bar exams and has been admitted to practice. We hear that half the Columbia and Harvard Law School graduates seeking admission to the California bar this year were flunked. It may be that some of those boys lacked the long experience our Jim has had with California bar examinations.

The McNamee's daughter, Julia Patricia, was married on September 5th in Jacksonville, Fla., to Mr. Jesse Graham Harris, Jr. The Hudson's daughter, Lucy, having been graduated from Stephens College, was married this summer at Fort Knox, Ky., to Lt. Robert M. Reuter, who is now stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. The Hudsons are settling in a house they bought during the war at 1524 Raynolds Blvd., El Paso, Texas, where "Breezy", having retired, contemplates getting a belated education at Texas Western College.

We have just received our first news of a very young Class Son, Master Hillary Mesick, born 12 June 50.

Eddie Sibert, Chief of Staff, USAFFE, is now a temporary Major General. Dick McKee, Asst. Chief of Staff G-1, USAFFE, is now a temporary B.G.; and Gene Caffey, Third Army Judge Advocate, is now a B.G. Congratulations, Eddie, Dick and Gene! The new Aide to the Commanding General, 2nd Division (one Bill Barriger, APO 248, San Francisco) is Elsie and Clarence Townsley's son Edwin, Class of '49.

Squire Foster believes Asheville, N. C. should be the Mecca for all who want to retire in a place with good climate and scenic beauty. His new address is 170 Kimberly Avenue, Asheville, N. C. Tom Kern, Tony Grenata and John Mesick retired this summer. Tony has settled in Leesburg, Va. Bob Bagby's address is 290 East Main Street, Frankfort, Ky. Frances and Hal Lewis are about to get settled in a new place they bought this summer in Coral Gables, Fla.

Phil Gallagher's new address is: Hqrs. Base Section, USAREUR Communications Zone, APO 21 New York. Andy Moore is now in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C. Bit Barth has been relieved from duty with the 5th Infantry Division at Indiantown Gap, Pa., and has been assigned as Commanding General, Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) Center at Fort Holabird, Md.

Mistress Olivia Baish, upon returning home from our reunion, was rushed to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy, from which she has now completely and happily recovered.

Clarence Townsley did such a beautiful job with this column in July that we be-

lieve he should take it over permanently. "GG", of course, had some picturesque language to describe how mean it would be to wish the job on him as a "reward" for the difficult and excellent work he did with our reunion. Nevertheless we sounded him out by phone. We heard Elsie's voice, apparently coming from the next room, sweet and well modulated but with a certain feminine firmness, saying: "It sounds like a lot of work, so whatever it is, say 'No'." So, for the time being, please send Class notes to: John L. Grant, 325 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn 5, N. Y.

—*J. L. G.*

November 1918

The 35th Reunion Committee has paid all bills, settled all reunion affairs, and submitted its financial statement to the Washington Class Committee. The final act of the treasurer, Bill Badger, was to turn over to the Class Fund $212.53. We might suggest that Bill be considered for Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Charles Wielert, White Studio, West Point, N. Y., has excellent photographs of the reunion. One of the Class Group at Bear Mountain Inn, and another of almost all of our class marching in the Long Gray Line on Alumni Day.

Helen and Pinkie Williamson came through West Point in August on their way back to Augusta, Georgia, after a holiday in Northern New York. They stopped in Washington for a few days also.

Howard Peckham writes that he has had the Q.M. School all ready for inspection by the Dickson-Van Voorst committee since 1 July and that they need not try to fool him by coming in the back gate after retreat on Sunday. That part of the Post is perfect too, and the M.P.'s are instructed to give them artificial respiration on arrival and bring them right on to his quarters.

Fred Pearson writes from Fort Sam: "Not much to write this time. Thought I would have imformation on all the boys that retired, but have been unable to get any information on Alex McCone. I sent him a double postcard and asked him to let me know what he was going to do and where he was going to live, but no answer." Note: An unconfirmed report from another source has it that Alex, with wife, dog and MG are sailing around the world on a freighter.

"Bob York plans on returning to New York and will probably make his home up there. Dick Wheeler will remain at Houston for another year for his daughter to finish at the University. Dick will then move to one of the Carolinas, where he has some acreage near a big resort and may go into business down there. There are only three classmates still on active duty in the area: Jim Carroll on duty with the Arkansas National Guard at Little Rock; Harrison Shaler in Command of Red River Arsenal at Texarkana, Texas; and George Eddy in command of White Sands Proving Grounds near Las Cruces, New Mexico. Had a nice letter recently from Harrison Shaler and he is getting along fine. Babe Gullatt is thinking of giving up his business interests here at San Antonio and at Houston and may move to and settle at Mobile, Alabama. Babe has made a nice recovery from his recent operation and looks fine. Haven't seen any of the other boys in months, so have nothing to report on them. I go back to the hospital the middle of September for further tests, checks and possible operation. I have built a home here in San Antonio and will stay here. Moved to my new home too late to get listed in the new telephone directory, but would like to have any classmates passing through here give me a call. My number is University 6-8434."

Bill Benton writes from Denver: "It was grand to see you at West Point and to see the other members of the class who were there at that time. I was very fortunate for, after I returned to Washington, I had a chance to see Martha and Fred Sherrill. Fred is just like Pinkie Williamson in that he hasn't changed one bit in looks in the last 35 years. After leaving Washington I drove down to Kentucky and had a nice visit there for a week and then came on home where I was glad to find the cooler mountain air—after terrific heat of Kentucky."

From Washington Van Voorst writes: "Hienie and Mrs. Bergman spent a few weeks with Bill Blair in Colorado after the reunion. Young Hunk Holbrook, West Point '55, upon his return from a rapid tour of Europe reported that Bobby and Tiny Schow were wonderful hosts to him and his two classmates. Fred Sherrill was recently in Washington where he was representing the Cotton Growers of California in attempting to fight the restriction of cotton acreage. The monthly luncheons of the Washington group got underway on September 9th. The following attended: Hastings; Colson; Holbrook; Hinds; Ericson; Moss; Bennett; Smith, E. W.; Hixon; Canan; Van Voorst; Hicks, R. A.; Pinto; Badger; Griffiths; and Norman. Luncheons are held at the Officers' Mess, Fort Lesley J. McNair, on the second Wednesday of each month. Any classmates visiting Washington are cordially invited to join us. All those having 35 year class directories should change the office address given for Badger and Holbrook from 718 Jackson Place, N.W., to 839 17th St., N.W."

John Fonvielle writes from Mississippi State College: "On this duty I am sort of off the beaten path (a situation that in some respects is not entirely without merit) and seldom see any of our old friends. I do make an occasional trip to Atlanta for a conference at Third Army Hq., which is almost my sole real contact with the Army; but there I feel a stranger—most of my acquaintances indeed seem to have faded away. No doubt you have heard a complaint from our contemporaries that they no longer know anybody in the Army: a situation that is becoming inevitable but still a little sad. As a substitute while on this detail I have attempted to pursue the 'higher education'. In fact, I secured my Master's degree last May, with (surprisingly) election to OKO. I foresee no immediate practical benefits therefrom but the degree is some small sop, some indication that the brain is not entirely atrophied. Apparently I shall have another year here as PMS&T, after which I should like to do a 'hitch' in Europe before turning in my suit; that is, if Al Gruenther and Cort Schuyler will have me!"

Fred Butler writes from San Francisco: "In the San Francisco area, all are retired except Epes, who is Deputy Chief of Staff, Sixth Army. Saw him the other day and he seems young and active. The following are in this area: Dietrich, Epes, Gilland, Gorlinski, Hughes, Kilbourne, Mackenzie, Rogers.

"Pinkie Lock is down near San Diego. He built a new house and is busy improving his golf game. Al Riani is down there too and about to open an office for Willard Holbrook's firm. Johnnie Hughes has a very fine job with one of the Transamerica interests. He has been here for some five years now, but seems a little restless. It may be that old Virginia urge! Someone gave me the rumor that Alec and Lady McCone have moved to Ireland—kind of rough on the Irish, but otherwise OK. We are all well. Young Philippi surprised us in her first quarter at Stanford with a very good average. Bill seems to be enjoying Japan, although he is not as happy as an aide as he was as a battery commander."

—*Bryan Conrad.*

1919

Joe Odell is the most recent member of the class to be elevated to general officer rank. He has been made a temporary Brigadier General and will be stationed at Natick, Mass., commanding the Quartermaster Research and Development Command. This, I believe, brings the total number of the class who have worn or are wearing stars to 51. This event has prompted me to do a little research on the present status of the class and I find that we now have 78 remaining on active duty, 98 retired, 53 in civilian life, and 55 deceased. The number of retired members of the class is, for the first time, larger than the number still on active duty, all of which brings to mind that next June we will be celebrating our 35th Reunion. Those still on active duty will have achieved 35 years commissioned service on 1 November 1953, when the youngest member of the class will be 53 years old and the class granddaddy 58. In other words, we are all in the prime of life.

Horace Speed's quarterly news letter from the Nation's capital contains the following items:

"Sladen Bradley has been ordered to Europe; Cole, J. V. has retired and rumor has it that he has a job in this area; Wes Jervey has retired and will live in Washington; Fred Drury has retired but has not yet decided where he will live; Kyke Allan will arrive in Washington in October and will live in Georgetown, where he will be welcomed by all of us here; we are planning a cocktail party on 31 October, to which any out-of-town classmates in the area at that time are cordially invited; Herb Jones has just been ordered to the Adjutant General's Office in Washington and will be in charge of the Personnel Division."

An interesting letter from Tom Crawford arrived just too late to make the July issue. Tom wrote from the Military Assistance Advisory Group to the Netherlands but stated that he expected to leave that job in July, spending a couple of weeks in Spain before returning to the ZI to become Chief of the Tennessee Military District, with station in Nashville. His boy, USMA '49, is back from Korea after 100 missions and two Distinguished Flying Crosses. In his letter Tom enclosed a clipping about Nate Burnell, Chief of MAAG to Belgium and Luxembourg. While on a hunting trip in the Black Forest last January, Nate was accidentally shot in the foot by a Luxembourg Lt. According to the clipping, he is now seeking legal and financial balm from the guilty party through the medium of the courts. Another clipping noted that Benny Hayford will be transferred from Chief of Transportation USAREUR to the Office of the Chief of Transportation in Washington

sometime in July. An item from Frankfurt noted that Al Morgan, who won seven battle stars during a tour of duty in Korea, took over the Northern Area Command in Germany, on 3 June. Finally, Tom included a big write-up on Jazz Murphy's departure from EUCOM for an assignment with First Army Headquarters at Governors Island. Jazz has been in EUCOM for the past five years during most of which he was G-1 for USAREUR. The clipping has many kind things to say about Jazz's service in that capacity.

Your scribe, accompanied by his better half, has recently returned from two weeks TDY in Albuquerque, N. M. Classmates in that area include the Ote Woods, the Stone Sorley's and the Sid Stovall's. Ote is retired and lives at 806 Ridgecrest Drive. Stone, also retired, works for the Sandia Corp., and resides at 256 Perimeter Drive. Sid is the Army Field Forces liaison representative at Sandia Base with residence at 836 Jefferson Street, N.E. Ote and Nina Wood have a basement apartment in their house in which they can accommodate members of the class temporarily in Albuquerque, and they issue a most cordial invitation to one and all to make use of it. Ote and Nina and Stone and Conchita all expressed the intention of attending our 35th next June Week. Last summer the Woods visited in Washington State and report seeing Ernest Riley, Dean Luce and J. J. Burns while in the Seattle area. Dean is retired and is serving as Adjutant General for the State of Washington, and Burns, retired as a Brigadier General, is operating a special order service adjacent to Fort Lewis.

Bill and Janice Regan spent a couple of months in Europe this summer while Bill made a business visit to the home office of the Swiss Reinsurance Company, for which he is Investment Adviser in New York. Ed Seebree visited USMA late in August to award the cups to the winners of the First Army Tennis Championship. Ed is Deputy Commanding General of the First Army. I have been informed by a fellow townsman of his that Bully Van de Graaff is now living at 728 21st Place, Santa Monica, California. My informant did not know whether Van de Graaff was still on active duty or not.

It is my sad duty to report that Bob Raymond succumbed to a heart attack at his mother's home in Cambridge, N. Y. on 17 June 1953. He was buried in the cemetery at USMA on 22 June. Frank Davis and I represented the class as honorary pallbearers. Memorial flowers were placed in the Cadet Chapel in his memory at services in September.

Among those retired not yet noted are Stu Barden, Dan Buckland, Don Fay, Les Jacoby, and Red Szymanski—Red being a "retread" retired for physical disability.

To the best of my knowledge, no class sons are enrolled in the Class of 1957. I expect that some of the second crop will still be coming along 15 or 20 years from now, however.

A letter from Fred Marlow, 8600 La Tijera Boulevard, Los Angeles, states that he is contemplating a trip East and probably one to Europe next June, and hopes to make the class reunion at that time. He wants to know when it will be. Since others may want the same information, I will pass the word along that graduation falls on Tuesday, 8 June 1954. As far as the committee's plans have gone, the major reunion activities will probably take place on Sunday and Monday, 6 and 7 June.

—B. W. B.

1920

In the June Notes the death of Selwyn Gay was announced. On April 16th a note was received by John McNulty from Grace Gay, which I will quote in part:

"80 DePeyster Avenue
"Tenafly, N. J.

"Dear Mr. McNulty:

"Will you please tell the Class of 1920 how much I appreciate their kind expression of sympathy. I know you will know how to contact them and I do not.

"I was sorry to have missed you and your wife but this has been an ordeal for such a long period. I am exhausted.

"Thank you and the Class for all your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Grace Gay"

All at West Point were saddened by the death at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C. on 12 July 1953, of Cadet Frank H. Lanahan, 3d (USMA 1955), son of our classmate Major General Francis H. Lanahan, Jr., and Dorothy Lanahan, of 4446 Q Street NW, Washington, D. C. Cadet Lanahan had been ill for more than a year. In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister, Anne Clarke Lanahan, and one brother, Michael Carey Lanahan. Cadet Lanahan was buried in the West Point Cemetery on 15 July 1953 with full military honors.

George Doolittle, accompanied by his daughter Jeanette, visited USMA in June. George still resides in Albuquerque, N. M., and was East attending a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York City, of which he is a member of the Board of Directors. Jeanette is the wife of Donald C. Ingram, USMA, '44, and lives in Los Angeles.

John Curtis writes that his son, Charles Buckley Curtis, graduated from Yale (B.A.) 1951, and from Naval OCS at Newport, R. I. in March 1952. He is now a Lieutenant (j.g.), USNR and is assigned to the USS "Triumph" as Operations Officer. He was stationed at Minecraft Base, Charleston, S. C.

Jack further said that his daughter, Clare Howard Curtis (Smith College, ex '54) was married on June 20 last to Charles P. Rimmer, Jr. (Harvard '49). Mr. Rimmer is an instructor at the Groton School, Groton, Mass.

As another item of interest, Anne Farrell, wife of Frank Farrell, recently took over the presidency of the Ft. Myer Woman's Club from Mrs. Maxwell D. Taylor.

Early in June Reese, L. W. (ex USMA '20) visited West Point. He is presently employed as a civilian with the US Army Corps of Engineers at Columbus General Depot, Columbus, Ohio. During World War II Reese served as a Lieutenant Commander, US Navy, from 1944 to 1945.

John McNulty recently contacted Larry Carr in New York City. Larry was retired from the Air Force as a Brigadier General in 1946 and is now with the Loftus Engineering Corporation, 610 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. John said that Larry was his usual dapper self, and was most anxious to know about the Class and would welcome a visit or a letter from any of its members.

Since the last publication of these notes the following classmates have retired from active duty: Avera, W. B., Duffner, C. F., Goff, John I., McMillin, J. M., Merritt, W. B., Routheau, E. A., Samouce, J. A., Sturman, J. F., and Thayer, B. G.

Also, I have word, although not yet officially, that Eddie Lastayo has retired during the past summer as a Major General.

The Plebe Class which entered in July 1953 (USMA '57) contains the sons of two classmates. They are George W. Bailey, 3d, and Freeman Grant Cross, Jr.

At a ceremony in the Pentagon on 25 June Tommy White, then a Lieutenant General, was named Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force and received the Distinguished Service Medal, which was awarded to him for outstanding service from February 1951 to June 1953 as Director of Plans and later Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, US Air Forces Headquarters. On 1 July 1953 Tommy was given his fourth star and has the great honor of being the first man in the Class of 1920 to reach the rank of General.

In June, John Cassidy was named Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, USA, Europe, and was promoted to the temporary rank of Brigadier General.

In July, Halley Maddox was promoted to the temporary grade of Major General and sent to USA Forces, Far East, Tokyo.

Rex Corput was recently relieved from the Office of the Chief Signal Officer and was assigned to the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 8485th AAU, Washington, D. C. for duty in the Office of the Director of Communications and Electronics.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

When Gim Mudgett becomes Chief of Information for the Army about 1 November, maybe we'll have more news for this column. On the other hand, all that experience as a G-3 in the Far East may have left him with a taste for reticence and the column may be no better off than before.

Max Taylor has picked up his fourth star with the Eighth Army and Cort Schuyler has his third as Chief of Staff at SHAPE. But no star gives more satisfaction than the one Pat Strong has belatedly received, after plugging away all these years in the Corps of Engineers.

Jim Spry, following a short tour as Director of Logistics in the European Command, has moved up to be Chief of Staff of that outfit.

As these notes are written, Ollie and Dollie Hughes are on the high seas, enroute to his new job commanding the Illinois Military District, with headquarters probably in Chicago. Before Ollie left Kaiserslautern he was honored with a review and with a big formal dinner at which both the French and the Germans presented him with tokens of their appreciation of his services in the Western Area Command. You just have to be good to please everybody that way.

Tommy Thomson came back from Salzburg in July and is stationed now at Fort Riley. Tommy's son is a plebe, the only Oriole son known to be in the Class of 1957.

Numa Watson, Jr. was a war casualty in Korea. He has been buried at the Presidio of San Francisco, and Numa writes that Kessler, George Taylor, Ham Meyer, Dean and Marcus were all at the funeral.

Helen Smith (Mrs. C. R.) reports that C. R., Jr. acquitted himself very well in Korea—a Silver Star and promotion three weeks after he arrived there.

Recent retirements of the Orioles include Little, Crawford, Wilhide, Sadtler and Hein. Frank Kane, who retired in the spring writes:

"I have bought a house at 4 Admiral Road, Severna Park, Md., and have a job with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Air Arm Division, Friendship Airport, Baltimore. I've been on the job for four months now and like it more every day. I thought it would be difficult getting into the swing of a civilian occupation but I have found it very easy and very enjoyable. My work is helping to develop into hardware the type of equipment we used to set up requirements for in the service. Consequently I feel that I'm still in there pitching for Uncle.

"My home is just 200 yards off Ritchie Highway (Maryland Route No. 2) 7 miles north of Crabtown. Please remind all the class that they can always stop off at my place. Bev and I will welcome them with open arms."

Harold Conway has finally gotten out of the Washington area, with a new assignment at Third Army in Atlanta.

And Ben Chidlaw came up with the Secretaries Cup for low gross, 77, in the golfing part of the Department of Defense conference at Quantico in July. Isn't it nice to know that the Orioles are outstanding in any company and that they don't have to resort to the "Kilroy was here" technique to get their names in the public record?

Bob Raynsford has been "rotated" to the States after over 7 consecutive years in Europe. He is now stationed at Fort Monmouth with LOGEX 54.

—*C. J. B.*

1923

By this time most of you have probably learned with distress of the death of Joe Greene in Newark, N. J., on June 25th. According to Steve Conner the cause was a heart attack. Burial services were held at Ft. Myer with interment in Arlington. Eight classmates served as pallbearers, and there were flowers from the Class.

The following retirements were noted in the pages of the *Army, Navy and Air Force Journal*: Vandenberg, Hoyt S., Gen., AF, Crawford, Alden R., Maj. Gen., AF, Hicks, Joseph H., Maj. Gen., AF, Weikert, John M., Maj. Gen., AF, Early, James F., Brig. Gen., AF, Hardy, Wilfred H., Brig. Gen., AF, Oliver, Robert C., Brig. Gen., AF, Rich, Clyde K., Brig. Gen., AF, Cowles, Stewart L., Col., Cowles, Charles W., Col., Dodd, Francis T., Col., Guevara, Santiago L., Lt. Col., Heaney, George F., Col., Lewis, Thomas E., Brig. Gen., Mahoney, Paul H., Col., McLean, Donald, Col., Noyes, John R., Col., Palmer, Harvey K., Lt. Col., Pamplin, Douglas G., Col., Serig, Howard W., Col., AF, and White, Walter C., Col., AF.

Joe Hicks, although retired, was recalled to active duty. Clyde Rich gives his new address as 5318 East Holmes Street, Tucson, Arizona, "for about a year." He says that, although retired for physical disability, "chances of holding together appear good, Tucson being such a health center."

John Noyes recently visited West Point. He is going to Juneau, Alaska, to be Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard. He was sent in 1946 by the Chief of Transportation to inspect the Alaska Railroad and make recommendations for its improvement. As Commissioner of Roads for Alaska from 1948 to 1951, he initiated and carried out a $25 million annual program of road construction and maintenance to meet military and civilian needs.

We note that Jim Fry has received his second permanent star. Bill Biddle left Europe on 12 August en route for the 1st Armored Division, Ft. Hood, Texas. Howard Serig, retired, gives his new address as 23 Burchfield Avenue, Cranford, N. J. Jeff Binns has just become Assistant Division Commander of the 5th Armored Division, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Cecil Nist was recently named Deputy CG, XVI Corps, at Camp Sendai, Japan. Charlie Bromley received his star as BG at a ceremony held on Okinawa. Tom Lewis, having retired, plans to live in San Antonio.

The Hertfords passed through West Point in July enroute to Canada for their vacation and spent a couple of nights with the Bessells. The Longwells spent a few days at the Point in August. Bill lives at Newton Center, Mass., where he is engineer in charge of a large construction project for the Air Force. He says this is the first time people really obey him. He claims that when soldiers disobeyed him in the Service they got tried but were always acquitted. We suspect that this change is because he has acquired a distinguished appearance and an impressive manner in the meanwhile.

John Salsman and his wife recently visited here, and we had a great bull and highball session in the back yard of Quarters 76 with them and the Deke Stones. John has a great fund of funny stories of our cadet days, which he tells in language that only he can produce.

The Dick Russells were also here one weekend, though I was away and missed seeing them. Louis Haskell will shortly be with the First Army at Governors Island. We hope to see him and Maude a lot at the football games.

The Class has three sons in the new plebe class. They are Ellerthorpe, D. O. (son of Dean S.), Morton, R. H. (son of William J.), and Raymond, C. L. (son of Allen D.). The Reunion Booklet will contain a list of all class sons who have graduated, are cadets, or ex-cadets. Due to the difficulties of compiling this information, it is possible that there may be some errors or omissions. Any corrections from you will be greatly appreciated.

—*W. J. Morton.*

1924

We have relatively few news items for publication in this issue, but all readers please note that the next issue will be distributed in January 1954 when we would like to put the finger on everyone—you will receive a questionnaire.

Charlie Meehan is the C/S Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Charlie reports that Earl Mattice is there as I.G. and George Regnier is Commanding Officer, Hqs. Hohenfels, Germany. Son, Anthony, is a Cadet Midshipman at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, L. I. and son, Richard, is a Second Classman at West Point. Chas. E. Hart (M.G.) still Chief of Joint U.S. Military Aid Group for Greece became a proud grandfather on 20 July 1952 when a fine son was born to his eldest daughter, Mrs. G. W. Ramsey of El Paso, Texas. G. P. Rogers (B.G.) has assumed duties as Deputy Chief of the Korean Military Advisory Group. Louis Friedersdorff is serving with Repatriation Committees in connection with POW's at Panmunjon. Russ Baker as G-4, 8th Army is doing his usually fine job.

A large bronze plaque has been placed on one of the very large bridges in Korea and the bridge named for Larry Ladue in his honor.

Art Trudeau, commanding the 7th Division in Korea has according to all reports rendered outstanding service throughout the Korean conflict.

Rupe Graves, who distinguished himself for bravery on the battlefield while Chief of Staff of the 2nd Infantry Division, has returned to the U.S. and is with the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Rupe reports that daughter, Helen, is a junior at Miami University, Florida and daughter, Loni, is attending Fayetteville High School. He also added that J. D. Scott is expected at Ft. Bragg shortly as XVIII Airborne Corps IG, and Kessinger is at Bragg as Commanding General, Corps Artillery and Deputy Director, Exercise "Flashburn."

Dennis M. Moore commanded his old love, the 15th Infantry, in Korea in extended combat. Howard Malin, who as Chief of Transportation, 8th Army, gets around to contact many Bulls in Korea is on his way to the U.S. Willie Schaefer is G-3, 2nd Army at Ft. Meade. Martin, D. D., commands the 35th AAA Brigade at the same station. E. C. Itschner is the North Pacific Division Engineer with station at Portland, Oregon.

As you know, Hayden Boatner has returned from Korea where he did a Herculean job and is now Deputy C.G. of the 4th Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Herdsmen in the command include Russ Mabie, DC/S; Benny Leonard in G-3; and Haines and Darling, IG's.

Rothgeb is Chief of the New Mexico Military District. Daughter, Georgia, in WAVES and daughter, Edwine, is Mrs. B. H. Smith of Alexandria, Va. with 2 children —son, John (6) and daughter, Catherine Elizabeth (4).

Charles Stevenson — Hayden Boatner — Clarence Rothgeb—Art Trudeau—Sam Fisher—Emil Pasolli are a few of the stalwarts who deserve special mention for somehow finding an abundance of newsy reports of other Herdsmen which they forward for this column.

"Stubby" (A. N. Stubblebine, Jr.) is Logistician Instructor, NATO Defense College, Paris, France an international college of National War College level. Stubby says that he and Joe Burrill are the only Bulls with assignments in Paris—Joe and Stubby, how lucky can 2 guys get? Other Herdsmen in France are Garry Hutchison, who is C/S European Communications Zone at Orleans, France and Oswaldo de la Rosa (Col.) Transportation Officer, Orleans, France.

Back to Japan, we find Tom McCulloch is Finance Officer with the Army Forces, Far East Hqs. at Yokohama.

Charlie Booth is still in Greece, where he is Vice-President and General Manager of the Athens Water Co. and President of the Board of the American-Radio-Television (RCA Athens). His son is a sophomore at Harvard and daughter is at Holton Arms in

Washington, D. C. George Busbey is still Chief, U.S. Army Mission to Paraguay, Asuncion, Paraguay. Write c/o Embassy of the U.S.

Zar Parmly, retired and living in Georgetown (Washington, D. C.) holds a key position with the C.I.A. In addition, Zar has taken on a big job for the Class. With our 30th Class Reunion coming up next year, Zar has assumed responsibility for the publication of the 30th Anniversary issue of THE THUNDERING HERD. Several of our committees located in Washington will give him all possible assistance. Zar reports 5 grandchildren, four of them by son, Lee (Inf.-Airborne) and Marie (Law Dept.) West. Lee and family are stationed at the University of Alaska. The fifth belongs to son, Wolcott ('50 F.A.) now at Ft. Sill. Daughter, Sandra, is working in New York and engaged to '54—good work, Zar!

Wolcott Dudley is Director of the Communications Dept., The Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga. Red Mead (M.G.) assumed command of the First Cavalry Division in Japan on 6 June 1953, his family arrived on 2 July and Red is set for a pleasant tour of duty—it couldn't happen to a nicer guy. John Hill is doing his usual wonderful job as Class President. John reports that his son, John ('46) is now a major, holds DSC, SS, and Bronze Star. Pat Pasolli, C/S Army Security Agency, says two of his children—son, Andress and daughter, Cora, have taken the matrimonial vows and son, David, is in the Air Force. Lowell Limpus reports that on March 14th at the West Point dinner in New York he saw Ricardo Poblete, who is retired and presently enrolled in a course at NYU under the GI benefit plan.

The Reggie Deans (Engineer V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany) are now happy grandparents, son (?) of RLDJr. Marcus Stokes, who served our class so well as President during his last tour in Washington, D. C. is Deputy Director, J-4 Division Hqs., US EUCOM, APO 128, c/o PM, New York. Marcus says his daughter, Marcia (Mrs. Harry W. French) has arrived in Germany so the whole family is there. W. K. Liebel (B.G.) is Chief Support Plans, Hq. US EUCOM, J-3. Willard says a granddaughter was born 3 February 1953, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. John P. Liebel ('45). Paul B. Nelson, Senior Army Instructor, Washington National Guard, Ft. Lewis, Washington, reports that wife, Harriet (a professional artist) has made the National Art Gallery in Washington, D. C. Of other Bulls, Paul says Decker is CO at Ft. Lewis while Bragan is boning retirement—Pete Sather (retired) is holding forth in Seattle commercial life —Gamble (Col.) has left for FECOM—Sandy Goodman is G-1, Sixth Army and Sam Strohecker is still a wheel with duPont E. I. de Nemours. Dick Thomas (retired) living in Clearwater, Fla. says that on 4 August 1953 his younger daughter became the mother of a baby girl at Hunter Air Force Base.

On August 22nd, the Herd Entertainment Committee held a Crab Feast for all the Bulls and their families in the Washington Area at Gus Watson's Sheridan Point Farm on the Patuxent River in Calvert County, Maryland. It was a crab, beer and watermelon feast with facilities available for swimming, boating, fishing, softball, and other activities light and heavy. A good time was had by all and, according to reports, the Bulls would like to make this an annual affair. Those enjoying the festive occasion were: Smythe, John, Chazal, Hill, Raymond, Van Way, Lee, R. V., Beurket, Watson, Dabezies, Koch, Parmly, Schaefer, Bidwell, Stebbins, Martin, D. D., Bertsch and Sibley. Many thanks to Gus for his generous hospitality.

Send new items for next issue before 1 December 1953 to either C. S. Raymond, 1727 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. or J. A. Watson, Jr., 839 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

We were very pleased that so many paid their dues ($5.00 per year).

—*Ray and Gus.*

1925

The big news since the last issue of *Assembly* is that the class contingent at West Point has been increased by 50%. You will recall that Harry Crandall completed a tour of duty as Fiscal Officer here just 3 years ago. After three ensuing years in Hawaii, the lure of West Point was too strong to resist, and Harry has returned. He is now Treasurer, USMA, and—more important—he is also the grandfather of Wendy Alyn Maddocks, born 11 August 1953 at the West Point Hospital. Wendy is the daughter of Harry's oldest child, Nancy, who married Lt. Preston Tyson Maddocks, Air Force, son of Major General Ray T. Maddocks, Retired. The entire Crandall clan is located in the West Point Area. The Maddocks family lives in Newburgh, while Mutt's oldest son, Harry Jr., is a Yearling at West Point, and the youngest boy, Stephen, is in the 5th grade at the Post school.

Speaking of sons at West Point, the latest estimate credits our class with 19 representatives. The roster is as follows: Class of '54, Grubbs, B. F.; Moore, T. W.; Purdue, W. P.; Bennett, J. H.; Class of '55, Myers, J. A.; Ordway, G.; Class of '56, Barlow, K. A.; Burback, J. M.; Crandall, H. W.; Esposito, V. J.; Johnson, D. S.; Lansing, S. M.; Lynch, G. P.; Withers, G. K.; Class of '57, Galloway, G.; Holland, J. F.; Mulligan, L. H.; Robinson, N. J.; Smith, C. R. Two of these sons (and their proud families) are hereby tendered our heartiest congratulations. At the Brigade Review on 19 September, Cadets Esposito, V. J., Jr. and Withers, G. K., Jr. were among the 43 cadets of the Corps who were awarded stars and classified as Distinguished Cadets, having attained at least 90% on the general merit roll of their respective classes at the end of the 1952-53 school year.

The inevitable sad note mentioned in the last edition continues. The Association of Graduates has notified us that Wallace Honnold died on 9 June at the Army-Navy Hospital, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The cause given was carcinoma of the hypo-pharynx. You will remember that Wallace had retired as a Major, Infantry, in 1947.

Leo Kengla also died recently. He had retired in 1946, and death came as the result of natural causes at his home in Flushing, Long Island, on or about 21 August. He was buried at West Point on 8 September, with the three classmates here present at the funeral. His daughter, Betty, told us that Leo's health had been very poor recently. Her twin brother, Robert, is stationed in Washington, D. C., where he is completing an enlistment in the Navy.

Local news sources have been fairly prolific this month. Our best local reporter, Harry Crandall, gave us gleanings picked up all the way from Honolulu, herewith quoted almost verbatim: "Andy Barlow and his charming Florence have just returned from Austria (about 18 August). They stopped off at West Point to see their Yearling son Keith at Buckner, and stayed long enough to 'pick-up' a 'rakish' Studebaker—to suit Andy's personality. They're headed for 3d Army. Red Willing's parents have been stopping at the Thayer recently. They report Red has also recently completed his tour in Europe, and will be assigned Memphis General Depot. Amos Akerman, Ronnie Shaw and Frank Steer are still in Oahu. Florence Shaw is making a gradual recovery from her recent long siege of hospitalization. Akey says he wants to follow Steer's example and retire in Honolulu. (There are worse places.) Indirect information also placed Pat and Dorothy Lynch at Buckner late in August visiting their Yearling son, 'G. P. Jr.' Red Hall (enroute from Hawaii to Atlanta) is a bit exasperated. For some years past, he and Del have planned to retire on the Coast, not far from the Bay Area. Accordingly he laid the ground work for his next assignment to be Sixth Army: he had it 'made'. But his friends (?) in D.C. insisted that he was needed in Washington. Reluctantly, Red gave up what he had worked so hard for. Then he was ordered to Atlanta! George Peploe is back in FECOM for the third time since the end of World War II. He passed through Honolulu going west on or about 1 July last."

Our next best local reporter is Mike Esposito, who had a recent letter from Charlie Saltzman giving news from the metropolitan area and from all over Europe. Here are excerpts: "The luncheons in New York for 1925 people in this area which were started by Sol Senior last year got off to a good beginning and I think will be resumed with some enthusiasm in the fall. I hope we will be able to dig out some members of the class who have not shown up before. I am sure we all appreciate greatly the monumental job which is being done by Daddy Dunn to furnish all sorts of news about classmates in his mimeographed letters from Washington. I am lucky enough to see a lot of John Haskell particularly in summer when we are near neighbors at Lloyd Neck on the north shore of Long Island. Last Friday I had a good visit with Zed Emerson who comes to New York on business from San Antonio from time to time. Cynthia and I were lucky enough this summer to have a vacation in Europe and to be in London at the time of the Coronation. After the Coronation we drove from London to Rome and then went on to Spain having a wonderful time everywhere and revisiting old familiar haunts. While we were in Madrid we saw Colby Myers who was then doing some business with Augie Kissner. Finally we went back to England in order to go to the Rhodes Centenary Reunion which took place in Oxford at the end of June. This was a great success and was attended by nearly 500 Rhodes Scholars from all parts of the world."

You will recall that the April edition of *Assembly* reported that John Black was Chairman of the Math Department at Valley Forge Military Academy. Since then, John has moved to 7 University Avenue, Northfield, Vermont, where he has recently accepted the position of Commandant of Cadets at Norwich University. He moved there in July after some hurried packing, and is now happily settled and organized in his new job. He speaks of ample space in his new Vermont home, and hopes to welcome classmates passing through Northfield.

The most recent class visitors to West Point were Oley and Florence (Buddy) Neprud, who dropped in to see us while passing through West Point on a vacation jaunt after Oley's retirement on 31 July. We had a fine time reminiscing about the plebe days when Oley brought down the wrath of Jove on all plebes in I-Co by sewing a large pearl button on the overcoat of a then second-classman. Said second-classman, being an indolent sort of fellow, never discovered the outrage until just as he stepped into ranks buttoning his overcoat, at the last note of assembly for parade. After an ominous twenty-four hours of silence by the upper-classman, all hell broke loose in I-Co. Oley claims that the undersigned CPN talked him into the whole business, but I refuse to make a statement.

The Association of Graduates has given us three news clippings—on Noyes, Dawson and Suttles. The item on Pat Noyes reports his recent retirement in ceremonies at the Continental Division, MATS. Miles Dawson, after three years in the Far East where he commanded the Yokohama General Depot, recently left there for the United States. Soap Suttles, as of 31 July, was reported as Chief of Transportation for the Seventh Army in Germany.

We believe that classmates far and wide see Daddy Dunn's excellent circular letters. However, in case you have missed his latest we shall quote a few extracts, starting with the July luncheon in Washington: "The July luncheon turned out quite well despite threats of lacking a quorum due to out-of-town business. Fifteen in all showed: Barnett, Bryte, Cleaves, Dunn, Holmes, Kidwell, Lansing, Pettit, Powell, Roberts, Seleen, Spillinger, VanBrunt, Westphalinger and Bruce, Jr. The latter tastefully dressed in a civilian summer suit, looked the part of a junior diplomat (brief case standard equipment). Van again produced a delightful spread (chicken a la $1.55) and insured his relief at next month's election by this climactic tariff. Ike Evans breezed right by our open door and into the Starlit D.R. with high-powered civilians where we presume he spent the noon hour negotiating a few billion ruble contracts. For his unexcused absence his name was immediately racked up for a distinguished assignment at the forthcoming convention. Freddie P. is happy to announce that his daughter is home and greatly improved after 2½ years in Johns Hopkins. We sincerely hope that the family health Powell will continue on the upgrade. Incidentally Freddie plans to worm his way over to Paris and to devote his time to an even greater responsibility with our Engineering Department (big time construction). Hoppie mailed us regrets from the vicinity of Walter Reed where he plans to undergo an operation which may be painful but we trust not serious. Caldwell, on leave from the Duck and Fish Island Preserve which we are told he operates at one small profit for some gentleman who deals strictly from folding money, made good his threat to visit us and was tendered a luncheon here by Walter Bryte on the 30th. We were sad to contemplate that this was in effect a despedida for Walter who leaves directly for California in search of greener pastures. Present: Dunn, Kidwell, Bryte, VanBrunt—and table hopping or visiting later: Seleen, McCormick, Roberts and others. Charlie's 'Skeekie' (Mrs. Lt. K. H. Murphy) is at Fort Myer and Jane (Mrs. Capt. B. D. Strickland) is at Wright Field, Dayton. Chas. watches carefully over the droves of turkey, pheasant and quail (imported from Canada with Club) on Pickney (near Paris) Island. Still homes at Davis Island, Tampa. Replete in summer suit and $20.00 panama he looked more like 100% banker than disability. The New York Public Library sends thanks for copies of our 25th Reunion Books and also the Ten Year Book (1935) and the Twenty-Five Unreliable (1931) mailed to them. Right now we should all busy ourselves completing our list to the very last man (245 in all) for the Thirty Year Reunion. We greatly enjoyed the tape recording of the colorful ceremony when Bruce took over the three stars which General Max Taylor graciously bestowed rather than turn in on his new set of four. Included was another tape of the I Corps addresses delivered by both Max and Bruce on the 1000th Day anniversary of the I Corps combat in Korea. These Stout-Hearted Men have really made history. Delighted to meet Bill Pheris in the corridor looking hale and hearty firming up last minute arrangements for his sojourn at Camp Lee. Barnett called a warning that Joe of the fighting clan was looking for us so we seized the initiative and tracked him down at CMD where Bill Nutter joined us (unawares) in the reception room. We could hear the reverberations as Joe cajoled the Chief CMD trying to weasel him out of some good staff support—repertoire faster than the Yankee infield with Joe winning every brush excepting (of course) the last one. Conceding loss of the first round we're betting that he will end up by charming them out of a staff rivaling that of the U.N. Joe finally appeared undaunted and debonair wearing a two-tone sports combine. Florence patiently awaited him at the River Entrance where we were pleased to learn they had enjoyed two happy months together in Japan and were now enroute to their Virginia Timberlands farm for a few weeks relaxation before taking over at Fort Bragg. Robertson, D. H., carded in from Oak Park, Illinois that his old room-mate, Jack Fisher, and Mrs. Jack visited him in the windy city between trains. The Fisher's home at Tampa but were on a vacation points west. Robbie sent thanks for the scandal sheets and invites all to call. A very nice letter from Cannon (Joe) who had Jo with him at Travis AFB on 27 July set for the concurrent flight to Manila which they hoped to conclude 1 August. Jo Anne is staying on here with her position at National Geographic. Ralph A. Lincoln is now the District Engineer located at 925 New Federal Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. All are happy to see stars fall on Hank Westphalinger and hope that he will stay with us here rather than take off on some distant assignment."

Further, deponent sayeth not.

—*C. P. N.*

1926

Johnny McFarland writes from the Pentagon that he took a flying trip to Europe and while there, was invited to a Class party at Freddy Munson's. Among those present were Tom de Shazo, Rod Smith, Willie Mills, Mutt Bowen, and Hal Forde. Mac says that Freddy was a sick man and was ordered shortly thereafter to a hospital in Frankfurt. We have had no recent report on how he is doing.

Hal Forde gives us another report from France in which he calls the Paris weather *lousy* because, among other things, it cuts down on his golf. He speaks of horse shows, polo games, and "the annual Kermesse aux Etoiles." He doesn't say what the latter bit of frog stands for. I called the Department of Foreign Languages, but they were reluctant to say much more than it was a big shindig of some sort or other, which was what I had gathered in the first place. Hal also visited the new St. Cyr (Bill House says that the old one near Versailles was destroyed by the Germans). Hal implies that the institution is the French compromise between OCS and West Point. Hal closed with a report that his daughter Ann was going to school in Switzerland this year, and that Ev and Bill House's daughter Helen and her husband John McCarthy were in Lyon.

On a recent Canadian canoe trip, Red Reeder shot some pretty rough rapids in the Province of Quebec. His companion deserted the canoe which, Red says, is the unpardonable sin among canoeists. As a result Red had to navigate it the rest of the way without paddles (which also apparently committed the unpardonable sin). The canoe was pretty much of a mess but, being aluminum, was dented but not punctured. Red survived the experience without injury except to his confidence as a canoe manipulator. While he was in the French speaking area, he was driving down the road with other Americans, trying to get their bearings. Finally they came to a sign which they assumed to be the name of a town. So they looked on their road map for "Vendrons Legumes"—it sounded like a pretty place. Not finding it, they finally located a native who understood English, and he advised them that the sign merely said "We sell vegetables"

The July 1953 issue of *Boy's Life* describes young Brookner Brady, Jr.'s daring action in attempting to save the life of a fellow swimmer, who was attacked and killed by a man-eating shark off Pacific Grove, California. The action took place in December of 1952.

Spud Murphy has written that for the past three years he has been the sole representative of the Class in Austria. He said that Ty Cobb recently joined the command and is S-4 of the Salzburg Military Post. Service in Austria has been very pleasant, says he, but he was kept busy as Deputy G-4 USFA and then C.O. of the Linz Military Post. He adds, "During my overseas tour both my children have finished college and have married. Jerry graduated from Cornell last year and is now a Civil Engineer in Cincinnati. Ann graduated at the same time from Stephens College and married an ensign in the Naval Reserve." Spud is slated to become Chief of the New York Regional Inspector General's Office, in the Big City.

Other bits and pieces of news gathered from various printed sources (no one tells us personally about these things) include the information that Mac McDaniel is now a temporary brigadier general. Congratulations Mac, and may your star continue to climb. Herb Ehrgott has been moved from Wolters Air Force Base in Texas to the Pentagon as Deputy Director of Installations. Red Corderman left Walter Reed, where he had been undergoing treatment, and is now in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. Leon Johnson, who has been at Mitchel Field for the past couple of years, has been named Senior Air Force Member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations. Chuck Canham has been moved from Fort McPherson to Tokyo, and Stag Stagliano has left Governors Island to join the Finance Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

A recapitulation of class offspring at USMA reveals that twelve have graduated, all in the last four classes; and that twelve are currently wearing the gray, namely: *1st Class*, Grinder and two Matthias's; *2nd Class*, Doyle, Nourse, and Wheaton (whose brother graduated in 1950); *3d Class*, Ankenbrandt, Corderman, and Harry Johnson, Jr.; *4th Class*, Jay Andersen, Ringler, and Toftoy.

—*E. R. H.*

1927

September once again caught up with us, and brought forth an election of new class officers. The word "new" is used advisedly as we find Gar Davidson unanimously reelected President; the same for Woody Hocker as Vice-President. Taking over the Secretary-Treasurer job, due to lack of other entries, is Buzz Butler. News notes are not only welcome, but are solicited, and should be addressed to: Col. Lawton Butler, Office Assistant Secretary of Defense (M&P), Room 3B875, Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C., or to 4906 Yorktown Blvd., Arlington 7, Virginia.

Janet Thorp has taken up residence in Vashon, Washington, marking time until

she can join Fred in Tokyo. Fred is now CO of a QM base depot in Pusan, Korea. Nellie Fooks, after serving his time in Tokyo, has established himself with the Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe. Spike and Helen Webb have gone to find out what duty is like in Heidelberg, Germany. They say Hank Bailey is still doing business as usual in Alpine, Texas, where he is prepared to sell you a Cadillac or perhaps an Oldsmobile at a slight reduction.

A quick run down of information trickling into the Pentagon reveals: Hal Isaacson, G-2 Sixth Army, and Cal Whittle, Transportation Officer same place. Harry and Helen McKinney are at Camp Gordon, Georgia; Roy Axup is ROTCing at Clemson, South Carolina.

Jack and Jon West have a beautiful home in Morrow, Ohio, where Jack is a math prof in the local high school. Cec Land is with Headquarters, Fifth Army, Chicago. Bobby Lowe has given up his command of a combat group in Germany and will be with us in the Pentagon before this goes to press.

Tom Watlington, back from Korea, is now at Fort Sill and Charlie Harrington finds the Los Angeles area to his liking where he is PAS&T at the University of Southern California. Jack Griffith is now with Gar Davidson in the Weapons System Evaluation Group, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon.

Bill Chamberlain is in good with the *Saturday Evening Post*—they continue to publish his stories.

The new commandant of the Infantry School is Stan Malloy, where James V. ("Tommy") Thomspon also holds forth. Fay Upthegrove, now major general, commands Air Force units, Okinawa. Chubby Doan has changed his allegiance from CO, Second Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas for duty in Germany and Ed Farrand is acting commander of the Second Armored in place of Chubby. Pat Pachynski is now Deputy Director of Communications, Headquarters, USAF in the Pentagon. Jack Sterling has been on temporary duty in the Pentagon getting briefed for his new job as Air Attache, England. Ken Thebaud, our able Air Adjutant General made a quick trip to Camp Kilmer, N. J., where he visited Ralph Zwicker. Ralph is the new CO of Camp Kilmer and is doing his usual bang-up job. Last reports had PD Ginder a major general commanding the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. It is understood that Dana McGowan has turned in his uniform for the second time and is now being indoctrinated into the ramifications of radio and TV commentating.

This July found the Class of 1957 augmented by juniors Bell, Butler, Smyly, and Stone. If we have any more juniors at the Academy, let us know so we will be up to date.

Jack Hopper is back in town from his sojourn in Florida to re-establish his business here in Washington. He has taken up temporary residence at the Sheridan Park Hotel—and, believe it or not, we hear that the Hoppers are, to quote Walter Winchell, "infanticipating."

—*L. B.*

1928

Now that our 25th reunion has gone down in history the Class juniors are making the news. W. F. Coty, Dayharsh and Harbold are on the football squad. T. F. Coty and T. Van Natta are on the soccer squad. Members of the class of '57 are Peter D. Calyer, William W. Gude, Church Matthews and Craig H. Smyser.

Stuart and Dorothy McLennan came by in August. The pictures Stuart took during the reunion are excellent. They are 35 mm slides and for those interested duplicates may be made for $.25 a piece. A negative 3½ x 5 is $.25 and a colorprint 3½ x 5 is $.37 and a black and white the same size $.07. Any of you who are interested in having any of the pictures contact Billingsley here at West Point.

Your correspondent was hit by the heat this time and neglected to contact our Washington group so next issue we will expect an extra amount of news.

The mail has been quite good this summer—Forrest Allen writes from Paris to tell Jim Lamont to "move over and make room for another member of the Grandpa society"—a granddaughter born 20 July to his daughter Nancy who is Mrs. John P. Egbert living in Alexandria, Va. Maury Cralle is IG of the COMIONE in France. Julia wrote that she, Patricia and Chuck would join him there in August. Maury Jr. is here at WP Class of '56. Bill Maerdian has left Indiantown Gap for Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. Charlie Born is now deputy commander of the Crew Training Air Force at Randolph AFB. Paul Mitchell writes from Benning that Carl Fritzsche is doing a bang up job as Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School there. Buck Wiley joined them in July as Chief of Staff of the Infantry Center. During the summer Middlebrooks was with them as Deputy Commander for the Infantry ROTC Camp held there. Harry "Pop" Wilson leaves Washington for Mitchel Field this month. Skippy Harbold was here at W.P. for the Camp Illumination at Buckner which ended the summer training for the Class of '56.

June Week closed with two weddings here at W.P. Craig Coverdale, son of Gopher and Kay married Joan Dempsey on the 2nd and Diane Yost, daughter of Felix and Mary, to Ralph E. Hickey '53. On 15 August Barbara Ann Butchers, daughter of Ralph and Ruth married Donald T. Beaman. As Ralph was in Japan Mercer Walter escorted the bride. John H. Hinrichs, Jr. was married in Washington on the 29th of August to Carol Y. Fuller and so far as we know to date that's all the weddings.

After arriving in Japan Ralph Butchers was promoted to B.G. Ruth wrote that she hoped to join him this month.

On the 30th of May Peg and Bill Billingsley announced the engagement of their daughter Billy to Midshipman William W. Hill, U.S.N.A., Class of '54.

Remember to keep us posted on your moves and keep the news coming.

—*P. D. C.*

1929

Perhaps the most encouraging news is that Phil and Ethel Draper are the proud parents of Sheila, a brand new daughter born at West Point. Phil has departed for higher education at the NWC and, for lack of any substitute, the Class will have to bear with a scribe both less inspired and less competent.

New Cadets Adcock, Cooper, Keeler, Lynde, McDonald, Morrill, Murphy, Person, Seward and Frederic Smith have successfully navigated a somewhat changed beast barracks which has been less noisy, but no less valuable in the shaping of the character of the future officer. In addition to the 10 sons in the Class of 1957, there are 6 in '56, 7 in '55, and 4 in '54. Spike Nave's son graduated last year. First Classman D. G. Dwyre dropped by to see a committee of the Academic Board with reference to competing for a Rhodes Scholarship and produced the information that Doug is now Senior Instructor of the Kansas National Guard.

When I asked Paul Caraway for some news (he plans and Tiny Jark trains in G-3) from the Washington vicinity, he decentralized the request very effectively. Tom Taylor writes from G-1 that Ed McNally is now at the ICAF and Swede Svensson at the NWC. Bruce Rindlaub remains with the staff of the ICAF another year. Fenn Sykes and Army Armstrong are faculty at the Army War College. Tom Conley has gone to the Joint Staff where Bat Carns is Secretary. Bill Bullock is the new head of the Pentagon Psychological Warfare business and Jim Quill is enroute to the 1st Armored Division at Hood via the Armored School.

Jupe Lindsey is Exec of G-3 of the 2nd Army and reports that Ed Cruise and Wes Wilson are in the same shop with him. Whitside Miller is in the G-2 business next door. Bob Chard is commanding the 2nd Army's Reception Center and also winning the local golfing championships. Speaking of golf George Keeler stopped by enroute from Frankfurt to Wright-Patterson and demonstrated he could still par some (but not all) of the holes on a West Point golf course. He reported Bozo McKee is now Deputy Commander of the Air Materiel Command and O'Hara is enroute to Hq. USAF in Washington, Paul Freeman is now Deputy J-3 of EUCOM and Chan Robbins is an IG in Frankfurt yearning to return to the border patrol. Jim Hannigan writes from Fontainebleau that Merle Thompson is returning to the Naval War College (he wisely chose to avoid listening to Lincoln's lecture there a few days ago since he had not reported at that time); Dutch Kraus and Jimmy Sladen are both in USAREUR, Viney is in the 7th Army, Tom Sands is deputy G-3 and Hannigan deputy G-4 of ALFCE. By the way, living in the cloisters at West Point, I am just barely proficient on this alphabetical soup and will probably get no better through the years. So please write it out in English or at least one of the accepted NATO languages. For those now in civil life the foregoing CE has, I believe, little to do with the Engineers and quite a lot to do with central Europe. An Army press release from Korea reports that Bob Cook is Assistant Administrative Chief of Staff of the 1st Corps.

Freddy Smith is Vice-Commander of Air Defense Command and can't plan his affairs well enough to keep from spending considerable time in Washington on high level planning jobs. When I was riding in from Colorado Springs with him he told me that Mish Roth and Jack Horton were coming to his headquarters. As an indication that the Class of '29 is getting someplace Charlie Arnett, now retired at 420 Palisades Drive, Florence, Alabama, announces that he has been a grandfather since February. Speaking of addresses, the Association of Graduates is joining in the rush to cost-consciousness and complains to class representatives when the lack of addresses results in the waste of a lot of stamps and printing. About 30 members of the Class are listed now in the Association files as "address unknown" The Association list is the one we use for reunion purposes. Why not check now that the Association has your right address and establish an SOP of sending a change of address card (this is Jupe Lindsey's idea) to the Association as well as to *Life*, *Time* and your bank. Better still, write me a letter with the change and some news. I give the Association every address which comes to hand but that is not good enough if only that your letters carrying news usually do not give APO numbers—which is too much to ask.

Bruce Easley is Chief of the Administrative Service Division of the AGO. Looking over the odds and ends of some data he provides concerning the Army members of the Class of '29 on active duty as of 1 July 1953, there are 145 of them. All are Colonels, except 7 Lt. Colonels, 16 Brig. Generals and 3 Major Generals (Gavin, Nichols and Harkins), 56 are overseas (26 in the European Command and 23 in the Far Eastern Command) and the remainder are in the continental United States. Forty-four of these are in or close to Washington. Fourteen are in the Engineers, 44 in the Arillery, 9 in the Ordnance, 5 in the Signal Corps, 32 in the Infantry, 19 in Armor, 3 in Transportation, 9 in QM, 2 in the Chemical Corps, 3 in the JAG Corps, 4 in the AGC and 1 a Professor, USMA.

Pinky Wetzel produces the following for the department of interesting and useless statistics: On active duty as of 1 September 1953, there are 42 Air Force members of the Class of '29. Of this number, 22 are Colonels, 12 are Brigadier Generals, and 8 are Major Generals. They are fairly well scattered throughout the Air Force with 10 in Hdqrs USAF in Washington. Of the 42 members, only 8 are overseas at the present time. Twenty-one of the 42 are rated pilots.

With 27 sons in the Corps we have, just in fathers, a good nucleus for our 25th reunion.

—*Abe Lincoln.*

1930

This issue of *Assembly* finds your scribe still in bed at the one-minute bell so to speak, as usual. Late as it is, this is to let you know what little I know about the late doings of 1930. This is the time of year when orders come out thick and fast, and the poop listed below is not exhaustive, so if you've any more to add, send it in to me, c/o Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington 25, D. C.

Jerry Pospisil writes of a West Point dinner in Frankfurt, Germany, in which 1930 was represented by Seafood Garton, Pye Nyquist, Bob Ports, Jerry and Nelson (Ex '30). Jerry also included in his letter a table showing the birthdays of everyone in 1930 with the suggestion that your scribe send notes of congratulation to each member of 1930 on the appropriate date. My work schedule being what it is, and the elderly sensibilities of the greying and balding Class of '30 being what they are, I think it would be far simpler and more diplomatic to hereby congratulate everyone on growing old so gracefully and withal so vigorously, and let it go at that. But thanks for your trouble, Jerry.

Dana Alexander came through Washington on his way to West Point to propel his son through the Sallyport. Dana is now a physics instructor at Chaffey College, Ontario, California. Bob Wood sends in a change of address card stating that he is back in Paris again, this time for a tour with the Defense Annual Review Team. Bob Porter is returning from Korea for duty with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Sam Emery called to say that he is in town, and now associated with Ansell and Ansell as a legal eagle. Cam Sweeney is now CG of the 15th Air Force at March Field. Prep Bradley has gone to USAFE. Ray Brisach is to be in Washington on duty with Office, Chief of Transportation. Johnny Greco has gone to Monroe with Army Field Forces. Mort Townes has gone to New York as Chief of Staff of the New York Port. J. K. Wilson is coming to Office, Secretary of Defense. Jimmy Curtis and Sid Wooton are off to FECOM and rumor has it that the Commies signed the Armistice at the very prospect. Sandy Stone and Sam Sauer are off to Germany. Mandy Mandelbaum has folded up his heliograph and gone to Fort Monmouth. Charlie Olin has come to the Joint Staff in Washington. Percy Brown having graduated from the Naval War College is going to put his new found naval knowledge to practical use at—you guessed it!—the Armored Center, Fort Knox. Great and wonderful are the works of G-1! Quinto has gone to FECOM.

The Association of Graduates—and I—badly need proper addresses for some of our lost or strayed brethren. Anyone having knowledge of the present whereabouts of any of the following, please let me know; Bill Diddlebock, Mahlon Davis, Van Sawin, Bream, Patrick, Sam Kelley, Harry Winters.

A constellation has fallen on 1930 since the last notes were written up. One each went to: Roy Lindquist, Archie Stewart, Paul Weyrauch, Bob Booth, Red Carter, Kurt Landon and Slats Schlatter. Two each went to Ralph Swofford and Sory Smith. Congratulations to all of you from all of us.

Casey Odom has been ordered to Kelly AFB, but hasn't been able to break away from the Pentagon as of this writing. Jim Herbert has been elevated to Vice President of Schenley Industries and has moved his base of operations to New York. Maybe more of us will have a chance to see the "Gray Fox" now. Millard Lewis writes that he is coming to Washington from Europe.

Rosey Taber is a student at the Industrial College here in Washington, and looking young and chipper as always. Seafood Garton is in Europe and has not lost any additional weight thereby. Moon Sudasna is in Washington as Military Attaché of the Thai Embassy. Moon is now a Brigadier General, but otherwise, no change. Paul and Frances Clark are back from Hawaii and are stationed now at Fort Monroe.

Sid Wooten sent us a very newsy letter from Korea where he has seen Tommy Dunn, Jimmy Curtis, Ned Moore, Al Watson, Don Quinto, and Andy O'Meara. All are well and doing the usual top notch '30 job.

Charley Dodge is walking around with a grin a mile wide. Reason: leaving the Pentagon and off to an Armored command in Europe.

It's been good to see those of you who have stopped off in Washington on your way through, and it's been a big help to hear from those of you who have written. The copy got in too late for the last issue due to your scribe being in the throes of becoming a paratrooper at the wrong time. Sorry for the hiatus.

—*W. H. S. W.*

1931

Another academic year has been launched and a few Class sons are being launched with the Plebe Class. They include Champlin F. Buck, Addison Dishman, Clarence Hauck, Houston Houser, James E. Maloney, C. D. McGowen, and Charles C. Moses. This class now gives us two sets of brothers at the Academy—namely, the two Moses and the two Hunters.

Speaking of the Moses, Mickey is about to leave for Montevideo, Uruguay, where he will take up his duties as Military Attache. He has spent the last six months "speakin' da Spic"

Jack Malloy, Alice, and the four kids (ranging from 5 to 14) arrived at West Point bag and baggage enroute to Europe. Jocko has left and Alice is residing in Stony Point awaiting the port call.

Tex Hightower reports that he is the Chief of Staff of the 2d Division and that Jack Daley is Div Arty Commander, and Pete Schmick is Exec. Dick Steinbach is CO of the 9th Inf of the same Division, and Don Armstrong is his Exec. Hugh Harris is G-3 of the 8th Army, while Coburn Smith is commanding Div Arty for the 3d Division, and Ernie Easterbrook controls the 7th Inf Regt of the same division. Ockie Krueger is in the training section of G-3 of the 8th Army but has been in the States recently being "atomized"

Irv Lehfeld reports that he returned from the Far East, where he commanded the 5th Cav Regt of the 1st Cav Div, both in Korea and in Japan, during the years 1951 and 52. He took over as C/S of the 7th Armd Div at Camp Roberts in California in October 1952 and then became Deputy Post Commander of Camp Roberts in April of '53.

Phil Bethune recently received the Bronze Star Medal in Korea. Phil received the award while serving as C/S of the 40th Div. He has been in Korea since November of '52.

Tom Stayton reports that Bill Hall, Dick Reidy, and himself are at Fort Meade. Bill is 2d Army Engineer, Dick is in 2d Army G-2/3 Section, and Tom is with the 35th AAA Brigade. John (Lucky) Leary is at Fort Jackson but about to move into the Washington, D. C., area. Ted Walker, Hugh Harris, and Augie Schoenburg are on the latest list of BG's at hand.

Tom also sent some folding money, in compliance with our recent request, for donations toward our Class Fund, so that adequate graduation presents can be purchased for the graduating sons, the first of whom graduates this coming June. More folding money will be greatly appreciated.

That is all the poop we have gleaned over the summer. If any of you have additional information which would be of interest to the Class, please forward it and we shall endeavor to spread the word. Come and see us.

—*Dickson.*

1932

George Mather recently left Berlin for a new assignment with the 2d Armored Division in Germany. George was Chief of Staff for the U.S. Commander in Berlin.

Al Graham has just completed a tour in the Far East where he was assistant executive officer and deputy assistant chief of staff—for which service he was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit. Al is now a student at the National War College.

Pop Duncan was recently awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star while serving as a Regimental Commander in the 40th Infantry Division in Korea.

We can't all take the Grand Tour of the Continent—but Ken Zitzman's description of his recent tour of Europe is the next best thing. Ken writes:

"Dear Ed,

There's no question about it; the first sight of New York Harbor after two and a half years abroad is bound to have a deep and moving effect upon a returning native. Some people vow never to leave again. Others, with fresh memories of foreign women laboring on roads and fields, resolve to give their wives the finest lightweight aluminum wheelbarrow that money can buy. I pour

a highball and write the editor of *Assembly*.

As a matter of fact, I'm not in the best possible mood for this chore in spite of the pleasant surroundings. I had nothing but appreciation when the Army staked us to Cabin Class accommodations on the astounding S.S. "United States" for the trip home. No rancor appeared when I personally shelled out for the passage for our dachshund, Coke, giving him a private room in the kennel (1st class) opening on a runway complete with a dummy fire hydrant installed solely for the canine crowd. I got downright bitter however, when he began spreading it around among every pipsqueak poodle and adenoidal adolescent up there, that if it were not for visiting him, Pat and I wouldn't even be allowed in the First Class area! He's apparently still sore about the time I told our friends we took him to a flea circus and he stole the show.

After experiencing a paucity of class news for some time, we suddenly seem to have run into enough classmates in various places to compose an authoritative if not coherent letter. Shall start with the highlights of the Paris parish and proceed to the Washington workhouse.

First and foremost, we throw away the cork and welcome with open arms the former Dorothy Smith Oxford of Port Washington, L. I., since last May Mrs. Rush Lincoln. They were married in Washington at the home of Rush's parents (Col. and Mrs. R. B. Sr.), and now have an apartment on the Seine next to the Eiffel Tower which is roughly the equivalent of moving Gramercy Park to Sutton Place and taking your choice of apartments. Glad you joined us, Dot, and if you read the roster you'll find there are worse classes without having to go back (1933's opinion to the contrary notwithstanding) to the Civil War.

Passing through Paris en route to his new job as Chief of the Joint Military Aid Group to Turkey, Benny Webster encountered the customary amount of drollery. With three people acting independently as greeters, the four Websters were met at Orly by four cars, and as the cortege approached the city I understand that the Arc was illuminated in the mistaken notion that the annual commemoration of the liberation of Paris was taking place.

Meanwhile I was charged with keeping a lookout for the Pan-American flight carrying faithful, aging Toby, an interesting combination of Police Dog and Inconnu—both big. The task was made no simpler by my having to participate in a formal meeting of the communication representatives of ten nations during which the clerk periodically slipped me mysterious sealed notes. It's not my fault if the other participants thought I had a direct channel to the Pentagon, but what the notes really contained were such pithy statements as 'Toby delayed one hour,' 'Pan-Am wants to know if Toby has had rabies shots', etc., etc., AND etc.

Being indispensable, Benny and Toby had to rush on to Ankara the next day, but Bobbie, with young Johnny and Tommy, stayed on to spend several days with Bobby and Effie Tripp at their La Celle St Cloud snuggery.

To turn to the stuff that builds the nation's sinews, unmistakable evidence exists that SHAPE's two leading economists Tom Harvey. ('Economics of National Security' in collaboration with big Abe Lincoln and Bill Stone) and Beau Beishline, '31 ('Military Management for National Defense') are preparing to collaborate on an international scale. Overnight, bilingual signs blossomed out in every washroom in SHAPE to the effect that 'a faucet leaking a stream 1 mm. (.039 inches) in diameter wastes 42.6 litres (44.7 quarts) par jour (daily). Coupez bien l'eau!!

Tom and Billie, incidentally, have it through the grapevine, i.e. the school paper, that son Mike, who aparently writes as often as our small fry do, has been elected captain of the top-flight Andover hockey team. A leading scorer since his Freshman year, Mike is by way of being a coach's dream with plenty of speed, nice stick-handling and about 180 pounds of persuasion. Believe me, there's no lovelier sight for a goalie than to see an opposing scoring threat suddenly change direction and land among the typewriters in the third row.

While lounging with Patty on the sidewalk of Le Select (the poor man's Fouquet's) just before we left, am sure I saw Claude Bowen promenading along the Champs, but before you could say 'Service et taxe non compris', he had disappeared in the crowd. Have since read that he is stationed in Germany, so am reasonably sure it was he.

The actual leave-taking of Paris was made much more pleasant by dinner en famille with the Hartshorn's on June 10th, 21st anniversary of our release, remember? They have built up a practical knowledge of the better restaurants in Paris, incidentally, and manage their ménage accordingly. Irrelevant but amusing is the fact that Tiny, who was no stranger to the language, was impressed when she first arrived by anyone who could read a French menu. Like most, however, she quickly found out that the real trick is reading 'l'addition' after the meal through the flow of hot salt tears.

Next day, our Kay graduated from Paris American High School, and with her prized autographed photo of General Gruenther in her hot little fist, we set out. Since our ultimate destination was America, various Dutch, Belgian, Danish and other alleged friends advised us to keep a phrase book handy and take plenty of glass beads to trade with the natives, which only proves that there are characters in all countries. Final memory of Paris was a glimpse of one of our favorite bookstores as we left the city. Prominently displayed in the show window was 'Dieu est Mon Co-Pilot' by Vous Savez Qui.

Having decided to take a final fling at Europe before entering the Washington hurly burly, forthwith found ourselves in Yugoslavia. Didn't actually see Liz and Landon Head, who were in Garmisch with son Dick on his yearling furlough, but made contact in a way by staying at their delightful Belgrade apartment which they had generously turned over, together with ample solid and liquid staples, not to mention a French speaking maid. (This last was vital since the only Yugoslav words we acquired during the trip were piva equals beer, and novak—money. I don't know what conclusion to draw from the latter).

From portrait photos can report that Landon, who is senior Army Officer with the Military Aid Group there, has not lost any hair since graduation and Liz (Henning) looks the same as she did when she made the regular run from D.C. to enliven our cadet hops. By the time you read this, they should be in Boston for their new station on National Guard duty. All of us were duly impressed with four year old Lynda's room which sported a hobby horse with knee action, a doll house with 14 residents, jeep No. 2068315-S, and a full sized playground slide. Gave this last a field test with Coke, but he didn't like it; neither going down forward (simply ran down faster like people on Macy's escalator), or backward (tried to claw his way back to the top like salmon fighting their way upstream). Obviously a maladjusted psychopath.

It certainly was pleasant after stops in some odd places en route, including one night spent sleeping on the ground (you heard me, Bud, on the ground. Caught in the mountains after dark, the gals occupied the only space in the car visible between suitcases and jerrycans, and I made like a field soldier again). The only confusing note about their apartment I might add, were the water faucets which were marked either TONNO or XNADHO, but I didn't mind a bit. After all, it's the little adversities that prove whether you're a musik or a mouse.

Pressing on to Vienna ran into Jack Person ('29 please note) who as a member of our C-D Co. Beast Detail managed to mold character with plenty of laughs, anomalous as *that* may sound. Jack had been Chief Engineer of the Vienna Military Post and was about to take over as C.O. of the big Leghorn Base where all support functions of that area have recently been consolidated.

At Berchtesgaden to our surprise and delight, encountered Tom and Maxine McDonald (shades of the 15th reunion). They happened to be at the same hotel taking a brief respite with 12 year old daughter Lyn from Tom's arduous duties keeping the Seventh Army ordnance business booming. No connection, but it was also at the Berchtesgaden P.X. where I saw one of the most intriguing literary masterpieces extant; a volume guaranteed to make one fluent in 25 languages overnight. To illustrate but not condone, a random stab turned up the indispensable phrase, 'Bring me another flask of brandy and some fresh tea. These eggs are bad.'

I bought a copy of the *New Yorker* and scrammed.

Heading north again, encountered Copenhagen and Tom Darcy simultaneously. Tom had arrived as Chief of the Joint Military Aid Group the week before but to our regret, Bill and Sue Menoher had just left for their new station in Gallup, N. M. In the fabulous Tivoli Gardens where you can spend your time at anything from the National Symphony to a ring toss game, daughter Kay cajoled Tom into a ride on the roller coaster for the first time since he was twelve (which wasn't last Tuesday by the way), Tom inveigled Patty into a few flings with the grocery money on a game of chance (3½c per throw), and with absolutely no effort, we all browbeat each other into having one of the best dinners obtainable anywhere.

A meticulous, perceptive guy in determining what it takes to do a job, Tom was already working on his command of the Danish language and stated modestly enough that after only 18 holes of golf with a local caddy he could count up to 10 like a native. Obviously it speaks far better for his linguistic abilty than for his golf, but you've got to admit that Tom Jenkins used to give two wins for less effort.

Following a few days in Stockholm (where I broke a tooth while chewing gum, so help me) and a brief trip through some Norwegian fjords which almost involved another night on the ground, we reached Oslo where Click Rees is Chief of Staff of the Allied Air Forces Northern Europe and Mary is proving that Texans can be the best skiiers (well, at least the most chic) in the world if they want to. Until a couple weeks previously, Click had been the only classmate there, but the erstwhile Oslo solo also lassoed Bill Means to make a full voting quorum. Bill had just come from G-3 Div of the Dept Army General Staff and is now senior Army member on the military aid group to Norway. The Scandinavian Chap-

ter is completed by Avery Cochrane, who would rather see an iceberg than a ballgame, the new Army Attache in Helsinki.

And so to Bremerhaven to put the car on the transport before entraining for Paris and Le Havre. Got super service at the Bremerhaven Officer's Club incidentally, where all we had to do was give the grip to the bartender, a guy named Franz Zitzmann (Frankie to me).

That completes the foreign news as we saw it, and if the libel laws don't change, shall apply the poison pen to the domestic scene for the next issue, including a special section devoted to the old Texas Ranger, Two-Gun McKeown himself, who now calls Dallas home, Podner. Texans shyly admit that their state has the biggest and best of everything, and now that Ruth is there, they also have the only gal who can play a piano concerto for four hands while helping herself to the salted peanuts.

They're gonna be sorry."

As ever,
Ken Zitzman.

—*Burke.*

1933

Seven sons of the Class of '33 have just completed Beast Barracks and are ready for a crack at the academic year. They are: D. P. Gibbs, H. L. Olson, A. E. Miller, H. E. Webster, J. B. Kaiser, R. I. Edwards and W. G. Bartlett.

Pete Carroll has the best wishes of all his classmates on his promotion to B.G.

Bev Jones and Jack Matheson departed West Point this summer for the Far East.

—*C. H. M.*

1934

The "Washington Nucleus" of 1934 seems to be rolling along in its effort toward a more compact class organization. As the press deadline for these notes approaches, there is no late information from that group, but most members of the class are already well informed through direct communication from Washington. Perry Griffith writes that he went to Korea for a brief temporary duty tour this summer and did his best to contact all '34'ers in those parts. The heavy fighting which preceded the armistice prevented him from covering the whole front, but he brought back a wealth of information for which we are most thankful. One of his best "informers" on the Korean scene was Ken Cunin, himself a member of Eighth Army G-4 Section. Ken reported on other class members as follows: Bill Voehl, G-4 of 3d Division, the class "oldtimer" in those parts. (A U.S. newspaper article during the summer reported that Bill had been decorated by the Republic of Korea); Emory Lewis, Chemical Officer of IX Corps; Bentley Kern, senior adviser to an ROK division; Don McPheron, CO of a regiment of the 45th Division; Johnny Darrah, Chief of Staff of 25th Division; Jo-Jo Howard, regimental CO in the 3d Division, and Johnny Franklin, Chief of Staff of 3d Division. Ken adds to his report the following significant sentence: "As you can quickly see, good old G Co., with McPheron, Darrah and Cunin, is carrying the brunt of this 'police action'" Chick Andrews, whom we mentioned last time, commands an FA battalion of the 3d Division.

Perry also got a check on the following: Bill Holzapfel, FECOM Staff in Tokyo; Tommie Hayes, likewise; Freddie Barnes, J-3 of Alaskan Command, and Pop Gould, J-2 of same organization. Dick Weber is reportedly stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

In June Dave Routh sent the following information from Fontainebleau, where he is Deputy G-1 at HQ ALFCE: Bill Tank had recently left that headquarters to become Transportation Officer, Seventh Army; Charlie White and Jack Seaman are commanding units of the Seventh Army. Bob Adams had recently left Seventh Army for duty at the Army War College. Bill Craig is likewise in Seventh Army, as is Bob Tyson. Fred Cook was on his way to Austria at the time of writing. Dave added that he liked duty in France, and that he expected to return to the U.S. in the summer of '54.

The following "schoolboys" are reported to be hard at work in Washington: At National War College—Russ Volckmann and Harry Hillyard; at Industrial College — Charlie Fell, Jim Walsh, Curt Sluman, and Merl DeGuire. Bill Stone returned from Wiesbaden to the U.S. at the end of June. He is now a "wheel" in the Personnel Division of the Air Force, in Washington. Assembled at a farewell party for the Stones, held in Wiesbaden shortly before their departure, were Brigadier Generals Al Wilson and "Bunky" Reeves. Al was on the verge of moving to South Germany, while Bunky was showing off a new sporty Porsche he had just acquired but into which he could hardly fit even his diminutive five feet five inches. Jack Stark is in the A-2 Section at Wiesbaden, and as late as June was living in Coblenz. We suspect he has since moved to Wiesbaden. Bob MacDonnell is Corps Engineer of VII Corps, and he and his family are established in Stuttgart. John Cary is at SHAPE, from which headquarters Frank Moorman reportedly returned in August to join the secretariat of the Army General Staff in Washington.

"Stars and Stripes" reported in early August that Tom McCrary was leaving headquarters in Heidelberg to take over a regimental command elsewhere in Germany. In Paris, Patti and Tom Crystal are still ensconced in an apartment in the Rue Quentin Bauchart, near the Champs Elysees. When checked on this summer, Tom and his two older children were off on a bike trip in Central France.

Ralph and Ruth Bucknam are living on Crescent Beach Drive, Huntington, Long Island, where they have already made amazing progress on a "dream house" which they're building on a 20-year plan. The house is beautifully situated, near the beach, and is in fine shape right now, despite the fact that a couple of wings will be added here and there over the years. Bucknams have a daughter, Joanne, age 9. Ralph is a patent attorney with offices in New York.

A recent newspaper release reported Lou Walsh commanding the 224th Infantry, 40th Division, in Korea. His wife, Sharman, and their son are living at 86 Merton Street, Palo Alto, California. Susie Telford with her youngsters, Sid Jr., now 15, and Mary, 12, made a trek back to Oklahoma this past summer. On the way back she stopped by Aberdeen to see the Manloves and also came through West Point. Telfords live in Derby Line, Vermont, where Sid Jr., is knuckling down to some hard study with an eye to becoming a cadet one of these days.

After all the past year's feverish planning for a mass overseas movement, the Travis Browns have been transferred to Fort Lee, Virginia, where Travis is to be on the Quartermaster Policy Board. Marge has had to defer her trip to Ireland until some future date!

See you at the football games!

—*W. J. R.*

1935

The week of August 16th will be long remembered by the Class as the most tragic in its history. In the brief space of six days we lost Jerry Culver, Hank Cherry and Ed Bechtold. Jerry was killed on August 17th in Japan on a routine mission while flying a jet fighter. The report that reached us states that Jerry was able to bail out but was struck by the tail surface of the craft and pronounced dead on arrival at a Tokyo hospital. Hank died at Brooke General Hospital of illness contracted about six months ago. Although not unexpected, it has been difficult for us to reconcile ourselves to the stark truth that Hank has really passed away. Ed's illness was more sudden; he was hospitalized but sixteen days, spending the last six in Walter Reed, where he died at 2320 on Saturday, August 22nd. Hank was buried with quiet services at the National Cemetery at Fort Sam Houston, and Jerry and Ed were interred at Arlington. We know that the class will want to know where to locate the widows. Susan Cherry is with her parents at 826 Burr Road, San Antonio 9, Texas; an interim address for Betty Culver is c/o Col. Frank Elliott, 208 Holmes Run Road, Falls Church, Virginia; and Dee Bechtold can be reached temporarily at the residence of Mr. Stacy V. Jones, Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia. These girls will welcome a word or two from all of us and, better yet, a visit when we are in the vicinity. We will publish permanent addresses for Dee and Betty with the next issue. It is believed they will settle in the Washington area.

Elsewhere, from Jack Rhoades at USAREUR, some news items: Baldy Bare is relinquishing command of an Infantry Regiment and is heading to ZI and an unknown assignment. Phil Mock has left Paris and assumed command of a regiment in the 1st Infantry Division. Jeff Rumsey and Nat Martin are due to leave France for the States. John Dilley is en route to USAREUR, specific destination—we'll await next report from Jack. Fred Hall is also leaving the DC scene and heading for USAREUR. Had a long letter from Brad Means, who has taken over as Army Attache at Belgrade. He and Bernice are well established in a "steen" room house complete with help. He is traveling the countryside via jeep and reports he saw "Seib" Bassitt in Belgrade, who was away from Rome on a junket at the time. Charlie Hoy dropped into DC for a brief visit. He reports Sears still solvent. Joe and Marge Stancook report no change at Lowry Air Force Base as regards their personal situation, although they expect to receive orders soon. All travelers through Denver, Colorado take note and drop in. Joe is stationed at the A.F. Finance Center and lives adjacent to the base, opposite to the Officer's Club. Connie Kelly contributed for B.M. this edition with the announcement that the "long vigil" at the Kelly household is nearing an end, and "Bench Mark" will rejoin his family in the not-too-distant future. Walt Simpson, after a tour as VII Corps Signal Officer, is en route State-side to attend the Armed Forces Staff College.

Lastly, and by no means least, (no issue is complete without a contribution as this!) Joe and Nanie Anderson are receiving congratulations on the occasion of the birth of their fourth child and second daughter, Adelaide, on the 7th of September at Columbia Hospital in Washington, D. C.

As an addendum—Russell Miner is also omitted Russ from the last list.
attending the current class at the National War College. We had inadvertently (or perhaps through incomplete rosters, etc.)

—*E. H. F.*

1936

The news of and for '36ers is not imposing. We have no pipeline to the Career Management offices for assignments of our classmates, so it is up to all of you loyal and interested people to write in bits of printable gossip, changes in rank, assignment, addresses, wives, children, etc., if we are to have something for publication in the future. We need this information also to bring our personal data cards up to date.

Forward letters and information to Lt. Col. C. E. Gooding, QM, West Point, New York.

Jim Billy Leer sorrowfully gave up his job as reporter for the Class of '36 and PIO at West Point. He and Jack Daly departed in August for the Army War College at Carlisle Bks., Pa. Sam and Harriet Gooding and Ed and Rena Richardson (Ex-'36) arrived at West Point during August. Mike and Mary Michaelis, Tet and Sally Tetley, Sam and Harriet Gooding, and Doris Hiester (Dave's due home from Korea soon) are now the '36 representatives at West Point and vicinity. Ed Richardson is the PIO for USMA.

Ben and Mimi Whipple (Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. in New York City) plan to visit Tokyo (Delegate to Asian Regional Conference of the International Labor Organization) 14-26 September 1953, and stop-off at Hongkong and Manila en route home.

Maxie and Jane Kallman are stationed at Kyushu, Japan (AAA unit), where they say it rains most of the time. Maxie writes that he saw Westmoreland, Goodwin, and Necrason recently.

Dave Hiester writes that '36 is represented in Korea by Abrams, Davis (Bill?), Drain, Hiester, McManus, Prosser, Smith, R. P., Turnage, and Westmoreland.

Punsalan, and Patterson (now on EAD) were last seen in G-4 (Logistics) Divisions, Hqs, USAREUR, Heidelberg.

From US Forces Austria, Bob Fisher went to TC Center, Ft. Eustis, Va.; Bob Safford to AWC; Ike Smith to G-3 in the Pentagon; and Inch Williams to the 47th Inf. Div. at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Leer furnishes the following information from the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.: Students; Bob and Glenne Albro, Bob and Mid Burnett, Bill and Betty Connor, Jack and Nan Daly, Ken and Karie Dawalt, Wright and Ceci Hiatt, Jim and Kay Landrum, Larry and Peg Laurion, Jim Billy and Jane Leer, Hank and Helen Lind, Bob and Tuck Partridge, Bob and Edith Safford, Bill and Marge Shuler, Howie and Loaine Snyder, Cec and Ginny Spann, Oren and Vera Swain, Fred and Dotty Walker, George and Hester White. Jack and Lucy Chiles (Jack is Exec Off at AWC). Bill and Norma Yarborough (Bill is an instructor at AWC). Jack and Lucy Chiles had a '36 get-together at their quarters on 30 August, which was a swell party except for the heat. There are fifty children with their '36 parents at Carlisle Bks.—not a poor average. Horace Greeley Davisson, ex '36, is also a student there. All these classmates are now colonels.

Art Kramer reports that he received his master's degree in Electrical Engineering from U of Pa. in June 52, and is now Director of Electronics at the AA & Guided Missiles Branch of the Arty School at Ft. Bliss.

Rumor has it that Buddy and Grace Layne are in Naples, Italy (NATO Hqs Southern Europe); Walt and Jeanne Faiks are with Allied Land Forces Central Europe, Fontainebleau, France; Gordy and Marian Holterman with Hqs USAREUR, Heidelberg; Clark Hosmer and family, and Lip and Guydene Lipscomb with SHAPE, Paris, France.

According to the A-N-AF Journal, 5 Sep 53, T. R. (Stinky) Davis has been named as the Chief of the USMAAG in Ethiopia, and he will depart for his new assignment in September. Stinky had been assigned to the office of AC/S G-3, DA, Washington, D. C., since 1950.

Harry W. Elkins (Lt. Col., Arty) ex '36, is attending the 1953 Associate C&GS Officer Course at Ft. Leavenworth, according to the A-N-AF Register, 5 Sep 53.

According to the 5 Sep 53 issue of the A-N-AF Register, John R. V. (Dead Eye) Dickson, Robt. J. (Pinky) Quinn, and Norman C. Spencer (all Cols., AF) are attending the '53-54 Economic Mobilization Course of the Armed Forces Industrial College at Fort Lesley J. McNair.

That's all the news we have been able to gather. Let us hear from you and we will have more of interest to print next time. Don't be like the classmate who wrote that he must have been forgotten, since he had not seen his name in print. He just hadn't kept us informed.

—*Sam Gooding.*

1937

Our strength increased by one during the summer, Ed Richardson and family arrived for duty. He is the new PIO at West Point.

Quite a few letters arrived in June, too late for the last issue. Dot and Ed Ingmire seem to like Oslo, their only problem is learning enough Norwegian to understand their three kids. Ed, with AFNORTH, reports seeing Tom Compton occasionally, he is with the Army Section of MAAG, in Oslo also. He has seen Dave Parker from SHAPE and Bob Gildart from Fontainebleau once or twice.

Received a note from Gilbert F. Bell, who is in business, Bell Advertising, in Waycross, Ga. He was married last December to Mildred Owen Corin. Congratulations. Speaking of marriages, did or did not Spic Nadal get married?

Harvey Dorney contributes some news from the Far East, but also old. He's at Okinawa while Dotty and the kids, two when he wrote, but another was due in July, are at Barksdale. Bill Snouffer was with the 5th Air Force at Seoul, Charlie Westover was in Japan but due to assignment to March AFB in July, and Jack Donohew heading for home assignment unknown.

Bill Clingerman has recently been assigned to the Thirteenth AF at Clark AFB in the P.I. Eloise and the children are in Montgomery, Ala. Martin Greene has recently been assigned to the Artillery Center at Fort Sill. Don Shive has finished three years at the Naval War College and is now stationed in the Canal Zone. Tom Powell is in the August class of the Air War College.

Mary Lou Reeves was by for a visit just as the truce was signed. Quite happy about it since Kelsey was over there. She was also quite proud of a SS Kelsey had just received. Also saw a press release (July) where A. O. Conner had received a cluster to his LM. Betty is at 735 N. Hanover St., Carlisle, Pa.

The Association of Graduates is looking for up-to-date addresses on the following: Lawson, McKinley, Clagett, Tincher, Meyer, Major, Nadal, Cromelin, Fairbank, Magoffin, Malcolm Green, Gray, Preston, Holdiman, Laflame, Maliszewiski, George, Postlethwait, Campbell, Johnson, Polk, Seaman, Sloan, Lemmon, Dodds, Wood, Durham, Mapes, Mansfield, Horrigan, Hackford, Van Leuven, Schermerhorn, and Diercks. If you know them send them along.

R. B.

1938

The Fifteen Year photo album is now at the publishers and will be available shortly. Those of you who have not heretofore expressed a wish one way or the other for the book may secure same by making out a check for $3.00 to "The 1938 Class Fund" and sending it with your proper forwarding address to Lt. Col. Jack Jacunski, Quarters 120, West Point, N. Y. The album not only gives a complete coverage of the 15th Reunion but also includes the family photos which were sent in. Only 175 copies of the album are being printed so don't delay your order. Albums will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Now that the smoke of the 15th Reunion has cleared, I should like on behalf of the entire Class of 1938 to express our earnest appreciation to those classmates at West Point who worked so hard to make the Reunion the great success it was. The Amicks, Bixbys, Brownlows, Harringtons, Jacunskis, Learmans, Machens, Mathesons, and Millers did a fine job and deserve a lot of credit. And so, Classmates, for a good job, well done —thank you.

The Command Post, Class of 1938, has officially opened in Washington, D. C. Although Amick and Jacunski still man a rear CP at West Point, the Class notes will henceforth be compiled in Washington, D. C. You may continue to send news items to: The *Assembly* News Representative, Class of 1938, c/o Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, N. Y., or you may mail them to any classmate here in Washington for transmittal to the current president of the Washington Chapter. The present prexy is Roy Heflebower. Incidentally, for those of you who visit Washington, we still have a monthly luncheon on or about the third Wednesday of each month. Let Max Murray know if you are in town and can attend.

Now for a few news items from here and there. Kent Schmidt, adviser to the Chinese Military Academy on Formosa, writes that on June 4 Peg presented him with the fourth little Schmidt—Betty Jane. Peg and the rest of the family are in San Antonio and, since Kent is due to return to CONUS in February 1954, she will await him there. Kent says that Hal Moorman is now G-5 of the MAAG on Formosa; Hal expects his family to join him there this summer.

Bob and Grace York write that they like Singapore and they enjoyed seeing Ski York on his short visit there this summer.

Bill Weissinger just completed a graduate course at the Banking School of the South held at LSU. He says that retired pay "will furnish cawn braid and a little side meat, but not much sweetnin"; the diploma means greater potential for raises and advancement. Bill's adress is Dothan, Alabama. Good luck, Bill.

Vince Elmore, the Army Attaché to Cuba, visited Washington recently. He's reported as looking fit as a fiddle, albeit somewhat "Latinized".

John Tillson, G-2 of VII Corps in Germany reports that the staffs are being kept pretty busy with CPX's, maneuvers, etc. Not too busy tho for him, Ginny, and the kids to spend a couple of week's vacation in Paris and on the Riviera. John says that Jim Durbin commands a regiment in the 28th Div. Bet he has the best baseball team in the Division too! Bill Ekman is to be the new VII Corps G-1.

John Norris reports that the fishing in Czechoslovakia is poor, altho what there is of it is a welcome relief from "the grimy routine of Prague, and from the social affairs too" Frank Norris is attending AFSC at Norfolk.

Bob Offer spent a week in Washington

while enroute from a MAAG job in Italy to Leavenworth. Ed and Jean Bailey on leave in Switzerland write that they'll take Switzerland over Italy any day; Ed is still assigned to HAFSE.

Phil and Jean Hawes wrote from Moscow that "ENUF'S ENUF" They were on their way to AWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.; should be there now.

Johnny and Kitty Johnson passed through Washington while on leave from their station at Robbins AFB, Macon, Georgia.

The grapevine reports that Sam Eaton is now a big wheel in the SHAPE Secretariat. Trevor Dupuy, formerly of SHAPE, is now doing a good job of renovizing the ROTC curriculum at Harvard.

Ken Mearns is still in the Psy-War racket at Ft. Bragg. John Corley is revising Infantry T/O&E's at OCAFF.

Here are some of the recent changes in Washington: Wallace, Bromiley, Sturdivant, and Kieffer are students at the NWC. Hal Kelly is a student at the ICAF where Castex Conner is an instructor. Isbell, Hutchin, and Pitchford have been called in to help straighten out the JCS. Sundin is in MDW, Wansboro and Izenour in G-1, Thomas in G-2, and Walson in G-3. Bill Sussman is associated with Art Maloney. McBride is in D/CSM of the AF, Harmon is R&D, Lemon in AF Plans and Policy, and Kenzie in AF Intelligence.

Dallas, Mabel, and the six little Haynes' are on their way to Istanbul, Turkey, where Dallas is to be adviser to the Turkish War College. Dallas' only regret is that he cannot, repeat cannot, take his Pullmanized bus with him.

A final thought for those of you undergoing changes in assignment. When you make out your change of address slips for the Post Office send one to the Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y. This will enable the class and the Association to contact you. Make it a habit and pass the word.

—*G. O'C.*

1939

The class has done a fine job of sending in the "Info" lately so we have a long column this time. "Mickey" Laitman outdid himself on the last issue. However he missed two '39'ers reporting to West Point for duty: "Wimpy" Walker is an instructor in the Arts part of Military Art and Engineering—Military History to you oldtimers. Jim Schwenk is graduate manager of Athletics—so if you don't like your football tickets you know what to do. We are now a total of nine here plus E. R. "Jake" (New Pappa) Jacoby at Stewart Field, and Carl Lentz in the AAA business in Middletown, N. Y. Laitman, Hunsbedt, and Jarvis Jordan are in the Metropolitan N. Y. area.

I am indeed sorry to report that James J. Kelly, Jr., "I" Co., died on 19 August at St. Albans Naval Hospital of injuries received in an auto accident on 7 August in Rutherford, N. J. Jim was commanding an AAA Gun Battalion in the N. Y. area. He leaves his wife, the former Dorothy Cadwallader, and four children. I know that '39'ers everywhere join me in extending our sympathy to the Kelly family.

"Huey" Long sent a long newsy note that arrived from Japan just too late for the July issue. (Nickname for C. J. Long, IV is Ivy, get it?) Huey said he had recently rubbed elbows or tinkled glasses with Gallagher, Brockman, Johnny Ray, "Mouse" Trahan, Dick Morrison, and Shep Fitzgerald. Huey and 14 other classmates should be studying the three R's at Air War College by now—how about a late report from Maxwell?

Future Comptrollers — Dick White and Max Cochran are attending the Comptrollers course at Syracuse University. Dick and family were recent visitors at USMA. Kirby-Smith should have things well greased for '39'ers in Syracuse.

Frankie Joe Kobes reports that Benny Chapla is PMS&T at St. Johns University, Collegeville, Minn. Riggs Sullivans have a new son. Andy Goodpaster visited USMA from SHAPE in July and hopes to return for the 15th. Jack Dobson, formerly commanding 4th Armd Cav Recon Bn in Austria got his picture in the paper. We got the news release but no picture. The "poop" said Jack was fighting a sham battle. Doesn't sound much like a Ranger does it? Flash report from Washington indicates that Jack will arrive in Washington in October to get in the PIO business.

Ed Dannemiller is liaison officer with the French Armored School. E. M. Dannemiller, II arrived at 2235 on 31 December 1952 just in time to beat the income tax. Danny said he planned it that way?

Medals—'39 is still getting them:

Legion of Merit to R. M. "Reverend" Williams while serving as Staff J.A. for X Corps in Korea. He is now J.A. for the Ryukyus Command.

Legion of Merit to R.H. "Gam Curtin for long and outstanding service in Washington. The Legion of Merit is hard to get these days too.

Latest inside dope is that John Spoor Samuel, Commanding Carswell AF Base, failed to cut the tape at the opening of the base service club but passed the scissors to a WAF. That is our gallant Sam. First time I ever heard Sam couldn't "cut it"!

Riel Crandall, Engr Div, Com Z, France, reports that some of the bridges he built during WW II are still standing. He is pushing three years in France.

"Speedy" Hull, masterminding the All-Army Tennis Tournament, spent about a week in the West Point area with Dotty and the family, including their youngest, "Champ" Hull.

Walt and Ann Higgins and son were recent visitors at USMA. You will remember that Higgy and Bill McCaffrey married sisters. Brother-in-law Rich Curtin has also been a recent visitor at the McCaffreys. "Richie" is still single.

Higgy furnished the latest (and plenty of it) from the Washington area. '39'ers have fallen from 61 to about 50 in the shadow of the Pentagon. Departing from Washington for: Army War College were—Dolvin, Muir, Norris, Schellman; C&GSC were—Ace Shephard and Norm Farrell; Air War College were—Carpenter, Glawe, Hoisington, Meals, Bob Curtin; EUCOM were—Bill George and Bud Newcomer. Departing Washington area to destination unknown were Keith Hull, Minahan, and Bull Davis (that is, destination unknown to me).

Arriving in Washington are Barber, Keller, Rollins, Kinney, Habecker, Latoszewski, Wynne, Wray, Dobson and Janowski.

Here is the rundown on those remaining in Washington: Art Allen, Ray Allen, Beckedorf, Billups, Boyd, Camp, Cassidy, Coffey (Dr. of International Relations), Dick Curtin, Davison, Dickman, Dziuban (soon to be Dr. of International Relations), Ford, Ginder, Krisman, Glenn, Hardwick, Higginson, "Speedy" Hull, Higgins, Kurth, Lampley, Little, Maslowski, Marlin, McFerren, McGowan, McMahon, Megica, Ben Miller, H. C. Newcomer, Pickett, Simon, Wald, Chuck Walton, Weisman, Wickboldt, Ray Will, Wintermute, Wood, and Yarnall. Herb Price is a big AAA man in the Baltimore area.

Late news from Matt Legler: Charlie Kepple is National Guard instructor in the Buffalo, N. Y. area. "Duck" McConville is still in the Consulting Engineer business in Buffalo. Bernie Teeters, plus wife and 4, stopped to visit Legler in August. Bernie is a PMS&T near Green Bay, Wisconsin.

We almost missed the press with this one. Ex-Cavalryman Graham "Joe" Dean writes from Roanoke Rapids, N. C. (in a letter to Marshall Wallach) that he has been a civilian in the cotton business since 1946.

Except for 10 abdominal and one lung operation, Graham is going along at top speed and feels better than he has for 12 years. The Deans (wife and three sons) have the welcome mat out for '39ers that might be in the Roanoke Rapids, N. C. area. Hope we see you at the 15th Reunion, Graham.

If you haven't been mentioned, it is your own fault for not writing or needling someone in your area to write. Let's have the full and complete dope from the Service schools for the next issue. I nominate Cantrell for Leavenworth; Schellman for Army War College; "Huey" Long for Maxwell; and Vern Gilbert for Norfolk.

Before next issue you will be hearing from us about the 15th Reunion. Be sure the Association of Graduates has your latest address. We use their address plates in addressing our letters.

—*Fraser.*

1940

In another year and one half it will be fifteen years since our legions were turned loose on a waiting world. It seems to me that fifteen years is a mark that should be noted so I am going to work on a class book. This one will be simple and will be mailed to each member of the class, whether he has contributed to the class fund or not. I have a great deal of information available now and I will start to work to put it together. The status of the class fund is now $585.49 which will be used to prepare the class book. If you want to send a check you may do so by making it out to the Class Fund USMA 1940 and mailing it to me at 2156 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. This is entirely a voluntary contribution. If anyone has suggestions on the class book I will certainly welcome them. Any information will be helpful in order that the book be up to date as of June 1955.

And now for the news. The 1953 class of Leavenworth has graduated and scattered about the globe. The pattern was something like this: Charlie Banks, John Burfening, Bryce Denno, Lee Fritter, Sam Patten, Perry Manley, Sal Rizza and Jack Wright are assigned to FECOM. Charlie Beaudry to the Pentagon in office of Chief of Ord., Jack Dibble to CMG in the Pentagon and Hobie Pillsbury to G-2 in the Pentagon. J. B. Bonham and Walt Winton stay on assigned to Staff and Faculty at C&GSC. Brown, H. C. is assigned Trieste, Julian Cook to Fort Benning, Silvio Gasperini to USAREUR, Paul Krauss to Headquarters, Third Army, Joe Mastran to Alaska, Johnny O'Brien to Sandia Base and Ed Hendrickson snags a spot in MAAG, Paris.

Hank Adams, Dick Belt and Bob Cameron remain on S&F, C&GSC while Willy Shanahan leaves school teaching for FECOM and Sully Sullivan starts on a research project. Paul Deems is with AF civil defense in Kansas City and Hess is in North Africa living in a villa. Those coming to Leavenworth are Ashod Ahmajan, George Bayerle, Phil Cibotti, Jim Rat Moore, Bob Pfeil, Mel Rosen, J. T. H. Spengler, J. P. Strauss, J. W. Walters, J. J. Wilderman and R. R. Dodderidge.

Joe Couch writes from Okinawa where he has been for the past year as a civilian employee of the government. He has one boy and two girls. His address is FBIS APO 239 c/o PM San Francisco, California. He reports Pod and Ginny Podufaly and three children in Okinawa. Pod is with Okinawa Engineer District. Stirling there but left recently for Fairchild AF Base, Spokane, Washington. Joe reports that J. R. Knight and A. J. Russell are in Okinawa. Gideon, Bagstad and Dice have passed through and while Joe was in Japan he saw Shoemaker, Rauk and Kintner.

Larry Fuller has graduated from Law School of the University of Michigan with Doctor's degree and is a member of the COIF, an honor society. Is presently assigned as Chief of General Law Branch, Military Affairs Division, in the office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army. Woody Vaughn has his MBA and MA degree from Stanford University.

McDonald leaves West Point for school with the Navy at Newport, Rhode Island. Strauss from West Point to C&GSC, Skip Fowler to Air War College, Swampy Marsh to Panama instead of Puerto Rico as previously reported and Al Baker transferred from QMC to Engineers is assigned to FECOM from West Point.

Alpha and Omega meet in the Canal Zone. Dave Parker, who is military assistant to the Governor of the Canal Zone and takes the part of Alpha, encountered Freddy Omega White and had some stimulating discussions about Freddy's recent invention. Dave reports that Freddy is as happy and as solid as ever and is currently working on an invention known as the Golfer's Head and Eye Aid. It is designed to accomplish for a golfer what a martingale (which I thought was a bird having been a member of the unassigned riding group) does for a horse. In not too technical terms it is a sponge or cushion which the golfer places under his chin and if he raises his head after he hits the ball the sponge drops. Freddy has it patented and is constantly wondering why some engineer didn't think of it first.

Fort Sill reports the marriage of Johnny Aber to Ann Henrica Vandenboorn-Renkens of Holland on 24 July. Johnny is one of the last of the class bachelors. He was feted by a gathering which included Rimmer, Bidwell, Moore, Mayo, Luther Arnold, Walters, and Addington. Rimmer reports seeing O'Keefe and Wohner in Nevada recently.

Ray Clock is home from Austria and is assigned as Engineer Officer of AA Command stationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bill Porte also transferring his activities from San Antonio to Colorado Springs. John Pidgeon assigned to Eastern AA Command and McCarten still at Colorado Springs. Bob Raleigh still looking for someone interested in making a film of cadet days by splicing together individual films. Still stationed at Colorado Springs. If you are interested write to him at 1512 Lorraine Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bob reports seeing Bud Rauk, Kermit Dyke, Rick Ferrill and George La Breche.

Hank Miley has been ordered from Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia to be Comptroller of the Ordnance Division Headquarters, U.S. Army in Europe with station at Heidelberg, Germany. Gilford Green received the Legion of Merit in Korea. Joe Hardin received the same award for his work in setting up a system for supplying relief aid to the South Koreans. Jerry Addington commanding a battalion at Fort Sill. He came home from Greece early this year. Bob Dice and family to London, England, where Bob is assigned to Officer Group No. 1.

Johny Aber and new bride now at Fort Belvoir. Hank Arnold in Greece, George Aubrey is Asst. Army Attache in Warsaw, Poland, Bates at Monmouth. Mike Bavaro in Germany and Beiser teaching English at West Point. Martin Chandler is Asst. Army Attache in Bern, Switzerland. Cuyler Clark back from Korea and assigned Headquarters 4th Army in San Antonio, Texas. Corbly is in EUCOM. Crockett with Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon. Joe Donohue teaching mathematics at West Point. Epley is at Bliss and Fellenz is at Fort Benning. Dixie Fraser changed his first name to Richard. Is retired and living in Norman, Oklahoma. Studying at University of Oklahoma. Alan Gee at Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia. Haessly, a bachelor, with G-3 in the Pentagon. Bertil Johnson due back from Korea. Lemley is the Commandant of the Army Language School at Regensburg, Germany. Noble assigned to SHAPE. O'Keefe is on AFF Bd No. 4 at Fort Bliss with Len Orman. Paulick with Military Mission in Turkey. Al Richards at Fort Monroe. Ralph Ross leaves Ft. Bliss for Georgia Tech. Schockner ordered to FECOM. Harry Stella in the Pentagon. Wendt with NATO in Europe. Donovan Yeuell is still Liaison Officer with British Army on the Rhine.

Urey Alexander graduated from Armed Forces Staff College and is a language school in Monterey, California. Art Barry in JAG Department in Japan. Bengston is with officer Group No. 1 in London. Don Bennett is in Japan. Al Bethune now in the Pentagon as well as Don Bierman. Dave Bryne is with Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia while Cagwin has been ordered to Benning. Bob Cassibry ordered to Armed Forces Staff College. Dick Cassidy still in England expects to come home soon. Homer Chandler back in Washington from Korea. Victor Conley going to Armed Forces Staff College as is Dave Crocker. Cunningham in Japan. Ted Davis in Washington and so is Ferry. Sid Fisher in the Pentagon, good man to look up if you are ordered to Washington. Handles real estate. Dave Guy in Iran. Wing Jung commanding a battalion in Korea.

Kyle with office group No. 1 in London. Bill Litton still missing in action. Jim Maedler in Germany. Mayo is running the Hunt Club at Fort Still among other duties. Manzolillo reports a new baby. Minahan ordered to FECOM. Muller is member of AFF Board No. 3 at Fort Benning. Mike Paulick first member of class to get orders for Army War College. Prann at Maxwell Field.

Chester Britt passed away at the VAH Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 6th. He leaves a widow and three sons.

Stephanie Ann Gasperini arrived on 10 August at Stambaugh, Michigan. The population of Puerto Rico was increased by one upon the arrival of Jeanne Brewerton at Rodriguez AH, Fort Brooke on 16 August.

Send me news to 2156 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. Next deadline for me is 1 December.

—*Hank Brewerton.*

1941

If this column had a means of starting out with headlines, this would read in the largest type possible: LILIS AND EVANS FREED! This, of course, is the news on everyone's lips at the moment. We're glad they are coming home; we're glad the "police action" is over; and we're proud of the job '41 did over there. Andy and Hack have been through a monstrous ordeal; Tom Hume and Tom McDaniel are still not accounted for, and Ben Howze was killed in action.

As I go to press, I also hit the road—two weeks TDY in Wiesbaden. Since I hope to see many of you on the junket, I plan to make this a sort of diary of my trip. Before I left Offutt John Atkinson came up and visited us for a week-end. He is with the B-47 training program and is really enthusiastic about those six-jet "beauties". John is the first one in the class in the 47 business. The other major event at Offutt was the arrival of Elizabeth Sue Corbin (7 lbs. 9 oz. on 31 August). Mother and daughter are fine, but Old Tom barely made it. Other visitors into SAC Hq include Clyde Thompson from Hq Air Training Command, Chuck Willis and Mike Cochian from the Air University, and Bob Detwiler, who is still wearing a brown suit but working in Air Intelligence, Hq USAF.

I arrived in Washington on Monday, Labor Day evening, and called John Henschke, who invited me over to meet his new daughter, Joan; born 10 August at Ft. Belvoir. John is coming out to SAC to be stationed at Smoky Hill, Salina, Kansas. While waiting for my plane to take off this morning, I called everyone in the class whom I could raise on the telephone. Starting with the Brass, I called Tom Cleary, who is not only the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army but holds the distinction of having made a hole in one on the sixth at the Army Navy Country Club. The next time around on the same hole he again made a hole in one! This time, however, the hole was a can out in the rough! The second guy I located was KO Dessert, who is in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. The Desserts had a son born last February, Thomas Edwin, who is named in honor of Charlie Thomas (taking his last and middle names). Next on the list, and I hope I am not fouling up the protocol, was Roy Watson, who is in the office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Roy, just back from Pearl Harbor, allows that unification is here to stay, Aye Aye, Sir! I almost missed Brad Smith, who was out house-hunting before settling in his new job as Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense. I did miss Ace Moody, who is in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army—he is the proud father of four daughters, all of whose names begin with J. Pete Tanous, who is one of the really few remaining bachelors, is a White House Aide and currently on leave in Paris! This space available travel is nice if you can work it.

Bill Gurnee, in OQMG, said that Ruth and Andrea were fine. Rod O'Connor informed me that his two boys got a baby sister on 16 April, Maria Gabriela, named for her mother, Gabby. Walt Mullane said it was not easy to get used to working again after three years of a gentleman's life in Lima, Peru. Joe Knowlton, in G-3, welcomes the recent deceleration of pace in his bailiwick. Joe, ever the keen observer of his fellow-man, gave me much of the "herewith" poop. Joe has three boys—"period", says he. I told Wendy Knowles I knew those chinks would quit as soon as he started shooting at them. Wendy is in G-1. I called Carmen, who told me that Chaney and Jack Norton are in Yugoslavia, that little Chaney was born in June just before they left AFSS, and that Jack is wearing eagles! I also heard that Ed Rowny got promoted—if he has done half the things I've heard he's done, he ought to be a general.

Biz Moore reported the arrival of a second son, Patrick, on 6 June. Now Kim has two brothers, Pat & Mike—Biz says they did it and they are glad! Woody Garrett sounded his same old self. There's one thing about a Ranger, if he can't kill them any other way he can always scare them to death with war stories. George Cooper re-

ported a new arrival, Stephen, on 10 June —said Lucy was fine. Dave Cooper said Pat and the kids were fine.

A. Wray White says Charlotte is now the secretary of the Washington Local of '41 Wives. Wray says that a month or so ago Hank Boswell and tribe passed through on the way to Ankara. Mary Ann Camp Jones (Charlie's widow) has remarried and is now Mrs. Wm. S. Jacobs, 1210 E. 19th St., Tulsa, Okla. Dick Aldridge said that he and Beanie are happy to be in Washington after a rather unpleasant tour in Montana.

Other Washingtonians whom I didn't get to talk to (I was on the horn about 4 hours talking to 18 people) are: Bud Harding, Potter Campbell, Dick Oswalt, Buck Buchanan, Mike Green (3 girls and 1 boy), Fitz Fitzpatrick (at Meade), Jack Murray, Herb Stern, Al Muzyle, Butch Kaiser (in USAF Intelligence), Joe Ahern, Peer DeSilva who announced the arrival of a son, born 15 June —they had two girls. Dave Woods, Wire Coakley (recently joined PIO having gotten a degree in Journalism). Moose Longino (in G-2), Joe Reed (in G-4), and Tommie Thomas. Bob Kramer, just back from England, is at Belvoir.

Other news picked up in Washington included the fact that George Brown returned recently from Korea, picked up Ship and Dudley and reported to Phoenix, where he will command a Fighter Training Wing at Williams—Wally Lauterbach is instructing at AFSS. Al Jensen is in Austria and Jack Christensen is in Paris. Butch Rising was sent home about a year ago from Europe with a paralysis something like polio. He made a good recovery, went back and finished his tour and is now at Sill.

News from the *Journal* includes these orders: Mills Hatfield to Ft. Monroe, Rog Neumeister to Aberdeen P.G., Ren Keleher to Salzburg, Harry Bescanson to USFA, and Gordon Gould and Fred Ascani to Air War College.

Johnny Brooks is with the 20th Fighter Bomber Wg F-84's in England. He, Jane and the three kids together with their *four* Weimaraners are living about 40 miles from London with their latchstring out. Tom Maxwell was awarded the BSM in Korea for his work as CO of the 90th FA Bn.

Hugh Foster reports the following members in USFA: Larry Greene in G-3, Willie Vaughan G-4, Gib Niles G-2, John Barney G-1, and Hugh himself CO of the 63rd Sig Bn. Chuck Cannon recently returned to USMA in Soc Sciences. Pooge Curtis, Jim King and Tom Lawson were recent visitors in Salzburg.

As I finish this writing I am in the air about half way to the Azores. Since there are no classmates in sight for further interview I plan to stop and mail this in at my next stop.

P.S. No '41ers in WIESBADEN. AUF WIEDERSEHN!

—*Burt Andrus.*

1942

As usual most of the news for this column has been procured locally. Except for a few change of address cards the only letters sent to Box 42 since the last publication of *Assembly* were from Dave May in Korea and Fran Roberts, now en route to the Far East.

I have a suggestion which may help to give this column more wide-spread interest. Since we seem to have fifty or more members of '42 in Washington, D. C., why can't the group there appoint a reporter to jot down news on classmates and forward it to Box 42? Next time you Pentagonites get together talk it over; and if some enterprising hero will accept this trifling task, all he has to do is note anything of interest pertaining to classmates and forward it in pencil form to me for incorporation in the next issue. I might suggest this same procedure for any other station where a number of our class may be assigned. The next deadline for any news sent this way is 20 November 1953.

Having lost five and gained three this summer, the group at USMA has shrunk slightly. The twenty now on duty here are as follows: Buchanan, Cockrill, and Charbonneau in Math Dept; Halpin, Short, R. B., and Ulsaker in English; Flanagan, Robbs, Rose, and Timothy in Tactics; Adams, L. A., and Aileo in Foreign Languages; Ballard and Terry in Electricity; Baker, J., and Plott in Law; Fergusson in Social Sciences; Baxter in MT&G; Buck in Ordnance; and Voegeli in Physics.

Several visiting firemen from '42 put in appearances here this summer. Crit Crittenberger, Charlie Mizell, and Rog Russell installed their wives and children in the local area prior to shipping out for Korea. Ted Marks passed through on his way from Europe to Leavenworth. Bill and Gloria Hamilton paid us a visit in June. Bill also is going to Leavenworth this year. John Sheffey, newly returned from Europe, was seen briefly at Delafield. John Atwood dropped by in July. He is Executive Officer at Ft. Monmouth, our only full Colonel (Reserve) in the Army.

Bill Zimmerman, the hero of Old Baldy (the Korean hill, that is; Bill still has a full head of air) visited Pat Timothy for a few days in August. Bill said that Korea offered little in the way of entertainment for a bachelor of his talents, and to prove his point showed us a new Cadillac, with wire wheels no less, that he bought with pay saved.

Timothy and Roberts took the old man's course at the Parachute School this summer. Fran is going to Korea after leaving Polly and the children at Artillery Village, Lawton, Oklahoma, where they will be near the Cages now at Ft. Sill. He writes that Al and Dotty Thompson, as well as Pat Harmeling, are living near Polly. Hank Harmeling has a battalion with the 2nd Div in Korea. Tim came back to West Point to flaunt his slim waist and new jump badge in the faces of us less intrepid and more sedentary soldiers. I might add that already his waistline is returning to normal under the influence of the rich food and drink he can now afford on jump pay, and that the Commandant has rewarded his adventurous spirit by making him S-1, as chairborne a job as that of anyone else. Incidentally, both Timothy and Roberts speak glowingly of the hospitality of the Brughs during their sojourn at Benning. Bob is currently a wheel of some sort at the jump school.

This summer saw the small fry of '42 incease by four at West Point. The Ulsakers had their fourth boy; the Roses, their third; and the Shorts, their second. Lone dissenters were the Crittenbergers, who had their second girl.

From change of address cards comes the following news on moves: Bill Shedd to JUSMAG, P.I.; Don Deffke to Bartow AFB, Fla.; George Hozier to AFSC, Norfolk, Va.; Tom Trainer to Grenier AFB, N. H.; Frank Koisch to Leavenworth; John Ely to Hawaii; Bill Morgan to Killeen, Texas; and Bill Zimmerman to Ft. McPherson, Georgia.

Dave May writes from Korea that he had a battalion in the 45th Div for a while and has since moved to Div Hq, and finally to a position as adviser to the Korean Military Academy. He saw action at Heartbreak Ridge and at Mungdung-Ni. His family are living at Ft. Knox while he is overseas. Also in Korea are Bob Spilman, 40th Div, and Bob Kates, I Corps. Spilman's wife is in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Kates's in Arlington, Va.

—*C. C. U.*

January 1943

It was good to hear that T. D. Harrison was freed in the recent prisoner exchange in Korea. *The New York Times* of August 16 carried a picture of "T.D." being greeted at Travis AFB, California, by his wife Doris and his duaghter Barbara, 5. "T.D." managed a big grin.

Other word from Korea has Rex Minckler receiving an OLC to his Bronze Star for meritorious service while serving as assistant signal operations officer with the Eighth Army. (Rex should be back in the States by now, in G-3, D.A. the Pentagon.) John Roberts went to Korea last April for some B-26 missions. Ben Baber recently left I Corps for the Signal Section, AFFE, Tokyo. Clare Armstrong is in the 223rd Inf Regt, 40th Div. Edward Geaney is in Hq Eighth Army. Danny Moore (G-1, 7th Inf Div) lives in a trailer complete with running water, fan, heating unit, bunk with mattress, etc.—plenty rough. Arthur L. Freer is in the 120th Eng Combat Bn; Robert Peden, 8202 AU, UN, MAAG; Cecil Page, Arty Hq Bn, 7th Div; Ralph Cadwallader, Asst Signal O, 7th Div; Lester G. Taylor, Chief, Flying Training Branch, D/O, Hq 5th AF; Doug Blue, CO, 811th EAB. Ben Edwards, who reports most of this, arrived in Korea in July and is D/O, 49th Fighter Bomber Wg, APO 970, PM, San Francisco, California. The Edwards' had their third girl, Anne Cash Edwards, on May 12. Carol, Ruth, and Anne and Jane Anne are all living at 2006 McGlachlin Place, Artillery Village, Lawton, Oklahoma. Mitch Goldenthal and Tim Brown have returned from Korea and are at Leavenworth. Hal Barber is back in the States, too.

From Europe comes word (late word) of some promotions to lieutenant colonel: Willie Knowlton and Sam Karrick made the grade, and John Wood got his silver leaves pinned on by General Gruenther. Changaris joined the USAREUR Secretariat, APO 403, PM, New York, N. Y., in July. TQ writes of an anniversary dinner held back in March at the Frankfurt Casino, which Paul Ellis, Upchurch, Toth, George Watson, Windsor, Alfano, Burlin, Butcher, Hillman, Pavick, Elvy Roberts, Schlosberg, Jack Wheeler, Grimm, Kemp (who led the singing), and he attended and says that he's been ordered back to the US to Fort Hood and a tank bn of the 1st Armored Div. Other summer reassignments from Europe have Paul Ellis going to C&GS at Leavenworth, Elvy Roberts to AFSC, and Bill Neale to the UN Commission, Kashmir, India.

Les Heltzel reports some new arrivals in the Pentagon area: the Vasco J. Fenilis, 300 East George Mason Road, Falls Church, Va.; the Robert E. Harringtons (return engagement) 4900 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Va.; the Arthur P. Hurrs, 1700 North Quebec, Arlington, Va.; the William E. Larneds, 311 Skyhill Rd., Alexandria, Va.; the John D. McGowans, 4338 Reservoir Blvd., N.W., Washington; and the Robert J. Wallings, Route 3, Box 700, Alexandria, Va.

In a late flash from Paris (21 Avenue des Sycomores, Paris 16) Duke Kane, one of six air attaches, says that he's recently seen Hoge Kirby (12 AF at Landstuhl) and Al Toth and Smoky Joe Lovett at Wiesbaden. Jim Hackler and Ed McGough are expected in Germany soon.

Four January '43 newcomers have arrived at West Point: Darrie Richards and Bill Wade in MA&E, Bill Hensel in MT&G, and Bill Starnes, who replaces Ed Bennett as CO of the Combat Arms Detachment.

—*Howie.*

June 1943

By the time this *Assembly* reaches you I hope sincerely that all talk about the publication of *Forty-three plus Ten* will be out of date. However, I know that many are anxious to hear of our progress, so a few words on the subject just in case. While it was originally planned that our ten year book would be in the mail shortly after the first of September, it is now the 8th of Sep and we have not received the proofs. Apparently many of the snapshots which were submitted needed to be modified before they could be used. The publisher's representative assured me just one week ago that "it shouldn't be very long before your book will be in the hands of all concerned." (Copy of this letter on file at West Point, N. Y.)

The book was put together the latter part of July. It promises to be very attractive and, I hope, interesting. To all who have written in concerning the status of the book I would like to say that no one—but no one—will be more happy to see the finished product than yours very truly.

Now for some news from hither and yon. The members of the local contingent participated in a family picnic at Round Pond on 26 August. The remnants of last year's group—Clare and Jane Farley, Jesse and Jane Fishback, Bill and Nancy Malone, Jim and Smitty Greene, Bob and Bev McCanna, Ed and Pat Curcuru—joined with the newcomers—Alan and Lynn Jones, Bill and Dickie Greenwalt, Bob and Harriet Hersberger, Dave and Kay Galas, and Wick Wickert—for a good, old-fashioned, pot-luck supper. All brought their children (with the exception of Wickert—which was just as well as long as he is still a gay bachelor), and part of the afternoon was spent in children's games which freed the fathers for serious business at the "cooler." Pat and Colbe Hurley came over from Monroe, N. Y., and P. J. Curtin and his wife, Gertie, came over from Middletown to join in the fun. Jo Olmstead, who is living in Highland Falls while Earl is FECOM, brought her two children and reported that, when last heard from, Earl had passed through Honolulu enroute to Japan.

While still on the subject of the USMAY group, I might mention the resignation of Pete Ryan in June. Pete is going into law practice in NYC. He and Maria were up here last weekend for the Buckner Party (Tacs) and they both looked fine. They expect to be back up for some of the home football games this fall.

Dottie Clark sent word from Sarasota, Florida, announcing the birth of Robert W., Jr. on 4 August. Bob left here in July and after a time on leave went to Japan where he now is.

An announcement from Miami, Florida, tells us of the formation of the law firm of Fentress and Frear. The "Frear" is none other than our own Seth Roderick who has hung out his shingle at 1553-D Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, Florida.

Polly Spahr notified us of a change of address. Bill is on his way to Regensburg, Germany, where he will continue his Russian Language and Area Training which, to quote Polly, "he is enjoying very much." Polly and the two boys are awaiting travel orders in New York City.

Archie Hamblen wrote on 22 July 1953 from Camp Stoneman enroute overseas. He reported having dinner with George Moe at Leavenworth where Moe, currently assigned to G-2 in Washington, was attending the Special Weapons Course. John Blair Beach also was attending the course prior to meeting a 2 September port call for FECOM. Mo Mozingo had orders for Italy to attend the Italian War College after completing Special Weapons. Arch ran into Jock Barickman at Stoneman. Jock, enroute to FECOM, had seen his wife off for Paris in July. Stukie Stevens left for FECOM in July leaving Cam in Annapolis, Md., with her sister. Getting back to Hamblen & Co, Arch's better half and the children are settled in Leavenworth. Allen Burdett settled his family in Asheville, N. C., prior to reporting to Stoneman in August on his way to FECOM.

Wick Wickert contributed the following: Carlos (Ralph, that is) Young is back earning an honest living with the troops, S-3ing an AAA Group in the AA defenses of Baltimore. He and Barb and the two girls are living at Ft. Meade Heights.

Don and Mimi Jalbert are still the class country bumpkins down on their Virginia plantation in Fairfax. Don is still wheeling things (and what things, yet) in G-1, DA.

Archie and Mary Louise Hill write from Tokyo that they see a lot of the Japanese Al Browns who are practically Tokyo's West Point chapter. The Hills also reported seeing Ray Blatt and Johnnie Moses, passing through.

Willy Calnan, back from the Seventh Div in Korea, has collected Marie and the three kids, spent a long leave in Washington, and reported to Benning for station. We haven't heard what he is doing down there, but he promised to "write if he got work." He came back on the ship with Bethell Edrington, a light colonial, who is attending Leavenworth this year and is still an adamant bachelor.—thus far comments are according to Wickert.

Walt Burnette notified us of his transfer from Moody AFB to Hq ARDC at Baltimore where he will join other classmates—Mike Zubon, Doug Deal, Lee Hudson, P. Atkinson, and Norm Keefer. Norm has recently been transferred in from Wright Patterson.

While on the subject of the ARDC group, Doug Deal informs me that Ann Smith (better half of L. B. Smith) has been stricken with polio, and though she is out of danger her recovery is slow. She is in Walter Reed Hospital and Doug suggested that it might be nice if those who were in the vicinity would drop in to see her.

Dale Hagen has received orders to leave NEAC for the "five sided house." He reports the presence of Dick McCord at Thule and the recent arrival of Bill Westbrook enroute to Thule.

From Evelyn Jones (Mrs. R. K.) we learn of Ralph's assignment to UNMOGIP, Srinagar, Kashmir, India, as a U. N. Military observer—a one year tour. Evelyn is sitting this one out in Pontiac, Ill.

Bob Rooker has left Camp Chaffee to attend a two year course in nuclear engineering at the US Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey.

Jim Lothrop is currently serving with the 25th Inf Div in Korea as Ordnance Supply Officer of the 725 Ord Bn.

Clare Farley wants to announce that he has copies of the *Life* Magazine articles concerning television transmitting in the field at West Point. He has a basement full which he is selling at the rate of 30c a regular copy and 60c an autographed copy.

From Lorry Thomas we hear of a coordinated picnic for the Washington crowd held on 24 July. Present with "drags" were Harris, MacMullen, Shipstead, Coffman, Ivan, Wolfe, Buyers, Brierty, Hogan, Milmore, Tenney, Chamberlain, Bell, Thomas, Rundell, and Watkin. Present *sans* "drags" were Parfitt, Burrows, Sawyer, Brandt, and Tansey. The Thomas', the Bells, and the Burrows' were leaving shortly for C&GS. Ed and Jan Brandt were leaving for Great Britain's Engineer School—Ed as an exchange instructor. Tom Johnson had departed for FECOM. Remaining at Belvoir to welcome Bill Glasgow were Coffman, Parfitt, and Tenney.

On a visit to Ft. Bliss Jesse Fishback reports seeing George Alexander, Bill Linton, and their families. He also saw Luke Wright but missed seeing Q. D. Boller. George and Luke were instructors in the Special Weapons Orientation Course. Bill was packing to go to Sill for the advanced course, and Q. D. was attending a course on the "Skysweeper" before going to England.

Two more birth announcements: Frank and Ronnie Taylor welcomed the arrival of a little girl the latter part of August, and Dick and Marion McCord had another boy in July to even out the score at two boys and two girls.

Well, gang, that's all for now. Please keep the news coming in. Remember the address, P.O. Box 2, West Point, New York.

—*Bill Malone.*

1944

Robert (Sam) Samuel sent in all the following news on everyone he'd seen or knows about now in Japan. Sam and Margaret and five children (four girls and a boy) are now living in Tokyo to the tune of $300 a month rents—makes me glad I'm a civilian. Sam is assigned to J4 Div., Joint Hqs. of Far East Command. They had previously been in Germany and then in Michigan for some time before Sam was sent to Japan last December. Returned to the States in January for the family and all have been in Tokyo ever since. Les and Mable Halstead had been in Yokohama but returned to the States in June to attend C&GS at Ft. Leavenworth. They now have three children, two girls and a boy. Ed Millington has returned from Korea, in June, and is now assigned to G-1, AFFE, in Yokohama. Ed was expecting Margaret and the two children and they should be with him by now. Al Weston was in Zama with wife and children. Leo Hinkey, Benny Mills and Randy Carey and their families are all in or near Tokyo. Jack Vitullo had been hospitalized for a short while in Tokyo with a broken ankle. Returned to Korea in June as, Sam thinks, a Bn. commander. Ralph Sciolla was with Jack for a while but Sam doesn't know where he is now. Doug Kinnard has been with IX Corps Artillery in Korea and Pat Neilond was there also, job unknown. Doug is reported to have done a fine job as S-2.

Had a long letter from Bruce (Hardrock) Staser who is now on ROTC duty, Univ. of Calif., Berkeley. Seems that Hardrock and "Wolf" Wolfinger share the same office. Must look natural since they shared the same room for three years at W.P. Betty Jo and "Rock" had a party for classmates thereabouts in June to include Bob Roddin, Bill Marks, Shady Lamp and families. Bill lives in Palo Alto now, working for a steel company. Staser had been to summer camp at Ft. Lewis where he was with Steve Mulkey, George Tuttle, Willie Burr, Fred Smith and "Mouse" Burnett. All but "Mouse", who is at the Univ. of Idaho, were on the way to the Far East. Rock said he and Shady were making plans to get as many as possible from around there to the

Class Reunion next June. Also issued a standing invitation for anyone coming through Berkeley to drop by.

Jim Connell writes that he, John Donaldson, Phil Grant, Dave Zillmer and George Blanchard are taking the advanced course at Benning, finishing next March. Blanchard is now a Lt. Col., and well deserved. George Pickett, Carl Peterson, Buzz Gordon and Moulis are there also, either as instructors or on the staff.

Lynn Scoggin wrote that she, Jim, two daughters and five months old son are now at Ft. Monmouth for the advanced course. Don and Laurie Thompson also there with their two boys and Ollie and Terry Becker had just left for EUCOM. Lynn and Jim had recently heard from Vicky and Jimmie Stewart from Wheatridge, Colo., where they now live.

Fred and Kitty Smith are the proud parents of Katherine Lorraine, born 24 July in Baltimore (10 Beechdale Road). Ed Hibbard is now with ROTC unit of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. Ed returned from Korea in June after commanding a Mortar Co. in the 3rd Div. for over a year.

Al Bethel sent a list of those now in and around Washington, with the following new arrivals: Phil and Maxine Barnes, Dave and Betsy Blake, John and Jackie Carlson, Mary Grace Cutrona (Joe is now overseas), Jim and Margie Downs, L. C. and Kathleen Ellis, Jack and Louise Kimbell, K. O. Lindell and Bud and Sara Partridge. This D.C. group had a barn dance late in the summer with about 20 couples in attendance.

As of the middle of September there were only 200 replies to the questionnaire for the ten-year book and only 10 men were not in favor of publishing the book. George Pappas writes me that based on this percentage they are definitely going ahead with the publication. Would those of you who have not returned the questionnaire to George please do so just as soon as possible? The book will be 9 x 12 and will have about 175 pages. George wants a picture of every man or his family and wants each of you to send in some form of informal picture immediately for the book. He would prefer a negative, but a good clear print would do. Anything sent in will be returned.

George had a note from Monihan who is in an iron lung at Brooke Army Hospital. Jeanne wrote that Jim is convalescing and should regain use of his legs after much therapy. He will probably be grounded, however. Al Norton has a new son, Paul, and is still in Spain working on his doctorate. Dean Bressler is in the remote areas of Pakistan working with UN observer units. Joe Petrone is in Teheran. New arrivals at West Point are: Ollie Patton, John Howland, Bob Flynne, Ollie Decker, Doug Gallez, Bob Sellers, Phil Toon, and Tom McGuire. Departures this year were: Armstrong, Desmond, Dunham, Giles, Marks, Morrison, Ed Murphy, Nelson, Sampson, Sullivan, Williams and Zillmer. That still leaves us with the following "old men": Boyles, Brundin, Dancy, Day, Fullilove, Gamble, Gervais, Glab, Kincaid, Knoll, Maish, Marshall, Maxon, McCoy, M. E., Myslinski, Nolan, Pappas, Royem, Waterman, Wessels and Young. The following are assignments meted out to the men at Sill last year: To FEC: Cutrona, Cabaniss, Cyr, Dart, Gruenther, Kahn, Moore, T. E., Murphy, R. M., and Pollin. Parks to Patrick AFB, Florida; Pettigrew to AFF Board No. 1, Fort Bragg; Bartley to ROTC at Fordham; Al McCoy to ROTC, Harvard; Schardt to civil schooling in guided missiles, (school not specified) and Francis to CID. Remaining at Sill are Ware, McAuliffe and Campbell. Art Nelson resigned prior to departing from WP and is going to medical school in Pennsylvania.

Thanks to all of you sending in poop. Keep it coming to 1748 Vinton, Memphis, Tenn.

—Buford Norman.

1945

We can only hope that the number of you who read is not dwindling in direct proportion to those of you who write. Before we get any further into this quarterly contribution, let me ask again this year that you put your correspondent somewhere on your Christmas Card list to receive, at the bare minimum, your present whereabouts and mailing address. Certainly you "say-nothings" can overcome your shyness to that extent at least. If you'd care to include a little news, so much the better. The address: Captain J. M. Alfonte, Student Officers' Detachment, Fort Holabird, Maryland.

Let's have the good news first; promotions, weddings, and babies, in that order. Of the first we have news of the first noncombat promotions to major. They are all three "Bills"; Ochs, Taylor, and Kratz, and in addition to sharing the same first name they are also entitled to the same approving remark, "It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy or a more deserving officer." Congratulations. We should have qualified that item as being the first of the Army Majors, for here is a list of fairly recent Air Force officers sporting new gold leaves: Boots Blesse, Sunny Brett, Charley Barnett, P. K. Bullard, K. M. Farris, Ed Mason, Ed Nichols, Ed Rafalko, Dan Whitcraft, Clair Whitney, and J. B. Townsend. The date on the promotion list was April 1st, but some of the dates of rank go back to early 1952. We of the ground troops are often long out of touch with the "wild blue yonder", but we'd say that the names on this list, too, deserve a "well earned" comment. Now for the nuptial news. Don't see how you could have, but in case you missed it in all the papers, Bill Clark and Audrey Claire Loflin were married in New Orleans on August 3rd. Many articles carried the news that Boots Blesse was among those present. That reminds us when Boots and Bill were roommates across the hall from us in the 15th Division, plebe year. How time flies! Bill is now at Advanced at Benning. And J. B. Townsend is unique in making both the promotion and the wedding list all in one issue. Chalk this one up to the curiosity of the feminine species. Said a friend at Colorado Women's College to Betty Findlay, "What do you know about the military?" Answer: "Nothing". Question: "Well, how'd you like to learn?" We assume she liked what she learned, for the result was wedding bells on the 15th of August. On May 16th at Great Bend, Kansas, Tom Schwinn was married to Ann Harms. They honeymooned at Sea Island, Georgia, and are now at home in Wellington, Kansas. George Forsell gave up the single status sometime in April. The wedding took place in San Francisco, where George is on duty with the Judge Advocate Section of 6th Army. Mrs. Forsell was the former Joan Wright, and in case you'd like to send congratulations, the address is 57 Beaumont Street. Speaking of George prompts the observation from us that we are always running into people who ask about or have known other classmates. In this case here at the CIC School, we were happy indeed to claim his acquaintance for the officer inquiring had served with George in the CIC and spoke of him in the very highest terms. He even bought us a coke on the basis of his being a classmate. Would like to run into that situation more often!!

Now for the babies. Actually some of these are hardly in the "infant" class now, but we can only print the news as we get it. Previously unannounced are the arrivals of a girl to the Ken Moores in November 51 and a boy to the Bill McGuinesses, in November 52. Ken should have left Turkey by now for his new assignment at the University of California—ROTC duty; and Bill also should have left the same station for new duties at Clarkson College, Potsdam, New York—also ROTC. And it looks as if Annie and Jim Holcomb are hot on the heels of the Munsons, what with the arrival of their third boy on the 16th of August. Jim is in Korea now with the Heavy Mortar Company, 27th Infantry, 25th Division, and Ann is waiting him out 24372 Scotia, Oak Park, Michigan.

Now let's run through some orders. Have already been to far off Turkey to pick up Moore and McGuiness, but let's get some more of the troops home from there in time for Christmas. So with the concurrence of DA we'll send John Shadday (still a bachelor) to ROTC duty at Iowa State College. And maybe, even though it's North rather than South Carolina, Harry Stewart would like ROTC orders for N. C. State College at Raleigh. Monor Mabry is due back at Fort Belvoir, and it seems Bo Lewis likes life overseas so we'll re-locate him with 485th Engr Combat Bn near Regensberg, Germany, APO 46. And just to keep the flag of '45 flying in Turkey, we'd better send in replacements as Engineer Advisers to the American Mission in the persons of Art Fridl and Bob Barr. We hear that Rolfe Hillman is aide to the CG in Salzburg, which should be easy to take. And Jim Hunt sailed some time this summer for an Engineer job in Southern France. And somewhere in that country also is Paul Stough, who is with U.S. Communications Zone. We say "somewhere"—Paul is at La Rochelle. Dick Hurdis and Joan and their four kids are at March AFB, California, where they were visited back in February by Eugene Gasior, who is now Secy to General Staff of III Corps at Fort MacArthur, California. Nat King is with a missile outfit at Coco Solo, Florida; no missiler himself, Nat is operations officer with the AF there. Jack Romney should be finished at the navigation school he was attending at Ellington AFB and flying B-47s at Mather AFB in California. Quent LaPrad and Dave Thomas finished their graduate work at Georgia Tech. Dave goes to OCAFF, Fort Monroe, Virginia, and Quent, with wife and three sons, goes to Fort Bliss, Texas. Wakefield has been transferred from Korea to Japan for duty with 40th AA Group. Guess that means Betty can leave El Paso to join him there. John Tyler is S-3 with 15th FA in Korea. A few lines from there penned by Bill Ochs, who is Asst G-2 of the 7th Division list Bob Tobias, Frank Kane, John Bennett, and Bob Hall as new arrivals, and Dink Nelson as ready to head home any day now. Of that list, Bob Hall is a Regtl S-3, and was one of the very few from the branch schools to arrive in Korea before the Truce was signed. Bunny is evidently living in the NY area for she recently visited Gerry and Bob Woods in the city. Ted Adair, also in Korea, is now going to be "the poor man's Herodotus" in his job as I Corps Historian. Ted is a good man in any job, but remembering his almost overwhelming pride in being an Infantryman, we'd say he'd be happier and even more efficient in a job with troops. Don Gross is also in Korea, but no listing on his unit. Virginia and the kids are in Atlanta. Tommy Maertens would be there now too but for a mishap he suffered on his last jump before getting his jump wings at Benning. A dislocated shoulder was the result, and a delay of three months or so in his reporting

to a West Coast POE. We were able to see Tommy and the two tow-headed, look-alike kids, and the more and more attractive "C.B." in Washington while Tommy was on sick leave. "C.B." and the kids will be in Hinesville, Georgia, while the old man is overseas. The Woods also wrote that they had seen Palmer McGee in New York. He starts his second year of Law at Yale this Fall. Gerry also reports having seen the Dan Whitcrafts, who are in Washington where Dan is with AF Research and Development. Also that Hug Moore expects orders to West Point, lucky stiff!!! Believe we have already reported John Gage's legal activities, but here's an address from him and Eleanor: 4200 West 70th Street, Prairie Village, Kansas.

After we finished our last column from Fort Sill, we realized with considerable chagrin that we had failed to mention the very gay cocktail party that the Vinsons, Baileys, Heilbronners, and Dingemans gave back in May. It was a wonderful class get-together, the only class affair of the year. Incidentally here are the orders of the '45ers at Sill. The Hap Argos are with G-4 Section at the Pentagon. Bert Bailey is with the 36th Gun Bn at Fort Meade. George Garman is somewhere in Korea. Bunny and kids are at Levittown, New York. Rusty Heilbronner is with G-4 Section at the Pentagon. Al Jones went to Georgia Tech, and Tom Marriot to FECOM, as did Bill Wolfe. Jim Zeller is with ROTC in Wilmington, Delaware; and Ken Scurr stayed at Sill, poor guy!

We couldn't end a column, or anything else, on a nicer note than a reference to West Point. When we found we were to have a long week-end early in August, our thoughts immediately turned northward. We were pleased to see tangible evidence as to how high ranking we are getting to be!! The sumptuous new brick row quarters of Margaret and Bill Vinson, with whom we stayed, made us recall nostalgically the small Highland Falls apartments of the Bennetts, Adairs, and Ochs of our first year back at USMA in 1949. Bill and Margaret are enjoying being back almost enough to deserve it. Margaret should, you know, for she can remember childhood days in Quarters 100 when her father was Supe. At a parade we were pleased to watch Bob Conrad and Hank Hughes as Tacs standing in the reviewing line at the Plebes' first parade. We were especially glad Hank was out there for that enabled us to sit with his lovely Missus and watch the troops go by. We were also reminded of former happy times as we sat with Mary and Dick Gorder among the footlockers and packing boxes awaiting the packers a few days later. Figuratively if not literally, tears were shed over a last round of martinis. Dick and Mary are now at Knox. And there was another reunion for me with a West Point compatriot when I recently spent a weekend with Betty Ochs and the kids, one blonde, one dark but both quite curly topped, at her mother's house on the beach just below that hated spot called Annapolis. A most pleasant surprise was in store for us in the form of an unexpected visit from a prospective new member of the class. Her name now is Mary Tomkins, but before much longer she will be Mrs. Jim Hunt. To the men, I'll say there is definitely a treat in store when you first meet her at some future class function. To the gals, I'll say you undoubtedly already have met her more than once in the pages of your favorite fashion magazine, for Mary is one of the loveliest fashion models ever to grace the cover page of *Life*. (She did too.) Well, after summoning up visions of West Point and a beautiful gal, there is nothin' to do but close up the typewriter and reach for my glass, with a final admonition to you to write and BEAT NAVY. See you there on that happy occasion!

Jim Alfonte.

1946

With the 65th Inf Regt, 3rd Inf Div are Bud Cronkhite, Dick Hale and Duke Wolf. Bud joined the Regt in July 1952 and became "F" Co. commander. He distinguished himself in the "Kelly Hill" attack and defense (August '52) and then on "Jackson Heights" in October '52. Then Bud became S-3 of the 2d Bn until he left the Regt last June to attend the Advanced Class at Benning. Bud and his wife have two boys. Dick joined the Regt in May '53 from an assignment with the Japanese Police Force Academy in Tokyo. He is S-3 of the 3d Bn and is a bachelor. Duke, who sent this information, joined the Regt in July '52 and served as Plat Ldr in Tank Co, Ass't S-2 of Regt, Ass't S-3 of Regt, S-3 of Regt (January-April 1953) and finally, in his present job of Tank Co. Comdr. He expected to leave this past August for the States. Wolf's wife, Ellen, lives with their two sons Eric 6, and Roy 2 in Riverdale, N. Y. I should add that Duke's letter was dated 26 June thereby missing the July issue.

Walt Mattox is Operations Officer in Headquarters Company of the 160th Inf. Regiment's 1st Bn, 40th Inf Div in Korea. His wife, Betty Jane, is living at 5130 Campanile Dr., San Diego, Calif. The commanding officer of Co. M, 31st Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div is Carcie Clifford. His wife, Janet, is living at 8987, 218th Pl, Queens Village, N. Y., while Clifford is in Korea. Dave Peters was married to Joan Sabin on 27 June 1953. Joan is the daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. L. S. Sabin. They were married in Tokyo and are now at home at Ft. Benning, where Dave is with the Advanced Inf. Sch.

Bob Hefferon is with the 724th Ordnance Battalion's Headquarters Detachment, 24th Inf. Div. in Japan. Bob's last station was Korea. His wife Marjorie lives at 25 Carobene Ct., Newburgh, N. Y.

Bob and Helen Morris had a son, Frank, born 12 April '53, at Landsthul, Germany. They also have an older daughter, Karen. Bob changed assignments in June from Battery Comdr, C Btry, 16 AFA, 2d Armd Div. to SGS, Hq 7th Army in Stuttgart. Ed Morgan is the only other classmate in the 16 AFA and he has Hq Btry now stationed at Baumholder, Germany. Which reminds me Ed., I am now living next to an officer, or rather former officer, who served with you not too long ago—Bernie Berge.

I received a letter from John Steele's mother. She lives one block from our old house in Texas. While up in Michigan Mrs. Steele learned that Dick Walterhouse, who is now a civilian, is coaching at Jackson, Mich. Mrs. Steele has received word from Bruce Shawe's mother to the effect that when Capt. Jack Dean came out of North Korea he had a picture of Bruce and Wally Berry. Both looked well. I have personally been checking the returned POW lists, and have failed to notice their names. Hope I'm wrong. In Mrs. Steele's letter was a clipping about Tommy Gee. Tommy was graduated from the Univ. of Texas Law School this June. He was named the outstanding Law School Graduate of 1953 from the membership of Phi Delta Phi international honorary Legal fraternity. In other words he was named top law student in the nation. Tommy has been on the honor roll every semester of his three year course and has distinguished himself at the law school.

Major Cornelius McMillan is the only member of the class still stationed at Walker AFB, Roswell, N. M. Originally 19 officers of 1946 were sent to Walker from Enid AFB after they finished their transition training in B-25's. "Mac" is still hanging on as a B-50 airplane commander with the 509th Bomb Wing. He has one girl 2 years old.

Jim Ladd is an instructor at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He is teaching the artillery boys a bit of infantry tactics. Jim and his wife just had a little girl named Ann. She was born in mid July. My brother Bob sent me a list of classmates who are going to attend the 1953-54 Arty Off Adv Course at Ft. Sill, Okla., beginning 31 August 53 and lasting 36 weeks. The assignment indicated is that from which each man is relieved. F. A. Dodd, AFF Board No. 4, Ft. Bliss; Harry Davis, John Dayton, Bob Hamilton, and Elisha Robinson all 4054th ASU AA and GM Br the Arty Sch, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; Ralph LaRock and P. J. O'Connor, 1st GM Group, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

Pictured in the July 21st issue of the *New York Herald Tribune* were President Eisenhower, Tom Blazina, and Tom's father, Tom Sr. It seems that Tom's father was a sergeant in President Eisenhower's company when the President was a Second Lieutenant on the Mexican border in 1916. The occasion was a joyful reunion of the two "comrades-in-arms" at the White House.

On September 3 the engagement of Charlotte Morton and F. Foster Cowey was announced. Charlotte is from Hopkinsville, Ky. The wedding will take place in New York when Cowey returns from Korea, where he is now stationed.

J. R., "Doggy", Miller is with "The World's Finest" Fighter Sqd, the 97th Fighter Incp Sqd at Wright Patterson AFB. He and Lynne and their 3½ year daughter Cheri live on the base and would be happy to visit with those classmates passing that way. Miller spent the months of June and July at Perrin AFB, Texas, checking out in the F-86-D. Guy Hairston left the 97th a few months ago to go to Stewart AFB to be Chief Aircraft Spotter at Hq EADF. Ted Skladzien spent a couple of weeks at the Hospital at Wright Patterson recovering from polio. He went to West Point from there. Toby Reed passed through a few months ago on the way to get an assignment. He just got out of the hospital. Mose Gordon is at Nellis AFB, Nev. Roy Hudspeth and Jim Furuholmen are still at Shaw Fld, S. C. Mo Weber is at Oscota, Mich., with the Fighter Sqd there. Max Feibelman is at Ent AFB, Calif. Miller talked to McKay up in Vicksburg, Miss. However McKay has left the tea room business and is now in New Orleans. John Schmitt and his family left Wright Patterson to go to MIT for a couple of years and get a Master's Degree. Ruggiero is in Washington at the Pentagon.

Once again I wish to report a new address for mailing me all notes and information. My new address, and I hope somewhat permanent, is: Sam France, 47 Lewis Lane, Syosset, L. I., N. Y.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

Beast Barracks is over and the Tac's are happy, the P's are settling down to the nine month grind—remember when you were on the receiving end? This issue is to be the product of the twenty classmates stationed here. Unfortunately I haven't heard much news from the outside; let's hurry with the poop before the Postmaster ups the cost of a three cent stamp. However, I wasn't completely neglected because Dick Dunlap

sent a nice note and he has two boys, Mark and Bill. A note from Stu Force was waiting when I returned from CAMID in July. He was at the Guided Missile School in Ft. Bliss and enjoyed feeling like a hive even with Willy Knipe instructing Math. Stu and Ann have one boy, Buddy.

Message Center brought lots of poop from Jack and Jill Faith. Jack's teaching Plebe English. They have two boys and a girl. Ronnie and Gwen Heiser have two daughters and are headed for EUCOM. Bob and Jean Kennedy with a ten month old son are going to University of Virginia. Bob and Bonny McNeil have a son and daughter and are staying at Knox with the Commo Dept of the Armored School. John Gerrity married Nancy at Knox last November and is now looking for a tent to rent in Turkey so they can live together once again. Rumor has it that Goose and the guys gave John and Nancy a royal sendoff from their reception. Bob and Ann Baer are still at Knox with the Weapons Dept. They have two boys. Jack and Lanny Dunham going to Georgia Tech. Willie and Jeanette Grant also go to Georgia Tech but with four (4) children; a boy, girl, and twin boys last January. How's the housing, Will? Jack and Cathy Sullivan going to Georgia Tech. Hugh Bartley is going to FECOM and Woo Woo West to EUCOM, Jim Egger to Vanderbilt University. All three are still single. George and Lee Lynn are going to California for school. They have a boy, girl and twin girls born 3 August 1953. George has transferred to the Chemical Corps. Bob and Elise Haldane visited the Faiths here. They have two girls. Bob is on his way to Advanced Class at Benning this Fall. Sam Wellborn is S-4 of OCS at Ft. Belvoir. Goose and Mary Anne Gossett are to live in Baltimore and go to CIC School. They have three children.

A telephone call to Bill Mahlum, who is serving his last year with 1802, reminds one of a great party at the club in July when Jim and Mary Lou Edington arrived to spend the weekend with Bill and Mary. Incidentally, Mary expects a third. Jim is to attend the Advanced Class at Knox where he will see Frank and Sue Taylor.

I phoned Wally Griffith and Arnold Tucker answered. Tuck is staying with Wally in the BOQ until Pat arrives in mid September. Tuck arrived for duty with the Tac's just in time to go on the plebe hike. The day before he left he bought bandaids, tape, cotton, padding and medication for his feet. There's nothing like getting down to earth and Tuck loved it!! (Other airmen please note.) Bill Gray stopped by to see Arnold while taxiing a fighter back to Sioux City, Iowa. Jim Kennedy called Tuck from Belvoir recently and he is still denying women. Doc Blanchard is an instructor at Tyndall Field. Tuck saw Frank Kremser in Miami a while back and reports that he has three or four children. Wally Griffith, who has just finished his first year of 1st Class Economics, took the phone and adds poop on Blackie Crowe, who is studying Math at Columbia preparing to teach Plebes next year. Wally had a short note from Dave Odell. Ed and Sue Cottongim are living in Baltimore, assigned to the Headquarters Research and Development Division, Procurement Section. He just completed studies at the Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson AFB. Wally was quite sick this summer while on a trip and spent six weeks at Maxwell AFB in hospital. Bill and Betty Conger came over to visit him from Benning. Bill is entering the Fall Advanced Course and Betty should have her second edition by now. Perry and Sisie Gainey are at Lackland where Homer is instructing OCS. Wally also saw Cecil Fox, who expected overseas orders. A letter from Tex Hightower was full of poop. He left Wright-Patterson AFB for Europe and saw Lee and Joan Christensen at Wiesbaden, Germany. Also saw Bob Haas in the PX there. Tex is bringing Lois and the two children to Austria. For those of you who might recall, and who wouldn't, Joan Christensen was the lovely brunette who met us at the station in Ann Arbor and gave us the initial welcome to Michigan's campus. That's what those college guys get for sending their queen to meet the Corps!

No answer at Bert Brennan's BOQ, where he is host to his mother and sister, but I saw him escorting Ed Robinson around the Campus not long ago. Bert and some of the others were cheering for Sam Wellborn, who was competing in the All Army Tennis Tourney on the Library Courts in late August. Junie Blieman was through here for a visit in June. He is assigned to a Geodetic survey team in Latin America.

Speaking of visits, I've had a few to note. Hank Emerson came in and while on post sought a job with the Tac's, subsequent to his Advanced School at Benning this Fall. Bill Williams and his lovely, new bride, Sara, came by for an evening and is seeking a job with the 1802 after Benning. I think the old goat picked up a 3.0 in Tokyo. Well done, Jug! Kit and Mana Larsen came in for a swim at Delafield with us in August. Kit is on his way to Europe. Ross Toomer paid us a visit from Ft. Bragg while on a convalescent leave after breaking an ankle in a routine jump. He's with the 82d. I received a telegram from Mrs. MacGill saying that Henry was being sent home to be buried in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The class sent flowers to the family. Henry had been missing since middle of July 1950. He received the DSC. The class will always miss and remember a fine leader. While I was on CAMID this summer a second classman told me of the death of his brother-in-law. It was Charlie Hill, who died quite suddenly of polio while at Chanute Field, Illinois. The cadet was Paul Martin, brother of a former classmate from around C or B-2 Company.

Dick McAdoo came down the street with some dope on the Engineers. Dick is entering the Mechanics racket. Seems like Barbara put the two children to bed and called Jim and Kay Johnson, who is with the Tac Department. They mustered the following: Biles along with Howie and Meg Sargent with two boys are going to Cal. Tech in Pasadena. MIT is playing host to Norm and Beverly Rosen, Jake and Virginia Jacobson, Sam and Rita Starobin. Roger and Jeanette Bate are at Oak Ridge. Next Engineer Advanced Course will see Barbara and Frank Boerger with three children, Pete and Betty Boerger with two, George and Betty Haugen with three, Bing and Davey Perry with two girls, Jim Kennedy, Ray and June Hails with two boys, Sam and Millie Lou Wellborn with two, and A. A. Becker with a new bride. George Levenback is in France, Van Petten in Germany. Bill and Dottie McGee are spending a two year tour at Seattle Port of Embarkation. They have three children. Johnny Mastin is still at Harvard before coming here with the Math Department. Jack and Rosemary Thompson and daughter, Karen, are with Headquarters, 928 E.A.G. in England. Jim and Kay Johnson have one girl. Just went next door for a coke and Alex Haig's wife, Pat, asked me not to forget their second son, Brian. Alex is in my office taking care of M-1 Company, doing a great job as a Tac.

Doug and Barbara Weaver are here and have one baby girl. Doug works in the Juice Dept with Freddy Knauss. Ken and Althea Hatch are living nearby. Ken is bolstering the Math Dept. The Don Litt's and the Locker Bentley's who have three children are in MT&G. Wally Veaudry has returned from Annapolis for his last year as Tac. Pauline is expecting a second child this month. Willy and Mary Munroe are looking for a bouncing tot in the near future. Jackie and Brent Scowcroft have arrived in the Social Sciences Dept. Jackie and Tom Hayes are holding down the Artillery Section of the 1802. They have two children. J. J. Murphy is still the bachelor lawyer in his last year at West Point.

In closing I find a couple short notes. Merlin Anderson wrote from University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. With him is Hank Stock, also Jim Fraser, who has three daughters. Andy has one son. All three will have their Master's in 1954. Note from George Dell announces that he is the class' newest legal beagle and is with Mitchell, Selberberg and Krupp in Los Angeles. Reports that Tam Flattery with Gloria and tribe of three are at UCLA Law School.

Let's keep the word coming gang. It sure was a rough pull to gather the stuff. Summer is over and all should be settling.

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Let's have a Xmas Card with return address anyway. A letter just came in from Buster Little Aide to CG Carribean, they are expecting a second child. Bernie DeGil is with them.

—*Bill Cooper.*

1948

These last few months have brought but little news for this column. Most of the class has been brought back to the States, leaving only a few over on the other side of the world. Grim Locke, the last to leave Okinawa except for Joe Huey, has gotten his assignment for Travis Air Force Base in California and he and his family are due there the last of August. He has Sharon's permission to invite anyone leaving for the Far East to stop over and see them. There are four in his family now. Their second daughter, Charisse, was born in March.

Gene Forrester got in line and was handed his Oak Leaf Cluster for service as Aide to General Paul W. Kendall, Chief of Staff at Far East Army Headquarters. The Cluster goes with the Bronze Star previously awarded. Jim Walk was sent for summer duty to Fort Riley, Kansas, from College of New York to assist in training of Reserve Officers during intelligence camp and I think is back in the City at this time.

Johnny Milton was married to Elaine Marion Holland on the 22nd of August in Englewood, New Jersey. We hope a happy time was had by all. Another good bachelor who was married the 5th of September at Shreveport, Louisiana, was none other than Denny Long. The gal was Mary Cumalee O'Brien, and I hope she can keep up the correspondence record that Denny has to date. We haven't heard from him in five years and see no reason to expect a letter now that we received the wedding invitation. I wonder if he ever achieved his secret ambition of going to West Point after a Cadet Hop?

I received a note from Lowell Genebach the other day. Perhaps many of you have received the same message, but if not, it announces plans for a get-together after the Army Navy Game and an invitation to attend. Jim Dingeman, Bob Ward, and Sid Berry, are taking care of the details. If you plan to make the shindig please inform Berry or Dingeman whose addresses are: Captain James Dingeman, Military Department Drexel Institute of Technology, 32nd and Chestnut, Philadelphia, Penna.; and Major Sid B. Berry, Department of Social Sciences, West Point, New York.

Saul Resnick sent his address as Fort Sam Houston and the girl he married last May is named Barbara Ann Miller of Fremont, Nebraska.

Hope to see many of you at the Army Navy Game this November. If not, the best of luck and don't be so shy about news for the next issue.

—*Charley Nash.*

1949

Again another summer has passed and I believe that we are all looking forward to the arrival of the football season.

Recently we have had the pleasure of having seen and visited with a number of our classmates. Jack and Jean Albert and their two children spent a week-end with us as Jack just received his master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering and is now on his way to Patrick AFB in Cocoa, Florida, as a project officer in the guided missiles program. A few days later Jim Schmidt stopped overnight on his way to Camp Kilmer and eventually Europe. Jim has been stationed at Sacramento ever since graduation with the exception of a few short temporary duty assignments around the country. He did tell me that he had spent the night with Johnny Lattimore before Johnny was killed in Anchorage, Alaska. Jim was supposed to have been on the plane also, which crashed into Mt. McKinley. The following week-end we all met at West Point as none of us had been back since graduation and fortunately we saw a number of our classmates; namely, Bob Barton, who was just arriving to teach chemistry; Bill Ross, who will teach math and Bob Stender, who is going to teach social sciences. We really had quite a reunion, and of course ended it by spending Saturday night in New York, doing the town.

In July I received a very interesting letter from Harry Griffith, who is still aide to General Bolte in Europe, describing the class of '49 reunion held on June 6th in Nurnberg. There were approximately 54 classmates, wives and girl friends who attended and the list is as follows: Mathews, Patterson, Bradley, Meek, Caroll, Dickinson, Teece, Pollin, Maurer, Huber, Poore, Lewis, Connell, Greenbaum, Spettel, Hoffmaster, Steve, Luebbert, Lampell, Thompson, Rose, Keith, Boland, Connor, Whistler, Sutton, Smith, Carr, Benitz, Nuchow, Goodwin, Kimble, Knapp, Singletary, Chandler, Bundy, Rasmussen, Lehner, Rust, Lombard, McArdle, Smythe, Williams, Clark, Rogers, Schmalzel, Jones, Yeats, Spencer, Bunch, Chandler, Coonquist, Ford and Yellman. Harry tells me that a fine party had been arranged and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I imagine that this was the biggest reunion of our class since graduation (see cuts).

Several months ago on my way back from Canada I stopped in Syracuse and spent one evening with Jack and Lottie Bender. Jack is now attending Syracuse University taking business administration and a course in comptrollership. Since I saw them a birth announcement has come telling the arrival of a son, John, Jr. on August 11th. Congratulations—Jack and Lottie.

I received a note from Griff Jenkins and a clipping out of the Dayton paper (Griff is now stationed at Wright-Patterson) describing the airplane accident which Johnny Saxon was just in. Johnny apparently had just taken off from Wright-Patterson in a B-25 when his right engine caught on fire and had to make a crash landing in a nearby cornfield. Two women picked him out of the cockpit, as well as the co-pilot, moments before the plane exploded. Some of you may have seen him on the television program "The Wheel of Fortune", as we understand he was asked to be on the program with one of the women who helped retrieve him from the airplane. Both pilots were burned but not too severely.

I understand that Ed Heesacker, Lou Cassler, Bill Robison and Bud Wynne completed their masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Cal. Tech, the latter at the University of Michigan. Ed and Lou are going to teach mechanics and math, respectively, at West Point this year. Bill has reported to Wright Field and Bud is returning to Albuquerque, New Mexico to work with guided missiles.

Bob Pfeiffer reports from Wiesbaden, Germany, that he has been stationed there since October 1951. He said that a reunion had been arranged at Bob Kemble's home in March but only Johnny Costa and himself had been able to make it. Keefer, Moss, Graham, Scholtz, Benitez and Colgan have been occasional visitors. Bruce Peters has been transferred to Paris, having been stationed in Trieste and is going to attend the Sorbonne to study French. Ultimate destination—USMA, French Dept.

The following is a partial list of those in the Air Force who made Captain in April. There are others we know, but I do not have a complete list. Guyton, Norby, Culbertson, Gorog, Bumpus, Gustafson, Cronin, Barnes, Albert, Schmidt, Wynne, Owen and Saxon.

Due to an exchange proposition, Bob Owen is stationed with the Navy at Alameda, Calif. Bud Rusvold was discharged in August and has gone into business for himself. Fred Gallagher, Jim Stansberry and Gerhard Schulz ushered at Frank Wolak's wedding in Albuquerque last June. Joe Gilbreth and Johnny Boag are in that area also. Bob Garrett was hit by cupid recently. I believe he married a girl from Albuquerque.

Bill Goodwin and Don Thompson recently returned to the States from Nurnberg. Bill to be a ROTC instructor at Purdue, and Don assigned to the First Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Johnny Sutton and Duane Smith have recently returned from Germany and their assignments are business administration courses at the University of Tennessee. They were previously near Dick Stauffer, Rip Rowan, Greenbaum, Connel and John Chandler.

REUNION IN NURNBERG, GERMANY, ON 6 JUNE 1953—CLASS OF 1949.

Joe Sencay since graduation has been flying his own 140 Cessna and sporting a yellow convertible. However, he is still single. Since getting his wings and after being checked out in a helicopter he has received 3 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, has 155 combat missions, and, on several trips, ferried George Smythe's father while General Smythe was a Division Commander in Korea.

"Black Mac" Mackenzie was married to Gay Wood on August 16th in Iowa City. On the back of the invitation he said they might stop by and say hello but to date we have not heard anything from them. I believe that Mac has been working in a department store in Iowa City for the past couple of years. From Hunter AFB and Corley comes word that he is still flying co-pilot on a B-50. Corley writes that Bud Strohecker was married in Paris, Tennessee the latter part of June. Sid Colson, after having spent a 2 year hitch in Alaska, is now stationed at Ft. Bliss. Sid was married a year ago to Marilyn Leavitt. The following are a list of classmates stationed at Bliss with Sid: Barlow, Cheves, Ryan, Fitzgerald, Gower, Craig, Bush, Heckman, Hayne, Ware, Whitmarsh and Lockhead.

Some of you may have wondered if anything had been done about a memorial for those classmates who were killed in Korea. I have inquired through the West Point Museum Board and have been told that class memorials are no longer being accepted. However, in due time a memorial will be erected, which will include our classmates, for all those who were killed in Korea. I am sure that we will be notified when the dedication of the memorial will take place and I shall try to include it in the column so that any of you who are around West Point can attend the ceremonies. Due to the contemplation of a memorial, I contacted Bill Gustafson, our president, and Ben Suttle, our treasurer, to see what funds were available from the class. I think most of you would be interested to know that we have over $400.00 in our treasury. Anyone wishing to contribute to the class treasury may do so by sending a check to the cashier of the Highland Falls Bank, Highland Falls, N. Y. to be deposited to the account of the Class of 1949. So far we have spent over $200.00 for flowers for the funerals of the classmates that were buried at West Point and in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. I believe it was Jim Schmidt who suggested that it would be a nice idea to supply the flowers for our classmates on Memorial Day. I think this can be discussed at our Fifth Reunion next June as we should have a good representation of the class then.

With regard to the Reunion, Bill Gustafson has suggested that a memorial service be held for our classmates and that a class dinner, picnic, or some similar outing should be in order for June Week. I believe that we can arrange for a group of our classmates who are stationed at West Point to attend to the details. However, it would be well, for those of you who are contemplating attending the Reunion to send me a card, so that we can have a fair idea as to how many might attend. In a later issue we will give you more of the details. Hope we can get together at some of the football games.

—*John I. Saalfield.*

1950

There's not too much news this quarter mainly because I'm on leave and your letters have not yet reached me.

We've had a few more protests on our "cup", but it appears as though Walter Alfred Hall, born to Ken and Mary Hall on 8 January 1951 at Fort Richardson, Alaska, is the Class Godson. Perhaps by next issue we can announce the winner officially.

The picture (see cut) was taken at Fort Belvoir on 12 July. Andy Pick, Jim Kelly, Harry Coyle and Bill Read spark plugged the party and made it a tremendous success. As is usual with the arrangements made by our bachelors, there was very little food, but the beverages flowed like beverages!

Somewhere in the picture you'll find the four mentioned above plus Gerry Kelley, Eddie and Marcie West, Herb and Florence Underwood, Al and Betty Griebling, Bob Kubby, Denny and Cyril Roush, Russ and Pris Glenn, Ken Murphy and wife (what's her name, Ken?), Burke and Lish Lee, Ding and Johanna Price (they were married on 8 August), George and Beverly Shaffer, Ben and Malvene Lewis, Emmett and Rowland Lee, Mal and Fran Johnson, Sandy and Beth Oliver, Warde and Dode Wheaton, Dave and Carolyn Cameron, Shorty Adams, Bob McCutcheon, Ed and Irene Stefanik, Jim and Mary Lou Boylan, Art and Ruth Porcher, Jack and Louise Wagner, Vic and Carolyn Cuneo, Jim and Ann Tormey, Bill and Troema Berry, Dave Pettit, Jack and Nancy Pigman, Joe and Mary Love, Ken Ebner and wife—name, Ken?, Bill and Betsy Henn, Jim and Florence Skove, John and Nancy Brinkerhoff, Mary Ann Gregory (w/ Bill Read), Buddy and Myra Prichett, Bob and Marion Whiting, Bob and Jane McCandlish, Jim Lynch and Pattie Barr, Blair Ross, and Rose and me. Several of the Engineers are on their way to assignments with our various Engineer Districts throughout the country. They will be living in civilian communities for a year so it should turn out to be a very pleasant and professionally profitable year.

News this time was provided by Bob Peltz, Bert Brady, Bob Reed, Don McDaniel, Stan Prouty, Roy Henderson, Ralph Viskochil, Jim Wallace, Marlyn McMullen (Mac's wife), Phil Samsey, Mrs. Vance Brown, Sr. and Bill Palmer.

Bob Peltz, still touring Europe, coached the European Army track team last year and was victorious in a big meet in Denmark.

Bert Brady is in Europe with the 2nd Armored Quartermaster Battalion, having transferred last year from Infantry to QM. Pat Wilson is still in Europe and according to Bert has transferred from Infantry to Ordnance.

Bob Reed, with Leaders course, 5th Division, at Indiantown Gap, Pa. writes that Bill Davis is aide to General Barth. Bob Schaeffer is with the I.G. Section, 5th Division. Bob, incidentally, was married on 25 April to Dotty Kreider.

Most of the news from Dan McDaniel and Stan Prouty was covered in last issue —Jack Kockler gave it to me when he passed through Belvoir.

Roy Henderson, sent a note from Europe, but he should be at Belvoir by the time this issue is published. Roy has been with John Fray, Ira Ward, and Dave Briggs in the recent past and ran into Sal Fastuca, Al Jennings and Otto Kuckhan.

Ralph Viskochil has extended for another six months in Puerto Rico with Ed Fox and Dean Schnoor. Tom Loper and Bud Blank left that area for Belvoir. John Hall left for Benning and Tom Strider for Fort Knox.

Jim Wallace sends a copy of C-1 company's Newsletter, but is in the process of turning over the writing chores to Bob Ferguson who is now in Austria. Jim writes that Bill Dougherty is at Fort Sill; Bennie Davis is at Randolph Field; Ken Ebner, Camp Pickett, Virginia; Pete Fuller is working with Guided Missiles at Patrick AFB, Florida; Jim Higgins is in Japan with the 1st Cav.

Cully Mitchell is at Mt. Home AFB, Idaho with Art Trompeter and Chuck Hammond. Marv Rees at Fort Knox had what he hopes was his final operation last March after a prolonged period of hospitalization from wounds in Korea; Bill Steinberg is with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg. George Vlisides is still in Korea and was flying F-84's in ground support missions up to the end of hostilities.

Marilyn McMullen writes that she and Mac are stationed at Laon Air Base, France, with Eddie Melton, K. T. Veley, and Clay Weight.

Phil Samsey sends some poop from Fort Knox where we are represented by the Fifes, Nuttings, Millers, Crocketts, McDaniels, Mernans, Mangas's, Eeks, Milias, Wards, Rees' and Grahams. John Ufner is assigned to Knox but is presently on TDY at Benning.

Bill Palmer sent a note from Korea. He has been commanding an artillery battery, in the 937th FA Bn. Jack Roehm has a battery in the 196th FA Bn., and Walt Wood is a Battery CO in the 30th FA Bn.

1950 AT FORT BELVOIR ON 12 JULY 1953.

We have several more Captains in the class now—those I've heard about recently are Jack Murphy, Bill DeGraf, and Al Griebling; Bill Palmer, Ed Pierce and Bob Gard—Field Arty—Korea. I'm sure there are more I haven't heard about, but our congratulations go to the six above for the time being.

I received some news releases recently—Joe Love was awarded the Silver Star for his action in September 1952; Dick Johnson was awarded the Bronze Star for his superior work as a Company Commander with the 25th Division last year.

Hank Sachers is now aide to General Bryan, C.G. XVI Corps in Korea.

I'm sure many of you have been closely following the prisoner exchange and praying for the safe return of all of them, especially those we knew so well. Thus far I have found the names of only three classmates who were repatriated—Doc Watson, Mike DeArmond, and Earnie Dunning. We're thankful to have them back; but with this good news comes the sad realization that several died in prison camp. To their families we can extend, somewhat feebly, our deepest sympathies, and we shall continue to pray for the return of those who may still be held by the communists.

Only a few babies this quarter—reported that is—Girls to the M. Reeses, P. McDaniels and Mernans. Boys to the McCormicks, Steinbergs and V. Browns. Business should increase during the next quarter!

I'll be back at Belvoir for the next issue and I'll be able to give you a more complete coverage.

Keep the letters coming, because without them I can write only of Fort Belvoir—Okay?

—*Lou Genuario.*

1951

In opening this October issue's class report, I would like to quote from Al Norton's (the famous "P.T.") letter in which he reluctantly returned this job to me: "After long consideration (5 full seconds I believe), I believe I'll let you have your job back for awhile." Seriously, this seems to be an appropriate place to thank him for all of us for doing a swell job of consolidating the news and writing this column for better than a year.

Now for the personals. From the Far East two very fine letters were received from Bob Prehn and Larry Crocker. Bob, who is aide to Major General Ogden, Ryukyus Command CG, writes that Okinawa is fast becoming a choice assignment similar to Hawaii, at least for married couples including seven wives and three children. With the 20th Air Force on "the Rock" are Pat Ryan, Nub Reed, Jack Craigie, Frank Fischl, Bill Allen, Gerry Dingman, Dave Rogers, and Don Chandler. The ground force complement includes Pete and Betty Thomas, 97th AAA Group; Saint and Charlotte St. Mary, Joe and Joan LaFleur, Al and Doris Frick (a son, a daughter, and a daughter respectively), Glen and Jo McChristian, Okinawa Engineer District; Doug and Joy Michel, Bob Fitch, and Bob Macklin, whose wife should be there by now, 29th RCT. Naturally the correspondent's wife Nancy is there also.

Larry writes from Camp Zama, Japan where he is aide to Brig. Gen. Bowman, AFFE Engineer, that he and Pat are proud to announce the first birthday of their daughter Kathy. He further reports that Karl Peltz is stationed at Zama with the Japan Construction Agency, Chuck Ewing and Roxanne are at Camp McGill with the 2d Amphibious Brigade, Don Leehey, his wife, and Don III are north of Tokyo with the 64th AAA Gun Bn, and that Al and Jean Esser are down near Osaka also with the JCA. Larry also mentioned that he ran into Jack Price, 51st FIS in Korea, at a West Point Dinner earlier this Spring, and later Wayne Dozier on R&R from flying 86's in Korea.

From a variety of other sources (thanks Jim, Bonnie, and Rocky) we find that Jim Guyer is aide to Maj. Gen. Sullivan, QM General AFFE, after a stretch as CO of B Co, 27th Inf Regt in Korea; that Rick Buck, four-time Purple Heart winner, is aide to Maj. Gen. Milburn; that Tom Hastings is holding down a Bn S-3 position with the 27th; that Chan Goodnow was S-1 of the 3rd Bn, 38th Inf; that Howie Williams was S-3, 3rd Bn, 35th Inf; and that Bill Spence is with the 35th Inf Regt. Further reports say that Dick Wells, formerly with the 378th Engr C Bn, has taken command of the 72d Engr C Co., 5th RCT, Dick Breakiron is in the G-2 Section 3rd Div, Frank Wilson has a company in the 7th Inf Regt, Ed Matney is commanding B Co of the 23rd Inf Regt, 2d Div, Frank Bashore is A Co CO in the 7th Inf Regt, and Rocky Milburn is aide to the 3rd Div CG. Bonnie McLean writes that she is now with Mac at Misawa AFB where he is with the 753rd AAA Bn. Doc Pinkel showed up there on TDY with the Air Force.

Have heard recently that Eric Antila is Exec of C Co, 21st Inf Regt, 24th Div, Frank Craig, who was Bn S-3 in the 23d Inf Regt, 2d Div is now aide to Brig. Gen. Sibert, C/S AFFE HQ. Walt Russell was recently named aide to the Ass't Div Com, 7th Inf Div. Walt had been CO of G Co of the 17th Inf. Russ Walthour is in the G-3 Section of the 40th Div Hq.

As for medal awards: Walt Russell received the Silver Star; Rocky Milburn and George Mieghen the Bronze Star with V for Valor; and Chuck Ewing, Russ Walthour, and Brandt Tennant the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement. And, Roy Herte returned from Korea in June. He had been a platoon leader and a company commander of a rifle company (Co. "L" 223rd Inf., 40th Inf. Div.). He was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge (Roy is now assigned to the 3rd Inf. Regt. at Fort Myer, Virginia). Nice going, boys!

Before going further west let's catch up on two blessed events. A son to Jim and Carol Bick, David Greer by name. Jim has been with the 7th Inf Regt in Korea. A daughter, Kathleen Marie, to the Milburn family on 17 May. Rocky proudly announces Kathy as his second. Congratulations to the proud parents!

Incidentally as we do move west the news becomes pretty sparce. I'm looking for a lot of news, particularly from Europe, for the January issue.

In the ZI, John Derrick came through with a note saying that he had seen Walt Steidl and Bob Volk at Sasebo on their way to the States. Adds that he took the trip home (Oh! that wonderful trip!) with Fred Sartin, J. M. Rockwell, and Art Scalise. John, Danny Wardrop, and Bob Howes are back in the shadows of Juarez taking guided missile courses. John was at West Point for June Week, and saw Tom Odderstol and Tom Harrold. Stone, ex '51, happened to be there and reports he is working in New York.

Herb and Polly Albritton are firmly established once again at Ft. Sill. Charlie "Deacon" Crowe is aide to Maj. Gen. Sink, CG of the 7th Armored Div at Camp Roberts, Cal. Tony Delano is with the 6th Armored Div., Ft. Leonard Wood. Noticed Al Lichtenberg on orders to the Mobile Engineer Dist, and Fred Rockwell to the Baltimore Dist. John Cousins and myself are with the Philadelphia District. John is spending his time surveying on the Delaware River. I wound up in the expansion program at McGuire AFB where I ran across Earl Jeans, Rudy Prince, and Lou and Milly Bretzke. After a few bridge games they left me holding the bag and all went off to 86D school at Perrin. Next door at Ft. Dix, I spent a pleasant evening with the Pursleys. They tell me that Bob Yerks and Paul Niedringhaus are also there. It's a long training day at Dix! John Norvell is now aide to the ADC 6th Armored Div, Ft. Leonard Wood.

From Europe comes word that Frank Mullins has a platoon with G Co, 6th Inf Regt in Berlin. Lee Torseth is with the 5th AAA AW Bn in Austria and reports that Don Van Matre and Betty Ann were married on the 9th of May. Don is with the 510th FA Bn. Another note, coming in late from Mannheim, Germany, tells us that John Ross and Carole Anne Hayes were married at the Coleman Barracks Chapel on 14 February. Bob Lins was best man and Bob Bauers and Don Schwartz were ushers. John is Ass't S-3 with the 15th AAA Gun Bn.

The Secretary of the Association of Graduates has quite a few members of the class minus a usable address. It would be well worth a few minutes of your time to drop a line to him, with your present address. The following are those now needed: Kie Doty, Bob Bauers, Gerry Carlson, Phil Barth, George Gividen, Lincoln Jones, Mert Bangerter, Elmer Pendleton, Russ Johnson, George Filchak, Bruce Ackerson, Jim Young, Joe Knittle, Jim Loweree, Dick Perry, Willy Winner, Paul Miller, A. A. Gorski, John Glossbrenner, Verle Johnston, Don Smith, Harold Barton, Howdy Peckham, Jim Check, and Ed Lukert.

While on the subject of addresses, I will make a valiant effort to maintain a current address file, and by that I mean mailing address, in so far as possible. So, when sending news in, if you will include your own and any classmates' addresses you know, it will be greatly appreciated—and by all means keep the mail rolling in. Be sure to include any parties or reunions.

In answer to a question that has been asked a couple of times. The article is written a month to a month and a half prior to publication.

The next issue is the January issue and the address is Lt. R. L. Harris, District Engineer's Office, 121 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. Glad to be back!

—*Bucky.*

1952

The Class of '52 extends its deepest sympathy to the parents of William N. Cowan, Jr. and Thomas Paul Casey. Bill was killed at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Top was killed at Williams AFB when his plane crashed during a training flight. Both Bill and Topper had made many friends while at the Academy and during their year of service. The Class and their many friends will feel their absence from the ranks for many years to come. Their friendly manner and able leadership had carried even further into their duty in the Service.

It is with hope that good news will come soon that we list Dick Shea among those missing in Korea. Dick was listed as missing in action while he was on an outpost at the front in Korea.

Here's hoping that Bob Sears and Clyde Earnest are making a speedy recovery and will be active again soon. Bob and Clyde were injured in Korea. Thomas Kiernan

was injured, too, shortly after his arrival in Korea. The nurses may be nice, but get well soon, boys; we'll be looking for you to "break out."

The "CUP" was forwarded to Scott Freeman Pendleton, our Class Godson, on 31 August. Again may we extend our congratulations to Lou and Joan, and a hearty greeting to you, Scott!

More congratulations are in order to members of the Class wearing Silver bars. Way to go, boys; we'll be looking for news of the tracks too, which we hope will come in short order. Tom Ayers, George Beiser, Jim Maloney, Bob Sears, and Bob Woodward all received their first in May. Gil Burns, Jack Gilkey, Bill Horn, Max Howard, Bob McGarry, Bob McCrindle, George Relyea, Thor Sundt, Dean Welch, Wayne White, and Don Wienert were on the "make list" for June.

It may be late to ask for cigars, but hearty congratulations to the proud parents from whom we have heard the good news since the last report of *Assembly!* Born to Tom and Janice Ayers a daughter, Julia Marie, arriving on 21 May. Judy Elizabeth was born to Bill and Penny Boyles on 1 April—no Fooling! William Wayne reported for duty at the home of Bill and Joan Schroeder on 14 April. A daughter, Terry Lee, was born to Nib and Mid Niblack on 8 May. Bob and Mackie Richardson have a girl, Donna Leigh, born 12 May. Harvey Herbert III was born to Harvey and Mabel Perritt on 31 July. A son, David Gardiner, was born to Ted and Marge Loeschner on 10 June. Don and Pat Pafford have a daughter, Kathleen Patricia, born on 15 March. Keith and Helen Comstock have a son, Keith Lynn, Jr., born 29 June. John Raymond, Jr. was born to Ray and Betty Espey on 14 August. A boy, Andrew Randall, reported to the home of Ed Thompson on 21 April. Bob and Mary Lou Kimmel have a son, Geoffrey Griffith, born 20 June. Joseph Elgin arrived at the home of Graham Humble on 17 June. Gil and Ellyn Burns have a son, Stephen Gilbert, born 29 April. A girl, Kathryn Ann, was born to Bert and Mildred Toeple on 10 March. Robert Carroll selected the Carroll Jacksons to be his proud parents on 4 April. Our best wishes to all of the new arrivals, and to all of you Mothers and Dads let us say we are as happy to learn the news as you are proud.

I will make a note here for the '52 Wives' Club and list some new members. Wedding bells rang for Bob Durie and Ethel Averill at Montezuma, Ga. on 13 June. Bob Turner and Bill Schroeder were on hand as groomsmen. Carl and Tina Dupke were married in March. Another wedding in March was that of Jack Gilkey and Maxine Abbott, who were wed in Spokane, Wash. Harry Baird and Ginny Peters were married at Lake Wales, Fla. in April. John Keeley and Betty Hill were wed in Crawford, N. J. in April. Ollie Bovard was best man for John. Benny Reaves and Delores Willard were married in Oklahoma City in May. Congratulations and good wishes to all of you newlyweds.

Bill Raiford writes that a Class reunion was held very near Heartbreak Ridge on 3 June. Those attending were Jack Gilkey, Dayton Pickett, Bill Reilly, and Bill Raiford from the Eng.; Jack Witherall and John Lewis from the Inf.; Ed McKnight from the Signal; and Wayne White from the Arty. A number of the boys have met in Eta Jima, Japan, while attending the DBR school there. The list is far from complete, but of those we know there are Frank Allen, Dick Larkin, Pete Withers, Gar Weed, Ernie Condina, Bill Moore and Thomas Kiernan.

Another list that is not complete, because we only have the names of those from whom we have heard or seen or orders, is the one giving the following as being in Korea: Bob McGovern, Walt Ulmer, Don Bradley, Bob Underhill, who is wearing the CIB; Mike Juvenal, Fish Ireland, George Tronsrue, Tom Cole, Dick Shea, Don Pafford, Dick Richards, Don Lasher, Dave Piske, Bruce DeWald, Bob Kimmel, Bob Ackerson, Willie Williams, Jerry Ruff, Ivan Mechtly, Bob McGarry, Herb Schandler, Van Brewster, Don Weinert, Gil Burns, Jim Dietz, Clyde Earnest, Dean Welch, Bill Horn, Bob Morgan, Carter Lehman, Graham Hildebrand, Frank Robinson, Bert Tidwell, John Hermann, Mike Boos, Eddie Armstrong, Dave Bond, Luddy Harrison, Owen Holleran, Frank Boyer, Jack Burkheimer, Jack Hettinger, Thor Sundt, George Relyea, Bob McCrindle, Lopey Rimando, Harry Wilson, and Max Howard. The following are listed as being in Japan: Ken Keating, Lou Davis, Pinto Holt, and Bob Wheeler. Tom Ayers sends the following list from the Canal Zone: George Beiser, John Garver, Bruce Pickering, Joe Wasiak, and Bill Boyles. The latest news of those going to Europe, as far as I have heard, includes Carl Dupke, Joe Jordan, O'Ferrall Knight, Al Lorenzen, Harry Van Trees, and Ed McClung. Jim Maloney is added to the list of those in Austria.

Chick Wallace is reportedly vacationing in Ireland after his first year at Oxford. Here's hoping that you enjoy the summer, Chuck, but for most of us it would be a well earned rest!

Congratulations to Tom Kiernan and Betty Stone, who are planning a trip to the altar when Tom returns to the States next year. A special thanks to you, Betty, for the recent locations you included in your letter. Now that you are practically a member of the '52 Wives' Club, we will be looking for more news from you.

To all of you who have written, the Class sends its sincere thanks. To the rest of us, let me add this bit of a request—GET ON THE HAPPY AGATE! Seriously, consider the request a second time. Whoever writes for the Class needs a current file of addresses. That job could pass into your hands at anytime. Another point that I hope will prove worthwhile is that of keeping a data card on everyone. This card will contain such items as promotions, CIB's, decorations and awards, etc. In other words, within the Class we hope to have an accurate file on everyone. It should be worth the effort for the article in the *Assembly* alone. Do I sell you the idea? If so, start writing, or make sure that someone does for you. One last request—that is, when announcements are made of marriages or births, be sure to include your wife's name also. In case I don't know her, I want to make sure you don't get all the credit.

Until the next issue, we'll be looking for more news from all of you. Till then, good luck and best wishes to everyone. (The address is still 3006 Cody Road, Columbus, Ga.—or Co. K, 85th Inf. Regt., Ft. Riley, Kansas.)

—*Willy.*

1953

With leave over and the Class pursuing its new profession, we can really settle down to some "newsy" talk in *Assembly.*

I received a card from Tom McKenna (K-1), and he said to tell the boys that he and Bob, "Red Dog", Smith (M-2) hitchhiked to Europe, bought a two-place motorscooter, and made an 1800 mile "Grand Tour" of France. Sounds like quite a way to spend a vacation, however I think I can go one better. When last heard from, Frank Kincaid (F-1) was attempting a WORLD tour! Tom also ran into Dick Matson (I-1) who had just returned from a drive to Alaska and Eddie Smith (F-2) with wife, Diane, who were heading for Key West on a honeymoon.

Greg Vigilar (A-2) spent a week with me in Arkansas, and it seems he made a big hit with the South. He was given a celebrity send-off complete with one each local newspaper article with picture. Greg wrote from the Philippines that he was temporarily assigned to Fort McKinley, and that his permanent assignment might be with a Battalion Combat Team (which is the unit that does the Huk-chasing). Hal Porter (L-1) called me in June on his way through to Dallas where he is beginning his career in the cruel civilian world with an oil company there.

Bob Porter (E-1) sent news from Marana A. B. at Tucson. He said that although they are on the fringe of the desert, most of the twenty-four of our class there are favorably impressed. They started four weeks of primary training in Piper Cubs in late August. Bob said that he is getting married to Kathleen Cahill next 26 December. Wonder if that means anyone in the vicinity at that time is invited? He also sent news of some of the class at Marana. Art Spooner (A-1) has a new mustache; Ray Schroder (G-2) and Russ Groshans (F-1) have been in some nasty car accidents. A partial list of the married guys at Marana includes: Russ Groshans, Jack Johnson (I-1) Frank Gay (A-1), Floyd Barrow and Dan Zander (I-2), Steve Belgau and Bill Campbell (D-2), Craig Gridley (F-2), Buck Kotowski (G-1), Hal Wheeler (K-1).

Dave Motycka (A-2) and Jay Tanzer (B-2) started a gay two-car caravan from Connecticut on their way to Fort Sill, Okla. Upon arriving there they found that the B.O.Q. was a four-man tent. Guess that stopped their fun quick! Dave reports that the married boys there have a good deal—all have nice apartments, etc. He said that so far most of the training has been a review of things learned at the Point, however he expects it to pick up shortly. Dave has run into Dick Blum and Paul Suplizio (B-2) there. Both are married.

I indirectly received news on Lee Gray (M-1) from his mother. She wrote that Lee and Nancy's wedding went off real well, and that they left immediately for Missouri. Lee was lucky enough to find a single house there. He is stationed at an Air Base in Mo., but for the life of me, I can not think of the name of it.

Bob Karns (A-2) reported on Goodfellow A.B. at San Angelo, Tex. He said that it was a very nice place, but the Middies outnumber our class 26 to 23. One of them reported in with his tie hanging out (Annapolis style)! Oh, well, we have to make allowances. Bob said that he and Marilyn did not have much trouble finding a swell apartment there. Fred Taylor (A-2) is down there, and from all reports, he is quite a character in the airplane. Ted King (B-2) is also there with wife, Nancy.

Well, classmates, that is about all I have for now. As you will remember, I did not receive a commission, so it is not necessary to address my letter with "2nd Lt." I am located in Hartford, Conn. now (helping to produce the greatest airplane engines in the world!) Since I really should not advertise, you Air Force files can figure out who is making the engine for the F-100. It is YOU who make this article possible, so let me hear from many more of you in the next three months. My deadline for the January issue is 1 December. You can address letters to me to: Bill Jefferson, 14 Wadsworth Street, Manchester, Connecticut.

Until then—Best of luck to everyone.

—*Jeff.*

LAST ROLL CALL

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

Name	Class	Date	Place
Henry R. Adams	1887	February 14, 1953	Santa Monica, California
Frederic D. Evans	1887	May 1, 1953	Washington, D. C.
John D. L. Hartman	1888	July 29, 1953	Seattle, Washington
George M. Brown	1890	August 10, 1953	New York, New York
Don Carlos Buell	Ex-1890	April 26, 1953	Nashville, Tennessee
Ross L. Bush	1891	May 19, 1953	San Jose, California
Thomas A. Pearce	1895	June 16, 1953	San Antonio, Texas
James V. Heidt	Ex-1896	May 31, 1953	Little Rock, Arkansas
John H. Hughes	1897	August 6, 1953	Washington, D. C.
William E. Cole	1898	May 18, 1953	Washington, D. C.
Laurence Halstead	1899	June 5, 1953	Washington, D. C.
Olan C. Aleshire	1903	May 8, 1953	Presidio of San Francisco, California
Jay L. Benedict	1904	September 16, 1953	Washington, D. C.
Charles S. Hoyt	1904	August 1, 1953	Long Beach, California
Ernest Graves	1905	June 9, 1953	Washington, D. C.
William W. West	1905	September 15, 1953	South Fairlington, Virginia
Jonathan M. Wainwright	1906	September 2, 1953	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Arthur J. Hanlon	1908	August 24, 1953	Alexandria, Louisiana
John N. Smith, Jr.	1912	June 13, 1953	New York, New York
Frank L. Hoskins	1914	June 4, 1953	Richmond, Virginia
Martin J. O'Brien	1915	July 31, 1953	Lisbon Falls, Maine
R. Potter Campbell	1916	August 28, 1953	East Orange, N. J.
William E. Coffin, Jr.	1916	August 13, 1953	Montauk Point, Long Island, New York
Wallace J. Redner	April 1917	September 24, 1953	Phoenixville, Pennsylvania
Harry Cooper Barnes, Jr.	August 1917	July 21, 1953	San Clemente, California
James V. Walsh	1920	September 9, 1953	Bloomfield, Connecticut
Wallace H. Honnold	1925	June 9, 1953	Hot Springs, Arkansas
Lebbeus B. Woods	1925	May 22, 1953	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Gabe E. Parker, Jr.	1926	May 8, 1953	Burtonwood AFB, Warrington, England
Edward S. Bechtold	1935	August 23, 1953	Washington, D. C.
Henry T. Cherry, Jr.	1935	August 19, 1953	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
German P. Culver	1935	August 17, 1953	Near Hokkaido, Japan
James J. Kelly, Jr.	1939	August 19, 1953	St. Albans Naval Hospital, New York
Charles W. Brosius	1946	October 13, 1953	March AFB, California
Earl F. Poytress	1946	October 13, 1953	March AFB, California
James C. Ruddell, Jr.	1948	February 28, 1951	Chungan, Korea
William T. Paull	1949	September 7, 1953	MacDill Field, Florida
David E. Leyshon	1951	June 23, 1953	Korea
Karl G. Koenig, Jr.	1952	June 18, 1953	Near Kumsong, North Korea

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
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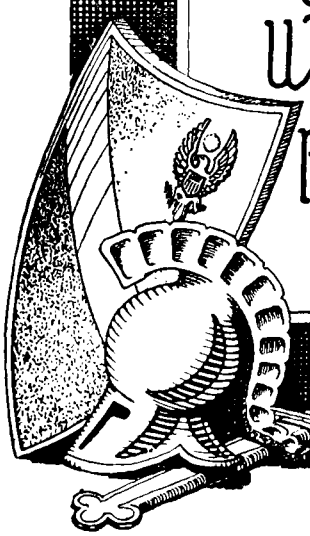

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Charles Howard Jennings

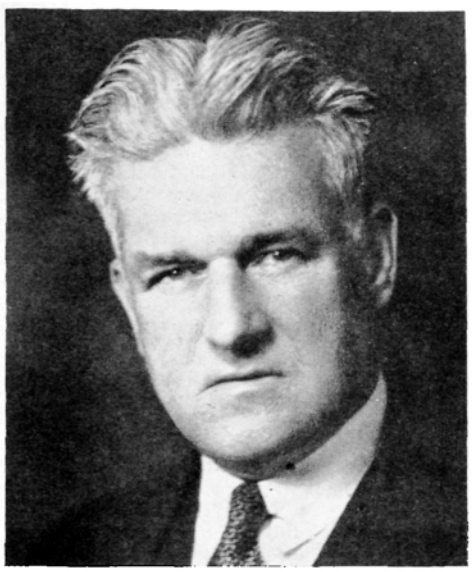
NO. 4085 CLASS OF 1902

DIED FEBRUARY 4, 1953, AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AGED 75 YEARS.

CHARLES HOWARD JENNINGS of the Class of 1902 passed on to his fathers in early February 1953. The circumstances of his life resulted in his having a much wider circle of friends outside the Army than within it.

Jennings was a native of Norwich, Connecticut. Like many another young man of that time, he attended the National Preparatory Academy of Lieutenant Charles Braden at Highland Falls before taking his entrance examinations, and even at that early stage he impressed his future classmates by his positive opinions and a quality of self assurance that he carried through life.

An accident in the riding hall left him with a bad knee which later involved surgery, and which still later caused his retirement for physical disability. His life



thereafter was cast in a civilian mold rather than a military. His military career following graduation was in the 13th Cavalry at Fort Meade, Fort Keogh, Los Banos and Camp Stotsenburg, P. I., Fort Sill, and then retirement on October 11, 1906.

He then started in to carve a career for himself in the world of engineering and business. He was a student in Mechanical Engineering at Lehigh University from February 1907 to June 1909, when he was graduated with the degree of M.E. He attained the distinction of membership in the honorary societies of Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi. For about a year he was with the Otis Elevator Company; then for another year or so with the Matheson Automobile Company; and then for a time with the Alco Automobile Company.

In 1914, with this experience in the automobile world to help him, he joined the organization of the Dodge Brothers in Detroit, where he served in an executive capacity for about 14 years. He then purchased the Dodge Brothers agency in New York City, which he held for about two years, and then he helped the Graham-Paige organization to get on its feet.

In 1930 Jennings decided to retire from the automobile field. He and Mrs. Jennings left New York and went to live in North Carolina. There he aimed to devote himself to golf, which had long been his hobby. That state has some wonderful golf courses, but as Mrs. Jennings has remarked "Charles couldn't play *every day* in North Carolina", so on they went to Florida, where they established themselves in a beautiful home. For many years thereafter, they divided their time between Florida, North Carolina and New England, with golf as the primary pursuit.

Jennings was not "just another golfer". He was very active for many years in the U.S. Seniors Golf Association. He was three times the winner of the Championship of that organization, in 1934, 1939 and 1940—the last one when he was 62 years old—and, in addition, he won numerous regional Championships.

Notwithstanding the fact that Jennings' career in the Army was so brief that he had such limited opportunities to maintain contacts with the Military Academy and his former associates, his interest in and his loyalty to the Academy is evidenced by the fact that in his will he made a bequest to The West Point Alumni Association of $20,000 to become part of the Class of 1902 Memorial Fund, stipulating that it may be used as the Alumni Association may deem advisable. The bequest is to be payable to the Alumni Association upon the death of Mrs. Jennings.

He also established a scholarship at Lehigh University, "to be awarded to superior students of high ideals, excellent character, and definite promise of future usefulness."

In 1905 Jennings was married to Miss Edna Patten of Poughkeepsie, and many of his classmates can testify to the charm of his lovely wife, who was such a grand helpmate to him throughout his life, and especially through the period when he was working to establish himself in the business world. Mrs. Jennings continues to reside at the lovely home they built on Allison Road in the upper part of Miami Beach.

Charles Jennings was a man of fine character, of firm opinions and clear decision. He was greatly admired and respected by his business associates. He was deeply disappointed to be unable to be present at the 50th reunion of his class at West Point in June 1952, and we will all greatly miss his cheerful personality.

—*F. F. L.*

William Francis Morrison

NO. 4088 CLASS OF 1902

DIED APRIL 23, 1953, IN LEGHORN, ITALY, AGED 72 YEARS.

EVERY officer has experienced the feeling of doubt and perturbation before reporting to a new commanding officer upon a change of station. There is a doubt because you are not certain about the personality of the new boss, and perturbation because you might not get along with him. When I reported to Colonel William F. Morrison for duty, there was doubtless some feeling of lack of assurance before I met him. When you come to a new place to meet a strange officer under whom you will have to work for some time, you hope that there will be understanding both on your part and his. When I walked into Colonel Morrison's office, he greeted me in a friendly manner and promptly put me at ease. And I can say wholeheartedly that his attitude never wavered from this manner as long as I knew him. Furthermore, he always made you feel he was personally interested in you, and was a true friend.

When I knew him, his work entailed numerous contacts with civilians and their organizations. Wherever he went, all whom he met soon gave him their confidence. His sincerity and purposeful manner were obvious to all of the officials and other acquaintances with whom he was in contact. To say only that he was liked by those around him is to state it mildly, for he was sincerely wanted and his opinions sought after. They knew he was working for the interests of the community and the promotion of the good of all. Although a native of Iowa, he bought a home in Riverside, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, after his retirement, and kept up countless contacts with friends he had made while he was stationed in that area.

Socially he gave people the impression that he was genuinely glad to see them. This situation was not hard to create, because he was heartily interested in his fellow man. But he was not dependent upon the society of others, for he had hobbies which showed he could keep his own company. Not only did he have a true desire to help people, but he let them know it. No one could create such a spirit of helpfulness without feeling it himself. Also, he put forth tangible proof of his sincerity by doing things for others in a material way. Whatever it was he felt like doing to improve the lot of those with whom he

came in contact usually gave them a feeling of accomplishment. In other words, people felt they were better off for having known him, and that they should pursue his acquaintance further. To impress a great many people in this way meant that he was possessed with fine traits of character.

He was easily of a caliber of man who was a credit to his profession. His ability readily measured up to the requirements of a superior Army officer. It was with apparent ease that he went about his work and set a high standard for all who were in contact with him. As an artillery officer he taught the requirements of that arm of the Service to others while he was an instructor at their school. He had special talent in his own chosen arm of his profession and he imparted this knowledge to others. Then, as he grew in years, he grew in ability, and served with distinction not only in his own special field, but also on the general staff, where he could assert a more mature and higher judgment. Here it was that he gave his best service and met and solved many problems not given to less fortunate officers.

But it was not only in the realm of staff work that he excelled, for I remember well how he met the problems of enlisted men. It requires as much ingenuity and cleverness to keep soldiers happy and hard at work as any officer has. When I knew him, Colonel Morrison had several dozen enlisted

men scattered over a large area where it was not easy to watch them. They gave him loyalty and good service without much trouble, and reflected credit upon the Service. Not only did he get good work from them, but they seemed anxious to show that it meant something to them to work for a man who took care of their interests so well. They knew he was a true friend and would help them through their problems, whether official or personal.

As a companion or personal acquaintance he made you feel the magnetism of his personality in a genuine manner. There was never an occasion where you chanced to meet him that you did not at once feel drawn to him in a sympathetic way. That chord of sympathy or understanding was doubtless the secret of his attractiveness. You felt that he wished to hear what you had to say and was ready to mend matters if possible. But not only did he wish to listen—he always contributed his part to the conversation. He was not only interested in people—he was also interested in things that were taking place around him. I have seen him buy a newspaper in the middle of the day because he was so vitally interested in events that he did not wish to wait until the delivery of the evening paper. And his comments upon current affairs were always compelling enough to keep your rapt attention. He was so alive to himself and others that there is no way you can feel he is gone except for the realization of his perpetual absence. He will always be thought of and talked about by everyone fortunate enough to have come within his sphere of acquaintance.

—*Joseph I. Lambert,*
Colonel, USA, Retired.

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Truman Darby Thorpe

NO. 4542 CLASS OF 1907

DIED FEBRUARY 25, 1953, AT LETTERMAN ARMY HOSPITAL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 69 YEARS.

AFTER graduation from West Point in 1907 Major Truman D. Thorpe contracted infantile paralysis at his first station—Key West, Florida. He was retired for physical

disability in 1909. His illness incapacitated him until 1912, when he returned to active ROTC duty at various military schools and colleges.

In 1922 Major Thorpe reverted to the retired list.

He returned to Sacramento, California, and accepted an appointment at the Sacramento Junior College—where he served as head of the Engineering Department for 27 years. He was automatically retired from this position in 1949.

While serving in this capacity he compiled and outlined the text:

Sacramento Junior College
Department of Engineering
Instructions for Field Work
Civil Engineering I

which is still in use.

He enjoyed this work and the contact with his students—and they held him in high esteem.

His conscientiousness in his work and his loyalty resulted in his reputation being well known throughout the State of California.

—*Louise M. Thorpe, his wife.*

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John Furman Wall

NO. 5014 CLASS OF 1911

DIED JANUARY 13, 1953, AT FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AGED 67 YEARS.

"This above all: to thine ownself be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

WHEN Shakespeare wrote these lines he must have had in mind an individual the type of John Wall. Born in Marion County, South Carolina, on the fifth day of November, 1885, he never varied from the advice given above. He was true to himself, he admired many of our great men, and like many of us from the South counted among his heroes Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, J. E. B. Stuart, Nathan B. Forrest. Although he recognized all of their good qualities and compared those qualities with his own, using that comparison for his own improvement, yet never for a moment did he attempt to remold himself into one of his heroes. He felt that to be himself with proper regard for the rights of his fellowman, as perfectly as he could, was his goal. This attitude gave him the courage to do what he thought he should. Is it any wonder then that John impressed most of his friends as being one who really and truly practiced the golden rule in his daily life? The goal cited above may never have occurred to John in so many words but it was spelled out by his daily conduct.

I first met John at Fort McPherson, Georgia, in April 1907. There we took the entrance examination. Several of us who had seen very few uniforms were quite impressed with John, Mose Heidt, and John McLane. John Wall and Mose Heidt were sporting Citadel uniforms and John McLane wore the Clemson uniform.

Being in the older bracket of the class and having had some military training John, soon after reporting, found himself somewhat of a counselor to the younger and less experienced. It did not take long for us to recognize John's fine character. He was too small for football but he made the lacrosse squad, was the champion in his weight in wrestling, a star gymnast and one of the leaders in polo and all other horse activities. He did not stand high in the class. Typical of his academic work was a statement he made in class on one occasion which is quoted in our Howitzer. "Captain I don't care about the tenths, I want to know how this thing is done." This spirit, I am sure, had a great deal to do with his class standing. He was more thorough than was generally recognized during his cadet days. The quality of his later research and writings on the subject of the horse, amply supports this opinion. John was beloved by the whole Corps as well as by our own class.

After graduation he joined the First Cavalry at Boise Barracks, Idaho. There is where his initial success was achieved. He persuaded Eulalie Northrop to become Mrs. Wall. If he had accomplished nothing more he would have been successful for their family life has been an inspiration to

their associates; and the three children can all be placed in the top bracket of fine Americans. They are: Bettie (Mrs. Charles F. Daly, Denville, N. J.); Helen (Mrs. Julian H. Burns, Camden, S. C.); and John F., Jr. (a Yearling at the U.S. Military Academy).

Professionally John's outstanding accomplishments stem from his consuming interest in the horse. Starting back in the days while stationed in the Philippines he began the study of the horse for his own information, and kept up this study throughout the years. It was after he was detailed in the Remount Service at Purchasing Headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky, that he began the intensive study of the subject. As a result of this study he produced some of the greatest works in America on the subject of the horse. His outstanding works are: "Thoroughbred Bloodlines", "Breeding Thoroughbreds with Principles and Practice in Mating", "Famous Running Horses—Their Racing Record and Family Background", "Judging the Horse and Sport on Horseback" and "A Horseman's Handbook on Practical Breeding". Of the last named book a London dealer advertising John's book says, "The volume is invaluable to the geneticist and physiologist. It is not surprising that it has been adopted as a text book in American Universities" There are two more to be published. Mr. Harry Kirkover, a noted gentleman in the horse and dog world, himself an author, told me that he considers John's "Thoroughbred Bloodlines" one of the great works in this country. He said that there is no comparable publication, and that he thinks that it should be in every library in the country as a reference book. He keeps a copy within reach of his desk. Pink Hardy, also one of our great horsemen, wrote me about John's connection with the Remount Service. I shall quote him because he writes better than I do. "I think the greatest monument to Johnnie's life and service were the books he wrote on horses and allied subjects. In my opinion he has made a real contribution to the horse culture of this country. His research was tireless in presenting authoritative information on bloodlines and the care and development of breed-

ing stock and its produce. Johnnie was a great student and he had a real passion for facts about horses. His treatment of horses was on a broad base—from fashionable racing stock to the various types of utility horses required by the Army and civilians. I learned to admire and love Johnnie from the time that we were goats together at West Point. I think all others in the class felt as I did." I feel sure that every member of the class would agree with Pink. The horsemen of the whole country recognized John as one of our outstanding horsemen. That, with his charming personality, helped him in acquiring some of the country's best thoroughbred blood for the Remount Service. Many of the horses obtained were gifts. Colonel E. R. Bradley alone donated some thirty stallions. In this connection an incident occurred which showed John's code of ethics and his conception of the meaning of "Duty, Honor, Country" There was a particularly beautiful stallion named "Bay Beauty", owned by Colonel Bradley, which John wanted for the Remount Service. He was delighted when the Colonel told John he could have him. It turned out that Colonel Bradley, who loved and admired John, was very anxious for him to take "Bay Beauty" as a personal gift. John told him that would be impossible—that in his position his conscience would not allow him to accept the horse. Colonel Bradley was very disappointed and at the time refused to give the horse to the Remount Service. However, after he recovered from his disappointment, the Remount Service got the horse. I saw him at Front Royal while John was in command there. He was one of the most beautifully symmetrical horses that I have ever seen.

While doing this outstanding research and writing on the horse John did not neglect his other business as a soldier. He attended The Cavalry School, The Command and General Staff School, and the Army Industrial College. He was an instructor at the Command and General Staff School when he was retired in 1937.

1911 was represented in the class of 1925 at Fort Leavenworth by Chink Hall, Jack Homer, Tommy Lawrence, Bill Morris, Alex Surles, Charlie Walker, John Wall and myself. It was the custom at that time to form study groups which were called soviets. I feel sure now that those who named those groups had made only the most casual study, if any, of whence came the expression. Chink, John and I decided to form such a group, thereby giving representation from the Infantry, the Cavalry and the Artillery. We met once and spent practically the entire evening reminiscing without more than a reference to the subjects for the next day's assignments. We forthwith abandoned the idea—branding soviet methods as worthless. Perhaps we decided better than we knew.

John's ill health forced his retirement on the thirtieth of June, 1937. He came back to active duty for a short time in 1941—then again for limited service in January 1942—but he had to go back to the retired list in April 1943. I feel quite sure that had John's health not forced his retirement he would have filled some highly important assignment during World War II.

In spite of his ill health and the fact that he could not continue on active military duty he was active in his community, particularly in Red Cross Work. Although he did not engage in any political activities, he was considered by the people of Camden to have very sound ideas and opinions on political and civic matters, and his advice was sought frequently. He was largely instrumental in the establishment of The Camden Academy, which has developed into a very fine school for boys. Except for a short time at Myrtle Beach, John made his home in Camden. There, he was highly respected and loved by all elements of the citizenry. John and our beloved Gus Franke were quite closely associated during the last ten years of their lives. I like to feel that they have already renewed this association.

—*I. T. Wyche.*

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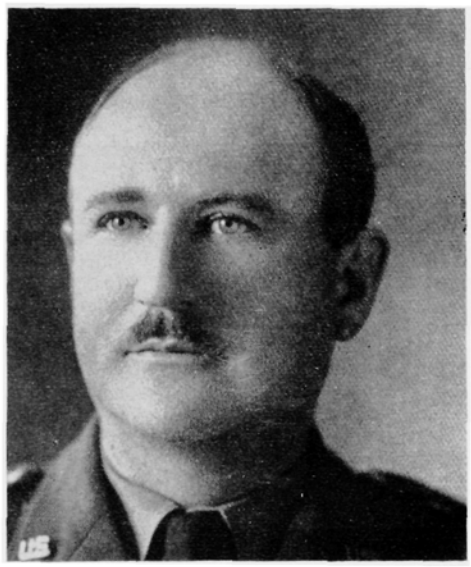
Robert Henry Lee

NO. 5031 CLASS OF 1912

DIED MAY 22, 1941, AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, AGED 50 YEARS.

TO ALL the terrified Plebes of the Class of 1912 who lived in the old Seventh Division of Cadet Barracks during the fall and winter of 1908, the house of Lee and his two roommates was justly famous. Usually there was much merriment there, albeit by force of circumstances, it had to be somewhat stifled, as the cheery buoyant temperaments of all three occupants sparkled through the overcast skies of Plebedom. At



times, the voice of "Marse" Robert would sound off in righteous indignation as he told off his argumentative opponent in tones and terms of the "Old South", for his home was in Rocky Mount, Virginia. He was a grandnephew of the famous General whose name he bore.

The 1912 *Howitzer* lists the following activities, indicating his many and varied interests and responsibilities: Corporal, Company Quartermaster Sergeant, First Sergeant, Captain, Lieutenant, Sharpshooter, Assistant Manager, and later, Manager of the Football Team, President of the Y.M.C.A., Hundredth Night cast, and last but not least, Hop Manager.

Graduating number fourteen in a class of ninety-five on June 12, 1912, he was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps and went through the regular apprenticeship of that day at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. He was then assigned to the Harbor Defenses of New York, with station at Fort Terry on Plum Island, New York.

He was devoted to West Point, and a few years following his graduation he came back for duty as an instructor in English and History, which detail was interrupted by the training activities incident to World War I, but he resumed his detail in 1917. In the summer of 1918 he was given command of a battalion of Field Artillery at Camp McClellan, Alabama, from which he was detached and ordered to Washington for duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff and the Chief of Ordnance. Again he returned to West Point for a detail as Assistant to the Post Quartermaster. This detail was terminated by his transfer to the Ordnance Department in 1922.

He then went the regular rounds of duties as Ordnance Officer, First Cavalry Division; student at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Ordnance Officer, Hawaiian Division, Post and Department, at Schofield Barracks; Tank Board and Ordnance Officer, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; Instructor at the Ordnance School, Watertown Arsenal, Mass.; student officer at the Army Industrial College; Personnel Officer, Office of the Chief of Ordnance; and duty at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, until his retirement for physical disability on March 31, 1936.

Shortly after graduation from the Military Academy he was married to Miss Mabel Edgerton Parran of Baltimore, Maryland, from whom he was subsequently divorced. By this marriage there was one daughter, Rosa Lee, now the wife of Lt. Col. John Watts, U.S. Army.

In 1923 he took as his second wife, Mrs. Janet Slaughter Van Campen of Rye, New York, who presently lives at 3525 Hanover Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. By this marriage there were no children.

He died on May 22, 1941, at Richmond, Virginia, and was buried among his Virginia "kin folks" in St. Luke's Church Yard, Powhatan County, Virginia.

He was endowed with a quick and brilliant mind and to these qualities was added a warm, tempestuous and affectionate temperament. As Cadet and friend, our recollections will be tinged with regret at the passing of one possessing to such a degree these essential human qualities.

Requiescat in pace!

"So may he rest; his faults lie gently on him."

—*H. J. M.*

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Richard Bolles Paddock

NO. 5261 CLASS OF 1914

DIED SEPTEMBER 22, 1952, AT GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AGED 61 YEARS.

RICHARD BOLLES PADDOCK—Dick Paddock, as we knew him—passed away in Glendale, California, on September 22, 1952. He was an Army boy, born at Fort McKinley, Buffalo, Wyoming, on April 16, 1891, the son of Captain R. B. Paddock of the 6th Cavalry and Grace Pershing Paddock. Dick had two cousins who were West Point graduates, Colonel George H. Paddock, of the Class of 1873, and Lieutenant James V. S. Paddock, of the Class of 1877. His most distinguished relative was his uncle, General of the Armies John J. Pershing, of the Class of 1886. Dick attended the Lincoln, Nebraska, high school, and the University of Nebraska for three years. He entered West Point on March 1, 1910, appointed "At Large," and graduated, almost in the exact middle of his class, on June 12, 1914. He played football on the Cullum Hall squad, sang in the choir, held cadet rank in normal succession, was distinguished by being busted for some act frowned on by the authorities, and he was electrician for the Hundredth Night Shows.

Immediately after graduation he married Anne Cunningham, and their son Richard Bolles, born March 31, 1915, was the Class Baby, winner of the cup given for the first son born in the class. His second marriage was to Doris Van Dyke Johnston, and their son, John Pershing, was born in 1921. Dick

married a third time in 1949, to Kathryn Fowler Wilson, who survives him. Both of his sons served in World War II, Richard as a combat pilot, and John as a lieutenant of paratroops.

Dick was originally commissioned in the Coast Artillery; in 1916 he transferred to the Signal Corps and served in the Punitive Expedition in Mexico; in 1917 he went over-

seas in General Pershing's headquarters. He joined the 1st Division when it was organized in France, and rose to the command of the divisional signal battalion, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served in the Toul Sector, and in the campaigns of Montdidier, Cantigny, Soissons, and Aisne-Marne. He was twice wounded, and was awarded the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, and the Silver Star. He also received the French Croix-de-Guerre from both corps and army, and the Fourragere as an individual decoration. He returned in 1918, and on the way had the unusual experience of being torpedoed while on the troop ship "Mount Vernon". After the war he transferred to the Field Artillery, and commanded the 6th Regiment of his old division. He served as student, and later as instructor at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, and in 1926 attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. After this he was sent to the Philippines and served on the General Staff of the Philippine Division, for a time acting as Chief of Staff. Dick resigned his commission in the Regular Army in 1929, and this separated him from his Army friends, except for his single attendance at the 25th reunion of his class at West Point in 1939.

Dick's civilian career took him to San Francisco, Dallas, Chicago, and Los Angeles. He was usually connected with small industrial companies as an officer or as an engineering consultant. In 1933-34 he was a deputy administrator in the N.R.A. and in 1935 he served with the code authority of the cotton garment industry in Chicago. During World War II he engaged in the manufacture of radar equipment, which again put him in touch with the Army, but on the production side. After the war he was engaged in manufacturing oil drilling and motion picture equipment. For his last few years he lived in Los Angeles, except for a year's trip abroad in 1949-50.

Dick's friends will always remember him for his tremendous enthusiasm. He was always searching for and trying out new ideas, particularly in the electrical and mechanical field. He bubbled over with energy and good spirits. His short, stout figure, big chest, eager and penetrating eyes, loud happy laugh and vigorous and determined manner leave an unforgettable picture of his dynamic personality. While he was a cadet he worked on many unauthorized gadgets in his room, besides doing the authorized work of electrician for Hundredth Night. After the First World War he bought a Stanley steamer automobile, and enjoyed himself thinking up improvements. His work in radar in World War II must have given him enormous satisfaction. His early death robbed us of a brilliant mind, and of a warm and generous companion.

—*F. W. H.*

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Clarence Brewster Lindner

NO. 5362 CLASS OF 1915

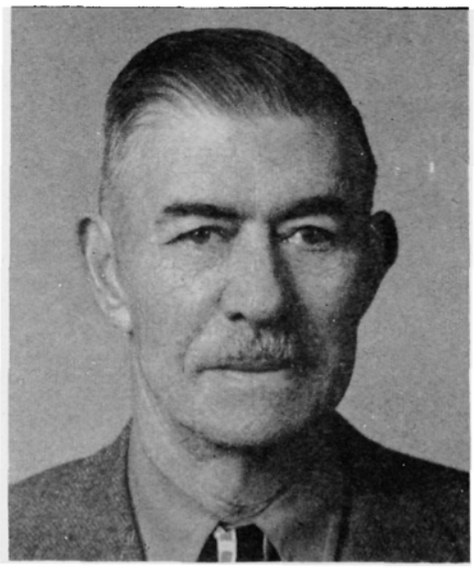
DIED DECEMBER 26, 1952, AT MURPHY ARMY HOSPITAL, WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 63 YEARS.

COLONEL CLARENCE BREWSTER LINDNER, U.S. Army, Retired, was born in Savannah, Georgia, on November 5, 1889, the son of the late Henry and Mary Frances Spangenberg Lindner.

On his maternal side, he was a direct descendant of the colonial Bishop Spangenberg, who headed the Moravian church in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary War.

Colonel Lindner entered the United States Military Academy on June 14, 1911, and graduated on June 11, 1915. He was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps, and served overseas during the First World War. He transferred to the Finance Department in 1937, and went to Africa with General Patton's Western Task Force in 1942. Later he joined the Fifth Army, and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his participation in the African and Italian campaigns.

He married Margaret Cragin Flaherty of Portland, Maine, on July 29, 1924, and they had one son, Brewster Lindner, who was a paratrooper during the Second World War, graduated from Bowdoin College, did postgraduate work at the University of Inns-



bruck, and is at present employed by the Department of the Army in Salzburg.

After his retirement in 1946, Colonel Lindner devoted most of his time to reconstructing an old saltwater farm house in Maine, taking to this project the same absorbing interest and perfectionism with which he had approached every assignment in the Army. In fact, the only leave he took from what he considered his detail of the retired years, was a winter in California and Mexico, and the winter of 1951-1952 in Europe.

Shortly after his return to Maine in the late Spring of 1952, he entered Murphy Army Hospital for a check-up, and was found to be gravely ill. No one could have more courageously met prolonged and devastating suffering, than with the dignity and fortitude with which he faced the cruelest enemy he was ever called upon to meet.

All of his civilian friends, as well as the classmates and their wives who so loyally stood by during the long and heart breaking vigil, felt that he was a man who truly exemplified all that is finest in character of the Military Acadamy which he loved so well.

He died early in the morning of December 26, 1952.

—*His Wife.*

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Thomas Jackson Heavey

NO. 5796 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

DIED NOVEMBER 23, 1951, AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, AGED 54 YEARS.

COLONEL THOMAS JACKSON HEAVEY, retired, son of John W. and Julia Baggett Heavey, was born at Fort McPherson, Georgia, on March 27, 1897.

His early education was similar to that of most Army children, obtained at schools located nearest the posts where his parents were stationed. But from early boyhood his course in life was set and his guiding star was the career of his disinguished father, the late Brigadier General John W. Heavey.

Consequently, in 1913, "Jack" enrolled at "Shad's" in Washington, D. C. to prepare himself for the competitive examinations for Presidential appointment as a cadet at the Military Academy. During the awesome days of "Beast Barracks" an indication of his character was disclosed in a chance remark to a classmate, "I am resolved to try to become the most military and best cadet of the Corps" Throughout his life he followed this creed religiously. To the end, he gave his all to his God, his Country, the Army, and his family.

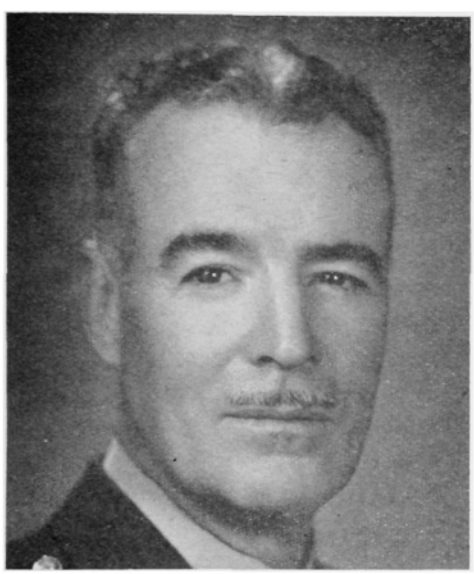
As a cadet he was a good student and entered into all phases of "Kaydet" life. Following the path of his idol, his father, who was a member of the first Army football team, he reported for football practice at the first opportunity and made the squad. He served as a Yearling Corporal, as a Second Class Corporal and, in his First Class year, as a Lieutenant.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the Cavalry and served as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General DeRosey C. Cabell until his promotion to captain, National Army. Shortly after his marriage to Anna May McAllister, on June 26, 1918, he was ordered to the Military Academy and completed a tour there as an instructor in mathematics. He later graduated from the Cavalry School, the Field Artillery School, and the Command and General Staff School. In recognition of his organizing ability and marksmanship he was named, for two years in succession, Captain of the rifle team which represented the Cavalry at the National Rifle Matches. In this period he won a distinction, held by very few—the right to wear both the Distinguished Pistol Medal and the Distinguished Rifle Medal. He was an acknowledged expert on machine guns and was granted patents on machine gun

mounts and devices which are still in use by the Armed Forces.

In World War II, he served with the VII Army Corps as G-1 and, later, pioneered in tank destroyers. He participated actively in the training for overseas service, going as an observer to England, Scotland, and North Africa. In 1943 he was sent to China and, subsequently, to Burma to command the 124th Cavalry. Later, while in the Army Service of Supply, he commanded the most remote base in China—Chihkiang. For these services his country awarded him, among other decorations, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Bronze Star Medal. In addition, he won the confidence of his seniors, the respect of his contemporaries, and the love of all those junior to him.

His death came as he might have willed it, at the end of a happy Thanksgiving Day spent with his immediate family and friends enjoying the comforts of his beautiful new home.



Besides his widow, Mrs. Anna May McAllister Heavey, he is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Louise Hartman, wife of Lt. Colonel Charles D. Hartman, Jr., by two sons, Captain Thomas J. Heavey, Jr., U.S.A.F., and Mr. James McAllister Heavey, and by two brothers, Brigadier General William F. Heavey, Retired, and Colonel Wade H. Heavey.

His course on earth, as he charted it, is done. May he, in his new commanding position, guide his survivors and his classmates in these perilous days.

—*A. C. P., A Classmate.*

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Francis Selwyn Gay

NO. 6740 CLASS OF 1920

DIED APRIL 10, 1953, AT TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY, AGED 52 YEARS.

F. SELWYN GAY, Directory Engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, died at his home in Tenafly, N. J., on April 10 after an illness of several months. He was 52 years old.

Born in Masontown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Gay graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1920 and served for two years in the Coast Artillery before joining the Bell Telephone System in 1923.

After a succession of many assignments in sales, rates and other types of telephone work, he became Directory Engineer for the Bell System in June 1949. During World War II he was associated with the Company's war activities in civilian defense and also served in Washington as Assistant Chief of the Proctection Branch, in the Office of Civilian Defense.

As the Directory Engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company Mr. Gay was a key man in a large business or-

ganization. His courage to tackle new problems and his unlimited energy, together with his understanding of those with whom he worked, are monuments to his outstanding leadership.

Mr. Gay was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, the Englewood Field Club and the West Point Society of New York. He is survived by his wife, Grace; a daughter, Patricia; and a son, F. Selwyn, Jr.

—*F. R. King.*

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James Rhea Luper

NO. 11222 CLASS OF 1938

DIED FEBRUARY 28, 1953, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AGED 39 YEARS.

"THE Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 11 January 1951 to 28 February 1953 is awarded posthumously to Colonel James R. Luper, 1448A, United States Air Force."

Jim earned similar citations many times over the years I have known him. His passing lost one of the great soldiers of the Air Force. Thousands of officers who gained their commissions through Randolph Field, Maxwell Field and The Officers Training School at Miami, Florida, knew and admired Jim. He was their first contact with the military and the fine example he set is still the subject of many hours of reminiscing by men all over the world.

However, we "graduated cadets" knew him even better and our admiration and respect for him was deeper. We remember those days in July 1934 when Jim, the accomplished soldier from Schofield Barracks, made most of us look a little clumsy in our drill. The outstanding boxer during our Plebe Year turned out to be Jim. He became famous as a musician. His fame in both the pugilistic and musical art spread as our cadet years marched on. All the music of our last three Hundredth Night Shows was the inspiration and genius of this gladiator from the west.

Upon graduation the Air Force received an accomplished officer who was dedicated to the Service and to the West Pointer's creed. Jim was a natural pilot and a gifted leader. He was immediately recognized for his outstanding soldierly qualities and retained at Randolph Field to assist in the training of Aviation Cadets. More important assignments quickly followed—Director of Training and Commandant of Cadets, Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School, Maxwell Field, Alabama; Executive for Training and Operations, Army Air Forces OCS and OTS, Miami Beach, Florida.

Training was fine but Jim was a fighter. After dozens of requests he was finally sent to England in command of a Bomber Group of the Eighth Air Force. He led his group in operations over Europe until shot down and imprisoned by the Germans.

After the war there was a succession of Service Schools. No one took his schooling more seriously, and Jim became an avid student of the principal subjects taught in our higher staff and command schools. He be-

came somewhat of an authority on strategy and organization. He wrote many articles on these subjects and spoke to dozens of civilian groups.

While assigned as a group commander at Tucson, Arizona, General Curtis LeMay recognized Jim's outstanding qualities and assigned him as Chief of Security, Strategic Air Command. The present concept of Air Force Security is Jim's brainchild. He established a Security School at Camp Carson and again trained thousands of officers and airmen.

In February of this year, he was informed that he would soon be transferred to Washington to be the Air Provost Marshal General. While returning to Omaha from an inspection tour of several bases, Jim requested a Ground Control Approach (Radar) to assist him in his landing at Offutt Air Force Base. The night was bitterly cold and snow filled the air. There was a crash—and then silence. Jim had joined "the Long Gray Line".

—*Bertram C. Harrison,*
Colonel, USAF.

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Harold Howard Buth

NO. 14810 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED JUNE 26, 1951, IN ROUTINE FLIGHT AT OSCODA, MICHIGAN, AGED 29 YEARS.

HAROLD BUTH'S death came as a great shock to all his friends, for he was a

strong, vitally alive person who loved life and for whom death seems an impossibility. He was a handsome, alert, capable officer with a friendly personality; one whom his commanding officers could trust and rely upon, and for whom his men were proud to serve.

He was born and brought up in Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was in the woodlands near there that his father taught him to handle a gun and to hunt, while Harold was a boy, and hunting remained his favorite pastime throughout his life. The pleasant hours spent carrying a rifle or shotgun in search of game, together with years of skiing, helped to develop the rugged physique and the broad shoulders which were in later years to be outstanding physical characteristics of this fine officer.

At the age of eleven Harold accompanied his parents on a trip to New York that included a visit to West Point. This visit caused him to choose a military career, for which he was so well suited. In July 1942 he joined his new classmates on the Plain to begin that career.

During his yearling year he began his flight training, and upon graduation in

June 1945 received his pilot wings and was commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

One week after graduation Harold Buth and Joyce Jauquet, his high school sweetheart, were married. For Harold and Jo it was to be a marriage of great devotion, and filled with happiness for them both.

In March 1946 Second Lieutenant Buth joined his first tactical unit, the 9th Squadron of the 49th Fighter Group, flying P-51 Mustangs, to do occupation duty on the northern Japanese Island of Hokkaido. This was to be his home for more than two years and a place he liked from the start—although Jo was not able to join him there in their Quonset home until early the following year because of the birth of their first son, Gary, in August 1946. Hal Buth was a natural fighter pilot. He liked the planes, the tactics of fighters, and the comradeship of his group. His Commanding Officer quickly came to realize that here was an officer who was willing to accept responsibility and who was able to complete successfully any project he undertook. When a difficult or unpleasant task was assigned to him, he was always able to keep his sense of humor and do the job as if it were one of his own choosing.

As Hokkaido is an excellent hunting ground, Harold was able to do some shooting during his spare time. Probably his only unsuccessful venture was on a trip which included three other officers, a Japanese interpreter and an Ainu guide; their purpose was to bag the black bear for which Hokkaido is known. At night the temperature was freezing and during the day the mosquitoes were thick, though not as loud as the fighter planes which buzzed the camp continually. Upon his return to the base with only a week's beard to show for his trip, Harold contended that the constant cover of fighter planes buzzing the camp had frightened the game and the guide into hiding and accounted for the empty bag. This was met with looks of accused innocence by all pilots of the base, although it is doubtful, during that week, that a flight returned to base without making a run across Hal's camp "just to see how the boys were doing." Harold Buth's sense of humor was often tried but never found wanting.

His Group Commander, Colonel Tice, thought so highly of his work while in Japan that, when Harold's overseas tour was completed, he arranged for Harold to serve again with him in the 63rd Fighter Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan. This squadron later moved to Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan, and there, in April 1951, Harold Junior was born. It was during a test flight from this field that Harold was killed; the cause of the crash was engine failure.

In a letter to Jo, the Base Commander, Colonel Charles W. King, said: "Captain Buth's death is a severe loss not only to you and to myself, but also to the Air Force and to the Country he served so faithfully.

The conduct and achievements of Captain Buth are an inspiration not only to the officers and airmen, who served under him, but also to those of us who were privileged to serve with him during the past years."

Another letter drew attention to the qualities that Harold's squadron mates had long admired. "Captain Buth's fine traits of industry and perseverance and his friendly regard for others won the respect of his associates. He was loyal and conscientious in the execution of assignments, and his death has saddened those with whom he served. You can be proud of his commendable performance of duty in the Air Force." Signed: Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his sons, Gary and Harold Junior; his mother, Mrs. Raymond Buth; his sister, Mrs. Jerome Queoff; and his brother, Donald Buth; all of Green Bay. Harold Howard Buth, Jr., was too young to know his father but perhaps as he grows older he will become aware of the respect and admiration people felt for the man for whom he was named.

—*Major Edward J. Mason,*
Class of 1945.

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John Olin Bates, Jr.

NO. 17690 CLASS OF 1950

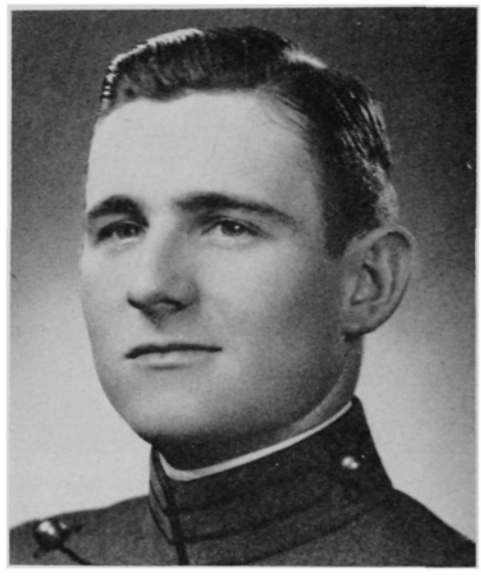
KILLED IN ACTION JUNE 12, 1952, IN KOREA, AGED 25 YEARS.

ON the plaque by J. O. Bates, Jr.'s crypt in the Hillcrest Mausoleum at Dallas, Texas, is inscribed, "In grateful memory of 1st Lt. John Olin Bates, Jr., killed in action in Korea on 12 June 1952, while in command of Company "G", 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Division in the assault of T-Bone Hill."

These words express well the quiet dignified nature of the man himself. The strength of his conviction in dedicating himself to the service of his country was unrelenting and there was no moment in his manhood when J O doubted the magnificence of the goal he had set before himself.

Born 11 August 1926, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bates, J O attended public schools in Fort Worth, Texas. During those years he played on his high school golf team and was twice winner of the Texas Junior Trapshooting Championship. J O had a great love for his home and family and it was through close association with his father, on fishing and hunting trips together, and in their mutual interests in trapshooting and gun collecting, that J. O developed his enthusiasm for numerous sports and his excellent skill in the use of firearms.

J O was descended from a Southern family which was very proud of its affiliation with the Confederacy. It was only natural upon graduation from High School that J O entered the Virginia Military Institute. While there, he joined the Army Air Forces, leaving V.M.I. in October 1944 when called into the Service. Shortly thereafter he transferred to the Infantry and attended the Infantry Officers' Candidate School, graduating in 1945. His convictions concerning the Army, and particularly the Infantry, were confirmed during that time.



In July 1946, J O joined the ranks of the Corps of Cadets at West Point. His calm assured manner in the face of the challenges of Plebe year marked him even then as a man who entertained no doubts concerning his dedication to the service of his country. His athletic ability soon evidenced itself in the countless sports that he engaged in at the Academy, but most particularly he established himself as a skeet shooting enthusiast, with golf following close behind. As a tribute to both his shooting ability and to his fine character he was elected Captain of the Skeet team that won the Eastern Collegiate Skeet Championship in 1950. Only a year before he had won the Eastern Collegiate Individual Skeet Championship match. He won 3 varsity letters in golf, in addition to intramural awards in soccer and volley ball. The sportsmanship he displayed in every competition won him the highest esteem of his friends and acquaintances. His success in athletics, and his magnificent attributes of leadership while at the Academy were indicative of the tremendous potential of this man. He, perhaps more than any I have known, was destined for the top in the career he had chosen. He was soft spoken but confident, quiet but aggressive, and he had the wonderful sense of humor so essential to a successful troop leader. All who knew J O admired him for his strength of character and the friendly

disposition which he displayed in his relationship with everyone.

So it was with the mark of success implanted upon J O that we watched him graduate from the Military Academy. He had chosen the Airborne School as his first assignment and it was with a great deal of enthusiasm that he looked forward to this tour of duty. It was this enthusiastic attitude and natural quality of leadership that caused many in his cadet company at West Point to accompany him in this stern test of determination. During his tour with the Airborne, he qualified for his senior paratrooper wings, making a total of 34 jumps, further demonstrating the spirit of determination inherent in his attitude toward his career.

On 2 February 1952, J O married Nell Jane Sosebee of Fort Worth, a graduate of Mary Washington, University of Virginia. Although J O had initially been assigned to Germany shortly before his marriage, he requested duty in Korea, and had only a short period of a few months with Nell prior to leaving for Korea. The same spirit of determination and devotion to the service of his country that he had displayed at West Point once again forbade his accepting the easy path.

In June 1952, J O was killed in an attack on an enemy-held hill. For conspicuous heroism, J O was awarded (posthumously) the Silver Star, his citation for which reads in part:

"First Lieutenant John Olin Bates, Jr. is cited for gallantry in action against an armed enemy near Karhyon-ni, Korea. Company "G" was counter attacking the bitterly contested Hills 191 and 183 and the company was being subjected to a bitter barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire on the slopes of the hills. When the company commander was wounded, Lieutenant Bates reorganized the men and continued to the objective. While assaulting Hill 191 a severe barrage of enemy fire was placed on one of the advancing platoons, causing numerous casualties. Lieutenant Bates hurried to the platoon's position under heavy enemy fire and organized the evacuation of the wounded and the dead. He directed litter teams through the exploding shells to where the wounded lay, comforting and inspiring the men until they could be evacuated. While fearlessly moving from person to person, disregarding his safety to give aid and comfort to his men, Lieutenant Bates was hit by enemy fire and fatally wounded."

That was J O. He was a Texan and proud of his State. He was an officer and proud of his Army. He gave his life in devotion to his country, and I offer these words to J O for his parents, his sister, his wife, and myself:

SACRIFICE

By Julien C. Hyer

"He fell today upon a hill in far Korea
and he will not come again unto this
land he loved so well, as he had
planned.
He fought my fight and gave his all
to stem the tide and to forestall the
threat to freedoms that I prize.
Pray God
That I may realize this sacrifice in
this grim war and live life worth
his dying for."

And to Jane Olin, the daughter born after J O's death, I want to say that your father was my greatest friend, and the finest person I shall ever know. He gave his life leading men in combat, and I feel strongly that if he had to die he would not have had it happen any other way had he had a choice.

—*Kenneth E. Murphy,*
Class of 1950.

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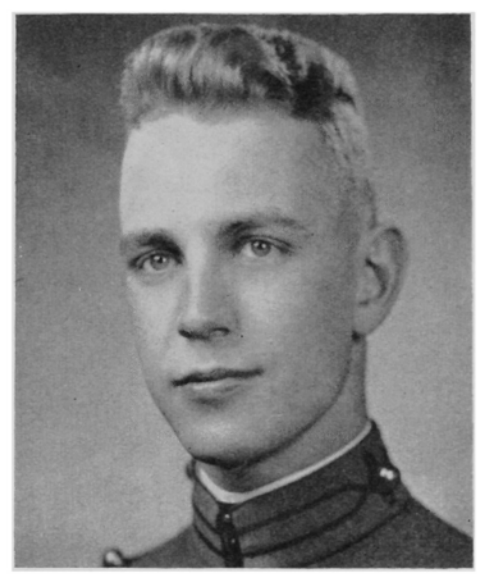
Medon Armin Bitzer

NO. 17778 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION, JANUARY 8, 1952, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

FOR those of us who knew Don, there is nothing that might be said which could tell us more; and for those who did not know him, these words can never express our sorrow at his passing nor give any measure to the depth of his friendship.

Don was born 5 June 1927, in New York City. His childhood and elementary school days were spent in Johnson City, Tennessee; then for high school, Don, first put on a military uniform at Tennessee Military Institute. In 1945 he graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy and became a member of the Army Air Force. When he received his appointment to the Military Academy, Don was transferred to the USMA Preparatory School, then at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. On 1 July 1946, Don put on his grays and was sworn in at Battle Monument with the Class of 1950.



The military aspects of his life as a cadet were nothing new to Don, and he fast became a friend in need and in deed to those of us who found the rigid beast barracks life difficult. Plebe Russian and the other academic pitfalls gave Don his share of late lights; but, somehow, he managed to find time for trips with the varsity boxing team as its lightest contender. For four years Don represented West Point in the Eastern Inter-Collegiates only to be out-pointed late in the eliminations on each occasion. In his "cow" year, he was a corporal; and in his First Class year Don carried the Supply Sergeant's saber and shouldered the additional job of being the Duty Committee Representative for Company E-2.

We had a fine company when Don was a First Classman, and it was due in no small measure to Don's hard work, level head, friendly smile, and common sense. Don's exemplary character and devotion to duty left a lasting mark on his classmates, upperclassmen, and underclassmen. In four years of close association at school, during times when nerves were especially on edge, never was there ever anything said of Don which was less than complimentary . . . Don was a standard of fine American manhood.

Upon graduation Don chose the Air Force and was assigned to Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas, for basic flying school. Basic was completed in January of 1951, and Don elected to become a conventional engine fighter pilot. For the next six months flying the F-51, Mustang, and hazing our classmates in the multi-engine and jet aircraft were Don's primary considerations. On 4 August 1951, at Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama, Don received his wings and orders to Korea. There was a pleasant leave at home in Johnson City; then a happy three months in Combat Crew Training School at Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Arizona. Another visit at home preceded the trip to Camp Stoneman, Hawaii, Wake Island, Tokyo, and Korea.

Once in the Far East Air Force, Don was assigned to the famed 18th Fighter Bomber Group . . . the last operational fighter group flying F-51's. He was among friends in Korea, for seventeen of his USMA classmates and most of his flying school classmates were also assigned to the Mustang group at Wonju, Korea. Combat check-out and missions came slowly because of the lack of airplanes and the presence of bad weather.

The 67th Fighter Bomber Squadron, to which Don was assigned, had a streak of heavy losses; and prior to his fifteenth mission, Don saw two of his classmates and four of his friends from flying school killed or taken prisoner by the Communists. On 8 January 1952, Don was on his 15th mission, a dual purpose, two target, fighter strike in North Korea. Don dropped his bombs on the railroad deep in enemy territory; then on the return trip to his base, hit an important secondary target of supplies and personnel near the front lines, with his rockets and machine gun fire. As he broke away from the target after firing his first rocket, he and his aircraft were hit by enemy automatic weapons antiaircraft fire. Because he was hit personally and was at a low altitude, he was unable to abandon his burning aircraft and crashed into the target area.

Don, like his older brother, Conrad, who was killed in World War II in Germany, in 1945, found a "soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow" . . part of the heavy price we have paid for our participation in two recent wars. As a soldier, Don would have been the last to expect combat without casualties; and as a Christian, he would be the last to have us mourn his death. No finer soldier has graduated from West Point; and Don was as fine a Christian as a soldier. He was never one to parade his beliefs, but no one was ever more sincere or devout. To know him was to realize that he was a sound Christian with the deepest kind of practical religion.

Medon Armin Bitzer, First Lieutenant, United States Air Force, Purple Heart, Air Medal, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bitzer of Johnson City, Tennessee; his sister, Edith; and brother, Carl Wilfrid.

No words can express how deep is our sorrow or how great our loss at the death of this young soldier-airman . . a soldier by even Kipling's rugged standards; but our personal loss cannot compare with the loss to the United States and to the Christian world of so promising a leader and citizen as Don.

—*W. H. B. and R. W. S.*

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Anderson Owen Hubbard

NO. 17836 CLASS OF 1950

DIED OCTOBER 23, 1952, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, NEAR PARGNAN, FRANCE, AGED 28 YEARS.

IT was three years ago today, Son, that you ushered me into the Cadet Chapel at

West Point to hear your class sermon. How happy and thrilled we were. That was a beautiful June day—the first Sunday in June 1950—not a cloud in the sky.

Today is another beautiful June day, and I go back in memory, to three years ago today, and of the past twenty-eight years. God let you come into our lives twenty-eight years ago, September 28th, 1924. It is sweet to remember you when you were a baby. Such a beautiful, attractive and lovable baby. You always drew attention with your winsome ways—friendly, cheerful and always smiling. As you grew into boyhood and manhood you grew in favor with both your family and friends. You acquired and developed those qualities which constitute a fine Christian gentleman—friendliness, thoughtfulness, consideration, unselfishness, patience, sympathy, courtesy and respect. You were a lovable and devoted son and brother, and a true friend. If it was family or friend that needed your help you always gave your best. When your advice or opinion was sought your counsel was a result of consideration and deep thinking.

How proud we were when, at the age of fourteen, you won the contest of the Pittsylvania County F. F. A. Judging Contest. A Sophomore, you made the highest individual score, competing with fifty-three boys from the Agriculture Departments of Pittsylvania County. You scored 804 points out of 900. You graduated from Renan High at the tender age of sixteen and entered college at V. P. I. in Blacksburg, Virginia, at sixteen years of age. So young to leave home and enter college. You made good during the two years you were there. On March 23, 1944 you were drafted into the Army. The grief that came with your departure! You were nineteen, only a boy, so young to be in the Army. You were sent to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin for training, so far away!

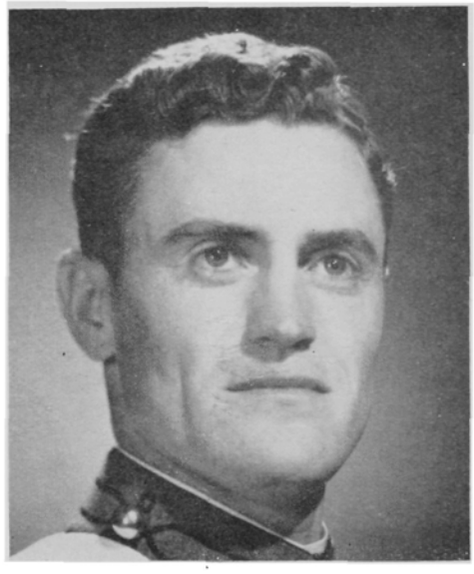
It was while at Camp McCoy that you wrote us one of the Lieutenants there told you that you belonged at West Point and to get your parents to get you an appointment to the Military Academy. You asked what we thought, and said if you could get an appointment you would do your best to make good of the opportunity. We did think well of it and took the proper steps to get you appointed to West Point by our Congressman, the Honorable Thomas G. Burch. This was in August 1944. In September 1944 you came home on a furlough. On November 22, 1944 you sailed on a crowded ship to France. There you were in General Patton's Army and learned what real war is, what life for a fighting man on the front line is, and what is meant by "Living Hell" Eating frozen "K" rations, sleeping in snow and mud, buddies falling by your side, and weeks without getting letters from home—Oh, that horror!

It was on January 10, 1945 that we received a letter from Congressman Burch saying: "I take great pleasure in advising that I have nominated your son Anderson Owen Hubbard as principal candidate for the United States Military Academy. The War Department informs me instructions were issued directing that Pfc. Hubbard be given a physical examination. If he is found to be physically qualified for admission to West Point, his return to the United States to undergo special preparatory training will be authorized and a letter of appointment will be issued to him."

At that time you were overseas—hurried to and fro with hundreds of other privates by General George Patton. You were up in the front line in combat when you received orders to report to headquarters one day in March 1945. You were given the physical examination and returned by plane to the United States. You were sent to Cornell University during the last of March, where you had strenuous training, both mental and physical, for three months. On July 3, 1945 we received another letter from Congressman Burch saying: "I am pleased to advise that the War Department has notified me that your son Anderson Owen Hubbard, my principal candidate for appointment to the United States Military Academy, qualified in the examinations and is being admitted to the Academy today, July 2, 1945."

The same day we received a letter from Brigadier General George Honnen, Commandant of Cadets at West Point, dated July 2, 1945, saying: "Your son has reported for duty as a cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. You and he are to be congratulated on his having met the basic qualifications for entrance. As you no doubt know, this institution was established by the United States government to train young men for a career as officers in the Military Services."

It was on July 2, 1945 that you became a cadet of West Point. How happy and how proud we were of you!



In October 1945 you received an injury while playing football and spent months in the hospital. On March 1, 1946 you were sent to Florida for two months, on a sick leave. In May, on Mother's Day, you came home to stay until August 25. How we enjoyed having you home where we could help you regain your health and strength and how I enjoyed preparing your favorite foods for you! Then, when you returned to West Point in August, you passed the physical examination.

At the United States Military Academy you were known as "Andy"

How happy we were to meeet you in Philadelphia at the Army and Navy football games—Army always winning! What joyous times for three years! Then in October 1949 we visited you at West Point. You were a member of the Regimental Staff. You were the first man on the Plain when there was a parade. You were an usher in the Cadet Chapel. How I longed for, and dreamed of the day when you would usher me into a seat in that Chapel to hear your baccalaureate sermon! That dream came true at 11 A.M. on June 4, 1950—the first Sunday in June three years ago today. How proud, thrilled and thankful I was! I felt God had answered my prayers, and I gave thanks to Him in that Chapel. On Tuesday morning, June 6, 1950, we saw you receive your diploma. Again I said a prayer of thanks to God and asked Him to protect and guide you in the future. The thrill of those days at the Academy in June Week 1950!

After a tour of Europe in June and a visit home you went to Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas, for Flight Training. You were given a choice of branch of the Service and had chosen the Air Force before leaving West Point. You loved flying. At Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, on August 4, 1951 you got your wings. Then you were sent to Langley Field, Virginia, and in November 1951 you were sent to France. In March 1952 you volunteered for a mission to Korea. While there you flew 22 missions. In July 1952 you returned to France via the United States and had a leave to stop a few days with your family and friends. You visited with many. O, my son!—too soon you had to return to France.

At nightfall on October 24, 1952 I was handed a telegram from Washington, D. C. which read: "It is with deep regret that I inform you of the death of your son, 1st Lieutenant Anderson O. Hubbard. He died in France on October 23, 1952 as the result of injuries received in an aircraft accident. A letter containing details will be forwarded to you at the earliest possible date. You will be furnished information concerning the return of his remains to this country. Please accept my sincere sympathy in this hour of grief" Signed, Major John H. McCormick, Director of Military Personnel.

We were shocked and stunned by that message. Why, O why did it have to be! The sorrow and grief have been so hard to bear.

Then came a letter from your Commanding Officer, Col. William L. Kennedy, at the United States Air Force Base in France, which read: "As a member of this wing your son was well liked by all his associates. He was an excellent officer and a very capable pilot, always performing the tasks assigned to him in a cheerful and efficient manner, thereby winning the commendation of his immediate superiors and the respect and affection of his comrades. His death comes as a real shock to all who knew him and his loss will be keenly felt by this organization."

A letter written October 28, 1952 by Donald J. Smith, Major, United States Air Force, Commanding, "In all respects your son lived up to the standards and traditions of the Air Force. His likeable personality was compounded with intelligence, common sense, and outstanding ability as an aviator. The casualty which cost us the life of such a fine gentleman occurred in an instant. Andy had been flying with a formation of five other aircraft. They had completed the first phase of their mission and engaged in single file flying maneuvers with Andy in the lead. His plane was observed completing a turn and descending rapidly into the ground. No fire resulted. All available rescue equipment was immediately dispatched. However, upon arrival it was realized that they were never really needed. The pain of loss can be alleviated somewhat by the knowledge that death came fast and clean and that before death, life had been in keeping with the highest ideals of the Armed Forces and the Nation we serve.

Memorial services were held here on the base by Chaplain Frank M. Arnold. You would have been pleased by the wonderful tribute he paid your son. The entire squadron was present, in addition to many of his friends of the other organizations throughout the wing. A flyover of his fellow pilots concluded the services as both the American and French flags were lowered at retreat."

Then came a letter from the Chaplain, Lt. Col. Frank M. Arnold. He told of the

French workers on the base who contributed flowers—2 large, lovely wreaths which were used in the service—and sent money contributed by them for flowers for your grave. How touched we were by such an expression of admiration.

Then Capt. Robert C. Young, your flight commander, who had charge of the flight on the day of the accident, and who therefore was a witness, wrote: "There is so much that could be said, but still can be said in the few words—'He was loved and respected by all those who knew him'."

Lt. Louis Branch, from Texas, wrote: "I got to know Andy quite well while he was in training at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, and found him to be one of the finest fellows I've ever known."

A letter from Lt. Charles W. Hammond in Guam—"I was Andy's roommate at West Point for two years. During that time we became very fast friends and close. During the six years I knew Andy we never had a quarrel or serious argument. You have lost your son and I have lost my friend. None of us will soon forget him."

Another letter, signed by Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, said: "Lieutenant Hubbard's military record was excellent. He was held in esteem by all who knew him for his loyalty and attention to duty. His fine qualities were disclosed by his conscientiousness, willingness to assume responsibility, and his consideration for others. His many friends are saddened by his death."

There were many, many more letters, coming from many countries and nearly every state in the United States. They were a help, and we do appreciate them. We are very grateful for their expressions of sympathy and condolence.

The remains arrived on November 21, 1952. Funeral services were held in your church at Riceville, Virginia, on November 22, 1952, and burial followed in the family lot in the cemetery at Gretna, Virginia, with full military honors.

Then came your medals of achievement, merit and honor. There are fourteen in all—decorations and awards earned by you —the Korean Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and others.

You carried the "torch" and held it high. It was always my prayer that wherever you went, whatever you did, your influence would be good and that others might see "Jesus in you." Ah memory!, how sweet and yet how cruel!

—Your Mother,
Christine McCormick Hubbard.

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Thomas Paul Casey

NO. 18627 CLASS OF 1952

KILLED MAY 20, 1953, IN FLIGHT TRAINING AT WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA, AGED 23 YEARS.

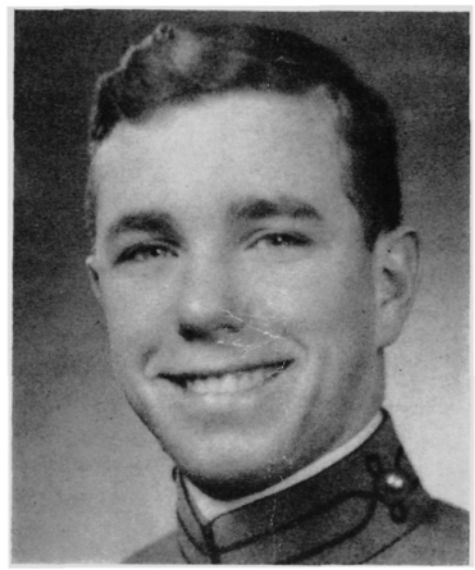
LIEUTENANT THOMAS P. CASEY was born April 23, 1930, the first son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Patrick T. Casey, USAF, Retired. With three joyful sisters helping to announce the news, Top's birth was a celebrated event at Maxwell Field. Surely, Pat Casey his dad, was the proudest father on the Post.

This was in the days when the Air Force was emerging from its infancy. As most Service youngsters of that period, Top spent his days dreaming and talking of the time when he'd be a full fledged Cadet at the Military Academy and then go on to fly in the "wild blue yonder". This cherished hope was the sustaining force of the entire Casey family's life.

Perhaps it was truly significant that the second big celebration in Top's short life came also at Maxwell. The wire announcing that he would enter West Point on July 1, 1948 was phoned to him at the Maxwell Officers' Club Pool, where he was lifeguard, and where his three sisters and brother were swimming that day. Officers, their wives, daughters and sons alike joined in the merry congratulations, since everyone was fully aware of how much this meant to Top, and of how anxiously he'd been "sweating" it out. His dad, then in Guam, was notified at once.

Top had already proved his aptitude for the military at Lanier High School in Montgomery. He won American Legion awards both years there: as outstanding ROTC cadet during his junior year, and as the outstanding platoon leader in his senior year. Thereafter, he attended the U. of A. and Huntingdon College a year before journeying up the Hudson.

Now that Top is gone there are not words to express the impact of his four years in the Corps. Only he could, and indeed he did, many times over, adequately describe how deeply instilled in his heart, soul and mind were the traditions of the Academy.



That he successfully met the challenge of the Academy's academic program may be seen in the fact that he was graduated in the upper third of his class. His interest in sports was keen, especially in his beloved diving and swimming, in both of which he had been thoroughly indoctrinated as a small fry in the Canal Zone. What pride he took in being a member of the *Team*! His second best sport was tennis. With the rest of his classmates, however, his greatest joy was in cheering the football team, even when days were darkest.

An unusually active and typical "brat" as a child, Top grew up to be a quiet, unassuming, well-mannered young man with a pleasant ready smile. His sparkling wit and mischief he saved for his family and closest friends, of which there were legion throughout the Air Force and the civilian world he knew.

Countless boys and girls, now on the thresholds of their own careers, will warmly remember Top as their favorite but firm lifeguard for three summers at the Maxwell pool. No child was too young for a conversational tilt with Top, nor to delight in his infrequent performances off the diving boards.

A striking example of the faithful attention to duty that was to characterize his brief military career also took place during his lifeguard days and earned him the nickname of "Sam Spade Casey"

A number of robberies had occurred in the men's locker room at the club. One afternoon, having seen several strange teenagers at the pool, Top went down to the lockers to see if all was well. He met two officers who reported that fairly large sums of money had been taken from their wallets in the locker room. He immediately borrowed a bicycle and cut through the quarters area and golf course toward a rarely used gate on the post. He arrived just in time to see the same boys throwing their bicycles over the fence and preparing to leave themselves via a hole in the fence. He dropped his bicycle, and shouted for them to stop and cinched his "capture" by warning them that the MP's were also looking for them. Their guilty looks led him to search them and to find about $60.00 in cash, several wallets, pens, etc. He led them back to the pool and turned them over to his fellow lifeguard. He then reported the matter to the club officer who called the MP's and the CID. Later, while the boys were being questioned at the guardhouse, an additional $70.00 was found. The following day the incident was duly reported in the local paper. Personnel at the Field began querying Top as to his "reward" In his good-natured way, he laughed and said the authorities had deposited a Thousand Dollars to his bank account.

No one who ever enjoyed his friendship will ever forget his passion for fine clothes and authentic jazz. Along with many of his classmates, he took full advantage of occasional weekends in New York by frequently visiting such haunts as Eddie Condon's. Further, his enthusiasm for such recording personalities as Billy Eckstine and Billy Daniels, both of whom he saw in person many times in the city, was infectious.

Top's deeply-rooted religious convictions gave him a rare yet simple belief in the ability of his fellow men and in the future of his world. He could see only the best in all whom he knew.

His strong sense of pride in every small aspect of being a member of the Long Gray Line was inspiring in itself. Certainly, the happiest day of his life on this earth and of his family's was June 3, 1952, when he stepped forward to receive his commission. For suddenly, a dream born 22 years before, that had been nourished earnestly with prayers and hopes in the hearts of his parents, sisters, and brother, relatives and friends, became a reality.

Top's military heritage, too, was a source of great personal pride to him. His paternal grandfather, for whom he was named, had served over thirty years in the Infantry and Artillery. At the time of his death in August 1951, he had been retired over thirty years. On his maternal side, Top's great-grandparents had been foes on Civil War battlefields. Top's mother and two aunts served in the U.S. Navy as Yeomanettes during World War I. His brother, Eddie, is in college preparing to enter the Academy as soon as possible. One sister is married to a Captain in the Air Force, another worked for the Air Force for a number of years, and is now employed by the U.S. Army in Germany. His third sister is employed at a City Hospital. One uncle is a retired Chief Master at Arms, with two sons presently serving in the Navy. Top's other cousins served in the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Army during World War II.

Top's laugh and good humor will be missed for many, many years to come. However, since God chose to nip his career in the bud at this time, his family and friends proudly agree that he died in the only way that he could have, and surely in the manner in which he would have chosen, doing that which he loved best on this earth. *May God love and keep him for all Eternity.*

—Patrick T. Casey.