



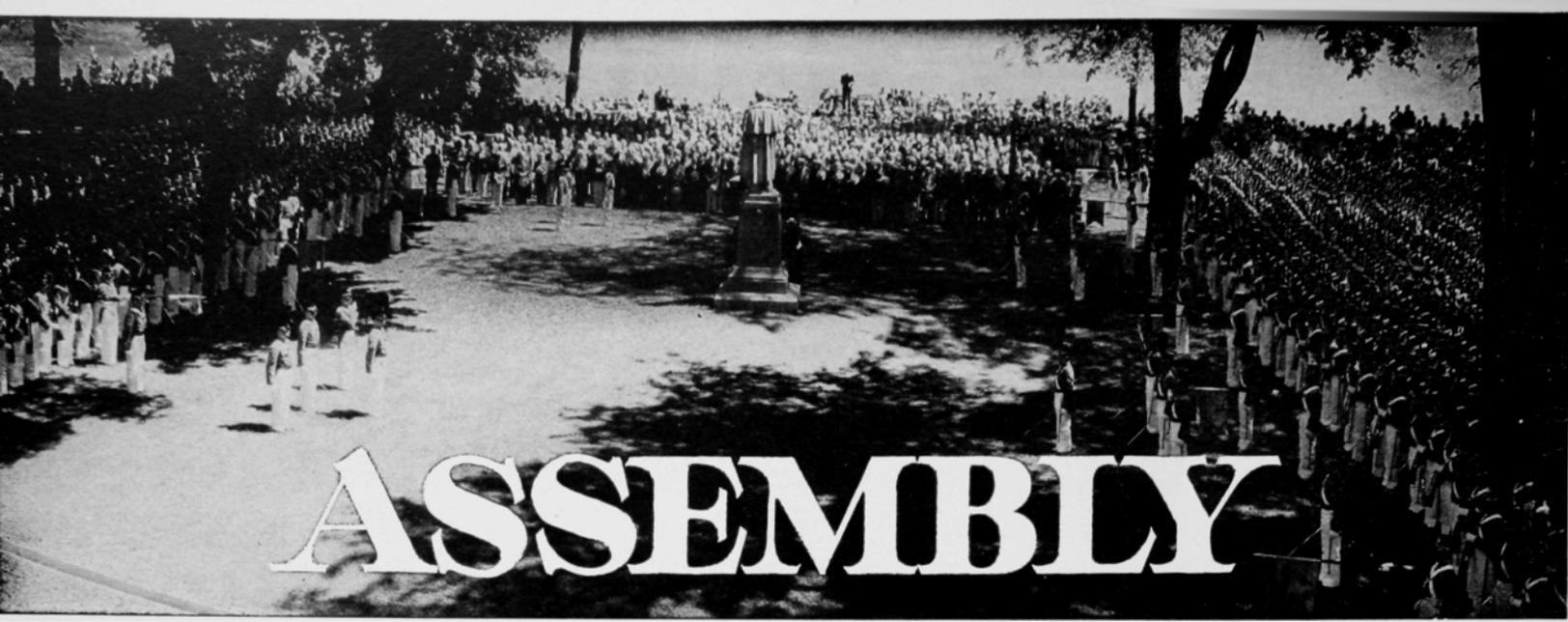
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The Department of Foreign Languages

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

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The Department of Foreign Languages at West Point teaches those languages which the Department of the Army considers of greatest potential value to our military establishment. The objectives of this teaching are two-fold: to develop a cadet's ability to speak a foreign language, and to stimulate and maintain his interest in that language and the country it represents, an interest which should continue on a lasting basis, even after completion of his formal language course.

It is significant that the language curriculum at the Academy has always reflected the widening of our national interest in foreign affairs. French has been taught since 1803. In 1847, shortly after the Mexican War, Spanish was introduced. When events of World War II indicated a practical need for acquaintance with the German language, that course was begun in 1941. With the expansion of America's war interests abroad, Portuguese, the language of Brazil, our principal ally in South America, was taken up in 1942. In 1945 the emergence of Russia as a world power gave importance to its language, and the Russian course dates from that time.

The teaching method used at the Military Academy is oral and direct. It is characterized by:

1. Use of the foreign language as a medium of instruction.
2. Early emphasis on good pronunciation and intonation.
3. Classroom work mostly oral.
4. Very little translation.
5. Grammar taught inductively and, during the first year, as a minor element.

During the first year the principal aims are to overcome the student's natural re-

luctance to speak in an unfamiliar tongue, to start him thinking in the foreign language, and to develop his imagination so that he may readily deduce the meaning of new phrases which he meets. Good pronunciation is emphasized but grammatical accuracy is subordinated to the more practical objective of conveying an idea. During the second year effort is directed toward improving the student's ability to read, write, speak and understand the language and toward increasing his knowledge of fundamental principles, particularly the grammar. At this stage in the cadet's progress, pursuit of each of these ends helps in attaining the other, for explanation of even complicated points of grammar and idiomatic usage can be made in the foreign language. In addition a certain amount of translation can now be permitted without fear of retarding the cadet in his progress toward thinking in the foreign language.

In the very first days of class the cadet acquires fixed expressions, the correct pronunciation and intonation of which he learns by imitating the instructor. With these he can converse in a very narrow channel. As his vocabulary grows, his field of understanding broadens, so that conversation becomes less restricted. At first topics for the discussion part of a classroom session are taken only from the reading part of the lesson assignment. Later they may include incidents from post or cadet life, or current events as reported in the daily newspapers. Cadets too may introduce subjects of interest to them. Almost any topic is welcomed, provided that all discussion is in the language under study and that all cadets present take part. The cadets respond to this mature approach

with lively interest, and their skills progress accordingly.

Many graduates of the Military Academy remember the course in Foreign Languages as little more than a series of board fights, each involving vocabulary, verb forms, and a group of disconnected sentences for translation into the language under study. How different those graduates would find the classroom today! Animated dialogues, with pictures, charts and maps suggesting thoughts for development; motion pictures with sound tracks in the foreign language; recorded songs and speeches, some taken directly from short wave broadcasts in the foreign tongue; tape recorders for reproducing cadet speech so that students may hear and correct their own errors—such techniques make the class virtually unrecognizable by those who remember only the old ways.

It was Colonel William E. Morrison (now Brigadier General, Retired) who, as head of the Department in 1946, guided its shift to the oral emphasis of today. The Department's mission remains unchanged: to teach those foreign languages which the Department of the Army considers of greatest potential value to our military establishment. The attainment of perfection in speaking and comprehending a language is obviously impracticable within the time available, but cadets can and do learn to make themselves understood verbally and to understand the spoken word at moderate speed.

The history of language teaching at West Point begins almost with that of the Military Academy. In 1802, mathematics, natural and experimental philosophy and field

Colonel Charles J. Barrett, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, holds a conference in the Department Library. Left to right: Colonel C. N. Dos Santos, Jr., Brazilian Army; Colonel Barrett; Colonel W. J. Renfro, Professor and Director of Instruction; Major Juan de la Fuente, Mexican Army.



PROFESSORS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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| François Desiré Masson | First Teacher of French | 1803-1810 |
| Florimond Masson | First Teacher of French | 1810-1815 |
| Claudius Bérard | First Teacher of French | 1815-1846 |
| | Professor of French | 1846-1848 |
| Hyacinthe R. Agnel | Professor of French | 1848-1871 |
| Patrice de Janon | Professor of Spanish | 1857-1882 |
| George L. Andrews, Brevet Major General | Professor of French | 1871-1882 |
| | Professor of Modern Languages | 1882-1892 |
| Edward E. Wood, Colonel | Professor of Modern Languages | 1892-1910 |
| Cornélis DeWitt Wilcox, Colonel | Professor of Modern Languages | 1910-1925 |
| William E. Morrison, Colonel | Professor of Modern Languages | 1925-1947 |
| | Professor and Head of Department of Modern Languages | 1947-1948 |
| Charles J. Barrett, Colonel | Professor of Modern Languages | 1947-1948 |
| | Professor and Head of Department of Modern Languages | 1948-1949 |
| | Professor and Head of Department of Foreign Languages | 1949- |
| Walter J. Renfroe, Jr., Colonel | Professor of Foreign Languages | 1949- |

fortifications constituted the curriculum. In 1808 however, a report, now in the archives, contained this statement: "It was soon discovered that mere mathematics would not make either an Artillerist or an Engineer, and a power was given, by law, to appoint a teacher of Drawing and of the French Language."

François Desiré Masson, a native of France, was appointed First Teacher of French on 12 July 1803, and doubled as Teacher of Drawing. It is said that he used French writings on military history and leadership as a medium for teaching the language, a medium still in use in the Department of Foreign Languages of 1953.

The head of the Department was known as the First Teacher of French until 1846, when the term Professor of French replaced it. Instructors were almost exclusively civilians, native speakers of the language, and this condition lasted until 1856, when Army officers were detailed as instructors. Since that time the instructors have been military personnel, officers or, upon occasion, cadets.

With the introduction of Spanish in 1857 a Professor of Spanish was appointed. He held this title until his retirement in 1882, and is the only person ever to serve as Professor of Spanish.

On 30 June 1882 the Departments of French and Spanish were merged to form the Department of Modern Languages. The Department was also charged with instruction in English. In 1893 we find the three

languages being taught in sequence, English coming in Fourth Class fall, French in the following spring and fall, and Spanish in spring of Third Class year. Instructors had to be versed in all three languages and were required to teach at least two of them on the same day.

English, together with History, went to form a new department in 1910, and French and Spanish remained alone in Modern Languages until World War II. In 1949, to offset the joking questions of our South American visitors as to our reasons for not considering English a modern language, the word Modern in the Department's title was changed to Foreign, which gives it its current name.

While speaking and auditory comprehension are the principal objectives in current language teaching at West Point, reading and writing are included in the courses. Though they are not pursued as skills for their own sake, they are useful for rounding off the learning process and aiding in the attainment of the first two objectives.

Despite the largely utilitarian attitude toward language learning, the broader values are not neglected. Much information about the country whose language is under study is contained in the textbooks, which have been prepared or chosen with that in mind. And in the latter part of the second year all language courses include a series of lectures on the civilization and culture of the countries represented.

It is evident that the instructor occupies a key position in this method of instruction. He must combine knowledge of the language and a liking for its users with a clear, correct manner of speaking, and with the ability to guide the discussion of ten or more cadets without himself monopolizing the conversation. All officers engaged in foreign language instruction have lived and studied abroad in the country whose language they are teaching. Most of them have had a year of study, under Army auspices, at a foreign university just prior to reporting at West Point. Since 1946 the United States officer staff has been augmented by two foreign officers, one from Brazil and one from Mexico, assigned at West Point for two-year tours of duty by their own governments.

Enumeration of the Department's personnel would be incomplete without mention of the five civilian instructors, one in each language. These individuals are cultured natives of the countries whose languages they teach. They visit classes in session, providing in their speech a natural flavor and air of authenticity seldom achieved by the officer instructors. They also serve as technical advisers in their respective languages and guide the officer instructors in improving their acquaintance with the language and its culture.

During the past six years the Department of Foreign Languages has devised and studied a multitude of techniques in language instruction and has freely borrowed

A Recitation in Russian.



Pronunciation Laboratory in French. . . .



SOME FACTS CONCERNING THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSE

1. Each cadet studies one foreign language during his first two years at the Military Academy.
2. Languages taught, and percentage of cadets studying each:

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| French | 25% | German | 16.7% | Portuguese | 8.3% |
| | Russian | 16.7% | Spanish | 33.3% | |
3. Assignments to languages are based largely on cadets' preferences. In the Class of 1957 81.4% are studying the language of their first choice, 18.3% the language of their second choice, and two cadets the language of their third choice. A cadet having extensive previous study of or experience in a language studies a different one at West Point.
4. The basic objective of the language course is to enable the cadet to converse with native speakers.
5. After the first month of study, classroom work is entirely in the foreign language.
6. One third of the instructors are native speakers of the language they teach. All other instructors have had extensive preparation for their assignments.
7. Approximately three-fifths of a cadet's grade in the language course is based on his speaking and aural comprehension.
8. Fourth Class sections average 10 cadets, Third Class sections 11 or 12.
9. Extensive use is made of tape recorders, motion pictures, maps and drawings.
10. Conscious effort is made, throughout the course, to acquaint the cadet with the country and the people whose language he is studying.

and adapted techniques from other sources in its efforts to get the maximum value into its classroom periods. The Department has taken pleasure in the unconscious endorsement of several of its techniques by other language teachers. An intercollegiate conference on the teaching of French in 1953 proposed instruction techniques identical with those in successful use at West Point since 1947. In November 1953 the *New York Times* reported a new method being introduced in leading universities for testing comprehension in foreign languages by use of the tape recorder. The "new method" had already been used with marked success for several years in all classrooms of the Department of Foreign Languages at the Military Academy.

The military readings used by Professor Masson have their counterpart today in such works as "55 Heures de Guerre," a first-hand account of the 1940 invasion of France, vividly portrayed by the commander of a French machine-gun company. Or in a compilation of selected reports written by officers of the German General Staff, con-

taining keen analyses of the Russian soldier and officer, of guerrilla activities, of the Russian climate and terrain, and of Russian tactics. Locally written studies of Brazilian, Mexican and Russian organization and of historical examples, which will be studied in greater detail (in English) in the course in Military Art in First Class year, parallel the original materials in French and German.

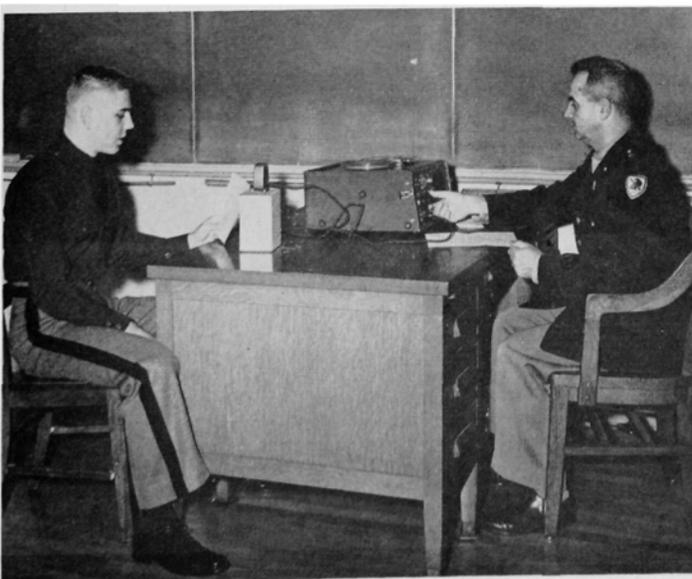
A cadet's formal language instruction terminates two years before his graduation from the Military Academy. To bridge this gap the Department of Foreign Languages lends its support to every form of interest-prolonging activity. A club has been organized in each language and is conducted by the cadets themselves with the assistance of faculty advisers. Club meetings are conducted in the language for which the club was organized. Guest speakers, foreign motion pictures, and informal study groups stimulate interest and provide cultural background material. Some clubs even publish their own mimeographed periodicals.



A typical Language-Culture-Area Display Board, as maintained by the several language instruction groups, in the south hall, third floor, East Academic Building. . .

The Department of Foreign Languages maintains a small library containing a representative selection of literary masterpieces and reference books, in addition to current literature. It subscribes to newspapers and magazines published in the five languages it teaches, and these publications are available to all officers and cadets. Officers studying abroad search out interesting materials and transmit them to the Department for the language clubs. The Department does everything in its power to maintain interest in the languages and to foster that understanding of the peoples of the world which it considers to be its ultimate objective.

A Cadet of the Fourth Class records a passage in German. . .



A Cadet of the Fourth Class practises a formal introduction in French.



The West Point Debate Council and Forum - Past and Present

By LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. G. HOLLAND, JR. and CADET W. R. SCHULZ

(Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Holland, Jr., Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, is Officer in Charge of the Debate Council and Forum. Cadet Captain W. R. Schulz is Brigade Training Officer, USCC, and President of the Debate Council and Forum.)

Now that USMA's fifth annual Student Conference on United States Affairs is history, it seems worthwhile for *Assembly* to review the history, current developments and prospects of cadet forensic discussion, and invited speaker activities.

The Military Academy was still in its first year when the Superintendent, Jonathan Williams, proposed the establishment of the United States Military Philosophical Society in order to "supplement the education and scientific activities of the United States Military Academy." Williams' early education under the tutelage of his great-uncle, Benjamin Franklin, had aroused the broad interests that encouraged him to move forward with plans for the Society, which was to embrace cadets, officers and leading civilians. Early cadet members included Sylvanus Thayer, who later, as Superintendent, played an important part in reorganizing the society after the War of 1812 under the name of the Amosophic Society. Other early active members included James Madison, John Quincy Adams, James Monroe, Robert Fulton and Eli Whitney. However, despite the famous names, the Corps of Cadets was always the nucleus of the Society.

Some of the topics of the weekly debates held while Colonel Thayer headed the Academy indicate the varied interests of the cadets: "Was Brutus Justified in Killing Caesar," "Is Love a Voluntary or Involuntary Passion?" "Has Virtue Any Advantage Over Vice As It Affects the Happiness of This Life?" "Is Justice or Mercy More Laudable?" The hand of the Chaplain, the Reverend Cave Jones, who had just donned his second hat as head of the newly organized Department of Geography, History and Ethics, the forerunner of the Department of Social Sciences, is very evident in these titles.

However, philosophy and ethics did not completely dominate Amosophic Society meetings. The recitation, from memory, of an extract from classical literature was an important attraction each week. The verbatim accounts of each meeting recorded in artistic script, and now in the West Point Library, show presentation of Gray's *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*; Goldsmith's *Deserted Village*, and Collins' *Ode to the Passions*. In 1822 the Philomathean Society absorbed the interests of the Amosophic Society, and contests on problems selected from the exact sciences were added to the forensic activities. During this period of the young Republic, when problems in the fields of the physical sciences were a rising challenge to young Americans, the demand for these extra-curricular activities was great enough to lead to the organization in 1823 of a competing club, the Ciceronians.

During 1824, the mid-period of Colonel Thayer's superintendency, the still-existent Dialectic Society was formed by combining the Philomatheans and the Ciceronians.

The early years of the Dialectic Society coincided with the crucial years of internal tension in America. The debating and discussions during the years 1824 to 1860 reflected clearly the patterns of thought and public opinion of the young nation. An excerpt from a cadet's letter to his parents, written in 1838, shows the tenor of debating of the period:

We had quite an animated discussion the other evening on the justice of the lynch law. We got very warm; indeed, the debate came very near merging into



OPENING PLENARY SESSION: Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke to the SCUSA conferees and the upper three classes of the Corps on "Problems of World Peace" on the opening day of the conference.

the discussion of abolition. This, you are aware, is a very tender subject, and, for our society, a very improper one. For my own part, I got very much excited, and my free avowal of abolition principles did not tend to allay the feeling which existed among members.

Two years later the fervor of the log cabin and hard cider Presidential campaign reached West Point. A popular debate topic was, "Ought the South to Prefer William Henry Harrison to Martin Van Buren at the Coming Election?" A minority view among cadets is revealed in a defeated amendment to the Dialectic Society Constitution, which read in part, "that no question which brings into discussion the tenets of any religious denomination or

which involves the party politics of the day shall be debated in the Society." The majority was not to be denied their right of full and free discussion for the Society went on to debate such critical issues as: "Whether a State Has the Right to Secede from the Union," "Is Texas Justifiable in the Conquest of Mexico?" and "Has a State Under Any Circumstances the Right to Nullify an Act of Congress?"

These important subjects were debated by cadets who were to play important roles in the solution of the problems involved. For example, the journal of the society for the years 1839-43 records the names of Grant, Pope, Longstreet, Rodman, Reynolds, Thomas, Ewell, Anderson, Hardie and Ward—all of whom within twenty years were to help settle issues on the field of battle that were first posed for them in West Point debates.

During and after the Civil War, debating fell into a decline at the Military Academy. The influence of northern cadets walking arm-in-arm with their southern classmates to the railroad station, the melancholy farewells, and the impact of hard fought campaigns that pitted in opposition former classmates—all joined to place an apparently self-imposed damper on debating and discussion among post-war classes. During this period, the Dialectic Society gradually lost its character as a debating society and assumed its present role at West Point, the annual production of a musical show on *Hundredth Night*. The Society's debating hall and library continued for a while as a reading room used by cadets during leisure hours. Such debating as occurred at West Point until 1934 was conducted without benefit of a formal cadet organization and usually under the sponsorship of an individual officer or academic department.

The rebirth of debating was preceded by a revival of public speaking and invited lecturers, started during the superintendency of General Douglas MacArthur. During the early and mid-1920's a very active cadet YMCA organization instituted a series of Sunday evening programs. Guest speakers talked on a variety of subjects "oftentimes delving into the realm of current events and economic or social problems." The Corps had favorite speakers among the Professors also, for a cadet report relates, "Whenever Colonel Holt (Economics, Government and History) is willing to discourse on politics, sardine-can tactics have to be employed to get into the hall."

Previously, Col. Holt had done much to stimulate cadet interest in matters of national interest by bringing distinguished speakers to West Point for Saturday morning lectures to the Fourth Class. Among such speakers were several university presidents and, most notable of all, President William H. Taft.

Intramural debates, however, apparently played a very small role in the life of the



PANEL—Members of the panel which discussed "The Formation of a National Security Policy" were: Left to Right—Mr. Walter Millis, New York Herald Tribune; Col. H. A. Gerhardt, Department of Defense; Col. Herman Beukema, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, U.S.M.A.; Hon. Jacob K. Javits, House of Representatives; Hon. John D. Hickerson, State Department.

Corps until several enthusiastic cadets, Thomas Gillis, Ralph Haines and Kent Parrot, brought new vigor to debating. In 1934 under the guiding hand of Major John M. Devine, the cadet group was formally organized as the Cadet Debating Society. In that same year, West Point participated in its first intercollegiate debate. Manhattan College traveled to West Point to meet members of the Debating Society in, "Resolved, That the Progress of Science Is a Great and Growing Menace to Civilization." The interest and activity grew until there were over 60 intercollegiate debates in the school year 1940-41.

Cadet sponsored lectures came sharply to the fore in the early 1930's, sparked by the protest of a group of cadets against the mediocrity of the run of YMCA lectures. Leader of this group was Cadet Charles W. Thayer, Class of 1933. Initially, the proposal was rejected by the Superintendent, who, a few months later, reversed his stand. The first two speakers engaged for Sunday evening appearances were Cameron Forbes, former Governor of the Philippines, and

Congressman Henry Cabot Lodge. Cadet response was such that a packed house greeted all lecturers. Funds to finance these activities were raised initially through cadet subscriptions. Later, officers and other personnel were given that opportunity. In the interim, supervision of the project was assigned to the General Lecture Committee of the Academic Board, chiefly because of two untoward incidents. A Russian refugee, General Yakontov, purportedly a White Russian, proved to be a Bolshevik propagandist; and a prominent member of Congress, now deceased, came forward with a presentation of the long since repudiated Nye Committee approach to the problem of national defense, so unrealistic as to facts and interpretation, that for some 12 years afterward, no invitation to lecture at West Point was extended to any person active in politics. In time, musical entertainments gradually displaced lectures in this project until the Cadet Lecture Committee became the present Cadet Special Program Committee, offering a menu confined to music and other types of entertainment. The gap thus left was filled by a

great increase in lectures sponsored on the one hand by agencies of the Academic Board and, on the other, by the West Point Forum, discussed below.

As war clouds arose across the Atlantic and Pacific a concern for our future appeared in many of the topics debated by cadets in competition with other colleges. "Resolved, That the League of Nations Should Be Made a Super-State," was debated with Holy Cross in November 1937, and "Resolved, That the Present Rearmament Plans of the United States Should Be Abandoned," raised many crucial arguments when debated with New York University a year later. In the spring of 1941 West Point debaters, in a radio debate, brought a flood of protesting mail to the Superintendent by defending the thesis that "We Should Defend America by Giving Aid to the Allies."

World War II and the three-year accelerated training program removed cadet teams from intercollegiate debate platforms until 1945 when the Debating Society was recon-

A Student Conference Roundtable at work. Led by Capt. R. C. Stender of the Department of Social Sciences the students are discussing internal United States aspects of the Conference subject, "The National Security Policy of the United States." Participating in this group were Cadets Donald P. Shaw, Allen L. Jennings and Gerald J. Samos.

Mr. Bernard M. Baruch talks with a group of the Debate Council and Forum at supper in Washington Hall preceding his talk to the Corps under the auspices of Forum's Sunday Evening Lecture Series. Left to Right: Cadet James G. Plunkett, Vice-President, Debate Council and Forum; Cadet Roger R. Kolker, Chairman, Sunday Evening Lecture Series; Mr. Baruch; Cadet Bill T. Thompson, Chairman, West Point Student Conference on U.S. Affairs; Cadet William R. Schulz, President, Debate Council and Forum; and Cadets Donald P. Shaw, Jack D. Dennis, Allan L. Jennings (back to camera) and James M. L. Karns.



stituted. Since then the pace set by cadet debaters has been steadily increasing until it currently engages in over 250 intercollegiate debates a year.

By 1946 the Debating Society was so firmly re-established that it sponsored the first West Point Intercollegiate Debate Tournament. In 1947 the enlarged Society was reorganized as the West Point Debate Council. The new constitution dedicated the Council to the mission of giving every interested cadet an opportunity to develop his ability as a public speaker and debater. Launching on a broader program in support of that mission, the Council began an integrated schedule of debate courses for novices, a course in public speaking, intramural and intra-Council debate tournaments and panel discussion groups that culminated in the spring of the year with the creation of the West Point National Debate Tournament which indicates a mythical National Debate Champion—this being the only national tournament held. The participants are West Point, the winner of the previous year, and 32 other colleges determined by competition as being the best in the 8 districts into which the United States is divided for selection purpose. In the seven years it has been held 200 important college debating teams have competed therein. USMA has never won the tournament but has usually finished among the top 8 schools.

In postwar years cadets have debated with college teams from all the States and Canada. In 1948, at the invitation of the Union Society of Oxford, a cadet debate squad of three men journeyed to England, just 173 years after Bunker Hill, to engage the Oxonians in debating: "Resolved, That the Separation of the American Colonies from Great Britain Had Better Never Occurred."

The trip abroad, the visits of college teams, and the initiating of the West Point Student Conferences on United States Affairs led to new interests. A permanent discussion group, known as the Forum, was formed in 1949 within the Debate Council. The Forum revived the pre-war program of cadet sponsored speakers for small discussion groups and for the Corps—the first this year being Mr. Bernard Baruch. The

BANQUET SPEAKER—Cadet Bill T. Thompson, general chairman for SCUSA V, introduces Mr. W. Averell Harriman, principal speaker at the banquet held during the four day conference at West Point. Left to Right: Mrs. F. A. Irving, Mr. Harriman, Cadet Thompson, Major General F. A. Irving, Superintendent, U. S. Military Academy.



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Forum also sponsors evening discussion seminars for research and holds discussions on topics such as, *Problems in American History, Causes of War and Conflicting Ideologies*. By 1951 Forum activities had aroused so much interest that the Debate Council adopted a new charter, renaming itself the West Point Debate Council and Forum.

The annual National Debate Tournament and the annual Student Conference on United States Affairs have been the two main events around which Council activities turn. Aided by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation, the Debate Council, under the guidance of the Department of Social Sciences, began in 1949 conferences that have been held annually since that time. Outstanding students from about fifty eastern colleges and universities, and faculty members, government officials, representatives from the war colleges and general staff have attended. Out of approximately 250 invitations sent to college presidents asking for top-flight students as delegates, only one president has declined the invitation. The conferences, styled on the Brookings Institution faculty seminars, have had a two-fold objective: to produce an orderly and informative discussion of a major American foreign policy issue, and to broaden students' associations with their collegiate contemporaries. The conferences obviously help USMA in the public information field in relation to other educational institutions.

Distinguished national figures have come to West Point to assist the Debate Council and Forum in making an outstanding success of the Student Conferences. The list of speakers and panelists reads like a chapter from *Who's Who*, and includes Generals Gruenther, Bolte, and Lemnitzer, Admiral Radford, Drs. Grayson Kirk and Edward Meade Earle, Mr. Averell Harriman, Mr. John J. McCloy and the late Dr. Leo Pasvolksy.

This year's Conference on U.S. Security Policy, held from December 2 to December 5, was an outstanding success. The subject was *The National Security Policy of the United States*. The delegates from six Canadian universities did not find themselves on unfamiliar ground—the security problems of the two countries being very much the same. The 120 college students

and the 30 faculty and expert advisers who participated in this conference heard excellent speeches by Admiral Radford, John J. McCloy, and Averell Harriman, and a panel discussion by Congressman Jacob K. Javits, John D. Hickerson, Dept. of State, Walter Millis of the *New York Herald Tribune*, and Colonel Harrison A. Gerhardt, Department of the Army. This fifth annual student conference successfully concluded the major pre-Christmas activities of the Debate Council and Forum, and attention is now being directed to the intercollegiate and intramural debates, discussions, seminars, and invited speaker program of the winter and spring months, and to the planning of the Eighth Annual National Invitational Debate Tournament to be held in May.

These debate and forum activities again this year promise to add materially, through enthusiastic voluntary activity, to the education of cadets, to a better understanding of national problems by cadets, and to a better understanding and increased respect for West Point.

FIRST CAPTAINS CONFER—Cadet J. C. Bard, First Captain of the Corps of Cadets, and Midshipman R. F. Pavia, First Captain of the Brigade of Midshipmen, talk together over a cup of coffee at the informal reception held in the Weapons Room following an address by Mr. John J. McCloy.



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. 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.

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Johnston, Franklin V., Jr.
Lazar, Aaron M.
Meulenberg, Andrew
Mikkelsen, William H.
Momm, Edwin C.
Moore, Roy E.
Nelson, Russell M.
Porter, Ira W.
Praband, Bun Mar
Puryear, Romulus W.
Rude, Walter A.
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Cory, Ira W.
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Grubbs, Sydney D., Jr.
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Henry, Henry T.
Humphries, Ferdinand M.
Jellett, David T.
Jensen, Walter A.
King, Richard T., Jr.
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Mack, Stephen B.
Madison, Seymour E.
Maston, Victor E.
Mathews, Joel L.

McCrary, Arthur A.
Meals, Robert W.
Merriam, Lauren W.
Neely, Robert B.
O'Connor, Thomas J.
Olson, Hardin L.
O'Malley, Joseph H.
O'Reilly, John D.
Otto, Samuel E.
Porter, Gardner W.
Rayburn, Robert W.
Richardson, Jules V.
Shields, Jewell B.
Shinkle, John G.
Simpson, Gerald C.
Starbird, Alfred D.
Sudduth, Duff W.
Sweeting, Harry W., Jr.
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White, George W.
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Cook, Frederic C.
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Darrah, John W., Jr.
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Gould, Karl T.
Hanley, Paul T.
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Mead, John E.
Moore, Edward W.
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Mullen, William J., Jr.
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Johnson, Ewing C.
McEntee, Ducat
Mosby, John T.
Murphy, Daniel J.
Pedersen, Maynard D.
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Lawlor, Thomas J.
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Peck, Allen L.
Punsalan y Flores, Leon
Romlein, John W.
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Stone, John P.
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Adams, Lorenzo D.
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DeHart, Edward G.
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Frolich, Alexander J.
Hartman, Frank E.
Henderson, James E.
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Isbell, James H.
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Latta, William B.
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Johnson, John G.
Kinney, Andrew J.
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Larsen, Stanley R.
McMahon, Robert E.
Pickard, John G.
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St. Clair, Howard

Stone, William C., Jr.
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Wohlfel, Carl H.
Yarnall, Kenneth L.

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Clarke, Leon L., Jr.
Cloke, Marshall
Colligan, Robert L., Jr.
Conley, Victor G.
Corbly, John B., Jr.
Davis, Theodore W.
Delaney, Robert J.
Denno, Bryce F.
Dodderidge, Robert R.
East, John R.
England, Sanford P.
Farthing, William E., Jr.
Fitzpatrick, Edward D.
Floryan, Thaddeus P.
Forbes, Lawrence G.
Gee, Alan E.
Greene, James S., Jr.
Hardin, Joseph S.
Horton, William F.
Kreitzer, James F.
Kuziv, Michael
Leahy, Osmund A.
Lucas, Edward D.
Lynn, Edison A., Jr.
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Malone, Arthur G.
Marston, Morrill E.
McKenney, Stewart L.
Mendez, Louis G., Jr.
Millican, Raymond W.
Miner, Ralph E.
Murphy, Cornelius A.
O'Keefe, John T.
Pfeil, Robert C.
Prann, Bradley F.
Ridgell, James McL.
Sanford, Graham C.
Saunders, William W.
Schmaltz, Fred A.
Scott, Thomas H., Jr.
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Simpson, Harry T., Jr.
Stewart, Jodie S., Jr.
Stirling, Warren C.
Strock, Alan M.
Wagner, Frank B.
Webster, Sanford H.
Williams, James F., Jr.
Williams, Robert R.
Winton, Walter F., Jr.
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THE TALE OF A GOAT

By LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE W. McINTYRE, '41

Lieutenant General Doyle O. Hickey, Retired, formerly Commanding General of the Third Armored Division in World War II and later Chief of Staff of the Far East Command during the major part of the Korean conflict, once made a piquant remark to me. He told me of a saying in the "Old Army" that the only officers who could get superior efficiency reports were Aides, Aviators, Asses, and Adjutants. This remark is the baldest alliteration, but it tickled my funny bone at the time. Several years later it came to my mind under different circumstances—all a part of "The Tale of the Goat."

Being an accessory-after-the-fact I am outlining in some little detail the story of the kidnaping of Billy XII, the mascot of the Naval Academy. I do this so that as the years go on and my imagination grows more fanciful, I cannot enlarge the facts beyond those presented here. A further motive is the hope that upon reading this account, my friends will stop calling me the "Old Goat Herd" and my daughter "Heidi".

Prior to the Navy game of 1953 there were quiet but insistent rumors throughout the Corps that something would be done to deprive the Midshipmen of their prized mascot, Billy. Some time before the football season, General Michaelis, the Commandant of Cadets, and the Commandant of the Naval Academy, Captain Buchanan, had reached an informal agreement that in order to stem the steam which inevitably arose during the football season, no acts bordering on vandalism would be permitted by either side. I am reasonably certain that both had in mind the cadet prank of the 1952 season when a Destroyer Escort berthed at the South Dock was decorated with the words "Beat Navy" in six-foot letters. This agreement was passed down through the Chain of Command to the cadets but obviously did not reach all 2,400.

On the evening of 20 November there was a football rally in the cadet dining hall. In the center aisle mounted on a platform was a large cardboard carton. At the appropriate time the side walls of this carton were kicked out, and there before all the cadets stood the purloined goat (see cut). Of course, all was chaos in the dining hall. The Officer in Charge of the Cheerleaders, while appreciating the joke, uneasily anticipated further possibilities such as shaving off the goat's hair or painting the beast black, gold, and gray. To forestall this, following the rally, he turned the goat over to the Military Police and the Post Veterinarian. The Veterinarian, desiring to keep the whole affair as unofficial as possible, had the goat removed from West Point by civilian vehicle and taken to the farm of a fellow veterinarian some miles from West Point for safekeeping.

To return a moment to the matter of the actual kidnaping, the best that I can determine is that two parties of cadets went to Annapolis on week-end leave. One group made an amphibious assault on the Naval Academy while the second group drove to Annapolis in a convertible coupe owned by a West Point soldier. Neither group knew of the other's mission or plan. The two cadets of the ground force scaled the wall surrounding the Naval Academy and proceeded to the goat's pen. They broke the

lock, released the animal, and departed. By chance, the goat led them to the sea wall, where they tried to cut the wire fence and escape. At this moment a cadet of the amphibious party came by in a rowboat. When identification had been properly made, the seaborne soldier gave the two kidnapers and the goat transport around the sea wall to safety. The two cadets who originally got the goat then returned to the waiting automobile and drove back to West Point. Billy, being an amiable animal, caused no trouble, but being a hungry goat, he ate a fair portion of the rear seat upholstery.

The evening of the rally the Commandant received several calls from members of the Post expressing admiration for the accomplishment of the operation. The Superintendent, General Irving, discussed the matter with the Commandant but issued no directive at this time. The following morning the Commandant became convinced that the joke had been carried far enough. Following the theory that you don't goad your enemy to superhuman efforts and the fact that the Navy team was going to be tough enough without an angry brigade of Midshipmen behind them, he decided that the goat should be returned. He telephoned the Superintendent and so recommended. General Irving agreed heartily. To the best of my knowledge (and this is unofficial) there was no order from authority higher than the Superintendent. Immediately after receiving approval from the Superintendent, the Commandant received a telephone call from Captain Buchanan, the Commandant of the Naval Academy. Needless to say, Captain Buchanan was more than somewhat irked. He stated that while he appreciated the ingenuity of the cadets, he could not be responsible for the actions of his Midshipmen should the goat not be returned. General Michaelis then told him of his decision to send the goat back with me as escort.

The Commandant directed the Veterinarian to procure the goat, and the small caravan departed West Point at 1330. 21 November. Those in the party were a veterinary non-commissioned officer, two drivers, and of course, Billy. I led the way in a sedan, while Billy and driver followed in a one-half ton truck. The trip to Annapolis was uneventful, the group arriving at 2030.

On my way down I had no plans other than to report to the Commandant of Midshipmen, reaffirm cordial relations, and explain the position of the Commandant of Cadets. This position was that our return of the goat was entirely voluntary, that there was no apology intended or extended, and that we felt that the cadets had pulled a good prank but realized the consequences of attempting to retain the goat until the day of the game. Further, I was to make it plain that the Soccer team, which had played Navy at Annapolis the past Saturday, had absolutely nothing to do with the goat-naping. In brief, my mission was to mollify.

Upon arrival at Annapolis, we were met by a Naval Patrol vehicle and were escorted to Bancroft Hall, red lights flashing and sirens wailing. Awaiting our arrival at Bancroft Hall was a bevy of Midshipmen and Naval officers. Much to my surprise,

the Midshipmen were having a large pep rally at that time. After a picture or two, the goat was whipped off to join the rally. At this point the Assistant Commandant of Midshipmen, Captain Edwin T. Miller, took me in hand, and we proceeded to the rally where I met Captain Buchanan. Of course, the Midshipmen were all in a frenzy since their goat and been returned and was up on the platform with the cheerleaders. While I was being introduced to Captain Buchanan, Mrs. Buchanan, and Mrs. Miller, a low but insistent cheer started—"We want the Colonel." Mass hysteria took over, and the cheer reached quite some proportions. At this time the Midshipmen started closing in on us and Captain Buchanan said to me, "I don't know what you're going to do, but I'm going up on the platform—would you please say a word to the Midshipmen?" Being backed off in a corner, as it were, there was nothing I could conveniently do but accompany Captain Buchanan to the platform. He made a very short speech to the Midshipmen and then introduced me.

I had made no preparations for an occasion such as this and might properly be skinned for "no prior planning." However, as Captain Buchanan was talking to me, General Hickey's story came to my mind. Because the press quoted my few foolish words somewhat out of context, I will set forth my remarks as accurately as I can.

As I stepped to the microphone, the goat moved his head and jabbed me in the leg me with his horn. I grabbed his horn and started out:

"I have learned one thing today, and that is that you've got to grab this thing by the horns.

"There is a saying in the Army about a certain class of personnel known as Aides, Aviators, Asses, and Adjutants.

"Well, I'm the Adjutant of the Corps of Cadets.

"For the past seven hours I've been Aide to a goat.

"And right now I feel like a bit of an Ass speaking at a Navy rally.

"I am obliged to wish you good luck in Saturday's game. I can assure you that you will need it because we have a mighty fine team at West Point."

(Editor's Note: Colonel McIntyre is *not* an Aviator!)

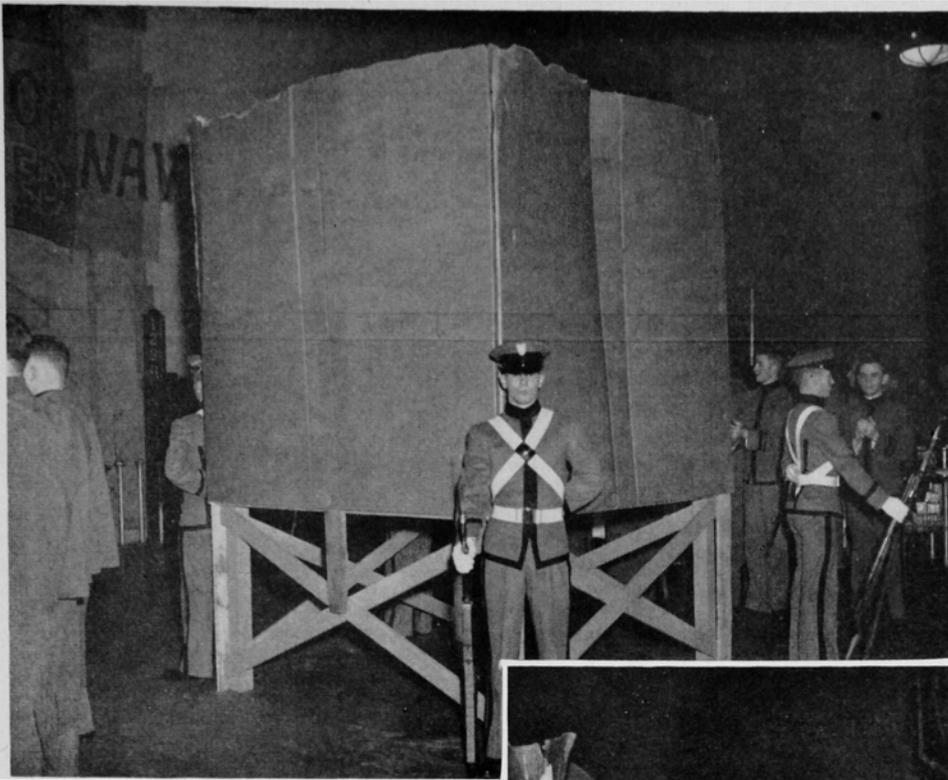
At this point the meeting got out of hand, and I was unable because of the cheering to proceed further.

It is my fervent hope that the cadet mind will remain ever fertile in the field of mischief. Certainly this prank will compare favorably in the annals of cadet lore with the painting of the Navy Destroyer ('52), the exploits of "The Mole" ('43) and many other escapades of cadet days which should be made of record in the archives of our Alma Mater.

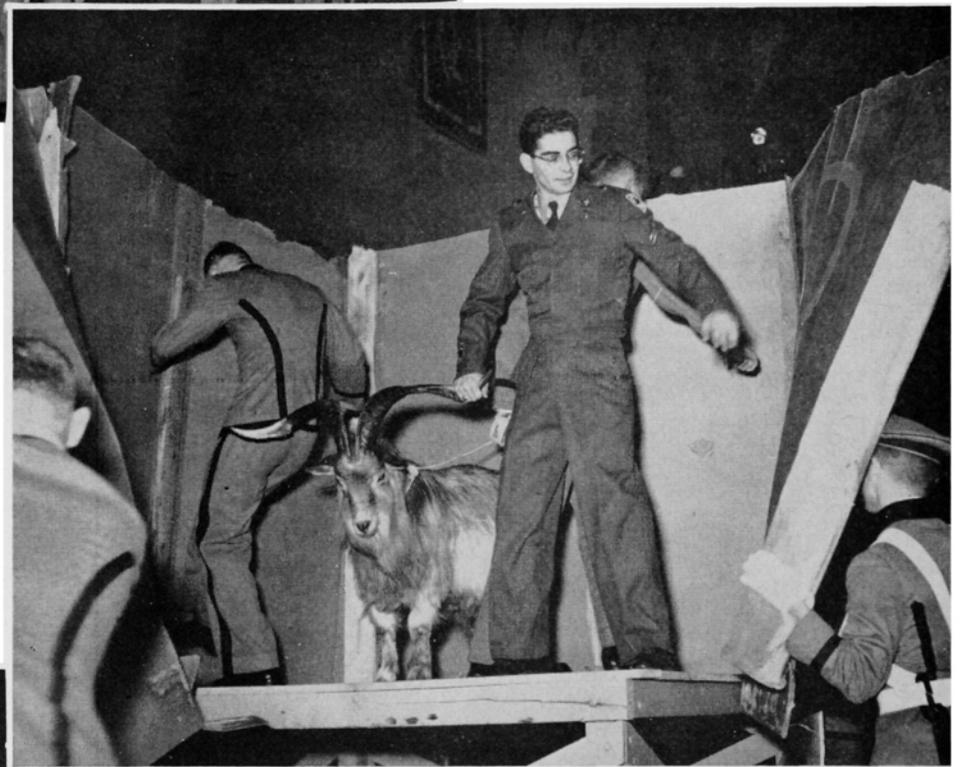
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P. S. It's needless to add, of course, that in addition to winning the first skirmish, the Corps and the Team went on to win the campaign, Army 20—Navy 7.

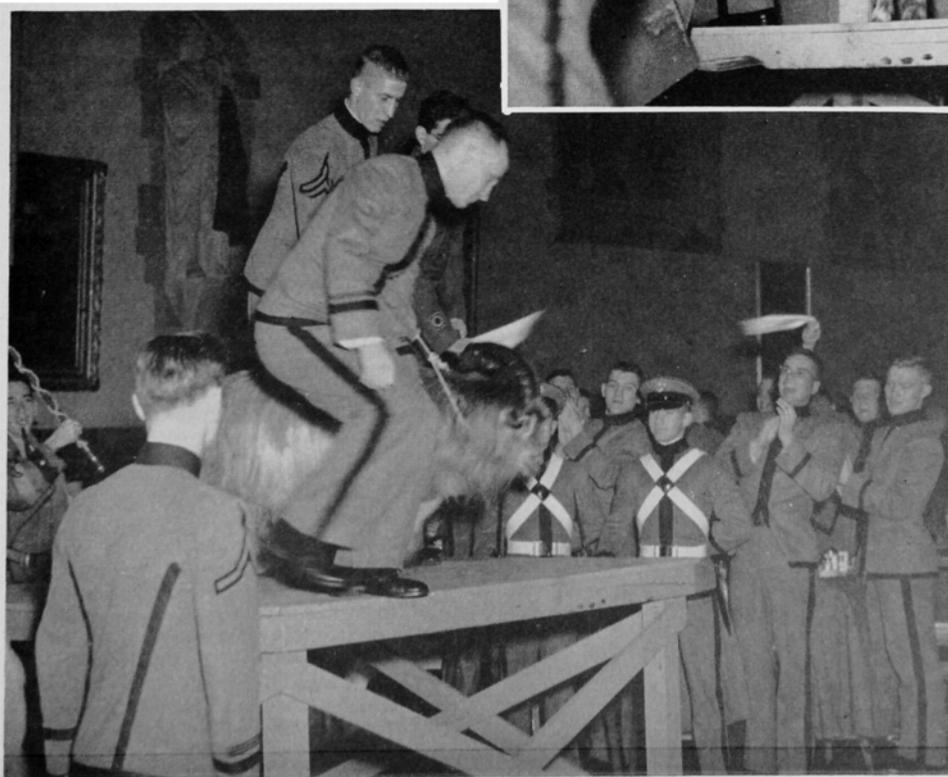
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What is it?



Whose is it?



THE NAVY'S!!



By Joe Cahill

A COACH OF THE YEAR

Colonel Earl H. (Red) Blaik was signal-ly honored by the Touchdown Club at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C., on January 9th, when he was awarded the Club's Coach of the Year accolade.

A gathering of nearly 800 sportsmen, including many distinguished Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, and high ranking military officers, were present.

The award is made annually by the Touchdown Club to an eminently successful college coach, who also presents a true portrayal of the higher purposes of his profession—that of blending inspiration and character into the competitive abilities of his players.

In introducing Coach Blaik, Mr. Bob Considine, noted columnist and TV commentator, said "Red Blaik met his toughest challenge with exemplary courage."

"In his 1953 comeback," Mr. Considine continued, "he posted a 7-1-1 record that included a highly satisfying victory over Navy. This difficult task of rebuilding is a grand monument to its gentlemanly architect, Red Blaik. He has done more than restore a football power. He has restored a faith."

The Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives, presented the beautifully engraved silver bowl. In his presentation speech, Congressman Martin paid tribute to Colonel Blaik and closed his remarks by saying: "It is a personal pleasure for me to join with you in presenting this award. I am certain that the people of America will be very pleased with the selection."

"I can't imagine why you wanted me to come down here to accept this award," Coach Blaik said, "when you have the Coach

of the Year right in your own back yard, namely; Jim Tatum."

"However, I am very proud to be honored by such an illustrious group. In accepting this trophy, I want to say that I owe much to the Corps of Cadets, 2,400 strong, who got behind this team, but I owe most to the small squad who gave me the greatest satisfaction in all the years of my coaching career."

Others included in the array of distinguished guests were the Honorable Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable William O. Douglas, U. S. Supreme Court Justice; the Honorable Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Sherman Minton, U. S. Supreme Court Justice; and the Honorable Sam Rayburn, Democratic Leader of the House of Representatives—to name only a few.

This is the second time that Coach Blaik has been so honored. He was previously named Coach of the Year by his colleagues in 1946.

Blaik's record at West Point includes two National and six Eastern championships, and five undefeated seasons.



Colonel Blaik at the speakers table at the Touchdown Club dinner in Washington on 9 January 1954. On the left is the Honorable Sherman Minton, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and on the right is the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The record books of the Military Academy are studded with the achievements of our football forces through the years. Occasional National Championships, frequent Eastern titles and numerous undefeated seasons are sprinkled throughout the pages of our football history.

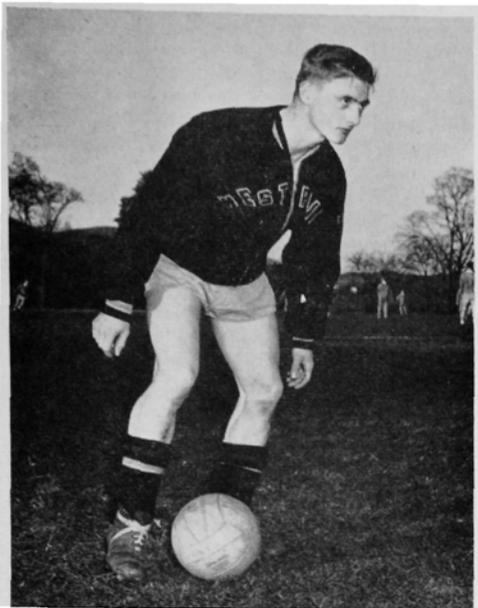
In 1953 Army did not win National honors and neither was it undefeated, but its accomplishments will long be recalled by football men everywhere. Commendable, to say the least, is the season's mark of 7 victories, one loss and a tie.

Rarely has any major college team been endowed with less natural ability. Seldom has a squad been forced to operate under so many handicaps. But what the team lacked in talented performers it more than equalized in fortitude and resourcefulness.

To comprehend fully the enormous task that confronted this squad, it is well to reflect on the outlook as of September 1st. At that time Army was characterized as thin in both experience and depth. The loss of six starters through academic failure, injury and resignation, played havoc with the plans established during spring practice. It is little wonder that the Cadets then were regarded in most quarters as "also rans" in the East and given no National consideration whatsoever.

Red Blaik, in his thirteenth season, was apprehensive, but hopeful. He juggled personnel almost with abandon. More than a dozen major position shifts were noted before the squad was readied for the opening kickoff.

In a final desperate move, Blaik gambled in a striking departure from precedent by entrusting starting responsibilities to four



Frank Adams—Soccer Captain for 1954.

yearlings. He called on Bob Farris and Ron Melnik, tackles; Ralph Chesnauskas, guard; and Pat Uebel, halfback. Not only did each fulfill the requirements of a starter, but each also had the added accolade of turning in outstanding efforts in many games.

To single out individuals in this instance is difficult. This was primarily a team effort. However, in deference to the more consistent performers, it might be well to record some of the outstanding feats.

Both Bob Farris and Bob Mischak, end, were singled out for honors. Each was named to the All-East team and each was awarded a certificate of All-America by the NBC-TV sportscasters, who witnessed nearly thirty major games from coast-to-coast.

A former student at Vanderbilt, where he used up one year of eligibility as a center, Farris switched to tackle and combined his operation at linebacker. A veritable workhorse, he played the full sixty minutes against Navy and Penn, and was in for all but three minutes against Duke and Tulane.

Jesse Abramson, veteran Herald-Tribune reporter, wrote after the Navy game, "Anyone who left Farris off the All-America is defrauding the public." The Army squad seconded the motion by appointing this outstanding cadet as their captain for the 1954 season.

Mischak, to say the least, was consistently brilliant. His pursuit of Red Smith, speedy Duke halfback, is being mentioned among the all-time individual efforts by an Army player. With Army out in front 14 to 13 in the final moments of the game, Smith on a deep reverse, broke into the open and was headed for the winning touchdown until caught from behind by Mischak at the ten yard line after a seventy yard chase. In the Tulane game Mischak blocked a field goal attempt, partially blocked a punt and also recovered a fumble to help preserve a scoreless tie against the inspired Green Wave. Later in the season Bob played important defensive roles in both the Pennsylvania and Navy triumphs.

Noteworthy, too, was the amazing performance of Gerry Lodge at fullback. A guard and linebacker throughout the previous two seasons, Lodge was called on as a ball carrier when Freddie Attaya, rated among the finest backs in the country, was lost to the team with a knee injury. When asked during mid-season how Lodge was doing in his new role, Blaik was prompted to state: "He is just slow enough to be de-

ceptive." At the end of the season Blaik made a new appraisal: "He looks more like a fullback every day." The statistics certainly prove the point. Gerry ranked fifth in the East in rushing with 571 yards in 131 carries, and he scored six touchdowns.

Following two seasons of alternately good and bad quarterbacking, Pete Vann "arrived" this year with a flourish. He enjoyed two particularly great afternoons, completing 12 of 15 passes against Dartmouth and a phenomenal 21 of 27 against Tulane. He was instrumental in saving the Pennsylvania game with three heroic tackles from his position at safety. Pete finished fourth in the East in passing proficiency and was among the top twenty in the country. He completed 63 of 113 passes that piled up 885 yards. Eight of his throws were good for scores. He was often referred to as the pink-cheeked boy by the coaches. However, after his stirring Penn performance Blaik advised him in the dressing room: "Today you became a man!"

Throughout most of the season Army was desperately in need of a broken field runner. In the first six games few gains were registered over twenty yards. Those that



Pete Vann—Quarterback.

did go for important yardage were credited in most instances to Uebel. Few Army backs, or Navy backs for that matter, ever experienced the tremendous afternoon that Uebel had in the climactic thriller in Municipal Stadium. The young yearling scored all three touchdowns, a feat that has eluded a Service Academy back since Doc Blanchard turned the trick in 1945. One score came on the longest run of the season, a 70 yard sprint with a punt return. Incidentally, his ten touchdowns paced the scorers.

There were indeed other sterling individual performances. It seemed that a different player rose to the occasion each Saturday.

At the conclusion of the season Army was awarded the Lambert Trophy, symbolic of the Eastern championship, for the sixth time in ten years. The trophy was presented in the Mess Hall, which marked the first time in the history of the award that a student body was asked to participate.

There was no question of Army's superiority in the East. The Cadets were undefeated, taking Navy (20-7), Penn (21-14), Columbia (40-7), and Dartmouth (27-0). Nationally, Army ranked among the top 15, a lofty position considering the humble be-

ginning of this squad two short seasons ago.

There is considerable statistical evidence to back up both choices. In the East Army was foremost in total offense with an imposing 348 yards per game and gained the runner-up spot in rushing offense with 230 yards per game. Nationally, Army was among the top ten in both total and rushing offense, and rushing defense.

In summarizing the season, it is well to remember that Army was given no chance of beating Northwestern, Duke, Tulane, Pennsylvania and Navy. In addition, the Middies were regarded by their coaching staff as being "the finest squad at Annapolis since 1946."

In the second game of the season Northwestern took advantage of a series of sophomoric misplays to hand the Cadets their only setback, 33-20. Playing far and away its best game of the season, Tulane managed to hold Army to a scoreless tie, despite a polished performance by the Cadets.

This was "last call" for thirteen First Classmen, including Freddie Attaya, Gerry Lodge, Captain Leroy Lunn, Bob Mischak, Lowell Sisson, Norman Stephen, and Dick Ziegler, each of whom was considered a first string player. Farris, too, is a questionable quantity, having had to undergo a delicate eye operation for a detached retina, an injury believed to have occurred in the Navy game.

Next year the task appears just as difficult, with the return of only thirteen letter winners. This is an unusually small group for a major college team to have to build around.

The schedule is unique in that only three games will be played at Michie Stadium. The dates are as follows:

- Sept. 25—Univ. of South Carolina
- Oct. 2—Michigan—at Ann Arbor
- 9—Dartmouth
- 16—Duke—at Durham
- 23—Columbia—at New York
- 30—Univ. of Virginia
- Nov. 6—Yale—at New Haven
- 13—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia
- 20—Open
- 27—Navy—at Philadelphia

About next year? Blaik reminds us: "We're still not out of the woods, but the timber isn't so tall."

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John Johnson—Captain of the 1953 Lacrosse Team.

Under the aegis of Coach Joe Palone, the Cadets have lost only two of 39 soccer games over the past four seasons. The past fall a loss to Temple and a tie with Yale were all that marred an otherwise perfect ten game slate. For the fourth straight year Army set back the Middies.

Frank, "Scotty", Adams was elected captain for the 1954 season. A native of Kearny, N. J., he has been both an outstanding athlete and an honor student at the Military Academy for the past three years. In 1952 he was named to the All-America soccer team. Prior to entering West Point he resided in Scotland, where he was outstanding in both grammar school and high school competition. He comes from a soccer family, so to speak — his grandfather, father and uncle all having played professional soccer

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For the second time in six years the cross country team was relegated to the runner-up position in the Heptagonal championships. The loss of too many harriers through graduation proved a heavy handicap to the squad. Coach Nate Cartmell's charges recorded dual meet victories over Villanova, Dartmouth, Manhattan and Syra-

cuse. They lost to Providence and Pittsburgh.

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The winter sports season, at this writing, is just getting underway and little, if anything, can be said regarding the prospects. However, from the coaches and a study of returning personnel, the following is a summation of what the Gloom Period probably holds in store.

Basketball had an even split in the initial four games. Bill Hannon, who holds all individual scoring marks at the Academy, is again the backbone of the squad. He is expected to get some help from Mark Binstein, a yearling. Coach Bob Vanatta, who succeeded Elmer Ripley, is busy developing a new crop of cagers with which he hopes to pick up the remnants of a once powerful sport here.

There are two outstanding performers on the track squad who can be considered contenders in either the Heptagonal or IC4A championships. Lew Olive, a Second Classman, broke Dick Shea's outdoor mile mark with a 4:11 clocking in winning the outdoor IC4A title. Bill Purdue, in the sprints and high hurdles, is a standout if a knee injury doesn't hamper his progress

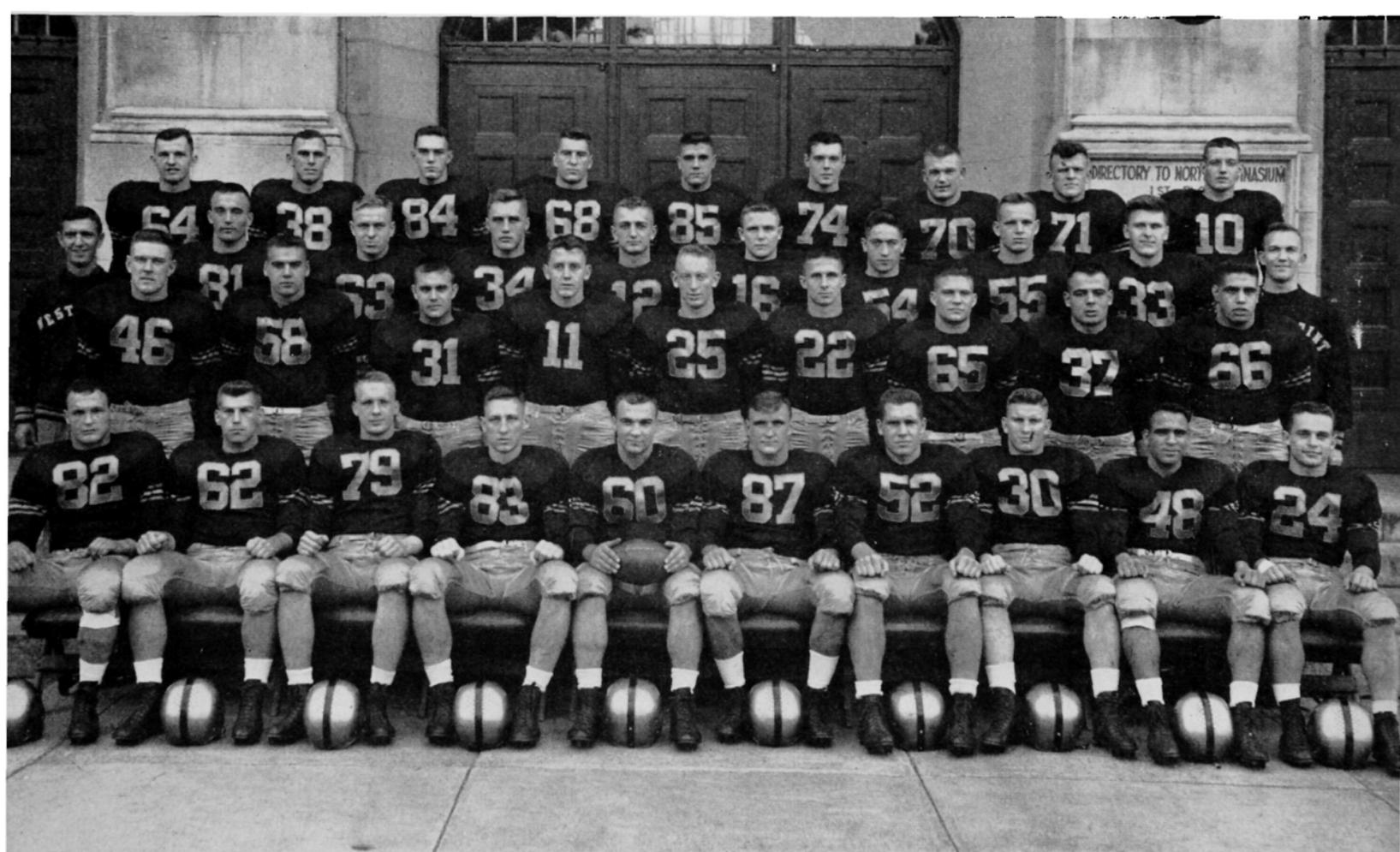
Andy Maloney is defending 147 pound boxing champion, and Gerry Lodge, heavy-weight, and Gerry Tebben, 175 pound class, are rated challengers in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament.

John Ballantyne, who tied with teammate Bill Renner for the Intercollegiate rope climb title, is one of the mainstays of the gym team.

The swimming team boasts one of the finest individual performers in the history of the sport here. Captain Pete Witteried, nationally ranked backstroker, holds both the 100 and 200 yard Academy records in his specialty, and is an outstanding contender for Eastern honors.

Lacrosse, though out of season, made the headlines. Colonel Elliott W. Amick, USA, Retired, Class of '38, and now Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics, was elected President of the U. S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association for the coming year.

Jack Johnson, who graduated in June, was also signally honored when he was awarded the William Schmeisser Trophy for being the most outstanding defenseman of the year. Jack, of course, was also named to the first team—All-America.



ARMY FOOTBALL SQUAD - 1953

- First Row (left to right): Joseph D. Lapchick, Richard G. Ziegler, John E. Krause, Lowell E. Sisson, Leroy T. Lunn (Captain), Robert M. Mischak, Kenneth R. Kramer, Kirk F. Cockrell, Freddie A. Attaya, Paul Schweikert.
- Second Row: Thomas J. Bell, Edward J. Zaborowski, John R. Wing, William F. Cody, Gerard M. Wynn, Michael G. Zeigler, Joseph P. Franklin, Fred G. Knieriem, Nicholas J. Bruno.
- Third Row: Harold R. Greer (Equipment Manager), William A. Doremus, Ralph J. Chesnauskas, Patrick N. Uebel, Russell A. Mericle, Jerome F. Hagan, Paul A. Lasley, Robert G. Farris, Frank A. Burd, Marion F. Meador (Manager).
- Fourth Row: Donald J. Shannon, Billy J. Chance, Donald W. Holleder, Lawrence C. Herdman, Godwin Ordway, Paul J. Sullivan, Ronald P. Melnik, Howard G. Glock, Peter J. Vann.

U. S. M. A. WINTER SPORTS 1953-54

(With Scores to Include 23 January)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

BASKETBALL

| Date | Army Score | Opponent and Score |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| December 12 | 57 | Columbia—at New York66 |
| 17 | 81 | Ithaca57 |
| 18 | 91 | Middlebury55 |
| January 6 | 57 | Williams64 |
| 9 | 61 | Fordham—at New York73 |
| 13 | 74 | Swarthmore41 |
| 15 | 57 | Dartmouth—at Hanover51 |
| 16 | 57 | Amherst—at Amherst41 |
| 20 | 71 | Pennsylvania64 |
| 23 | 69 | Manhattan83 |
| 27 | | National University of Mexico.... |
| 29 | | Hartwick College |
| February 30 | | Yale—at New Haven |
| 3 | | Colgate |
| 6 | | Syracuse |
| 10 | | St. Michael's |
| 13 | | Wagner |
| 17 | | Lehigh |
| 20 | | New York University |
| 22 | | Pittsburgh |
| 24 | | Rutgers |
| 27 | | Navy |

BOXING

| | | |
|------------|------------|--|
| January 9 | 6 | City College of New York 2 |
| 16 | (canceled) | Catholic University(canceled) |
| 30 | | Marine Corps School (Quantico, Virginia) |
| February 6 | | Syracuse—at Syracuse |
| 13 | | Virginia |
| 20 | | Maryland—at College Park..... |
| March 6 | | Penn State |
| 12-13 | | Intercollegiate—at Charlottesville, Virginia |

FENCING

| | | |
|-------------|----|------------------------------------|
| December 12 | 22 | Fordham |
| January 9 | 15 | Cornell |
| 16 | 17 | Lehigh |
| 23 | 10 | Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia....17 |
| 30 | | City College of New York |
| February 6 | | Harvard—at Cambridge |
| 13 | | Columbia—at New York |
| 20 | | Pentagonal—at New York |
| 27 | | Navy |
| March 6 | | New York University |
| 12-13 | | Intercollegiate—at New York.. |

GYMNASTICS

| | | |
|------------|----|---|
| January 16 | 72 | Duke |
| 23 | 68 | Georgia Tech |
| 30 | | Pittsburgh |
| February 6 | | Temple—at Philadelphia |
| 13 | | North Carolina |
| 20 | | Penn State |
| 27 | | Navy—at Annapolis |
| March 6 | | Syracuse |
| 13 | | Eastern Intercollegiate — at Philadelphia |
| April 2-3 | | NCAA—at Champaign, Illinois.. |

HOCKEY

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|-------------|---|--|
| December 12 | 0 | Clarkson College of Technology..11 |
| January 9 | 1 | Princeton—at Princeton 7 |
| 13 | 6 | American International College.. 4 |
| 16 | 4 | Amherst 3 |
| 23 | 6 | Williams 3 |
| 27 | | St. Lawrence University |
| 30 | | Springfield |
| February 3 | | Yale |
| 6 | | New Hampshire |
| 10 | | Middlebury |
| 12 | | M. I. T.—at Cambridge |
| 13 | | Boston University—at Boston |
| 17 | | Hamilton |
| 20 | | University of Massachusetts |
| 24 | | University of Rhode Island |
| 27 | | Dartmouth |
| March 6 | | Royal Military College — at Kingston |

PISTOL

| Date | Army Score | Opponent and Score |
|-------------|------------|---|
| December 12 | (canceled) | Texas A. & M.(canceled) |
| January 16 | 1328 | U.S. Merchant Marine Academy—at Kings Point1256 |
| 23 | 1335 | New York Maritime College....1188 |
| 30 | | Equitable Life Insurance Pistol Club |
| February 13 | | U.S. Coast Guard Academy—at New London |
| 20 | | M.I.T. |
| 27 | | Navy—at Annapolis |
| March 6 | | Royal Military College—at Kingston |

RIFLE

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|------------|------|--|
| December 5 | 1391 | Cornell—at Ithaca1382 |
| 12 | 1407 | Georgetown—at Washington..1387 |
| January 9 | 1440 | Vermont1386 |
| 16 | 1421 | *New York University1364 |
| 23 | 1420 | *St. John's(canceled) |
| February 3 | | U.S. Coast Guard Academy....1395 |
| 6 | | M.I.T. |
| 13 | | Maryland |
| 27 | | *City College of New York.... |
| March 20 | | *Fordham—at City College of New York |
| 27 | | Navy |
| March 20 | | Eastern Intercollegiate — at Kings Point |

*Triangular Meet.

SQUASH

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|-------------|---|---|
| December 12 | 8 | Amherst |
| January 9 | 9 | Fordham |
| 16 | 5 | Princeton—at Princeton |
| 23 | 9 | Pennsylvania |
| 30 | | Yale |
| February 6 | | Harvard |
| 12 | | Trinity—at Hartford |
| 13 | | Wesleyan—at Middletown |
| 19 | | Williams—at Williamstown |
| 20 | | Dartmouth—at Hanover |
| 27 | | Navy—at Annapolis |
| March 5-7 | | National Intercollegiate — at Hanover |

SWIMMING

| | | |
|------------|-----|------------------------------|
| January 6 | 63 | Lafayette |
| 9 | 73 | Manhattan |
| 16 | 45 | Princeton |
| 20 | 62½ | Pennsylvania |
| 23 | 41 | Dartmouth—at Hanover |
| 30 | | Yale |
| February 3 | | Fordham |
| 6 | | Harvard |
| 13 | | Columbia—at New York |
| 17 | | Lehigh |
| 20 | | Pittsburgh |
| 22 | | Cornell |
| 27 | | Navy—at Annapolis |
| March 6 | | Colgate |
| 18-20 | | Intercollegiate—at Princeton |

TRACK

| | | |
|------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| January 16 | 53-2/3 | Manhattan |
| 23 | 87 | Dartmouth—at Hanover |
| 30 | | St. John's |
| February 6 | | Millrose Meet—at New York |
| 13 | | Princeton |
| 20 | | Cornell |
| 27 | | IC4A—at New York..... |
| March 6 | | Heptagonals—at Ithaca |

WRESTLING

| | | |
|------------|----|---------------------------------|
| January 9 | 15 | Springfield |
| 16 | 16 | Yale—at New Haven |
| 22 | 12 | Cornell |
| 30 | | Penn State |
| February 3 | | Pittsburgh |
| 6 | | Harvard |
| 10 | | New York University |
| 13 | | Brown—at Providence |
| 20 | | Columbia |
| 27 | | Syracuse—at Syracuse |
| March 6 | | Lehigh—at Bethlehem |
| 12-13 | | Intercollegiate—at Ithaca |

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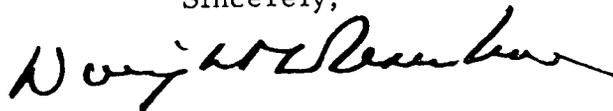
October 20, 1953

Dear Chauncey:

Just before I left on my recent trip, I was handed your telegram of birthday good wishes. To you, and to the Association of Graduates, I send my warm gratitude for your thoughtful courtesy.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,



Brig. Gen. Chauncey L. Fenton, USA, Ret'd
President, Association of Graduates
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

FOUNDERS DAY—1954

**"We Sons of Today,
We Salute You . . ."**

Each March 16th West Pointers all over the world pause to pay a tribute, and to salute the "Long Gray Line" that stretches back a century and a half now—152 years to be exact—since West Point was established in 1802.

Whether they be junior officers on active service overseas, or seniors holding top positions in the civilian or the military world, or simply those who are content to be called the rank and file of our alumni, March 16th brings them together as a visible sign of the unique feeling of brotherhood which unites us all. No man has been schooled here among the Hudson hills without being marked by that experience.

Founders Day this year falls on a Tuesday. Customarily it is celebrated at dinners on a Saturday night close to the actual date. Each group chooses its own date, although many follow the lead of the West Point Society of New York, whose annual dinner is arranged to include graduates stationed at West Point. This year the New York City Society's dinner will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Saturday evening, 20 March.

The Association of Graduates will give all feasible assistance to the chairmen of anniversary gatherings, including furnishing a mimeographed list of all known gatherings, with dates and other data, if such information is received here at West Point for timely reproduction and dissemination. We have found it inadvisable to try and prepare programs for Founders Day dinners, however, because of the variations in attendance, facilities, location and other factors. The following specific data may be helpful to chairmen:

Phonograph Records of West Point Music—An album of 4 records of typical West Point Music is available on order directly to the West Point Army Mess, West Point, N. Y. The standard-playing type cost \$3.95; the long-playing type, \$2.95. Prices include insured postage.

West Point Song Book—This book, compiled by Fritz Mayer, the Cadet Chapel Organist, costs \$1.30 direct from the West Point Exchange, including postage.

Films—Copies of the Signal Corps motion picture, "This Is West Point", Miscellaneous No. 7726, are available at most Army posts throughout the country. In addition, the major command film libraries overseas and the six Army libraries in the US have copies. These films may be reserved by contacting the nearest film library, either at Army posts or Army Headquarters. In addition, each of the various West Point Societies has one copy.

It is anticipated that a small number of copies of the film "Highlights of the 1953 Football Season" will be available for use during the time around Founders Day as follows:

The Association of Graduates will clear all requests for use of the film around Founders Day, keeping the Army Athletic Association advised of such requests.

The Army Athletic Association will dispatch copies of the film, giving consideration particularly to the promptness of a request, and the expected audience at its showing.

In summary, send your film request to the Association of Graduates promptly, furnishing details as to when desired and for how large an expected gathering. Finally, please cooperate by returning the film promptly after using it.

TV and Radio Broadcasts—No data available at present. Plans are being made for radio programs on the major networks. Information may be obtained by watching your local newspaper the week of 16 March.

It is suggested that attempts be made to sponsor programs on your own local radio or television stations. Such programs might possibly include interviews of leading graduates in the area, typical West Point music, etc. The possibility of televising the film "This Is West Point" might be checked with the local TV station.

Interchange of Messages—this is customarily carried out directly between the various groups.

Theme for 1954 Founders Day Observance—In order to provide coordination of the many West Point dinners, it has been suggested that a theme be used for the Founders Day observances this year: "Today's Youth—Tomorrow's Leaders". This theme can be utilized as the motif for dinners, speeches, and radio-TV programs. In addition, it is recommended that attempts be made to schedule speakers at high schools during the Founders Day period, together with the showing of the film to the high school groups.

We hope that these data will help your group to enjoy their 1954 gathering to the full. With you and with all members of the "Long Gray Line" we repeat again our timeless pledge, "Or living, or dying, to honor the Corps, and the Corps, and the Corps!"

—Raymond Stone, Jr., '23,

Secretary,
Association of Graduates USMA

THE SECRETARY SAYS:

Thanks for Bird-Dogging the "Unknown" Addresses

Orchids to the many alert and helpful readers who have submitted data in response to "Where Are They Now?" on page 14 of the October 1953 issue of *Assembly*. We are thankful for the sizable number of current addresses received, and ask your continued help with future lists, including the one elsewhere in this issue.

Class Officers, Class of 1954, Visit Association Offices

On 9 December the President and Secretary of the Association had an hour's informal conference at Cullum Hall with the six Class Officers of the Class of 1954. During this period the Association of Graduates was explained and discussed, and several cadet questions thereon answered. The meeting was mutually beneficial, in that the graduating class is being oriented on the Association and their opportunity to consider joining it at an earlier date than usual, while the Association received better first hand data on some of the Graduating Class' problems. As they left the conference the Class Officers were presented with a file of the 1953-54 NPRC letters series for the First Class Club, so that they may be more aware of the interest and efforts of West Pointers everywhere to help the Corps and West Point.

How a One Man West Point Society Operates

We are much impressed by the enterprise of a one-man "West Point Society" who is now a successful politician in the mid-West. He writes, in part, "I graduated in 1949 and at that time was told I would be able to obtain such a movie to show to groups which might wish to see it. This, I thought, might be one way partially to repay my debt to the service for the education I received inasmuch as I was graduated without commission due to physical disability. because I am to handle the program at an important civic meeting on November 11th, I am writing now to request such a movie." We are glad to state that this request was filled by the PIO here, who furnished the movie, "This Is West Point." What a practical way to carry out proper publicity for the "Point", and what an excellent mental approach to one's obligations to our Alma Mater! We won't object if we are flooded with such applications in future letters.

Found—Three Miniature Rings

The Association is sometimes able to help in clearing up cases of lost class rings and miniatures. Right now we have the following:

(1) A lady in Avenel, New Jersey, is holding a 1946 miniature with no name in it, which she found in September 1953 in a public rest room in Metuchen, New Jersey.

(2) A 1935 "BBB 14K" and

(3) A 1947 "Hood-Phila 14K", both turned in as having been found at West Point fairly recently.

If you have identifying data on any of these, please write in and help solve them.

Use of the 1953-1954 USMA Catalogue By a Retired Graduate

Lindt, '12, who lives at 3542 Beechwood Place in Riverside, California, put his current USMA Catalogue to good use by letting a newspaper columnist peruse it. Some good publicity resulted, which illustrates what any or all of us can do if we make the effort. Lindt writes that he will be glad to send a copy of the resulting article to interested agencies.

The Corps!

Artistic Talent Overflows Into Barracks Areas

In the pre-Navy Game high level morale that had all of West Point jumping, the wide and clever range of the profusion of Navy Game signs in the areas of barracks certainly stood out. The colored lights and animated figures and the take-offs on well known slogans and ads were probably the best collection ever seen here. Perhaps most significant was a neat flashing sign over Hq USCC door—"GO ARMY BEAT NAVY THE TACS". Who could lose after that?

Goat-Engineer Football Game

The football season would not be complete without the annual Goat-Engineer game. In this year's thirty-third edition of the battle between the scholastic extremes, an accurate forecast of Army's victory over Navy was provided by the Goats, who triumphed 13-7. Both teams had trouble moving the ball in the first half, but the Goats, spurred on by an enthusiastic crowd and the musical vagaries of the Rally Band, finally pushed a tally over in the closing minutes. Both teams scored in the second half, the Engineer score accompanied by a concerted groan from the stands and a discordant jangle from the band. The outstanding play of the game came when a Goat touchdown was nullified by eagle-eyed officials who detected holding. Thereupon the band played "Three Blind Mice"

And The Corps!!

The "MORTAR"

A Corps sponsored publication little known to the older graduates is the MORTAR. In 1943 the staff of the 1944 *Howitzer* requested permission to have a miniature *Howitzer* published during the summer months, to record the events of the summer at Camp Buckner. The staff of the publication is composed entirely of yearlings who are being tested for future positions on the *Howitzer* staff. This year's book presents an accurate accounting of summer training and other activities at Buckner from the cadet viewpoint.

Ring Out Wild Chimes!

It's a far cry since the days when cadets as Chapel Chimers were few and far between, and Cadet P_____ enlivened a Christmas Eve carols chiming with "There'll Be A Hot Time In The Old Town Tonite!" to "Peccles" outraged disgust and the busting of the chimer. Now the Cadet Chapel Chimers are organized to include not more than three members from each class. Every fall interested Fourth Classmen are interviewed by the Organist (Mr. Mayer) and the Head Chimer. Those who show ability are given instruction and practice, after which the three most promising ones become permanent members of the Chapel Chimer Squad. The selection is made prior to the Christmas Season so that the Fourth Classmen may play the chimes during the absence of the upperclasses. Ordinarily the Chimers play for twenty minutes prior to supper formation every week day, and before the 1100 Sunday Morning Service. Religious type music predominates, but popular music which is appropriate for chimes is also played.

Sunday Evening Lecture Series

This year the incoming cadet officers of the West Point Debate Council and Forum requested and received permission to institute a series of Sunday Evening lectures. For five years this same group had been sponsoring informal talks by prominent United States personages on Wednesday afternoons, but the multitude of other

scheduled activities had kept a large part of the Corps from attending these interesting talks. Sunday evenings offered an ideal time to reach the majority of cadets. Featuring a central theme of *National Security*, the cadets have invited Bernard Baruch, General Lucius Clay, Chester Bowles and Robert Oppenheimer to talk on the economic, military, diplomatic and scientific aspects of the problem. Mr. Baruch gave the series a resounding send-off at the opening lecture on November 22d. The Corps and their guests completely filled the Army theater to hear Mr. Baruch say that in his opinion the American economy could afford the cost of all the security necessary to counter any would-be enemies. In the coming year the Debate Council and Forum has scheduled General Clay for January, Mr. Bowles for March and Dr. Oppenheimer for April. This extracurricular group can take a full measure of pride and thanks for the valuable service they are performing for the Corps and the garrison.

And The Corps!!!

Three Win Rhodes Scholarships

Of the groups of twenty-one First Classmen who competed this month in their home states for Rhodes Scholarships, at least six were picked as their District finalists. The three who won the coveted scholarships are John Bard of Michigan (First Captain of the Corps), A. S. Albro, Jr. of Arizona, and D. A. Vesser of Idaho. This fine representation for West Point is a genuine source of gratification, and a tribute to the quality of the product of our academic curriculum. It also helps us maintain our high standing just behind Princeton, Harvard and Yale in the cumulative totals.

Strength of The Corps

As of 6 January 1954 the Corps numbered 2,277, distributed as follows:

Class of 1954—638
Class of 1955—487
Class of 1956—511
Class of 1957—641

—Raymond Stone, Jr., '23.

Public Relations Advisory Committee

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., on 9 May 1953, a motion was passed authorizing the President of the Association to appoint a Public Relations Advisory Committee of five members. Accordingly, General Fenton, on 30 June 1953, appointed the following committee:

Colonel John A. McNulty, '20, Chairman
Colonel Charles N. Branham, '22
Colonel Charles P. Nicholas, '25
Major General Garrison H. Davidson, '27
*Colonel James B. Leer, '36

*Colonel Leer has been succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Edwin W. Richardson, '37.

This committee is advisory to the President of the Association of Graduates. Its first meeting was held at West Point on 24 October 1953. The Chairman, Colonel McNulty, cordially invites any member of the Association having suggestions concerning the public relations activities of the Association to send such suggestions to him at his office: Prudential Life Insurance Company, 1501 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

BOOK REVIEWS

THAYER OF WEST POINT. By Norman Robert Ford, '32. St. Johnsbury, Vermont: Thayer Book Press; 188 pages; Mimeographed; Boards \$1.00; Paper \$3.00.

Reviewed by

WILLIAM J. MORTON, JR., '23
Librarian, U.S.M.A.

When Norman Ford undertook to write a book about Sylvanus Thayer some years ago, his intention was to publish a definitive biography. His researches, however, brought him up against the same difficulty that had defeated all previous attempts—there was not enough material about Thayer after his final departure from West Point to fill out a well balanced account.

Undeterred by this check to his plan, he set out for Dartmouth, South Braintree and Boston in an attempt to fill the gap of information. He examined every scrap of available Thayer correspondence, questioned surviving members of the Thayer Academy, and corresponded with many persons related to or having knowledge of Thayer. Much fresh material was turned up, but the results still were disappointing from the standpoint of the serious biographer.

Ford's solution of the dilemma was to resort to fiction. His book therefore suffers from contradictory aims—it is neither a biography nor a novel, but is somewhere in between. In order to complete the narrative, to provide a unifying theme and to enliven the bare record, he has had to invent episodes and manufacture dialogue. As a consequence, the reader is never sure that what he reads is authentic, nor does he find the tension and suspense that should characterize a novel; and the dialogue is sometimes artificial.

There is, however, much material in the story that is both fresh and authentic. Thayer and Cronk planting the elm tree, Thayer rejecting crooked sticks, the aged Thayer in his dressing gown, tending his flowers, protected from his neighbors' view by his eight-foot "spite" fence, and the crotchety old general keeping his niece's husband out of the family pew to discipline him for being late to church, these and many other scenes are really true.

Lest one think that this is a "debunking" biography of Thayer, it is well to state here that it is nothing of the kind. Norman Ford is a Thayer worshiper, almost to the point of idolatry. He would be the first to sorrow if the reader mistook his effort to portray his hero as a human being for an attempt to tear him down.

The thesis of Ford's book appears to be that Thayer devoted himself, entirely and selflessly, to the needs of national defense. This is not explicitly stated, but is inherent in the treatment of the subject. Thayer appears to have conceived the needs in terms of professional officers, coastal fortifications and industrial development. All of them were served by his achievement at West Point. The graduates of the Military Academy became the hard core of leaders in the American Army. He and his pupils built the forts that made the coastal cities invulnerable to attack. West Point engineers built the railroads and public works necessary to the country's growth.

Towards the end of his life Thayer saw the need for postgraduate schools of advanced engineering to provide the broad base of industrial strength capable of sustaining the great military effort entailed

by the emerging concept of total war. In the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth he attempted to establish a prototype of the kind of institution he had in mind. He also advocated that the curriculum at West Point be changed to reflect his broadened objective. Unfortunately Ford, when he tells of the Dartmouth experiment, does not make this clear.

Thayer's final objective was eventually achieved in other ways, but one must admire the man, who in his eighties was still planning the future and extending his vision to ever widening horizons.

Thayer of West Point is a book with many interesting implications for the thoughtful graduate, but the real life of Thayer remains to be written. In the meanwhile, Ford's account is a useful supplement to the familiar story of the Father of the Military Academy.

THE DORN COOKBOOK. Written and illustrated by Frank Dorn, '23. Chicago: Henry Regnery Co.; 341 pages; Index; \$1.95.

Reviewed by

WILLIAM J. MORTON, JR., '23
Librarian, U.S.M.A.

An attempt to do justice to Pinkie Dorn's cookbook in a few hundred words would be madness. By the time we got to page 64 our copy was so soggy with drool we had to wait for it to dry out. That just about describes this culinary opus—it stimulates the salivary glands.

Those of us who have known Pinkie from his plebe days have never been quite sure what he would do next. All we knew for sure was that it would be sensational. With this book he has done it again.

If one seeks the homely favorites of American cooking in the Dorn Cookbook, he had better look elsewhere. True, he will find a few recipes such as for corn pudding or French fried potatoes, but the emphasis is heavily on the side of exotic dishes such as Steak Stroganoff, Hasenpfeffer, Chicken Cacciatore and Châteaubriand Glacé aux Fraises. Fortunately, the directions are simple and practical, and the ingredients are readily obtainable in most American towns. Where something is hard to find, Dorn usually lists an acceptable substitute.

The approach is straight-forward. There is none of the familiar exasperation of getting half way through a recipe only to find that it requires preliminary preparation of some complicated component (direction in another part of the book with perhaps two or three additional difficulties) as is usually the case with books of the *haute cuisine* like *Escoffier*.

The gourmet who loves his food and insists that it be delectable rather than just appetizing will find plenty of ideas for any occasion in this book. There are cheap dishes as well as expensive ones. There is proof enough in these pages that great cooking is not so much a matter of expensive ingredients as of what you do with what you have. With Dorn's help you can turn your wife into a *Cordon Bleu* or become one yourself.

Cookbooks can seldom be classified as reading matter; but in this respect Dorn's is different. The introduction is worth reading, and so are the short sketches about the origin of each dish, with which he prefaces the recipe. The author evokes nostalgic images of places and people in Peking or other far-away places.

The embellishments of the book are lavish. Each main section is headed by a pen-

and-ink drawing in the manner of a woodcut, from Dorn's own hand. The panoplies of fruits, vegetables, fish and game are expertly done. Each section also has a table of contents; and at the back there is an excellent index.

The suggested menus at the end will cause some raised eyebrows. Breakfast always starts with sherry or champagne cocktails, and the other meals go on to stronger stuff. In other words, if you are or want to become a *bon vivant*, this is the book for you.

Battle Deaths of West Point Graduates in Korea

Memorialization at the Academy

West Point graduates, classified by the Departments of the Army and Air Force as "battle deaths" in World War II, are now memorialized at the Academy by two large bronze plaques in Cullum Hall — on which their names are listed by classes.

The Superintendent has announced the initiation of a project to provide for similar memorialization at West Point of those graduates who are so classified as battle deaths in Korea.

Several months must yet elapse before the Academy can obtain complete lists from the Departments of the Army and Air Force of those graduates eligible for such memorialization, since the criteria of the Departments for the classification "battle death" sometimes depend on information not available or determinable for more than a year after the casualty is first reported or the actual fighting stops. When these completed official lists are received at West Point, the names thereon of each class will be furnished to the member of that class authorized by the class concerned to represent it for this project.

The Association of Graduates has offered to provide the funds necessary to finance the project initially, as soon as contracts for the memorial itself can be made, if the various classes are willing to defray its total ultimate cost by contributing funds proportionate to the number of the names of their classmates on the completed lists. It is now expected that the cost per name will be about fifteen dollars. This plan was successfully followed in the memorialization of our battle deaths of World War II, and each of these two plaques now in Cullum Hall bears the inscription "Erected by their classmates"

There have been proposals from some classes to erect separate class memorials to their Korean dead. This is not possible at West Point because of the lack of appropriate space and other local conditions.

More will be published in future issues of *Assembly* about the progress at West Point of the implementation of this project. In the meantime, the Secretary of the Association of Graduates will be glad to answer specific inquiries about it, and to receive information from their authorized representatives as to the willingness of the various classes concerned to participate—as was done in the similar memorialization at West Point of our battle dead of World War II.

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New Members

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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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1893

Editor's Note: Assembly believes the members of 1893, and many of its readers of other classes, will be interested and proud to know of certain achievements of Lieutenant Colonel Arthur M. Edwards, '93—achievements which he, of course, would be reluctant to proclaim himself in these columns. Recently he composed "The Heavenly Vision"—music which has been played by the organist, Mr. Frederick C. Mayer, at several services in the Cadet Chapel—most notably, perhaps, during the 60th Reunion of 1893 at West Point last June. Colonel Edwards also composed the military march, "Freedom's Victory"—which has been played at West Point by the United States Military Academy Band under the direction of Major Francis Resta. Not only is he a composer of music—Colonel Edwards also wrote "Our National Flag", an essay on the origins of our national colors—with instructions for the proper use and display of the flag on appropriate occasions. This essay was inserted in the Appendix of the Congressional Record under date of 18 March 1949—by unanimous consent of the Senate, at the request of the Honorable Styles Bridges. Also in 1949, Colonel Edwards made copies of this essay available to the Military Academy for use in the instruction of the Corps of Cadets.

Assembly is glad of this opportunity to record these achievements, for his Alma Mater and his Country, of one of our distinguished elder graduates.

—C. N. B.

1894

Frank Cocheu took to the open road late in September, returning on the last day of October, after a very successful and enjoyable trip. He visited points in Michigan,

San Francisco and Mobile and points between. On Armistice Day he attended a reunion of his First World War regiment.

Sam Newsom, as is his custom, entered the annual Old Fashioned Spelling Bee in his home town in September. At 85, he was an easy favorite with the audience; but "blitzkrieg" was his undoing. Sam was bedfast last winter, but now gets about with the aid of two canes. He sends lots of love for '94.

Laddie and Mrs. Ladue spent October at West Point, returning to Washington early in November.

Members of the class are reminded of our Sixtieth Reunion, which will be celebrated this coming June.

—W. B. L.

1895

Let us hope that this new year of 1954 will be much kinder to '95 than its immediate predecessor has been. The loss in one year of Charles, Pearce and Dwyer from our small group of survivors, and of Mrs. Glen Davis and Mrs. Pritchard from our wives, is depressing. It is especially sorrowful to your reporter.

In plebe camp, Oscar Charles, Ola Bell and Perry Miles were the only occupants of a certain tent in C Company. All of them survived the rough going at the Point, the vicissitudes of the Service and the hazards of wars for over fifty-seven years, until Charley was overtaken by the non-respecter of records.

Tom (Absalom) Pearce, although so badly crippled by arthritis that he could not walk without support, pooh-poohed, in his characteristic way, the difficulties of joining your reporter and other friends in reunion at the Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club as recently as last March. Tom's cheerfulness and conviviality then gave little evidence of his leaving us so soon.

Mrs. Pearce is bravely carrying on in San Antonio at the old homestead.

Tommy Dwyer, a frequent visitor to West Point, was there again for June week just a few days before being struck by paralysis. Four months in the Naval hospital availed nothing except to demonstrate the tenacity with which he stuck to the solution of his problems to the end. His wife, Ethel, continues to live in the home that Tommy and she established. She will see that Tommy's legacy to the West Point Alumni Association is duly executed.

Hoss Cavanaugh, upon the insistence of Josepha, who incidentally has recovered her good health, is undertaking his memoirs. With audio-phone, a secretary and the paraphernalia of a professional and practical author, it seems that Hoss will have to take this matter seriously, and not merely as an occupation in retirement to be followed occasionally for want of something to do.

Joe Herron, in good health, attended the television showing of the Army and Navy game in the Navy's beautiful officers' club on Terminal Island, Navy Base, Long Beach Harbor. Joe bearded the Navy there in its own lair and satisfied his three-years' hunger to gloat.

Fine (Kentucky) Smith now lives in San Diego, Calif., where his whole immediate family, wife, son, two daughters and five grandchildren all live within a stone's throw of one another. He has the kind of health that permits him to garden at 84 years of age. He and Joe Herron, always the oldest two in our class (Joe a month older) are both in exceptional health, are alive to what is going on in the world and are our best candidates to become centenarians.

George (Barney) Pritchard's health apparently has taken a decided change for the better. In November he came east to his brother's home in Savannah, visiting on the way and asked your reporter to take

an ocean trip with him, the West Indies or the Mediterranean. However, he didn't like to travel alone so we are still in the dark about the distance his newborn ambition carried him.

August Nissen is still on even keel, living the quiet life that his impaired health has compelled him to live for years. He is always interested in his classmates and in the doings of '95.

Nuttman is in good health again and is still turning his expertness in contract bridge to account not only as a pleasurable way of spending part of his time but also as a teacher of scheduled classes. He is to be your reporter for *Assembly* for the April and July issues of 1954. He has also consented to be the custodian of our debilitated class fund. Ten dollars from each of us classmates will restore its health.

Since the death of his wife about a year ago Henry Dixon has lived with his daughter's family in Moscow, Idaho. His wife had talent as a musician and composer. Her loss and that of the cultural and congenial atmosphere of Corvallis is sorely missed. However, he is carrying on less independently but gratefully for the care and consideration received in his present home. The first, I believe, of '95 to be retired for disability, he is still making no new concessions to any kind of ailment.

Tom Darrah and his wife are both well. New York City in the winter, an escape from the city's heat in the summer and an occasional visit to their daughter's home on Long Island. This sort of life sounds like an old soldier's dream.

Frank (Sloppy) Watson's letters indicate his improvement in health and outlook. Entirely recovered from his operation, he is again full of interest and plans for '95. He was the leader and wheel horse for us in class matters for decades. It is only now when some of us are sharing his work for '95 that we are beginning to appreciate his exceptional devotion.

I regret receiving no report from Casper Conrad.

Catherin Schulz had hoped to report that she was off to Europe, but a crippling arthritis in her knee forced a change of plans. One of her granddaughters, whom she had expected to visit, Diana, is enjoying a year at the Sorbonne and, incidentally, Paris. In spite of her crutch, Catherin's enthusiasms have not been destroyed nor has she been completely grounded.

Bertha Bash and Nellie Richardson are both in the best health they have enjoyed for years. Bertha says that she never expects to get interested in writing again. The spark is dead, she fears. But sparks have a way of unexpectedly lighting new flames, so maybe again before too long we shall read the kind of romance and exciting fiction that we enjoyed in the *Helmet of Navarre*.

Nellie's life is happy and serene with her three daughters at home and close by. One, Florence, spent the month just before Christmas in Mexico.

Zinnia Sturtevant still lives in the home of her late married life with Girard. She writes that Girard would be proud of his two great grandsons, as, of course, she is too. She is not quite as well as when your reporter saw her less than a year ago but is "not giving up and settling down to be a stay-at-home". Doesn't sound like a decrepit great grandmother.

Estelle Simmons bewails the problems of health and the going with the wind of the goodly group of '95 classmates who used to foregather at the Army and Navy Club or at the Iron Gate. But life still has its interests with Taylor at hand.

Jane McGrew is still young enough to

wish to suppress any mention of arthritis, but one who is planning a pleasure trip from her Atlanta home this month to Sarasota is some distance yet from grounding.

Mrs. White is still living with her daughter and granddaughter in the San Antonio home that she and Artie shared. She is fairly well, having recovered quite happily from an illness of two years ago.

—P. L. M.

1897

News items for this issue of *Assembly* are very few. Perhaps most of the class have been too busy getting ready for the holidays to write to the Sheriff or to the undersigned. Don't let us admit for a minute that we are getting too old.

We will all be sorry to hear that "Buck" Johnston has undergone a severe operation at Walter Reed Hospital, but we are equally glad to hear that he is doing very well.

"Katy" Connor and wife will take off before Christmas for a tour by air of all the countries of South America, except Paraguay. We hope this omission will not cause a "diplomatic incident" with the excepted country.

—C. D. R.

1899

In the Spring of '42 a sick-looking old man, carrying a heavy grip-sack, landed in New York and went to a small New Jersey town, where he acquired a room and began to lead what seemed to the villagers a very furtive life. Soon the rumor went about that he was a German agent on a sabotage mission and that his grip-sack had been full of money. The FBI was called in and ascertained that, upon landing, he had declared himself to be a graduate of West Point and of the Class of '99! Each day he sallied forth from his room and went to early morning Mass. Nothing more! Movies of him were surreptitiously obtained and shown to some of his classmates in Washington, but no one could do more than say that "possibly" he was the man he claimed to be—Le Vert Coleman, that odd and eccentric genius who graduated number seven in our Class, lasted a short time as an officer, was retired for disability, and went back to live in France where he had spent his boyhood. Probably none of us ever saw him in the flesh after he left the Army and his country. The FBI confirmed by other methods his claim as to his identity, but watched him for several years, long enough to become satisfied that he was in no way involved in any un-American activities, but was victim of his oddities and infirmities, both physical and temperamental, which he was as a cadet. Nature gave him a brilliant mind. Perhaps his life was very unhappy, but the word has now come that now his troubles are over. Beyond what has been said above, no one seems to know.

In Washington, H. B. Clark has been in town and was host for a felicitous luncheon for the Class. Attendance: three officers and eleven wives or widows! He brings word that the Kellys have arrived for another winter in San Diego and that the Woodruffs continue to be paragons of health and activity. Herron and Bunnell recently got together in Winchester, Mass., where Bunnell and his wife were visiting her sister and the Herrons their son's family. Bunnell claims to be old, but seems to have

none of the usual infirmities of age. In Washington, the Cowans have moved to that Ultima Thule of retired Army officers, the Kennedy-Warren and the Ansell are back in town from their summer home in Rehoboth Beach. The monthly luncheons there continue, but no other pre-1900 class maintains one. Accordingly, we have somewhat widened our scope and among our customary guests are Ferguson, H. B. Connor, W. D., Gowen, Henry, Roberts, C. D., John DeWitt and Lorenzo D. Gasser.

—C. D. H.

1901

The Class is very proud of one of its members, Lahm, whose name has been associated with the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of the airplane. Lahm, with Orville Wright, went up on the Army's first flight test. The airplane tested was accepted and became the foundation upon which was built our present formidable Air Force. He has given, since 1907, his services to the advancement of aviation and the Air Force; a service of which he and the Class of 1901 can be very proud. He gave much of his time, as a pioneer, participating in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary which covered, in different localities, a period of a year. One occasion was a luncheon at the White House. Unfortunately it came on a Wednesday and the Round Table was deprived of Lahm's presence thereat, much to our regret.

Speaking of the Round Table—on September 30th "nine old men" sat around the festive board: Bettison, Browne, West, Newman, Jordan, Smith, Kent, Dent and Beck. I want to report however that the deliberations of this court were not on very weighty problems, but nevertheless very enjoyable.

—R. M. B., Jr.

1903

No votes in opposition to the reorganization of our Class Committee, as proposed in Memorandum No. 5, having been received, the said reorganization is now in effect.

Farnum, our Class Treasurer, reports 36 members who have generously made the contribution of \$10.00 to the Class Fund, as requested. In addition, Mrs. Beatty Moore and Gerald Brant have made a like contribution. Our hearty thanks to all who have done so. It is hoped that the 12 remaining members will find it possible to send in their contributions in the near future.

The biographical sketches, requested for the Association of Graduates, have been received from six members of the Class. The rest of our members are urged to do likewise as soon as practicable.

With sincere sorrow, the report of the death of Charles F. Smith, on August 18, 1953, has been received. Anyone who has seen him in recent years or has been in communication with him, please notify Clark Lynn at 2311 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. Information is needed for the preparation of his obituary. Information as to the whereabouts and married names of his sisters will be helpful. We only know that, after his honorable discharge as a Major, N.A., in 1919, he served as a civilian employee in the Quartermaster Corps and with the Corps of Engineers.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

A class bulletin was issued in November reminding members of the class that it was now time to plan to attend our Fiftieth Reunion at West Point next June. Responses thereto are encouraging and indicate that the reunion will be well attended. Sixteen men have already stated that they expect to be present and a dozen more say that they hope to be there. Even Hooper, from whom we have not received a word for many a year, writes from North Andover, Mass., that he hopes to be able to leave the gardens on his three acre house-lot long enough to attend the reunion. He does get around, we know, for last spring he called on Richardson, R. C., at his Bath, N. H., home, and on Wheeler in Cavendish, Vt., and while on Martha's Vineyard last fall he was unable to contact Dillon at Edgartown. So we'll be looking for you, Hooper! Also, how many of the class remember our big classmate of plebe days, Finn? He hopes to come on from Buhl, Idaho, to renew acquaintances.

At the December luncheon of the Washington and vicinity classmates, the regular attendants were delighted to have Carter, W. V., and Richardson, R. C., appear. Carter was down from Rhode Island for a few days, and Richardson was here preparatory to taking off for France to visit his son. Both say that they expect to be present at the reunion.

Report has it that 1904 was represented at the recent Army-Navy football game by Budd, Fenton, Gregory, Phillipson, Sadie and Conger Pratt, and Richardson, R. C.

The class secretary, Bryden, would like to learn the addresses of the widows of the following-named classmates: Anderson, W. D. A., Barkley, Dillard, Dowd, Greene, J. S., Howell, Lawrason, McKie, Robert, H. H., Simpson, H. L., Simpson, W. F. L., Smart, Van Wormer, Waller, Walthall and Worcester.

The year 1953 is proving to be a hard one for 1904. We regret to record the deaths of three more members: On 9 June, Quinn died in Jacksonville, Florida. Burial was at the Royal Palm Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Florida. On 16 September, Benedict died at Walter Reed Hospital. Burial was at the Arlington National Cemetery. On 3 November, Swift died in San Antonio. Burial was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

We have now passed the half way point, and the living are in the minority.

—W. B.

1905

It is always tragic to report the death of a classmate but this month it is doubly sad to report the passing of two outstanding members of the Class. On September 15, 1953, Will West died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Arlington, Virginia. He was planning to hunt at Warrenton the next day when he was stricken. Daddy Gibson arranged for a floral tribute from the Class and was one of the pallbearers at the service at Fort Myer chapel. Case and Lowe were present. Anne West's new address is 404 Fontaine Street, Alexandria, Virginia, and she will be with her daughter, Mrs. James Norvell, for the winter.

Charlie Daly wired your reporter that Bill Dodds died November 17th in the Veterans Hospital at Palo Alto, California. Charlie arranged for a wreath from the Class and notified classmates and friends in that vicinity of the funeral arrangements. Albright of 1905, Allin of 1904 and Huntley of 1906 attended the funeral serv-

ices. Interment was in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California. Colonel William A. Dodds, Class of 1937, stationed at Fort Bragg, reached Palo Alto after his father's death. Katherine Allen Dodds resides at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Monterey, California, which has been their home for some time before Bill's illness.

Hugh Broadhurst had a tour in the hospital at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, in February, March and April 1953, but he reports he is O.K. now.

Clifford Early is recovering from an abdominal operation. He was back home in less than two weeks. How is that for a seventy year old "youngster"?

Grace Titus writes that Calvin is well but has little reserve strength. They have been making an annual pilgrimage to San Francisco from North Hollywood, but Grace says they do not expect to do it many more years. Our godson, Donald Winston Titus, Class of 1928, has been back in the United States for about one year and is now stationed at Hamilton Field, where he looks after supplies for the Organized Reserves and National Guard of eight western states.

The Ramseys had an 8,000 mile automobile trip, last summer, through the western states; Kansas, of course, New Mexico, Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Las Vegas (didn't lose a nickel), Salt Lake City, Yellowstone Park, The Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, and back home by way of Belmont, Massachusetts, to see our son and his family. As we passed through Springfield, Ohio, we stopped to see John and Kitty Lund. Expected to stay fifteen minutes but finally got rolling after two hours and had to travel long and late to make up the time—but it was worth it. Both Kitty and John have had to slow down but are still as charming as ever.

Recently Doc and Edna Lentz had all their offspring, sixteen in all, under their roof at one time. The New Rochelle newspaper carried a picture of Doc and his seven grandchildren singing Doc's song, "I Want My Mama Mellow". The youngest grandchild, three months old, was unable to sing in tune and was not included in the picture.

—N. F. R.

1906

Out of my window through the coconut branches, the western sun is sparkling the warm waves of Biscayne Bay and "Hukilau"; the big gray crane is walking the seawall, cleaning up the remnants of bait and fish left by the afternoon anglers.

Sadly, I cross off two more names from the graduation list of 1906: Pierre V. Kieffer and Charles B. Gatewood, leaving only thirty-seven to carry on.

"Dutch", as we always called Pierre Kieffer, principally because of his Pennsylvania origin, died October 8, at his home in Bristol, Vermont, after a long illness. He was buried in Arlington on October 12 with an inspiring military graveside ceremony. Five of his classmates acted as pallbearers, Jim Riley, Earl McFarland, Clyde Abraham, Alex Gillespie and myself. Pierre, Jr., Class of 1936, now Colonel of Engineers, stationed in Washington, arranged the details and cared for his mother, sister and many relatives who were present. Earl McFarland sent flowers for the class.

"Gate", as we knew Charlie Gatewood, had been ill for a long time. Some years ago, after an attack of illness, he left the city, picked up 120 acres, 40 miles from San Diego and with his own hands, built, for himself and his second wife, two cabins and a house there. He died there on Nov-

ember 13. His remains were cremated and sent to Arlington for burial near the grave of his father. His wife, Lilbian Luck Gatewood, remains in San Diego, with Gate's daughter, Charlotte, now Mrs. L. C. Oakland, after spending a few days with Bill Akin and his wife in the Sonoma Valley. Bill sent flowers for the class.

James J. Loving and Annelie have sold the big house and garden and have built a new one without a garden, next door to daughter Laura, the first 1906 baby, now Mrs. Joe N. Smith of San Clemente, Calif. Son, James, Jr., still a bachelor, is an electrical engineer at Alexandria, Va.

Hally Fox some time ago suffered a severe stroke with complications of speech and sight and is now at the VA Center, Biloxi, Miss. Their four children are all married. There are six grandchildren. Katie Campbell Fox, Hally's wife, is at 327 Dealle St., Jackson, Miss., and will take and read letters to Hally.

Skinny DeArmond is back home from his sojourn in the hospital, without complications.

Joe and Charlotte King are rejoicing over the assignment of daughter Jo to Brooke Army Hospital, at San Antonio.

The class expresses its deepest sympathy to Earl McFarland over the death of his brother Hugh, well known to so many of us from his visit to West Point and from visits in the Service since then. And the class also sends its sympathy to Cort Parker over the loss of his beloved sister, Elizabeth, last August.

Staff Sergeant Robert Merrill, John's son, is the proud father of a daughter, born at Anchorage, Alaska, on November 4.

McKew Parr, recently elected Director of Thomas Crowell & Co., has attained to a great reputation as an author and historian with his book, on Magellan, "So Noble a Captain". His "Wainwright Day" in Connecticut will be remembered long.

Elizabeth and I had a grand visit to Washington last October; lunch with Earl, Abe, Alex and Dick; later, dinner and lunch with Jim Riley and daughter, Nanie, and husband, Joe Anderson, celebrating the new baby; and the usual visit to Walter Reed with favorable results.

Red Hoyle and Christine joined the Riley family for the Army-Navy game in Phil'a. Wasn't it wonderful? And did anyone see Alex Gillespie's write-up by Red Smith in the sports columns, recalling that terrible tie at Princeton in 1905, the last game under the old rules, played in the mud and rain. Alex noted that football wasn't such a killing game, even then, for nine out of the fourteen who played in that game for the Army are still alive. And the undersigned right tackle is glad to be one of them.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

We had anticipated having news about George Shedd, following his return from Korea, but instead we have just received word of the sudden passing of his father. Podo seemed so well when he was back for the reunion last year that this news came as a distinct shock. Interment is to be in Arlington with members of the class acting as honorary pallbearers. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Ijai and Waldo Potter were in New York in November attending a conference of the Christian Science Church, in which they are both active in Oakland, California. They are returning home by way of Albuquerque, where they will spend Christmas with Wal-

do, Jr., now a Lieut. Colonel in the Air Force.

Roger Alexander will spend Christmas with Roger, Jr. and his family in Salt Lake City, Utah. Young Roger is a geologist and petroleum engineer with the Standard Oil Company of California.

Rick and Audrey Morrison stopped over with us for a short but delightful visit on their way to Washington for the winter. They closed their house on Marblehead Neck on October first, spent six weeks at Andover Inn, Andover, Massachusetts, then started for Washington with stops in New York and Philadelphia to visit their two sons and their families.

Not having heard from the West Coast contingent for some time, we wrote Charley Wyman for news. Charley reported that he was busy planting his garden for mid-winter snapdragons, calendulas, and stocks which we enjoy here in the east only in the spring. He was also planting some Guernsey lily bulbs which Warren Lott had sent him. Charley said he watched the Army-Navy game over TV in his easy chair in a mild temperature of 85 degrees.

Skinny MacLachlan had just returned to Palo Alto from Texas, where he and Mildred visited their Air Force son at Randolph. They have two grandsons in Texas and a granddaughter in Palo Alto.

Dan'l Boone, who was last reported as having moved to a spot somewhere between Los Angeles and San Diego, sent a postal from Stamford, Connecticut, stating that he and Grace were on a five months tour of eastern Canada, New England and the south and were expecting to return to California via Texas in January. They attended the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia and saw Enrique White in Falmouth, Massachusetts. They hope to see other classmates on their journey home. We hope to see them here if they come to West Point.

Tom Spencer wrote from Annapolis, where he and Jeanette were visiting their two daughters. They had been traveling for three months and spent some time in Tom's old home state of Florida. They plan to go to Washington shortly to renew their acquaintance with old friends and classmates.

The group in Washington gave a luncheon in honor of Jesse Drain's son, just back from Korea, where he made an enviable record as commanding officer of an Infantry regiment.

Paul Larned reported that Enrique White was in Washington for several days before starting back for home and that the Collins' had returned from a wonderful trip all over the country.

Jim Steese, our world traveler, wrote Ben Castle that after a delightful month in Paris, Venice, Rome, Naples, Malta, Tripoli, Syracuse and Palermo he sailed from Venice to Cape Town via the Suez Canal and the Red Sea. He also wrote Paul Larned that he was leaving for Mozambique next month, then to Italy before sailing for Buenos Aires to work up through South America to Panama, arriving home in late spring. Jim said that some people might get ahead of him but nobody stays there very long.

Paul reported that Bob Glassburn and Charley Harris have both been under the doctor's care but they are now in good shape. He also stated that Andy Lang was better than he had been for some time.

Paul has located Beany Harrison's widow, now Mrs. Robert J. Kirkwood, at Bonnie Brae Farm, Purcellville, Virginia.

Mrs. Bart Yount recently visited her son, Barton K., Jr., now a Brigadier General in the Air Force and stationed in Washington.

The Eastmans are very happily located in their new home in St. Petersburg, Flor-

ida. Clyde wrote that fishing is good wherever you care to go though he does most of his in Boca Ciega Bay from his own front seawall. He says he keeps busy puttering around his place and adds that "it takes a long time in Florida to do a little and of time we have much."

In the December *National Geographic* magazine illustrating fifty years of flight there is an interesting picture of Hap Arnold taken in 1912 at the controls of a Wright Flyer. No account of the development of aviation would be complete without reference to the major role which he played from 1911 right up to his retirement.

We received from Sunny Jim Martin a notice of a change of the name of his law firm to Martin & Blakey, with a very imposing list of attorneys who are members of the firm.

Paul Larned sent a copy of our last class book to the New York Public Library. The Library would like to have copies of our eighth, ninth and thirtieth year books, if anyone wants to donate them.

—H. W. W.

1908

Loustalot and Pendleton have been "all around town" and have brought back a budget of news. They called on Avery in Carmel but found him in Europe. They had lunch at Barker's house in Los Angeles with their host, Brown, Garey, and Marks. Bailey was contacted by phone. At Carmel they saw Cummins and Meredith, and found them in fine health. Double reports are in on Curry, from Fletcher and Loustalot. He has bought a new house, though the scribe has received no report of change of address. He has been to Toronto to a meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society. The travelers spent two hours with Desobry in Dallas. Fitzmaurice was, unfortunately, too ill to attend the Los Angeles lunch. Grisell and Lyon were seen in California. Mrs. Grisell is pronounced as much better. Kobbe was seen in San Diego, where he is an amateur cabinet maker and yachtsman. Pendleton was in Honolulu in July, the only male in a party of eight! There he saw Miller and his wife. The travelers saw Muhlenberg and his new and beautiful home on a ranch near Vista, California. Pendleton himself got to Washington, where he was both seen and identified.

As indicated above, Fletcher has also been traveling, but his contact with Curry in Denver is the only one of record. Hall was in Rome in September as Chairman of the American Delegation to an International Congress of Navigation. He also reports the arrival of an additional grandchild on October 31st.

Edgerton is probably the busiest member of the class, as well as the most prominent. He is General Manager of the Export-Import Bank. Members of the class would have trouble, however, in negotiating loans at this institution. —C. L. H.

1909

Louie Ford died 23 October at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston. Accompanied by Lillian, he was flown there in an Air Force hospital plane about ten days before his death. The funeral and interment were at Fort Sam Houston. Lillian herself was quite ill following the funeral but it is understood that she has recovered and is planning to make her home in San Antonio.

Harry Weaver died 9 November at the Hines Veterans Hospital in Chicago. The funeral services at his home in Wheaton, Ill., were attended by Ray Smith and Franz Doniat. Several other '09 men were present at the burial in Arlington Cemetery. Harry served in the Infantry and Marine Corps in the two World Wars and was retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Honorary Reserve. He was a leading lawyer and banker in his home town. He is survived by a wife, whom he married recently, and by three children by his first marriage.

Beatrice Patton died 30 September at Hampton, Mass., when she was thrown from her horse during a drag hunt. At the funeral service at St. John's Church, Beverly Farms, our class was represented by the Purdons and the Norths. Beatrice is survived by her son, Lieut. Colonel Geo. S. Patton, III, and by her daughter, Ruth Ellen, wife of Lieut. Colonel Jas. K. Totten, U.S. Army.

The special postage stamp honoring George Patton was issued on 11 November. Jake Devers made an address at Fort Knox on this occasion in which he emphasized the soldierly qualities of this great leader and the need for America to be guided by the principles of courage, leadership and self sacrifice which marked his life.

We are indebted to Rodney Roberts for some notes on our West Coast members, gathered by Rodney and Elsa on a trip from their home to San Francisco last fall. They saw the Davis', Partridges, Sears' and Dorothy Godfrey. The latter has bought a home in Berkeley, drives a German Volkswagon and is doing constructive work with her peasant costumes. Gramp Hunter was ill at the time of Rodney's visit and Ed Marks was on a trip to Ohio.

At a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in late October your scribe met with Ahern, Chase, Milling, Johnson, Mountford, Baehr and Hughes. Garry Ord was sick at the time but appeared at the Navy game as chipper as ever.

The Godfrey Memorial Library at Middletown, Conn., has been built by Mr. Fremont Rider and friends as a joint memorial to Stuart Godfrey and his late sister, Grace, who was Mr. Rider's first wife. This building houses the publication of the American Genealogical Index, a project initiated by Mr. Rider in 1935, and an associated library of ten thousand volumes, consisting mainly of New England genealogy and local history.

Remember the '09 Reunion next June Week. Only twenty members were signed up as of 10 December. Not enough!

—G. L. V. D.

1910

It is with great sadness that we must report the sudden death of Sterling P. Taylor, the husband of Pappy and Gertrude Sellock's daughter, Jo Ann, at Grasslands Hospital, New York City, on October 9, 1953. The young man was stricken with bulbar polio and died within twenty-four hours. Surviving also in the little family is their baby daughter, Kathryn.

Snakey and Ruth Dunlop celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on December 10th, 1953, with a small supper party at their home at 3711 Reno Road, N.W., in Washington.

Charlie Chapman's widow, Hortense, is enjoying a fine trip to Europe and will spend Christmas with her children, Captain and Mrs. Erwin R. Brigham, in Pakistan, flying from Rome to Karachi with a week's stopover in Cairo. Mrs. Brigham is Rex Cocroft's daughter, Phyllis Kathryn.

Dan and Alice Torrey, their daughter Alice (our Class Daughter), her husband William Schiff, their granddaughter, Stuart Blue, Durward and Olive Wilson, and Sam and Mrs. Edelman, were the guests of Major General and Mrs. Frederick A. Irving at the Army and Navy game on November 28th. All report a very wonderful and enjoyable afternoon. Sam Edelman managed the big dinner for the Corps and their friends after the game at Gimbel's in Philadelphia, followed by dancing at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Kenneth and Rowena Harmon have been traveling in Europe since the summer of 1952. They spent last winter in Majorca, one of the Balearic Islands, and may do it again this year. This sounds pleasant indeed. We wish for them good traveling and a safe return to their home at 2134 Green Street, San Francisco 23, California.

—R. H. D.

1911

Again it is our sad duty to report that another of our number has left us. Bob Gray died on October 22 at his home in West Brooksville, Maine. He had been ill for about two years with arteriosclerosis. We extend to his widow, Betty, our deepest sympathy. In reporting the above Betch stated that Hub Stanton sent flowers in the name of the class.

My October appeal for a note from every member of the class brought replies from John Beatty, Phil Fleming, Heffy, Hub Stanton, and Psi Holland, in addition to the regular reports of Betch, Frank Kemble, Nick and Jim Mooney. Other area representative please take note! It would be nice to hear from you also.

John, in commenting upon the ravages of age, says: "Personally I'm sure that I don't feel as young as I once did, but on the other hand I'm just as sure that I don't feel as old as I have every reason to do, measured by my years. Maybe I'm feeling especially young today because I have just had a thorough check-up and find myself almost as good as I feel." He is very proud of his four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. Evidence of his activity is that he continues as The Coordinator of the Business Executives' Research Committee, sponsored by Lewis and Clark College and Ried College of Portland, Oregon.

Phil wrote a very interesting letter, and as a means of welcoming back to the U.S. our ex-Ambassador, I am giving you his letter with a few deletions:

"Dear Billy, In the last *Assembly* you asked each of us to send you a post card. This is mine — considerably amplified. Please edit it carefully before printing." (Authority for the deletions.)

"Last week we had the monthly class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club—with a very small attendance — Howell Estes, Karl Bradford, Curtis Nance, Bill Morris and I. Jim Mooney, our prime mover, was absent to get an honorary degree from Cornell. Spec Wheeler was loaning several million dollars to some country, supposedly friendly to us, and Joe Mehaffey was in Paraguay negotiating another loan for Spec's bank. Joe was somewhat over his 66 pounds air baggage allowance on account of toilet paper, sulphur drugs, water purifiers, etc. he took with him—and also a pair of rubber boots. When one goes to a function in Asuncion during the rainy season, he always puts hip boots over his striped trousers.

**** "Curt Nance looks and is an elder statesman. Karl Bradford looks much as he did as a cadet, except that he has lost

a few teeth which he has not replaced. But since all the rest of us were wearing full sets of store teeth, I should not enter a complaint.

"I saw the Navy game on television in the barroom of the Army-Navy Club, seated between Roger Powell and Joe Beecham.

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"It was a pleasant way to take in the game—in a warm, comfortable room, with a glass of beer and a bowl of pretzels in front of me. I did not mind giving the Navy one touchdown." * * * * "I think that Navy touchdown was a contribution toward l'entente cordial. Cordially, Phil."

The letter contained a very interesting P.S., but space doesn't permit including it. In substance he invites us to the Fleming Art Gallery at 1554 34th St., NW, Washington. His particular "domestic engineering" project is hanging pictures. However, the prize moose head which he shot in Canada will not be there. The principal reason being that if it were there Dorothy would not be.

Heffy states that Nick and Shek were very kind to him during his recent hospital siege.

Hub reported that he saw Tod Larned in October at a football game at the Point. He was up North for about a month visiting around.

Psi says that "Betch deserves an A or Max or 3 for his work in getting us old Northerners to drop some dope for class news." We are happy to say that Ida May is on the mend and will be glad to pass on the treatment given her at Murphy Army Hospital for arthritis. Psi is recovering from toes broken incidental to sinking a deep well. He sends Christmas and New Year's Greetings to the class.

Kem has no news about classmates but reports that our godson, Colonel Franklin, Jr., is again in Germany as C.O. of the 47th Ordnance Group at Ludwigsburg.

Jim Mooney reports that Shek returned to Washington on November 1 on a crusade, and is touring the country orating, organizing Republican Clubs and generally making the world safe for Republicans.

Nick informs us that Shek and Helen are covering the West Coast, visiting relatives, but no political inference is suggested.

Congratulations to Olive Wheeler on her nice recovery from a bout with the doctors at Walter Reed.

—I. T. W.

1912

The Class extends deepest sympathy to Caroline Walker over the passing of her aged mother in Philadelphia, and to "Colonel" Snow over the passing of his mother at the age of 94 at his home at "Fairview". Caroline reports that her son, Sam, and his wife and their two children are happily located at Fort Davis on the Atlantic side of the Canal Zone. Caroline was recently named chairman of the Service Wives Coordinating Committee in Washington, D. C., an organization working for the retention of commissary privileges and other so-called "fringe" benefits for Service personnel.

Recent marriages of class daughters were announced by justly proud parents Malony and Cook on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Alice Merritt Thurman to Mr. William H. Overly at the Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Va., on November 27th, and the marriage of Miss Ce Ce Adair Cook to Major Edwin C. Haggard, U.S.A., Retired, at San Diego, Calif., on October 17th. To all of them the Class extends best wishes.

The Steve Chamberlins report that they have taken up residence in retirement in their new home at Cherry Lane, Asheville, N. C., where they will be neighbors of the "Burfy" Browns. Sally Chamberlin, now in Heidelberg, Germany, is expected home in May. Steve J., Jr., having completed his military service, is taking post-graduate work at Cal. Tech., Pasadena, Cal.

"Red" Crawford recently observed his 66th birthday at his blue grass home in Louisville, Kentucky, and reports that he has recovered from his recent siege at Walter Reed, where he went to have his coronary condition remedied. Red says he will try to stir up his neighbor, "Duke" Edwards, who always seems to come to life on July 4th, recalling his celebrated oration to the Corps in 1911 and the remarks that General Barry made at our graduation, to wit: "Fourth of July celebrations and Soundings-Off generally will miss Mr. Edwards"

Margaret Bingham and her daughter Marge have sold their home in Arlington, Va., and are now visiting son Ned in Honolulu, T. H., where our Class son, Col. Sidney V. Bingham, Jr., is on duty, having recently transferred from Fort Bragg, N. C.

The Robby Robertsons had d'Alary Fehét, the widows' delight of Santa Barbara, as their house guest in November. On his way up and back the dapper bachelor paid brief calls on classmates on the Monterey Peninsula and in San Francisco and Berkeley. All report that d'Alary never appeared in finer fettle.

Banker Albert Crane writes that he is having the time of his life building a new home for the Seamen's Bank, next to the old Sub-Treasury in Wall Street, N. Y. C., and enjoying every bit of it.

Fisher "Si" Sibert and Helen enjoyed a Thanksgiving visit from son Bill and his wife Maureen, plus the brand new granddaughter Kathleen, all down from Fort Bragg, N. C., where she was christened recently, her sponsors being Brig. Gen. J. H. Michaelis, the present "Com" at West Point, her godfather; Mrs. Gerald J. Higgins, godmother; and Mrs. Walton H. Walker, godmother. "Si" wrote: "Had a recent letter from 'Big John' who says he is planning on retiring from farming and will try to catch up on bridge and fishing."

Steve and Helene MacGregor, of Augusta, Ga., recently visited son Steve, Jr. (Commander, U.S. Navy) at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla., where young Steve is in command of the Destroyer "Sperry"

Maxwell and Crittenberger attended the ceremony at the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled in New York City on November 19th, when a memorial plaque was unveiled in memory of the distinguished service of the late John Smith. John's sister, Mrs. Jeffries, was also at the ceremony, which was presided over by Admiral Ross T. McIntire, the Committee Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped. It was a most moving experience, according to Maxie, and gave further testimony on the great work done by John and the high regard in which he is held by all concerned.

The Monk Lewises left San Francisco early in December on a cruise into the Caribbean area, expecting to be away until after the holidays.

"Schnitz" Schneider is the first one to report in that he has rung the Social Security bell, what with having fulfilled the most recently announced requirements, viz., 30 years' service by September 15, 1940, and 65 years of age. As members of the class group reach that age they are urged to file application with their local field representatives of Social Security. Thus we enter upon the old age pension list. Likewise, the wives at age 65 will be eligible

for Social Security benefits as well as widows of classmates who had World War II service.

The Kuldells were Washington visitors in October where they were entertained by Mooney, Malony, Thomas and Drake at the Army and Navy Club. The Kuldells were hosts to the Maxwells in Houston, Texas, a short time later.

"Class Hound" Ed Vaughan will be glad to know that, owing to "Monk" Lewis's help, the latest addresses of our two missing classmates, Jarvis Veeder and Otis Wallace, have been learned. Veeder was reported at Box 610, Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1925, where he was employed in the Forestry Service, Dep't of the Interior; and Wallace's address as of 1951 is given as 45 Skelburne Road, Yonkers 3, N. Y.

According to Phil Faymonville, our "Slats" Morrissey was host at the Gang Dinner of the Press and Union League Club of San Francisco on October 9th, when the guest speaker was Maj. Gen. William F. Dean of Korean War fame.

Josephine Rayner recently visited Texas to attend a family reunion and reports that Harold had recuperated from his fever and illness a short time previously. Harold's condition remains about the same. He was visited by Harry McLean a short time after the latter returned from his annual European tour.

Leonard Barrett is still occupied with his mathematical studies, which will continue as long as he can hold a pencil and use his eyes to see with. He recently wrote an article in the Palo Alto *Times* in which he eloquently defended the right to sell liquor at military posts to members of the Armed Forces.

"Chen" Chynoweth contributed an excellent article in the October issue of the *California Monthly*, the alumni publication of the University of California, entitled "Observations on American Education". It is highly recommended for serious study in these days when Communism occupies so much attention. At the Sonoma County Fair Ass'n Art Exhibit Chen had on exhibition his painting entitled "Autumn in France". It is reliably reported that the framing of this excellent work was done by classmate "Slats" Morrissey. In addition to this avocation, Chen devotes a great deal of time to horseback riding and to his favorite fishing in the Trinity Alps. What a man and what a brain has our Chen!

Johnny Lindt writes that Jack Lewis owns a nice lot in Riverside, Cal., but gave up the idea of building on it last spring and returned to his Boulder, Colorado home. He also reports that Johnny Johnson did not make the trip to California as intended, due to physical infirmities.

At the Army-Navy game it is reported that the following were observed: Drake, Hauser, Rose, Maxwell and Snow. Also "Marty" Maher.

During a recent visit to Washington the Maxwells had the good fortune to have the Drakes, Malonys and Thomases for luncheon at the Army and Navy Club. Maxie also reunited with Billy Wilbur, who regaled him with details of his wonderful service with Georgie Patton in Morocco during the late war. Wilbur toured Africa this summer, covering much of that part of Africa south of the equator in his travels, and visiting Kenya to dig into the Mau Mau difficulty. He also visited Brigadier Duke, a British officer who spent four years in a Japanese prison camp with Charlie Drake and Chen Chynoweth. It is thus apparent that the interests of 1912 can be found even in Darkest Africa!

Oscar Gatchell, with the Engineering Division of the American Machine and Foundry Company (AMF), now makes his headquarters at the company's Greenwich, Con-

necticut, Laboratory, and is in constant touch with Vice-President Maxie by telephone.

"P" Wood, back again from foreign travel, spent an evening at the Maxwell apartment recently and is about ready to settle down in the outskirts of Philadelphia.

Willis Crittenberger has been recently advanced from Executive Vice-President of the Greater New York Fund to President of the Fund, whose headquarters are located at 11 West 42nd Street, N. Y. Critt's own words eloquently outline his mission and views in this splendid humanitarian task; "Having seen my share of death, destruction, and desolation, it is now a privilege for me to be associated with this worthwhile endeavor to contribute to the welfare of our less fortunate fellow men. If in some small way I can be instrumental in adding to the peace of mind of those who might otherwise be overlooked, it will indeed have been a challenge well met."

"Doc" Hauser writes from Fayetteville, where he is the representative of Brown, Madeira & Company, specializing in mutual investment funds, that his son Bill, who will graduate from the Point in June, stands 16 out of 670 on the three-year record and stood 19 in his Second Class year. He stands an excellent chance to be appointed a Rhodes scholar at Oxford. Hauser's other son, "Chuck", was wounded slightly last July in Korea. Promoted to First Lieutenant in August, he is now "liaisoning" with the 9th Infantry, and expects to return to the University of North Carolina on leaving the Army in January.

One of our "plebes", in whom we are well pleased, writes to the Editors of the 1912 Forty-Year Book as follows: "Many thanks for the autographed copy of the Forty-Year Book for a plebe of the Class of 1915. It was indeed kind of you thus to think of me. The Editors, and all those who helped in the compilation of this interesting and enlightening book, can be justly proud of the final product. In a word, it is TERRIFIC! I really got a great kick out of reading about the fellows, many of whom I have not heard about for a number of years. Again my heartfelt thanks for your thoughtfulness, and warm wishes to all of you. Sincerely, Ike Eisenhower"

—R. T. S. and W. H. H.

1913

Minna Crutcher (Dixie's wife) and daughter came up from Tennessee for a visit. We went up to the Point for a football game. Minna is living on the farm at Henning, Tenn., running her antique shop. Young Jack Crutcher runs the farm. Dasha and I took Peggy (young Jack's wife) to the Army-Navy game this year.

"Dutch" (George) Krapf passed away on November 15th at Dalton, Mass. "Bug" Oliver, Dana Palmer, Rudy Whitten (1914) and Dasha and Joe Viner attended the funeral at Dalton.

Falkner Heard has returned to his home at 401 Terrell Road, San Antonio, Texas, after three years in the East and Europe.

Mac McCulloch has picked out the mid-south for his permanent home. His address is No. 6 Cobb Terrace, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Saw Jim Gillespie at the Penn-Franklin game—also Greene, Bob Crawford (1914) and Tex Davidson. Fewer each year!

Denny McCunniff's two daughters, Carol and Nancy, graduated from Junior College at Gulfport, Miss., this year. It kept Denny from the reunion in June.

Lathe Rowe has a boy in the sophomore class at Yale. Where are all the other class godsons?

"Monk" Lewis wrote that "Major" Underhill has been elected to the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of San Francisco for 1953-1954.

"Lil" Roberts wrote that after the reunion he felt the Plain was smaller, but the Chapel Hill steeper than back in 1913—and longer, too!

Francis Fuller had two young sons at the reunion — so perhaps we'll have godsons again at the Point for some years to come.

Henry Perrine's second boy—David—is now a plebe at West Point—so we yet carry on for a while until Fuller's boys get there.

Francis Englehart has gone to Germany for the winter—so his boy reports. I tried to get him for "Dutch's" funeral, but he had left for Europe.

Where on earth is "Lil" Spragins? The last word we had was that he was expecting to be a grandfather again. So am I, in March—our third! I have one grandson and one granddaughter.

We had a wonderful letter from "Gyp" Giffin from Brainbridge, Ohio. He visited Minna Crutcher and wrote a wonderful letter of his visit. It was a classic!

This year we had one godson and one goddaughter married; the son in the Keyes family; the daughter in Doug Greene's family.

The Class of 1913 is indebted to "Chief" Rowley for the pictures of the "class women", to "Jef" Keyes for the men, and to Archie Dorst for some other pictures. "Chief" paid out of his own pocket the money for eighty of these pictures. We'll send these out from time to time in the class letters.

We forgot to say that Archie Dorst visited Julia Patch at Staunton, Va., in June. We wanted her at the reunion but her school prevented her coming. She was in fine "fettle" so says Archie.

The "Gus" Slineys are reported to have gone to the "East"—India?—to see their son who is in those parts.

"Doug" Greene is doing the work on the class bulletin. Those who read this please send him or Viner news of yourself or of others. Thanks!

"Tex" Davidson is off to Japan for Xmas—reasons: daughters (all of them there) and grandchildren. We saw his boy at the Army-Navy game.

We had a few at the Army-Navy game—Greene, Davidson, Cramer and Viner. Saw no others. Wonderful day and game!

Had a letter from Crittenberger, who has a big job as head of "The Greater New York Fund"—a whale of a job! He was the one who told me of "Dutch" Krapf's death. Any of you wire me on a similar occasion.

"Rudy" Whitten (1914) lives at Hilldale, N. Y. I saw and visited him. He is in excellent health—now living on the farm.

Bobbie Crawford (1914) now lives in New York City—Vice President of the Foundation Co. He married Joe Viner's sister, Mary.

—Joe Viner.

1914

The most serious and important matter before 1914 is the 40th Reunion next June, which will be completely and fully successful only if all the Class attends, and this includes the Charming Ladies of the Class to a maximum degree. Please note the splendid attendance of 1913 illustrated in the October '53 *Assembly*. 1913 has set us a high standard.

We are very happy to announce our good fortune in having Bill Somervell and Pat Hogan agree to serve as the Committee

which will run the Reunion. You will doubtless hear directly from them.

From Washington, Henry Holcombe reports, "Members of the 1914 Group in Washington are happy to welcome two classmates who have recently come to Washington. Dad and Grace Ingles have moved into their new home which they have built in Westmoreland Hills, Maryland, a stone's throw across the District of Columbia line, just beyond Massachusetts Ave. Northwest. Their home has everything in the way of modern comfort and conveniences. It is a brick colonial with east and west wings on the first floor. One wing is enclosed for Dad's study, and the other, equipped with glass jalousies, serves either as an open or enclosed porch. Westmoreland Hills is a beautiful wooded area, and Dad and Grace are to be congratulated on their choice of location, design and surroundings for their new home. Being so close to the District of Columbia, their postoffice address is 5402 Blackiston Road, Westmoreland Hills, Washington 16, D. C.

Dabney and Betty Elliott have come to Washington recently and are temporarily living at 2736 Porter Street N.W., while they look for more permanent quarters. Dabney has just completed service with Civil Defense in Illinois, where he and Betty have been living since he retired from active service in September 1950. We hope the Elliots will find the space they are looking for and will settle permanently in the Washington area.

We were glad to have Tom Lanphier with us at our November dinner meeting at the Army and Navy Club. Others present were Anderson, J. B., Brand, Hannum, Holcombe, Ingles, Loomis, Paschal, Price and Stanford. Tom is in charge of the Dallas Regional office of the Veterans Administration, and was in Washington for a convention. Before returning to Texas, he planned to see his younger son, who is an actor in New York. We were very sorry to learn that Mary Lanphier died a year or two ago and that Tom is now alone. He said that later, when he retires from the Veterans Administration, he may settle in San Diego where he will be near Tom, Jr., ace flyer in the Pacific area in WW II. Tom Jr. is Vice-President of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, of which Joe McNarney is President.

We have word that Oscar Welch is still in Oklahoma City and that the Welches have recently moved into a new home at 1701 Dorchester Drive. The new address suggests a fine corner location with a garden and everything. We wish them the best of luck in their new home and hope that before long they can be here for one of our class meetings.

News has been received that Fenn Lewis spent six months last winter in charge of seven projects of radar construction along the north shore of Canada. We hand it to Fenn—his arteries and circulation must be super-duper. Most of us would be trekking toward Florida, Texas or Southern California about that time of the year. Now Fenn and Eva are at home near Bozman, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They are not too settled, however, as Fenn is considering offers from the J. A. White Engineering Corporation to come back with the Company, in charge of consulting engineering work and public utility construction in Korea.

Pete Orton's daughter-in-law, Joan, tells us that Pete is now granddad to six boys and a girl.

From San Antonio, John Carruth tells us, Bob and Betty Crawford are now living in New York City, where Bob is Vice-President of a large engineering firm, the Foundation Company. Jim Bradley has returned to San

Antonio after a visit to California. His San Antonio address is 224 Queen Anne Court. Jens and Betty Doe were in San Antonio in the latter part of November and remained long enough to join the class party at the home of Peter and Evelyn Downs to see the Army-Navy game on TV. Others on hand were Tim and Amy Rees, Ike and Lillian Gill, Cecil (Mrs. Cuyler) Clark, and Jim Bradley.

Cliff Matthews writes that after his retirement he and Edith decided to remain in Atlanta. His address is 1348 Peachtree Battle Ave. Cliff is dividing his time between gardening and practicing law, having been admitted to the Georgia Bar many years ago. He saw Peter Bullard recently when Pete passed through Atlanta, hauling a trailer, and bound for Florida to spend the winter.

This leads to Ralph Royce, 1245 N. Greenway Drive, Coral Gables, Fla., "Just returned from a long auto trip North. In Asheville, N. C. I saw Pug Lampert and his wife hard at work on his place in the country, and they are really accomplishing wonders. Also saw Weldon Doe and family several times. He was still winning golf cups. At West Point saw Hogan, Herr and Cowgill at football games. Stopped in Washington and went to the Army and Navy Club for a few minutes and ran into Hannum, Ingles, Crawford and Anderson, G. P. A regular reunion. Have seen Ham Huston in Tampa. Jouett stopped to see me on his way home. I see Puss Milligan frequently as he lives on the north end of the beach.

"All said they were going to try to be at the reunion in 1954.

"That's the news. I may be over your way next year after the reunion as we are planning a trip to the Canadian Rockies, then down the west coast and back home the southern route."

Letters like the above are a great help in keeping this column alive. They remove the pressure from your reporters, whose generous efforts in writing up the class news make the column tick. Write Holcombe, Mt. Vernon, Va. for the East; Carruth, 241 Claywell Drive, San Antonio for the South; Wadell, 819 Santee Street, Los Angeles, for the West. Don't be modest.

Pat Hogan reminds everybody to start making plans now to attend 40th Reunion. Bill Somervell is planning to send out information to all members on the arrangements for the Reunion commencing in January.

—J. B. C.

1915

"The Wop," alias Major General Leroy H. Watson, USA, has successfully vaulted over his last bar. On 30 November he reviewed a thousand troops at the Presidio of San Francisco, then came down for safe landing in his retirement home at 701 Elm Drive, Beverly Hills, Cal. The overall span from his cadet days as a pole vaulter to his final retirement covers 42 years of trying for and reaching the high spots, among them command of the Third Armored Division and 79th Infantry Division in combat, also command of the Nurnberg Enclave in the day when the Nazi criminals were brought to justice. His final assignment was on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, FECOM. If the press pictures are right, the Wop could make the West Point Track Squad, come spring of 1954.

Joe Haw has finally settled on California as his habitat. You can reach him at 1549 Hillcrest Road, Santa Barbara, not too far from Buck Finley's roost.

Ed and Hennie Moale have been abroad.

Their trip included England, Holland, France, Belgium, Italy, and Switzerland.

Harmon has again put on his working clothes. With Congress ready at long last to do something about setting up the long promised Air Force Academy, an expert of long experience in the business was needed. As a preliminary, Doodle tripped to West Point for a last survey of the care and feeding of future officers, including his independent minded plebe son. Lively discussion of the problem with Beukema developed plenty of points of difference, few of agreement. For that matter, has anyone ever agreed with Doodle? Or with Beukema?

Tom Taylor has undergone a drastic operation, involving the loss of one eye. Tom says there's no concern; he always could see more with one eye than his classmates could with full equipment. Tom reports that the Sherburnes are moving to Chapel Hill for residence. Doc Brownell is taking treatment for ocular trouble. We hope the medicos do a sound job. The Bradleys were at West Point for the week-end of the opening football game. Brad predicted a fine season after what he saw, a prediction nailed down by the award of the Lambert Trophy to the West Point Team as champions of the East. Jim Van Fleet provided a fine assist at the pre-Navy game rally. His rabble-rousing speech was on a par with his performance in First Class year when Coach Daly pronounced Jim "the best defensive half-back I have ever seen".

The Class officers are busy laying basic plans for the next big reunion in 1955. Hanley has a formidable pile of suggestions to present to Boye and the rest. Anybody with ideas on the subject should pass them on pronto to either Fritz or Tom.

The Lesters have established permanent residence at 2375 Bay St., San Francisco 23. Pearly Stickney, having visited for five months since Dick's sudden death, is home once more at 51 Elm St., Stoneham, Mass. She spent three months visiting her son Alfred in Burbank, Cal., and then did duty as grandmother in Concord, N. H., while her daughter and son-in-law were in Europe.

—H. B.

1916

Fay and Peggy Prickett have returned home to Alexandria, Virginia, after motor-ing 16,000 miles through 31 states. The Johns gave them a real Class party at Piedmont, California—the Shuggs, Bob McBrides, Garcias, Doneys and Blanks from the San Francisco Bay area and the Woodwards from Sacramento. Coming east they stopped with the Maurice Millers in San Antonio. There they saw the Tullys, Spences, Pages, Rinearsons, Wales and Newgardens. Bob Whitson, they missed; he was out of town. In Florida, Fay tried to see Spike Malsby but found he was in the hospital. He was expected out in a few weeks, fit as ever. Passing through Wilmington, N. C. he talked to Toohey Walbach over the telephone.

Crampton Jones and Harriot have also traveled over 10,000 miles of the open road. Saw Dixie Bonfils in Denver, Styer and Irvine in Coronado, Henderson in El Paso. From Mexico they are heading back to Washington through Laredo, Texas.

The Robbs are traveling abroad. They visited many places of interest in southern England on the way to London; then on to Holland and next to Germany—Cologne, Aachen, Bonn, Coblenz and Wiesbaden. They expected to reach Vienna in late November. Robb hopes to see our four-star general, Bill Hoge, en route.

Johns visited Washington briefly in October. He was heading for a meeting of the Military Engineer Society at Jacksonville of which he is President. He saw Stanley Scott and Brig Bliss but his time was so booked with speaking engagements for the Society that there was no chance for a real Class get-together. Jack and Kate Fraser were in Washington for a few hours the latter part of November. Fortunately he hit the day of the monthly Class luncheon and was able to see most of the Washington contingent. Dixie Bonfils and his wife stopped off for a day in Washington motoring back to Denver after the Navy game. Dixie has completely retired and is just enjoying life. It seems to agree with him—he looked swell.

Freddie Inglis, now living in Seattle, Washington, spent the summer at his place in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Fay Prickett saw him there during his western motor trip. Garcia is back in this country and living in San Francisco. He expects to be there until spring, at least. Lucien Berry, who retired this year, is living in Santa Barbara, California. Red O'Hare, who retired in February 1953, was in Walter Reed Hospital for treatment this fall. He and Bobby had been traveling in Europe, but a severe case of pleurisy made hospital treatment in this country necessary.

Tom Finley flew east from Colorado Springs at the end of September to see his son, David, now a Second Classman at West Point. Believe it or not, his boy is living in the same room in the old 5th Division that Tom had when he was a Second Classman thirty-nine years ago. While at The Point, Tom took in a football game and gave an optimistic report on the team, fully confirmed later in the Navy game. Between halves he saw Parker and Max Kuhn. Just before leaving he ran into Calvin and Marjorie DeWitt, who had come up from New York to see their son, who is now a Plebe. Tom came east again for the Navy game and expected to come to Washington before returning home.

Paul Kane has moved from Corvallis, Oregon to a small ranch at Forest Grove about forty miles away. He expects to make the ranch his permanent home but has not yet sold his Corvallis house. Says the falling farm prices and curtailment of building activity have hit Oregon hard and the real estate market is practically frozen.

Again there is sad news to report. Dad Freeland died on June 20th at Fort Jackson Army Hospital near Columbia, S. C. Dad never married. He maintained a home in Columbia since his retirement but spent a good deal of his time hunting and fishing in season.

Many new addresses are contained in a Class list which has already been mailed to everyone. If you did not get yours, Brig Bliss will be glad to send you one.

—E. G. B.

April 1917

October 30th was a perfect fall day in Washington and Fort McNair the ideal setting for the farewell review for Wayne Clark and the reception that followed, at which Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Stevens and Matt and Penny Ridgway were joint hosts. The Army Band, dressed in blue uniforms, played the West Point March by Philip Egner as the old 3d Infantry Regiment formed for the ceremony. All classmates and their wives in and near Washington were invited to say goodbye to Renee and Wayne, who left that evening for the West Coast until March 1st, when he succeeds General Summerall as Superintendent of The Citadel at Charleston, South Car-

olina. It is a perfect assignment for Wayne and all of us are glad that he can continue to contribute to the defense of our country by leading this fine old Southern Military College. Present at the review and reception were: Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw, who have settled in Washington since his retirement, Gladys Collins (Joe was absent in New Orleans), Bill Cowgill, Dot and Bill Eley, Rothe and Leo Erler, Louie Ford, Virginia Heraty, who was here from San Francisco where Mike is still in the hospital, Adele and Meach Meacham, Mildred and Dan Noce, Aline and Burnett Olmsted, Helen and Bob Ransom, Penny Ridgway (Matt was on an inspection trip in the Far East), Dot and Steve Sherrill, Enriette and Harry Schroeder, Jule and Willis Slaughter, Mary and Cooper Smith, Katherine and Willis Teale, Emily and Kive Tully, Elizabeth and Van Vander Hyden, Mary and George Wooley, Kewp Yuill, and Marjorie and Pescia Sullivan, here from Japan while Pesch is at Walter Reed for a final check-up.

On Monday, 26 October, Fort Myer held a farewell review for Louie Ford prior to his retirement on 31 October. Louie plans to spend much of the winter on the Mediterranean before deciding where he will live. Louie's sister, Ada Wald, was there, as was Bill Eley, Aaron Bradshaw, Mildred and Dan Noce, Gladys Collins, Dot and Steve Sherrill, to watch our old First Captain take his last review. The Ordnance Corps went to unusual lengths in honoring their Chief in many ways prior to his retirement.

According to *Life Magazine*, "Old Cavalry General Tupper Cole" was in charge of the U.S. riding team, as non-riding captain and coach in preparation for and at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden in November. It is fitting that Tupper, our best rider in Squire Lindsay's classes, should continue his activities as an outstanding horseman. Fred Irving presented the West Point Challenge Trophy to the winners of that event on November 6th.

Washington area classmates and wives gave a cocktail-buffet party at the Fort McNair Club Friday 6 November for the Chief of Staff and his predecessor and their wives—Penny and Matt Ridgway and Gladys and Joe Collins. Matt had just returned from a trip to the Far East and Alaska and Joe was in New Orleans a few days before and saw the Army-Tulane football game, with Ray Harrison, who was on a business trip there. It was a wonderful party—bringing the classmates here and their wives closer together as each of these gatherings seem to do. Present in addition to the guests of honor were: Solange and Morris Barroll; Dorothy and Pop Beurket who came down from Norristown, Pa., where they now live on their farm; Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw; Bill Cowgill; Suzanne and Ira Crump; Dot and Bill Eley; Rothe and Leo Erler; Jessie and Clark Fales; Louie Ford; Jule and Bill Heavey, down from New York for the occasion; Mildred Noce; Alene and Burnett Olmsted; Enriette and Harry Schroeder; Dot and Steve Sherrill; Jule and Willis Slaughter over from Aberdeen; Mary and Cooper Smith; Sam Smith; Katherine and Willis Teale; Emily and Kive Tully; Elizabeth and Van Vander Hyden; Mary and George Wooley; Gay and Kewp Yuill. Ernie Harmon, Norm Schwarzkopf and Katherine and Willis Teale were at West Point for the Dartmouth game on October 10.

Classmates will be saddened to hear of the death at Valley Forge Hospital on 24 September 1953 of Wallace Redner. He had been ill for many months. Interment was in West Point Cemetery. Fred Irving and Prof Jones attended the funeral and sent flowers from the class.

At the formal dedication ceremonies of

memorial windows in the War Memorial Shrine, Washington Cathedral, September 20, 1953, Matt Ridgway delivered the dedication address. Several classmates were in the congregation to hear Matt's inspiring message and view the beautiful windows.

Several classmates are officers of West Point societies: Jeff Steiner in Birmingham; Jim Hayden in San Francisco; Harry Pierce in Hartford; and Doug Wahl in Monterey.

Present at Philadelphia on 28 November to see the Army team's magnificent 20-7 victory over Navy were: Percy Black, Gladys and Joe Collins, Connie and Dutch Cota, Rhoda and Bates Compton, Louie Ford, Laddie and Jim Hayden, Vivian and Fred Irving, Hannah and Prof Jones, Bob Ransom, Penny and Matt Ridgway, Ruth and Norm Schwarzkopf with their daughters Sally and Ruth Ann (their son, Norman, Jr., is a yearling), Pete Slaughter, Katherine and Willis Teale and daughter (their son, Willis, Jr., is a plebe), Emily and Kive Tully.

Laddie and Jim Hayden stopped in Washington for two days after the Navy game. A few of the class who were available met at the Army Navy Club on 3 December and entertained them for dinner. Present were: Suzanne and Ira Crump, Dot and Bill Eley, Helen and Bob Ransom, Lucy and Dave Rumbough, en route from their place in Maine to Mexico City for the winter, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Emily and Kivas Tully, Mary and George Wooley. The Haydens will stop at Sarasota, Florida, to visit Jean and Fat Stewart before returning home to California.

Just in: Bill Heavey flies to Madrid 7 January, where he will be Project Manager for Architect Engineers, Spanish Bases. Bill's address in Madrid is: c/o A.E.S.B., 36 Esproncida. Jule will accompany him to Madrid. If all goes well, the Heaveys will be in Madrid almost two years.

—S. H. S.

August 1917

Catharine and I recently spent a most delightful evening in New York as the guests of Frank and Mary Meade. Frank, who is new president of the Automatic Telephone Company, was East on business.

Had hoped to see many of our class at the Navy game, but for some reason our individual seats seem to move farther apart each year.

Hal Barber is returning from Spain in January to resume his retirement in Winter Park, Florida. His son, Hal III, is back from Korea after a year of duty there. He first commanded a battalion of the 15th Infantry and was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star. He received a battlefield promotion to Lt. Col., and was made G-3 of the Division, together with the Legion of Merit. Just a chip off the old block.

Jules Schaefer, to whom I am most grateful for his steady stream of class news, is doing a wonderful job in behalf of a Service Widow's Pension. His deep interest in the plight of Army widows is most commendable and I know each of us will be glad to help him in his efforts at any time.

Maris Black, now commanding General Chemical Corps Material Command, is scheduled for retirement May 31st the coming year, but may request relief from active duty a few months earlier.

Hi Ely, who has just been on active duty again since September a year ago at Frankford Arsenal, has recently been appointed Works Manager. After a busy five days, he spends his weekends on his farm, where the Angus cattle, turkeys and chickens keep him jumping mending fences and catching up with the general chores.

Parry and Isabelle Lewis, who are still in Hampton, Va., took off for a trip to Europe this summer to see Parry's old haunts of World Wars I and II.

Bill Carswell, who now resides in West Palm Beach, Florida, was, in August, relieved from "M" day assignment and transferred to the Retired Reserve. While on active duty for two weeks, he suffered a coronary thrombosis attack which necessitated his getting out of active Reserve work. He would be delighted to have class visitors at any time.

Ted Futch has been sent to Indiantown Gap, Pa., where he will be in command of troops in the State.

Ross Garity, now living at Palma Sola Park, Route No. 1, Bradenton, Fla. for several years, has been an officer of the local Episcopal church and chairman of the Program Committee for the Little Theatre. For the past year he has been tutoring in High School math and substituting in both the Junior High and the High School.

Mickey Kernan is one of the group in the California area, and is now living at 18 Fair Oaks Lane, Atherton, Cal.

Bill Reeder is enjoying his days at the University of Syracuse as a consultant. His teaching days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He is enjoying retirement no end with no deadlines that are too serious, and not many at that.

Bob Bringham's son, John, who graduated last June, was recently married in Chattanooga.

Spider Maling's daughter, Nancy, for five years a hostess with T.W.A., was recently married to Hal Cope of Los Angeles.

—W. G. W.

June 1918

At the ARMY (14)-DUKE (13) Game in New York, that one point difference in the score was due in part at least to the rooting of Inez and "Addie" Adcock, Steve and "Growley" Gruhn, and Elsie and "C.P." Townsley.

Phil Gallagher is now wearing the stars of a temporary Major General. Our heartiest congratulations Phil! Mary and Bit Barth are now stationed in Athens (A.P.O. 206, care P.M., New York) where Bit is Chief of the Joint U.S. Military Aid Group in Greece. Eddie Sibert is returning from Japan for retirement from active duty. Eddie and Laura will live on the island of Martha's Vineyard (Route 23, Vineyard Haven, Mass.) Steve and "Growley" Gruhn have retired to the place they bought at 15 Stillman Avenue, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. (just a few miles north of the gray barracks where their Plebe son is sojourning).

Mabel and Jim Marshall have returned from Turkey, where Jim was Director of Operations for Koppers Company at Zonguldak. They are now back at Skaneateles, N. Y. A recent issue of the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* states that "Lt. Col. James F. Pinchel, USA-RET. is now associated in general law practice with Col. Rudolph J. Scholz, Inf.-Res. in the Balfour Building, San Francisco, and at 652 University Avenue, Palo Alto." (Clarence Townsley says that, in spite of the new spelling, this is our boy, Jim Pichel.)

Eve and Charlie Blanchard write that they are still enjoying Gordon where (now that Augusta is the little White House) they have many interesting visitors. Joanna and "Pat" Wilson took a long vacation from Puerto Rico and toured the East Coast from Miami, Fla. to the NAVY GAME in Philadelphia. "Pat" looked especially hale and prosperous after spending ten days in

his home town at Opelika, Ala. and doing lots of theater-going in New York. Elsie and Clarence Townsley write: "Page is coming up from Dallas and Marian from Washington to help us initiate our house for our first Christmas in it. Still enjoying the novelty of living in our own house. Wish you all would come and see it."

"Laddie" Belling, "Heinie" Stenzel, "C.P." Townsley and "Pat" Wilson were seen at the West Point Society of New York's smoker just before the NAVY GAME.

—J. L. G.

November 1918

Melton Hatch writes that he is on his fourth year as PMS&T at the University of Illinois. Two summers ago Virginia and he purchased a house near Sarasota, Fla.; however they may continue as absentee landlords for a while or at least until after another foreign service tour. Their older boy, Mel, graduated from U. of I. with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and is now on duty at Ft. Bliss as a 2nd Lt. of Artillery. The younger boy, Henry J., is a plebe at West Point. Summer camps and their boys' graduations have interfered with attendance at class reunions. However, they now hope to be frequent visitors to West Point. Ken and Milly Stice live in Urbana. The Hatches often see them at parties. There are no other classmates nearby, but two godsons, Pence and Snow were Student Officers at Illinois last year.

Al Miller has moved to Wisconsin, where he is Vice President of Kurg & Root Sales & Engineering Corp. His home address is 28 River Drive, Appleton, Wis. He writes asking classmates passing through to stop over.

Mike Gillespie has joined the Washington group, being C.O. of A.P. Hill at Bowling Green, Virginia. Pop Hendrick is also back in Washington after a tour in Japan.

Kester Hastings is acting Q.M.G. Incidentally our class has really moved in on the Q.M.—Howie Peckham commanding Ft. Lee and the Q.M. School; Joe Odell commanding Q.M. Research & Development Center; and Kester running the works.

If you haven't read Bonner Feller's book, "Wings for Peace", you should do so. His logic has converted lots of die-hards to the new atomic age strategy. Read it and try and find flaws in it.

Mike Kelly has changed his address from the Chamberlain Hotel, Old Point Comfort, to 220 Tappan Ave., Buckroe Beach, Virginia.

Heinie Bergman is coming all the way from New York to attend our monthly class luncheons at Washington. Remember the fixed date, and time your own Washington visits to coincide. They are held the second Wednesday each month at 12:30 in the Officers' Club at Fort McNair (present name for the old "Washington Barracks," later the "War College"). Other changes in the Washington group are Swede Ericson, Bryan Evans and Sammy Walker have joined; Jimmie Keasler and Reed Yeager have departed.

Sunday, October 11th, saw fifty-three classmates and wives assembled at Charlie and Mary Colson's home in Leesburg, Virginia, for our semi-annual "Ladies Day" The Colsons have done a wonderful job restoring the old place they bought and this was the housewarming. Everyone voted it the best joint get-together yet held — a dutch-treat glorified picnic including a half broiled chicken apiece. The day was a perfect Indian Summer day, famous down there in the Hunt Country. Classmates as-

sembled from all over—Count and Mary Gorkinski from Sacramento, even. Arch Colwell wrote from Paris that he would have come with his guitar if he'd only been home in Cleveland. The full complement was: Bill & Laura Belle Badger, Elmer & Dottie Barnes, Bill & Camilla Bennett, Heinie & Pat Bergman, Howie Canan, Corp & Mary Chorpensing, Charles & Mary Colson, Swede & Carol Ericson, Bryan & Ruth Evans, Bonner & Dorothy Fellers, Mike & Esther Gillespie, Count & Mary Gorkinski, Dave & Edith Griffiths, Pop & Charlene Hendrick, Kester & Ruth Hastings, Ronald & Peg Hicks, Charlie & Edna Hixon, Hunk Holbrook & daughter, Mary, "Jimmie" Hemenway, Mike Kelly, Mac & Florence McGiffert, Bill & Fran Miller, Joe & Dot Moss, Jesse & Sylvia Norman, Ed & Margaret Smith, Van Van Voorst, and Sam & Pansy Walker.

Faithful Fred Pearson writes from 110 El Rancho Way, San Antonio, Texas: "Here are a few notes from down Texas way. I don't get around much since retirement, so news is a bit scarce. But here is what I have: Alex MacKenzie has joined the retired colony at San Antonio and is living at 133 Villa Rista Road. He came here from California several months ago. Dick Ericson was here recently with the IG on their annual inspection, and we had lunch together. Babe Gullatt was on the St. Lawrence River for a couple of months this summer on a consulting engineers job. He dropped by the Alma Mater en route back. He is now at Houston and commutes to San Antonio where he keeps his second office. Harrison Shaler has been moved from Red River Arsenal to the Far East. He did a bangup job. I hated to see him leave. Savvy Saville was in an automobile accident sometime back but I understand he is now up and around. Ben Chadwick has expanded his Seven Oaks Club into a Country Club. I heard that George Eddy is in good health again and doing his usual outstanding job at White Sands. My first post retirement physical showed no appreciable change in condition in three months. I was glad to get that information. I hope to get to the A-N game, but don't know whether I will make it or not. I couldn't recognize half of the classmates in the Reunion picture; other classmates admitted they couldn't recognize all of them either. Please publish their names along with places where they are."

Jack Curtis and Gene Vidal have been at West Point for several football games, and stopped at The Squirrels for refreshments and talk afterward. Chief Brimmer and Jacqueline visited West Point on 19 November en route from Cheyenne to Hartford to visit an aunt. I tried to get them for lunch but Chief wanted to see Cadet Chapel. He explained that he had never seen it before as he always went to sleep when he was a cadet. Chief had great tales of trout fishing with George Keyser in Northern Wyoming. Chief claims that he caught all the fish.

Paul Kendall wrote from Japan, where he is Deputy Commander of U.S.A.F.F.E., APO 343, for the names of those in the 35th Reunion photograph. As others may be interested, here they are by rows, as supplied by none other than General Van Voorst, who knows everybody: *First Row:* Bannister, Elleman, Freeman, Binder, Curtis, Vidal, Holbrook, Van Voorst, Williamson, Canan, Kelly, Trichel, Spring. *Second Row:* Bergman, Mrs. Badger, Helen Williamson, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Twichell, Mrs. Elleman, Mrs. Stevens, F. A. Miss Fellers, Mrs. Cocke, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Wanamaker, Miller, M. M. *Third Row:* Groves, Miss Groves, Miss Williamson, Mrs. Binder, Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Carroll, J. V.,

Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. Miller, A. Mrs. Fellers, Mrs. Miller, M. M., Mrs. Vidal, Jenkins, Hubbell. *Fourth Row:* Cocke, Gorman, Benton, Riani, Miller, A., Griffiths, Fellers, Peckham, Fasnacht, Badger, Piland. *Fifth Row:* Norman, Brinkley, Carroll, J. V., Pinto, Dickson, Blair, W. P., Conrad, G. B., Wanamaker, Stevens, F. A., Fitzpatrick, Dolph. Mr. Charles Wielert at White Studio, West Point, can still supply copies of this picture.

Maude Muller has sent in a change of address form telling us that his new address is US HICOG, Box No. 175, APO 80, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. This, I presume, means that he is a big wheel in the High Commissioner's Office. Maude always does a good job. He is especially well qualified at this sort of thing as he ran Bavaria beautifully at a time when the running was tough.

Fred Butler writes from San Francisco that Mac Monroe is the latest arrival in those parts. Mac has bought a house in Oakland. He and his wife plan to make their home there.

Others in the San Francisco area are: Gillard, playing with electronics; Gorkinski, on the engineering staff of the State; Joe Holly, much appreciated by the tank builders who employ him; Johnnie Hughes, Vice President of a Transamerica subsidiary; Joe Kilbourn; Jock Rogers; and Wilson, A. M. Recently in Los Angeles Fred saw Bev Snow, now an employee of Anheuser Busch and engaged in building a brewery.

Fred's son, Billy Butler, is currently commanding a Battery of 155 S.P. Guns in Korea.

The McCones have turned up in Washington for a rest and refit. They still say that they are going to live in Ireland.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

Members of the class still continue to figure on promotion lists. Bobby Gard and Jaz Murphy are now temporary Major Generals. The latest eligible list of permanent Major Generals also had Bobby Gard's name on it as well as that of Bob Crichlow. Retirements during the last quarter included Syril Faine as of 31 October. In connection with his retirement the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* carried a news item crediting Faine with being the originator of the Combat Infantry Badge. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his services in Korea in 1952-1953. Al Moore sends in a clipping from Los Gatos, California, from the San Francisco *Examiner* with a picture of Clarence Frank above the following legend:

"Colonel C. A. Frank, retired U. S. Army Officer, planning a new career at the age of 53. He recently was appointed a Deputy County Clerk in Santa Clara County, and will continue his law studies, started at the University of Santa Clara, by getting legal experience in court and at Golden Gate College in San Francisco at night. Colonel Frank was a West Point graduate in 1919 and retired from the service in 1950. He is the father of seven children."

Stu Little visited West Point in October for the combined purpose of seeing a football game and getting his small son "Corky" a ride in a tank, both ventures being successful. A number of the class, including Kyke Allan, Fritz Marlow, and Carl Molitor, picked up Stu's latest publicity stunt (he works for Salvage, Lee and Chase, Public Relations Firm of 1 East 43rd Street, New York City) and sent me copies of articles about him. Stu sent a letter to the publishers of each of 250 daily newspapers commencing as follows:

"There are upwards of 3 billion crows in North America, according to government figures, each scheduled to live 12 years unless eliminated earlier by gun, poison, or trap. * * * * But I think there must be octogenarian crows that live far beyond the 12 year span allotted them by the migratory bird experts. My grandfather for instance had a politically minded talking crow which he chased off his farm when the bird deserted Theodore Roosevelt in 1904 and plunked for Alton B. Parker for President. Grandpa claimed he found the crow as a fledgling in 1861. That would make the old crow 43 years old at the time. * * * * * What I am looking for are authenticated very old crows. I would deeply appreciate any help from you or your readers."

The results of this letter were spectacular. More than 100 papers ran the letter. Columnists picked it up and several papers ran editorials about it. Readers were equally responsive. Stu received well over 500 letters offering information about crows. He also got a considerable number of live crows, a crow whistle, and a good many bottles of bourbon. By this time you have probably guessed that Stu's firm have the manufacturers of Old Crow Whiskey as a client.

The following items are extracted from Horace Speed's quarterly news letter, written on 2 November shortly after the class 35th anniversary cocktail party in Washington:

"Saturday, 31 October, we had the class cocktail party at the Army-Navy Club with the following present: Kyke Allan, Mike and Marjorie Brannon, Jim and Elizabeth Cole, Louis Ely (new wife Gladys Mae had flu and could not come. Had hoped to meet her), Les and Doc Flory, Harlan and Mamie Hartness (he is now Director, Armed Forces I and E Program), Joe and Maxine Cranston, Jimmy Harbaugh and Mrs. Wolfe; Bert and Irene Hayford (he is Deputy Chief of Transportation), Wes and Phyllis Jervey (they are going to spend the winter in California), Herb and Anabelle Jones (he is new Chief of Personnel Division, AGO), Doc and Patty Martin, Gene and Peggy McInley (he is the new CG, Joint Task Force 7), Dick and Emma Ovenshine, Stu and Helen Barden, Willy Palmer, Charlie and Peggy Pyle, George and Hope Rogers (he is Chief, Procurement Inspection Division, Office of the Inspector General), Horace and Minette Speed, Wayne Zimmerman (Deputy Inspector General), Eddy and Barbara Starr (from Fort Mead with their guest Dorothy Wilson, wife of L. C. Wilson who is now in Korea), Ham Young (also from Fort Mead), Galen and Gertrude Taylor (he is with Gar Wood Industries, Findlay, Ohio), Urban and Kay Niblo (from Fort Monroe), and Rosa Kerr (widow of Virgil). George Burgess, Doc and Opie Loper, Harry Rex, Nate Twining, Jack Madison, Bill Dunham, and Al and Dade Wedemeyer all had to send regrets for reasons of illness or absence from the Washington area. Tony McAuliffe had been transferred to command the Seventh Army in Europe. Don Shingler has left Fort Belvoir to become Division Engineer at Portland, Oregon. Harrison Heiberg has been transferred from Fort Monroe to Europe. Herb Jones reports that Bunker Bean has a small model of the Pentagon at Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indiana in the new 25 million dollar finance center. Herb also saw Ray Barlow at Camp Gordon, where Ray is Chief of Staff. New addresses in the Washington area include Allan, C. V., telephone Dupont 70355; Cranston, J. A., National Security Industrial Association, 1511 K Street N.W. (home 3133 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.); Loper, H. B., 1200 North Rolfe, Arlington, Va.; Barden, A. R. S., 7814 Exeter Road,

Bethesda, Maryland. The next Washington party will be about 13 February."

As many of you know, Horace Speed, 19 Fort Hunt Road, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia, is the Washington secretary of the class. Any of the class returning to Washington to live or visiting in the area should contact Horace so that he can keep up to date on your whereabouts and activities.

Kyke Allan is now settled permanently in Washington. He writes that he had a fine four months trip through Europe last summer and fall. In Switzerland he ran into Bill Regan in Lausanne. He also spent a month in Scotland and some time in Mallorca in the Balearic Isles. He says one cannot live in Mallorca on \$10.00 a month as reported by tourist agencies.

On Armistice Day memorial services were held at Paulsboro, New Jersey, for the late Paul Revere Carl. An American Flag and Standard was presented to the Paulsboro High School in Carl's memory, he having been Superintendent of the Paulsboro School System from 1936 until his death in 1951. The memorial, presented by the local Parent Teacher Associations, was accepted by Mr. P. Q. Stumpt, Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the school system and turned over to the custody of the President of the High School Student Council. The latter introduced the guest speaker, Colonel W. B. Tully of the West Point Society of Philadelphia, who paid a fine tribute to the character and accomplishments of the deceased. The exercises were attended by some 2,000 members of the Paulsboro Parent Teachers Association and the Paulsboro School System. P. D. is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian O. Carl of Paulsboro.

A note from Fred Drury furnishes the permanent address to which he has moved since his retirement. It is 1711 Terrace Way, Santa Clara, California. Tom Crawford writes from Nashville that he is now Chief of the Tennessee Military District, Franklin and Berry Roads, Nashville 4, Tennessee. Tom saw George Price for the first time since 1918 at a recent PMS&T's conference. George is PMS&T at the University of Florida. Tom is hoping to get back to the 35th reunion and bring his son, who will be having his 5th. Young Crawford has returned safely from Korea, where he participated in 100 missions.

Count Wilson is now living at 155 Twenty-Fifth Avenue, San Francisco, after having achieved the degrees of BBA and MA at Texas Western College. He expects to join an Investment Securities Firm in San Francisco. During a visit to Europe last summer, Count had dinner with Bunny and Adene Burnell in Brussels, cocktails with the Al Gruenthers in Paris, and met Alex Kirby in Paris, where Alex is Commanding Officer of the Base Q.M. Depot and Post Exchange.

Marion Sheehy is living at 633 Kellogg Avenue, Palo Alto, California. She bought a home there after John was killed in 1944. Her oldest son has graduated from Stanford University Medical School and is now a Captain in the Medical Corps with station at Letterman General Hospital. Her middle son is in training to be a Jesuit priest and the youngest boy is graduating from Prep School this June and plans to study law at Fordham or Georgetown University.

Your scribe attended the Army-Northwestern football game at Evanston and while there saw briefly Bill Kean, commanding the Fifth Army; Eddie Strohhenn, on duty at Fifth Army Headquarters; Jack Paaen, Director of Research for the Universal Oil Company; Bill Barton, President of W. F. and John Barnes Company, Rockford, Illinois; and Deacon Hill, editor and radio magnate of Des Moines, Iowa. Vis-

itors at West Point during the football season included Stu Little, George Horowitz, Bunker Bean, Bob Hill and Ed and Polly Sebree. Ed Sebree is Deputy Commander of the First Army, where Jaz Murphy is Chief of Staff. Bob Hill is now at Fort Monmouth running the annual logistics exercise of the technical services known as Log X. His address is Headquarters, Log X, Fort Monmouth, N. J. Mike and Marjorie Brannon made a social visit to West Point late in November as guests of Charlie West. On a flying visit to speak in New York in November, Al Gruenther checked in with a phone call from Cornwall, where he stopped to see his daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Dick Owenshine spent a day at USMA last September representing the Career Management Division of the Infantry. Ike and Margaret Lawrence attended the Army-Duke game in New York. Ike's daughter is married to Lt. J. C. M. des Islets, Class of '51. Ike is now a grandfather, his grandson Johnny des Islets being 7 months old.

Your local reunion committee, Frank Davis and Brick Bartlett, hope to have a reunion bulletin in the mails sometime after the first of the year. We cannot send out details of the festivities for our 35th until certain local decisions on allocations of facilities have been made during the month of December. All we can say at present is reserve Sunday and Monday, 6 and 7 June, for the Reunion, which will follow the general pattern of our 30th.

—B. W. B.

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A few days after the last Class Notes went to press, the sad news came announcing the death of Jimmy Walsh on September 9, 1953, at his home, 15 Knollwood Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Subsequent news from his home revealed that Jim died quietly in his sleep after a long illness. He had been, for several years, Field Supervisor for the Aetna Casualty and Security Company of Hartford. Jim was born in Middletown, Connecticut September 6, 1896. In 1917 he was graduated from Wesleyan University and received his Master of Arts degree from Catholic University in 1918. As most of you know, Jimmy entered the Coast Artillery after graduation with our Class, but in 1921 resigned his commission and joined the Travelers Insurance Company. He was a popular member of the Travelers organization and became president of the Travelers Men's Club. He was an insurance underwriter. In 1940 Jim was recalled to active duty as a Major after eighteen years membership in the Army Reserve. He served as Assistant Executive Officer at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, until January 6, 1942, when he joined the Office of the Provost Marshal General. In the latter office he served as chief of the training branch until he became director of a division in the same office in 1942. He left the Army in 1945 after having been promoted to the rank of Colonel. Jim was a member of the University Club; past president of the Hartford branch, West Point Societies of America; and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield, Connecticut. He left, besides his father, his wife Mrs. Mary Ducey Walsh; a daughter, Donna Lee Walsh; three sisters, Mrs. John A. McGuinn, Mrs. Howard E. Veillette and Mrs. Bernard C. Caulfield, all of West Hartford.

In a formal announcement dated September 1953, Joe Dillon, Major General, USAF (retired), formerly the Air Provost Marshal, announced the formation of Dillon and Dillon, a law firm engaging in the general

practice of law, with his offices located at 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Our classmate, Kelly, P. C., was at West Point during early December for a few hours. Although your scribe didn't see him, he ran into Harty West at the PX. She reported that he was in the best of health and spirits and was highly enthusiastic about the success of his small company which manufactures "Kel-Art" portable infant beds and kiddie coops.

The *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* has recently announced the retirement of Clarence Schabacker and his advancement to Brigadier General on the retired list. Approval by the President of the promotions to Major General of Crump Garvin and George Honnen have also been announced.

Changes of station and/or assignment have appeared on the following: Frank Farrell—Deputy AC/S, G3, Ops, Department of the Army, to CG, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. "Gloomy" Hasbrouck—Promoted to Brigadier General and appointed Commanding General, Special Weapons Command, Sandia Base, New Mexico. George Bare—Relieved from his assignment in Germany and ordered to Utah General Depot, Ogden, Utah. George had previously been Commanding Officer of the Southern Area Command, Quartermaster Division in the American Zone, Germany.

The following classmates were seen at the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia: Poulson, Lemnitzer, Horn, Stratton, Tully, Clark, Donnelly, R. B., Honnen and McNulty. And, of course, the group from West Point which included Red Blaik, Bill Bes-sell, Larry Schick, Charlie West, Johnston, E. C. and your scribe.

Two last minute items of news are: the transfer of Freddie Harris from his job as Post Commander of Fort Meade, Maryland to FECOM; and the announcement of the marriage at Fort Knox, Kentucky in October of Lt. Peter Craig Withers, USMA '52, to Miss Sonya Ellis Sells, daughter of Colonel John K. Sells and Mrs. Sells. Peter's father, our Bill Withers, served as best man. The bridegroom returned to the United States last July following service with the 45th Division in Korea. The bride attended Centre College, Danville, Kentucky.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

We report the sad news of Ted Straub's death, which occurred in the hospital at Governors Island, N. Y., on the day before the Navy game. Cause was a heart condition. Burial was in Arlington and was attended by several of the Orioles then in or near Washington—Blair, Crandell, Crary, Gibson, Haas, Leonard, McClure, Miller, Uncles and Watson.

Mudgett, having received a DSM for his work in the Far East, has now returned to Washington, where he is Chief of Public Information for the Army. John Uncles is head of Research and Development, also in Washington, and George Olmsted, now back in civilian life, is devoting a lot of his time to a new business corporation he has set up in the same city. On the other hand PD Crandell is leaving there and heading for Fourth Army in San Antonio. The San Antonio chapter of the Orioles should then include Crandell, Dance, Hensey, Watson, and Mildred Gross, who is living there.

At a West Point luncheon held at Governors Island in September the class was represented by Albert, Barrett, Branham, Johnson, R. H., Kyle, Klein and Raynsford. Crittenberger, who was toastmaster, at one point had the group stand up, the largest representation present from any class.

Rumaggi is leaving the Eight Army in Korea and going to Fort Monroe for a job of the same sort, Engineer of the Army Field Forces. A photograph recently in the news shows Max Taylor pinning an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit on Rummy.

Bob Taylor, who used to be deputy in the Southern Area Command in Germany, is now commanding the Wurzburg District in the Western Area Command. That will give him plenty of hills to drive over as he inspects his command this winter.

Lombard retired from the Air Force in June and writes from Sacramento: "Trying out the California climate and looking for suitable employment." He was considering Real Estate in Sacramento, temporarily at least. His son Harry, USMA '51, was married in August, just after being released from a hospital; he was wounded in Korea and lost a foot, but hopes to be able to remain in the Service.

Brokenshire recently became Superintendent of Construction of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company. He took a degree in electrical engineering at Penn State in 1924, joined the company right after that, and has been with it, living in Allentown, ever since.

Murphy, R. V. is with an engineering firm in Trenton and likes his work. He also liked the way things went at the Navy Game, as did Barrett, Kane, McClure and doubtless other Orioles who were there, but no one has been able to compile a complete list of those on hand that day.

P. D. Lynch is a graduate student at the University of Texas, working on a master's degree in business administration. He expects possibly to do college teaching in that subject, combined with some consulting work. The Lynches meanwhile are living in a furnished apartment in Austin and their plans are firm only for the remainder of this school year. If PD stays on at the University they'll get a house in town and move their things there.

McDavid writes from Columbia on stationery of the Insurance Department of the State of South Carolina. He makes his home at 762 Kawana Road in Columbia, but it would have been nice if he had told a little more about himself.

Marge Lawton visited at West Point in November, primarily to see son George, who is a student at the USMA Prep School, getting ready to enter the Academy next summer. Nice to see so many second-generation Orioles following in their fathers' footsteps. There have been sixteen graduates to date: Cook, Crawford, Douglass, Hughes (2), Kane, Little, Lombard, McGowan, Pierce, Price, Smith, C. R., Spettel, Spry, Wilhide and Yale. Five others are cadets at the present time: Greene, Klein, Olmsted, Smith, P. M., and Thomson. Have any others been overlooked? —C. J. B.

1923

By the time this comes out, all of you should have received your copies of *Reunion, 1923-1953*, the pamphlet put out by Kenner Hertford and Woggie Towle. It is such a swell job that one would never suspect the difficulties they had to overcome. Joe Greene's untimely death made their task doubly hard. We hope they were repaid for their fruitful labors by a deluge of appreciative letters from the Class.

Ecstatic reviews of Pinky Dorn's cookbook have been coming out in the papers from coast to coast. In case you want to know what it is all about, your attention is invited to the review of it in this issue of *Assembly*.

A photo in the Newburgh News of 5 October showed Major General Eugene W. Ridings, C.G., 3rd Inf. Div., Korea, congratulating Major John Eisenhower after presenting him with the Bronze Star Medal just before his departure for the States.

Gene Harrison was here for a long weekend to see his son (Class of '66), who was then in the hospital, and to attend the Dartmouth Game. Howard Serig has just bought a home in Bedminster, N. J. He has a job in New York City, but his card gave no details. Sheffield Edwards was retired upon his own application on 31 October. We note with pleasure the award of a second permanent star to Bill Biddle, C.G., 1st Armored Div., Ft. Hood. A retirement not previously mentioned in this column is that of Charlie Higgins, for physical disability.

Fritz Breidster reports having had a nice visit with Mark Galusha at National Guard Camp in Minnesota in August. Mark is Executive Assistant in the National Guard Association. Freddy Philips and Bill Kelly are the organizers of a new West Point Society in Albany. Bill Goddard is with the Transportation Div., USAREUR, APO 403, c/o P.M., N. Y. He has recently become a proud grandfather. John Chambers' younger son is at Braden's in Cornwall, so we expect to see John when he comes to fetch the boy home for Christmas.

Miles Reber wrote early in November to express his pleasure at bidding the Pentagon goodbye after fifteen years. He was just packing his bags for Germany. Gene Harrison joined the lengthening list of members of '23 in retirement as of 31 October. Anne and Bill Longwell attended the annual New England West Point Dinner (no date given) at the M.I.T. Faculty Club, as did Chambers and Pamplin. We were glad to see Timberman's name on the list of those selected for appointment to the permanent grade of major general.

The following were seen at West Point at various times during the football season: Pete Leone, J. C. King, Maude and Lou Haskell, Betty and Roy Lord, Eddie Love and wife, "Demon" Gunn and wife, John Chambers, Freddy Philips, Bill Kelly, "Dutch" Pfeiffer and wife, and John Noyes and his sister.

Early, Towle and Morse are reported to have been at the Penn Game. The following were checked at the Navy Game: Tully, Towle, Newman, Craigie, George Stewart, Grombach, W. W. White, Weikert, Morse, Galloway, Kehm, "Deke" Stone, D'Espinosa, Early, Harriman, Johnny White, Post, Love, J. C. King, Tudor, and Osborne.

Wendell Johnson writes as follows: "At the Army Commander's Conference in Washington on 30 November and 1 December there were five of '23 present: Temp Holland (G-3) and McEldowney (G-4) from Fourth Army, Cecil Nist (G-2) from Second Army and Lou Haskell (Comptroller) and I (G-2) from First Army. Cecil has just returned from about four years in the Far East. In another month we shall be leaving Governors Island. I have orders assigning me to the Joint U. S. Military Group, U. S. Embassy, Spain, where I am to head up the Army part of the MAAG. Concurrent travel has been authorized for Ruth and we'll sail about the end of January."

Trooper Price wrote one of his long, picturesque letters on October 5th. It is a shame to have to publish only extracts from it, but space requirements and decorum being what they are, we will lift a few tidbits from it. "Jud and LaVerne McGehee were dishing out gin and tonic last night, using restraint in their own elbow bending, but sending the most distinguished member of a distinguished cavalry regiment home with the thought that more tonic and less gin would have been a better combination. But I have a recollection that the McGehee

sons are accumulating masters and doctors degrees with appalling persistence and facility; and I finally learned why Jud used to be turned out for exams at regular intervals. I've always had a deep respect for any man who put on white gloves and made the grade; but last night, my respect ripened into reverence. More than a year ago, I bailed out of the fiction business—whether I had got fed up with writing, or the reading world had got fed up with me, is a purely academic question. The inexorable judgment rendered by the bank roll and gate receipts told me I was through. So I shaved off the long white beard, got myself a job as microfilm operator, civil service, (county), and since the salary was insignificant, I got a sideline business of processing 35 millimeter microfilm, the sideline giving me that extra dollar which I could regard with the contempt it merited. After a year of this, I boned up trig and P.M.E., took two exams for jobs in the county engineer's office, and have just received word that I came out No. 1 in each exam. My son showed up last year, age 21, and a member of the United States Marine Corps. He reported with a bottle of 151 proof Demerara rum, the supreme example of filial piety. We ended by recognizing each other. For the past year, he has been in Korea." Trooper goes on to tell how thoroughly his son has been indoctrinated as a Marine and how the boy is trying to avoid transfer back to the States.

—W. J. Morton.

1924

Thanks to all who sent in information for this column—it is hoped that all will respond equally well to Charlie Stevenson's questionnaire covering our 30th Reunion in June.

Many classmates who attended the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia expressed their eagerness to have a gala reunion. Among those present were: Simons, Sorley, Partridge, Cary King, Harold King, Raymond Nelson, Maglin, Bill Cleary, Francis Kidwell, Dutch Grimm, C. E. Hart, Eareckson, Willie Schaefer, Dombrowsky, Eddie White, Noah Brinson, Beurket, D. D. Martin, Geo. Finnegan, Jim E. Moore, Zar Parmly, Geo. Pence, Mark A. H. Smith, Jim Willis, and Kuniholm.

Herbert S. Waters, Vice President of the Dayton Rubber Company, Dayton, Ohio, has moved his sales headquarters to 6 East 39th Street, New York City, and his home to Essex Falls, New Jersey. His oldest daughter, Patricia Eileen, is now living in Florida; his son, Brian, 14, has entered high school and is preparing to enter the Academy in four years; daughter Lee, 9, is hoping to grow up sufficiently to get to the Hops before Brian graduates.

Art Trudeau, commanding general of the 7th Infantry "Bayonet" Division, was, on September 8, awarded his second Silver Star medal, the nation's third highest award for valor. Gordon B. Rogers, Maj. Gen., departing commander of the Korean Military Advisory Group, was decorated by President Syngman Rhee with the Taeguk Distinguished Service Medal with Silver Star. General Rogers, whose wife, Mary Louise, and three children live in Carlisle, Pa. is returning to the U. S. to command the 3d Armored Division at Ft. Knox, Ky. Merrow E. Sorley received the Legion of Merit in Korea, previously he was presented the Ulchi Distinguished Military Service Medal by the Republic of Korea government. Howard A. Malin, who also received the Ulchi Medal with Silver Star from the Republic of Korea, was recently awarded a second Oak Leaf

Cluster to the Legion of Merit at the Army's Far East headquarters in Japan.

Jack Kirkendall, who is boning retirement July 31, 1954, is taking Doris and daughter, Tami, to the Netherlands to live where he will work for a corporation in Voorburg, near The Hague. Charlie Hart, M. G., was reassigned effective 15 November 1953 to command the Artillery Center and School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. V. R. Miller, Col., still on duty as PMS&T at the University of Michigan. Son, William G., is a First Lieutenant on duty in Germany. Married June, 1952. Son, Richard A. is a senior at the University of Michigan. Daughter, Judy, is a freshman at Michigan State. Cary J. King is now Assistant Commandant of The Signal School at Fort Monmouth after four years in Washington. Son, Jud, is a sophomore at Yale. Dick Stephens is moving in January to Camp Rucker to take command of the 47th Infantry Division.

The Fort Monroe contingent is still headed by Charlie Palmer, G-3 of OCAFF, who reports: Ray and Ruth Robins are the envied grandparents of two younguns. Robby is in the Development and Test Section, where he heads up the activities in the vehicle field. Sam and Ruth Conley are kept busy by twin daughters of pre-school vintage. Sam is assistant G-3. Oleo Lee is the post finance officer. He and Sally entertain their three college students at vacation time and rest in between visits. Ken and Melba Strother returned to Monroe from Japan last winter. Their daughter Joanna, attends Middlebury College. Tom Forman is a control officer in the Development and Test Section, has a son at WP. John and May Hince have a high school age daughter at home and a junior in the Corps. John is the chief of the ROTC business in the G-3 section.

Shorty Keeley, 2723 Aolani Place, Honolulu, says that he recently was visited by John Hill and Bill Maglin. Also, that his son, Jim ('51) is stationed in Japan.

Charlie Stevenson, 270 Broadway, Room 2100, New York 7, New York is working diligently to get in the 30th Reunion reservations so that he can consummate definite arrangements. Since it's apparent that every Bull is trying to make the 30th Reunion, please send your confirmation and check to Charlie without delay.

Bob Berry is still J-1, USEUCOM, Frankfurt, Germany. Camille DuVal says his oldest son, Richard, is member of Class of 1955 at MIT and he himself is Adjutant General, The Engineer Center, Ft. Belvoir, Va. Dick Prather was transferred in July 1953 to Fort Lewis, Wash. after nearly three years in Alaska. Ken Decker, Deputy Post Commander of Fort Lewis, is the only other Bull in this vicinity. Bill Linn, is with the Personnel Division, The Adjutant General's Office. Tom Binford is still living in Highlands, N. C. and is in the chicken business. Eddie White reports new grandson, Edward H. III; pinned pilot's wings on his son, 1952, last October; expects to head the Army-Air Force Exchange Service Headquarters in New York City for another year. George Pence is General Manager, Universal-Rundle Cast Iron Plant, Camden, N. J., and is living at 6 E. Spruce St., Moorestown, N. J. Cleland Sibley is Transportation Officer, U. S. Army Europe, APO 403, c/o PM, New York. Walt Weinaug is back in Washington after 38 months in Panama, which leaves Martin Hass, the only '24 representative in Canal Zone. George Millener, is Chief of Staff, 1st Infantry Division which Buck Lanham commands.

Pat Pasolli, who recently returned from a trip abroad ran into several Bulls. Eddie Hart, then Chief JUSMAAG, Ralph Fisher, Chief of Air Section at Athens, Greece. Just missed seeing Joe Burrill, Chief of Army

Section. USMAAG, Paris, France. Chatted with Rags Coughlin over the phone while in London. Had the good fortune of being in Frankfurt, Germany, and attending the lovely wedding of Patricia Ann Berry. A reception was held at Bob and Tommy Berry's spacious quarters, where the Class of '24 held a reunion of no small proportions. Present were Bill Liebel, wife and daughter, Marcus Stokes and wife, Tom Roberts and wife, Reggie Dean and wife. Renewed acquaintance with Robin Pape at Salzburg, Austria. Also bumped into Gus Regnier, who was in Frankfurt. Currently, Pat is Chief of Staff and Acting Deputy, Army Security Agency.

Vonna F. Burger is now commanding the 1st Armored Division Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas, after returning from Trieste in April. W. H. Arnold, who was promoted to Lieutenant General in June, has daughter, Betty, and her two small fry with them while Betty's husband serves his hitch in Korea. Lib is extremely active as usual and is rapidly becoming adept at German. Son, Howard, is engaged in cosmic ray research in Colorado—should be a Ph.D. in the not too distant future. Bill Kendall is still Chief of the European Exchange System, operating Exchanges in Germany, France, Austria, Italy, and Trieste. Reg Dean says that he and Edna return to Z.I. in June 1954 to retire on 31 July. R. L. Dean, Jr. '50, now on AD—1st Lt. Armor with 2nd Armored Division. R. L. Dean, III born 20 August 1953 arrives with Mother, 30 November, 1953. Permanent Stateside address after June '54, 161 West Broad St., Westerly, R. I. Sam Strohecker and wife, Gerry, plan to attend the 30th Reunion next June. Sam reports that Sandy Goodman is now P.M.S.&T. at Oregon State, Corvallis, Oregon.

Charlie Palmer just returned from a trip to Europe, during which many '24ites were in evidence, including Buck Lanham, George Millener, Sibley, Harry Burgess, Mark Smith, Val Evans, Gene Ely, Tom Roberts, Will Liebel, Marcus Stokes and Bob Berry. Some other members of the Herd that Charlie saw were Duke Arnold, Sam Conley, E. O. Lee, Tom Forman, R. R. Robins, John Hincke, and Ken Strother.

Homer (Beany) Millard sent in the following note: "Am sorry will be unable to attend 30th. Have a big job out here and my school opens June 15th for the summer session. Will have 15 this year then the following after completion of buildings will be at capacity of 50. My wife, Esther, (exUSN Lt. Comm.) teaches English and I dish out the Math. School lasts 9 weeks, together with the 400 acre ranch keeps me busy as well as happier than I have been in ages. Should any of the Herd be on Highway 101 would like to see 'em. Am 50 miles south of Coos Bay, and lacking 16 miles of being as far west as one can go in these United States. Will make the 35th less I have moved farther west."

Francis J. Graling is a member of the Permanent Joint Board of Defense, Canada-United States. Malin Craig, Jr. reports no change of status. Dan Hundley is Comptroller of USARPAC in Hawaii. Ben Mesick says he expects to retire 31 July 1954 and return to Claremont, California to live.

Maj. Gen. Emerson L. Cummings, '51, became the youngest Chief of Army Ordnance since World War I, when he was sworn in on Monday, November 2nd. He succeeds Maj. Gen. E. L. Ford, who retired.

Al Foote has been assigned as Chief of the Photographic and Survey Section JCS. O. P. Bragan was retired in June this year for physical disability. Herb Vogel is serving as Division Engineer of the Southwestern Division and is Chairman of the Arkansas-White-Red Basins Interagency Committee.

Tommy Thomas regrets he can't make the 30th Reunion as he must attend his own commencement exercises at the University of Tampa on the same day that activities begin at the Point. Dressed in the traditional cap and gown, he will receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Tommy Allen may be reached at Department of Military Affairs, PNG, R.F.D. 2, Annville, Pa. He has bought a farm in Gettysburg area where he expects to retire. Address: Orrtanna, Pa. Charles H. Coates is attending Louisiana State University where he has received a Master's degree in Industrial Psychology and is now working toward a Ph.D. in Industrial Sociology. Will probably wind up as a college professor or doing consultant work in industry. His son, Charles Jr. is currently a Plebe in the Class of '57.

Here is a list of the Standing Committees, Class of 1924 USMA Association, appointed at the Executive Committee Meeting on 1 December: Correspondence Committee—R. V. Lee. Contact Committee—Watson, Chairman; Raymond and McCormick. Ways and Means Committee—Stebbins, Chairman; Trudeau and D. D. Martin. Personal Services Committee—Landon, Chairman; Linn and Graling. Entertainment Committee—Cummings, Chairman; John, Hulley, and Bertsch. Luncheon Committee—Dabezies, Chairman; Furuholmen and Anding. Thundering Herd Committee—Parmly, Chairman; Page, Watson, Raymond and McCormick. 30th Reunion Committee—Eaton, Chairman; McLamb, Ives, Kidwell, L. W. Adams, and Stevenson.

The Class Officers for the coming year are: Maglin, President; Partridge, 1st Vice President; Dewey, 2nd Vice President; Watson, Treasurer; and Lee, R. V., Secretary.

It is with deep regret that we announce receipt of the following telegram on November 30th: "Baldy Bonnet died this morning, burial St. Petersburg, Fla. Tuesday morning. Signed Tom Binform, Highlands, N. C."

It certainly is a pleasure to report the great number of Bulls who sent in their dues. Please check and make sure you are in this group and send your 30th Reunion reservations in to Charlie Stevenson post haste. Mail your news items for the March Assembly to either C. S. Raymond, 1727 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. or J. A. Watson, Jr., 839-17th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

—Ray and Gus.

1925

How many of you missed the announcement in the October issue of *Assembly* of the appointment as Assistant Cadet Hostess of Mrs. John F. Holland? It was under the Secretary's remarks. Welcome to West Point, "Bea", we are mighty happy to have you.

A newsy letter came to Mike Esposito from Bill Pheris, the new I.G. at Fort Lee, Va. Bill found himself commanding the place shortly after arriving, when the C.O. was away for a few days. NYMA at Cornwall boasts a Cadet Pheris on its rolls. Papa Pheris apparently won his bout hands down with the medics at Walter Reed. Good going Bill!

We promised to check the Class sons in present Plebe Class: No change; same as five given in October *Assembly*.

More and more this column becomes dependent upon "Daddy Dunn's Monthly Doings" of '25. Much of the following is gleaned therefrom. The last three monthly meetings in the Pentagon have been attended by the following being present at

one or more: Baldwin, Barnett, Bryte, Bruce, Jr., Cabell, Chamberlin, Cleaves, Denniston, Dunn, Evans, Geraghty, Holmes, Hopkins, Kidwell, Lansing, Lynch, McCormick, Ordway, Pettit, Ritchie, Roberts, Scherer, Seleen, Spillinger, Tulley, Van-Brunt, Willems, Willing, and Westphalinger.

Our famous classmate, Pete Hurd, has a nice "write-up" in November issue of *Arizona Highways*. A number of his fine works are reproduced therein and the youngster pictured on the cover is the "spittin' image" of Pete, as I remember him in the summer of 1921. Pete's recent guests were Cabell and Hoppie.

Bill Lord writes that his eldest, a graduate of Clarkson College, is a 2nd Lieut. at Dix. He was married in November and shortly thereafter reported to the Armored School.

Thanks to Burbank we note that in Japan: Hively Bowers is a G-2 with a miniature Pentagon; Grayeb is at Sendai; Peplow is CG of SW Command; Bill himself is Deputy, Central Command; and Deery is a landlord for 3,000 family units, plus 1,800 other odds bits of real estate.

Sock Cole recently returned from commanding an Arty Group in FE, received an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit for his meritorious service with ROK Artillery.

Mattie sends word from Knox that Bob Howze has his injured elbow back on the golf course. He also reports: Bill W. at Culver, Grubbs at E. Ky. and C. M. Myers in Heidelberg (or is it Wiesbaden?). At any rate Colby spent all of September conducting tours for Congressmen.

Sheik Grayeb is with XVI Corps Arty., APO No. 14; his older son (Class of '52) is with 187 Abn RCT, his younger is in H. S.

Harry Larter spent some time recently at Sill, where he visited the Clays. Also reported Bill and Sue Heacock expected back soon from Mexico by their daughter (who is in T.V.).

Daddy Dunn credits Porter Kidwell with the (almost) complete list of class addresses. A sizable job—a grand job! No classmate should be without it. Porter is entirely recovered from recent illness. Robertson wrote P.K. from Oak Park that he's been stuffing AF contracts into the bag—like laundry!

Freddie Powell—our world roving legal light—is comfortably settled in Paris (APO 403). His title: "Attorney-Adviser (General)"! What our Class needs — it says here—is an Attorney-Adviser (Colonel)!

Gus Bruner wrote of having lunched with Bob Sampson in Cincinnati, where Bob is doing well in Industrial Films. Gus also visited J. C. Palmer III (ex-'25) who lives in Charleston, W. Va.

Davis writes that Bill Gillmore ranked him out of the choice billet in Bangkok, but intimates that, as Bill's Deputy he'll "do all right."

Ken Treacy was recently in the Capital City, where he joined the Pentagon Group for a quick lunch. He is ROTCing at Salt Lake.

Johnny, E. L., Gaddis, and Huyssoon are holding up 6th Army at the Golden Gate. (I didn't say hole-ing up! honest.)

Bennett reported from 3rd Army that Red Hall and Moore, L. S. are living in Atlanta. At the same Hq. are also Withers, Andy Barlow and Fraser. Bennett is doing a long stint of TDY at Bragg. He has Swede Underwood, Red Newman and Joe Cleland there to keep him company.

Akey Akerman recently visited WDC from Hawaii, where he and Ronny Shaw are trying to make ends meet. Akey claimed Sam Lansing looked so young he thought he was one of his Kaydet students!

Ralph Sears is going great guns as an

agriculturist. He reports his corn and soy beans harvested, (no cotton) and winter wheat planted (at the full moon). Pretty smart boy that!

Just received word from Charlie West, '20, that Strickland has returned from FE and is assigned to command the Mil. Dist. of Vermont, with Hq. at Ethan Allen AFB (just in time for a good old fashioned New England winter.) Strick's son, H. E. Jr., '50, has also just returned from Germany, is now in school at Sill. He is being married in Boston in December.

Seen at the Army-Navy Game — (Holy Smokes, what a Game!) were Doris Barth and Nana, Bea Holland, Lucien Bolduc, Mike Geraghty, Dunn, Nicholas, Galloway, Saltzman and Ritchie. I am sure there were many more there, but no report on them.

Please drop a line more often to Daddy Dunn, or any of us at the Academy. Unfortunately we are not clairvoyant, we can't keep track of your activities, acquaintances and ventures without those scraps of news.

By the way; not only our football team, but soccer as well smeared Navy! Army 2 Navy 1. As old Hans Lobert used to say: "Yea ha!"

—H. W. C.

1926

We have the sad duty to report the loss of another classmate, Doug Douglas, who died in Florida on the ninth of November. Many of us remember that he was retired early in 1949 after having suffered a heart attack in the preceding fall. Doug's death was the result of another heart attack which occurred while he was in his home at Winter Park, Florida. He was buried a few days later in Arlington, and his funeral was attended by several members of the Class. Our condolences are extended to his widow, Connie, who intends to remain at their home in Winter Park.

Don Booth, who has been commanding the 26th Infantry Division in Germany for the past several months, has recently been awarded his second star. The Class is proud of our third Army major general (others are Chuck Canham and Tom deShazo) and hopes that he will continue to add stars to his constellation. A recent promotion also went to Freddy Munson in the form of a BG's star. This is long overdue and, in fact, the rumor of Freddy's promotion was reported in this column last year. Nice going Fred, we knew you had it in you!

Since the last issue of *Assembly*, two of the Class have retired. Bob DesIslets was retired at Walter Reed last summer, and Skeet Van Meter was retired a couple of months ago in California. We hope they both get good jobs to keep them busy and happy in their new civilian status. This brings to mind the fact that requests have recently been received for a capitulation of general class figures. I can not vouch absolutely for the following statistics, but they are based on the most accurate information available here. Since graduation, 23 members of the Class have died, and 37 are now in civilian life (including 21 on retired status). Of those still in the Services, 75 are in the Army, and 17 in the Air Force. In addition to the three Army major generals named above, there are 11 Army BG's. In the Air Force, the Class can boast of one lieutenant general (Leon Johnson), and four major generals (Anky, Maude, McNaughton, and Nelson). There are also five Air Force BG's. The other 68 members of the active components are wearing eagles.

We have news of several changes of stations, including the following. Frank Pur-

cell forsook Scott Air Force Base in Illinois to become Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the Aviation Engineer Force at Wolters AFB in Texas. Jim Wheaton was moved from Fort Hamilton to South Charleston, West Virginia, where he will be Chief of the West Virginia Military District. Johnson, A. H., has been assigned to the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Deputy Director of Logistics, Plans. Bill House is now the Assistant Chief of Ordnance for Manpower. Bill Browning, who belonged to '26 before becoming associated with a couple of other classes, has left Washington to go to the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. Keith Barney has moved from Washington to St. Louis where he is to become District Engineer. Oker Wade left Camp Breckinridge (from which he sent the Class a blanket invitation to visit him) to become the CO of the Basic Replacement Training Center at Camp Gordon, Ga. We assume that the invitation still stands.

From Korea comes the report that Al Heidner, whose wife, Louise, and daughter live on Route 3, Lexington, Va., was recently assigned to the Korean ComZ as Deputy Chief of Staff. He was formerly Chief of Staff for the 10th Infantry Division at Fort Riley. Coke Carter has been elected Vice President of the American Products Corporation in Washington, D. C. Just prior to that he wrote that he was working on an opus entitled, "Preparation for Retirement". We hope that he will be able to continue this work, and trust that members of the Class will be entitled to copies of the first edition. Pinky Grindler left Fort Knox to join the Arizona Army Reserve Adviser Group at Phoenix. Chuck Canham, in search of greater glories, departed from Fort McPherson for another overseas assignment, this time in Tokyo. In the other direction, Ralph Osborne (recently seen in many news pictures in connection with the POW exchange) has been ordered from the Far East to the 37th Infantry Division at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Johnny Roosma, having returned from Germany, is now Deputy Post Commander at Fort Jay (Governors Island to us).



Plaque erected at Aschaffenburg, Germany, in honor of Colonel George A. Smith, Jr., Class of 1926.

Harry Storke has sent us an account of the ceremony at which Smith Barracks were dedicated at Aschaffenburg, Germany. Named in honor of our George A. Smith, the barracks are now home of the 1st Division's 18th Infantry Regiment. A very handsome plaque (see cut) commemorates the event. Harry also reported that Tommy deShazo hands out US largesse as Chief of MAAG in France, where Freddy Munson hands out keys to the city, or at least to the more interesting parts thereof. Lew

Griffing bears well a heavy international planning load in USAREUR, Heidelberg. Ben Heiser is a planning genius in Admiral Fechteler's Headquarters in Naples.

Last fall, Red Corderman, Johnny Roosma, and Skinny Ringler were seen at Michie Stadium during the Columbia Game. Red and Skinny have sons in the yearling and plebe classes respectively. Johnny's twins are now at Braden's getting ready to take a shot at West Point. After the North Carolina State Game, Nellie Nelson, Boone Gross, Roy Herte, Johnny Roosma (he didn't miss a game), and Vald Heiberg got together for a few reminiscences. Harvey Kane and Red Reeder, although expected, failed to show because of the weather, or something.

Now for some news of the small (?) fry. Edwina and Tommy White's daughter, Mary Edwina, was married in November to Captain John S. Stoer, USAF, Class of 1945. The wedding was in Washington, and the couple is now stationed at Bedford, Mass. Lois and Harry Storke's daughter Lois Maribelle was married in Erlangen, Germany, to Lieut. T. E. Davenport of the 4th Infantry Division. Harry, by the way, is Div Arty Commander of the 1st Division. The USMA Dean's List for last October carried the names of three Class Sons, namely Norman Matthias, Judson Matthias, and Bill Ringler. Young Brookner Brady, whose heroism in attempting to save a fellow swimmer from a shark was previously reported in this column, has been awarded a Carnegie Hero Medal. Brady, then 15, supported his bleeding, terrified friend for seven minutes, while the 12 foot shark swam beneath them. Another Class Son, Linc Jones, Jr., has just been given a principal appointment to USMA for next July. As he has already qualified mentally, this means that he is a sure thing for the next Plebe Class. We expect that Doris is mighty proud, and know that Linc would be too, were he here to see his kid join the Long Gray Line.

—E. R. H.

1927

All around town—all around the Pentagon—news trickles in. Most of the notes come from the weekly luncheon held every Thursday noon in the Executive Dining Room, the Pentagon. Next time you are in town, join us (11:30 or shortly thereafter). Ask the hostess for the Class of 1927 table.

Jack Hopper is allegedly the most recent father in the class. Grace presented him with a bouncing baby daughter the middle of November. Last September Harry and Helen McKinney's daughter, Nancy, became Mrs. Bernard R. Works. She is residing in College Park, Maryland, where the bridegroom is a professor at the University of Maryland.

We had a gathering at the Army-Navy Country Club on 24 November for cocktails and exchange of gossip. Jim and Marian Collins, Gar and Verone Davidson, Blair and Dot Garland, Jack and Grace Griffith, Jack and Ova Hines, Bob and Katherine Lowe, Marty and Janet Morin, Pat and Betty Pachynski, Mike and Helen Pegg, Chubby and Ruth Roth, Ken and Vivian Thiebaud, Lee and Annette Washbourne, Buzz and Kaye Butler came in pairs; while Woody Hocker (Betty is on vacation), Helen Johnson (Max is in Korea), Belle Hunter (Ham is in Korea), and Jo Martin (George is in Korea) soloed.

Incidentally, Jack and Ova Hines are now residing at 4710 Langdrum Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Woody Hocker has changed his desk of duty from the G-2 office

for one with the Joint Intelligence Group, J.C.S., still in the Pentagon. Likewise, Buzz Butler moved up a couple of floors from TAG to Manpower Requirements in the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel). Jimmy Collins is Military Deputy to Dr. Hannah, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel), and Jack Kilgore is with the Office of Personnel Policy, same set-up.

Just items at random: Pop Holmer visited the Pentagon and seems to enjoy life in Paris, where he is with the Joint Construction Agency. Freddy Brown is Deputy Chief of Staff, EUCOM at Frankfurt; also Ray Bell, Chief of Staff, V Corps, Willis Matthews, Assistant Division Commander, 4th Division, same place.

Frank Ostenberg, Executive Port of Bremerhaven; Charlie Hutchinson, Comptroller; and Dutch Holland, Provost Marshal, U.S. Army at Heidelberg. Bill Pence, Signal Officer Seventh Army, Stuttgart; Olaf Keyster—CO 8th AAA Wiesbaden; and Charlie Wesner CO of Military Detachment at Baumholder; and Orin Grover is in Saudi Arabia.

Marty Morin left the First Division in Germany and has signed up with the Army G-2 office in the Pentagon. George Levings has changed his allegiance from the Army J.A., Pentagon, to the Ordnance Department, and is now on duty at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama.

Bill Verbeck sends a bank note payable to the Bank of Korea for all of "Ten Kwan" to bribe an assignment to the Pentagon, when he finishes as CO of POW Camp No. 6, (APO 94, San Francisco, Calif.) in Korea about the first of March.

Mac Miller stopped by on his way to an assignment as G-4, Fort Knox, Ky. He has just finished up his tour in Korea where he reports that Hank Hoeffler is CO, Yokohama Engineering Depot.

In the ZI, Willis Whelchel is at Fort Knox with the 18th Airborne Artillery and Stu Wood can be found holding forth with the 18th Corps, same location. Benny Whitehouse is CO Detroit Arsenal and Art Solem is down Texas way, where he is Army Field Forces representative with station at Fort Bliss.

Generals P. D. Ginder and George Martin will arrive at Camp Polk soon to become the one-two top men in the 37th Division.

Ray Curtis was seen wandering around the Pentagon. He is on a short trip from his post as CO 14th Armored Cav. Regt at Fulda, Germany.

Granny Granholm is now at Camp Carson, Colo. preparing for EXERCISE SKI JUMP where he will serve as Chief of Staff for the large scale winter training exercise.

While some of us couldn't make the Army-Navy game at Philadelphia because of the press of business, others stuck by their TV sets. However, a reporter's reporter saw the Zwickers, Collins, Stones, Peggs, Bixels, Woods, and Hocker, with broad smiles and seemingly enjoying the game. Also Bob Perrine attended the game. He is with the DuPont Company and has been transferred back to Philadelphia from Chicago.

May the New Year of 1954 be good to all of the Class of 1927.

—L. B.

1928

We seem to have more news of classmates' sons and daughters being married and grandchildren being born than we do of classmates for this issue.

Paul Perry sent us word that Forrest

Allen and Jim Lamont will have to squeeze over tighter, as his granddaughter Heather Lee Bowne was born 10 August. Following that, Bob Browning was presented with his second granddaughter in November. Freddie Dau was in Washington from Dayton in November and we are told was smiling from ear to ear over the recent birth of his first grandson. By the time you read this the Hennigs will be welcoming their first grandchild and Bill Browning will be smiling over his first by his oldest son.

The marriages we know of at this time are Mundy's daughter, Janice, to Captain (Dr.) Robert DeTreville, USAF, on Thanksgiving Day. On the 25th of November Ted Landon's daughter Louise married Lt. Harley E. Jeans, USAF. Brentnall's son, Burden, married Ada Louise Hains on 23 October. Boatner's oldest daughter Emily will be married on the 18th of December to Robert O. Carter, who is about to graduate from the AF OCS at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Bill Browning's youngest son, Jeff, was married in Dallas, Texas, on 14 October to Susan Buchanan. Walt Simon's daughter Diane is being married on 19 December to Mr. Harold Castle.

Now that we have taken care of the youngsters will get on with some dope on the old folks. Bill Browning, our Washington correspondent, has resigned and as of 25 January will have a new assignment as USAF Gulf Coast Water Ports Liaison Officer with station at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. That is quite a title! Walt Simon, recently separated from the Service, is with the Public Housing Administration in Washington. Sammy Anderson, a three star general, is commanding the Fifth Air Force in Korea. John Wadman is now PMS&T at Washington State College. Bill Tunner, with three stars, is Commander USAF Europe. Paul Adams, with two stars, is Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G3 at the Pentagon. B.G. Denny Denniston is in Washington as QMC Comptroller and Deputy for Administration. Dave Heiman has been assigned to the Engineer School at Belvoir. Bob Browning is Transportation Officer AFFE, Camp Sama, Japan. Webb Anderson is now Chief of QM Division, Heidelberg.

On the 24th of November Stu McLennan showed his pictures of the reunion at a cocktail buffet party the Washington group had at the Ft. McNair Officers' Club. Dorothy was with Stu, as were his sister and her husband, the Colonel Robertsons. Those of '28 present were: The Boatners, Brentnalls, Briggs, Brownings, Adams, Govans, Goldsmith, Harbalds, Vickers, Hinrichs, Johnsons, Nelson, Koons, Maxwells, O'Donnells, Rameys, Tarrants, Wells, Lanes and Morrows.

A letter from Ed Reber reports that as near as he can make out there are 12 Army and 1 Air Force of '28 in FEC. Sammy Anderson is the Air Force member. McGarr, Sherburne, Oakes, Breden, Traub, Nelson and McCutcheon are in Korea; and Butchers, Browning, Breckinridge, Moran and Reber are in Japan. Bill Breckinridge is Chief of Staff in SAG and Ed is the Ordnance Officer.

Our thanks to Paul Gavan for agreeing to take up the arduous task of handling our Washington news. How about the rest of you dropping us a line from time to time with your whereabouts and your status in "the grandparent class"!

A Happy New Year to you all.

—P. D. C.

1929

The PIO releases tell that BG Ralph Cooper received the Silver Star for gal-

lantry in action on 8 July 1953. Apparently Red was acting as forward observer for his own artillery.

Bob Meyer has just gone to the Lincoln Project at MIT. He reports on '29 in the Signal Corps. Chick Cooper is Sixth Army Signal Officer. Bill Hamlin is in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Calidonna at Army Field Forces, and Hayes is believed to be at the Industrial College. Bob is still a bachelor—perhaps the last in the class.

Jim Ostrand is the Engineer of VII Corps in Germany and hoping the family will arrive by the time this is published. Sara Phillips provides more class news on a Christmas card than any other single source. Since the direct channels from classmates seem to be practically empty of news, maybe some wives can be persuaded to write a few items to my better seventenths. Sara reports Larry Bork and family, also Dutch Kraus, in Heidelberg; Paul Freeman, Frank Fellows and Eddie Wright at EUCOM and Chan Robbins on the way to Leavenworth to be Chief of Staff there. I have a picture furnished by Jupe Lindsey showing that Bob Chard's daughter, Virginia, acquired the Ladies' Golf Championship at Fort Meade while Bob was collecting the Men's Championship.

Paul Caraway has been around the world with the Vice-President. Chesty Chandler and Jack Seward are heard from in the Washington area.

There is a rumor that the Class of '29 held its annual buffet supper and dance at Ft. McNair in late November and that a good time was had by all. No report has, however, reached West Point thus far.

There has been a proposal for a 25-year book but as yet no one has proposed to do the work—a full time job for somebody or his secretary. Frank Sasse, who left our USMA class in Second Class year and is now back in the JAG, is looking into accommodations for class wives at the reunion. There is now a well established practice of living in the Post School or in vacant barracks (not cadet).

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

About once a year, in order to keep from going quietly crazy, it is necessary for every Pentagonian to shake the dust of Washington from his feet and, armed with shot records, passport, and an assorted package of concepts, terms of reference, force goals and infra-structure programs, board a richly appointed MATS conveyance and fly off madly in all directions. One (and probably the only) happy feature of such a junket is the fact that almost everywhere you go you run into classmates and old friends. Having gradually achieved the proper look of careworn harassment, your scribe was ordered out of the Pentagon on TDY one jump ahead of schizophrenia. Went to Frankfurt and had wonderful reunions with Seafood and Mary Garton and Pye and Bernice Nyquist. Seafood has everything that happens in EUCOM as his personal interest and all is under good control. Pye is in the J-3 Staff and keeping his chin up. Went down to Bad Kruezuach and saw Ham and Mary Howze. Ham is happy and busy with his armored division and sends his best. I just missed Millard Lewis, who is now back in Washington on the Air Staff. Also, just missed Prep Bradley, who is in Wiesbaden, but who has sent me a note saying that Phil Smith is leaving Paris to go to AMC, that Larry Norstad and Prep play golf occasionally and that their first tee technique and their game are both sharp. Troup Miller is at an air depot in U.K. In

Paris I missed Bob Wood, but he has since been to Washington on a trip.

Bromie Bromberger has moved to 166 Brite Avenue in Scarsdale, having turned over his home in Manhattan for indefinite use by the Police Athletic League (N.Y.). Bromie is always at home to the class either in Scarsdale or at Little St. Simon's Island, Georgia. I am sure the Class will join me in extending to Bromie our deep sympathy in the loss of his wife, Clara. Also, I have written a note on behalf of the class to Jac and Phyllis Rothschild to express our sorrow and sympathy to them in the tragic loss of their daughter, Susan.

The original and indefatigable team of Roy and Brisach and Chuck Heitman arranged for a really bang-up dinner dance for the Class, or such of the Class as could make it, on December 4th. The two operators aforementioned hired a night club and put on a party that all conceded to be the best yet. In all, sixty-six (66) members were there, all looking young and vigorous and with beautiful wives. Here goes for a list: Betty and Bill Allen, Doty and Fred Ammerman, Helen and Ben Beasley, Eleanor and Ted Bogart, Bart Bartlett, Ray Brisach, Win and Norm Burnett, Katharine and Bill Carter, Florence and Chris Clarke, Ann and Frank Corr, Millie Curtis, Jean and Rock Dodson, Lillian and Jack Dudley, Spike Eckert, Mary and Guy Emery, Fannie and Ham Hamlett, Glenn and Johnny Hayden, Chuck Heitman, Amelia Janairo, Winnie and Cisco Kilborn, Pete King, Berta and Emil Klinke, Lois and Morris Lee, Dorothy and Millard Lewis, Harriet and Jack MacFarland, Herb Mitchell, Ellen and Andy O'Meara, Ila Packard, Wilma and Bill Perry, Margaret and Bob Porter, Julia and Paul Roy, Marguerite and Ed Sacks, Tat and Moon Sudasna, Virginia and Rosy Taber, Dixie and Bill Whipple, Neva and Fuddy Wing, Mary Wooten and Tillie and Sterling Wright. During the course of the evening, amid much merriment and at the instigation of their wives, round-robin letters were assembled for Jimmy Curtis, Sid Wooten and Max Janairo, all of whom are in Korea. Jim Richardson took off the day of the party for USAREUR. Clint Cloud wrote from the Belgian Congo to say he couldn't make it, which is a long distance record for regrets. Rod Carmichael's wife, Georgia, wrote that they couldn't make it because Rod was temporarily in Korea; she also said Paul Clark and Johnny Greco were with them at Fort Monroe. Red Timothy also sent in his regrets and gave a very entertaining account of classmates seen and heard at the Navy game: Bill and Ruth Harris, Tom and Margaret Stoughton, Bob Porter and two of his children, Louie and Winnie Heath, H. duB. Lewis, Phil Wehle, Moon Sudasna, Ila Packard, and Fred and Dottie Ammerman. Red and Sue live in Philadelphia now and Red keeps Sears Roebuck out of the red, there. No pun intended.

Incidental intelligence from the Army PIO indicates that Jimmy Curtis is now Chief of Staff of the 40th Division in Korea, Stu Crawford is Chief of Staff of Central Command Headquarters in Tokyo, and that Sam Sauer is now Assistant IG of USAREUR.

What do you think of a memento of some sort, to be presented upon graduation, to the sons of the Class of '30 at West Point? You'll remember in the old days most graduating Army brats got sabers. With sabers a thing of the past, who has an idea? We have quite a few prospective recipients coming up. If you have an idea, drop me a line. In this connection the Class fund is moderately healthy; balance—\$1,013.74 (I owe Bill Perry \$10.00, deductible from this balance).

Your scribe is under orders for Fort

Hood, Texas, and a combat command with the First Armored Division; calloo, callay oh frabjous day! So the next installment in *Assembly* will probably be from the pen of Ray Brisach, if we can overcome a certain modest reluctance on his part. It's been fun to keep the pot, if not boiling, at least simmering for the Class, and I hope to see you all soon. The latch string will be out, as usual, Chez Wright, deep in the heart of Texas.

—W. H. S. W.

1931

Since we are in the Yuletide Season, at the time of this writing, the undersigned wishes to extend to everyone the best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1954.

Some news has been rolled in. For instance, Blair Ford recently received the Legion of Merit in Korea. He has been helping to develop Korea's natives into combat soldiers.

Jack Malloy has arrived in Germany and is Inspector General of the 7th Corps. Anyone who has any complaints in Germany, see Jocko.

Dick Danek has moved to Headquarters, 4th Army, at Fort Sam Houston, where he is Chemical Officer. Dick reports that in the Fort Sam area, Al Greene is Executive Officer for the Inspector General and so is Freddy Berg. They recently received a visit from Dick Harrison, also an IG. Jimmy Stroker, John Feagin and Jack Gordon are still holding forth as leading lights of the Chamber of Commerce of San Antonio.

Freddy Berg also reported from San Antonio, telling us that pine of the class had a get-together while Dick Harrison was in town. Those attending were Al Greene, Hector Truly, Danek, Gordon, Feagin, Stroker and Candler.

An announcement from Freddy Warren states that he has turned over a new leaf and is now a consultant, devoting himself primarily to Atomic Development Services. If you have any atoms to develop, you can reach Freddy at 1518 K St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Sam Smellow reports that the Class of '31 in USFA has doubled in strength. In addition to Charlie Hoy and himself, Seiss Wagner and Bill Chandler have now arrived there. Seiss is living in Vienna and is Exec of the Vienna Military Command, while Bill Chandler has taken Charlie's old job as Assistant G-2 of USFA.

Doc Strother has been named Deputy Air University Commander, and Bob Lee replaces him as 12th Air Force Commander in Germany. Jackie Smart is an M.G.

Boyd Hauck, Krueger, Henry and Moses, Stayton, Hunter and Harrison have been seen at football games here at the Point.

To report on the class children: three Yearlings—Hunter, Little and Quackenbush—are on the Dean's List (something new to you old timers) and three of the Plebes are "D". This seems to carry on the usual class average.

Let's hear from you. Come out, come out, wherever you are.

—Dickson.

1932

On October 1st the Washington Whistle Watters of 1932 officially launched the social season down here with a buffet supper at the McNair Officers' Club where some 85 participated in the annual changing of the guard. All agreed it was comparable to a hilarious Parisian Bastille Day celebration

with the "outs" finding it much like the gayest ones following World War I. For their part, the "ins" caught the mood of the original tumbril jockeys.

The new slate is as follows: El Davis—Chairman; Don Hardy—Vice Chairman; Bill Kunzig — Secretary-Treasurer; Bill Powers — Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Council Members (a euphemism for high priced caterers) are Joe Kelly, Ash Manhart, Al Gerhardt, Herb Thatcher (Major Generals doing slave labor yet), Big Bigelow, Jim Woolnough, Jim Godwin, and Milt Ogden. Choice of El as chairman was an ironic twist of fate, since he is already the able chief of the Politico-Military Affairs Group in the Under Secretary of the Army's Office, and the new job seems like a duplication.

Sincere thanks from all concerned go to the outgoing detail headed by Chairman Hunter Harris and Secretary-Treasurer Pinkie Smith for an active, entertaining program throughout the year. Pinkie's regular newsletters and detailed layout of vital statistics including current addresses of the entire class were particularly appreciated here and abroad. The show went on after El, his face revealing the naked triumph of a man who has just been handed a live bushmaster, made a gracious acceptance speech on behalf of the new team. Verbatim text: "Give me a bourbon and soda, fast."

It was especially nice to see that our local widows, whether temporary or permanent, feel themselves a part of the class to the extent that six of the eight attended, viz, Mary Cain, Rose (the Ravioli Queen) D'Orsa, Clare Jamison, Dort Fischer, Bobbie Sundt and Dossie Davidson. Keep it up, gals, you're on the team.

All in all, a very fine party except for the fact that Sam Russell had heard all my new jokes. Some day I'm going to tell him I saw Mathew Brady's original photos of the Civil War and Sam will say he caught the live show on television.

Other group activities during the Fall included the gal's luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory Club, a stag lunch at the Country Club and another buffet supper which hangs over my head even as I write this. There were no stuffed chemises at the ladies' lunch incidentally—once Carol Power and Fran Godwin got the party under way the sole business item brought before the house was Jo Huggins' honest query as to what she should do with a buck and a half left over from last year. From then on it was 24 sets of pearly teeth in the old castnet chorus. Here's the schedule for the rest of the year for any who can get over this way:

February 6—Buffet Supper, Ft. McNair.
March 10—Joint stag lunch with Annapolis '32, Army-Navy Country Club (We're the hosts, make this if you can.)
April 17—Buffet Supper, Ft. McNair.
May 22—Formal Dinner Dance, Army-Navy Country Club. (Hen parties are scheduled one jump ahead).

Ed Burke's retirement leaves us with no active representative at West Point, consequently some class reorganization is necessary. Since by far the greatest concentration of the class is in Washington, this Chapter has been made the center of class activities and all correspondence, INCLUDING news for *Assembly* should be sent to the Chapter Secretary, at present Bill Kunzig, NATO Standing Group, the Pentagon. By mutual consent, Bill is going to collect the news and I am going to mangle it for this column.

Ordinarily, collecting the news is about as easy as extracting an impacted molar with the thumb and forefinger, but the response to Bill's first appeal has been stupendous, to use the most conservative word

that comes to mind. He wrote to the three principal overseas concentrations plus Leavenworth viz., Joe Gill in Paris, Pete Hinshaw in Naples, Ed Farnsworth in Tokyo and Lou Coumts, and all came through handsomely. More on that later.

For their one-family show at West Point for the past few years where they took care of all class affairs including staging the 20th reunion, Ed and Marion Burke are hereby given a rising vote of thanks (sounds trivial, but if you think it's easy to type standing up, try it yourself). Ed has taken an interesting job with the American Machine and Foundry Co. and they will continue to live at 7 Homestead Place, Highland Falls. As a final flourish, Marion presented their eighth youngster (that word homestead means something, brother,) to the world, Andrew Peter, born in June.

Right up with the leaders, however, are popular Torg and Ginnie Wold who accepted a cup on behalf of James Blair, born September 7th, to run their score to six.

I wish that we had nothing but good news to report here, but it is with extreme regret that we learned of the death of Horace Bigelow's father last September. The whole class joins in the sentiments that the Washington Chapter has already expressed to you, Big.

On the credit side, we just got Jude and Dot Abell back from Tokyo. Jude is at the Army Map Service and it is presumed that if Dot gets within striking distance of a piano, she will give out with everything from Bach to Boogie and back to Bach again. Benny Webster, Air Chief of the Military Mission to Turkey, was in town briefly on his tour of our major air installations with the Chief of the Turkish Air Force. No stick at home herself, Bobbie and another Mission wife made a 2,000 mile auto tour that took them to the Soviet border and some of the more remote regions. In case you're inclined to take that lightly, I'll clue you that the motels are sparse in that region.

Virtue is undoubtedly its own reward, as the savants say, and considering the commodity in question, I suppose the reward is ample. On the other hand, it's nice to see something a little more tangible added when ability is also present. Herb Thatcher was recently moved up to be Director of Plans for the nation's Air Force, and Hunter Harris has moved into Herb's former slot as Deputy Director of Plans, and Air Force Member of the Joint Strategic Plans Committee. Also previously unreported, is a second star for Bob Terrill, Deputy Commander of the 15th Air Force at March AFB, and the promotion of Harvey Fischer and Jack Sutherland to Brigadier General. As the indefatigable Pinkie points out, this brings the general's count to 6 in the Army and 22 in the Air Force.

Elsewhere in the country, Charlie Baer is Second Army Signal Officer, Lou Truman is Chief of Staff of the Third Army, and Big John Keating will leave the Army War College soon for Korea. Harry Porter is at the Air Materiel Command, Chuck Clark at Kelly AFB, Sandy Momm is teaching High School in New Jersey, and Ft. Monroe has the Honey Whalens and Johnny Coughlins. Frank Besson has taken over as C.G. of the Transportation Center at Ft. Eustis where Archie Lyons is his Chief of Research and Development.

Had occasion to visit Detroit recently, and the place never fails to fascinate me. Not only did it give us Chip Lavigne, but in case you think that was an accident, it has now produced a tonsorial parlor that weaves a wig right on the customer's noggin by anchoring the new hairs to the original wisps that remain. Most intriguing thought that occurs to me is the landslide

that will take place when the last of the natural crop drops out. Chip has been a state bank examiner there for the past year and recently moved to a new home at 3437 Corville. All will be glad to hear that after a rather serious operation Betty is now in top form again.

Freddy Young retired last summer, and I believe is also in the Detroit area. Betty Metzler also wrote that she is now living at 419 Fourth Ave., Picayune, Miss. She's the office nurse for two new doctors who just opened a clinic there, works six days a week and loves it.

Crooning Lou Coumts sends in the following revised roster from Leavenworth:

Johnny Givin—G-1. Charley Murray, Director of Dept. IV (airborne, amphib, joint ops). Bill Culp, Director of Dept. V (G-1, Comm Z subjects, etc.). Sewell Brumby, student in the Special Weapons course.

Lou himself is executive for Instruction for the college and as such is responsible for the preparation and conduct of all instruction given at the C&GSC. His principal accomplishment however, is winning the championship of his flight in the annual golf tournament. Investigation reveals that his flight was No. 11 (of 11) and that like anywhere else they start from the top down. Much can be said however, for being the best of the worst.

And so to our foreign correspondents. Over in the Paris sub-office, when Joe Gill got Bill's letter he didn't even take time to slip the silk glove over the iron fist. Quicker than you can say fait accompli he circulated a questionnaire written mostly in scholarly French, but which showed a tendency to slide into some unidentified Scandinavian language. The combined replies indicate that Lazy Lazar went from the NATO Defense College to the US Regional Office in Paris, and Al Stoltz is in the Joint Construction Agency there. The Hartshorns, Lincolns, and Gill are still in SHAPE and Frank (Squaredance) Britton in Fontainebleau. All agree that the Tour d'Argent is O.K. for a quick snack, but the only places in Paris to get really good food is chez one of the above characters. In support of this they point out that for one thing the music at the Harveys is much louder than it is at Monseigneur's.

From Naples, Pete Hinshaw continues his fine reporting to state that Moose Mussett has gone to the J-2 section of EUCOM (Frankfort) but that the seven remaining members hold the jobs previously reported. Not ones to gather any moss, Jan Braude and Adeline Cochran made a most interesting Mediterranean circuit including Tripoli, Athens, Istanbul and Trieste. Bus Wheeler, Readiness Officer of the Command, ran into Jim Churchill in Eastern Turkey and states that Jim is based in Ankara. Pete's junior jottings are consolidated below.

Eddie Farnsworth brings the Far East roster up to date with the following:

Johnny Bowen, DC/S for Admin, Eighth Army. Harvey Fischer, C/S X Corps, Korea. Charlie Longanecker, G-4, XVI Corps, Japan. Bill Spurgin, C.O., 97th AA Group, Okinawa. Red Smith and Frank Jamison, FEAF, Tokyo. Jack Weber, C.O., Tokyo Ordnance Depot. Dave Davidson, just arrived.

Charlie Herman received a Legion of Merit for service with the Eighth Army in Korea and recently was transferred to Tokyo. Isabel and 14 year old Cynthia remain in Kansas City, Mo.

While he did not report it himself, others say Eddie is doing a top flight job as Chief of the Liaison Section, which is the contact with the multitudinous national delegations that make up the U.N. command there. Their appreciative decorations make

Eddie's chest look like Times Square at midnight.

Individual reports from abroad indicate that Marv Isley is an attache in London, Pop Duncan is liaison officer with the Turks in Korea, George Mather in Berlin, and Frank Johnston is the military adviser to the Commandant of the South Korea Military School. Bill and Babe McNulty's 19 year old returned from Teheran and stated that both parents are fine and delighted with the place.

While we tend to be preoccupied with the old folks, the juniors continue to get more senior and as they do, the news about them gets more voluminous and interesting. Maureen Burke, for example, has been elected Sophomore Snow Queen at Marymount College. Others away at college include Jody Hinshaw, Indiana U.; D. B. Johnson, Jr., U. of Maryland; Gordon Seaward, Jr., U. of Maryland (Munich); Pete McKeown, Texas U.; Sweepy Zitzman, Wheaton College and Kay Zitzman, U. of Michigan. In addition to 13 cadets previously noted, young Hardy is a plebe at Yousmay. We are especially interested in hearing where your offspring are and what they are doing if away from home. Many of them knew each other as they were growing up and want to know where their erstwhile pals are. Send a card to Bill right now while you're thinking about it, for inclusion in the next issue.

All of which brings us to the Navy game and the end of the term. Red and Ruth McKeown with son Dick drove up from Dallas just for the week-end and Rose D'Orsa pulled Charlie out of a hat announcing that he had just got back from Korea four days before. Just within shouting distance (which does not mean Greater Philadelphia, thank you) were the Welborns, Tisdales, Hardys, Kunzigs, Melniks, Descheneaux (I never know how to pluralize that). Also the Hassmanns, Hewitts, Jim McCormick with Annie and Jim, Jr., and Mary Cain with Pat and Jim, Jr. (Sounds as if the record is cracked). Finally there were the Trices, Schorrs, Boswells, Hannahs, Momm, and Stan Wray incognito in a blue beret. A fitting end to a good season.

Don't forget to keep the news flowing in and you don't necessarily have to wait for the deadline (March 1st at Bill Kunzig's in-basket). If we don't print your letter in *Assembly* verbatim it's because sheer space limitations require that we condense it and combine the info with similar items from other letters. Its effect isn't limited to this column, however, as much of the info will reach about half the class in Bill's monthly Newsletters. The originals themselves are kept on file for use in the following issue if news is light or as source material for bull sessions. Your official poop should have such a life expectancy.

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

In the true Hurlbut tradition (railroaded) a new class slate took over the running of Thirty-three's affairs in Washington: Bob Turner, President; Johnnie Breit, 1st. Veep; Johnny Lane, 2nd Veep and Correspondent; Gray Essman, Secretary-Treasurer. Ed Hale and Tom Evans were Co-Chairmen of a joint luncheon with our running mates from Annapolis prior to the Navy game. Much football talk, some betting with Hale and Hartel the big winners. If you are in Washington on 20 January call Al Welling for the details of an informal cocktail buffet at the Army-Navy Country Club.

The 7th Infantry Division is in good hands, Eddie Bastion is C/S; Ben Harris the 17th Inf., Eddie Doleman the 31st Inf. and Stan Lonning the 32nd Inf.

Dave Gibbs is Signal Officer of IX Corps, need any good phone numbers? Steve Fuqua is gee-twoing at Eighth Army. Chet Dahlen commands the 23rd Inf. in the 2nd Inf. Div. and Bill Hunt is throwing the book at them as Staff JAG for the 2nd Inf. Div.

Duff Sudduth and Butch Shields have been having a go-round with the Medics. Drop them a line—Duff is at Walter Reed and Butch at Brooke General, Ft. Sam. Home address 2301 W. Mulberry, San Antonio, Texas.

Hadley Richardson was retired last June and is residing at 335 Oak Ave., Carlsbad, Calif. He reports that Benny Ray has been Dean of Men at L.A. City College and has recently moved to Stockton College.

Steve Stephenson checked into the Pentagon as Secretary, Joint Communication-Electronics Committee. A plain ordinary phone call will reach him at 2628 So. Fern Street, Arlington.

Need any dough for a secret mission, drop around and see George Gretser in the Budget Section of G-2 in the Pentagon.

Pat Patterson is C/S of the Tactical Command in Austria; his wife Elsie and daughter Margaret are with him.

The lucky star members of the last class of the Army War College went in all directions. Carl Darnell, Andy Lipscomb and Smith, F. G. to Turkey; Ned Gee, Bill Given and Joe O'Malley to Europe; Avery Cooper to Ft. Bliss; John Armitage to Picatinny; Guy Lothrop to Formosa; Phil Pope, George Powers and Bob Turner to the Pentagon.

Wally Fleckenstein is back from Europe, and is at Camp Roberts, Calif.

As of this fall the following information was correct but by now may no longer be current. Eb Downing is in the Engr Section of FECOM after being with the Eighth Army in Korea. Chet Degavre with KMAG. Chet Kahlen from 2nd Inf Div to KMAG. Kay Kaesser from 40th Inf Div to KMAG.

Bill Frentzel, McClelland and Bob Arnett whooped it up at the Fourth Army Club during the Duke game. Dick King, Ab Huntsberry, Roy Reynolds and Harlow Miles—all with wives—finished the Penn game talking in a whisper. Bob Neely, Jim Boswell, Huntsberry and Miles—all with wives—gloated over the Navy game at Philly. (Beats Television.) George Porter, Bear Eyler and Pat Guiney have been standbys for the past couple of years for local games. Pat has his season cut short by orders to Newfoundland.

Dave Gray recently received a Silver Star, awarded while C.O. of the 27th Inf. Wolfhounds.

—C. H. M.

1934

Jack Donoghue, retiring secretary of the Class Organization in Washington, crashed through with the following information just before our press deadline: "The results of the election of over-all class officers came out as follows: President: Bill Stone, by one vote over O'Neil. O'Neil becomes first Veep. Cy Betts was elected second Veep. For Secretary-Historian, the class strongly preferred to have someone established in civilian life in Washington, and chose Bill Denson. For Treasurer, Tate edged out Griffith by two votes, which was by no means displeasing to Griffith, already busily occupied with the Cotillion. Incidentally, it might be well to give publicity to the fact that the Washington Chapter officers are the same as the national officers.

This is because there is bound to be at least 50 o/o overlap, and as Bill Gross commented on his ballot, it's no use to set up 'another empire—let the Washington chapter run it.'

"The Washington Chapter pulled off an affair at the Officers Mess of the Naval Gun Factory on Saturday, December 5. There was strong applause for Bilbo, who made all the arrangements for the melee, to the point of personally calling up the local folks, achieving an attendance of 75 officers and wives. . . The formal installation of national officers is set for the next Washington Chapter luncheon, second Wednesday in January. . . I got a letter from Jablonsky, now C/S of the Joint Military Mission in Turkey, written in the flush of pleasure over the Army-Navy game. He'll be home in June, but not for reunion. . . Miller, L. C. is in Paris attending l'Ecole Superieure de Guerre. . . From Fort Leavenworth, Joe Piram announces the birth of Barbara Lynn on September 30. . . Reunion data as noted on the ballots can be reported as most encouraging. Practically all who are within travel distance are planning to make it. I'm turning over the ballot sheets to Charlie Hill, chairman of our Reunion Committee, for consolidation and coordination with you people at West Point."

During the fall Harry Lardin spent two and a half days at USMA as G-3 representative on a D/A group making an annual staff visit. After being at Carlisle Barracks last year the Lardin family is now back at 2636 N. Ohio Street, Arlington.

Freddy and Rosa Barnes write that they are enjoying their tour of duty in Alaska but will be happy to return to the States next summer. It looks as if their return, unfortunately, will not be early enough for the Reunion.

Charlie Hill is another Washingtonian who visited West Point during the fall. His visit was in connection with his present assignment in G-1, D/A, where he is putting into practice the knowledge gained in taking a Ph.D. in Psychology at Vanderbilt University, 1948 to 1951. Ken Kenerick and Jack Shuck got up to West Point from Washington for one of the football games but were off in a flying cloud afterwards, not pausing long enough to give forth any detailed information.

A news item from Korea, dated 28 October 1953, reports the award of a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for Bentley Kern. Bentley was senior adviser to the 20th ROK Division at the time of the award, having previously commanded the 31st Infantry, 7th Division. Anne and the children are living at 992 Dowling Boulevard, San Leandro, California.

20th Reunion plans tentatively call for a dinner dance on Saturday night, June 5th; a picnic on Sunday evening; and an informal get-together on Monday night. Visiting classmates will have rooms available in North Barracks, as usual, and we are hoping to find accommodations on the Post for all wives attending. More later.

—W. J. R.

1935

The Class News for this Assembly has been held pending the forthcoming issue of the class publication — "More Yet" Regarding the latter, some "precincts" are yet to be heard from, and as soon as "returns" are in, the D.C. Committee will expedite issuance. It is believed that in this manner a greater number of the class will receive at least annually information on the current status of members of 1935.

—E. H. F.

1936

Pleas for news and info had some results. Thanks for the help; we need more. Spend 3c for a stamp and let us know where you are, what you are doing, how you are, etc. (to include the family), and what classmates you have seen or heard of, together with their ranks, present assignments and addresses. Such news will make your class notes more personal and interesting.

Twenty-five classmates, headed by Class President Bill Connor, at AWC have discussed recently three proposals: (1) Election of class officers (a complete new slate, or to fill existing vacancies); (2) selection of a permanent Sec'y or Sec'y-Treas. (probably a retired member permanently located somewhere, assisted by an active member); and (3) Token of Recognition for sons of '36 graduating from USMA (there will be some soon—you're older than you think). A letter of explanation of the proposals mentioned above and a questionnaire are being mailed to your last recorded addresses. Please answer them fully and promptly.

Notes from A-N-AF Journal a/o Register: 19 Sep 53: Col. O. G. Hayward, AF, resigned at his own request. Col. Creighton W. Abrams, Armor, was actg C/S, I Corps in Korea, but rumor is that Abe moved to a command job. 26 Sept 53: Col. Wm. H. Kinard assigned as Dir Psy Opns Dept, Army Psy Wfe Sch, Ft. Bragg, N. C. Col. B. O. Davis from Nellis AF Base, Nev., to Far East. 10 Oct 53: Col. Foster LeRoy Furphy, Ord C, promoted to Col., RA. (This order was corrected and Foster is still a RA Lt. Col.). Col. Robt. W. Breaks, Cml C, from Ch Program Coord Office, OC Cml C, Wash., D. C., to CO, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Ark. 17 Oct 53: AF announced following Col. for attendance 1954-55 courses at Service colleges: NATL WAR COLLEGE —(Principals) Von Roy Shores, Wm. S. Steele, James W. Twaddell; (Alternate) Frank W. Gillespie who is also alternate for the Canadian Natl Def College. IND COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES—(Principals) Clark L. Hosmer, Chas. B. Stewart; (Alternate) Chas. B. Tyler. 7 Nov 53: Lt. Col. Langdon A. Jackson, Inf, from Cp Breckinridge, Ky, to USAFFE via Ft. Lewis, Wash., eff 7 Jan 54. Lt. Col. James R. Weaver, Inf, Ft. Ord, Calif., to USAFFE. 14 Nov 53: Col. Henry J. Katz, Ord C, Detroit, Mich., to USAFFE via Ft. Mason, Calif., eff 15 Feb 54. Lt. Col. Robt. E. O'Brien, Armor, Ft. Bragg, N. C. to Hqs Second Army, Ft. Meade, Md. Lt. Col. David W. Hiester, Hq Eighth Army, Korea, trfd from Arty to Ord C (Dave arrives in US in Dec—next asgmt R&D, OC of Ord, Wash., D. C., according to Doris. She also heard that Harry E. Mikkelsen is headed from Korea to Colorado Springs this December). 21 Nov 53: Col. John W. Romlein, Arty, leading man in Little Theater presentation, "George Washington Slept Here" at Ft. Leavenworth, 5-7 Nov 53 played to record audiences. (Didn't know that John was the Clark Gable or Cliff Montgomery type). He also had an article "What Situation", published in the Mil Review for Nov 53. Together with his duties as an instructor at C&GSC, John must be a busy man. 28 Nov 53: Lt. Col. Robt. J. Trout, Fin C, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. to Cp Station, Calif. (USAFFE maybe?) eff 15 Jan 54. Kathleen Sibert, 4 mo. old daughter of Col. and Mrs. Franklin R. Sibert, was christened at home (Ft. Bragg, N. C.) 16 Nov 53. Mike Michaelis, godfather; and Mrs. Gerald J. Higgins and Mrs. Walton H. Walker, godmothers. 5 Dec 53: Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland from Korea (CG, 187th RCT) to Dep Asst C/S G-1 for Manpower Control in Wash., D. C. during Dec 53.

The following info comes from various sources: Col. Donald P. Christenson, Armor, is G-2, VII Corps, Germany. His wife and son (Kay and Don) will join him soon. Jack Chiles elected secretary of the AWC group (because he has a secretary in his Exec job). He reports that Tuck Partridge has recovered in fine shape from a major operation at Walter Reed. We're all glad to hear the good news. Gordy and Joyce Austin (JCS) were November house guests of Howie and Lo Snyder at AWC. Ben and Mimi Whipple returned safely from their Far East trip. They saw the McElhenys in Tokyo. Freddie Bothwell, wife, and son were seen at a football game in West Point. He is retired, living in Albany, N. Y., and has a position with the State Liquor Authority. Elli Sutherland attended the Army-Columbia game at West Point. (Van is in Monterey, Calif., Army Language School). Mac McCabe rumored to be stationed at Ft. Monroe, and Bob Gapen (Ntl War College) was seen in Wash., D. C. late this fall.

Ben and Midge Evans (they now have 5 children) were seen at one of the home games. Ben writes from Hqs First Army, Governors Island, N. Y., that John Jakle is PMS&T, LaSalle Mil Acad, Oakdale, L. I., N. Y. Karl Klock ROTC Instr at CCNY, NYC, Bill Kimball (AF) located at Mitchel Field (shades of the old Keystone Bombers); and Bernie Bess is in the midst of things at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. Ben saw the following at the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia: the Bob Saffords, Jim Leers, Ken Dawalts, Bob Albros from AWC; Ned Norrises, Bob O'Briens, and Chas. Packs; Freddie Gastons (?), Wilbur Griffiths (JCS), Granny Gunn (?), Wort Williams (Inf Regt Co, Ft. Meade), and the Hank Muccis (ret'd in Bridgeport, Conn.). Ben continues that Gordy Holterman left G-1 USAREUR to command an AAA Gp in England; Jack Kelly at OCAFF alerted for Far East; John Heintges at OCAFF; Leonard Shea at Armed Forces Staff College but due for Pentagon job in Feb 54; Bruce Palmer in Plans Sec, G-3, Hq USAREUR in Germany.

Army Hometown News Service reported that (Col.) Ben Turnage received a third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit for outstanding service as Chief, Opns Div, G-3, Hqs Eighth Army, in Korea. Ben's wife, Adelaide, located at 13 Water Street, Charleston, S. C. (Col.) Bill Haneke also reported as Fin O, Korea Com Z. His wife, Marion, lives at 161 N. College St., Carlisle, Pa.

The Michaelises received a Xmas card from Dan and Fran McElheny (Engr Sec, Hq USAFFE, APO 343, in Tokyo). The McElhenys sent Season's Greetings to all and furnished the following info: Recently saw the Joe Yosts, the Rudy Ganns, Bill Davis, the Cordes family, and Dick Carmichael. Dan saw Bill Haneke, Nip Page, Jake Jacoby, Roy McCarty, Hank Benson, and Biff Milliken, either in Korea or en route.

Bob Curran writes from 1507-13th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala., that he, Caye, Patty, and Carole have had 15 wonderful months while he earns a PhD in Intl Relations from Ala. U. Bob departs for G-3, Hqs USAREUR, in March. The family remains in place until kids finish school in June. The Currans heard from Ev and Nat Hahney (J-2, Hq EUCOM, Frankfurt), Rudy and Betty Ganns in Japan, Barbara and Bill Landry (Pentagon), Bill Steeles (US Mil Rep, SHAPE), Jack and Bea Kelly (Maxwell AFB). Jack Kelly says Don Bodine and Wally Barrett also at Maxwell AFB. Caye and Bob send Holiday Greetings to all and an invitation to drop in for a drink and a meal.

A last minute letter from Bob Gapen, aided by Charlie Pack and Willie Jones, gives

following info concerning classmates in Wash., D. C.:

Gaston (Col.)—Mil Dist Wash.; Pack, Thompson, Drake, Walker (Lt. Cols.), O'Brien, Norris (Cols.)—G-2; Westmoreland (B.G.)—G-1; Ike Smith, Persons (Cols.), Landry (Lt. Col.)—G-3; Low, Janof (Lt. Cols.), Illig (Col.)—G-4; Clifton, Covington, Gapen, McCorkle (Cols.)—Natl War College; Holderness (Col.), Waters, Rickenbaugh (Lt. Cols.) — Army Comptroller; Hughes (Lt. Col.)—Strategic Intel Sch; Lampert, Kieffer (Cols.)—OC Engrs; Griffith, Oswald, Garland, Monteith, Austin, Terrell (Cols.)—JCS; Beggs (Col.)—OQMG; Noakes (Lt. Col.)—OS Def; Dickson, Spencer (Cols.)—Ind Coll AF; Broyles (Lt. Col.)—State Def Mil Control; Hqs USAF — (Cols.) Jones (Material), McCoach (Instns), True, Lee, Gunn (all in Opns), Clark (Pers), Champion (Reqmts); Perkins (Col.) (?); Singletery — (Ret'd) civilian position; Bill Sievers (Col.)—Harvard Bus Sch, but family in Wash.; Benson in Korea, family in Wash.; Necrason due in Wash. soon; ex-classmates Robideau and Murray in Wash., and Bob Joerg is a Navy Comdr stationed in Wash.; Mrs. Jane Neff now living in Wash.

Please forward your news, and the questionnaire mailed separately, to Lt. Col. C. E. Gooding, QM, West Point, N. Y.

Hope Xmas was wonderful and the New Year brings you the best ever.

—Sam.

1937

Pickings were quite slim for this issue, if it weren't for the members who made the local newspapers there wouldn't be much news.

From Jackson, Miss. comes news of Battle Barksdale, who is (18 Sep) in Korea, Grace is living at 745 Pinehurst St. in Jackson. A Sep 23 article from Carlisle has A. O. Connor getting his Second Oak Leaf Cluster to his LM. Betty is living at 735 N. Hanover St. in Carlisle, Pa. Carroll Wood is also in Korea (5 Nov) according to a news clipping from Santa Barbara, Cal.

Further clippings list Zehner as back in the States and stationed at Ft. Jay, N. Y. (2 Sep); Fred Diercks in the Army Europe Intelligence Center in Heidelberg (5 Oct); Kathryn lives in Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.; and Jim Peale as Chief of The Air Division Training Branch at Seventh Army Hq, in Stuttgart (23 Oct), Juanita is living at 863 Monticello Dr., Falls Church, Va.

Bob Palmer received a letter (25 Sep) from Steve Stevenson, who is now C.O. of the 49th Air Division in England, APO 22. Tug is with him and they are pleased to announce a new addition, Martha, as of 26 Aug. Steve mentions three other Air Force BG's from "37", Hipps who is in D. C., Westover at March Field, and Broadhurst at Travis AFB. He has seen, in England, McElroy, who is with Hq Third Air Force, Meyer Edwards, who should be home by now, Tom Holdiman, who was traveling in connection with his duties with the Rand Corp, Santa Monica, Cal., and Swede Ohman, who is with SAC, Swede, a BG, should be back in the States by now. Steve also mentioned that Mo Preston has a Bomb Wing at Savannah, Ga.

Palmer also got a letter (5 Oct) from Hal Hallock, who is District Engineer at Fort Worth, Texas. Hal has been at Fort Worth two years, bought himself a house and considers himself a Texan, First Class, because he lassoed a fish. As the story goes, he caught his hook on a log, when he jerked it loose, the line coiled around a crappie and he pulled him out by a gill and fin.

While other Texans consider this fair roping, they quickly point out that real roping requires your catching them by the left hind leg.

Being off the beaten track, Hal hasn't seen too many classmates. He does see Noel Ellis occasionally at Ft. Sam, where Noel is the Assistant Army Engineer. He also saw Bill Amos down at Sam. Bill was on the faculty of the Medical Service School at the time.

He took the same course at Sandia in August with Scotty Hall and saw Carl and Babs Lindquist while there. They also see Jack and Betty Chapman over in Dallas occasionally where Jack has retired.

The Oberbecks have moved to Sandia. I finally got a letter from Spic Nadal and he did get married. His address is Box 7, Log Dir CINC SOUTH FPO, N. Y., N. Y.

K. B. Lemon is PMS&T at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Well, Merry Xmas from the Besson's, Palmer's, and Richardson's and good assignments to all.

—R. B.

1938

The Washington contingent attended a fine party 7 Nov at Andrews AF Base—approximately 65 classmates and wives were present and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our thanks go to Castex Connor, Ski York, and Dick Bromiley, the committee members.

Mel Russell and Hubie Strange (TDY status) are leaving G2—Mel to FECOM and Hubie to Attache Office, Greece. E. L. Clarke has been assigned to G2 after completing a tour in EUCOM.

Bob Offer recently passed through Washington en route to C&GSC, Leavenworth.

Carter Duncan, Base C.O., Pope AF Base, writes that he will turn out the crimson carpet for all 38'ers. Recently, Dutch Williams, John Jannarone, Sturdivant and family, Bill Fredericks (stationed at Maxwell) and J. B. Coleman have visited him. He states he sees Bud Mearns and Dow Adams, both at Bragg, frequently.

Paul Cornwall is Chief, Procurement Division, Okla. City, and Willy Langford is in the Comptroller's Office, 2nd Army, in Baltimore.

Mert Singer is now PMS&T at University of Penna, after serving four years on the Joint Staff, Pacific Command, at Pearl Harbor. His address is 510 Harriet Lane, Lynwood Park, Havertown, Pa.

Fred Wright dropped us a note from Turkey, where he is an adviser to the Commandant, Turkish Cavalry School. States that Betty, her mother, Ricky (14) and Sherry (11) are thriving in Istanbul, where life is pleasant but expensive. Andy, Mary and Joy Lipscomb spent the day with them. Andy is now Chief of the Infantry Section, TUSAG—Fred's boss.

Bob Works is at ALS, Presidio, learning to speak French preparatory to becoming Army Attache, Lebanon.

Jim Mrazek is with the Korea Civil Assistance Command in the Cholla^u Nomdo province. Smiles and the two children live at 713 Grandview Drive, Alexandria, Va. while Jim is in Korea. Jeff Irvin is assigned to AFFE (Adv).

Ed Lahti wrote from Eniwetok Atoll, where he is the commander. Stated times must be rough in Washington since Dave Byars visited him recently in order to get a steak dinner. For Jim Durbin's information, "Slugger" Lahti got "four for four" in a softball game recently—did the same against Syracuse in 1937.

Rosalie Folda and children have joined Jerry in EUCOM. From AFSC, Birdsey

Learman writes that he is scheduled to go to Viet Nam and Frank Norris is headed for the Far East.

—Bev.

1939

The first class meeting of the year was held at West Point on 22 September 1953. Plans were formed for the 15th Reunion during June Week. The following committees were elected: Publicity and Treasury: McConnell and Clark. Entertainment: Schwenk, Wallach and Laitman. Housing: Kobes and Jacoby.

The June Week committee needs the addresses of the following: Steve Caldwell, W. C. Stone and Clarence Bess. Please forward to Harvey Fraser, Department of Mechanics, U.S.M.A. It is also requested that everybody keep the Association of Graduates posted on their latest address.

It is reported that the Cantrells and Gibbons entertained classmates at Fort Leavenworth in October. Such a good time was had by all that the celebration continued into the wee small hours. Jack Boles, Johnny Olson, Carl Wohlfel, Gibbo Gibbons and Lew Cantrell are the teachers who receive the apples from students Walt Brinker, Bill Bradley, Hal Crawford, Bull Davis, Norm Farrell, Ned Geary, J. D. Richardson, Tom Shanley, Ace Shepard, Bob Studer and Ralph Jordan.

From the Far East come rumors of the activities of H. T. Smith, Sailor Byrne, Reeves, Bane, Bud Newcomer (a new father), Chris Coyne and Nanny. They will soon be joined by Higgy Higgins, who has done excellent work furnishing information on classmates in the Washington area. Let's hope that he will continue his excellent correspondence in the Far East and convert rumors to facts.

Jack Schrader reports from Heidelberg that there are other 39'ers in that area: Fred Boye, Libby Taylor, Charley Duke and John Herstead. Others in Europe, from reports of Reil Crandall, are H. Wendorf, Danny Minahan and Chuck Parsons.

From the Far North comes word of four 39'ers battling the cold and snow: Al Bromfield in command of an RCT; Walt Winegar with the Alaska Engineer District; and Phil Royce in the intelligence business—all are in the Fort Richardson area. Elsewhere Fling is helping to tame the northland. In contrast, Seth Hudgins is basking in the sunny land of Brazil, and Mial is about to return from Panama.

During September, Wayne O'Hern and three of an alleged six children visited Lentz at Stewart Field on a trip from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Kirby took over as G1 of Eastern Army Antiaircraft Command at Stewart AFB last July but now has orders to attend the Armed Forces Staff College in February 54. (Yarnell please note.)

Galen Eaton, who is studying for his Master's Degree in Sociology at Loyola University, reports that after the Northwestern game, Jack Beier, Bill Stubbs and he celebrated at the Fort Sheridan Officer's Club. Bill, a personnel man for Sears Roebuck, has recently transferred from Atlanta to Chicago. Jack is in the paper bag business in Chicago. Galen also reports that Don Nickerson is an industrial engineer with American Steel and Wire Company in Joliet, Illinois.

Ken Yarnell, who is in the Career Management in Washington, reports that he recently received the following visits: Gilchrist stopped by on his way back to Headquarters, Sixth Army. Gil is awaiting orders to return to his old stamping grounds. J. F. Roberts, in from London on a short

trip, indicated that he is the proud father of six children. Dutch Kerwin popped in from Los Alamos for such a short time that a full report cannot be given on his activities. Chapla stopped by on his way back to his duties as PMS&T in Minnesota.

Various sources reported that the following fortunates enjoyed themselves at the Army-Navy game: Walter Grant, Charley Mount, Rog Lilly, Dick Curtin, Don Hull, Hall Cain, Dave Dillard, Ray Marlin, Marshall Wallach, Joe McChristian, Bill McCaffrey, Harvey Fraser, Frank Kobes, Jim Carvey, Sam Kail, D. B. Miller, Bill Buster, E. T. McConnell and H. C. Newcomer.

At a class luncheon at Fort Myer, Kinney gave an interesting and instructive talk on his experiences at the Truce Conferences. Jay Dawley, whose wife, Natalie, and daughter live in Washington, D. C., was recently assigned to the Korean Communication Zone, which was responsible for processing and delivering Communist prisoners to the repatriation point.

Bob Schellman's letter, postmarked the Army War College, came in with news of Dave Dillard, Spook Lerette, Howard St. Clair, Charlie Mount, Jim Muir, Tom Dolvin, Denny Nolan, Bob Spragins, Wally Grant, Sam Kail, Phil Davidson, Brad Smith, and Stan Larsen — who are there with him. He reported that they have had one class get together at Denny Nolan's, followed by dinner and dancing at the club. In spite of the fact that academics keep the gang busy, they seem to have a fine time playing golf, dropping up to New York or Philadelphia for football games, and participating in the usual extra-curricular activities at the club on week-ends. As a group, they seem to be contributing a goodly share to the increasing population of the United States. The St. Clair's had a son born at Norfolk, Virginia, on the 9th of April 1953, name: Michael Kevin. Millie and Charlie Mount's second boy, William Collins, was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on the 10th of May 1953. The James Muir's had a son, Charles Henry, born on the 29th of August 1953 at Carlisle Barracks, and the Dolvin's third child, Charles Alexander, was born at Governors Island on the 25th of September 1953. Schellman reports that the artistic decoration of Dave Dillard's bachelor apartment is the envy of all of the wives around the post. We wonder if Dave isn't getting some outside help on his interior decoration. Schellman extended a general invitation from all at the War College for other class members to visit the gang at Carlisle Barracks, where they have a splendid guest house and plenty of activities going on every week-end.

Jasper Jackson "Jap" Wilson reports the following 39'ers at AFSC, Norfolk: "Mouse" and Georgia Trahan, Gene, 12, and David, 5, reported from G-2 AFFE and going to G2, DA. Bob and Gladys Hill, plus 4, arrived from C&GSC (instructor)—going to MAAG Formosa. Vern and Louise Gilbert, plus 4 boys, arrived from C&GSC (instructor) and are scheduled for USAREUR. "Jap" and Evelyn Wilson, plus 2 girls and Jack (Jr.), reported from 2nd Armd Div and going to Army Field Forces Board No. 2 at Fort Knox. Harry and "Mikie" Kinnard, plus 2 and 2, instructor at AFSC, with still 2 years to go.

—Carl Lentz, II,
Lt. Colonel, USA.

1940

Not much news this time from all fronts, but what there is is interesting. Dick Free was recently appointed Assistant Chief of Administration and Services at Yokohama Engineer Depot in Japan. If you have any-

thing to administer or service and you are in Japan, he's the one you should look up. Charlie Banks was recently assigned to Korean Communications Zone. Rod Wetherill awarded Silver Star for gallantry in Korean action. He was an artillery commander of a Republic of Korea Infantry Division. Wing Jung awarded Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea, as an infantry battalion commander. Jack Wright recently named personnel and administration officer of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. Nosek, who has returned from a recent assignment in Verdun, France, has been assigned as assistant engineer commissioner in Washington, D. C. Alan Thayer is on duty with ROTC at University of Pittsburgh. He announces the arrival of Geoffrey Edmund on 9 November, born in Pittsburgh. Carey O'Bryan recently led a mock attack of B-29's on Singapore from his base in Clark Field, P. I.

Paul Krauss is commanding an ordnance group at Fort Bragg. Dick Cassidy in England, but should have returned to the States for re-assignment in December. Ben Delamater writes from Fort Bragg that he saw Lonny Witt, who was taking a short course at Southern Pines at Air-Ground School, and Howard Wright, who is the AF member of the Armored School Faculty. Hank Adams heads the Airborne Department at Leavenworth and Lee Cagwin that at Benning. A. D. Maxwell is an architect-contractor in Fayetteville. Fred White, the poor man's Ben Hogan, is in the G-2 Section of the XVIII Airborne Corps. Hank Daniels is Airborne adviser to G-3 Section of Third Army. Leahy in Manila. Gunster has left Fort Bragg and is now in FEC. C. T. Marsh in Panama. Haggard recently married to Cece Adair Cook, daughter of Major General Cook, in San Diego, California. Urey Alexander reports the following: Born at USAH Ft. Ord, California, 29 September 1953, his third child and first daughter, Marie Elizabeth. Urey is attending school at the Presidio. Reports Bottle Kasper as his classmate there, with Aubrey just leaving. Yates is at ORD. Rizza's and Denno's families at Presidio waiting to go to the Far East. Bill Porte with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, now in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jack Kenney on the faculty of Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Reports that he will be teaching Lou Mendez, Vic Conley, Dave Crocker, Ray Shoemaker and Bob Cassibry; de la Tour and Turner assigned MAAG in Paris, Townsend to Ethiopia when finished language school at Presidio; Page Smith goes to Turkey and Gleszer assigned to Saudi Arabia. Dave Byrne is at Hqtrs. SACLANT in Norfolk.

Bob Dice recently assigned to duty in London. Minahan due to go overseas soon. Wilcox to Maxwell Field. Len Haseman and Vi recently completed a 45-day leave with five children and dog in house trailer across the continent and back. So sold on travel by trailer that he is putting together an article for Saturday Evening Post. Butch Dixon now in Chief of Engineer's office after transfer from Vicksburg.

J. B. Bonham writes from Leavenworth, where the following are assembled: Ahmahan, Bayerle, Biswanger, Cibotti, Ford Fuller, Floyd, Mandell, Moore, J. M., Pfeil, Rosen, Spengler, Strauss, and Wilderman. Guiding their destinies on the faculty are: Adams, Belt, Bonham, Cameron, Hardin and Sullivan. This entire group have with them thirty-four children. Strauss family recently had twin boys, Steven and James. Mandell leaves Leavenworth for FECOM. Paul Deems in Kansas City, but due to go to Air War College.

All mail received with a smile at 2156 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

Leavenworth: In the present class with my informants, Frank Gerig and Horace Brown, are: Cocky Cochran, Bill Clifford, Chuck Fletcher, Dennis Grace, Jim King, Lynn Lee, Harley Marsh, Herb Clendening, Milo Moucha, Ben Spiller, Bob Tarbox, Max Tyler, Willy Vaughan. John Schremp, after completing the last course, is on the Staff and Faculty, and Bob Lanigan just arrived to join the S&F. Horace reports that he left Hunter Woodward and Charlie Busbee at Sill; "Hunter finds relaxation working calculus problems and Charlie by taking care of his four daughters." Frank observes from the vantage point of "a couple of class gatherings" that there is a "little less hair on some heads and little more meat on some paunches."

Monroe: Johnnie McIntyre says that he is holding Old Point Comfort with the aid of Duck Deyo, Vince Carlson, and Don McMillan. Jim Laney moved across the bay to the Armed Forces Staff College in September.

From the Army Home Town News Center, Kansas City, Mo.: "Six Albuquerque servicemen, representing the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, are shooting this week in the National Rifle Assn. Championship matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, some 80 miles west of Cleveland. They form what is believed to be the first composite armed forces team in the history of the N.R.A. championship competitions. The six, members of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, include Army Lt. Col. Roy J. Clinton, who lives with his wife, Celia, at 2308 General Marshall St., Albuquerque. . ."

"With the UN Command Military Armistice Commission in Korea—Lt. Col. Robert T. Dixon, whose wife, Helen, and four children, live at 14 Holbrook Ave., North Attleboro, Mass., is serving with the UN Command Military Armistice Commission in Korea. Col. Dixon is a senior member of Joint Observer Team No. 5, one of the 10 JOTs insuring that the 160 mile demilitarized zone is properly marked, entered only by authorized persons and that only authorized activities take place on the neutral ground. ." NOTE: Bob has just been ordered to Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Albuquerque: Jack Millikin says the local list includes: McKinley, Shadday, Collison, Clinton, Drum, Goodell, and, in the Texas area, Elmer Yates.

Governors Island: Stan Hutson returned from Stuttgart in June and is now in the G-2 Section, Hq First Army. Butch Rising is in G-3. "Dick Couch was seen at the PX." Stan says the important news is that he and Peg now have two boys and two girls; Peter arrived in October.

Oberammergau: Jog Green is busy teaching at the Intelligence School where the "courses are given bi-lingually in English and French by simultaneous translations." He indicates it is confusing enough now; "when they add in Greek and Turkish things will really become interesting." Jog finds the country beautiful and his whole family taking to skis. In Heidelberg, he has seen Vic Gampanna in G-2; Bucky Miller in G-3; Armie Hoebeke in G-4; John Manley in PM; and J. D. Fowler in G-1. He has seen Larry Green, who is with Hq USFA.

Annapolis: When they piped George McIntyre and Billy XII aboard, the Navy must have felt about as happy as they did the day the *Missouri* proved not to be amphibious. As most of you know by now, George got his name in print by escorting the goat back to USNA after the cadets had kidnapped him. If this had any influence on the game, let's hope George makes it an annual affair. (Editor's Note: See George's

own account of this affair elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.)

Maxwell: They had one of those parties at Chuck Willis' house and someone decided they ought to write to "Old Burt." Being in the Intelligence business, I am supposed to be able to elicit facts from confused and fragmentary bits of information, but I am not prepared to defend anything of what I am about to report. The following persons were reported as having been present: The Boots Gilberts, the Fred Ascanis, the Gordon Goulds, the Bill Cummins, the Mike Cochran, the Bill Hershenows, the Tom Fishers, the Barney Woodruffs. Since they were all stationed at the Base at that time and the forwarding letter indicated that there was a 100% turnout, the above Order of Battle can be accepted. Miscellaneous EEI include: Joe Silk and Harry Trimble are at WADC, Wright-Patterson AFB; Dick Osgood at Hq ARDC in Baltimore; Paul Ramee and Chuck Cannon are at West Point. Unconfirmed report: "Don't pass it around, but since Jackie Cochran broke Fred Ascani's speed record, he's zealously guarding his other record: Kay is expecting number seven!" Flash report: "The Woodruffs have adopted a Civet!" It must have been a good party; they were still talking about it when I was down there a week ago.

I saw Andy Evans. He is doing well and expects to be out of the hospital soon. When I told him I'd like to get him in a squash court before he gets his strength back, he said I'd have to get in line. All his old buddies are calling to try to get some of his money at golf and tennis, too. This, before he regains the form that won all three titles at the Air War College two years ago. You can write him at the home he bought there: 212 Truett Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.

Indirect word of Hack Liles appears to be good, too. The Alumni Secretary sent me a letter showing that Hack's address is 35 Artillery Drive, Columbus, Georgia. A recent issue of the *Journal* indicated that he was being ordered to Lt. Lewis, Wash. We certainly hope that a set of orders indicates that he is back in shape and is "ready for dooty."

Born: Thomas Curry Maynard at West Point, 16 October 1953; Stephen P. Troup at West Point, 13 November 1953; a son to the Al Muzyks at Walter Reed, 21 September 1953.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

As I scratch in haste to meet the *Assembly* deadline, the annual class news letter is being mailed; consequently by the time you read this much of it may be old hat.

On 10 September the local contingent revised the Class Coordinating Committee somewhat. The following officers will serve until next May at which time a new committee will be elected: Chairman, Dale Buchanan; Class Representative to Association of Graduates, Ollie Ulsaker; Secretary, Jack Cockrill; Assistant Secretary (responsible for address list), Luis Flanagan; Treasurer, Ed Ailee; and Entertainment Chairman, Jake Ballard. Andy Anderson has written that the Washington group, now the largest at any one station, has organized itself (legal-eagle Plott even drafted a constitution) and is prepared to take over some of the duties now performed at USMA. The southward shift of the class center of gravity certainly warrants displacement of our CP to Washington before too many more years have passed. Watch this column for further developments.

Digging through the flat file in my bot-

tom left hand drawer, I find some letters which have trickled into Box 42 since last we went to press, and I'll feed you the news as I read it. The November count reveals that forty-seven classmates are in Washington and environs. John Sheffey writes that '42 at Leavenworth threw a party in October with entertainment by Jan Garber, no less. Present for duty were Louise and Claire Duffie, Mary Jean and Ray Murphy, Jim Josendale, Millie and Ted Marks, Mary and Jim Obenchain, Gloria and Bill Hamilton, May and Larry Caruthers, Abie and Hal Rice, Bobbie and Danny Raymond, Carol and Bill Watkin, Ruth and Jesse Miles, Lyn and Frank Koisch, Betty Lou and Ray O'Neal, Mildred and Gene Weeks, Helen and Jim Hiltrenoth, Shirley and John Sheffey, and Baldy Uhler. Absent, but stationed in the neighborhood, was Doowillie Divers.

While the Leavenworth scholars sought relief from the academic grind in carefree conviviality, field soldiers of '42 halfway around the world in Korea renewed acquaintances under less pleasant circumstances; i.e., without Jan Garber and charming female companionship. I feel sure that after three years of American civilizing influence Korea has everything else to offer. Crit Crittenberger reports fellow standard bearers of western democracy as follows: Jim Vivian, Bud Roecker, Jack Colladay (now in Japan—well off), George Allin (winner of the BSM), Dopey Stephens, Hank Harmeling, Bud Ryder, Don Bolton, Jim Cockrell, Fran Roberts, and Charlie Mizell. Crit, Ryder, Harmeling, and Bolton are all in the 2nd Div. It's probably a good thing for the Commies that the "Indianhead" is held in restraint behind the demilitarized zone; otherwise, Dashing Don Bolton of "Moselle Raiding Party" fame would probably have at least a division's worth of enemy scalps at his belt by now.

Jack Colladay writes from the den of the "largest set of quarters we've had since being in the Service" at Camp Zama, near Tokyo, that he frequently sees Chief Lumpkin, Joe Dilworth, and Al Wilder. Jack is in G-1, AFFE, but *not* in officer assignment division! Other reports from the Far East cite Lin Jordan as winning the Silver Star in Korea and Seymour Rubenstein as having the BSM pinned on his expansive chest by Lt. Gen. Bruce Clarke.

Lee Marshall reports from Arlington, Va., that he recently married a "most charming little lady by the name of Margaret — though we call her Deannie." Another Lee —Cage—fraternizes with Al Thompson and John Craig at Fort Sill these days. I hear Ec Cutler is setting enviable academic records while studying for his PhD at Georgia Tech. Dick Wise comments that "civilian pursuits seem to take me far from Army circles" but that "married life in Caracas is proving to be most pleasant." John Finney, retired, has begun a two year graduate study program at Stanford University. Van Warren has acquired the impressive title of Chief of Liaison Control, G-3, Seventh Army, but complains even that won't get him a priority for family quarters. Things always were rough in the ETO.

—C.C. U.

January 1943

Korea continues as the center of activity. Hal Walker reported in October to the 64th Tank Bn, 3rd Inf Div, is now Bn exec. Bob Cook is S-4 of the 65th Inf Regt, same division. For meritorious service with the 15th Regt, 3rd Div, Edgar Bowman has added the Commendation Ribbon to an impressive list of decorations. This on 30 November at Camp Zama, Japan. Earlier,

Ken Buell received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement with the 223rd Regt, 40th Div. Sam Kerrick, serving with KMAAG, has been assigned as senior adviser to the ROK Capital Div. Danny Moore has come home. He and Skippy sat next to me at the Polo Grounds while Army upset Duke 14-13 in a thrilling game. This leads to a digression.

The Army team of the just past season has been a great one. All of you can remember the lean years of our cadet days—the years when Army did all the playing and the other teams did all the scoring. It was a joy to see the turn of events in which Army did all the playing and all the scoring. I've mentioned the Duke game. The victories over Penn and Navy were even greater ones.

But to get back to business. Danny has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Div at Fort Bragg. Tom Harrison is home, too. He wrote in September that he had been moved from Walter Reed to the hospital at Brooks AFB, San Antonio. He hoped to be in good shape by Christmas. His address is 215 Meadow Lane Dr., San Antonio.

Mitch Goldenthal has furnished some interesting information from Fort Leavenworth. It amounts to a listing of the classmates who are there as students and those who are faculty, along with a statement as to their productivity. The numbers after each name will, then, represent children. The following are students: (Inf) Jack Armstrong (2), Hal Barber (1), Tim Brown (1), E. E. Lowry (4), Hal Roach (1), Bill Waters (4), Charlie Wirt (2); (Armor) Adrian St. John (2); (Eng) Paul Ellis (1), Mitch Goldenthal (1), Walt Hogrefe (4), V. K. Sanders (2); (Ord) John Kuffner (3); (Sig) Jim Schofield (1), D. M. Smith (4), Lowell Wilkes (2). On the faculty are the following: (Armor) Merle Carey (2) and (Eng) Bill Talbott (2). Mitch adds that Roger Bertram is now getting an advanced degree at the U. of Illinois and that Dar Kitch has resigned from the Army.

Add to your lists of children, Richard Russell Robinson (7 Oct), Clifton Lewis Butler III (30 Sept) and Frederick Fitzwilliam Bertram (4 Oct).

In October Jack Wood visited the Hollises here at West Point. Margaret and Chuck Heltzel were up for the North Carolina State game.

Lowell Fisher is flying B-29's out of Yokota AFB, Japan. The Bwigs, John, Priscilla, and little Priscilla, are in Naples, Italy, where John works in the Chief of Staff's office, Allied Forces Southern Europe.

—Howie.

June 1943

A note to all concerned from the Editor of *Forty-three Plus Ten*. We wish to direct your attention to an error in the "In Memoriam" section of *Forty-three Plus Ten*. The picture of Jack K. McGregor (who is living—see page 55, *Forty-three Plus Ten*) was erroneously substituted for the picture of Jack M. McGregor (deceased) on page 111 of *Forty-three Plus Ten*. We offer our sincere apologies to all concerned and request all who have the book to make a notation correcting this error.

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It's mighty good to hear from the scattered brethren. If you detect an unmistakably higher style in the column this time, it's because Willy Malone is sulking about the snide cracks we've been making concerning his purchase of that big new car—even before the Ten Year Book got mailed! The book is now out, and Willy

spends his time tearing around Highland Falls like a gangster, so I have to bash out the column.

Dan'l Flannel Cullinane writes (in Arabic) from the Army Language School that he's still pro. He must be referring to his grades. On his way there from Knox in August he saw Wilson's and Linton's fraus in El Paso. He also ran into Johnnie Stockton in Pacific Grove on 27 November. Johnnie's recently returned from Europe and is now with an Armored Cav. Regt. at Carson. He is Regtl. Exec, and delights in bucking up (and quilling,—really!) the new crop of USMAY looies as they march on (and off!) guard duty. Danny says he envies such duty. He also heard from Heber Brill, but so did we.

Heber writes from Orinda, Calif., that he has started his third year there of civilian schooling and hopes to get his MA in Bio-radiology next June. (I may be ill). He says he loves it and then launches into an eight-page honker about the Ten Year Book. Sam old Gus!

Johnnie Moses, commanding an arty bn. in K-a, is training like all get out, so he writes. He tells us that over there Jim Phillips is driving another arty bn in the Seventh Div, Jocko Barrickman is with one also in the 25th Div, and Ray Blatt is with yet another, in the Second Div. Al Burdett and Arch Hamblen, that inseparable act, are now playing the Seventh Div. Fred Proctor is exec-ing an engineer bn, and Joe Eastmead is an Asst 3 for I&E (whatever that is) down at Eye Corps Hq. On R&R in Nippon, John had lunch on Bernie and frau Rogers and the two boys-sans. Bernie has found work in J3, Hq FEC. Arch and Mary Louise Hill are still at Grant Hts, Arch still aide-ing one of the Depy Chiefs at Pershing Hts. Johnnie saw, or claims he saw, in the lobby of the nasty old Dai Iti, Bruce McDowell, Ed Kreml and Max Talbot both rotated home last September; Ed to Duquesne Univ., Max to we-don't-know-yet. What would *Assembly* be without reporters like old man Mose?

Next comes a communicate from Bob Campbell, out at Hq ASA PAC 8621 AAU APO 500 San Fran., where he has been cloaking his dagger for the past six months. The wife arrived about Thanksgiving. Bob said he had seen Blatt when Ray shimmered by on his R&R.

Steve and Ede Gordy are now well dug in at Sill and tell us they are happy there (you know the artillery)! They see lots of Chas. Abel, Crane, Langstaff, Neill, Spiece, Francisco, Tomlinson, Lucas, and Wilkinson. The first-named five and Steve are Advanced Course students there, and the rest are all teaching. Steve let fall that all any of them do is hurry from party to party (you know the artillery)!

Doug Parham is now with the Hq. Sqdn. Sec, Aviation Engineer Force, Wolters AFB, Texas, at least for the next several months.

Ernie Boruski, a big racketeer in the investment business (money, you know), is now at 877 Dolores St., San Francisco, Calif. for good. If you are through SF any time, Ernie wants you to dig him, and, I think, give him your money. He does something with the stuff, so dunt esk.

Lee Hayes writes from darkest Panama that he is now teaching Inf. weapons and tactics to Latin American officers at the USARCIB School. His address is Box 265, Fort Gulick, C. Z.

Robert B. Callan, whom you remember as Bernie Wiener, is a construction consultant at 115 East 36 St., New York City 16. When in the metrop, call him and he'll help you with your constructions, if you know what we mean.

Sam Pinnell, Machiavellian as always, has slipped neatly into Bob deCamp's old desk in G4, Hq AFFE APO 343 after Korea,

where he had been with an engineer battalion and later in G3, 40th Div. In AFFE with him now are: Eddie McCabe, Bruce Koch, Walker Jamar, Mark Boatner, Del Perkins, and Charlie Reed. In Tokyo one day not long ago, Sam saw Neil Bucher, who was on a visit from Hawaii. Looks like our next big reunion would go very well in either Yoke or Toke, if they only weren't so dry.

From John Cochran comes word that this column in *Assembly* erred in July (oh alack!) when it said John went to C&GSS. Seems Uncle Sam has hired two J. H. Cochrans, Jr., and of the same lofty rank. Our John, and Teri, are still at G4 Hq USAREUR, APO 403, N.Y. They see lots of Leta and Gordon Smith and young Donald, since they're practically next-door neighbors. Harry and Anne Schroeder also are underfoot; Harry's a traveling salesman working the Cologne area.

Willy the Cover, ever alert to our entreaties, sends a card with the news that he is the senior artillery instructor to the ROTC at Iowa State. Cecile, he, and the two younguns are at 419, 15th St, Ames, Iowa. Bob, Sarah Jane, and baby Sheryl Burrows visited Willy and Cecile over a recent weekend, having driven up from Leavenworth, where Jug is coping with the mysteries.

Lorry Thomas, that pillar of the Class, sends us lengthy poop from Meccaworth, where he and Betty are dwelling at 30-B Buckner Rd. Surrounding them are fourteen of our finest and best, as follows: Quint and Acey Atkinson, John and Wanda Bell, Bob and Sarah Burrows, Ernie Buzalskie, Bethell Edrington (who, one hears committed matrimony not long back. Ah me! The best go last!), Ed and Lee Fredericks, Hi and Dottie Fuller, Rundy Hamblen (while Arch is truce-ing it up, in you-know-where), Stuff and Dottie Kengle, Wally and Peggy Magathan, Bill and Claire McKenzie, George and Barbara Newman, Harvey and Skippy Short, and Bob and Val Sonsteli. Lorry also saw Herman Hunt, who was at Leavenworth just until mid-October taking the Speckled Weapons Course.

Bob Mattox, now at Box 215, The Artillery School, Fort Bliss, Tex., writes in to express his appreciation to Ye Eds. of *Forty-three Plus Ten*, in which I know all of us join. What a soiree it really turned out to be!

Clarence (and Helen) Westfall, back from Korea, are now at Hq. Spec. Troops Cmd, Benning, teaching the Sp. Weapons Course. Bob and Lee Fredericks have just brought forth a new boy, Gregory Neil, at Leavenworth. Ed Blount writes from Heidelberg that he expects soon to see his native land. He's exec of a big FA Bn., and sometimes sees Dave Conard, who's still in Kaiser-slautern.

Ralph Hallenbeck is (gulp!) Chief, General Officers' Branch, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, etc., etc., in Washington. Even for the Air Folks that's a mighty frightening title, wot?

Carlos and Barb Young attended The Philadelphia Slaughter, seeing the following, 'mongst the carnage: Billy and Maggie Ray, Frank and Dottie Ball, Dunwoody, Parfitt, and Walt Mitchell. Jess Fishback, Dave Galas, and Bob McCanna with wives made the pilgrimage thither from The Rock. The Class cheering Section held (?); besides those just listed: Sandy Sembach, Frank Saul, Al Shiely, Mike Zubon, Ned Burr, Doug Deal, Bill Glasgow, and Bob Plett—all with their pro-est drags. Ned is now a student at U. of Penn., Frank is a construction engineer in Phila., Sandy is in G1 Hq. First Army, and Bob Plett is going to R.P.I.

Thus all the far-flung lads. Around here, remember, are the following, ever avail-

able for soiree or shindig, ever delighted to hear from you: Curcuru, Farley, Fishback, Galas, Greene (Jim), Greenwalt, Hancock, Hersberger, Jones (Al), Malone, McCanna, and your old dad. Just because you got your Ten Year Book don't stop all flow of mail to P.O. Box 2! If more books are wanted, we think we can get some, provided about fifty extra can be sold, to make another run worthwhile. Leave us know.

Meanwhile, all take care of yourselves, wherever you be. And write if you get work. At any rate send BOODLE, cause you know what this place is like during Gloom Period.

—Wick Wickert, for Bill Malone.

1944

Nancy and Jack Cushman are living in Germany now, where Jack is with the 22nd Infantry as Commander of the 2nd Battalion. He is completely surrounded by women but apparently is enjoying life and lives only two miles from Charles and Dorothy Daniels and fairly close to Mary and Jack Hennessey, each of whom are also with the 4th Division. It seems that Jack, about three years ago, switched from the Corps of Engineers over to the Infantry. With his letter Jack sent in his check for the tenth reunion yearbook and any of you who have not placed your order and sent in biographies and snapshots please send them to George Pappas at West Point immediately as the deadline for getting the book ready for publication is almost at hand.

While in New Orleans late in October and early November for the Army-Tulane game I ran into Don McWilliams and his wife, who were there for the game, and also Chuck Sampson who had flown over from San Antonio. Chuck gave me some news of two or three classmates he had seen recently, which I carefully wrote down in a notebook, and then lost the notebook. Chuck said that Emmett Maxon and Bill Fullilove were down for the game from West Point but I didn't get to see them. Chuck had also seen Jim Monihan recently and said that Jim has made a good recovery from his attack of polio but would still be fighting it for some time to come. Chuck had also heard that Jim Giles was a Lt. Colonel, I believe in Korea.

Fred Smith wrote later that Jim is in Korea as Executive Officer of one of the Battalions in the 179th Infantry of the 45th Division. Fred sent in quite a bit of news on himself and others he had seen. It was noted in the last issue that Fred is now a proud father. With Jim Giles in the 45th Division, are Bill Todd, Steve Mulkey, George Tuttle and Frenchy Cyr and Jelks Cabaniss. Bob Hurst is in the 19th Engineer Group as a pilot. Fred, Dan Wallis and Bill Harper are in the 5th Regimental Combat Team. Don Carter had been in the 45th Division but was recently transferred to the G-2 Section in Japan. Randy Cary is in Tokyo now connected with J-2. Armond DiSilvio is also in the 5th Regimental Combat Team. Si Marks and Bill Humma were to have been assigned to duty in Korea late in October but I do not know what assignments they drew. Bob Cowherd was rotated from Korea in October and was headed for the States for an ROTC assignment. Jim Douglas and Dick Nalle are with the 8th Army in Korea.

Fred and Kitty left Munich last summer and at that time Paul Emley was at Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia, and Lu Armstrong was on duty at San Antonio with the Air Force. Also, had heard that Art Nelson had resigned from the Army and was in medical school and that Nick Fuller was then living in Antigua.

A new group came into Fort Benning for the advanced course and other assignments there this summer including Blanchard, Donaldson, Grant, Zillmer and Jim Connell, who so faithfully supplies me with information.

John Eisenhower had just reported to Benning early in November for duty with the 30th Infantry, and Kennedy is there with the 508th Airborne Infantry. George Pickett is at Benning with the Army Field Forces Board No. 3, and Harry Rogers, Fred Kiefer, Buzz Gordan and Carl Peterson are with the Infantry School Staff.

Jo Mulkey and Jean Douglas are both living in Columbus while Steve and Jim are in Korea.

Dick Dennen with Teal and the three children are at the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California, and have been there since June 1951 with the Flight Test Division. Val Prah is also there and Dick had seen Dave Wood early in October at El Paso. Dave is doing some nuclear work at Fort Bliss after finishing his studies at Princeton.

While on the subject of the Air Force, George (A) Brown writes from Lockbourne Air Force Base, where he is a B-47 Instructor Pilot and has just bought a house with the intention of being there for quite some time. Pete Moore and Roy Bahls are Plane Commanders of B-47s, also at Lockbourne, but in different wings. George confirmed Fred Smith's report on Lu Armstrong and said that Lu was at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas doing some B-29 work. George had recently seen Jim Cumberpatch and Jim was headed for McClelland Air Force Base at Sacramento, but I received a later letter from Jim from Korea, so it looks like someone really switched orders on him. Jim is stationed at Kimpo Air Force Base, Korea, with the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, where he is assigned as Executive Officer of one of the Squadrons using F-86 Sabres. Jim said Mary O. is living in Washington with the three boys while he is in Korea.

Roy Hoffman arrived at Aberdeen Proving Ground late in the summer, after acquiring a good bit of Texas real estate while he was at Red River Arsenal. He claimed that he worked hard enough to receive a letter of commendation but did not send the letter along. Also at Aberdeen are L. C. Ellis and Alfe Ericson, who seem to be enjoying life in the Chesapeake Gardens, whatever that is.

Had some further news from Korea from Willie Burr, who is now S-3 of the 14th Infantry, 25th Division. Said that Bob Murphy was S-3 of the Field Artillery Battalion of the 25th and that they see each other quite often. Also, said that Steve Mulkey was trying to make up his mind whether to accept an offer from the 8th Army or to take troop duty. I never heard of anyone making up his mind on an offer from the Infantry, but perhaps the Senator has found a way to do even that. Steve swears he saw Ray Auringer waiting on tables at the Italian Gardens in Houston. You can take that for what it might be worth. Bill Harper, also in Korea, is S-3 of the 5th Regimental Combat Team. DiSilvio was doing some work with the CIC in Inchon, and much to Willie's disappointment was being very close mouthed about it. Willie said he made Major in June and swears that there was not a thing easy about it.

Bea Dunham said that Dick and Mary Louise Ware and Phil and Kathleen McAuliffe had given a cocktail dinner for those classmates of '44 who are attending the Artillery School. Those there were Jim Dunham, Jim Campbell, Walt Harris, Hal Sloan, Phil McAuliffe, George Hayman, Jim Blandford, "Tank" deArment and John Des-

mond, along, of course, with their wives. Bea wrote that the Cabaniss's have a son, Jelks, Jr., and that Hal and Dottie Sloan also have a son, Hal, Jr. I received a note from Jinnie Pollin that she and Jack have a new daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born October 21, and Bea wrote that Jack had sailed for Korea about August 1, so it looks like Jack missed out on the big event. Bea also said Joe Cutrona had recently been ordered to Korea and that Eleanor Carter and the three girls should by then have been on their way to join Don, who was being transferred back from Korea.

Dick Ware is now Operations Officer at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, and has been there since March 1951. Dick married Mary Louise Farrell of Dallas in March 1951, and they now have a son Ricky, born in March 1952.

Jim Young is now with the Tactics Department at West Point and told of a fine Class Party they had on the 28th of October at the Officers' Club. Everyone was most happy to see Bill Shipley, as Bill had just been returned after being a PW in Korea for two and a half years. Duncan Palmer was in the same PW Camp and was released at the same time as Bill but I don't know where he is now.

Joe Hale is now at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and he and Geneie are living at Shalimar, Florida, which is just outside the Post. Joe says he has not been stationed with a classmate since 1946, so I give you a running summary of what he has been doing since that time. In 1948 Joe transferred from the Engineers to the Air Force and was sent to Randolph Field for flight training. While there he met Geneie, and they were married at Randolph in April of 1949. Then on to Las Vegas for advance training in F-51 and work after that with the Tactical Department and as a Flight Instructor in F-51s. During this time, Joe, III was born in April of 1950. Later on in 1950 they were transferred to Boston where Joe did graduate work in Armament Engineering at MIT. Joan and Cliff Coble were neighbors and Cliff was and still is with the Air ROTC Program at MIT. Cliff and Joan have a young daughter who is now a little over six months old. Joe has been in Eglin since 1952 and seems to be mighty well set up for visiting dignitaries at Shalimar, as their house is on the Bay and you can do everything from barbecuing steak to water skiing. He and Geneie would like very much to see anyone who is through those parts and their address is Box 216, Shalimar, Fla.

Up to date, George Pappas has received well over 250 affirmative answers for the ten-year book and of course the publication is now definite. The deadline for getting in biographies and pictures has been extended to the first of March in order for everyone to get in this material, as those who are unable to send such in will have to have a cadet picture in place of an up-to-date snapshot of yourself and family. It looks like there will be over 300 orders for the yearbook and could be many more if everyone would get behind this project. Please send your orders, biographies and pictures to George, and if you can make the tenth year reunion let George know so he can pass the information on to Bob Brundin, in order that Bob may make plans for housing reservations.

There are thirty classmates stationed at West Point who will make a good nucleus for the tenth year reunion next June. All of you who will be returned to the States prior to next June, and those of you who are now stationed in the States and will be still so stationed next June, should start now to make your plans to come to the tenth year reunion while we are all still young enough to enjoy it. George Pappas will keep you

posted on plans from his Committee at West Point, and I will try to pass along information in this column so that everyone who possibly can may get there. It will probably be at least fifteen years before we are able to do something like this again, so be trying to work out your leaves and vacation plans so they can come up at the right time. In the meantime, try to keep me posted on what you and your family, and any other classmates you see, are doing by sending it to me at 1748 Vinton, Memphis.

—*Buford Norman.*

1945

To all you members of "Fabulous 45" I send greetings and felicitations as the new class reporter by default. Imagine my consternation to receive a call from the Association which said that our very faithful class reporter, Jim Alfante, was going overseas and that he was reluctantly resigning from the job. I feel that we all should give him a vote of thanks for a job well done. He has kept us informed for 8 years now. Thanks, Jim. When you return perhaps we can persuade you to take up the task again.

I want to start off with a statement that our Tenth Anniversary is almost upon us. To start firming up some plans the group here at West Point formed a June Week Committee with Bud Weaver as Chairman, H. G. Moore in charge of Entertainment, George Adkisson in charge of Publicity, and Jock McQuarrie in charge of Housing. This Committee will firm up plans for this June Week and start making the necessary arrangements for facilities for the Tenth Reunion in '55. We must make reservations for some facilities as much as one year in advance to ensure that we can get what we want.

I have written to all the Class Officers to secure statements from them on class activities and to give you all a statement on the financial condition of the class fund, if any. I believe that we are all interested in seeing the class begin to function as a class and not merely as a collection of individuals. If you have any ideas on this, please advise me and I will put it out for all. I will publish the letters received as an integral portion of the next column.

A fine time was had at The Football Game and as you know the Big Rabble did itself up proud by defeating Navy for the first time in four years. How well we remember, in the First Regiment, the year we had to cheer for Navy while they were beating us. A sad day indeed. We hope that Coach Blaik will be able to do it again next year. He deserves a full measure of credit for this team. They were, as usual, an extremely well coached and conditioned team and the Corps spirit was fine backing them all the way. As a member of the Tactical Department it sometimes appeared too good, but all worked out fine—victory. I jotted down names of some of the class I saw at the game. I regret that I could not remember all I saw but here it is: D. H. Rehm, J. T. Root, W. H. Root, Rubin Siegel, R. A. Smith, W. Snow, J. W. Stuckey, A. G. Thompson, R. T. Tierno, D. D. Whitcraft, J. C. Williams, R. E. Woods, J. J. Wucher, R. F. Zeidner, E. G. Heilbranner, J. S. Holtze, H. J. Hughes, J. D. Ingham, E. B. Kerr, J. E. Lawrence, J. B. MacWherter, T. G. McCuniff, T. H. McLendon, C. M. McQuarrie, E. J. Mason, H. G. Moore, W. H. Norris, D. C. Perry, P. B. Polak, W. W. Cobb, J. M. Alfante, R. A. Barber, J. B. Bennet, L. H. Boettcher, W. M. Briggs, L. C. Campbell, A. R. Cavanna, E. J. Denz, J. B. Graham, J. H. Elkey, W. A. Ekberg, H. M. Findlay, A. P. Hanket, R. S. Hartline, and R. C. Heard.

Bob Tansey's engagement to Miss Jeanne Mullan, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. Evans Mullan, USN (Rtd) was announced. No date for the wedding has been set. Bob has been serving with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

Geoff Keyes and Ann Thomas were married in the Post Chapel at Fort Myer, Va. Geoff is now studying for his Law degree at Georgetown University, already having received his Master's degree from Harvard. Another letter from Bob (Robert M.) Smith stated that he and Miss Nancella Jones of Columbus, Ohio, were married on 20 March. Bob is stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. A news bulletin from Korea states that J. D. Murphy has received the Bronze Star Medal and is now in the Ryukyus Command Headquarters after 14 months in Korea. Congratulations, John.

Dick Crane, who was the Operations Officer for a Field Artillery Battalion in Korea, has now returned to the U.S. Send us your present address, Dick.

Received a letter from the Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, New York, which said that Bill McGuinness had joined the Faculty as the Ass't PMS&T. Bill has been in Turkey during the past year, as Jim stated in the last issue, where he was a member of the Military Mission. Bill is married to the former Miss Marjorie C. Cox of Bloomington, Ill., and they have two sons, Robert L., 3 years old, and William V., 15 months old. Drop by and see us, Bill, since you're relatively close.

Jim Elkey has investigated the possibility of having a Year Book for the Tenth Reunion. His bit is added here. I feel that we should in some way recognize that we have passed a milestone in our career and this is one way:

"There has been some talk about publishing a "Ten Year Book" for our tenth reunion. At a class get-together up here recently, I found myself as the designated "volunteer" to look into the feasibility of bringing such a publication to life. Experience of past classes has shown that the publication of such a book is not financially sound or practical unless at least 80% of the class are willing to purchase a copy and contribute the vital information needed.

"Before I take any definite steps or make any commitments with publishers, I am trying through this column to test the reactions of the class by taking a 'straw vote'. Here are some of the facts bearing on the case. It is contemplated that the book (about 180 to 200 pages) will contain a brief introductory section, a section containing a single or family group picture (as the case may be) with a short biography of each classmate since graduation, and an 'In Memory' section. From talking with editors of similar ventures, I estimate that the cost per copy will be about \$7.50. Don't forget, though, that this is only an estimate and can go up or down, depending on the response. One other possibility that has been suggested is that of publishing a mimeographed poopsheet or booklet (at a much reduced cost) containing a short biography of each classmate, marital and family status, and a permanent address at which he can be reached.

"At this time, I am asking for the following information: Are you interested? If so, in which type of publication? Also, I need a permanent mailing address so that later poop and a questionnaire may be sent to you. Negative replies are desired. Please get your answer to me (Maj. James H. Elkey, Quarters No. 179, West Point, N. Y.) as soon as you possibly can. Send no money now. If either volume is slated for publication, I will dun you in sufficient time.

"Thank you.—Jim Elkey."

All classmates in the Belvoir and Washington Area please funnel your poop to Rusty Heilbranner (EG G-4 Section, Pentagon) and he will send it on to me. He sent the following on those in the area:

At the Advance Course, Engineer School: Bill Braucher, Colin Carter, Dave Clymer, Ernie Denz, Tom Dowd, Delbert Fowler, Don Fowler, Dick Hartline, R. C. Nelson and W. G. Stewart. G-4 Section, DA: Hap Argo, Dave Armstrong, Doug Atkins, George Casey, Rusty Heilbranner and Dick Williams. G-2 Section, DA: Humph Humphreys and Keith Nusbaum. G-1 Section, DA: Jake Bennet. Office of Chief of Staff, Chief/Info: Jim Bowman. AFSWP: Glenn Brunson and Doc Hesse. Air Force: Paul Baker, A. S. Puchrick, Paul Ugis and Dan Whitcraft. MATS: Jack Pettie.

Bill Taylor, assigned to the Office Chief of Engineers, R&D Division, is in Walter Reed with polio—progressing nicely, at last reports, but no visitors. How's for dropping him a "get well" note?

Caryl and George Adkisson are the proud parents of a second son, Geoffrey Hunter, born 22 August at the West Point Army Hospital. Also joining the ranks of class sons is Richard Conley Millman, born 2 November. Dottie and Bill now have a fine family of four boys. Bill is assigned to the Physics and Chemistry Department here at West Point. Don and Jane Rehm announced the birth of their second daughter, Joanne, on 9 October. Don is assigned to the Combat Arms Detachment of the 1802d Special Regiment. Hug Moore and Jim Morris just joined the Regiment, after a tour in Korea with the 7th and 45th Divisions respectively. "The word" was received this past summer that a third daughter made her appearance at the quarters of "Rojo the Red" Hippert out at Edmonds AFB. Hip and Jody no doubt are of the opinion that WP is going coeducational in the near future! Have also heard that Tom Curtis had a narrow squeak at Edwards AFB when his canopy blew off from a F-86 while in flight and struck him in the head. Tom had more than a few anxious moments before he landed.

In the absence of further information I will sign off with: Send Jim Elkey the information he would like and of course send me anything at all for the column. Also anyone desiring to actively participate in this column via correspondence, or as editor-in-chief, please advise me and we will welcome you into the fold with open arms. It is my intention to keep this column as much as possible on the "information-for-all" basis and not just what we do here at West Point. Would you keep in mind that we would like some pictures? This year, when you attend the West Point Reunion, have a snapshot taken of all members of the class. Any type will do, but give me a caption to identify all parties, wives included. Thanks.

—*Bob Dingeman, Dept. of Tactics.*

1946

George Patton wrote to tell us who is in Korea. He is Bn. Ex-Officer for I Corps Ren Bn, APO 358 c/o PM, San Francisco. Patton also mentioned that he has a daughter and expects to return to the States in March. In Korea are: Bob Babcock, Arty, in an MIS Bn in Seoul; Bob Hughes, Inf, in an MIS Bn in Seoul; Jim Gridley, Inf, with 3rd Div; R. E. Hale, Inf, 3rd Div; Jack Whitener, with 25th Div; H. A. Floyd, 25th Div; V. D. Gannon, Armor, 45th Div Ren Co; and Herb Flather, IX Corps. Maj. Joe Jansen formerly S-3, 13th Eng. Bn, returned to the States last Sept.

Other Korean news. Bob Rheault arrived last Sept. to join the IX Corps. His wife, Caroline, and children are living on Pinney Rd., New Canaan, Conn. Bob Kren, in Korea since Nov. '52, is Asst Operations and Training Officer for the X Corps Arty section. Kren received a Commendation Ribbon for flying to a forward area in a helicopter to establish a fire support communications center for an overrun ROK Army unit. Betty Jane Kren, Bob's wife, lives at 247 Forest Ave., Glen Ridge, N. J. Walt Mattox, whose wife, Betty, and children live at 5130 Campanile Dr., San Diego, Calif. arrived in Korea last Sept. for duty with the IX Corps.

C. E. McChristian, whose wife, Betty, lives at 1220 E. Columbia St., Colorado Springs, Colo., is now in Japan with the 187th Abn. RCT. Mac is C.O. of Co. M at Beppu, Japan, permanent base for the 187th.

Winner of three first-place awards in a swimming meet at Camp Drake, Japan, is Al Futrell. Al won the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, and the 150-meter individual medley. Futrell's wife, Kathleen, and their sons, Jonathan and David, are at Camp Drake where Al is C.O. of the camp's Hq. Co.

It is rare to hear from anyone in the Canal Zone, but Al Ash is there as C.O. of Btry C, 504 F.A. Bn, Fort Kobbe. Kay and Al left Ft. Sill last June, and spent a few days with Bill and Lorraine Ghrist in Atlanta, Ga., where Bill is in the bakery business. Next they visited Sewell and Mary Elliott in Macon, Ga., only to find Sewell on National Guard maneuvers. Elliott, law degree in hand, is an Asst District Attorney. After seeing Stan Love in N.Y.C. and Maurice and Shirley Ashton at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., the Ashes sailed with Sam and Charlotte Walker. Sam is C.O. of M. Co., 33rd Inf Regt., Ft. Davis, Canal Zone. Al says that Ben Chase commanded the same battery before going to Sill. It seems Ben is a legend in the battery, who are 100% Puerto Rican, and well sold on Ben. One of Ben's last jobs before he left was to have the battery fire a salute for the Chief of Staff of the Nicaraguan Army—none other than Tacho Somoza, Class of 1946.

Now let us travel from the heat of the Canal Zone to the cold of Alaska, where Lee Parnly is an ROTC instructor at the Univ. of Alaska, College, Alaska. Lee says the country is breath-taking especially at -50 degrees F, with fishing and hunting everyone's primary MOS. His wife, Marie, and 4 children, are in fine health and enjoying the assignment.

This is really a global column for now we visit Germany, Mannheim in particular, with Steve Matejoy. Steve is Hq. Btry C.O., 34th AAA Brigade, actually living in Kaefestal, a small suburb of Mannheim. Jack and Barbara Matteson, along with their 1½ year old daughter, live near Mannheim. Jack is C.O. of Co. C., 57th Tank Bn. Ed Morgan is C.O., Hq Btry, 16th AFA Bn. Bob Morris is C.O., C Btry, 16th AFA Bn. Ralph Davis is in Austria as C.O., Hq Btry, 11th AAA Bn.

Those who saw the "Last Roll Call" in the October issue of *Assembly* know of the untimely deaths of Chuck Brosius and Earl Poytress. The Class has already sent flowers, but I wish to again express our deepest expression of sympathy for Barbara Poytress and Marion Brosius.

Bob Wright is at Eglin Fld, Fla., in the Research and Development Command, and is involved in testing new bombing systems. When Bob returned from Japan in June '50 he married Patricia Schachtli of Sacramento, Calif. Then they went to the Univ. of Ill. for a two year course in Electrical Engineering. Patricia and Bob now have a son, John Robert, born on 14 May '53. Also

at Eglin are Bert and Elizabeth Stringer (son and daughter) who recently were at a Test Pilot's school in England. Ted Lembeck and his family are there too.

George Webb announces the arrival of his third child, James Clayton, born 25 August '53 at the Marine Hospital, New Orleans, La. Besides George and James there is Lynn, George's wife, George III, and Heather Anne. George is a graduate student at Tulane, majoring in political science and minoring in psychology. Also at Tulane is Harold and Antigone Bentz. Wilbur Joffrion, wife Beebe, and son David, left Tulane last August for West Point, where Joffrion is an instructor.

From the new oil province of North America—the Williston Basin—I received a letter from Ed Conlin. He is in the furniture business at Williston, N. D. The company, Conlin's Furniture, also has 2 stores in Montana. Ed says he sees few classmates in those parts, but on occasional business trips he meets Dick Lynch in Milwaukee. Dick now lives at 1130 East Courtland, Milwaukee, Wis. Ed also meets Jesse Cohen, who is in the furniture business in Cannonsburg, Pa. Ed wishes to announce that from Feb. 1 to May 29 he will be going to school in N.Y.C. He would like to see as many classmates as possible, and says to get in touch with him thru Harold deMoya's family at 110 Caterson Terrace, Hartsdale, N. Y. Mail may reach him thru the deMoya's, although he will stay in Manhattan. Oh yes, Ed is getting married on Dec. 28, but he didn't tell me to whom or where.

Football news: Your reporter has only seen two games this year. The North Carolina game at West Point and the wonderful Navy game. I saw more classmates than I can remember at both games. However at the North Carolina game I saw Maj. John Hill and his wife, who now live in Boston. Also chatted with Ted Montague, who lives in Garden City, Long Island. With Ted were his wife and his sister, widow of classmate R. O. Shaw. Also saw at N. C. game Drinkwater, Parke, Ted Braun, and a number of the men stationed at West Point. As for the Navy game all I can say is—"out of this world". A partial list of those present: Drinkwater, Furuholmen, Kingsbury, now at Aberdeen, Houseworth at Univ. of Penn, Freed, Dick Kinney, Bamber, Whitey Yeoman, Roney, Bob Case at Kent State Univ, Kent, Ohio, and a host of others.

Let me not forget a little news of my own. On Nov. 1, 1953, I left the employ of The Carborundum Co. and started to work with Alvord and Swift, Heating, Ventilating, and Air Cond. contractors, Grand Central Terminal Office Bldg, N.Y.C. This is a real opportunity and it looks like I'll be in N.Y.C. area from now on.

Everyone please take notice: It has just come to my attention that a West Point Miniature Ring, Class of 1946, has been found by a woman from Avenel, New Jersey. We would like to see that it gets to its rightful owner. If anyone knows who this ring could belong to please contact Col. Raymond Stone, Alumni Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

I'm trying something new this quarter and don't know how it will turn out or of what value it will be. But I feel that for the first time I would try to mention every classmate with some comment as to his whereabouts, if known. Much of this information can be secured from the Register of Grad's but much has been added by those of us here at West Point.

I asked Bob Curtis, USMA Math Dept., who was accidentally omitted from the last issue's rundown, to prepare the poop on the Artillery in the class. Those at Ft. Sill are: Reel, Dunlap, Sullivan, Spiker, Rogers, Bill Henry, Dexter, Short, Koch; Knipe and McCord are at Bliss; PMS&T duty finds Rantz at Bowling Green U. (Ohio) and Bill Brown at Boston College. Curtis with Math and Hayes with 1802 at USMA; De Gil in the Canal Zone; Littlestone and Haskin to FECOM; students are Montague at U of Va., Jim Robinson at U of Mich. taking Law; Nickel at So. Cal., and Paules in Spain—to come to USMA and teach Spanish. Present whereabouts of Tom Perkins is unknown, would like to hear that he is well and recovered from his long illness. Heisser's location is unknown at this time.

Al Haig did the work for Armor people: ROTC duty finds Addison at S.W. Mo. State College, Bielicki at Norwich U., Conn; FECOM has Bartley, Heiser, Hering; Europe, 2nd Arm'd Div., Cosgrove, West and Webb. Ft. Knox finds Edington, Taylor, McNeil and Baer, who is headed for FECOM; students are Peckham at Harvard Law, Sullivan (with 4th son) Stud. Off. Det. Hqs 3rd Army, Ga., Egger at Vanderbilt, Grant and Jack Dunham are at Ga. Tech, Delistraty at U.S. Calif., Burner is at Madrid Univ. in Spain, prior to coming to West Point to teach, Gossett has just gone to the Univ. of Oklahoma, Kennedy at Univ. of Va., USMA has Faith with English, Mahlum with 1802, Haig with the Tacs. Gerrity is in Izmir, Turkey. Jack Reese has resigned, Yates was killed in Europe, Bob Garvin, KIA, Korea. Ug Fuson died upon return from Korea, and Bathurst died at Walter Reed.

Jim Johnson worked up the Engineers. He is with Tacs and McAdoo teaches Mech., Hatch teaches Math. At Belvoir are Becker (newlywed), Frank and Pete Boerger, Haugen, Karter, Jim Kennedy, Perry, Steinborn and Wellborn. Students are Anderson, Fraser, and Stock at Univ. of Ill., Schuder at Princeton; Starobin, Norm Rosen and Jacobson at MIT, Biles and Sargent at Calif. Inst. Tech., Mastin at Harvard. Thompson is in England, and Mike Greenberg was last heard from at Ft. Leonard Wood in '51. Roger Bate and Mel Rosen are at Oak Ridge, and Bleiman was last heard from in the Canal Zone. Levenback is in Paris. Christine, KIA in Korea. Civil life now has Curry, Greene, Hails, Van Petten and Beuhler.

Wally Veaudry did the Infantry and here they are: Those at Benning are Ball, Bland, Conger, Duquemin, Emerson, Haldane, Ickler, Krause, LeBlanc, Mahowald, Mallett, George Maloney, McCullough, Munford, Nairn, Ozier, Williams, and Carpenter. Salisbury and Lauterback are with 3rd Inf., Washington, D. C., and students are Lukens taking Law at Stanford and Cronin at Syracuse Univ. At USMA are Cooper and Veaudry. John Culin is believed to be at the Presidio of S.F.; Alex Lembres should be home soon from Turkey. A note from the Canal Zone tells of the birth of a son to Buster Little; Carl Russell is at San Marcos, Texas; Jim Smith at Ft. Riley; Tatum, after a hospital siege, is with Staff and Faculty, AGS; Toomer and Tavzel are at Bragg. Bob King on ROTC duty at Lafayette. We have no information on the following men: Fahs, Force, Lange and Brannon. KIA in Korea are Coleman, Crosby, Gibson, Jacques, MacGill, Majeske and Strong; Jones is listed MIA. Civil life claims Abrams and Draper (disabled in Korea), Davis, Field, Mike Maloney, McDougell and Naill.

Signal Corps finds Mattern, Henry Hill, Grossman and Geraci at Monmouth, N. J.; Hutchinson last heard of at Camp Gordon Ga., Kent at Meade, and no word on Hoover.

Ordnance finds most of our people at Aberdeen; Hauck, Richardson, Clark, Snyder, Burton, Paul, and Gaddie. J. J. Williams is at Raritan Arsenal, and was married at the West Point Catholic Chapel during the first week in November. We have no recent information on Steininger, Bushnell, Rachmeler. Sforzini is at MIT.

In the Transportation Corps we find Tom Benson in So. America, studying language to teach at USMA. Bill McGee at the POE in Seattle; Wildrick and Dick Allen at Eustis; no dope on Meadows; Bass and Flattery are out of the Service.

The Chemical Corps claims Paul Callan, whereabouts unknown, and George Lynn is attending USN Post Grad School, Monterey, Calif.

The Quartermaster sent Miller to Ga. Tech, and B. J. Gardiner is with the QM Food and Container Institute in Chicago. Hollander studying Law at Penn. Bill Coghill lost a leg in Korea and is now with Finance. Lane is unknown.

I may have missed some of the Army citizens, if so let me know. But now I have Bert Brennan's run down on fighter pilots USAF. On active duty, Arnold with Royal Air Force, Blanchard at Tyndall, Fla., Brennan, Tac at USMA, Breedlove at Langley, Crowe at Columbia University, Fox, Guice and Johnston at Las Vegas, Gray at Sioux City, Hoffman whereabouts uncertain, Lilley at Presque Isle, Me. Reynolds at Wright-Patterson, Ohio, Robertson is at Ent AFB, Colo., Scowcroft instructor in Social Sciences, USMA. Hudson was KIA in Korea and Lee Schlegel MIA. Air accidents claimed J. J. Anderson, Coates, Farrier, J. J. Gilliam and Sharpe. Out of the Service: L. G. Anderson, Frost, Landis, O'Connell and Vockel.

Arnold Tucker, here with the Tacs, totals the multi-engine pilots as follows: Also here are Weaver, teaching Electricity; Griffith, Social Sciences; and Bentley, MT&G. Pearce at Los Alamos; Murrin, Babbitt, Colburn with WADC, Dayton, Ohio, Pinkerton at Langley; Frank Perry, Mallory, Odell, Young, Kuykendall, Gausche and Mike Dunham are listed at March AFB. Heironimus with Special Weapons in Wash. Bob Griffith is at Miami International Airport. Jarvis is testing at Eglin; Bob White FEAF; Kaericher with Research at Cambridge, Mass.; Garrabrants is at Lockbourne; Eberle at Edwards, Calif.; Enos at Perrin; Scoville about to go overseas from Hamilton; Newcomb with SAC somewhere; McClure at MacDill, Fla.; Bob Moore last heard from on Okinawa, Gould at Harmon; Carpenter in England; Herrick at Forbes, Kan.; Learmouth at Patrick AFB, Fla.; Leech is at Kelly; Gregorie at Randolph and Palmer at Carswell. Fernandez and Stewart are schooling at Mather AFB; Robb at Univ. of Mich. with Jim Coolbaugh; Cottongim in Baltimore at AF/R&D Hqs; Kremser at Purdue Univ. On civilian status we find Halligan, Ellis, Wright and McKim. Jim Ryan is attending USAFIT at Dayton.

This closing part is most difficult in that the non-rated Air Force officers are so scattered and information about them is scarce. J. J. Murphy is teaching Law; Litt teaching MT&G; Knause Electricity; all at USMA. Lawyers among the AF include Simon at Hamilton; Monahan, Kinevan and Lamattina at Bedford, Mass.; Murphy at USMA, and Helting at FECOM; Hqs AMC claims Harrington, Reckmeyer, Bob Keck; at Otis AFB are Zimmer and Walt Johnson; Coyne and Lowry are at Rapid City AFB; Bellovin at Ent and Ehrlich at Turner. Hudgins is in England, APO 120; Cofield at Pope and Wojciekoski with MATS at Westover. Kettner last seen at Sandia; Hightower in Salzburg; Bill Smith a student at Purdue, Beckelman is at Bergstrom, Texas; Christensen in EUCOM and Kit Larson is an IG in

FECOM. The following is a group that we are not "pooped up" on: Haas, Stevens, Dicker, Lajeunesse, Jacoby, Kain, Ciamprone, Biggs, Schnepf, Sattem, J. F. Pierce, Mock, Lerohl and Pieperbrink; Sapowith and Staszak were seen at scene of Navy's defeat, as were many others. Novemesky is believed to be preparing to teach here next year and Shields is an AF factory representative in Hartford, Conn. Lundy died in an air crash, and Charlie Hill died last year of polio. Resignations include Chamberlain, Kirby, Woldenberg, Dell, Goldsborough, Gainey, J. L. Kennedy and Willie Munroe. Roca is in Lima, Peru.

Those not commissioned include Tully, Ray, Tate, Molnar, McKnight, Alfano, Cretella (the last two have just opened law offices), Lewis, MacLaren and Katz. Barney Poole now playing with the Baltimore Colts, had a big picture of his wife and daughter, Janet, in the Baltimore Sun.

A '47 miniature has been found here. Anyone who may have lost one please write giving description and where purchased. My next deadline is 10 March so let's hear from you.

—Bill Cooper.

1948

Several things have happened this time. Most of them have probably been talked over by this time but maybe there are a few people who have not been in on the gossip sessions and would like to hear the latest, which is only three months late. Jim Sandman sent a letter back in October which gives the status of his family—2 girls and a boy at this writing, and where he has been for the past several months. He is now stationed at Riverside, California, and figures that he will be there for a while. Some news that he passed on concerns Don Swenholt and family, which consists now of a boy and two girls—not counting Frankie, his wife. Jack Peppers is supposed to be in Tampa still, and rumor has it that he has returned to civilian life. Dick Miner is stationed at Columbus, Georgia, but on temporary duty at Wichita, Kans. Out at Wichita there was a little get-together just after Flapp Capps' wedding. Present were the Vreelands, W. W. Scotts, Capps and bride, Keith Boss, the Marshalls, Bugs Beinke, Miller, Waggoner and Hallanan. The Skinners now have a little girl playmate for their young boy, the newest addition born in October.

Blaine Butler is presently in the Far East on extended TDY, while Anne is home in Washington, D. C. He is flying B-47's in Japan. One wedding that must be written about is that of Denny Long to Mary O'Brien of Shreveport, Louisiana. I received the report from Otis Moore. I never expect to hear from Denny. However, those present at the wedding from our class were Bill Munger, now a civilian down in Jackson, Mississippi, John Withers, up from San Antonio, and Otis Moore. The Long family was there from Buffalo, Wyoming, and from all reports a good time was had by all. Anyhow, this writer received a note from Mary O'Brien Long shortly after the wedding and I hope that we may hear from them more often. Denny has since gotten out of the Service and is working in Shreveport. Otis Moore is stationed at Ellington AFB down in Houston, training for navigator and crew member duty for B-47. Thanks for the letter. Two other weddings that are planned are John Bellinger to Anne Tynes at Fort Knox on 19 December, and Punk Hartnell to Nancy McCunniff at Fort Benning on 21 December.

Lowell Genebach sent me a report of the Army-Navy game party, and the list of those present included: Howie and Sally Adams, Bill Bandeen, Jim and Pickle Barnett, Bill and Donna Cook, Jim and Dulcie Dingeman, David Garrison and drag, the Genebachs, Warren and Dorothy Graves, Jim Hall and Beverly, Stan Harsh, Jim Hooker and date, Ann Dahlstrom, Wes Jones, whose wife was sick but present, Joe Kiernan and date, Jackie Jones, Oscar Kochtitzky, Jim and Sally Macklin, Frank and Mary McInerney, Walt and Kathy Meinzen, Bill and Helena Patch, Norm Robinson, escorting Carol Brown, Yvette Rudell and Miles Grant of the Class of '51, Irv Schoenberg and date, Bob and Jane Taylor, Walt Waller, Lyle Walter, Bob and B. G. Ward, and Art Whitley and his wife. Several from other classes dropped by also. Several at the game, but not at the party, included Elebash, Joe Herbets, Jack Osteen, Al and Sue Quanbeck, and George Thomas. There were about a hundred people in all in the party and it happened in one double room!!

Just received a Christmas card from Gene Forrester, who is now back in the States heading for Benning and the Advanced Course. As for myself I have moved back to the farm. Have several sheep, an old cow to milk, some steers to feed, one baby boy to keep up with and a wife to keep happy. We have an eleven room house to rattle around in so anyone who wants to spend a quiet month with us come on down and we will see if there is a keg of nails that can be opened.

—Charley Nash.

1949

Victory! Yes, victory over the Navy this year for the first time in four years and, also, a victory in a great class reunion after the ball game. Undoubtedly, most of you had an opportunity to see the game on television, and Army looked like the team we used to know when we were cadets. Personally, I think we should be very proud of our Alma Mater and it looks as though next year we should be in there fighting for top honors.

Just last week I was in New York and while there ran into Harry Griffith coming out of the Waldorf-Astoria with General Bolte. As Harry was in a hurry, I only had a minute to talk to him. However, upon returning from New York, I found a letter from him along with my mail giving me all the details of the reunion after the Navy game, and also telling me that he is on his way to Ft. Benning the first of January, to take the Associate Advance Infantry course. The following are the details of the reunion quoted from Harry's letter: "Keith Sickafoose made arrangements for a '49er gathering for drinks and dinner at the Hotel Essex after the game at which some 67 classmates, friends and relatives were present. Sick worked this out pretty much by himself and deserves a lot of credit and a big vote of thanks from all those who attended. Ted and Audrey Wagner and fathers, Paul Fleri and wife, Bill Stemple, Bob Stender and drag, Frank and Wanda Neef, Dick and Peggy Schoeneman, Jack Hammack and wife, George Nigro, Ed Yellman, Frank Bondurant and drag, Keith Sickafoose, John Poulson, Punch Jamison, Bob Gilroy and wife, Tom Coughlin, Muck Freeman and Edna Marshburn, J. C. Wood, Bob Shebat, Bob Rose, Joe Yeats, Abbott Greenleaf and wife, Frank Brock, Wes Knapp, Ray and Nan Klemmer, Dale Eaton, Jack Gillette, Bob Swantz, Bon Ennis, Ken McIntyre and drag

they were a few who were at the dinner. Many more attended the game but could not hang around or had other plans. Some of these were Larry Ogden and wife, Avery Fullerton, Al Goering and his dad, Dick Wagner, Van Weston Grugge, Bill and Gretchen Gorog, Jack Magnotti and wife, Chuck Olentine, Chuck Reid, Ed Slizeski, Joe Pingitore, K. Huber, George and Tracy Smythe, Ed Cave, Tom Kassler, Petrack, Bill Dederich, Ellerthorpe, George Hoffmaster and wife, Lou Messinger, Bernie Sabel and wife, Joe Turley, Ed Wilford, Zeke Zimmerman and Mort Cameron." I hope that we can have as big a turn-out for the class reunion in June, and I understand that some of the boys at West Point are doing a lot of the ground work for us. Again I suggest a card be sent to me or someone at West Point as soon as possible letting us know whether you plan to attend the reunion.

Les Harris, who is with the 656th Bomb Sqdn. at Lake Charles A.F.B., La., writes that he is flying B-47s. John Borg is also stationed at Lake Charles. Les ran into Dick White while he was in transition at Wichita, Kansas, and Dick is presently stationed at Selfridge, Mich. Joe Thompson had also dropped in from March A.F.B. while Les was at Wichita. George Wentsch and Basil Pafe have recently entered flying school at Ellington A.F.B. Lou Brown is still at Carswell flying B-36s, and is a radar operator on a select crew.

A number of our classmates have recently resigned their commissions and have donned business suits. I shall try to bring you up-to-date as to who they are. Dave Krimendahl is now Director of Aeronautics for the State of Indiana. Dave says the title is much bigger than the job. Al Goering has recently gone into the meat packing business with his father. George Shepherd, Charlie Cheever, Bill Stemple, Winnie Walker, John Ike, Bob Garrett, John Hawn and Howard Seney are some of the few who have handed in their resignations. These resignations come via Grif Jenkins, who is in a position to see a great many of the orders.

Tony Cavalcante and family have just returned from Japan; where he served with the 187th Airborne R.C.T. Tony apparently saw a great deal of action in Korea and made two jumps with the 187th R.C.T. Chuck Bundy has recently completed the Armored Officer's Basic course at Ft. Knox and has been assigned to the 3rd Armored Div. Ben Sheets has been assigned as a P.M.S.&T. at the University of Pa. I am sure that many of us will see Benny in the future at the Army-Penn football games. Bon Ennis has reported to Maxwell A.F.B. to teach in the Sqdn. Officers course.

A letter from Jim Schmidt indicates that he is enjoying his tour of duty in Europe very much. Jim has been on T.D.Y. at The Hague for the past couple of months but is returning to Wiesbaden for Christmas. Jim has been traveling all over Europe and undoubtedly has contacted many of our classmates.

A birth announcement comes from Jim Steel and his wife. Jim, Jr. was born July 13th in Augsburg, Germany. George Orton reports another boy having been born in October. The Orton's are interested in knowing whether or not there are any other 5-member families in the Class of '49. Joan Orton wrote that Tom Byrd was returned as a P.O.W. and is now awaiting orders. Jack Forrest and the Grahams are in Germany. The St. Clairs are in Panama. The Hickeys are at Ft. Bragg, where he is father's aide. The Applebaum's are in California and the Hunnicutts are stationed in Texas. Neil Judd is now a civilian and is somewhere in Virginia. Dave Bolte is still at Campbell and Ted Marley has gone to Germany. Bob

Ronald was stationed at Ft. Eustis, but has moved on to Belvoir and the Engineers.

This is all the news submitted for this issue. Hope that we will have more for the next. I certainly also hope that all of you and yours had a very Merry Christmas and will have a prosperous New York.

—John I. Saalfeld.

1950

BEAT NAVY!—and did we ever—for the first time since our First Class year! It looks as if the Black Knights are on their way up again after a couple of lean years.

More important, however, is the fact that seven of our POW classmates have returned. Mike Dowe, Mike DeArmond, John Streit, "Doc" Watson, Joe Green, Paul Roach and Earnie Dunning.

Mike Dowe and John Streit look very well and say they feel fine. I have heard that the other five are also well in spite of their unimaginable experiences. With their return, however, comes the sad realization that many other classmates will not return. To their families we extend our deepest sympathies and pray that their grief is eased by the knowledge that their loved ones fought bravely and died nobly.

News from the following have made this issue possible: Jim Thompson, Emmett Lee, Bill Henn, Mike DeArmond, Bill Mastoris, Chuck Butler, Frank Thompson, Clyde Cloar, C. J. Matthiessen, Clark Martin, Shirley Thomas (G. G.'s wife), Ralph Pinto, Don Novak, Jerry Schopper, and Eddie Ramos.

Jim Thompson, Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, England, was married last July to an English girl, Hazel Sennitt. Pete Abbruzzese, stationed at an air base north of Oxford, attended the wedding. John Cragin, also stationed nearby, became a father and was unable to attend. Touring Europe on their wedding trip, Jim ran into Vin Hirsch and Walt Stanton in Paris. Jim states that the Pat Wilson's and the Gail Wilson's are planning a trip to Spain in the near future. Jim heard that Charley Eshelman is an Engineer Group S-2 in Korea and is one of our several Captains.

Emmett Lee and Will Henn, two of our engineers assigned to Engineer Districts, wrote from the New Orleans area about the "unification" of Air Force and Engineer classmates after the Tulane game. Since neither Will nor Emmett imbibe, I suspect that the evening was spent on a discussion of the classics. At any rate, attending the cocktail party at Will's apartment, given by Will and Betsy and Ding and Johanna Price, were George and Mary Hardin Morrissey, from Barksdale AFB; Bill and Woodie Aman, Foster AFB; Emmett and Rowland Lee, Lake Charles AFB; Sandy and Beth Oliver, Barksdale AFB; Jack and Louise Waggener, Little Rock, Arkansas; G. P. and Helen Kelley, Vicksburg, Miss.; Bill Whitfield, Houston, Texas; and Andy Pick, Savannah, Ga. Pat McGill and Skipper Scott were at the game but couldn't make the party. Emmett mentioned that Clark and Sue Allison live nearby—Clark is a Radar Observer, Navigator, etc., etc.

Bill Mastoris stopped by after returning from a three year tour in Trieste. He is now at Benning undergoing the basic course. Bob Chambers was another visitor a few weeks ago only he was on his way to Europe—Austria, I believe.

Chuck Butler sent plenty of poop from Benning. '50 is well represented there, with the following: Jake and Louise Allen, Bill and Caroline Baxley, the Phil Bardos, the "Blackie" Bolducs, Hawk Chapman (Capt), Fred and Ginny Dickerson, Harry

and Mary Dodge, Bill and Dianne Fitts, Al and Irene Flynn, Ross Franklin, Tug Greer, Bob and Barbara Grow, Lyman and Sarah Ann Hammond, Hugh and Ann Holt, John and Ann Howard, Jim and June Irons, Joe and Beth Griffin, Dave and Pat Hughes, Jim Lee (Capt), Tom McBride, Hunt Passmore, the Frank Piersons, Tex Ritter, Graham and Nan Sibbles, Bill and Lois Slavins, Dick and Virginia Worley, Roy Lounsbury, Joe Gappa, Frank Henning, Buddy and Myra Pritchett, John McCleary, Haje Hubbard, Jack Hamel, Lou Rising, Dough Pogue, Jay Durst, John and Betty Jo Hall (married on 7 Nov. at Fort Benning), Vern Quarstein, Larry Jackley, Pat Zabel, Terry Parsons, Howie Mitchell, Phil Pennington, Red and Peggy Davis, Ray Barry (Capt), in the hospital recovering from serious wounds, Tom and Betsy Austin, Pancho Elliot, Ray Singer, Will Hill Tankersley, Phil Harper and Ed Pierce (Capt). George and Liz Ball are at Jackson; Gus and Shirley Dielens enroute to Turkey; Arnie Galiffa resigned to play football with the New York Giants, but injured his back last month; Joe McCrane resigned to enter business in New Jersey; John Smith (Capt) also resigned; Jack Fahs left Benning for an Ordnance assignment; Rufe and Nancy Smith enroute to Europe; Bob and Rhoda Edwards in Austria; Ted Seeley (Capt) seen on his way through Benning; Chuck Waters aiding at Camp Rucker; and Stu Wood, now CE, taking jump training at Benning.

Thanks for the great coverage, Chuck.

Attention Gail Wilson! I have had to reply by indorsement to one Nancy Brinkerhoff, spouse of John, explaining why her notes to you regarding 1) their engagement, 2) their wedding and 3) the birth of their daughter have not appeared in *Assembly*. At any rate, John and Nancy were first engaged; then they were married, in March '52; and daughter Gayle was born in January '53. That's certainly a logical sequence of events. Now I'm off the hook, Gail,—you explain to Nancy!

Frank Thompson, writing from Kelly Field, where he is aiding Gen. Stowell, informs us that Mauro Maresca is also at Kelly; Hal Gottesman is at Randolph; and Dave Schofield, Clyde Cloar (news from him below) and Mike Walsh recently completed the Sqdn Officers course at Maxwell. J. Clark Duncan and Mike are presently assigned as instructors there. Pete Todsens and Dick Cody are at Lake Charles AFB; Ted Gillham, Biggs AFB; Pete Nibley, Hal McCoy, Pat Magill, Ray Bonnano, Dave Ray and Jim Horsley, are all at Tyndall AFB, Florida.

Clyde Cloar, at Carswell AFB, Texas, writes that a few of '50 are there: Don Dunbar, Sqdn Adjutant; Don Smith, Navigator; and Ty Tandler. There was a little overlap of news here, Clyde, in letters, from you, Frank Thompson and Chuck Butler. Better that than no news, however.

News about the Artillery came from C. J. Matthiessen (Capt) at Fort Sill. He ran into Mel Johnsrud (Capt) prior to leaving Korea. Both had batteries in combat. Many classmates are at Sill—among them: D. B. King, "Tut" Farnly and Bill Tuttle. C. J. and Norm Hubbard returned home together aboard the U.S.S. *Collins*.

Clark Martin, assigned to the 22nd AAA Group in Chicago, ran into several classmates at the Northwestern game last October. Bob Groseclose and Jim Horsley, w/ wives, drove in from Wright-Patterson AFB. Sid and Wink Wright came in from Camp Atterbury, Indiana; Ken and Mary Hall, and also there (if I read correctly, Clark) the Stapleton's, Eichorn's, and Blanchard's and Small's. Hope you and Barbara get back to your old stamping ground of Bliss soon.

I reported in the last issue about the sizable representation there.

From Japan, word comes from Shirley Thomas, wife of G. G. He has been aiding Gen. Rolphe in Tokyo. In and around that part of the world are Bill Stewart, Link Faure and the Dick Leavitts. At a party at Pershing Heights were Walt and Ginny Vannoy, Andy and Kay Rutherford, Bob and Barbara Grow (at Benning — ref. above), Bob and Gloria McBride, Lilbern and Nancy Roberts and many, many, of the Class of '51. Bob McBride was recently awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars for gallantry and heroic action in Korea.

Ralph Pinto and wife Janet are living in Grant Heights, Tokyo. Ralph extends invitations to all who may be passing through that section of the Good Earth. Jack Lougheed is in Sendai, Japan.

Don Novak is at Vance AFB, as a TAC officer for Aviation Cadets. Don says Bert Aton was instructing at Vance but is now at Craig AFB, Ala., going through "Jet-upgrading". What's that, Don?—pilot talk for "get your jet up; approaching grade crossing"?

Frank and Jeanne Baish were at Fort Sill as of last summer; Jack and Kay Magee are at Foster AFB, Texas. Don and Janice have two sons, Don and Dan.

A note came from Jerry Schopper, who was with the 187th in Japan—is probably home by this time. Bob Hetz and Dave Meredith are still there waiting for their wives to compile enough rotation points for the trip home.

Eddie Ramos wrote that he was married last October in Manila to Miss Amelita Martinez. They would like to see any classmates who may be passing through.

Finally, another party at Fort Belvoir. This time the pre-Navy game spirit was our excuse to "down" a few "Spirits". There are thirty-nine of us here, with most of the men from Europe filling the holes left by those now in the Engineer Districts. In the picture (see cut) you'll find the following: John and Nancy Brinkerhoff, Harry Coyle, Jack and Peggy Parish, Bob Wilson, John and Jo Ann Fray, René and Char Wolf, Paul Triem, Lou and Peggy Prentiss, Dick and Roxanne Ewan, Karl Weber, Bill Read and Mary Ann Gregory (to be married on 19 Dec), Manley and Marty Rogers, Vic and Carolyn Cuneo, Bill and Rissie Brandes, Ronnie Snoko (waiting for quarters so he can send for his wife), Herb Underwood, Dick Strohm, Bruce Leiser, Bob

and Carolyn Hughes, Mike and Dee Dowe, Bob and Lee Werner, Jim Kelly, Buz Baxter, Joe and Mary Pharr Love, Dave Pettit, Russ and Jean Preuit, Mal and Fran Johnson, Roy and Nancy Henderson, George and Nancy Lear (married in October), Dave Briggs, Blair Ross and Shirley Ebaugh, Art and Ruth Porcher, and Rose and me.

Skip and Sally Scott, visiting from Shaw Field, and John and Ann Streit, still on leave, showed up around eleven-thirty — when most of the people had already gone home. Their only comment was — "Air Force parties would be just shifting to high gear by this time! These Engineers!"

Almost forgot—Blue Booties to Ben and Malvene Lewis, Art and Ruth Porcher, Bill and Robin DeGraf (1 girl—1 boy), and Stan and B. J. Prouty.

Pink ones to Denny and Cyril Roush, Ed and Irene Stefanik, Frank and Frances Thompson, and Clyde and Mary Lou Cloar. See you in '54 when Rose and I, in January, will add our third to the score in this paragraph. May not be a record but it's a pretty good average!

—Lou Genuario.

1951

A brief comment, in opening, on Class response over the last period. It was like the Navy game—great! Particularly good to hear from you gals and parents of '51, and with the news a fairly good address file is being acquired. We are still shy on news from the edge of "The Iron Curtain". Remember boys, you are on this side of it. Overall the news was so good however, that some managed to appear several places (I'll use the latest).

Let's start off with marriages. On 9 Nov. Bob, on leave from Berlin, and Tinky Hyatt were married in Washington. I saw the newlyweds at the Penn game. Harley Jeans and Kit Landon said their vows in Huntingdon, Tennessee, on the 25th of Nov. Your writer finally, but happily, gave in and was married to Pat Walton in Pittsburgh, Pa. on the 12th of Dec. Dan and Jean Myers were united in Tokyo on the 19th of December. Rudy Prince and Mary Jo Curvin picked Shreveport, La. for their marriage shortly after Christmas. Forgive me, but congratulations to all concerned. Whew!

A girl, Catherine Marie, was born to Tom

and Darlene James on the 29th of Oct. The stork visited Lou and Milly Bretzke with another boy during Nov. Bill, Jr. reported in to Bill and Margy Allen on the 9th of Oct. Bill had just completed a 52 hr. rotation trip at Logan Airport when Margy signed in at Murphy Army Hospital. A son to Earl and Joan Keesling in Alaska last March 9th. To these additions, best wishes from '51.

Hats off—I mean a salute—to three classmates who are now distinguished by "railroad tracks", our three captains, Bill DePew, Bob Schuman, and Bear Kasun. Nice going boys.

Concerning decorations and medals that we have recently heard about, Joe Clemons, who was recently presented the DSC, leads the list and merits our sincerest congratulations for an exceptional job—well done. Jerry Carlson, twice wounded, is the recipient of the Silver Star, and a Bronze Star for Valor, with Cluster. Dick Schwarz, badly wounded and a basic Armor officer, holds the BSV and also, incidentally a CIB. Herman Vetort was doubly awarded at Camp Carson with a BSV and Cluster for meritorious service in Korea. Jim Guyer, Glenn McChristian, and Ron Roberge have all been recently awarded the BSM. Again, congratulations.

It is my sad duty to report the death of a fine classmate and terrific football player, Lynn Galloway, in a mid-air collision on a flight from Itzuke Air Base, Japan. The warmest sympathy, from this, his class, is extended to his family.

We'll try going from the West to the East this time. There is very little news from Europe. Word comes indirectly that Otto Doerflinger recommends a tour in Europe, but for married men only! Otto is with the 36th FA Gp. October found Tom Horgan, with the 4th Recon Bn, on Exercise "Mudlark", an annual fall training maneuver. Tom is near Salzburg, Austria.

In the ZI, there's all kinds of news. Had a fine letter from Jerry Carlson at Ft. Campbell with the 11th Abn Div. Jerry is in Div G-4 and with him at Div HQ are Pete Foss in G-2 and Des O'Keefe as Supply Officer of Hq and Hq Co. Sandy Cortner and wife, Howie Snyder, Ralph Auer, Bob Volk and wife, Chris Rupp, and Ed Peters and wife, are our representatives in the 188th Abn Inf Regt. Bob, Chris, and Ed have companies, and Ralph is 3rd Bn S-2. Tom Aaron, Art Scalise, Jim Rockwell, Gorman Smith, and Stan Scott are with the 511th



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Abn Inf Regt. Rocky has a company and Gorman is in 3rd Bn Hq. Scotty has been on TDY at the Ranger School. Bob Simpson, John Hook, and Roscoe Robinson are with the 503rd. Dave Bills fills out the Division at this writing in the 127th Abn Engr Bn. Jerry mentioned having seen Jack Stahl, then still in the hospital, who appears to be coming along fairly well.

With the Infantryman's Infantrymen, the 3rd Infantry Regt, are Lou Michael, Tom Harrold, Roy Herte, Rod Gilbertson, Bill Lackman, Rick Buck, and Joe Rogers. Godfrey Crowe, Aide to the CG, MDW, is also at Myer, and tells of a trip he and George Gardes took to see Fred and Jean Rockwell in the Baltimore Engineer District. It seems that Jean cooked while the boys played golf and ate (they did wash dishes).

News comes from Ft. Bragg in many directions, particularly of a party at McKellar's Lodge, where Ann and Bill Louisell, Dot and Ed Markham, Jean and Dick Perry, Mary and Howie Williams, Mary Fran and Ed Partain, Miriam and Ronnie Milam, Joan and John Hinton, Pat and Patillo, and Barbara and Tom Odderstell were holding forth. We can't miss Joe Sites, Paul Summers, Russ Walthour, Waldo Russell, and George Gardes, the bachelors, or Gus Villaret, who came as a bachelor. Thanks Tom! Also at Bragg are the Tatums, Tennants, Givens, and Dan Sharp. All are in the 82d Abn Div except Gus and Joe, who are with XVIII Corps Arty. Understand that the Tennants, Patillos, and Markhams each have a little girl, about a year old.

Dick Schwarz, who has transferred from Armor to Engineers, writes from OCS at Ft. Belvoir that he's lonely, for apparently he's holding the fort alone with wife since Joe Smith left for the Jacksonville District. Believe John Moffat joined him at the post recently however. Dick did say he ran into John Buckstead (Aide to CG, 10th Div) at Letterman, then on his way to Fitzsimons General Hospital, and saw Rick Buck and Pop Guyer at General Clark's retirement ceremony. Chief Bicher stopped by to see Dick on his way to Ft. Bragg.

George Psihas claims to be "the most moved around infantryman" and believes he has more leave, casual, and hospital time than duty time. George, after having a tete-a-tete with Pete Pazderka at Camp Atterbury (167th Inf Regt), moseyed on to the Army Language School, where he became "pro" in Albanian—to which he further comments "ugh" Out there also was Don Norton taking, you guessed it, Bulgarian. George also saw Ron Roberge, now with the San Francisco Engr Dist, Cecil and Pat Nist and Hap and Betty Jones (with trailer) at Ft. Ord "with soft staff jobs". George is now on his way to Germany.

I might as well mention those gay, by-gone days of Navy weekend, where I saw and talked to most of the following at various levels of Municipal Stadium and the Ben Franklin: Jim Lowerre, Bob Racheck, Frank Penney (now at Columbia Univ.), John Moffat, Rick Buck, Joe Rogers, Mike Simpson (Ft. Monmouth), Dave Detar and wife, Harley and Kit Jeans, Rudy Prince, Roy Herte, Russ Walthour, Bruno Giordano (out of "Esquire" and on his way to Las Vegas), Walt Russell, Fred and Jean Rockwell, Gus Villaret, Lew Robinson, Jerry Ingram (looking great and "reading blueprints" in Phila.), Carlos Mena (civie working in NYC), Dan Sharp, Bob Sargent, Karl Peltz (just back and enroute to Ft. Hood), Al Costanzo (just back), Phil Gwynn, Godfrey Crowe, John Cousins, Pete Beczkiewicz (Aide to the Post CG, Ft. Devens, Mass.), Myles Grant, Wally Klein, Harry Lombard, and Don McGann (Andrews AFB). Bob and Nancy Hackleman (ex-'51) relaxed from col-

lecting news and came down for the fireworks. Oh, the party in Herte's room!

Herman Vetort is now out at Camp Carson and is the Exec of the Med Tank Co, 11th Arm Cav Regt. Jim Guyer, until recently Aide to General Clark, is now instructing at Ft. Benning. Jim Lowerre was honored when his battery was named the best firing battery in the Corps. He had A Btry of the 213th FA Bn when in Korea.

Al and Jean Norton, stopping at W.P. for the Columbia game, saw Hal Headlee, Mike Simpson, John Cousins, Tom Harrold, Joe Clemons, and the inauguration of the new Cadet Rally "disorganization" Al is still at Burlington AFB.

Rudy Prince, Bud Conti, Gerry Dickson, Bob Jacobs, Harley Jeans, and Lou Bretzke were together for awhile at school in Perrin, Texas. A gathering of Rudy, Dave Huff (now at Lake Charles, La.), Fred Sartin, Walt Russell, Barney Landry (still in Knoxville), and Jerry Hendricks collected for the Tulane game in New Orleans.

Now for the Far East—Frozen Chosen, The Rock, etc. On top of a newsy letter from Bob Prehn, I got a couple really fine letters from Mary Foldberg and Bruce Robertson, and numerous tid bits. Jerry Carlson while still in Korea, had a drink with Tex Glosbrenner and breakfast with Matt Collins on a trip to Suwon. The boys are flying out of that vicinity. Also mentioned seeing Joe Knittle, pretty bandaged up at the 343rd Hosp at Camp Drew in Japan. Ed Lukert has taken to the air as a pilot of light aviation in Korea. It appears that Ab Webber has been island hopping with the 608th AC&W Sqdn as a 5th AF liaison officer between Cho and Paenygan-do Islands off Korea.

Saw that Dan Foldberg shared in coaching the Camp Drake Bulldogs this Fall. Dan is in the FEC Honor Guard, and Mary writes of a big gathering of the clan at the Pershing Heights Off Club. Jim and Harriet Phillips, Pete and Pat Clay, Howie and Dottie Steele, Bill and Cynthia Scheumann, Bruce Robertson, Francie Craig, Ed Matney, Rick Buck, and Jim Guyer were all there. Garland and Jessie Owens could only come for supper. Pat Ryan, who recently bailed out of his B-29, over Japan, Lew Buffington, Bob McDonald, and Bill Cuthbertson from the Okinawa contingent, also put in an appearance. Pete is Aide to D/CS AFPE, Francie is Aide to C/S AFPE, Ed is in the G-1 Section, Jim Phillips is in FEC Intel Sch, Garland is at Camp Drake Repl Depot. Bruce is Aide to D/CG AFPE, Bill Scheumann is in the G-2 Section, and Howie is Aide to the C/S AFPE. Also in Japan are Larry and Pat Crocker (Aide to the Engr, AFPE), Chuck and Roxy Ewing (JCA), Nort Parks and wife (Camp Drake), Chuck Canham (Aide to CG, 1st Cav Div), and Barry Harriss (HQ, SWC).

On Okinawa, Bob writes of beach parties and get togethers, mentioning a particularly notorious affair at the Prehn household when Pete Clay came over. Bob Fitch left Okinawa for the ZI, but otherwise the '51 personnel remain much the same as before. I don't believe Kermit or Lynn Johnson and Tom Hastings were mentioned.

The last reports on Korea show Eric Antilla with the 34th Inf Regt, Phil Barth, George Hardesty, and Jim Keeley with the 187th RCT, Willie Barott, Paul Coughlin, and John Ward with the 2nd Div, Ed Pelouquin with the 213th FA Bn, George Stannard with the 999th FA Bn, Jack Dorton with the 56th AT&T Bn, and Ted Greisinger with the 555th FA Bn, 5th RCT. Chuck Witmer and Howdy Peckham have been sharing the same tent and flying jets with the 15th Tac Recon Sqdn out of Kimpo.

I always end these columns with the fear I've forgotten somebody or something. I

probably have but if you'll stick with me and write Lt. R. L. Harris, District Engineer's Office, 121 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa., we'll try to be with you next issue.

—Bucky.

1952

It was with pleasure that we learned Lloyd Rhiddlehoover was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for action above and beyond the call of duty in Korea. His inspiring team spirit even in the serious game of life is reflected in this great accomplishment.

We regret to learn of the deaths of Dick Shea, Tom Cummings and Earl Lockard. The entire Class extends its deepest sympathies to the friends and relatives of our classmates. Dick, who was listed as missing in action for several months, is also reported as having been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Congratulations to FIRST Lt. Gar Weed, who was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea. Gar has also received the Purple Heart since he joined the 45th Div. Congratulations also to Steve Nichols and Jim Dietz. Steve was recently awarded the Bronze Star for heroism with the 40th Div. in Korea. Although wounded by machine gun fire, Steve forced his way into enemy positions, fighting with grenades and his carbine until ordered to withdraw. Jim, who has made First, also has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroism with the 7th Div.

Lou, Joan, and Scott Pendleton enclose the following letter to all members of the Class of '52:

"I am the man who won the cup
And I promise to be kind and true
I will surely bring our Godson up
To join the Army too.

"Joan, Scott Freeman, and I are very proud and honored to receive the beautiful cup that was presented to the Godson, Class of '52. We wish to thank each and every member of the Class for this presentation. Joan and I feel that Scott Freeman is a fine example to represent the high morals, good health, and many other virtues possessed by the Class of 1952.

"Best wishes to all.

"Sincerely,

"Lou, Joan, and Scott
Pendleton"

A picture of the Cup and family (see cut) has been forwarded from Leghorn, Italy, where Lou is presently serving.

Hearty welcomes and good wishes are extended to the new additions. Pat and Ed White have a son who was born 16 Sept. To the Mark Oliphants a daughter, Rebecca Lee, was born 23 July. (Mark received his pilot wings on 1 Sept.). A son, Clint, was born to the Kendalls. Todd Campbell was born to the Robert Roundings, and a daughter, Kathy, to the McClellands. George III was born to the George Rules. René was born to the Frank Keilts. (Frank is taking the instructor's course at Craig AFB, Selma, Ala.). To Pat and Tom Leggett a girl, Patricia Ennis, was born 8 May. A son, Stephen Edgar, was born 12 October to Dotty and Ed McClung. (Ed is in Germany). Kathryn Joan was born June 24 to Marjorie and John Aker. To Nancy and Karl Woltersdorf a daughter, Kathryn

Elizabeth, on 27 September. (Karl is in Korea). The Ray Espey's have a boy born 12 August. (Ray was wounded in August, but not seriously). On 5 June, Cheri Lynn was born to Charlotte and Ralph Garver. (Ralph is in the Canal Zone). Bobbie and Jim Rivera have a daughter, Elise Barbara, who was born on 8 October.

As to who is located where, we add the following list to that in the October issue of *Assembly*. Sherm Webster is with the Air Force in Korea; Marie and Dick McCoy are in Valdosta, Ga.; Marge and Ted Loeschner are in Tyndall AFB, Fla.; Barbara and Don Richardson are in Suffolk County AFB, L. I.; John Aker and Bill Schroeder are in Fairbanks, Alaska; Ann and Bill Linkenhoger are in Tyndall, AFB; Martha and Jim Reeves are in Big Springs, Tex.; Jane and Bob King, Del Rio, Texas, with Elaine and Ken Kronlin; Sonja and Bob Smyth are in Westover Fld, Mass.; Ray Koestner, Bob Richardson and Emmett Niblack are in Palm Beach, Fla. with the 14th A-S Rescue Gp. Bob Woodward is also at Palm Beach. Tom Nelson, Dick Bullock, Denny Mullane and Jim Spell are near Hanau, Germany. At Ft. Bragg are Pat and Tom Leggett, Joanne and Charlie Hoenstine, Helen and Hank Moseley. Bob Winger, Glenn Kingsley, Tex Mallard, George Rule, Tom McClung, Chuck Luther, Wuzzy Scaman, Bill Shields and Jim McInerney are at Nellis AFB, Nev. Hank West, Bob Craine, John Feyrer, Roy Berry are at Tyndall Fld. Joe Austin, Bill McCullough and Larry Johnson are at Moody AFB, Ga. John Carlson, Warren O'Sullivan, John Misch, Frank Allen and Lou Davis are all in Korea. Also listed as being in Korea are Ed Brown, Jim Beasley, Fred Stevens, Art Jackson, Ed Reinhalter, John Brewer, Ed Wutrich, Jack Driskill, Paul Gray, John Cannon, Jim Lee and Harry Dutchyshyn, John Hill and Charlie Sell. Battery Comdrs. in Chicago are Dick Rogers, Bob Hatton, and Bob Harasymowicz. For the records, effective 4 January 1954, Bob Harasymowicz will legally be Bob *Haras*. That's official!!

Wedding bells rang for another of our classmates. Jim Ivers was married in August after arriving at Tyndall Fld. (Famous last words: "I'll never get roped in.") Doris Napiwaski and Dick Miller exchanged vows at White Bear Lake, Minn. on 20 June, and are now at Ft. Benning.

Jim Rink, Dick Stanier, Tom Brodinski, Joe Hannon, Don Hegberg, and Jim Crow had a quick one for the briny deep when they met at Camp Drake, Japan.

We are still sending pleas for mail, and wish to thank all those who have written recently. The address is still the same—3066 Cody Road, Columbus, Ga., or Co. K., 85th Inf., Ft. Riley, Kans.

A belated Merry Christmas to everybody and best wishes throughout all the coming year.

—Willy.

1953

The football season is over, and all Army followers can really be proud of our team. The boys made a fine showing for themselves. Some of us were lucky enough to see Army at its best—against Duke and Navy. At the Duke game I ran into Bob Laflam (M-1) and Don Dunnuck (C-1). Both looked as if they were having a great time, but I did not get to talk with them. In Philadelphia I saw Don Ramsay (B-2), Gail Frie-mark (D-2), Ed Metzcher (B-2), Dick Neu (G-1), Dave Motycka (A-2), and Jim Currie (E-1). Dave and Jim are stationed at

Fort Devens, Mass.; Ed is going to Camp Carson, Col.; and Don was on leave prior to shipment overseas (as are the rest of the Engineers who did not go Airborne).

It is with deep regret that I mention the death of our friend and classmate, Sam Clay (L-2). I have not heard much about it, however, I think he died in an automobile accident. We will all miss him very much.

I have received word that Norm Delbridge deserves much credit for a wonderful job as Senior Officer for our class at Fort Belvoir. His untiring efforts were instrumental in making a reputation for the class that impressed everyone on the post. Congrats, Norm! Larry Davis and Bob Martin (B-2) reveal that Ranger training is pretty rough. Seems that Larry has matrimony on the mind on top of that. Russ Baker (A-2) was married to Mary Freeman of Arlington, Va. in October.

It is reported that "Spike" Flertzheim (M-2) and a few other bachelors kept night life jumping in D. C. From all indications, Rog Peterson (L-2) left the local police much relieved after the many times his Ford was overtaken by a wailing siren. A few of the sport enthusiasts at Belvoir were: Ralph Sanders (A-1) (who won the Fort Belvoir tennis championship); Lou Manfre (B-2) and John Angstadt (C-2) were always game for a little "B-ball"; and Dave Pistenma (B-2), Roy Sullivan (F-2), and J. P. Maher (E-1) could be found on the new golf course.

Some of the married folks at Belvoir were: Lamar and Carol Appleton, Bob and Carol Bartlett, Rick and Joyce Gilmartin, Lee and Lucy Crosby, Walt and Donna Schmidt, Don and Fran Ramsay, Rod and Polly Smith, Larry and Nancy Crevoiserat, John and Kathy Martin, the Brinskos, the Lammies, the Carters, the Rushes, and the Heibergs. According to Don Ramsay, my ole roommate, Robert Clay (Karns, that is!), is going to have his hands full determining who will win the class cup when all the Engineer babies start arriving. However, from all the reports that I have re-

ceived, every branch is in the running for that cup—and may the best man win!

Bill Jewell (A-2) wrote from Fort Knox that Armored training was not hard, but very interesting. Bill pulled a not too surprising a surprise and married Fred Reynold's sister, Steph, on October 16th. Jack Hall (I-1) and John Tumperi (G-2) will both probably be married by the time this article is published. Jim Stuart (C-1) is having more illness. I sincerely hope that everything works out all right for you, Jim.

Bob and Marilyn Karns send news that there are several cup contenders at Goodfellow A.B. The Ed Davis', Fred Taylors', Dave Lodwicks', Wally Lelands', and Ted Kings'. (If this sounds like an article for expectant mothers, please forgive me—news is definitely limited this time.)

Has everyone received his copy of the 1953 *Register of Graduates*? I got mine the other day, and it looks as if it will be a handy reference. I only wish I had all the back copies now. Each contains different information that is both useful and interesting.

I noticed that I made several mistakes in the last article. Please excuse if I call someone by a wrong first name or have an incorrect company designation. We are all prone to make errors now and then. If any are too bad, let me know, and I will correct them in the next issue. I wish more of you would drop me a line, even if it is nothing but a postcard. When you do start to write, assume I have heard nothing about what you are writing. Most of the mail starts out, "You have probably heard this already—but"; then they hardly tell me anything about the topic. I may not acknowledge each letter, however, you can bet that your poop will find its way into the earliest issue possible. My address is still: Bill Jefferson, 14 Wadsworth Street, Manchester, Connecticut.

Best wishes to all of you for the coming year, and I hope that most of you were able to make it home for the holidays.

—Jeff.



THE WINNERS . . . WITH THE 1952 CUP.

LAST ROLL CALL

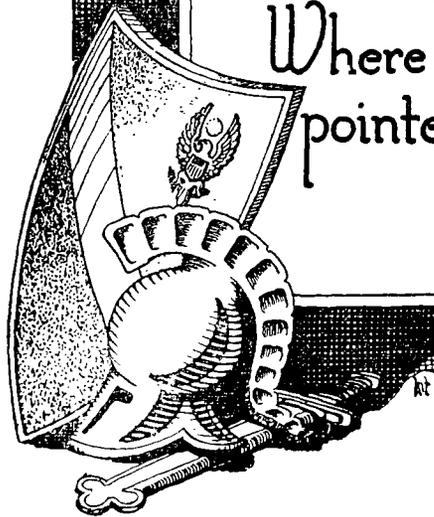
Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the October 1953 ASSEMBLY.

| Name | Class | Date | Place |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Walter A. Bethel | 1889 | January 11, 1954 | Washington, D. C. |
| Thomas F. Dwyer | 1895 | October 13, 1953 | Newport, Rhode Island |
| Julian A. Benjamin | 1900 | December 3, 1953 | New York, New York |
| Frederick F. Black | 1902 | December 22, 1953 | Belfast, Maine |
| Walter K. Wilson | 1902 | January 20, 1954 | Washington, D. C. |
| Innis P. Swift | 1904 | November 3, 1953 | San Antonio, Texas |
| Arthur H. Wilson | 1904 | December 5, 1953 | Port Isabel, Texas |
| Charles B. Gatewood | 1906 | November 13, 1953 | San Diego, California |
| Pierre V. Kieffer | 1906 | October 7, 1953 | Bristol, Vermont |
| William E. Shedd | 1907 | December 2, 1953 | Bradenton, Florida |
| Homer H. Slaughter | 1908 | December 21, 1953 | Washington, D. C. |
| Louis P. Ford | 1909 | October 22, 1953 | St. Petersburg, Florida |
| Robert L. Gray | 1911 | October 29, 1953 | Brooksville, Maine |
| George W. Krapf | 1913 | November 16, 1953 | Dalton, Massachusetts |
| Henry P. Perrine | 1913 | December 20, 1953 | Phoenixville, Pennsylvania |
| Ellicott H. Freeland | 1916 | June 20, 1953 | Ft. Jackson, South Carolina |
| Rutherford D. McGiffert | November 1918 | November 1, 1953 | Haverford, Pennsylvania |
| Frederick A. Platte | November 1918 | November 14, 1953 | Montclair, New Jersey |
| Theodore F. Straub | 1922 | November 27, 1953 | Governors Island, New York |
| Wilson T. Douglas | 1926 | November 11, 1953 | Winter Park, Florida |
| Theodore K. White | 1941 | October 12, 1953 | Heidelberg, Germany |
| Alden McLellan, Jr. | 1942 | June 22, 1951 | Colma, California |
| Henry S. Beukema | 1944 | January 19, 1954 | Near Langley AFB, Virginia |
| Richard R. Galt | 1946 | October 17, 1953 | Eglin AFB, Florida |
| Thomas C. Langstaff | 1946 | November 13, 1953 | Near Epping, Essex, England |
| Kenneth V. Riley, Jr. | 1951 | February 9, 1953 | Korea |
| John W. Feyrer | 1952 | November 24, 1953 | Near Greenwood, Florida |

Editor's Note: The date of death of Richard U. Nicholas, Class of 1913, published in the Last Roll Call in the July 1953 issue of Assembly as May 8, 1953, was in error. The correct date of his death is May 7, 1953.

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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“Be Thou At Peace”

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Frederic Dahl Evans

NO. 3229 CLASS OF 1887

DIED MAY 1, 1953, IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 86 YEARS.

Few men now living have had the varied experiences that were the privilege of Frederic Dahl Evans.

On graduation from West Point in 1887, he was soon assigned to the 18th Infantry, where, some four years later, he commanded the Indian Company. A year later the regiment was transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas. The now First Lieutenant Evans was detailed as regimental adjutant—a signal honor for a junior officer.

He saw much service in the Philippines. The 18th Infantry participated in the capture of Manila on August 13th, 1898. Later, as a Captain, he was in the arduous fighting on Panay. It was here that he was twice brevetted for gallantry in action. He re-



turned for two more tours,—from 1903 to 1905 on Cebu, and on the last tour, 1907-1909, he was stationed at Camp Keithley, where he participated in five Moro Expeditions.

Captain Evans was assigned to the first class at the Army War College—a signal honor—as the formation of the War College was much debated, and the selection of student officers was made with great care. He graduated in 1906.

He was detailed in the Adjutant General's Department in 1911. While an Adjutant General he was with the expedition to Vera Cruz.

At the beginning of our participation in World War I the now Colonel Evans was appointed Brigadier General in the National Army, and was given command of the 152nd Infantry Brigade. On arriving in France, he was disappointed to find that his brigade was for the training of replacements. Eager for combat service, he asked for and received command of the 55th Brigade, 28th Division, in time for its engagement in the Battle of La Chaussee-Haumont.

After the Armistice, Colonel Evans commanded Fort Niagara and became intensely interested in the restoration of the old fort nearby. He carried out this work with

characteristic energy and enthusiasm, and made the restoration an accurate monument, complete in every detail.

In 1924 he was retired at his own request after 40 years of varied duties in many lands. They were forty years of accomplishment. In 1930 he was restored to his wartime rank of Brigadier General.

Shortly after he was commissioned, he married Miss Winnie Anderson, who died in the same year that he retired. In 1927 he married Miss Sarah Page.

For five years he was abroad, spending the most of his time in Nice, where he had a delightful apartment. Returning to Washington, he lived at 2844 Wisconsin Avenue, where he enjoyed the companionship of many old friends. Dahl always retained his interest in events and in people. His quick wit, tremendous enthusiasms and zest for living made association with him a pleasure.

He died on May 1, 1953. He is survived by his widow, and by a married daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Feldmann.

—Henry C. Pillsbury.

George Marion Brown

NO. 3368 CLASS OF 1890

DIED AUGUST 10, 1953, IN NEW YORK CITY,
AGED 86 YEARS.

GEORGE MARION BROWN, Class of 1890, died August 10, 1953, at Roosevelt Hospital, New York City. He entered the hospital on July 13th, suffering from lobar pneumonia, and complications developed later from which he failed to recover. He was born September 24, 1866, on a farm near Martinsburg, Mo. Funeral services were held in Plymouth Congregational Church, St. Louis, and burial was in Bellefontaine Cemetery of that city.

On June 16, 1892, he was married in St. Louis, Mo. to Katharine Pauline Fisher, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Daniel Dwiggins Fisher, of that city. They had two children, a daughter, Daphne McKee, born May 21, 1893, and a son, Daniel Fisher, born June 28, 1900.

Mr. Brown resigned from the Army in 1893, and organized the Ready Rock Asphalt Roofing Company with headquarters in St. Louis, which he sold in 1898. From then until 1904, he headed a sales company which distributed asphalt products. In 1904 he acquired an asphalt roofing plant in East St. Louis, Ill., which was re-named General Roofing Manufacturing Company. On the labels of the roofing this plant produced, he had a sketch picture of a general, and the product for a time became known in the trade as "The General".

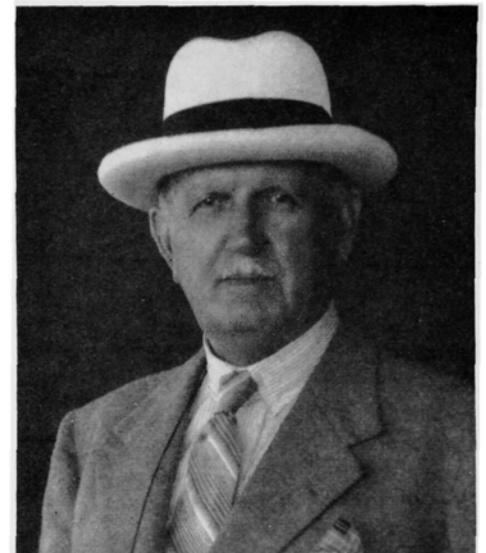
Later, in conjunction with advertising experts, the name "Certain-teed" was coined, meaning "quality certified—durability guaranteed," and this name then supplanted "The General."

In 1917, Mr. Brown organized Certain-teed Products Corporation, which took over the properties of General Roofing Manufacturing Company and acquired two paint and varnish plants. From then on, various additional properties were acquired, including Thomas Potter Sons & Co., Inc. of Phila-

delphia, Cook Linoleum Company of Trenton, Acme Cement Plaster Company of St. Louis, Sloan-Blabon, Inc. and The Beaver Board Companies, Inc., the latter in 1928. A financial circular issued in connection with the acquisition of 1928, showed the company to have \$44,000,000 in assets, with about 28 plants in various parts of the country, all of which developed out of a small \$20,000 company started by Mr. Brown in 1904 in East St. Louis, Ill.

However, the depression of the late 20's caused a set-back in Certain-teed's progress, and, in 1936, Mr. Brown and associated stockholders disposed of their holdings. He resigned all official connections with the corporation in that year. He had been President of Certain-teed since its organization until 1933, when he became Chairman of the Board. The company was rated as the largest one of its kind in the world, and today continues its pre-eminent position in the building material industry.

During most of his business life, Mr. Brown was an enthusiastic golfer, and in his prime could break 80. Occasionally he enter-



ed club tournaments and won prizes. When he moved from St. Louis to New York in 1923, he not only continued his golf, but also took up yachting. He acquired a motor yacht named "The Idler" a twin engine 92-footer, which he kept anchored, when not in use, off his home in Belle Haven, Greenwich, Conn.

Mr. Brown attended his class reunions quite frequently, and on several occasions brought his yacht along, on which he entertained his old classmates and other Army friends he had known in his days as a cadet.

Mr. Brown was also an expert in bridge, playing in his later years at the Union League Club, New York, where he had been a member for many years. He generally walked off with the money.

In 1933 he acquired a cottage at Watch Hill, R. I., which he occupied during the summer of each year until 1952. He also had an apartment in New York.

In 1936, he bought a home in Bermuda, where he spent a number of winters following his retirement from business, but after the United States entered World War II, he spent most of his winters in the South.

His wife died on April 14, 1951, and his son passed away on June 21, 1952. His

daughter, Mrs. Robert Marvin Nelson, of Watch Hill, R. I., four granddaughters, and three great-granddaughters survive him.

—R. M. N.

Don Carlos Buell, Jr.

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1890

DIED APRIL 26, 1953, IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AGED 86 YEARS.

DON CARLOS BUELL entered West Point in June 1886. He disliked the severe discipline from the beginning and took little interest in his academic studies. He was a lovable character and made friends with everyone he met. He longed to return to his native city, Nashville, Tennessee, and remained at West Point only six months.

Both his father and uncle were generals in the Union Army and he, himself, took part in an Indian fight when he was only twelve years old. What follows is taken from a Nashville paper published at the time of his death, April 26, 1953:

"In the death of Mr. Don Carlos Buell, this community has lost one of its rugged and colorful citizens while the state's insurance circles are deprived of one of their oldest members.

"The end came, as he had wished it to do, in the magnolia-shaded home on the Antioch Pike where Mr. Buell was born. His death is the cause of widespread sorrow.

"Mr. Buell was born of a union which resulted from a Civil War romance, his father having been a famous general in the Northern army. He was named for an uncle who was also a Union general and



played an important part in the war in this section of the country, and was himself entered in West Point. His inclination, however, was to civilian pursuits, and the most fruitful years of his life were devoted to the company formed in 1893 which still bears his name.

"Throughout his long life he followed the path of honor, and his presence will be missed by the many persons who claimed for themselves his friendship and acquaintance."

—J. A. R.

Oscar Jerome Charles

NO. 3666 CLASS OF 1895

DIED FEBRUARY 11, 1953, AT FORT LAWTON, WASHINGTON, AGED 79 YEARS.

COLONEL OSCAR J. CHARLES was born in Chicago, Illinois, February 18th, 1873, the son of Oscar Charles and Elizabeth Heber. He was the third child. He attended Lakeview High School, but did not graduate. His brother, Albert, was slated to take the



competitive examination but Oscar took it in his stead and came out number one. He entered West Point in June 1891. His career at West Point was not a brilliant one, he graduated as "Sub-goat" in the Class of 1895.

After graduation he was assigned as an Additional Second Lieutenant in the Tenth Infantry on June 12, 1895. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant on July 31, 1895.

From 1895 to 1897 he served with the 10th Infantry at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, during the Indian troubles with the Apaches and Sioux.

In July 1898 he was recommended for brevet for personal gallantry in the battle and siege of Santiago de Cuba, and for which he received the Silver Star Citation.

In 1899 he accompanied the 10th Infantry to the Philippines, serving under General Hugh L. Scott, then Major and Governor of Sulu Province, as Secretary of the Sulu District and Presidente of Jolo, P. I. He was transferred to the 4th Infantry, and continued under General Scott.

In 1906 he was ordered to the 17th Infantry and returned to the United States. He was detailed to West Point on November 19, 1906 at the request of General Scott, as his aide. From 1908 to 1910 he served in Tactical Department, as Acting Adjutant, and as Adjutant under Generals Scott and Barry, Superintendents, United States Military Academy.

In April 1909 he married Susanna L. Glover of Garrison, N. Y. They had four children. While living at Quarters No. 61, Martin Maher, better known as "Marty", was our orderly and it was there that Marty met and married my Irish colleen cook, Mary.

In 1911 he returned to the 17th Infantry at Fort McPherson, Ga. and joined in the Mexican Border troubles. While at McPherson, Colonel Charles invented the ALAMO Attachment for the Army Field Range, which for years was standard equipment in the field.

He remained with the 17th Infantry until December 1912, when he was assigned to the 13th Infantry at Fort William McKinley, P. I. as Regimental Quartermaster and later as a company commander on Corregidor.

In February 1916 he returned to the States and again served on the Mexican Border. He then became Secretary of the Medal of Honor Board under General Nelson A. Miles in Washington, D. C. He was detailed in the Quartermaster Corps as Personnel Officer under General Brainard, Chief Quartermaster.

In August 1917 he was assigned as Regimental Commander of the 316th Infantry at Camp Meade, Md. On July 9, 1918 the regiment sailed for France where it participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Colonel Charles was wounded in this campaign. He sailed for the US in command of the 348th Infantry in March 1919.

He was Port Inspector at Newport News, Va., until August 1919.

He attended and graduated from the Army School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He was then, in 1920, assigned as Post Commander at Fort Lawton, Washington, where he remained until his retirement on December 15, 1922. He settled in Seattle, Washington.

He died in the US Army Hospital at Fort Lawton on February 11, 1953, and was buried at Fort Lawton.

He lived a long life filled with useful work, help given and received, and many good friends—and takes his place in the Long Gray Line.

—Susanna L. Charles.

William Edward Cole

NO. 3824 CLASS OF 1898

DIED MAY 18, 1953, IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 78 YEARS.

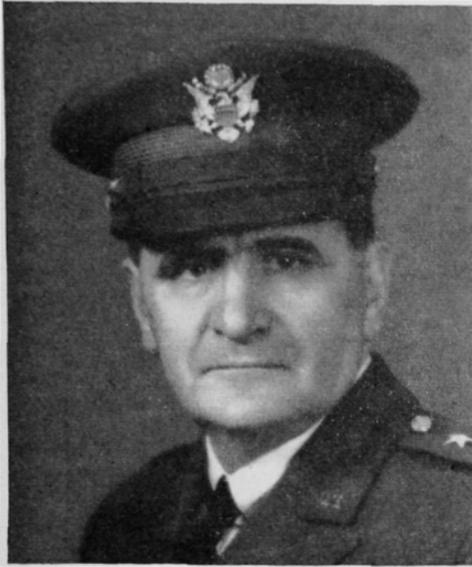
GENERAL COLE and I entered West Point together, on June 15, 1894. We were both from the far West, he from Utah, I from Oregon. Because our names were high on the alphabetical list of the class, we were, from the first, thrown much together.

We at once formed a close friendship which lasted as long as he lived. Not only were we close together in class standing, but, both being used to mountains and both loving the outdoors, we often climbed "Crows' Nest", a mountain rising about one thousand feet above West Point. We were two of the few who roamed the mountains.

Cole was a man of few words, always courteous and kindly. As well as I knew him I never heard him say a harsh word about any one. Yet he was a man of strong convictions, and clean, sterling character. I always respected him and loved him almost as a brother.

He made friends and kept them. He was not well for quite a long time but I never

heard a word of complaint from him. Our Army service was never together, but I kept pretty good track of his service and counted him as one of the ablest and most successful of the class of fifty-nine members.



His passing leaves a real void in the close friendships formed by four years of sustained effort at West Point.

I have treasured in my memory many happy hours spent in Cole's company.

—Amos A. Fries,
Major General, USA,
Retired, Class of 1898.

Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright

NO. 4477 CLASS OF 1906

DIED SEPTEMBER 2, 1953, AT SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS, AGED 70 YEARS.

ONLY through tears from fragrant memories, am I able to begin this story of my great, friend and classmate, who, a little while ago, fell back from our ranks in the Long Gray Line, to march on in the shadows, Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright, IV., Class of 1906. All over this country and also, over much of the rest of this world, his story has been told and written. It stands out boldly on the pages of history. For the general reader there is little more to be said, but for us, who have lived as he did, through those four wonderful cadet years, and for those of us, who have looked upon military service as he did, with the Spirit of old West Point in our hearts, there is something more to be said. I will try to say it.

For many of our people during the dark days that followed the disaster of Pearl Harbor, when we began the hard struggle on the long road back to Manila and Tokyo, he became a symbol of the objectives of the war. If he could be brought back to us the war would be a victory. And when he was brought back, he became likewise a symbol of that victory we had won with our Allies over the whole globe. When he first appeared before our people here, men and women reached out to touch his garments as he passed. Sometimes they milled around his table in public places with their eyes aglitter with emotion, almost threatening to stampede upon him and

crush him, until he had to be taken away to restore them to their senses. He has been described as like Isaac of ancient story, who was destined for sacrifice, but by intervention was saved and walked again among us as living testimony of the mercy of God. What he did, what he said, where he lived and how, no longer mattered. Our people realized the immense importance of that sacrificial defense on Corregidor, that gave us time to stop the march of the Japanese toward Australia and to turn the tide of the war against them.

General Wainwright lived eight years after the Japanese surrender. His name never lost the glamour of the heroism of his action. When he died the press of the nation again sounded his praises as loudly as when he returned from captivity. His old associates, his officers and soldiers, hastened to San Antonio to pay him their last measure of devotion. His body lay in state in Washington in the Amphitheatre of the Unknown Soldier, where thousands passed his coffin to shed their grateful tears for his great service to the nation. The senior officers of the U.S. Government, of the Defense Forces, and of the District of Columbia, joined the silent throng beside his grave as they laid his tired old body to rest beneath the Arlington elms. In the press, in the pulpit, and in the legislatures, the many phases of his experience were proclaimed; his long military preparation for his role; his apparent recognition of his destiny; his sturdy masterful retreat before the overwhelming forces of the Japanese; his organization and defense of Bataan without hope of any replacement for his food, medicines, ammunition, or his badly worn weapons; his bold assumption of supreme command when General MacArthur was ordered out to Australia, knowing the futility of the defense as a local matter but its great global purpose in the war; his stubborn resistance until his island fortress was pounded to dust and rubble; his long and humiliating imprisonment by insulting enemy soldiers; his dramatic rescue and his sudden appearance on board the *Missouri*, when his captors humbly signed their surrender; his acclaim when he traveled over the nation; his repeated recognition of the wonderful support of his officers and his men in all his addresses before listening America.

Out of the many tributes by columnists and editors over the nation I will quote only this one, from the *Charlotte Observer* of Charlotte, S. C. published on September 5, 1953, which in the briefest words summed up his life and service.

WAINWRIGHT, HERO IN THE FINEST TRADITION

Jonathan Wainwright was the symbol of American courage. He was "not" the hero of Corregidor, and he would have been the last to claim the honor for himself alone. But as commander of that band of "gaunt and ghostly men", ragged, hungry, weary and sick, who held out to the end in face of certain defeat, he personifies the heroism of one of the darkest but most glorious pages of American history.

War is always terrible, but it is less terrible when a soldier can fight back with some hope of winning. The men of Corregidor had no chance of winning and knew it, yet they fought to the last round of ammunition, the last ration of food, the last bandage; and through it all stood that tall, grim figure of Wainwright symbolizing the creed of civilized man that human freedom is more precious than life.

In the hopeless situation of his army, discretion indicated that he should have surrendered earlier, but again the creed would not let him do it until the last possibility of resistance was gone. By holding out, he saved us precious



months while we gathered our forces on distant islands for the long road back. It was the sacrifice play that saved the game.

Wainwright died of wounds, literally, for the vicious beatings he endured at the hands of brutal captors inflicted the permanent injuries that finally brought his death.

Let no one assume that America is decadent as long as we have men like Wainwright and the exhausted soldiers who fought with him. They held high the finest traditions of our military history.

It is easy to understand why tears of sadness were shed for him in prison, tears of gratitude were shed for him when he came home, tears of sorrow fell freely from many eyes when they buried him in Arlington—and they fell all over the nation.

Such was this man of West Point to whom fate gave one of its hardest roles, and who played it straight under the rules he learned from our Alma Mater.

This is the story of his boyhood: He was born to Army parents, Major and Mrs. R. P. Page Wainwright, at Walla Walla, Washington on August 23, 1883. His father was graduate number 2573, Class of 1875, and he trained his boy Jonathan in the old traditions, while he moved with his family across the west, trying to make safe the pathways of the pioneers from those Indians who resented their coming. Skinny said once that he came to West Point because he did not know any better. Certainly he knew what it was all about better than the rest of us who came there with him. He and Henry Clagett came through the sallyport together in July 1902, both tall Army boys with western backgrounds, and they lived together all their four years at West Point. They were living in the same house at Fort McKinley, P. I. in 1941, renewing old friendships, when the Japanese arrived.

Naturally, from his long, bony figure, his life-long nickname came to him. His military preparation paid off. He became a corporal, a first sergeant and the First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. No one ever

questioned his right to these offices. His class elected him senior hop manager. He boned cavalry in the riding hall, played on the polo team and chose the First Cavalry, when he graduated, attaining his lifelong ambition to ride like the Army he knew in his western boyhood.

As a bachelor second lieutenant, he moved for nearly two years across Texas and then sailed for Camp Stotsenburg, P. I. with the regiment in 1908, being welcomed in Manila by many classmates in the old Army and Navy Club inside the walled city. During this tour, he was sent to Jolo to help pacify some wild Moros who opposed the American rule. In 1910 the regiment took him to Idaho and Wyoming, where he met and married Adele Howard Holley, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Dwight E. Holley. From then on until she was sent back from Manila with all the American women, these two were always together whenever military conditions permitted. Adele said farewell at Fort McKinley in 1941 and did not see Skinny again until he returned in September 1945. The strain of the long wait, the worry over his treatment as a prisoner, the lack of positive information as to his whereabouts, and finally the terrific excitement of his return amid the wild acclaim of our people, continuing for so long, brought on a serious collapse. In spite of the devoted care of her husband, her son, and her daughter-in-law, she has not fully recovered at the time of this writing (November 1953). Their son Jack, upon graduation from school, joined the Merchant Marine and for some 20 years sailed the seven seas, becoming a master with his own ship. When his father became ill, Jack and his wife Elfrida, joined him in San Antonio and remained with him until his death and his burial with that wonderful ceremony at Arlington.

From his return from the Philippines in 1910 until World War I, Skinny remained with the Cavalry from time to time assigned to special duty. He was a member of the Cavalry rifle team at Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1910; a student at the Mounted Service School for three months in 1913; on border patrol at Calexico, Calif.; on exhibition duty with his horses at the Panama-Pacific Fair at San Francisco in 1915; again at the Mounted Service School for advanced training in 1916; and on border patrol again when World War I called him to other duties. He had now reached the grade of captain and had command of his own troop, the grandest service of all. He was commended by his colonel for marching seventy-two miles in twenty-four hours in pursuit of bandits in the Chiricahua mountains and returning a few days later with his troop in first class condition, a splendid example of leadership.

When the nation began to prepare for World War I, he was detailed as Adjutant of the First Officers Training Camp at Plattsburg Barracks, renowned for the quality and service of its students and teachers. At the close of the camp he joined the General Staff of the 76th Division at Camp Devens, Mass., and went with it to France in 1918. Graduating from the Langres General Staff College there, he joined the staff of the 82nd Division, serving in the Toul and Pont-a-Mousson defense sectors, and in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. At the armistice, he joined the Third Army staff and marched into Germany, remaining at Coblenz until October 1920.

Upon his return from the war, he began his training for the inevitable recurrence of the world struggle for mastery. He was an instructor at the Cavalry School; a General

Staff Officer of the 3rd Division at Camp Pike, Arkansas; on the War Department General Staff for plans and training and later for supply; had troop duty with the Third Cavalry at Fort Myer, Va.; and came back again to the War Department General Staff, from March 1925 until 1928. Then he attended the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal; the Advanced Course at the Cavalry School; the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; was Director of Instruction at the Cavalry School; a student at the Army War College; and then was assigned to the Cavalry School as Assistant Commandant.

In the summer of 1936 he took command of the Third Cavalry at Ft. Myer, Va., where he had been so many times before. He received his promotion to brigadier general there in 1938, and went to Ft. Bliss, Texas to be the Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry Brigade until September 1940. This was the end of his training for World War II. Europe was already engaged in a deadly combat and Japan was occupying areas in the east on any excuse whatever, making evident preparation for the future struggle for Asiatic supremacy.

General Wainwright sailed for Manila in September 1940, being promoted to Major General when he arrived and assigned to command the Philippine Division. After December 7, 1941, that memorable date in American history, he went headlong into the defense of the Philippines under General Douglas MacArthur. The Japanese came on as and where they were expected, and he took them into battle, countering their moves in an orderly retreat to the prepared defenses of Bataan. Here outnumbered by many thousands, and deviled by every oriental wile and trick, he held firmly, counterattacked to win back any losses of ground, personally visited every line, as often as conditions warranted, to encourage his Americans and his Filipinos, and in spite of hunger and disease, when food and medicines were low, he maintained morale—the most essential element in war. He assumed command of the whole defense of the Philippines when General MacArthur was transferred to Australia, and moved his headquarters to Corregidor. When the exhausted defenders of Bataan were crushed by sheer weight of numbers and the incessant pounding by artillery and aircraft, he held out on the island until, with constant bombing and shelling, the Japanese were able to overrun his guards and overwhelm his garrison. Long after ordinary men would have given up he held on, until he was sure that the mission was accomplished. He announced the end and quietly walked into the meeting place, accepting his fate as a prisoner of war.

From May 1942 until August 1945, General Wainwright and his command remained prisoners of war, under sneering, pompous, brutal guards, in Formosa and Manchuria. Lack of his normal food, lack of medicines and good medical treatment, lack of any respect to which his rank entitled him under the customs of war, injured by rough and dangerous brutality, he was reduced to a skeletal semblance of his former self when he was brought by command of General MacArthur from his prison camp to the battleship *Missouri* to witness the surrender of his enemies. MacArthur handed him one of the pens with which he signed the surrender terms. Wainwright had it framed and hung in front of his desk as a symbol of the final triumph of the cause he defended so bravely at Corregidor, and in his will he bequeathed it to his son as one of his very precious possessions.

On September 8, 1945 he arrived in San Francisco, to be met with loud acclaim whenever he appeared. In Washington he was met by the military leaders, addressed the Congress, and was applauded and praised everywhere. In New York he was given one of the greatest receptions ever accorded a hero by an admiring people. In mid-September he went to White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, for a much needed and well-earned rest for about six weeks, but the demand for his presence was too great to remain longer. He was carried throughout the country, boosting with patriotic fervor the sale of Victory bonds. After a short assignment as Commanding General of the Eastern Defense Command, he was assigned to the command of the Fourth Army at San Antonio, Texas, in 1946. For physical disabilities, incident to his strenuous service, he was retired from the Army on August 31, 1947.

On March 17, 1948, he accepted the Presidency of the Armed Forces Mutual Life Insurance Company, and later became Chairman of the Board of the Time-Life Insurance Company. These companies specialized in handling the insurance problems of military personnel. General Wainwright brought to these companies an administrative experience that they appreciated greatly. He expanded their scope of operations and added services, building the companies to their present leadership in the field of insurance for military personnel. He remained with this work until his last illness came upon him. They took him to Brooke Army Hospital, where, after the final strokes numbed his bright mind at last, he passed into a coma and died quietly in sleep.

For his superior service in World War I, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and for superior service in 1942, he had an Oak Leaf Cluster added to it.

For extraordinary heroism in action in Northern Luzon, during his retreat to Bataan and his defense there, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

For his intrepid and determined leadership against greatly superior enemy forces in the Philippines, the United States Congress awarded him the Medal of Honor on September 10, 1945.

For his conduct of his command in the Philippines he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

For his heroic efforts to save their country from being overrun by the Japanese, the Philippine Government awarded him the Philippine Medal for Valor.

Poland presented him with the Polish War Cross (*Virtuti Militari*), and Mexico presented him with its Medal of Military Merit, 1st Class.

His many other medals and ribbons include: the Mexican Border Service Medal; World War I Victory Medal with three battle clasps; Army of Occupation of Germany Medal (World War I); American Defense Service Medal with Foreign Service clasp; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Star; World War II Victory Medal; and many others.

His Degrees were conferred upon him as follows: from West Point, Bachelor of Science; from Pennsylvania Military College, Doctor of Military Science; from College of Puget Sound, Doctor of Military Science; from Syracuse University, Doctor of Laws; from Seton Hall College, Doctor of Laws; from Whitman College, Doctor of

Laws; and from New Mexico A.&M. College, Doctor of Laws.

His diplomas from military schools were: from West Point, 1906; from the Mounted Service School, 1916; from the Cavalry School, 1929; from the Chemical Warfare School, 1928; from the Command & General Staff School, 1931; from the Army War College, 1934; and from the General Staff College at Langres, France, 1918.

Wainwright is not a new name in American life. Skinny was the fourth of the family with the name Jonathan Mayhew, and his son Jack is the fifth. His father, Robert P. P. Wainwright, graduated in the Class of 1875, served his country faithfully, and lies buried in Arlington only a little way from the grave where Skinny was laid to rest. But because of Skinny, the name is now high on the list of America's great and it will be repeated many times by future orators on days of memory—to stir the timid to action and to spur the brave to higher, nobler deeds in the service of our nation. Yet, through all the terrible days of struggle and defeat and prison, all through the better days of victory and of the highest praise by his countrymen, he never thought of himself as a hero, never spoke of his wonderful service, except to call it duty, performed with honor for his country. We, who have marched beside him in the Long Gray Line, know where he got those three great words that sustained him in the hours of crisis and decision—"Duty, Honor, Country." And because of him, they shine brighter now on the shield of West Point. They are burned a bit deeper in the hearts of all her living graduates.

For us who were boys with him at West Point, and for us who served with him in the old Army and sang and made merry with him at parties and reunions, he was our grand, bright, jovial companion, ready to shake the bones with any or all of us for the next round, to sing "The Wild Missouri", to recite "Fiddlers Green", or just to work up an argument to enliven our moments together. When he established his home in San Antonio, he called it "Fiddlers Green" after his favorite ballad, and it was a merry place. He was the hero, when heroic deeds were called for, a kind father with Jack and Jack's wife Elfrida, a loving husband, saddened deeply by Adele's illness and her absence from his home, a grand classmate whenever he was asked to do his part for West Point, but always the soldier, worthy of his officer's uniform, loving his organization, knowing its story, eager and ready always, serving his country in the best tradition of the military service. Now it is over, on this plane at least. May the next be his too, in even greater measure.

And when his ship nears that distant shore from which no man returns, his far-seeing steel-blue eyes, searching the coming shore will see no doubt his many friends waiting for him, but near them in the shadows will be his old black horse with youth renewed and at the bridle his old orderly, young again too. Behind them, the black horse troop, First Cavalry, waiting too, horses in line, men at the bridles, the First Sergeant at his post. Skinny steps ashore, waves to his friends, mounts his horse and rides before his old troop, as it snaps to attention. "Prepare to Mount", he commands. Left foot in stirrup, hands on pommel, they wait. "What a picture", he thinks, as he smiles with satisfaction. "Mount", he sounds off with the old long cavalry drawl, just as he did in the days long ago. Gracefully, they swing into the saddles, adjust the reins, pat the necks of the nervous horses. And there it stands, ready for action, that same old troop he led through the Chiricahua Mountains, after bandits

raiding across the border. He used to say then, that there was no freer man in all the world than a captain of cavalry on an independent mission.

"Fours right", "Harch". How natural it sounds! How pretty it looks! The troop swings into column and he trots to the head of it. As he rides on he calls to the First Sergeant, who trots to his side.

"How did all this happen, Sergeant", he asks.

"We've been waiting here ever so long for you," the sergeant replies.

Skinny looks back over the beautiful column, raises his forearm.

"Trot, Harch", he commands. Clickety, clickety, clickety, come the familiar sounds from the trotting hoofs, as they take up the new speed over the grassy plain. "Wonderful, wonderful", he smiles in his joy.

Gone are the bitter days of Bataan and Corregidor! Gone are the dreadful scenes and the nasty little men of the prison camps! Gone, too, are those days, when, alone, in his hero's cage, he worked for other men and made their speeches! Here he is a free man again. Turning in his saddle, he raises his arm over his head.

"Gallop, Harch", and off they go together. glorious and free, over the Elysian hills into the shadows.

That's the way he would like it.

Goodbye, Skinny, Old Soldier, Young Again.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Franklin Langley Whitley

NO. 4716 CLASS OF 1908

DIED NOVEMBER 6, 1947, IN WASHINGTON,
D. C., AGED 63 YEARS.

The subject of this sketch, who was a very dear friend of mine, was born in St. Louis, Mo., on June 26th, 1884. His father, Arthur Sturgeon Whitley, held an important position in the mechanical department of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Langley graduated from Central High School in St. Louis, where he played football. Soon thereafter he received his appointment to West Point. In his boyhood he collected old rifles and studied their construction. Once he worked in a machine shop, where he became familiar with lathes, drill presses, etc., apparently pursuing his father's mechanical interests.

Langley's aunt, Miss Maude Whitley, said of him: "Langley was a great walker and loved the outdoors. He was fond of all nature and was familiar with bird life, trees, plants and flowers. When in South America taking a trip along the Amazon he wrote a history of snakes".

The *Howitzer* for 1908 says of him: "He has an iron constitution concealed about him somewhere. He has a great store of good nature and humor which has never failed to help him out".

In one of the theatrical performances of the Corps of Cadets Langley played the part of "Little Eva" in the school play "Uncle Tom's Cabin". This gave him a nickname which became humorously adhesive in view of his height, large build and boyish face.

A classmate, Colonel Edward Seery Hayes, writes of him: "If he was only a substitute on the football squad it was because we had several older and more experienced men in the position he aspired to. Ordinarily a man of his ability would be on the regular first team. It took time to discover it, but Whitley was one of the most tenacious and determined men I have ever known. His quiet simplicity complete-

ly concealed this wonderful characteristic of his". Another classmate, Captain Lawrence Campbell Ricker, says of Langley: "I remember him as a quite serious student".

Colonel Robert Emmett O'Brien also a classmate, writes as follows: "Whit' and I first met on the train en route to West Point, and from that time we had always been good friends. Due to his iron constitution and ruggedness he was a substitute guard on the football squad for four years. He had a great store of good nature and humor, and with his sterling character he was well liked by all of his classmates".

Still another classmate Colonel Louis Lindsay Pendleton, writes of him: "Whitley did a lot of wrestling under the guidance of Tom Jenkins whose famous watchword was: 'There's a block for every holt'. In after years on a battlefield in France when his battalion was cut off and surrounded by the Germans, Whitley once told me all he could remember of what he was taught at West Point was Tom Jenkins' slogan, and he set about finding the 'block' and did find it, and with it an 'out' for his battalion. A commendation and a decoration for this! I saw him in following years on many occasions. He was likeable, extremely so, dependable and loyal to his friends".

Upon graduation from West Point in 1908 Langley was assigned to the First Infantry, then stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash. For the next six years his routine duties with troops were varied by considerable topographical survey work in Washington and Oregon and duty as aide-de-camp to the Commanding General Department of the Columbia.

Langley's promotion to first lieutenant in September 1914 took him to the Ninth Infantry. He served continuously in this regiment until September 1918. He was adjutant of the Military Prison at Alcatraz Island, Cal., and then served on the Texas Border commanding his company. His regiment went into mobilization camp at Syracuse, N. Y., in May 1917. He was promoted to a captaincy.

Langley went overseas with his regiment in August 1917. He served as regimental adjutant and operations officer during training in the area near Neufchateau, France, September 1917 to March 1918. His promotion to temporary major in January 1918 kept him in the Ninth Infantry and he took command of a battalion.

The Ninth was assigned to the newly organized Second Division which occupied trench sectors near St. Mihiel and then south of Verdun. Following this operation the division occupied the Chateau Thierry Salient from May 31st to July 9th. Langley received a Silver Star Citation from Headquarters A.E.F. for "gallantry in action" during this operation.

The French Government awarded him the Cross of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palm with the following citation: "A battalion commander of the first order; maintained the morale of his command by his calmness and absolute contempt of danger; brilliantly commanded his forces during the actions of the Second Division in the Chateau Thierry Sector from May 31st to July 9th; charged on July 1st with carrying out under very difficult conditions the relief of units engaged in battle, he accomplished this task admirably, in spite of an intense bombardment by explosive and asphyxiating shells".

For his services before, during and after Chateau Thierry, Langley was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation: "In 1917 before instruction pamphlets were issued, Colonel Whitley prepared combat drill formations, suit-

able for war strength companies armed with new weapons. As battalion commander during the operations near Chateau Thierry, he rendered valuable service. Due to his initiative and personal leadership, thirty-nine days of constant contact with the enemy failed to break the morale of his organization. After the armistice, as chief of the Decorations Division at General Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, by his sound judgment, professional knowledge, and exceptional ability, this officer performed his manifold and responsible duties with the utmost efficiency. He rendered services of material worth to the American Expeditionary Forces".

From August 1918 to January 1919 Langley attended the School of the Line and the General Staff College of the American Expeditionary Forces, serving afterward in the Personnel Bureau of the Adjutant General's Office of the A.E.F. at Chaumont and later in the Paris Branch of the same Bureau until November 1920. He became a temporary lieutenant colonel of infantry in May 1919.

In September 1919 Langley was assigned to duty in General Pershing's Washington Headquarters in charge of the Personnel Division until November 1920. Upon the reorganization of the Army July 1st, 1920 he became a major on the regular promotion list.

The next year Langley served on recruiting duty at St. Louis and as instructor of the Iowa National Guard at Sioux City; in the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department; and on an inspection tour to Peru, Chile, and Argentina.

In December 1921 he was assigned to the U.S. Embassy at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he served until June 1924. During this period he made, in 1923, a five months' reconnaissance of the Amazon and upper Madeira regions.

It was while Langley was with the Embassy in Rio that he met Miss Thetis Pezas, the very attractive and highly talented daughter of the Hon. Stematis Pezas, who at that time was the Minister Plenipotentiary from Greece to Brazil.

Langley and Miss Pezas were married in Athens with the rites of the Greek Orthodox Church by the Metropolitan of Athens on January 17, 1924. In June the Whitleys returned from South America to the United States.

Transferred to the Adjutant General's Department in June 1924, Langley was Assistant to the Adjutant General of the Third Corps Area in Baltimore, Md., then in Washington in the office of The Adjutant General of the Army. Afterward he was Assistant to the Adjutant General of the Sixth Corps Area in Chicago until August 1930.

Langley was a student officer at the Command and General School at Fort Leavenworth from September 1930 until June 1932. In June of that year he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and transferred to the Infantry. He was assigned to the Twenty-fourth Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., and performed garrison duties there until May 1933. While there he took a refresher course at the Infantry School.

Transferred to Washington, he had a short course of instruction in the Military Information Division of the General Staff, and was then sent to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, via Germany, Austria and Hungary in May and June 1933, where he was simultaneously the military attaché at U.S. Legations in Yugoslavia, Greece and Roumania until May 1937. He was promoted to Colonel in March 1937.

During March and April Langley was stationed in Athens. Each year in May and June he took station in Bucharest, Roumania; and each autumn he observed maneuvers. During this tour of duty he endeared himself to the people of the Balkan

countries, officials and peasants alike. From Serbia Langley received the Cross of "Commander of the White Eagle" and from Yugoslavia the Cross of "Commander of the Yugoslavanska Kruna" The Government of Italy awarded him the Cross of "St. Maurice and St. Lazarus". Montenegro presented him with "The Cross of Danilo I"

Mrs. Whitley says of her husband's contacts with royalty in the Balkans: "King Alexander of Yugoslavia always made a point to greet Langley and exchange conversation with him whenever they met. I recall that when King Alexander was giving a reception to King Boris of Bulgaria he introduced Langley to King Boris, who rushed past some stout ambassadors to greet Langley, who then had a friendly chat with the two kings"

Returning to Washington in July 1937 he made his report to the Intelligence Section of the General Staff. He resumed duty with troops in August and was given command of Fort Missoula, Montana. While there Langley enjoyed big game hunting, which was one of his favorite sports. He was military aide to H.R.H. the Prince of Nor-



way during the Prince's visit to Montana and Wyoming in May 1939.

In August 1939 Langley was assigned to the New York Port of Embarkation, where he became executive officer. Soon after the Pearl Harbor disaster Langley became military attaché at the U.S. Legation at Caracas, Venezuela, and commanding officer of U.S. troops stationed there.

In July 1943 Langley was transferred from Venezuela to the General Staff of the U.S. Army in Italy and again to duty in the Balkans. He had requested combat duty, but his success in diplomatic posts caused the War Department to detail him again on this type of duty. He was able to visit his wife's relatives in Greece, who had suffered severe privations during the hostile occupation of their home country. Langley was able to bring them much needed encouragement and supplies. Two of Mrs. Whitley's brothers were then serving in the Greek Army.

Placed on the Retired List on June 30th, 1944 at his own request after forty years service he was immediately detailed on active duty and retained in diplomatic work.

On July 6th, 1945 Langley received the Bronze Star Medal from the Commanding General of the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, "for meritorious achievement and efficiency in planning and supervising the distribution of relief supplies to the distressed population of Yugoslavia"

He was returned to the United States and entered Walter Reed General Hospital in July 1945 for treatment of serious throat trouble caused by overwork and exposure and from which he never recovered. Cancer of the larynx brought the end on November 6th, 1947.

Interment took place in Arlington National Cemetery. Many comrades and other friends escorted him to his "eternal camping ground".

Mrs. Whitley writes: "In all our trials and tribulations of a very active Army life he never weakened nor lost his self-control, ingenuity, and sense of humor".

There are two children: a son, Arthur Frederick Langley, who was graduated from West Point in 1948 high in his class and now is a captain in the Corps of Engineers, serving as a student officer at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., and a daughter, Diana Constance, now Mrs. Frederick Henry McKinney. Her husband is an official of the General Electric Company at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Whitley has remained at their former home, No. 3815 Beecher Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

It was this writer's good fortune to have known and worked with Langley Whitley in both war and peace. His modesty did not permit him to parade his versatility and the many experiences and honors of his exceptionally interesting career. He ably met the challenge of this modern age, while, in the best of the tradition, he was a knight of "Ye Olde Time"

—Russell Creamer Langdon.

Sumner McBee Williams

NO. 4711 CLASS OF 1908

DIED MARCH 29, 1935, AT FORT SAM HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 49 YEARS.

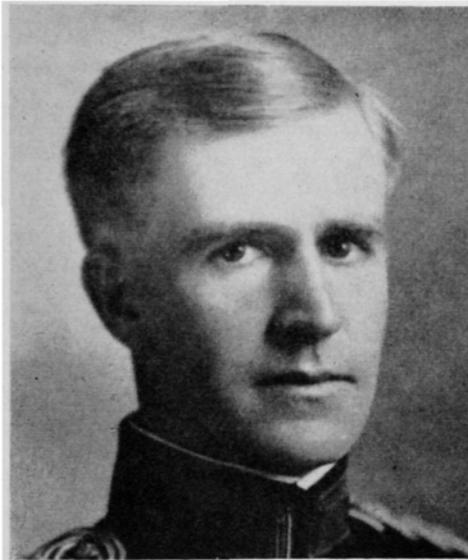
SUMNER MCBEE WILLIAMS was born at Greenville, South Carolina, August 23, 1885, the son of James T. Williams and Sally McBee Williams. His boyhood was spent in Greenville, where he attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1903. Upon his graduation from high school Williams entered Furman University in Greenville, where he continued as a student until he entered West Point in 1904.

Upon graduation from West Point on February 14, 1908, Williams was appointed a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry and assigned to the Seventh Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas. It was in that famous Cavalry regiment and at that grand old Army post that he served his first years as a young officer of the United States Army. In 1911 he sailed with the Seventh Cavalry from San Francisco for duty in the Philippine Islands. He continued to serve with the Seventh Cavalry at Fort William McKinley, Philippine Islands, until May 1914, when he returned to the United States. Of all the loyal members of the Seventh Cavalry, none has ever been more proud of his service with that famous regiment than Williams. He loved the Seventh Cavalry and never tired of telling of his service in Custer's regiment.

Upon his return to the United States Williams was detailed as a student officer at the Mounted Service School, Fort Riley, Kansas, from which he graduated in June 1915. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on March 28, 1915. Upon completion of the course at the Mounted Service School, he was assigned to the Eleventh Cavalry and stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he remained until March 1916, when he accompanied General Pershing's Punitive Ex-

pedition into Mexico. There, Williams was on some of the longest and most grueling marches of this expedition, and took part in several engagements, notably the battle of Ajo Azules. He was with the expedition nearly a year, from March 1916, to February 1917.

When he returned to the United States after the Punitive Expedition, Williams was first stationed at El Paso, Texas, and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He was promoted to Captain on May 15, 1917. In June 1917, he was appointed Aid-de-Camp to General Wood. This was the beginning of the close personal and official relationship that existed between Williams and this great American soldier from 1917 to 1920. This period of Williams' service may be briefly covered by extracts from official records. "Skag" served with General Wood throughout the period of World War I and was with him when he was wounded on the Western Front in January 1918. Williams was at Charleston, South Carolina, as Aide to General Wood from June to August 1917; at Camp Funston, Kansas, from August to December 1917; promoted to Major (temporary) on



December 28, 1917; in Europe on the Western Front from December 1917 to March 1918; stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas, from April 1918 to March 1919; promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry on October 1918; (Member General Staff Corps; Assistant Chief of Staff, 89th Division, to June 10, 1918; Acting Chief of Staff, 10th Division, and Executive Officer, Camp Funston); and stationed at Chicago, Illinois, from March 1919 to April 1920. The efficient character of his service during this period is best illustrated by quoting just a few of his many letters of commendation from General Wood:

"Upon your relief as Aide-de-Camp incident to your promotion to the grade of Major, I wish to express to you my appreciation of your efficient and loyal service during the period you have served as my personal Aide, and my regret that your services are no longer available in this capacity.

"I congratulate you upon your promotion, but regret that it must terminate your service as Aide-de-Camp."

"Upon relief from duty in command of this Cantonment, I wish to thank you for your most excellent and efficient service, especially your service since your relief from duty as A.D.C., which service was covered in a previous letter of commendation.

"The service referred to in this letter is that rendered in the organization of the

10th Division and as Chief of Staff of the Cantonment. The great bulk of preliminary work incident to the organization of the 10th Division was done under your immediate supervision as Acting Chief of Staff and was most excellent and effective, and indicated a very clear conception of the work to be done and the most effective method of accomplishing it.

"Your services as Executive Officer of the Camp were also most efficient and resulted in the building up and maintenance of an extremely efficient camp organization. This work, as well as that in connection with the organization of the 10th Division, entitles you to commendation.

"Your services in various capacities during your tour of duty at Camp Funston were characterized by loyalty and efficiency."

From April 1920 to August 1925, Williams served as a Major of Cavalry, stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, and Fort Des Moines, Iowa, with the 14th Cavalry. During the latter half of this period (January 1922 to August 1925) he was on duty at Asheville, North Carolina, as Instructor of Cavalry, North Carolina National Guard. So well was his duty performed on this detail, and such a firm place established in the affections of his command, that ten years later, at his death, enlisted men of his command voluntarily, and at their own expense, journeyed to Greenville to act as body bearers at his funeral. A conspicuous episode in Williams' service at Asheville was his part in the apprehension of the murderers of Major McLeary. For his work in this connection he was commended by Governor McLeod of North Carolina and by the Secretary of War.

From August 1925 to June 1926, Williams was a student officer at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. When he was graduated he was placed on the General Staff Corps Eligible List. He was stationed at Fort Clark, Texas, in command of the First Machine Gun Squadron, First Cavalry Division, from September 1926 to February 1928, when he was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps. He served at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, in command of Robinson Quartermaster Depot, Remount, from February 10, 1928 to June 1932. While on this duty his efficient work was much appreciated by his superiors and he received many letters of commendation and flattering remarks on his efficiency reports.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on May 1, 1932.

At the completion of his duty at Fort Robinson, he was detailed as student in the Army Industrial College, Washington, D. C. Soon after arrival in Washington he entered Walter Reed Hospital with a serious condition of his leg. For nearly a year he suffered untold agony with his foot and leg. Due to his own will power and courage he recovered almost fully and was assigned to duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where it was thought the climate would be beneficial to his condition. His last duty was as Executive Officer, Corps Area Quartermaster, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Here he passed away suddenly in his home, following a heart attack, on March 29, 1935.

Williams was a loyal and faithful officer of the highest integrity and efficiency. He lived throughout his military career the ideals of West Point, to whose motto, "Duty, Honor, Country", he was ever faithful and true. He loved West Point and all that she stands for; he loved the Army and all of its traditions of sacrifice and service.

—A Classmate.

Richard Ulysses Nicholas

NO. 5116 CLASS OF 1913

DIED MAY 7, 1953, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 62 YEARS.

THE news of the death of "Dick" Nicholas came as a tremendous shock to his classmates who, in three weeks, were expecting Dick to join us all for our Fortieth Reunion at West Point on last May 28th. Dick and Ethel had made reservations for this great event.

It was in March 1909 when most of us met this slim young plebe, whom we afterward called "Nick" and whose living with us has caused us all to cherish his fine attributes; and whose Army career became so distinguished—to the great merit of our Class. "Nick" came from that garden spot of Pennsylvania called York. It was lucky, too, that he came—for many of the "Goats" of our Class owe "Nick" a debt of



gratitude for his constant willingness to help anyone in distress in his studies!

Many of us recall "Nick" as a member of the famous 1913 "Engineer" football team who tried to run over us "Goats" in our annual "Engineer-Goat" football contest. It wasn't his fault they failed!

"Nick" was always near the top of his class in studies, but somehow he never let the Tactical Department bother him too much, so his sleeves were never sullied by too many chevrons.

On graduation leave, he joined others of the "first ten" and spent his graduation leave visiting and inspecting the Panama Canal—almost ready to open. Shortly after graduation, he entered the Army Engineering School at Washington Barracks, where for two years he acquired higher learning in his field and graduated in 1916.

"Nick" had a wonderful and varied service in which he was completely dedicated to his Army career. All of those who served with "Nick" speak of his refreshing sense of humor and of his hobbies, that were always directly connected with his desire to study and to do research in his profession. His West Point ideals continued all his life to be the motivating forces of his career and none of us was more deeply ingrained with these ideals than this fine officer and gentleman.

I have had several letters from many who served under "Nick" and they invariably

tell me how much influence he had on their lives in the Army and even after the war. He evidently worked arduously and helpfully with those under him and passed on to them his own worth-while principles that he practiced.

Schooling was never over with him and he went the entire gamut from the Army Engineering School in 1914 to the Army War College in 1940.

No officer had more varied service: Texas; Mexico with Pershing; First World War in Europe; constructing dams on inland rivers; Panama; Philippine Islands; Alaska; and even in British Guiana.

In World War II, "Nick" had several major assignments. First, he had the arduous duty, following the hectic days of Pearl Harbor, of being Chief Engineer for the Fourth Army in the Pacific Coast area, where he organized the defenses of that area, including Alaska. This duty included the supplying of troops for the defense of the Coast and, later, the Aleutian campaign.

In 1943 "Nick" was assigned to the 9th Army at San Antonio as Army Engineer under General Simpson, and went to Europe with that outfit. The reports of General Simpson and of those who worked under him attest to the very long hours, and to the magnificent, intelligent work that "Nick" accomplished in the campaign of that Army.

The work in Europe was so rigorous and his schedule of hours of work so long that his brother officers state that "Nick's" future illness after this campaign was the result of this period. Many men cracked under the pressure; "Nick" withstood the strain in Europe but felt it after he came home. He was surely a war casualty!

It ought to be a great source of gratification to all of his classmates to find so many letters of admiration and praise sent to us by these civilians who served as engineer officers under "Nick" in the U.S. and Europe. Each tells us of the fact that "Nick" was their criterion of what a West Pointer should be.

"Nick" was retired for physical disability as a Brigadier General on September 30th, 1946.

His career was brilliant, and the many decorations that he received from the U.S. and from our Allies were earned and merited.

We who remain missed "Nick" last June! Many tears came to our eyes as his passing away was announced. We are all happy that our youth was spent together at the Point and each of us feels that a part of us has gone with him. We are all part of that Long Gray Line. God bless and keep him until we all meet again!

—Joe Viner.

Norman Randolph

NO. 5457 CLASS OF 1915

DIED MAY 15, 1953, AT VALLEY FORGE ARMY HOSPITAL, PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 62 YEARS.

DURING our time at West Point, the size of the classes was such that we knew all our members, the degree dependent upon how closely we happened to be associated with them in Barracks, the class room or in some type of extra-curricular activity. But we did not get to know the real man unless we were thrown with him after graduation under conditions that required action, decision or the application of mature judgment.

It was my privilege to be closely associated with Norman Randolph after graduation. He was one of those persons whose thread of life often crossed mine. Such frequent contacts under all kinds of conditions from occupancy of a one-room shack of our own design on the Mexican border to an occasional meeting with a few hours of conversation gave me an insight into his character such as I can claim of no other individual. And knowing him was to revere and admire him for his many outstanding qualities.

Norman Randolph was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 10, 1891. At an early age, he moved with his family to Pennsylvania and lived in various suburbs of Philadelphia until he was appointed to the Military Academy by the Honorable Thomas S. Butler, Congressman from that State. He entered the Academy with and graduated with the Class of 1915. On January 28, 1919, he married Miss Dorothy E. Wilson of Newburgh, New York.

The military career of any of us can be obtained from *Cullum's Register* but the coldness and military precision in which



these facts are stated can tell but little of the individual or his actual abilities in a variety of assignments. Norm started out after graduation, as most of us did, with a troop assignment. He spent World War I in the States with an infantry regiment and later with the young Tank Corps, together with our illustrious classmate, President Eisenhower. It was soon after the end of the war that he received orders to Panama and it was while on this detail that he commenced the study of Spanish, something that was to influence his whole career — various staff jobs where his knowledge of the language was of great value, a detail as instructor in Spanish at West Point which included two summers as a language student in Spain, with the Electoral Mission in Nicaragua in 1928, special missions for the State and War Departments to Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador, as well as Military Aide to the President of Venezuela on his tour of the United States in 1944. Interspersed in these unusual assignments were important staff details on the Division, Corps and Army level. World War II saw him receive the assignment he most wanted—commanding the 28th Infantry, the regiment to which he had first been assigned after graduation. The age policy caught up with him and he spent the remainder of the war, much to his disappointment, in such important assignments as Chief of Staff, Second Army and Chief of Staff, Third Service Command.

It must have been somewhere around 1940 that Norman Randolph first felt signs of the arterio-sclerosis in his legs that finally led to his retirement for physical disability in 1945 and was the contributing cause of his death. But in typical fashion, he did not complain—in fact he made every effort to hide his ailment from the Medicos. Even after his retirement, he refused to take the count but held two important civilian positions. For two years, he was Administrator of Veterans Affairs and Group Insurance with the well-known American Viscose Corporation. Then, in September 1947, he took the position of Executive Secretary of the Valley Forge Park Commission, which position he held at the time of his death.

We who were closely associated with this man knew him as "an officer and a gentleman" but we also knew the twinkle in his eye, his inherent good humor, his love of a joke and his willingness to do anything for a friend, whether it was along personal or official lines. He and Dorothy were as close a couple as could be imagined—with ideas, likes and dislikes very much along the same lines. They were never separated when it could be avoided. They traveled together all over the world and both loved it, no matter the type of transportation or the region in which they were visiting.

The civilian pursuits of Norman Randolph have been briefly mentioned above. We ourselves too often think of the careers of military men, even including our own classmates, as only what has been accomplished in the Service. Civilian pursuits are something entirely outside our sphere; a civilian is of another world. But to show what can be accomplished by a man trained primarily for military work, I would like to quote from one who knew Norm intimately in the last assignment he had at Valley Forge. This is Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, a man well-known and highly esteemed in what we, in our narrow orbit, call "civilian life".

"When the last farewells by voice and by bugle quieted over the final resting place of Brigadier General Norman Randolph, it was to add another sterling tribute to the highest concept of West Point.

"On his grave stood two large white wreaths; one said, 'From the President of the United States to My Friend', the second said, 'To a Great Patriot, Soldier and Gentleman—Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge'.

General Randolph, after a long and consistently effective career in the peacetime and wartime armies of the United States, retired to accept the heavy business burden of administering the entire affairs of the Valley Forge Park for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We, here at Freedoms Foundation, have observed with a consistently intensifying pride the extremely thoughtful, direct and efficient businesslike decisions that came from the well-organized business plans for this great National Shrine that General Randolph effected so easily and so thoroughly. 'Norm' Randolph was a business man, a good one, alert to changing conditions, effective and precise in administration and with the deepest comprehension of the ebb and flow of life that take place in the free markets of our Nation and in the free opportunity of our Countrymen.

"His business training had begun before West Point, when as a boy he worked at many tasks, and it continued as he assumed important tasks in the Nation's military affairs at posts throughout the world. It came, we believe, to be most clearly seen and deeply respected by those of us

from American business when, at Valley Forge, we had the privilege of seeing a patriot and a gentleman and a soldier quick to turn to tasks of business management and to the history of this National Shrine, that the more than two million visitors annually might be more wisely cared for and fully educated in the history and tradition of America and that it be done in the highest tradition of effective American business"

—E. G. S.

Wallace James Redner

NO. 5725 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

DIED SEPTEMBER 24, 1953, AT VALLEY FORGE ARMY HOSPITAL, PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 58 YEARS.

COLONEL WALLACE J. REDNER died on September 24, 1953, at Valley Forge Army Hospital after an extended illness.

He was the son of Daniel Redner and Ella Morris Redner and was born in New



York City on January 3, 1895. He attended Highland Falls High School and was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1917.

Colonel Redner was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Cavalry and served in the Cavalry until 1932, when he transferred to the Quartermaster Corps. He retired in 1948. During his military career, he served outside the country in Panama, the Philippines and Europe, and fought in both World Wars.

He attended the Infantry School of Arms, the Cavalry School, Quartermaster School, and the Command and General Staff School.

Among his awards were battle stars from the campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe in World War II, as well as the Bronze Star Medal and three Croix de Guerre given for his work at Metz, Verdun and with the French Air Corps.

During his varied career, Colonel Redner performed additional duties in the field of engineering and construction while in the Army. He was in charge of building a railroad on Corregidor; planned and implemented the plans for building the approaches to National Military Parks; constructed stone buildings; organized and managed a fleet of supply boats; organized

and operated stone quarries, sand, gravel and asphalt plants.

From 1944-1947, he was with the French Air Corps, service which he found interesting and enjoyable. He was held in high regard by the French officers with whom he worked, as indicated by the continuation of these contacts through correspondence from them, whether they were serving in France or in Africa.

A demonstration of their affection was the ceremony performed one evening before dinner at the French Officers Mess, when the senior French officer removed a button from Colonel Redner's blouse and replaced it by sewing on a button from the uniform of the French. This ceremony surprised and pleased Colonel Redner very much.

In 1947 he returned to the United States from Europe, applied for retirement and was retired May 31, 1948 in the grade of colonel, Regular Army, his permanent grade after 33 years of service.

During his retirement, Colonel Redner kept active and enrolled at Columbia University in the School of Industrial Engineering, and worked toward a Master's Degree. All admired his courage and determination in continuing his studies—they knowing, as did he, that he was seriously ill. Even during his last long hospitalization he continued work on reports and tried to keep current with his graduate studies.

Colonel Redner knew for several years that his illness was fatal, but he never gave up hope. He made a great fight, even to the very end. No one ever had greater courage.

—Wallace J. Redner, Jr.,
Captain, M. C.

Harry Cooper Barnes, Jr.

NO. 5862 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

DIED JULY 21, 1953, AT SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, AGED 56 YEARS.

HARRY COOPER BARNES, JR. the son of Colonel and Mrs. Harry Cooper Barnes, was born in Oklahoma on 10 September 1896. He lived with his parents at various Army posts in the United States and Territories; attended Schadman's Preparatory Academy in 1913; entered West Point in 1914; was graduated and commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on 30 August 1917.

He soon found himself in the American Expeditionary Force with the 6th Infantry of the 5th Division and was wounded on the 21st of July 1918. He was awarded the Purple Heart, with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Distinguished Service Cross.

In 1921 he transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps, the Corps in which his father had distinguished himself in peace and war. He became an ardent antiaircraft artilleryman, and explored and exploited the possibilities of this Arm. He was a Distinguished Marksman and fired in several of the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

He served at various Coast Artillery and Antiaircraft Artillery Posts and performed the usual garrison duties.

He was an outstanding member of the Tactical Department at West Point, New York; attended the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth; and served in the General Staff Corps in Panama.

When World War II began, Cooper was again appointed to the General Staff with Troops, where he worked unceasingly in

building the defenses of our West Coast. This duty, while important, was not what Cooper wanted. He wanted an active part in the defeat of our enemies. After a short course at the Antiaircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, he went to Camp Haan, California, where he commanded an Antiaircraft Group and a Provisional Antiaircraft Brigade. In the midst of his highest hopes, time caught up with him. In his untiring efforts for perfection, his old wounds were aggravated, and, as a result, a bright and promising career was brought to an end. He was retired as a Colonel on February 29, 1944, for wounds received in action during World War I.

Cooper then served with distinction at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at California Institute of Technology. He and his family moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1946. The next year they moved to St. Louis, where Cooper for two years was the representative of the Army Relief with the American Red Cross. On 1 July 1953 the Barnes family moved to San Clemente, California. We lunched with them on 15 July. While visiting at Fort Bliss, Texas, 8 days later, Kay's telegram, telling of Cooper's passing, caught up with us.



He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Weston Barnes, P.O. Box 325, San Clemente, California; a daughter, Mrs. P. E. Nicolay, Okinawa; and a son, Harry Cooper Barnes III.

I first knew Cooper when we were Plebes. At this time the true Cooper was recognized by many of us. He was outstanding in all his activities. He became the bulwark of our Cadet swimming team. The motto of West Point, "Duty, Honor, Country", meant everything to him. He was adamant throughout his life that nothing should ever besmirch the name of our Alma Mater.

From his background and training he was a product of the Army, a product of which the Army can well be proud. He carried forward throughout his life those high ideals for which the Army stands. He was the Army and the Army was him.

During the last few years of his life in St. Louis, I probably saw more of Cooper than anyone other than his family. It was always such a pleasure to stop by his house and revive old memories. In spite of the sickness of himself and his family, there was always an air of happiness and contentment. Gripping and complaining were not in Cooper's makeup. He had had several heart attacks and he never mentioned it to me. I

learned later that he didn't want me to know this lest I might worry unnecessarily.

I have lost a wonderful friend. Our class has lost a valiant soldier. There will never be anyone to replace him in our thoughts and affection. In our future gatherings we will miss him. Who will ever be able to tell a story such as Cooper's on the "Benefits of a College Education." However, we can be sure that in that "Soldiers' Valhalla", where gather "the men of the Corps long dead", Cooper will bring a laugh as they sit around and tell their tall stories of the days when—.

—Paul W. Cole.

Joseph Ingham Greene

NO. 7111 CLASS OF 1923

DIED JUNE 25, 1953, IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, AGED 55 YEARS.

JOSEPH INGHAM GREENE, Class of 1923, United States Military Academy, was born at Watertown, N. Y. on 11 December 1897, and died in Newark, N. J. on 25 June 1953.

He enlisted in the Army on 8 May 1918 and served as Private, Private First Class and Corporal in the 48th, 89th and 46th Infantry regiments before winning an appointment to West Point in 1919. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in June 1923 and served in the Regular Army until 1945 when he was retired for physical disability in the rank of colonel. He was recalled to active duty in the Army of the United States and served for another year. He was a graduate of the Infantry School and the Command and General Staff College. During his active career he served in Panama, the Philippine Islands and in China. He held the Legion of Merit.

He was associate editor of *Infantry Journal* from August 1938 to April 1940 and editor from that date until July 1950 when *Infantry Journal* became the *Combat Forces Journal*. He was editor of the latter publication at the time of his death.

He was married on 29 May 1930 to Marjorie Kennard Hutchins, who survives him.

Funeral services were conducted by the former Chief of Chaplains, Major General Luther D. Miller, retired, at Fort Myer Chapel on 29 June 1953.

Pallbearers were eight West Point classmates—Major General Carter B. Magruder, USA; Major General George C. Stewart, USA; Major General James C. Fry, USA; Brig. General K. F. Hertford, USA; Brig. General James F. J. Early, USAF; Colonel Austin C. Cunkle, USA; Colonel Wendell Johnson, USA; Colonel Ralph C. Bing, USA; and Colonel James Warner Bellah, USAR, novelist and short story writer; Mrs. Ian Ballantine, President, Ballantine Books; Mr. H. Stanley Thompson, Vice President, Rinehart & Company; and Mr. Woodlief Thomas, Economic Adviser, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

The grave is on a steep slope of Arlington Cemetery where the ground falls away to the Pentagon Building.

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It is given to few men to win high respect and stature in the practice of two professions, but Joseph Ingham Greene was a good soldier and accomplished journalist, who so successfully merged the two professions that a New York newspaper in the story of his death accurately identified him as a "Military Editor."

Capable though he was as a soldier and talented though he was as a writer and

editor, the true greatness and nobility of Joe Greene was most manifest in gentlemanliness. No man was ever more warm-hearted, considerate, generous and thoughtful of others than Joe Greene. This wonderful quality gave warmth and vitality and direction to his dual career as a soldier and editor.

As an editor Colonel Greene mixed high idealism with common sense and hard work. His intelligence was keen and perceptive, his judgment incisive and good. He was quick to praise and his criticism was invariably constructive and kind. In his editorship he put all his own wide and wonderful talents to the fullest possible service of his magazine, his army, and his country.

He had a great love for books and book-making and this led him to his great wartime work in publishing paper-backed military and semi-military books that were distributed wherever American forces were stationed.

In the early postwar years he became interested in the overseas library and publishing problems of the Government. Under his direction the Infantry Association (later



the Association of the U.S. Army) participated in the Government's overseas information programs. He was proud of this work for he understood that the first battle we had to win was the battle for the minds of our allies and of the neutrals; that we had to make them see us as we are instead of as they imagine we are or wish we were, or as our enemies say we are. To the extent that we could win this battle, the task of our fighting forces in some future battles might be lighter, and Joe Greene fought for it with all of his strength.

He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the book world. He served on the Council on Books in Wartime and with other book-industry groups. In Colonel Greene the military services had the best possible ambassador to the Republic of Letters.

His living monument is the Association of the United States Army and the *Combat Forces Journal*. He almost single-handedly conceived, planned and persuaded until the support and the backing and the belief in a single association and magazine for the fighting arms of the Army became a reality. Typically, he was generous with praise for those who helped him in this work. Whatever the *Journal* may become — and he could see no limits to its potentialities for service—a part of it will always reflect his indomitable spirit. Otherwise it will die.

During the long years of his editorship he was often praised for the high quality of his magazine. Typical was a comment by the late Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman (who found many opportunities to quote from the *Infantry Journal* in his Richmond newspaper). In a letter to Colonel Greene, Dr. Freeman wrote: "I believe you are doing more to educate the Army than any single man in America. I never saw a finer service than the one you are rendering in the field of mass education."

But of all such letters, the one Colonel Greene cherished the most was one he received from General George C. Marshall. Written on the stationery of the Chief of Staff of the Army and dated 24 September 1942, the note read:

Dear Colonel Greene:

I wish to express my appreciation for the distinction and high professional competence with which the *Infantry Journal*, under your editorship, has served the Army.

Faithfully yours,

Marshall

In the margin of this letter there appears in Colonel Greene's handwriting, this touching comment: "How typical of General Marshall's thoughtfulness that he should find the time to do this in the midst of war."

It was his own personal tragedy that crippling arthritis kept him from the battlefields of World War II. But out of the ashes of this personal disappointment, he had the vision and the will to create a unique role for the *Infantry Journal* that permitted it to contribute usefully to the war effort.

His oldest and most intimate friends know what they and the Army have lost in the death of Joe Greene. As one of them wrote when the sad news came to him: "The thing has just plain knocked the hell out of me. Joe was truly the greatest gentlemen of his day, a gentleman of the old school . . . warm-hearted, generous, thoughtful of everyone. His untimely death is a heavy blow to the whole Army . . . a heavier one than it knows. . . We shall not see his like again."

—John B. Spore,

Editor, *Combat Forces Journal*.

Wilson Dudley Coleman

NO. 10388 CLASS OF 1935

KILLED IN ACTION, JULY 30, 1944, NEAR ST. LO, NORMANDY, FRANCE, AGED 33 YEARS.

WILSON DUDLEY COLEMAN was killed in action near St. Lo, Normandy, on July 30, 1944. The circumstances of his death are well told in the following citation for the Distinguished Service Cross which he received posthumously.

C I T A T I O N

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILSON D. COLEMAN
Distinguished Service Cross

"For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on July 30, 1944, in France. Shortly after midnight in the vicinity of ****, while checking his defensive position, Lieutenant Colonel Coleman came upon an enemy armored column approaching his bivouac area. Quickly selecting a protected spot, he singlehandedly fired four anti-tank rockets at the leading tank and scored three direct hits, thereby destroying the tank and temporarily halting the column. Realizing that a major enemy attack was being directed against his sector, he returned to his Command Post, driving his small unarmored vehicle through withering

enemy fire over a tortuous route jammed with stalled vehicles. Upon his arrival, he quickly and efficiently issued the necessary orders for breaking up the attack and proceeded to direct the fire of his machine guns against the enemy. Lieutenant Colonel Coleman was killed in this action, but the extraordinary heroism, complete devotion to duty and valiant leadership he displayed in dispersing the spearhead of a major enemy counterattack resulted in saving the lives of many of his men. By establishing a successful defense and annihilating this large enemy armored column, he contributed substantially to the success of the breakthrough operations into the heart of France"

Colonel Coleman was born March 7, 1911, at Ft. Logan H. Roots, Arkansas, the son of Captain and Mrs. Willis Prague Coleman. He grew up in the itinerant life of an Army child with no location to call his home. However, he never missed having a fixed home because he early developed a compensating feeling of being at home on any Army Post where he might find himself. The Army was home to him, and few



men have loved their home and profession more constantly than he did the Army.

As he grew up he never had to face the great question of what his life work would be. He always knew he was going into the Army via West Point. His task in life was merely to fill in the details of this plan, and he filled in these details with great military thoroughness. His first overt military act was to attend and graduate from Culver Military Academy, rather than spend time in a non-military school. His next step was to enlist as a private in Co. E, 22nd Infantry, on June 27, 1929, for the purpose of attending an Army preparatory school for West Point. From this preparatory school he entered the Military Academy in July 1931, according to plan.

His life at the Academy was marked more by temperance than ambition. He studied enough to be comfortably "pro," but as he was going to be an Infantry officer as his father had been, there was no need to bone academic files. In matters concerning the Department of Tactics, he was also temperate. He was spooony enough to stay off the area generally, but not always. He got only one slug and that was for a highly commendable failure to report a late. (This failure insured a classmate's week-end leave.) In athletics he played Intramurals—Spring and Fall. During the winter he wrestled mildly and made one letter. After four years he was graduated and chose the

Infantry and to be stationed in the Philippine Islands.

After a few months temporary duty at Ft. Jay, New York, he sailed in December 1935, with his mother, for his first permanent station, the 31st Infantry in Manila. In Manila he led the usual life of a bachelor lieutenant in the peacetime Army, except that his mother maintained an excellent home for him where the two of them entertained generously and often. He "Soldiered" about as hard as the rest of us Lieutenants. In addition, he hunted ardently and played polo mildly during his spare time. Toward the end of his tour in Manila, he decided to try the Air Corps. Accordingly, he entered flight training at Randolph Field, Texas, in June 1938. Fortunately for the Infantry his aerial digression was brief, and he was sent to Ft. Benning in October 1938, for duty with the 29th Infantry, and to await the beginning of the next Regular Course at the Infantry School. He entered this course in September 1939, intending to be graduated in June 1940, but in the Fall of 1939, the Army began to react to the new war in Europe, and he was graduated in January 1940. On graduation he was assigned temporarily to the 68th Infantry (tanks) then on maneuvers at Ft. Benning, and given permanent station with tanks at Ft. Lewis, Washington. By the end of the maneuvers at Ft. Benning, he had completed a long courtship of Miss Alice Moeller. He married her on change of station leave in New York City on June 17, 1940, and soon started on a transcontinental wedding trip intended to end at his permanent station, Ft. Lewis. However, the Army was having severe growing pains in the summer of 1940, and in July he was ordered back to Ft. Benning, Georgia, with his unit, to form a part of the newly organized Second Armored Division.

During the hectic period of the organization of the Second Armored, the Colemans lived in and around Columbus, Georgia. Their only child, Alison Schofield, was born there on July 2, 1941. From the late summer of 1941 until August 1942, Dudley was sent from place to place as the needs of the expanding Army directed. Finally, in the summer of 1942, he got relatively permanent duty with the Armored Force Headquarters at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where he remained until he got the urge to go overseas. His wife and daughter joined him soon after he arrived at Ft. Knox, and, after many vicissitudes, finally succeeded in securing quarters on the Post, where they lived until he was ordered overseas.

In the fall of 1942 he was ordered overseas and assigned to the Second Armored Division. He trained with the Division for the Normandy Invasion and commanded an Armored Infantry Battalion of it in the Invasion. He so distinguished himself during the Invasion period that he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the following Citation:

"For meritorious Service in **** and ****, during the period 15 May 1944 to 15 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy"

He remained in command of an Armored Infantry Battalion until he was killed in action on July 30, 1944, in the vicinity of St. Denis Le Cast, France. He received the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously for extraordinary bravery in his last action. His body was buried beside his father's in Arlington National Cemetery on January 25, 1949.

It is believed that he was last mentioned in orders in Paragraph II, General Orders Number 77, Headquarters European Command, dated December 14, 1951, which reads, in part, as follows:

"The Fliiegerhorst Kaserne, located at Camp Y-79, Mannheim, Germany (map co-

ordinates WM 52620713) is designated the WILSON D. COLEMAN BARRACKS, in honor of Lieutenant Colonel WILSON D. COLEMAN, 019914, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, United States Army, who was awarded posthumously, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on July 30, 1944 in France. * * * * * The inspiring leadership and heroic aggressiveness displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Coleman upheld the highest traditions of the military service."

—A Classmate.

Robert Patterson Pierpont

NO. 12307 CLASS OF 1941

KILLED IN ACTION, OCTOBER 24, 1944, WHILE A PRISONER OF WAR OF THE JAPANESE, AGED 27 YEARS.

IT WOULD be impossible to recapture in the written word the spirit of Bob Pierpont.



Any sketch would of necessity dwell upon two outstanding characteristics: his intellectual honesty and great love of justice, but these were only two of many facets of a complex and stimulating personality. Those of us who were privileged to know him well know that Bob was an unusual man. He faced the world with a dry wit which cloaked an ethical code of highest concept and a genuine love of his fellow man. Bob passed on to us a portion of himself which has stood us in good stead in the trying years which have passed since he left us.

Bob was born in Ojai, California, on 15 March 1917. He attended Thacher School in Ojai, a boys' preparatory school, which he finished in June 1935. Thereafter he went one year to the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, where his grades rated the commendation of "honorable distinction", and one year to the University of California in Berkeley. At the latter school he was a member of the Naval ROTC Unit. On 14 September 1936 Bob received a first alternate appointment to the Military Academy from Congressman Stubbs of the 10th District of California, which brought him to West Point in July 1937.

Cadet academics were easy for Bob, particularly engineering subjects. Despite devoting considerable time to coaching several less fortunate cadets, he graduated 68th in his class of 424. His determined self-reliance and independent spirit made his relations

with the Tactical Department less harmonious than with the Academic Departments. Bob was a member of the cadet tennis team and was instrumental in organizing the Squash Club, becoming one of the outstanding members of the first Academy squash team. His early training and experience in California were reflected in his spending much of his free time riding, camping and fishing in the woods surrounding West Point.

Bob chose the Corps of Engineers as his basic branch. After Graduation Leave he attended the 7th Instructor Course at the Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, which he completed on 6 September 1941. On 4 October 1941 Bob embarked for the Philippine Islands aboard the Army Transport "Tasker H. Bliss". He arrived there on 23 October and was assigned to the 14th Engineer Regiment (Philippine Scouts) as a platoon commander in Company "B".

Information on Bob's movements subsequent to the Japanese attack on the Philippines on 9 December 1941 is sketchy. A Hq U.S. Army Forces in Far East special order dated 24 December 1941 lists Bob as promoted to temporary 1st lieutenant, effective 19 December 1941 (none of his USMA class is known to have been promoted prior to that date). Bob was with the American defenders as they were backed into the Bataan Peninsula. When Bataan fell on 9 April 1942, Bob and 10 comrades set out to evade capture, with the ultimate goal of reaching Panay, which had not at that time been occupied by the Japanese. On 18 April all of the party, except one whose leg wound had forced him to surrender, departed from Bataan in a small assault boat and, by paddling all night, crossed the mouth of Manila Bay to land at Cavite. They continued their journey, losing members along the way, toward southern Luzon. In August 1942 Bob and his three remaining companions surrendered voluntarily to the Japanese because of threats of reprisal against Filipinos who aided them.

Thereafter Bob was confined at the Japanese military prison camps at Cabanatuan in central Luzon, and at Bilibid in Manila. He apparently withstood well the rigors of prison life—an achievement his father attributes largely to his training at West Point. Bob's consistent good humor under the most adverse conditions was an inspiration to his fellow prisoners.

As the tide of war turned and it became apparent that the now victorious American forces would invade the Philippines, the Japanese began evacuating their PW's to rear areas. On 11 October 1944, Bob and nearly 1800 other Americans were loaded on the *Arisan Maru*, which departed Manila that date, presumably for Japan. On 24 October in the Bashi Strait between Luzon and Formosa, the *Arisan Maru* was sunk by an American naval vessel. Bob was not among the handful of survivors.

Bob was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Philip G. Pierpont of Ojai, California; his brother, Mr. Philip G. Pierpont, Jr., of Altadena, California; and his sister, Mrs. Samuel H. Clark of Berkeley, California.
—Four Classmates.

William Martin Harton, Jr.

NO. 15717 CLASS OF 1946

DIED MAY 4, 1953, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT OXNARD AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, AGED 31 YEARS.

THE ability to smile when things got tough was a characteristic of Captain Bill

Harton that won him the universal respect of everyone who knew or came in contact with him.

His ability as a pilot, his knack of efficient organization and his all-round dependability made him a decided asset to any military unit. Nothing was ever asked of Bill Harton that wasn't completed to the best of his ability. His was a personality for which many of us strive but few ever achieve. His future in the United States Air Force was as promising as tomorrow's dawn. The crash which snuffed out his life robbed the Nation of a truly fine Officer.

Much can be said about Captain Harton's proficiency as an Officer in the United States Air Force. I knew him to be an outstanding pilot with the ability to think and act swiftly and correctly in time of emergency. His complete dependability and inherent initiative bespoke brilliance.

Captain Harton's service was a continual tribute to the United States Military Academy, from which he was graduated in June of 1946. His devotion to duty, exemplary conduct and strict adherence to the customs of the Service, made his record as an officer



of the United States Air Force an enviable one, by even the highest standards.

During his tour of duty, he served as a fighter pilot in occupied Germany for more than three and one-half years. Although his duties throughout this period were primarily in the field of tactical fighter operations, he assumed a great many additional duties and became proficient in the fields of supply and administration. Through his constant efforts to increase his knowledge in all fields of endeavor which might be readily associated with the Air Force, Captain Harton exhibited traits which are continually sought and infrequently found to such a high degree of utilization.

Captain Harton returned from Germany in October 1951 and on the 16th of November 1951 he was assigned to the 188th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at Long Beach Municipal Airport, Long Beach, California. Until November 1952, when this organization was redesignated the 354th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron preparatory to its move to Oxnard Air Force Base, California, Captain Harton performed duty as a Fighter Pilot, Flight Commander, and on several occasions acted as Squadron Operations Officer. In this capacity, he served as Squadron Operations Officer during an Air Defense Readiness Test; and despite being handicapped by lack of experience, he maintained the operation of the squadron in such a way as to earn the unit a commendation for superior performance.

On 16 December 1952, Captain Harton was designated as Commanding Officer of the detachment which was sent to Oxnard Air Force Base prior to the arrival of the remainder of the organization. In preparing Oxnard Air Force Base for occupancy by the 354th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, he was most successful in the utilization of personnel to settle a major problem in a situation which required initiative, tact and diplomacy. His efforts in conducting liaison between the Command of Oxnard Air Force Base and his organization, prior to its becoming a member of the Command, were instrumental in the success of the move; and resulted in cooperation and genuinely friendly relationships between all units on the station.

On the night of 4 May 1953, while serving in his official capacity as a Fighter Pilot for the 354th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, he was fatally injured in the first major aircraft accident in the history of Oxnard Air Force Base.

Bill Harton liked people. And people liked Bill. He had the knack of getting along with anyone and everyone. His ever-ready grin and striking sense of humor were great morale boosters. His was a "magnetic" personality in every sense of the word.

Captain Harton was all man. He was in the middle of all athletic events. Hunting and fishing were regular activities for him during his off-duty time. He was a big man with a marked ruggedness that reflected his natural desire for healthful outdoor activities.

The Service career of Captain Bill Harton was marked by his inherent traits of personality. Everyone — officer and enlisted man alike — liked and respected him because of his omnipresent affability. His consistently sound judgment was a valuable asset to his unit. As a supervisor and organizer he left nothing to be desired. He tackled every undertaking with the zest of a rat-terrier and followed through with the determination of a bull dog.

He was a well-balanced individual who maintained the human equation with a striking sense of humor. His sincerity, devotion to duty and clear-cut definition of right and wrong earned him his reputation as an officer of the very highest caliber.

I was proud to call him my friend.

—James E. Henderson,
Major, USAF,
Commander 354th
Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

James Cornelius Ruddell, Jr.

NO. 16575 CLASS OF 1948

DIED FEBRUARY 28, 1951, IN KOREA, WHILE HELD AS A PRISONER OF WAR BY THE COMMUNISTS, AGED 24 YEARS.

"THANKS for giving me the opportunity to say something about Jim Ruddell. He was a great leader," Major General G. S. Meloy, Jr., has written us from his current command at Fort Benning, Georgia. "Jim Ruddell was one of the finest young officers in the 19th Infantry Regiment, alert, aggressive, determined. The last time I saw him was on the Kum River, north of Taejon, Korea. He had successfully led a counterattack by a quickly assembled force. His on-the-spot report to me was so full of fight and determination that it was like a fresh breath after a dark moment."

The dark moment—one of the darkest in American military history—was the

pagan horde of Communist-dictated and Soviet-armed puppet savages sweeping down and infiltrating the Korean peninsula, penetrating the ambushed ranks of the Eighth Army's Twenty-fourth Division—capturing its famed fighting General, William Dean, wounding the 19th Infantry's Commanding Officer, Colonel Meloy, and, on 16 July 1950, almost annihilating the 19th Regiment.

The *dark moment* was to lift, gradually, thereafter for the Regiment, saved by the heroic self-sacrifice of the handful of poorly equipped men who valiantly protected its flanks until it could, decimated squad and decimated platoon, escape the Communist trap. The *dark moment* lifted for heroic Colonel Meloy as American medical science rescued his bloody body from its seemingly fatal Communist wounds.

But the *dark moment*, of 16 July, 1950, did not lift for young Lieutenant Ruddell. It was not to lift, but to darken, blacker and blacker, into seven long, savage months of Communist atrocities. The battle heroism of this young West Point graduate—barely two years out of the Point's military classrooms—was to be officially recorded and cited by General Walker of the Eighth Army in his General Orders No. 77, awarding the Distinguished Service Cross; but it tells of only one dark episode, the first, of Lieutenant Jim's heroic patriotism.

"First Lieutenant James C. Ruddell, Jr., 057177, Infantry, United States Army," General Walker's citation reads, "a member of the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division is cited for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy near Taejon, Korea, on 16 July 1950. On this date the enemy, far outnumbering the forces against them, penetrated the Kum River Line, and overran the forward positions. The action disorganized communications, broke up coordinated defense and threatened the Regimental Command Post. Lieutenant Ruddell personally rallied small fighting groups and organized them into a defensive team to delay the enemy advance. He constantly exposed himself to heavy fire in organizing and fighting the delaying action on the spot. His courage was exemplary. He took time to give aid to wounded men in exposed positions where several others had been killed in the attempt. Heedless of numbers, the threat of envelopment and accurate enemy fire, including that of snipers, Lieutenant Ruddell took up a forward position from which he directed mortar fire against the enemy and automatic weapons fire against infiltrators. His delaying action prevented encirclement and permitted military withdrawal. For several hours he continued to encourage and lead his troops. His coolness under fire, expert direction of the depleted forces under his command, and his keen analysis of enemy dispositions, won the complete confidence of men who did not know him personally but who were inspired by his determination in the face of tremendous odds. The extraordinary valor displayed by Lieutenant Ruddell on this occasion reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service."

The extraordinary valor of Lieutenant Jim in his battle to save his Regiment—and his Country—from the screaming horde of Soviet-armed puppet troops, was to become surpassed, however, by another kind of human heroism, and patriotism, for which we Americans now safe at home have not yet designated any special medal. Fragment by fragment his heroic patriotism after his Regiment escaped southwards towards Pusan, and left him surrounded by Communists, has been pieced together by men who have returned alive from Communist captivity. By direction of President

Eisenhower the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters—for wounds received on 16 July 1950, on three separate occasions, one of them a multiple wound—has been awarded Lieutenant Jim posthumously. But for the terrible seven months of physical, mental and spiritual tortures that followed these battle wounds he leaves behind him no medal of any kind—only a supremely heroic, supremely patriotic heritage for his son.

Bleeding in a native hill hut, where he was hidden during the black, enemy-surrounded night of 16 July, with only four last-stand Americans, young Jim Ruddell was captured on the morning of the 17th, marched, in spite of his wounds, for five terrible days north to a filthy stockade at Chonan; then, with 92 other American prisoners, 23 of whom were badly wounded, he was bayoneted again through jeering savages to Chochiwon; then, with 120 more American captives, replacing many of those who had died on the previous march, from uncared for wounds or actual massacre, Lieutenant Jim was taken into Communist-captured Seoul and subjected to nine days and night of atrocious Communist "interro-



gations" When he would give his savage captors none of the military information they sought from him, he was put in a cattle car and shipped north to Communist headquarters at Pyongyang.

On 23 August 1950, the Communists selected 47 American prisoners—all officers of the routed 24th Division—and gave them a long tirade against their countrymen to sign. The Communist document, translated for them into English by a Communist, was to accuse Lieutenant Jim's countrymen of an "unprovoked and ill-advised invasion" of Korea; was to charge us with "brutal American airraids" on "innocent inhabitants and hospitals"; was to be an appeal to us at home to force the suspension of "this senseless bloodshed"; was, in short, to persuade us to withdraw from Korea so the Communists could completely conquer it.

No threats the Communists made, no atrocity, and no bribe they offered him was able to force or entice Lieutenant Jim into signing his name to this treacherous, traitorous, Communist document. His name had to be forged to it by a Communist. How this one young American patriot was able to hang on to his life, on his 24th birthday, and amidst the torture the Communists inflicted on his wounded body—and how he was able to keep himself alive for six more dreadful months as the retaliating Communists tried to break his mind as well as

his body—no man can ever know. He died, maimed, frozen and starved, on 28 February 1951, in a black Communist Chungan cage—extraordinary in valor and character, supreme in heroic self-sacrifice. The pagan Communists captured his battle-wounded mortal body, but they were never able to capture his mind, or soul—or patriotism.

Lieutenant Jim leaves behind him for American posterity one small son, James Cornelius Ruddell, III, born to Jim's young wife, Yvette LaVarre Ruddell, in the U.S. Army hospital at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan, on 2 May 1950, only two short months before Jim was rushed from Japan into Korea on 4 July.

"I have only a few minutes left to jot this note off to you," he wrote us on 13 July from the mess he'd found in Korea. He knew, though few other Americans seemed to know it, that he was not enmeshed in a belated attempt to stop a few thousand novice North Koreans—but that he was to fight back, without adequate arms or preparation, Soviet-equipped Asiatic puppet armies. But he did not weigh in pessimistic words the yawning fact that he would have only three more days of human freedom.

"We expect it tonight," he wrote his young wife on 14 July, "so I'll have to get this off fast. Frank Cosnahan was killed Monday. Watkins was hit in the stomach but will recover. Dooty and Day are okay. Stay in Japan awhile longer. . . About you my whole life rotates. I don't want under any circumstances to lose you—nor do I desire you and little Jimmy to lose me."

Patriotism and heroism are not just two mere semantic words compiled in our dictionaries. We Americans have existed only because Patriots and Heroic Souls were given to us by God for each of our national emergencies. From now to eternity such exceptional men must preserve us, stand up for us above the prostrate weaknesses of cravens, fools and traitors; on them the strength and security of our national morals and our American civilization must depend.

"A fresh breath after a dark moment," Major General Meloy has said of Lieutenant Jim's battle-tried character. What better epitaph, on a West Point tomb, could a young American citizen have — some day when we resurrect his heroic mortal remains from its filthy Communist contamination in far-off Korea.

Born across the Pacific at Corregidor in 1926, it was to be his fate to die across the Pacific also. God concentrated his military career, in the service of his country, in too few short days—but *extraordinarily well done, Lieutenant Jim; be thou, with God, at Peace!*

—William LaVarre.

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Editor's Note: After this memorial article was written *Assembly* was officially informed of the promotion, posthumously, of James Cornelius Ruddell, Jr. to the grade of Captain, Army of the United States, effective 27 February 1951.

Lewis Anderson Page, Jr.

NO. 17790 CLASS OF 1950

DIED JUNE 20, 1953, AT SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN A PLANE CRASH, AGED 28 YEARS.

COLONEL LEWIS ANDERSON PAGE, SR. is a soldier. He has served his country faithfully for many years. Young Lewis Jr. was raised in a military atmosphere and he thought it a wonderful life. He decided as

a youth that he would follow his father's career. He, and his young brother Alex, would serve the nation as officers in the Armed Forces.

Lew was the first to enter the Service. He was in his second year at Clemson College when he joined the Air Corps in 1942. He was a young man of eighteen when he began his Aviation Cadet Training. A year later Lew had earned his navigator's wings and a commission in the Army of the United States.

He was immediately sent into combat crew training in preparation for an overseas assignment. Lew went to England and was assigned to the crew of a B-17 Flying Fortress. The big bombers flew their long dangerous journeys into the heart of the German Reich. The B-17's, along with the other allied bombers, constantly hammered the German war productivity. Night and day the "Forts" battered the continent.

One murky afternoon twenty-two thousand feet above the German countryside, Lew's plane was hit and felled by enemy fighters. The crew bailed out of the stricken aircraft. Along with the others Lew hurtled



down through the sky. Being a navigator, he knew the height of the clouds. He allowed himself to fall free for seventeen thousand feet into their protective billows before he opened his parachute and halted his long plunge. Moments later he touched the warm sweet earth. Lew had hardly recovered from the jolt of his landing when they were about him—solemn faces, the taut faces of German farmers, forming a cordon of pitchforks and shotguns.

Lew spent that sleepless night in the local jail. In the morning he started his trip north, to a year's internment in a German Prisoner of War Camp. There on the bleak shores of the Baltic Sea, Lew was an inspiring leader for others to call upon. He was always cheerful and ready to help all without hesitation. He was never so concerned with his own wants that he would not willingly turn aside for others.

Eventually victory came to the Allies in Europe and freedom for Lew. He returned home. However, he was a soldier and knew it would be his life. He turned his sights toward entry to West Point.

In July 1946 Lew's study and diligent efforts were rewarded with an appointment to the United States Military Academy. Former First Lieutenant L. A. Page, Jr. entered the Academy along with forty-five other former Army Officers and the largest veteran class in the school's history.

The first year was a long difficult test. Lew bent under the pressure many times but always fought back to surmount each obstacle. Three more years he was tested and found true.

Lew was a Cadet with spirit and full belief in the Corps. He was a versatile youth and took part in many diverse activities. He played saxophone in the band. He sang with both the Glee Club and the Catholic Choir. Lew participated in inter-collegiate and intramural athletics. He was also a member of the German and Radio Clubs.

At graduation Lew turned to the Air Arm that had grown along with him and had become a full fledged separate service. A second time Lew went after his wings.

Graduation brought another wonderful gift. For four years Lew had thought of the day when he and Joan Wojciehoski could be married. Their dreams were finally realized. Lew and Joan were married the day after graduation in the Catholic Chapel at West Point.

After two glorious months of graduation leave, they headed South to San Antonio. Lew entered Basic Flying Training at Randolph Air Base, Texas. He passed along easily to advanced training in F-51's at Alabama's Craig Field. Here, in early August 1951, Joan pinned pilot's wings on Lew.

Then there were three. Lew and Joan were thrilled by the birth of a daughter. She was named Carol. The new family had a few wonderful months together.

In the meantime Lew was busy training in Gunnery School at Luke Field, Arizona. Upon completion of his course, he was once more prepared for overseas combat duty. This time Lew headed West to war. In the hostile skies over North Korea he flew 75 combat missions. As Squadron Operations Officer Lew fought the Communists both at the planning chart and in the air. Eventually he completed his Korean tour. Captain Lew Page returned joyfully to his family and the comfort of his home.

After leave, the family moved to Florida, where Lew had been assigned as an instructor, transitioning pilots to jet aircraft.

One day Lew was requested to take a young officer home on emergency leave to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All was uneventful on the northern trip. Then, just after takeoff on the return flight, disaster struck. The T-33 caught fire, and when the aircraft went down, Lew rose above it. He rose higher, much higher than he had ever been before. Thus he went as he had lived; helping, comforting, and giving service to others.

We all called him "Mother" Page. It was a name given in humor but only as a hidden expression of our affection for his sincere kindness. Lew was a man who would willingly give his unreserved help to anyone who needed aid or assistance. Never did he expect a favor in return. He served others because he wanted to.

Lew was a devout man. He never forced his religious thoughts upon others but he was never ashamed to declare his belief in God and his religion. He acted in accordance with his beliefs. He was a good Christian. His morals and thoughts were of the highest. With him it was always Sunday morning.

Lew was a wonderful man—as a son, a brother, a husband, a father and a friend. In each capacity he gave fully of his generous self and all in turn recognized his incalculable goodness.

Alex Page was not the only man who lost a brother that fateful day. Every man in the Class of 1950 lost one too.

—George F. Vlissides, Captain, USAF,
a Company Classmate.

William Bonner Slade

NO. 17380 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION MAY 12, 1952, IN KOREA,
AGED 24 YEARS.

"Some keep their rendezvous with
death
Valiantly and soon;
They pledge their youth and give
their all
And rest before their noon."

WITHIN a brief two years after graduation from West Point, William Bonner Slade, First Lieutenant of the Air Force, went to his death while in line of duty on a bombing mission over North Korea. To those who knew him, his nobleness need not be told, but this memorial is written so that a generation to come may know the loveliness of his life.

"This was he, that every man of
arms could wish to be."



He was born in Lake City, Florida, September 16, 1927. His father, John Rhodes Slade, and mother, Frances Louise Dunbar, were both of Georgia extraction. He was educated in the public schools of Florida, his native State, attending Columbia High School in Lake City, attaining honors. After preparation in Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama, where he distinguished himself in scholarship, he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. Here he maintained the same high standing, graduating with the Class of 1950 as a Second Lieutenant of the Air Force.

He was trained for jet flying in Sherman, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona; graduated from the Gunnery School in Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 1951; and was immediately ordered to Korea for combat flying. After two months combat training in the Philippines he was stationed at Suwon Air Base, Korea, in February 1952. His outfit contributed immeasurably to the disruption of enemy transportation facilities and installations. On May 12th he was leading a four-plane mission; had released his bombs and was pulling up from the target, when his plane was hit and burst into flames. Moments afterward he crashed to the ground fifteen miles southwest of Huichon, North Korea, deep in enemy territory.

Writing to his parents, his commanding officer said "His courage and ability, together with his devotion to duty, gained

for him the respect of all and has been an inspiration to the squadron."

General Mark W. Clark said of him, "His devotion to duty in defense of all that we, the free people of the world hold dear, has helped us on the long road by which alone we may hope some day to reach a just, an honorable, and an enduring peace."

To his friends, "Bill" was quiet and unassuming but with an uncompromising conscience and an inflexible purpose. From these qualities arose his nobleness as a man and his bravery as a soldier. Said one of his closest friends, "Bill was made of the stuff that all men admire and that knits the souls of men together in enduring friendship." One of the men in his outfit said "He brought out the best in us all and we have been deprived of one of the best men that ever walked this earth."

While a teen-aged youth, he won the coveted medal of an Eagle Scout and the admiration of all the younger generation. He spent part of each summer as a Counsellor for smaller boys in a boys' camp, and no doubt built into many hearts his own sense of truth and honor.

He was a loyal churchman and attended the Episcopal Church regularly. He was recognized for his spiritual leadership in the younger group at home. "He always carried his sword with honor and there never was one blot upon his shield." He faced life and death alike with steady eyes.

"We about you, whom you moved among, Would feel that grief for you were surely wrong.

To you death came, no conqueror in the end.

You merely smiled to greet another friend."

—Edwin F. Montgomery.

Warren Webster, III
 NO. 18012 CLASS OF 1950
 KILLED IN ACTION, FEBRUARY 21, 1953,
 IN KOREA, AGED 25 YEARS.

The news of Warren Webster's death came as a shock to all who knew him as a cheerful friend and a superior soldier and officer. Just prior to the time of his death



on 21 February 1953 he was Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General Dewey at IX Corps and could have remained in this position of comparative safety except for his intense desire to lead troops on the line as he had done before receiving the position as aide. Early in February 1953 his wish

was granted and he assumed command of a rifle company in the 3d Division. Shortly thereafter, he was killed by a sniper's bullet while leading his company on patrol.

Throughout the six years that I knew Web he was always happy and easy going. If there was a piano nearby he was ready with a song. And, if times were hard and others were unhappy, Web was always ready with a joke. What he lacked in the classroom he made up for with common sense. It is no secret that he held the Academic Department in complete contempt, preferring to spend his time talking and dreaming of the day he could marry his high school sweetheart, Joan Gidley.

I shall never forget, nor will many others, the wonderful parties Joan and Web had during weekends in Philadelphia. Web would be at his best with all the Ivy League songs, while everybody else would try to sing louder than he.

There was never a thing Web could not or would not do for anybody. His generosity and friendliness were open to all. I have never heard a person who knew him say that he was not among his best of friends.

Just as he played hard so did he work hard. Upon graduation he went to Parachute School and served with the 82d Airborne Division for a year before departing for Korea. While in Korea he received the Silver Star for gallantry while leading a patrol, and the Bronze Star for meritorious service. His sense of duty was as keen as his sense of humor.

Web realized his dream shortly after graduation when he married Joan at a beautiful ceremony in Philadelphia. After he went overseas she went back to her home in Drexel Park, Pennsylvania, where their son, Warren Webster IV, was born.

Little Web had a wonderful father who has fulfilled his duty to his country and family.

—Charles R. Smith.

Laurean Thomas Esian
 NO. 18831 CLASS OF 1952

KILLED DECEMBER 16, 1952, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, AT BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA, AGED 23 YEARS.

LAUREAN ESIAN, JR., the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Laurean Esian, Sr., was born in Cleveland on the 26th of January, 1929. While he was a student at John Marshall high school in that city he began to display traits of leadership that singled him out as an outstanding athlete as well as a class leader. During his senior year Larry was president of his class, a member of the football team, co-captain of the track team, and active in other school groups. He was always a general favorite of his teachers and his schoolmates because he loved life and went about living it in such a vivacious manner that others were happy to be near him.

Larry had always wanted to fly, and after graduation from high school he began in earnest to realize his dream. He attended Northwestern University for a year before he entered West Point in July 1948. Even an affable, easy going young man like Larry could not escape the initial storm of "beast barracks", but he weathered the blast and settled down to enjoy his cadet years. Beneath his picture in the *Howitzer* it is written, "His prime concern during his four years on the Hudson was a noble one, to wind up somewhere between the top and the bottom of the class." Whether escorting at a game or a cadet hop, playing intramurals or enjoying a trip afield from the

Academy, Larry lived these four years as he did his entire life—in utter abandon to the joy of living.

Larry brought his skill as an athlete to the intramural field at the Academy. He



served as quarterback for F-2 Company for two years and coached a third F Company team during his First Class year. He could always be relied upon for a quick play in a tight situation to pull his team out of trouble. He was a natural leader on the athletic field, winning complete cooperation from his teammates and encouraging every man to give his utmost.

Upon graduation from the Academy he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the Air Force and seemed at last to be in sight of his goal, winning his wings with the Air Force and going on to a career as an officer. He married Margaret Eihlers, his high school sweetheart, in July, and shortly thereafter reported to Bainbridge, Ga. to begin his flight training. Larry took to flying as he always dreamed he would. He mastered the techniques easily and looked forward to each new day as a special challenge. There was no hint of fear in him or worry that something might go wrong, because he was happily doing what he had always wanted to do. On the 16th of December, late in the afternoon, Larry was scheduled to go up with his instructor for a routine cross-country flight. He passed several classmates coming into the hangars after finishing their flights for the day. He joked with them about their plans for the Christmas leave and discussed his own holiday plans to be with his parents in Cleveland. He casually remarked as he went to his plane that he would see them tomorrow. Making his final turn after successfully completing his flight, Larry's plane was struck from the rear by the plane of another student and in the sudden violent impact both aircraft were crippled and plunged to the ground, carrying both students and both instructors to their deaths.

Larry now rests in a beautiful cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio, not far from the airport where he used to watch the planes and dream as a boy of winning his wings.

Even in their grief, Larry's beloved Margaret and his wonderful parents hold quiet pride in their hearts that Larry served his country well, and died the way he would have chosen to—doing the thing he loved most.

We, his classmates, cannot think of him as gone—we lived with this happy man four years and he's a part of each one of us.

—His Classmates.



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