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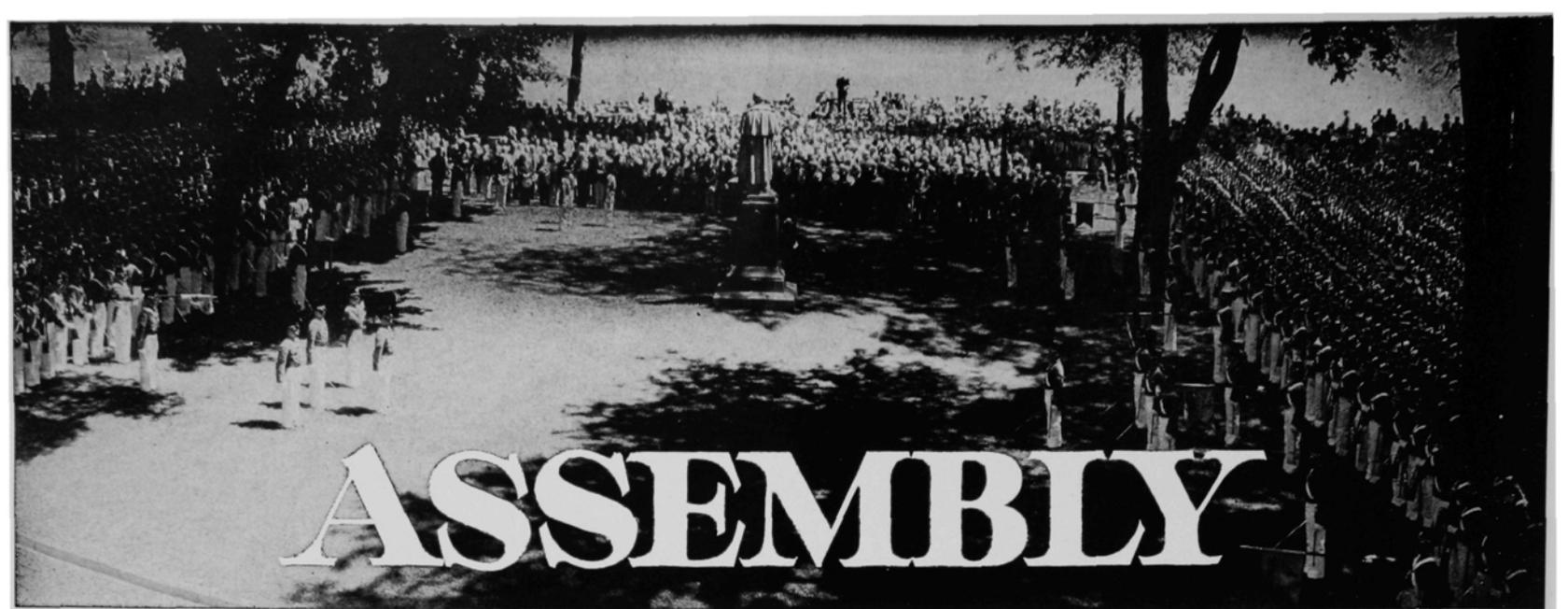
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152nd ANNIVERSARY, U.S.M.A.

The 152d birthday of our Alma Mater was celebrated in March by more alumni than have ever before assembled on this annual opportunity for all of us to acknowledge our allegiance to West Point and to re-dedicate ourselves to our eternal creed: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. In small and large groups, in organized West Point Societies, and in special meetings—in our own country and in many foreign lands—thousands of graduates and former cadets met together in celebration of this memorable event.

Many messages of greeting and felicitation were exchanged between these meetings and sent to West Point

by the assembled groups and by individual alumni. The Association of Graduates gratefully extends its thanks to all those who sent accounts of their meetings, rosters of those in attendance, pictures and messages to our office at West Point. *Assembly* would like to publish all of them, but lack of available space makes this desirable objective impossible. Instead, we reproduce below the telegram received by the Superintendent on this occasion from our most distinguished graduate, in the belief that his message eloquently says for all of us what we all sincerely feel—as West Point completes one hundred and fifty-two years of glorious service to our Nation:

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The Department of Physics and Chemistry

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

By COLONEL G. A. COUNTS, Professor and Head of the Department

HISTORY

The Department of Physics and Chemistry is the youngest at the Military Academy. Although it was the last to be established, like so many other things at the Academy, the roots go back to the earliest days of the institution. The parent of this department was the old Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy which was established by an Act of 1812 and, as the name would indicate, instructed in the physical sciences. The history of that department was outlined in the article, "The Department of Mechanics, U.S.M.A.", which appeared in April 1951 issue of *Assembly*, and a repetition here is unnecessary.



COLONEL GERALD A. COUNTS

Professor and Head of the
Department of Physics and Chemistry

Up to 1930 the various sub-courses of physics were taught under the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy or under the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. Quite properly it was desired to bring the physics instruction into a single course. Also it was desired to advance this basic science instruction to an earlier time in the 4-year curriculum, in order that more advanced technical courses might then be given.

To accomplish these changes a course in physics was started in the fall of 1930. This was given to Third Classmen and was conducted by the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. A provisional Department of Physics was established in June 1931, and in August 1931 Captain G. A. Counts, Corps of Engineers, was appointed Acting Professor. From that time on the department functioned independently and was made permanent by a Congressional Act of May 26, 1934. Colonel Counts was then appointed permanent professor.

Changes in organization and in curriculum were made after World War II and resulted in the transfer of chemistry in 1946 to this department, with resulting name change to Department of Physics and Chemistry. Thus both the basic physical sciences now come under one department.

Instruction in Chemistry at West Point was begun in 1820 under the direction of James Cutbush, then Assistant Post Surgeon, using William Henry's "The Elements of Experimental Chemistry" as the text. At this time the course of instruction consisted of a series of lectures supplemented by text assignments. Each cadet was charged \$5.00 for the Chemistry course. Dr. Cutbush was succeeded by two other Military Academy medical officers, John G. Percival (March to July, 1824), and John Torrey. Dr. Torrey, who later won fame as a botanist, was the first to establish an organized course of study in Chemistry at the Military Academy. He directed the instruction in Chemistry from August 25, 1824 to August 31, 1828, when he left West Point to teach and to pursue advanced studies at Princeton and New York University. Lieutenant W. Fenn Hopkins, Artillery, USMA Class of 1825, served in the Chemistry department from the time of his graduation until 1835. He was the first Academy graduate to head the department which was now called the Department of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology. Dr. Sidney Forman in his book "West Point" reports that Lieutenant Hopkins was overshadowed by his successor, Lieutenant Jacob W. Bailey who had come to the department in 1834 as assistant and then held the professorship from July 8, 1838 until February 26, 1857.

It is interesting to note that after leaving West Point, Dr. Torrey subsequently became Professor of Chemistry and Botany at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and still later in his career was in turn Professor of Chemistry at Princeton and New York Universities. On the other hand, Lieutenant Hopkins who resigned from the Army in 1835 became Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy at William and Mary College, and, later in his career, was appointed to the same position at the United States Naval Academy.

The next department head, Lieutenant J. W. Bailey, USMA Class of 1832, published over fifty scientific studies. During the tenures of Hopkins and Bailey, the Chemistry course held to an instruction pattern of three lectures a week, textbook study, and "hearing recitations"

Lieutenant Bailey's successor was Henry Lane Kendrick, USMA Class of 1835, who was Professor from 1857 until his retirement in 1880. Professor Kendrick had formerly served in the department as Assistant Professor from 1835-1847. It has been said of Professor Kendrick that he was never a man to exalt the past at the expense of the present; on the contrary he delighted to dwell on the improvements which time was continually bringing about. This readiness to acknowledge and appreciate beneficial changes was very marked in his administration of the Chemistry department. He

took a constant, unwearied interest, not only in the improvement of his own course of instruction, but also in all the affairs of the Academy. Apart from his professional relations and associations, Professor Kendrick was unusual in that he had a perpetual charm of variety about him which made him a delightful companion. He was consistently cheerful, bright, and refreshing as well as kindly and understanding which qualities endeared him to all.

At the time Professor Kendrick was appointed Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology, the department was enlarged by the transfer to it of the important subjects of electricity and magnetism. Thus the department now embraced six subjects:

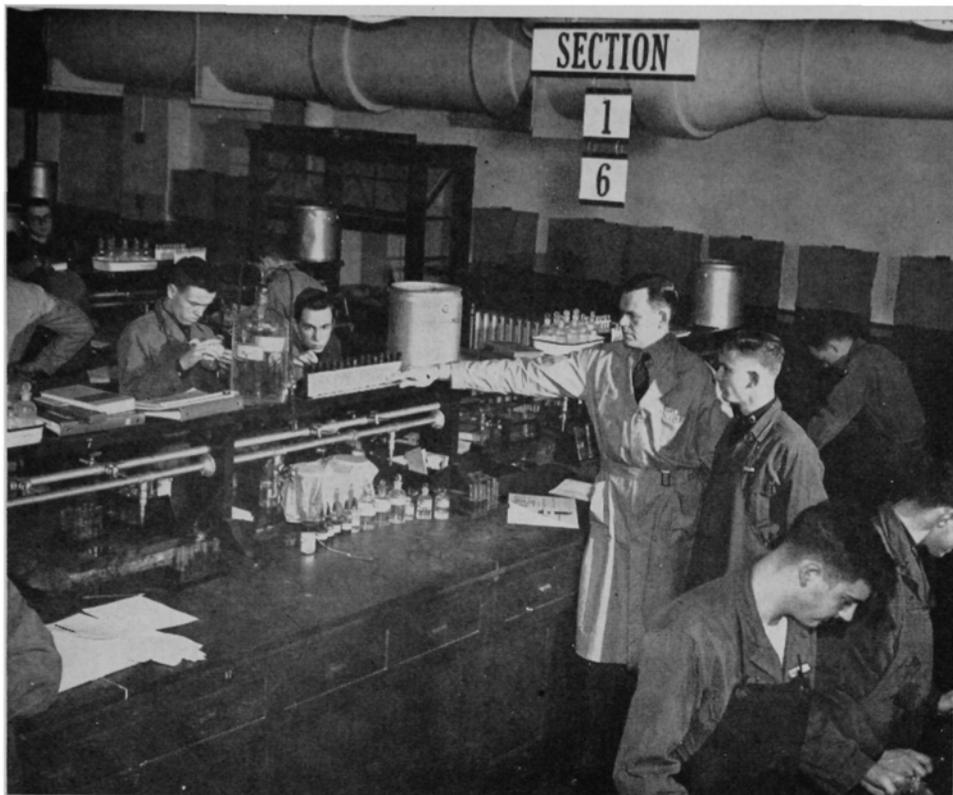


COLONEL EDWARD C. GILLETTE, JR.

Professor of Physics and Chemistry

heat, chemistry, electricity and magnetism, mineralogy and geology. It is reported that in all these important, growing and practical branches of science, Professor Kendrick kept well abreast of their rapid advances. By the use of the best textbooks, by instructive lectures and careful supervision, he gave his students all the opportunity for learning and improvement in his department that their time permitted. Professor Kendrick also gave great consideration to the fact that all the branches of study in his department were being developed with extraordinary rapidity at the time and that his pupils, as a rule, had had little preliminary training in these branches; his instructors were continually changing, and he thought it more difficult to get good instructors in his department than in the more exact branches; finally the time at his disposal was very limited—a set of conditions which, he said, "made right much allowance for the cadets".

The Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology who had the longest tenure was



CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

Brigadier General Samuel E. Tillman, USMA Class of 1869, who served 31 years from 1880 until 1911. Electricity and magnetism were continued as subjects taught in his department. He wrote his own texts (well known to many generations of cadets) in chemistry, heat, and mineralogy. Professor Tillman also instituted laboratory work in both chemistry and electricity.

Lieutenant Colonel Wirt Robinson, USMA Class of 1887, succeeded Professor Tillman in 1911. In 1923, mineralogy and geology were dropped from the curriculum. The subject matter of the course was thus reduced to heat and chemistry during the fall term (about 90 periods) and electricity from January to June (about 125 periods).

Lieutenant Colonel (now Brigadier General) Chauncey L. Fenton, USMA Class of 1904, succeeded Professor Robinson in October 1928. Acting promptly, he replaced Tillman's Chemistry with the widely-used "Smith's College Chemistry" and took immediate steps to improve and expand the chemistry laboratory.

In 1931 the study of heat was transferred to the newly created Department of Physics. The chemistry course continued to be taught during the fall term and was not changed in length. It continued to be, as it had been for many years, a Second Class subject and was allotted about 90 periods. The department for some time had been called the Department of Chemistry and Electricity although it was not until February 11, 1943 that the title of the department head was officially changed to Professor of Chemistry and Electricity.

World War II with its abbreviated three-year course for all cadets and the experiment of flight training for "Air Cadets" at Stewart Field brought drastic changes to the courses. Chemistry was moved into the second ("yearling") year and reduced to about 50 periods. It continued thus until July 1946 when the subject was formally transferred to the Department of Physics at which time the four-year curriculum was resumed and the Department of Physics was renamed the Department of Physics and Chemistry.

On September 4, 1946, Colonel Edward C. Gillette, Jr., USMA Class of 1920, was appointed Professor of Physics and Chemistry to fill the second professorship in the department created by the Act of June 26, 1946. He was placed in charge of the Chemistry course. Adopting the textbook "General College Chemistry" by Richardson and Scarlett, Colonel Gillette initiated the first course in chemistry under the new curriculum in September 1946.

PRESENT COURSES

The physics course is given to Third Classmen who attend the subject every other day, alternating with chemistry. Normally each individual attends three times a week, the total attendances being 106 periods. The length of the period is 1 hour and 20 minutes, except for laboratory, when 2 hours are available.

The scope of the course is that covered in a standard first course in college physics. It is more rigorous than the ordinary liberal arts course. The textbook, "Physics" by Hausmann and Slack is an excellent standard text that has had rather wide usage, in many cases by engineering courses. The sub-courses are those found in any standard physics presentation. They are mechanics, heat, magnetism and electricity, wave motion and sound, and light. Sound and light may be considered as terminal courses at the Military Academy as there is no further specialization here in those particular fields. The remaining subjects are in preparation for the later advanced courses contained in the curriculum of the last two years at the Academy.

The physics course is conducted with section room work, written recitations, laboratory exercises and lectures. The customary instruction is supplemented by the use of physical demonstrations. In this connection an effort is made daily, to demonstrate as many of the physical principles under consideration, as may be effectively and conveniently done. The construction of the addition to the East Academic Building presented the opportunity to design special facilities. This resulted in special physics

rooms, completed in 1938, where all the arrangements and facilities are thoroughly modern and convenient. Each room is furnished with a great variety of equipment and is so functional as to provide excellent instructional arrangements. In addition to the modern equipment the department has many very old pieces inherited from the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. The procurement date of many of these goes back to 1829. All are listed in an old inventory which has considerable historic interest.

As previously mentioned, chemistry classes are attended by Third Classmen every other day alternating with physics, each individual attending three times a week. The total attendances in chemistry, however, are 90 periods as compared with 106 for physics with the result that this course ends in the latter part of April. Laboratory and classroom periods are of the same length as in the physics course.

In extent, the course is the equivalent of a standard first course in college chemistry. It is designed primarily to give the cadet a thorough understanding of the fundamental principles of chemistry. Since it is to provide a part of the necessary foundation for his subsequent courses at the Academy, and possibly for later post graduate work, mastery of basic principles is stressed as the best possible training to this end. The presentation is therefore more rigorous than the usual liberal arts course. An excellent standard textbook, "General Chemistry" by Horace G. Deming, in its sixth edition and rather widely known, is used.

Instruction in chemistry consists of section room work, written recitations, laboratory exercises and lectures. Optimum use is made of demonstrations in the classroom displaying chemical reactions or equipment designed to emphasize the important points in a day's lesson. The instructor makes an effort to demonstrate each day as many of the principles under consideration as are practicable. To this end, each chemistry classroom is furnished with a completely equipped demonstration desk. These are permanently installed in the rooms with appropriate plumbing, gas and electrical connections and each is fully equipped with all necessary apparatus and supplies.

Each section room contains also a Vu-graph for projecting diagrams, sketches and writing and a combined slide and film-strip projector. Facilities for motion pictures are available in the lecture room of the East Academic Building.

The department has a separate completely equipped chemistry laboratory. In the laboratory individual instruction is maintained in about the same degree as in the classroom. Each instructor handles his own section of cadets during the experimental operations. Each cadet performs his experiments individually and arrives at his own conclusions.

Principally because of differences in their individual preparation, there is a rather wide variation in the abilities of the cadets in each class to grasp the subject of chemistry. Cadets are arranged in sections according to their standing in the subject after about the first month of instruction. It is usually possible, not only to give a more searching coverage to the regular lessons assigned the top two or three sections but also at times to assign additional work to these groups.

The lower sections, on the other hand, receive slightly shorter classroom work assignments with the emphasis on fundamentals.

PERSONNEL

Colonel Gerald A. Counts, USMA Class of August 1917, is the Head of the Department

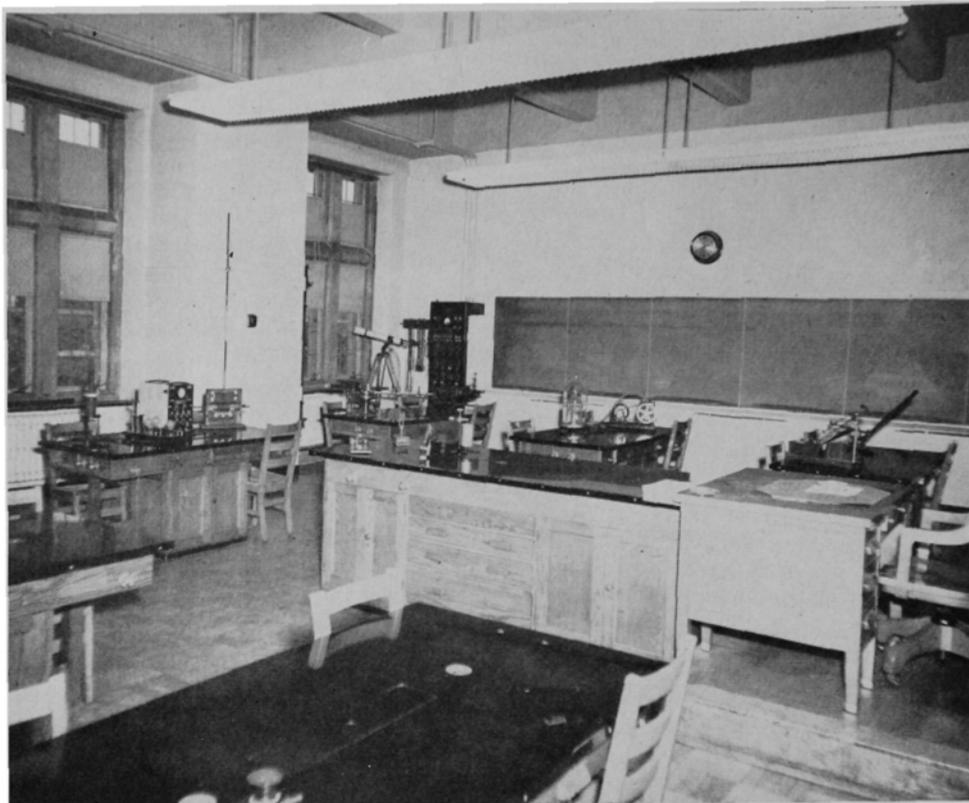
of Physics and Chemistry. He attended the University of California prior to entrance as a cadet. Since graduation from the Academy he has attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (B.S. in C.E.) and the California Institute of Technology. Colonel Counts was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers upon graduation. Among other duties, he was an instructor and Assistant Professor of Mathematics for five years. He completed that detail in 1930 and returned to West Point in 1931 to take the provisional Department of Physics. He was made the permanent professor in 1934 when that department was legally established.

Colonel Counts had service overseas in World War I. During World War II he served overseas for two years on temporary duty, first on the staff of the North African Theatre of Operations, and subsequently, until the cessation of hostilities, in the Headquarters of the Twelfth Army Group under General Omar Bradley.

Colonel Edward C. Gillette, Jr., USMA Class of 1920, is Professor of Physics and Chemistry in charge of Chemistry instruction. Since graduation from the Academy he completed graduate work at Purdue University (M.S. in E.E. 1931) and has done graduate study at Columbia and Harvard. Colonel Gillette was commissioned in the Field Artillery upon graduation. Among other details he was an instructor in the Department of Chemistry and Electricity at USMA from 1931 to 1937 and again was an instructor and Assistant Professor in the same department from 1940 to 1943.

During World War II, Colonel Gillette served overseas for two years, first on the staff at Supreme Headquarters AEF, European Theatre of Operations and subsequently as Chief Signal Officer of the First Allied Airborne Army. He was appointed Professor of Physics and Chemistry September 4, 1946.

The academic personnel of the department consists of two permanent professors, two detailed associate professors and (depending on the size of the Third Class) from 16 to 22 instructors. Six of the instructor group, after the experience of at least one



PHYSICS SECTION ROOM AND LABORATORY

year in the department, are selected to be assistant professors for the balance of their tours of duty. As such they are assigned additional responsibilities and duties for which they have demonstrated ability. Three of these function in physics and three in chemistry.

Excepting the permanent professors, the entire instructional staff is composed of service personnel on detail, the normal tour of duty as an instructor being three years. The majority are West Point grad-

uates who have had at least 5 years service and who are preferably not higher than Major in rank. At the present, about one-third are Air Force officers, the remainder are Army officers of which 5 are from the Corps of Engineers, 3 from the Chemical Corps, 1 from the Quartermaster Corps and the balance from the Combat Arms. It is highly desirable to obtain instructors who have done graduate work in one of the physical sciences or specifically in chemistry or advanced physics. Fortunately, a good many graduates and other officers do take work of this kind in the civilian graduate school programs of the Departments of the Army and the Air Force. So far, this program has met practically the entire requirement in respect to physics instructors without specially arranged graduate work to meet the department's requirements. In chemistry, however, there not being as many officers specializing in this field, it has been necessary to arrange a supplementary program to provide the necessary prerequisite graduate work at a civilian institution. The Army and Air Force have recognized this requirement by sending prospective chemistry instructors to school for a year in special preparation for their teaching assignment in chemistry.

All of the presently assigned associate professors and instructors hold an undergraduate B.S. degree, all but 5 hold master's degrees in a science or in engineering and 1 holds a doctor's degree in chemistry. In all, 28 civilian colleges or universities are represented by the group.

As a means of broadening the experience of the faculty, it is the policy of the department to keep a number of graduates of institutions other than West Point on the instructor staff. There are 5 of these on duty at present representing the Case Institute of Technology, the University of Missouri, the University of North Carolina, Clemson University and the Virginia Polytechnical Institute. In recent years these have also included graduates of the Naval Academy, Harvard University and Ohio State University.



CHEMISTRY SECTION ROOM

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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deMoya, Harold G.
Dennett, George L.
Dillon, Harold T., Jr.
Dunlap, Lloyd L., Jr.
Dwyer, John W., 3d
Evans, Robert N.
Frank, Philip J.
Frazer, Edwin D.
Fuller, William C.
Gee, Thomas G.
Gibson, Faison P.
Gillig, Roy W.
Gordon, Mose W., Jr.
Gorman, Robert T.
Gray, Stephen E.
Hall, Charles M.
Halloran, Jerome V.
Halls, Alexander E.
Hirschfield, Howard B.
Humphreys, William A.
Ingham, Henry L., 2d
Jacobsen, Gordon R.
Jacuba, Peter M.
Johnson, Sewall H. E.
Kelley, Paul A.
Kilty, William R., Jr.
Kenney, William J.
Lawson, Gene K.
Lepski, Theodore J.
Lewis, William W., Jr.
Mason, William H.
Malteson, Jack F.
McBryde, Thomas H.
McCullen, Ray R.
McPhee, Harry J., Jr.
McWhorter, John C., Jr.
Mendenhall, C. M., 3d
Murphy, Morgan J.
Nelson, James C.
Owen, Thomas S.
Palmatier, Francis M.
Park, Joseph D.
Parker, William C.
Patterson, Robert F.
Pence, William F.
Pennington, Ralph H.
Pleuss, Howard E.
Powers, E. Lloyd
Richmond, Robert T.
Riedel, John A., Jr.
Sanger, Marshall
Schoen, Frank C.
Schuman, John M., Jr.
Shoemaker, Robert M.
Sillides, George
Sinclair, Christopher B., Jr.
Skemp, Samuel C., Jr.
Speake, Russell E.
Studer, William F.
Thomas, James E.
Thompson, Leslie E.
Tully, Robert B.
Van Deusen, Edwin R.
Van Sickle, Earl R.
Vinters, Harley E.
Vester, John W.
Volmer, William SacHarov
Waggner, Robert R.
Wahl, Norman
Walker, Robert L.
Wiedman, Charles O.
Wilson, Donald, Jr.
Wirrick, James E.
Yeoman, Wayne A.
Zeh, Theodore G., Jr.

The Visitors Information Center at West Point

By MAJOR GEORGE S. PAPPAS, '44

Assistant Public Information Officer, U.S.M.A.

West Point's Visitors Information Center, located in the old Field Artillery sheds at the south end of the post, near the U.S. Hotel Thayer, has reopened for its third year. Prepared initially as a part of the Sesquicentennial observance, the Center has been visited by more than 80,000 people in the two years of its existence.

Recognizing the necessity for a Visitors Information Center during the Sesquicentennial year, the Sesquicentennial Steering Group made plans in 1951 for the preparation of such a Center. Colonel Ralph E. Kelly, USAF, who has had a most extensive background of exhibit work, both in the Service and prior to his being commissioned in the Air Force, made an exhaustive survey of exhibit facilities at the Military Academy. Upon his recommendation, the Visitors Information Center was designed to present to the public a concentrated view of a cadet's four years at West Point. In addition certain items of general interest were recommended for inclusion in the Center. The building contains an information desk together with a large map of the post. Personnel stationed in the Center are thus able to direct visitors to various places on the post.

The exhibit proper begins with a theme panel devoted to the missions of the Academy, and an enlarged copy of the Robert Lovell painting, "Spirit of West Point." From here the visitor is guided to a panel illustrating the entrance requirements for all

cadets. The next section is devoted to the academic instruction given the Corps of Cadets. Here photographs illustrate each of the academic subjects taught during the four-year course. The academic section is completed with the illustration of a copy of the diploma given each cadet upon his graduation.

The section which follows is devoted to tactical subjects, and again illustrates photographically the instruction given in these subjects to a cadet during his four year period. This display, of course, begins with the instruction given New Cadets and terminates with the tactical training of the First Class. The final item in this display is a copy of the commission received upon graduation.

The tactical section of the display is followed by exhibits devoted to extra-curricular activities and to religion. Here these various cadet activities are illustrated briefly. Although all of the more than fifty extra-curricular activities can not be shown, representative pictures give a good indication of the many things in which a cadet may participate during his own free time.

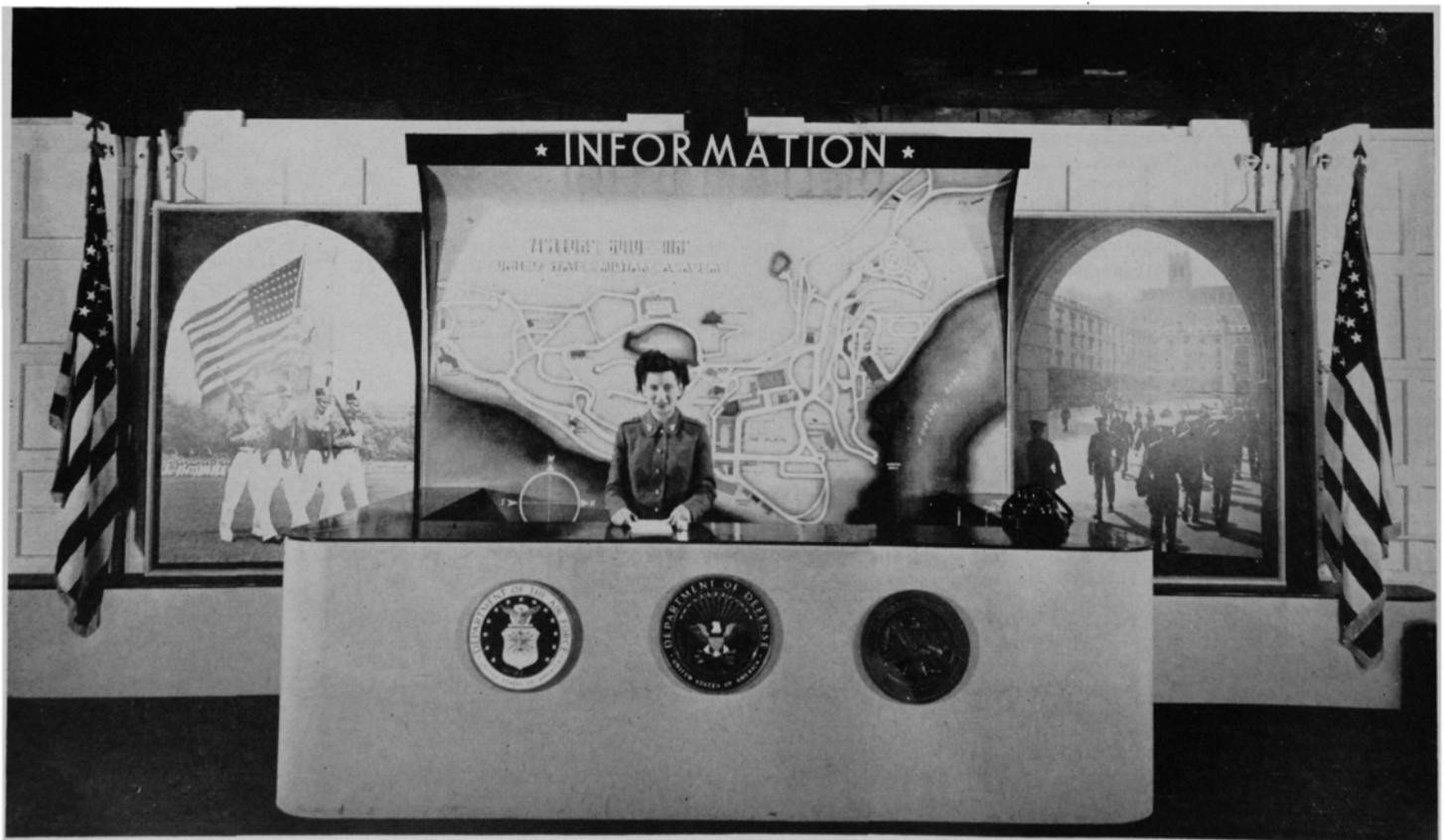
One of the highlights of the exhibit is a full-scale model of a cadet room. This is the first time in the entire history of the Academy that the general public has been able to see how a cadet lives in barracks.

The room measurements are identical to those of an average cadet room. Each year cadets of the Public Information Detail prepare the room as if for a Saturday morning inspection. One of the tactical officers then inspects the room to make certain that it is in top form.

Another important feature of the Center is the small theater, or projection room, where films about West Point can be seen by visiting groups. Here, for example, the film, "This Is West Point," is shown as part of the regular orientation program for various groups visiting the Academy. For groups of only a few the film can also be shown by Center personnel on the view-box in the large reception room.

This year a new section has been added. This addition consists of six large exhibits furnished by the Department of the Army Exhibit Unit from Cameron Station. The displays illustrate the activities of the various arms and services of the Army, and are a welcome addition to the Visitors Information Center since they provide the public with an indication of the service the cadet can expect following graduation.

It is hoped that many of our alumni, who return to West Point during June Week and at other times, will find an opportunity to go to the Visitors Information Center and to inspect the exhibits. The displays will be of much interest to them—as well as to the general public.



APPOINTMENTS ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Military Academy may be gained only by appointment to one of the 2,495 cadetships authorized by law. Letters of appointment are issued by the Department of the Army in the name of the President of the United States. The 2,495 cadetships are allocated among the various sources of nominations, as follows:

NONCOMPETITIVE:		
1	REPRESENTATIVES (4 EACH)	1740
2	SENATORS (4 EACH)	364
3	MISCELLANEOUS	
	HAWAII & ALASKA (4 EACH)	8
	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	6
	PANAMA CANAL	2
	PUERTO RICO	4
	VICE PRESIDENTIAL	3
COMPETITIVE:		
4	ARMY AND AIR FORCE	
	REGULAR COMPONENTS	90
	RESERVE COMPONENTS	90
5	PRESIDENTIAL	89
6	SONS OF DECEASED VETERANS	40
7	HONOR MILITARY-NAVAL SCHOOLS	40

3 TYPES OF EXAMINATION

MENTAL

MEDICAL

PHYSICAL APTITUDE

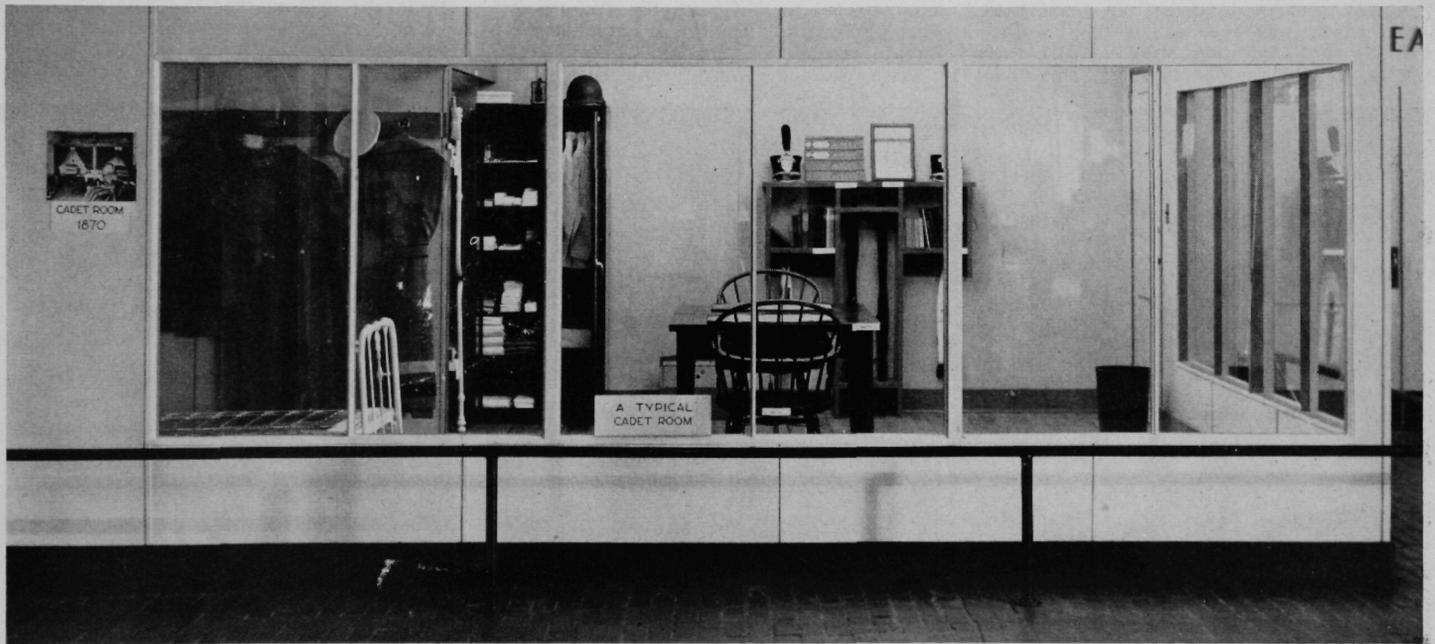
HONOR IS A FUNDAMENTAL ATTRIBUTE OF CHARACTER

HONOR

IMPLIES --

LOYALTY
COURAGE
TRUTHFULNESS
SELF-RESPECT
JUSTICE
GENEROSITY

THE HONOR CODE



TACTICS

THE MISSION

- DEVELOP CHARACTER
- PROVIDE A BROAD BASIC MILITARY EDUCATION
- DEVELOP THE QUALITIES AND ATTRIBUTES OF LEADERSHIP
- DEVELOP HIGH STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS
- PERFORM ADMINISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF THE OFFICERS OF CADETS

TACTICS

FOURTH GRADE THIRD GRADE SECOND GRADE FIRST GRADE



By Joe Cahill

The focal point of news on the athletic front during the winter was the basketball court. The Cagers, after wallowing aimlessly the past ten seasons, picked up renewed vigor in compiling the finest record here since 1945.

The 15 and 7 mark surpassed by far anything that its predecessors were able to accomplish since Dale Hall, Doug Kenna and company won 14 of fifteen ten years back.

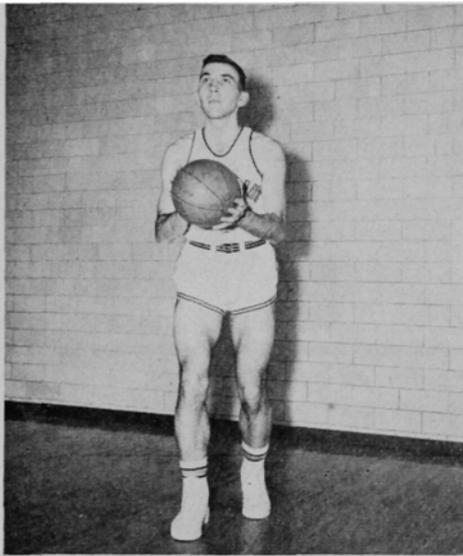
The apex was reached in the climactic game with Navy. The Middies, with their highly touted double scoring threat of

continued propensity for scoring broke all individual marks. With 44 against the National University of Mexico, the First Classman from Pinhook, Indiana, added eight points to his former record, established in 1952. His 470 for the year and 1,155 for three years are also all-time Academy records.

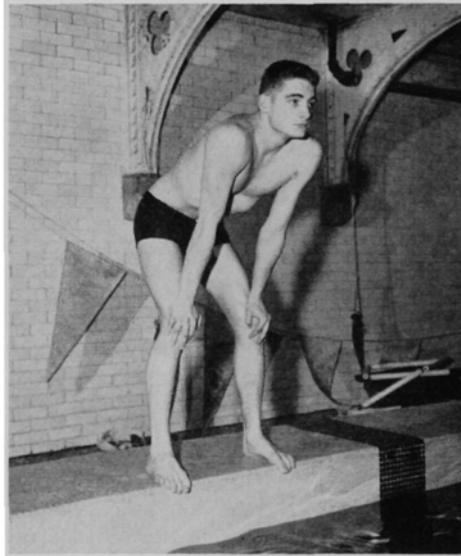
Hannon's play did not go unnoticed. He was selected to play with the Eastern College All-Stars against the West in Madison Square Garden.

With Hannon, Weaver, and Dick Little-

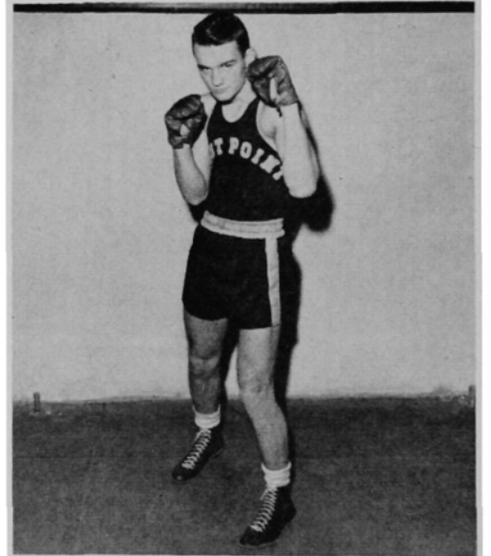
nevertheless enjoyed a satisfactory season, defeating most teams in their class. The 5-3 win over the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario, was the feature. Taking a two goal lead in the first period, the Cadets were never behind. The score was tied at 2-all midway in the middle period, but a pair of markers by Paul Garneau and Tom Wilkinson broke the game open. It is significant to note that the first penalty in the history of the series was called against Dirk Leuders, the Army goalie. This departure from precedent will undoubtedly



BILL HANNON



PETE WITTERIED



HAYWOOD HANSELL

Lange-Clune, were odds-on favorites to topple the Cadets for the fourth consecutive year. Then, too, Navy had already accepted a bid to represent its section in the championship NCAA playoffs.

Army somehow failed to follow the script. The way the game was played it appeared as though Army should have been the favorite. For the Cadets not only led from start to finish, but also outplayed the sailors from the Severn in virtually all departments, in recording a resounding 85 to 72 victory.

The Lange and Clune combination was matched by Mark Binstein and Captain Bill Hannon. Binstein, playing his first year of varsity ball, poured in 35 points, one shy of Lange's peerless performance. What spelled the difference, however, was the timely all-around play of Ed Weaver and Butch Harbold, both of whom went unheralded during the season.

Other fine games by the squad included surprise wins over Pennsylvania (71-64), Syracuse (77-71), and Pittsburgh (82-72).

There were many outstanding individual efforts throughout the campaign. Hannon's

field graduating in June, Bob Vanatta will be faced with a rebuilding project in his second year here. Vanatta can count heavily on Binstein and Harbold, a pair of yearlings whose rapid development was instrumental in welding a strong starting unit in '54. Binstein, incidentally, surpassed Hannon's yearling year scoring mark by more than a hundred points—when the Jersey City youngster connected with 417.

It was a normal year in most respects as far as the remainder of the winter season was concerned. Lew Olive continued to make news in track, winning the Heptagonal mile for the second successive year—in 4:20.9. Bill Boyd also successfully defended his high jump laurels, clearing 6' 1". Olive earlier set a new Field House record for 1,000 yards, negotiating the distance in 2:13.5, eclipsing Ed Dinges' mark by five tenths of a second, set a year ago. The thinclads defeated Dartmouth, St. John's and Princeton; lost to Manhattan and Cornell, and finished third in the Heptagonals.

Though unable to compete on an even basis with the hockey powers, the Cadets

eliminate the one farcical aspect of the series. Gary Thomas etched his name in the Academy record books by setting two new scoring marks—for most goals and most points. He connected with 22 goals and twelve assists for 34 points. Art Synder of the 1948 team held the previous high of 20 goals and 32 points. The 10 and 7 season's record was excelled only by the '48 sextet, which won 11, lost 4, and tied 1.

Pete Witteried of Chicago concluded his college swimming career in a blaze of glory. In the Eastern Intercollegiate the brilliant cadet captain became the first Army swimmer ever to register twin triumphs in championship competition, winning both the 100 and 200 yard backstroke events. During the regular season he set a new 150 yard medley mark of 1:33.3, bettering Jim Pfautz' time by nearly four seconds. Witteried added the 200 yard backstroke record to his list of accolades, splashing the distance in 2:12.1, and one two tenths lower than his best previous effort in 1953. The team won 9, lost 4, tied 1.

For the sixth straight year at least one

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U. S. M. A. SPRING SPORTS - 1954

(With scores to include 24 April)
(All contests at West Point unless otherwise indicated)

BASEBALL		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 3	*	Wesleyan
5	8	Vermont
7	0	City College of New York.....
10	11	Swarthmore
12	5	New York Giants
14	1	St. John's
17	**	Amherst
21	3	Lafayette
24	5	Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia..
26		Hofstra
28		Columbia
MAY 1		Dartmouth
3		New York University
5		Williams
7		Harvard—at Cambridge
8		Brown—at Providence
12		Yale
15		Manhattan
19		Princeton
21		Colgate—at Hamilton
22		Cornell—at Ithaca
26		Villanova
29		Navy—at Annapolis
June 2		Santo Domingo University
5		Fordham

*Canceled because of cold weather.
**Canceled because of rain.

GOLF		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 10	7	Swarthmore
17	3½	Harvard
24	0	Yale—at New Haven
MAY 1		Pennsylvania
8-10		Eastern Intercollegiates — at Hanover, N. H.
15		Manhattan
22		Princeton—at Princeton
26		Colgate
29		Navy—at Annapolis
June 5		Fordham

LACROSSE		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
MARCH 27	11	Maryland Lacrosse Club
APRIL 3	23	Williams
10	22	Swarthmore
17	9	Yale—at New Haven
24	16	R.P.I.—at Troy
May 1		Virginia
8		Maryland
12		Syracuse
15		Princeton—at Princeton
29		Navy
June 5		Mt. Washington Club

TENNIS		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 10	3	Swarthmore
17	2	Harvard
21	7	Manhattan
24	3	Dartmouth
30		Yale—at New Haven
MAY 1		Columbia—at New York
5		New York University
8		Cornell
14		Princeton—at Princeton
15		Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia..
19		Williams
22		Fordham
26		Colgate
29		Navy

TRACK		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 17	91	Boston University
23-24		Penn Relays at Philadelphia (No team scores)
May 1		Manhattan
8		Marine Corps School
15		Heptagonal—at Cambridge
22		St. John's
29		Navy—at Annapolis

JUNE WEEK PROGRAM - 1954

FRIDAY, 4 JUNE

Retreat Review and Presentation of Drill Streamer, *The Plain*** - - - 5:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, *Army Theater* - - - 7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Cadet Hops:
First Class, *Cullum Hall* - - - 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Second and Third Classes, *East Gymnasium* - - - 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, 5 JUNE

Review and Presentation of Athletic Awards, *The Plain** - - - 10:30 A.M.
Golf—Army vs. Fordham, *Golf Course* - 1:30 P.M.
Lacrosse—Army vs. Mount Washington Club, *Clinton Field* - - - 2:30 P.M.
Baseball—Army vs. Fordham, *Double-day Field* - - - 2:30 P.M.
Concert—USMA Band, *Army Theater* - 4:30 P.M.
Motion Picture—*Army Theater* - - - 7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Cadet Hops:
First Class, *Cullum Hall* - - - 10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Second and Third Classes, *East Gymnasium* - - - 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 6 JUNE

Religious Services:
Battle Monument:
Service for Second, Third and Fourth Classes** - - - 8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel for First Class:
Baccalaureate Services and Dedication of Memorial Windows:
Second Regiment - - - 8:30 A.M.
First Regiment - - - 11:00 A.M.
Catholic Chapel:
Military Mass and Baccalaureate Service, First Class - - - 8:00 A.M.
Mass for Second, Third and Fourth Classes - - - 10:15 A.M.
Masses - - - 9:15 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

Old Cadet Chapel:

Jewish Baccalaureate Service - 10:30 A.M.
Superintendent's Reception for Graduating Class and Alumni* - - - 3:00 P.M.
Retreat Review and Presentation of Military and Academic Awards to First Class, *The Plain** - - - 5:30 P.M.
Concert, Cadet Glee Club, *Army Theater* - 8:30 P.M.

MONDAY, 7 JUNE

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

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE

Graduation Exercises, *The Field House***** - - - 10:00 A.M.

* To be held in the Army Theater in event of inclement weather.
** To be held in the East Gymnasium in event of inclement weather.
*** To be canceled in the event of inclement weather.
**** Admission by ticket.

BULLETIN BOARD

Hoyt S. Vandenberg, '23

The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy mourns the passing of one of its most distinguished members, General Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg, Class of 1923. His career in the Service, culminating in his high position as Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, typifies all that is meant by *Duty, Honor, Country*.

Now he has taken his final place in the Long Gray Line. His spirit will be with us always.

THE GREAT DECISION— OFFICER OR CIVILIAN?

By John A. Chambers, '28

Editor's Note: The author of this article, after graduating from the Academy in 1923, resigned in 1926 and immediately accepted a position with Johns-Manville Sales Corporation. He has been with this corporation ever since, with the exception of four years' service during World War II. His present title with Johns-Manville is Regional Manager of the Construction Department in New England.

It is the intent of this article to assist the young graduate contemplating resignation in making a sound, well thought-out decision. With that in mind, I commend these ideas for your consideration. They are based upon conversation with other resignees as well as my personal experience and observation.

Undoubtedly, for many of us, entering West Point was just a whim—a stroke of fate. But our four years there should have given us a feeling of dedication to our profession—or we should have resigned before graduation.

Obviously, it is not intelligent to leave our profession on a whim. A young doctor, lawyer, or clergyman certainly must have many moments of doubt during his early years of self-sacrifice for his profession. Few of them, however, desert their chosen work for another more attractive job.

Maybe civilian life is not as attractive as you think. Let's consider it from these points of comparison: Position, Cultural Advantages, Friendships, and Income.

Position—This probably is a minor consideration to you as an Officer, but to most women it is a matter of great importance. The peculiar thing about position is that one who has it seldom realizes it. Regardless of how little esteem you may feel the general public holds for the Army, this attitude is mostly talk or based upon the individual's resentment of the fact that he was drafted. Actually—and of this I am sure from having it proved to me many times—an Officer is considered as an outstanding personality, regardless of his rank, in a civilian social group. An Officer of the National Guard or Reserves is respected more for his Service connections than his attainments as a civilian.

Cultural Advantages—An Army Officer lives in an atmosphere of culture and learning. His colleagues are either just returning from school or going to school. At most

Posts there are study groups and a wide diversity of interests to stimulate broadening of the mind.

While these same influences exist in civilian life, they must be hunted out, and there is no close pressure from them to make participation easy. The civilian who has an active interest outside his job is a rare exception. Compare the wide interest and broadness of knowledge of the average regular Army Officer with that of a civilian of the same age and equivalent education.

Friendships—This is a factor which most graduates completely disregard when considering resignation. I can honestly tell you, however, that it will be one of the biggest factors in making you regret your resignation at a later date. You probably take for granted the complete understanding you have with your fellows. During your four years at West Point plus your years in the Service, you and your fellows learned to think somewhat alike and judge things in the same light. It comes as quite a shock to an Officer who turns civilian to find that the people with whom he is in daily contact look on him as a competitor. Most civilian friendships are under the shadow of that competition—which causes jealousy and a lack of real sincerity.

Ask any resignee who has been out of the Army even as long as 20 years where his real friends are and I am sure the answer will be—"with few exceptions, in the Army"

Income—This is one point that I know you have considered, and it probably is the major reason why you are thinking about getting out of the Service. On this point I have current, first-hand knowledge and shall speak accordingly.

These are times of specialization in all lines. When my company has a job to fill, instead of just looking for a college graduate we look for a man with the specific specialization which we desire. A large corporation such as ours finds it possible to hire young college graduates, who want to make a career of our company, at a starting salary of from \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00 per year. We are not inclined to consider experience in any other line as worthy of more than that salary. Admittedly, a man starting at that figure probably will be making more money at the end of five years than a man who has been out of the Academy five years.

An Army Officer can look forward to retirement in 30 years at age approximately 54 with an income, under the present pay bill, of \$6,335.00 per year. A civilian working for a large corporation must plan on retirement at age 65 and an income from the company retirement plan of between 20% and 25% of his average annual earnings. In many plans, the employees contribute 50% of the investment toward their annuity. This means that to enjoy the same income upon retirement as our typical Army Officer can, a civilian must—in addition to his participation in the retirement plan—save and safely invest something more than \$100,000.00. This is a most difficult, if not impossible, accomplishment, with the present cost of living and the present income tax laws.

Your civilian career will be further complicated by the inevitability that 10 to 15 years after you have embarked upon it, you will be called back into the Service by the next national emergency. This interruption usually occurs at the time and age when you would reasonably expect your biggest promotion as a civilian.

To summarize, I believe it is hard to

Louis L. Vauthier

West Point has lost one of its best friends and staunchest supporters in the passing of Louis L. Vauthier at his home in Bergenfield, New Jersey, on March 17, 1954, at the age of ninety-two.

An Honorary Member of the Class of 1923, he will long be remembered by those of us who, as cadets sometime during the years 1905-1942, received his kindly guidance in the art of fencing or in the use of the French language—or both. As he loved West Point, so we loved him.

justify a civilian career from the monetary consideration alone. And you will be sacrificing a pleasant, cultural life for it.

I have not emphasized the spiritual and moral considerations of—"Duty", "Honor", "Country"—since these you must resolve yourself with your conscience.

Republic of Korea Medals Presented to the Museum

Major General Kim Chong Oh, Republic of Korea Army, the Superintendent of the Korean Military Academy at Chinhae, who visited the United States Military Academy at West Point in January 1953, has presented to the USMA Museum a set of four medals of the Republic of Korea "as a token of appreciation for (the) most valuable assistance given to us, both spiritually and materially" These medals are the four awarded by The Republic of Korea either for valor or for meritorious service. They are: the TAEGUK MEDAL—the word "Taeguk" stemming from the main symbol of the flag of Korea, which is made up of the "Yang" and the "Yin" divisions and is the basis for Korean philosophy. The "Yang" and "Yin" represent life's opposites; night and day, good and evil, male and female, etc. This is the highest Korean award and is given only to the most valorous. The second is the UL CHI MEDAL. When the troops of Emperor Soo of China invaded Korea with one million soldiers in the era of Aeng Yang (512 AD), General UL CHI MUN DUK defeated the invaders; this medal is therefore a symbol of this triumph and of his valor and is awarded to those who distinguish themselves in battle. The CHUNGMOO MEDAL is awarded for bravery in battle. When the Japanese invaded Korea in the time of the Sunjo Dynasty (1592 AD) Admiral CHUNGMOO defeated the entire Japanese navy with his innovation, the "tortoise-shell" battleship. This event is regarded by Koreans in the same light as the British look upon Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. The fourth medal is the WHA RANG MEDAL, awarded for meritorious achievement or service. In the era of the Jin Sung Dynasty (540 AD), the most excellent youths were selected and trained for the job of rehabilitation of the country. They were called "Wha Rang" and were similar to the knights of the Middle Ages in Europe. Their motto was "Loyalty, Justice, Valor", and their achievements brought unity to the Korean peninsula.

General Kim was in command of the 6th ROK Division, which was the first unit to reach the Yalu River on 25 December 1950.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE STORY OF THE U.S. CAVALRY, 1775-1942. By Major General John K. Herr, '02, and Edward S. Wallace. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1953, 275 pages; 8vo; illustrated; \$6.00.

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

The authors of this history wisely disclaim any intention to produce a comprehensive account of the U.S. Cavalry, in all of its actions and aspects, within the limitations of a single volume. Instead, they have chosen to present the story by giving the broad outline of evolutionary development, changing policies and campaign sequences, filling in the recital with characters and incidents selected for detailed treatment. The selection has, on the whole, been judiciously made with an expert eye for color and interest.

Not the least appealing feature of the book is its profuse illustration. There are portraits of most of the great American cavalry leaders and of some who, if not great were certainly colorful. The battle scenes are stirring; others are quaint or curious. The lover of military pictures will be happy in the possession of this volume.

The story of the U.S. Cavalry begins with the first days of the Revolutionary War when its role was discounted by Washington because of his inexperience in its employment and continues through the final campaigns when such cavalymen as Light Horse Harry Lee demonstrated its indispensability to victory. It was, of course, the western frontier that made the cavalry the foremost arm of the Service from 1812 until the Civil War, and again until the final pacification of the Indians.

The Union and Confederate cavalrys receive treatment in separate chapters. Glamor and excitement permeate both. One can choose his own heroes from one or both sides, as there is no lack of them on either. In these chapters the essential role of cavalry in the war is well demonstrated, and the broad principles of its sound employment are made clear in terms the layman can comprehend. One could wish, however, that a few simple maps had been included throughout the book for a better understanding of the campaigns. The welter of place names presumes too much upon the reader's geographical knowledge.

In this reviewer's opinion, Custer and the Battle of the Little Big Horn receive a disproportionate share of space and overshadow the solid achievements of better men, such as Crook, Miles, and Mackenzie. It is one of the ironies of history that a leader, who brought on the total annihilation of his command through impulsiveness and poor judgment, should have captured the popular imagination to such an extent that his is the only name generally remembered out of a host of gallant Indian fighters who accomplished more than he did.

A minor error in this otherwise reliable account needs correction. On page 223 a caption points out that the picture of Teddy Roosevelt, leading a mounted charge up San Juan Hill, illustrates how he did not do it, and then goes on to explain that Teddy and his Rough Riders went up dismounted. The text repeats the statement that he captured the hill. A check of the official reports and other reliable accounts confirms the fact that Roosevelt took nearby Kettle Hill, a less important position, and that the in-

fantry under General Hamilton Hawkins captured San Juan Hill. The error, now firmly fixed in the popular mind, was started by a newspaper correspondent who got his terrain mixed up.

The authors cover the pacification of the Philippines and the Mexican Punitive Expedition. They bemoan the shortsightedness that prevented a cavalry exploitation of the 1918 breakthrough in France; and they close the narrative with a sentimental account of the twilight of the Cavalry between wars and its extinction in 1942.

The last chapter contains an impassioned plea "that a small cadre which can be expanded if necessary, one cavalry division, be remounted." General Herr, the last Chief of Cavalry, selects the First Cavalry Division, with its great tradition behind it, for this honor. "It still mourns for its horses," he says, "and what a huzza would resound from its members and from all dyed-in-the-wool horse lovers which would be echoed in Valhalla by the spirits of all American cavalymen from Casimir Pulaski to George S. Patton." The reasons behind this plea would require more space to expound than is available here. Suffice it to say that they appear convincing—at least to this reviewer.

The Story of the U.S. Cavalry is the only present source where the complete outline of the history of that gallant service is available between the covers of a single volume. It is a valuable addition to any officer's library, and a book that will be a continuing pleasure to reread.

RECIPES OUT OF BILIBID. Collected by Halstead C. Fowler, '20. Compiled by Dorothy Wagner. New York: George W. Stewart Publisher, Inc. 1946; 77 pages; Index; \$2.00.

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

The review of *The Dorn Cookbook* in the previous issue brought forth the suggestion that Chick Fowler's book should also be reviewed. We are happy to comply with the request.

This cookbook, although smaller than Dorn's, is especially interesting for the circumstances under which it was written, as it is a product of the aftermath of the Death March from Bataan. The following paragraph, copied from the dust jacket, summarizes the story.

"The American soldiers imprisoned and hungry for three years in notorious Bilibid turned their conversation irresistibly to the food they had once relished and were determined to enjoy again. They gave reality to their dream talk by dwelling not on the flavors but on a careful accuracy in describing the ingredients of the dishes they longed for. Colonel Halstead C. Fowler collected their most cherished recipes, writing them in crowded penciled words on the inner sides of envelopes. There are Pennsylvania Dutch dishes, Mexican, Scandinavian, Welsh, Yorkshire and Scottish dishes, French and Filipino dishes, Swiss and Russian, Polish, Italian, Javanese, Chinese, and of course, Southern and Yankee favorites."

Although Chick survived his imprisonment, he brought home three bullets still embedded in his body, and beri-beri, which had made him almost blind. Consequently, his aunt took over the task of compiling the book from his notes and recollections;

PRAYER

at the
*Alumni Exercises at Thayer
Monument*

O God, we ask Thy blessing, as the sons of this Academy pause a moment in the steady march of Life to pay homage to their Alma Mater.

May the sons of yesterday, who look down on them in "ghostly assemblage", see in what they do fulfillment of their noblest dreams.

May the sons of today bear high the torch of responsibility, and build well on those noble traditions that are the spiritual foundations of this place they love so well.

May the sons of tomorrow, some yet unborn, gather here throughout the years, to be reborn in the spirit of this Fortress of blended beauty and strength.

Give them Thy blessing, O God, this moment, as they lift up their hearts to Thee.

—Amen

and in addition to the editorial work, she actually tried out the recipes to make sure of their correctness.

The brief, biographical and descriptive notes on the author of each recipe constitute one of the most interesting features of the book. Some of the contributors were graduates, others were foreign prisoners, identified only by their nationalities, but all of them comrades in adversity.

One can't close this book without admiring Chick Fowler for his fortitude and resourcefulness; and one regrets to remember that his gallant spirit answered the Last Roll Call four years ago.

POLO FOR BEGINNERS AND SPECTATORS. By R. K. McMaster, '26. New York: Exposition Press; 46 pages; illustrated; \$3.50.

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

This is a small handbook for the purpose of teaching the beginner the rudiments of the game. The different elements are carefully analyzed and presented in a few paragraphs devoted to each. Simple line drawings make the techniques, such as holding the mallet, the throw-in, the plays and the penalties, clear. Short sections explain the rules, officiating, riding aids and handicapping. The emphasis is on clarity and simplicity of presentation throughout.

McMaster appears to be qualified to write in this field with authority. From 1926 to 1942 he played polo with the 1st, 2nd, 16th, 17th and 82nd Field Artillery. He was instructor and polo coach at the New Mexico Military Institute during 1942 and 1943.

This little manual should prove useful to the tyro, and also to the spectator who wants to increase his enjoyment of the game by learning something of its rules and procedures.

DOWN THE FIELD

(Continued from page 8)

Army boxer has won an Eastern Intercollegiate title. Haywood Hansell, a second classman from Washington, D. C., won the honors this winter by capturing the 139 pound championship. Andy Maloney, who was defending the 147 pound crown, was defeated by Penn State's entry in a hard fought bout. The team record for the season showed 2 wins, 2 ties and 2 defeats.

The fencers won 5, lost 4, and were defeated by Navy 17-10; the gymnasts won 5, lost 1 and tied 2, including a 48-48 draw with Navy; the pistol shooters were undefeated in eight matches, including a 1345-1333 Navy victory; the rifle team won nine out of ten matches, losing the big one with Navy by the slim margin of 1424-1423; squash won 8, lost 3, succumbing to Navy for the first time since the inception of the rivalry in 1949; the wrestlers won 7, lost 3.

New winter sports captains were announced at the close of the season. Jerry Gilpin heads up basketball; Jim Eddins, fencing; Bob Carpenter, gymnastics; George Monahan, hockey; Leland Floyd, pistol; Bob Werner, rifle; Leon McKinney, squash; William Roth, swimming; and Gerald Tebben, wrestling.

At this writing the spring sports schedule is about to get underway. It is too soon to get a reading on the makeup of the teams since lingering cold weather has precluded outdoor workouts. In baseball Frank

PLEASE NOTE!

Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A.

(Par. 8, Article III, Constitution and By-Laws)

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., will be held at West Point, New York, on Monday 7 June 1954, immediately following the Annual Alumni Luncheon, scheduled for 12:15 P.M. in Washington Hall (Cadet Mess).

Notice of this Annual Meeting is also being included in the Superintendent's Reunion Bulletin "June Week 1954", and in an early Circular letter of the National Public Relations Committee of West Point Societies.

—Raymond Stone, Jr., '23,
Secretary.

LeCates pitched a three hit victory over Vermont, 8 to 3. Lacrosse romped to two early season triumphs over Maryland Lacrosse Club, 11-5; and Williams, 23 to 1.

Spring football is also underway. The big problem appears to be in molding a new

line. Replacements are being sought for Bob Mischak, and Lowell Sisson, ends; Leroy Lunn and Dick Ziegler, guards; and Norman Stephen, center. The status of Captain Bob Farris is still questionable. The big center is still recuperating from an eye operation at Walter Reed this winter. The backfield looks formidable, at least on paper. Pat Uebel, who tallied all three touchdowns against Navy, is back, at full-back; as is Tom Bell, hard running half-back; and Pete Vann, experienced passer at quarterback. A change in the coaching staff finds George Blackburn, formerly of Cincinnati, replacing Vince Lombardi, now with the New York Football Giants.

A Valuable Book for All West Pointers

The Department of Social Sciences, U.S.M.A., has recently prepared a revision of its helpful book, *Principles of Insurance*, now republished under a new title, *Principles of Insurance and Related Government Benefits for Service Personnel*. The change of title reflects the important addition of two chapters concerning survivor benefits—including a detailed discussion of the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953.

The book (paper covers) is published by the Military Service Publishing Company, Telegraph Press Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where copies may be obtained for \$1.50 each. The book is also now on sale at many Post Exchanges and Service book stores.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 6 of the By-Laws of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A. provides " * * * At each annual meeting of the Association the Board of Trustees shall nominate candidates for President and Vice Presidents of the Association for the ensuing year, and for vacancies in the Board of Trustees". At a meeting of the Board in New York City on 4 January 1954, the following members of the Board were elected as a Nominating Committee to recommend to the Board the nominations to be made by the Board at the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at West Point on 7 June 1954:

R. L. Maxwell, '12
W. D. Crittenberger, '13
J. H. Michaelis, '36
Ivan Sattlem, '40
H. B. Ely, Jr., '44

After three meetings, at which thorough consideration was given to the importance of its mission and to serving the best interests of the whole Association by its recommendations, the Committee recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following policy for the selection of nominees:

"That the Nominating Committee for the ensuing year be elected by the Board of Trustees each year at its annual meeting; that it be the practice of the Nominating Committee to solicit from each of the 5, 10 and 15 year reunion

classes the name of a member of each such class to be considered for nomination for election to the Board of Trustees; that in soliciting such names the Nominating Committee request the assistance of the class representatives or class officers of these reunion classes, keeping in mind the desirability of nominating individuals located sufficiently close to the Military Academy to permit their effective participation in the work of the Trustees; that it be the further practice of the Nominating Committee to solicit suggestions for other nominees from the individual members of the Board of Trustees and from the membership of the Association at large."

Based on the many recommendations received from other trustees and members, on the suggestions received from the Classes of 1939, 1944 and 1949, on the length of service as trustees of those whose terms expire 1 July 1954, and on our lengthy discussions at our three meetings, the Committee further recommended:

"That the Board of Trustees present the following nominations for officers and trustees at the Annual Meeting of the Association at West Point on 7 June 1954:

President
Chauncey L. Fenton, '04

Vice Presidents
Charles D. Herron, '99
Robert C. F. Goetz, '09
Brehon B. Somervell, '14
T. D. Stamps, August '17
Albert C. Wedemeyer, '19

Trustee to serve until 30 June 1956
Ralph C. Cooper, '29

Trustees to serve until 30 June 1957
Burton O. Lewis, '10
R. Parker Kuhn, '16
Boyd W. Bartlett, '19
Blackshear M. Bryan, June 14, 1922
Charles P. Nicholas, '25
Robert W. Wood, '35
Oliver G. Haywood, Jr., '36
Milton A. Laitman, '39
Robert E. Woods, '45
John G. Albert, '49"

At its meeting in New York City on 23 March 1954, the Board of Trustees approved both recommendations of the Nominating Committee, as quoted above, and directed that the nominations recommended by the Committee be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Association at West Point on 7 June 1954 as the nominations of the Board of Trustees—as required by Article 6 of the By-Laws of the Association.

The Board further directed that these nominations be published in the April 1954 issue of *Assembly*, with the reminder that—as has always been the case—additional nominations may, if desired, be made from the floor at any annual meeting of the Association.

—R. L. Maxwell, '12
Chairman of the
Nominating Committee

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5. Eastern View of West Point from the Hudson.
6. Cadet Chapel.
7. Library and Academic Building.
8. Administration Building.
9. Old Cadet Chapel.
10. Superintendent's Quarters.
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New Members

We welcome to our membership 9 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,355.

OVER 90% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Graduates and former cadets who have not yet joined the Association are cordially invited to write to the Secretary at West Point for an application for membership.

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.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE JUNE 15, 1954

1891

Two daughters of '91, Frances Bradley Chickering and Katharine Winans Maxwell, aided and abetted by Mrs. Palmer Pierce, all of New York City, have honored the Class by the establishment of the "Clan of Ninety-one U.S.M.A. Memorial Section of the Army Relief Society". Membership in this organization is open to our eight survivors and to our junior echelons to the third and fourth generations upon the payment of the very modest annual dues of \$1. Applications may be sent to Mrs. William E. Chickering, 314 East 41st St., New York 17, N. Y. Let us hold up the hands of these gallant women by supporting this worthy cause.

—L. S. S.

1893

On February 24th a bridge on Independence Avenue at the Tidal Basin, Potomac Park, D. C. was dedicated to Brigadier General Charles W. Kutz, who served three terms as Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Edwards reports being in good health as does Jamerson. McManus reports he has been in hospital, but is recovering. Walker has suffered a broken shoulder and two cracked ribs. He reports doing fairly well. Whitworth reports leading a quiet life, as does Wolfe.

—L. F. K.

1895

Cavanaugh and Miles are wintering in Florida at Winter Park. They attended the West Point dinner at Orlando Air Force Base. Pritchard was in Washington in January for a check-up at Walter Reed Hospital, and Miles visited Washington in February.

Reports from Conrad, Herron, Nissen, Smith, F. W., and Watson indicated everything was O.K.

—I. M. N.

1899

The prospects for the reunion in June are excellent. The following declare that, D. V., they will be there: Kelly, Stickle, Clark, C. B., Kromer, Humphrey, Yates, Moseley, Van Duyn, Herron, Merry, Kerr, Jordan, and Mai Carter and Lucy Van Duyn intend to grace the event. Woodruff, Bunnell, Gallup, Ansell, Embick and Pennington infinitely regret, all except Woodruff on account of the fatigue and strain inherent in such an event. No response from Nichols, Schull, Clark, H. B., Burtt, Brown, W. S., Harris, Long and Game. At last reports, Harris was in Italy, presumably painting and doing the art galleries. Woodruff is, or has been in Texas visiting his married daughter Margo Kelly, who has been in San Diego during the winter is driving back to Buffalo, via Washington. Freddy Kerr expects to be escorted to the reunion by two stalwart grandsons, one just out of the Marines and one who hopes to go to the Academy. Cowan "hopes" but says: "Let those who complain of the infirmities of age reflect upon the many who have been denied that privilege!"

Of the 103 of us who trudged up the hill and underwent the horrors of that June day in 1895, 64 graduated in 1899. The going was tough all along the way in those days, and there were not many beds of roses afterwards. The 24 of us who still live have something to celebrate!

—C. D. H.

1903

Sad news has come from his widow of the death on January 23, 1954, after a long illness in the Veterans Hospital in Denver, of our good classmate "Jimmy" Mars. His body was cremated and, as he wished, his ashes will be scattered over the Grand Canyon from an airplane, as soon as Mrs. Mars feels equal to the journey. In addition to Mrs. Mars, he is survived by a son, James A. Mars, Jr., in Denver, and by a sister, Mrs. Warren O. Perkins, in Tucson, Arizona.

Surely, many who hold him in affectionate memory will wish to write a note of sympathy to Mrs. Mars. Her address is Olin Hotel, 1420 Logan Street, Denver 3, Colorado. Anyone having recollections of him and his doings, especially of non-official events, please send them to Colonel Owen S. Collins, 1500-23rd Street South, Arlington, Virginia, who is struggling to produce the biographical sketch of James for *Assembly*.

Mrs. C. B. Moore with her usual thoughtfulness and graciousness has made it possible for the Vestry of St. James Episcopal Church in Texarkana to acquire the Moore's "lovely home at 1 Oak Hill Place" as its Rectory, which will be dedicated as a memorial to her late husband, Moore, C. B. We all join, I am sure, with the Church authorities in appreciation of this memorial to a dear classmate.

"Puss" Farnum and wife were in Washington for a two week's stay in March.

Lewis Turtle's address is given in the 1953 *Register of Graduates* as 3220 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 8, D. C., but his address now, as last reported, is 1014 Cambridge Oval, Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas. The account of his safari getting there last summer from New York in a new Plymouth, and of all the friends and relations he visited on the 3,800 mile journey, would fill a stout society column. He described it as "a will-o'-the-wisp course", but the metaphor fails to do justice to the distance and to his and Mrs. Turtle's endurance. Now he is doubtless feeding the deer and other animals in the old quadrilateral at Fort Sam Houston.

All those who knew her will be distressed to hear of the death last autumn of Mrs. John S. Uphaw, widow of our never to be forgotten classmate.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

On 12 December 1953, Wilson, A. H., wrote in saying that Koch was coming down on the 14th for their annual duck hunt,

and indicating that Brownsville was too far away from West Point for him to be at the coming reunion, as the "ticker was 'not so good'". How right he was. Soon thereafter Koch wrote that Wilson dropped dead on 15th December from a heart attack, while they were out duck hunting. So another good man has gone. Burial was at Springfield, Illinois.

And now too we have lost Bob Richardson. While visiting in Rome, Italy, Bob died of a heart attack on 2 March 1954, after an illness of only a few hours. The funeral took place at West Point on 15 March. Classmates present were Budd, Danford, Fenton and Reilly, H. J.

Three years ago, Pettis and family settled in Des Moines, Iowa, for good. But after experiencing several winters and summers there, Pete's old home town looked better and better, so from now on his address will be Ellisville, Mississippi, where, Pete says, any classmate passing down that way will be more than welcome.

Recent issues of *Assembly* have mentioned Goat-Engineer football games. In that connection, Wright has found in an old diary, and sent in, the following account of what possibly was the first of such games:

"Oct. 15, 1902. Was policed to 'goats' in Phil from 8th Section (there are ten sections) last Saturday.

This P.M. a team made up of men from the goats in Chem and Phil won a game of football from a team made up of men in 1st Section Chem and Phil by a score of 2 to 0.

I played right tackle against McKell. Two ten minute halves. Following is lineup of the two teams:

<i>'Goats'</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>First Section</i>
Swift	Rt. End	Earle
Wright	Rt. Tackle	McIlroy
McClure	Rt. Guard	Hunter
Gimperling	Center	Pettis
Morrison, R.	Left Guard	Kingman
Cubbison	Left Tackle	McKell
Richardson, J. B.	Left End	Dillon

Hawley	Quarter Back	Ward, R. T.
Wilson, A. H.	Half Back	Fenton
Armstrong	Half Back	Robins
Park	Full Back	Benedict

We scored on a safety. Having held first section on the three yard line for two downs they attempted to punt, Hawley blocked the kick and the ball went way behind the line. Benedict got it and was downed behind his goal, thus making safety.

Goats' yell:

W is equal to Mg,
Sigma I Differential P,
Momenta Ellipsoid, Center of Mass,
We are the "goats" of the 2nd Class.

I see by the January 1954 *Assembly*, page 15, that the Goat-Engineer game of 1953 predicted accurately an Army victory, in that the goats won—so did Army beat Navy. Well, the same thing happened on November 29, 1902, with the score Army 22-Navy 8!"

The Fentons recently completed an enjoyable trip, the following account of which Chancey has provided:

"With the thermometer at zero and plenty of snow on the ground Marguerite and I left our Cornwall-on-the-Hudson home on my birthday, January 14th, for an automobile trip in our new Chevy to visit our daughter Katharine and her family at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The first night we stopped with Ellen and Bill Bryden in Washington, when Bill and I had an opportunity to discuss our 50th reunion plans and the state of the world in general.

At Mobile we visited the Bellingrath Gar-

dens and were luncheon guests of Damaris and Jack Moreland at their beautiful home where they make a specialty of growing Camellias.

At New Orleans we stayed two days at the St. Charles Hotel, dined at Antoinette and Galliquois and took a sightseeing tour of the city.

At Baton Rouge we were the guests of the President of L.S.U., General Troy Middleton and Mrs. Middleton. Attended a Rotary Club meeting; saw the fabulous Huey Long Capitol Building and met many leading citizens, all most enjoyable.

At A. & M. College of Texas, where I was P.M.S.&T. just 42 years ago, we spent a most pleasant day with Doctor Bolton, who was Professor and head of the Department of EE when I was there. He was later President of the College and is now active as President Emeritus.

We arrived at Fort Sam on January 23rd and were there for 16 days. Never have we received a more cordial reception. Southern hospitality was at its best and our only regret was that our stay had to be so short. Bob Campbell, Stanley Koch and Kinzie Edmunds were there and did everything possible for our enjoyment. Bob has been one of my favorite classmates ever since we prepped together at Jerome Denna's and I found that the years have not changed in him the qualities that I have so much admired.

Stanley and Kinzie picked me up a number of mornings for golf which I enjoyed greatly. By the way, they are both rotten golfers, but I don't dare say too much about it because they both beat me. Stanley took us to lunch at the St. Anthony and then he, Kinzie and I went to Randolph Field Hospital to see Jerry Brant. It seems that Jerry went to the hospital to have a physical check-up and while there fell out of bed and hurt his left shoulder. He says he'll soon be all right and will be at our 50th Reunion, bringing Kinzie and Stanley with him.

While at Fort Sam Houston I attended the annual meeting of the West Point Society of South Texas. This is one of our younger Societies but I was greatly impressed with the fact that they are working as a team with the Fourth Army Headquarters. They have done some splendid work in connection with interesting young men in going to West Point.

We came home by way of Dallas where the West Point Society of North Texas gave a luncheon for me at which I had an opportunity to make a brief talk. This is an up-and-coming West Point Society which I am sure we will hear good things from in the future.

At Birmingham, Alabama, we stayed overnight with Judge Logan Martin, who is President of that West Point Society. This was a most delightful visit and we had an opportunity to meet some of the leading citizens of Birmingham.

Arriving back in Washington we stayed for three days with Edith and Earl McFarland, during which time we had an opportunity to see a great many West Pointers, among them Bill Bryden, Scott, W. R., Jake Crain and Charley Thompson.

We arrived back home here at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson on February 17th, making just a five-week vacation. We had a most enjoyable time and I recommend an automobile trip every now and then as a good sort of vacation. Please keep this in mind, you classmates located at considerable distance from West Point, and plan a trip here for our 50th Reunion next June. Let's make this a memorable occasion."

Responses re our fiftieth reunion continue to be encouraging!

—W. B.

1905

Leonard has reported the death of his wife in San Francisco, California, on February 10, 1954. Interment was in the Presidio Cemetery five days later. It was not possible to provide flowers but Leonard was extended the sympathy of the Class in his great loss. He is going to maintain his home at 1709 16th Avenue, San Francisco, with the assistance of his niece.

Marguerite Morgan Talbot passed away in San Francisco, a few days before Mrs. Arnold. Funeral services at the Fort Myer, Virginia, Post Chapel were conducted by Chaplain (General) Luther D. Miller, on March 15. Interment was in the Arlington National Cemetery the same day. The Class was represented by Mrs. C. L. Scott, Tom Lowe and wife, Art Lane and wife, Alvin Barber and Daddy Gibson. In compliance with the expressed desire of Mrs. Talbot the Class has made a small memorial gift to a deserving service installation of Ralph's choosing. Ralph intends to spend some time in the East before returning to San Francisco.

Ralph Talbot called on "Lootie" Scott in Washington and found him surprisingly well considering his general bad health and his recent grave illness. A few months ago the Scotts moved into an apartment in Washington. Will have the address later.

Anne Starkey writes that "Red" is still surprisingly red-haired—or olive drab as he calls it—in spite of all his strokes. They have recently moved from San Francisco to 2820-6th Avenue, San Diego 3, California, to be near their son, who is a Commander in the Navy Air Force. Red is receiving excellent attention from the Navy hospital. The San Diego weather is not nearly as much to their liking as in San Francisco. Anne yearns for "the heavenly fog of Carmel and San Francisco" Henry Starkey, '45, is now stationed at the University of Michigan but expects to go to West Point or Fort Sill this summer.

Roger Powell, on account of ill health, cut short his trip to Egypt, Africa and other places. However, he was on hand for the March Class luncheon in Washington—with Talbot, Barber, Lowe, Case and Gibson.

L. B. Magruder, Jr. is now an engineer with the duPont Company at Buffalo, but he belongs to the Wilmington headquarters. He still keeps up his Reserve associations and trains at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Curley, Lentz and Ramsey represented the Class at the West Point Society Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, on March 20th. All three were stunned at being seated at the same table with General H. C. Hodges, Jr., who graduated in 1881 before many of 1905 were born! We did not realize we were getting that near the head of the line! It was a very successful affair but we missed Tom Doe who was out of town, and Seward Weeks who was laid up with a bum leg.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

When this comes from the printer, the gay and hectic season of Miami Beach will be forgotten and the laurel will be blooming at Dillard, Georgia. Seems a long time since that flood of Christmas cards came from McKew Parr, Bill Lane, Mick Daley, Harriet Smith, Joe King, Cort Parker, Hugo Selton, Tige Huntley, Earl McFarland, Bill Akin, John Merrill, Johnny Johnson, Alex Gillespie, Florence Ardery, Madeleine Kieffer, Jim Riley, Forrest Williford, Dick Bursleson, George Morrow, Bob White and the families of same, much prettier, much nicer in sentiments than ever. And thanks for the messages.

Remember General Horace Porter who talked to us under the elms across from the Library, about June 12, 1906, and who brought the bones of John Paul Jones back to Annapolis, giving the midshipmen a holiday? And we celebrated by holding a mock funeral for John Paul Jones Horton at the tank, almost disastrously? I see by the papers that Porter's grandson has just brought the collected papers of John Paul to Annapolis, stirring memories.

Tige Huntley and Henry Finch have reported the passing of Bess Olmstead last Fall in a Los Angeles hospital. Dawson, in very poor health, has gone to live with one of the children. Our deep sympathy to him.

Jim and Annelie Loving were looking for a medal for the first great grandchild unaware that Alex and Mildred Gillespie had the medal tucked away in their collection.

Libbian Gatewood, Gate's wife, is trying to find suitable disposition for a remarkable volume about early Indian campaigns and stories—sembled and edited by Gate from his father's papers and stories, and covering many controversial matters about the capture of Geronimo and about General Crook. Page our historian, McKew Parr.

Bill Akin has located Johnny Pratt at 2230 Washington St., San Francisco.

Last Fall, we sent a load of our chrysanthemums to Ann Peek at the Kennedy-Warren in Washington. She was away and Ann Ardery, temporarily in the apartment, had the fun of decorating with them. Son Ted is in Korea, and his wife and two children are in California. Ann has sailed to join daughter Ann Gilmore and her family at Ladd Air Base.

Jim Riley has had Hap Glassford at a party of many old Army friends at Dingletown Road, and is, at this writing, on a trip to Orangeburg and points south. Maybe we'll be lucky to have him and Gene come this far.

Tige and Connie Huntley, in Carmel, California, report that son, Harold, is a big wheel in a physics laboratory of North American Air; son Jamie, a major in Air Force Headquarters in Washington, and daughter Connie is building a new house in Del Mar for her family.

John Merrill's boy, Robert, is by this time in the OCS, trying for a commission in the Air Force, and John and his wife are moving back to Texas.

Plenty of news but no secretary, and otherwise occupied with spring flu. More later.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

The article in the January issue of *Assembly* on the Department of Foreign Languages reflected great credit on Rick Morrison's administration of that department from 1925 to 1948. During that period the number of language courses was increased, and improved methods of instructions were adopted, with the result that cadets now graduating have a far wider and more practical knowledge of languages than we ever had in our day.

In response to the appeal for copies of year books for the New York Public Library, Cincinnati Somers came through with Eight and Nine year books in excellent condition. His only regret was that he did not have others, but the vicissitudes of the years and twenty-three moves from here to there had told on both the movers and the things moved.

We had the pleasure of having Grace and Dan'l Boone with us when they came over to West Point from Stamford, Connecticut, shortly before they left for California early in January. In Washington Dan'l was hon-

ored at a luncheon with eleven classmates present. They stopped off in St. Petersburg, Florida, and points enroute and reported finding the Watkins, Eastmans, Lotts and Ganoes all in good shape. We will look for news about Sunny Jim Martin and other classmates as they proceed westward. Dan'l sent us some clippings from the *Houston Chronicle* with an article on the Seminole Indian Negro Scouts, organized for operations against hostile Indians in the early days, and stationed at Fort Clark, Texas. They were an interesting and picturesque group, who lived on the military reservation along Los Moras Creek. After many years of faithful service they were demobilized in 1910 by their last commanding officer, who was none other than Second Lieutenant Abbott Boone, 3rd U.S. Cavalry.

Ben Castle informed us that the George Daileys sailed on the *Vulcania* from New York for Naples on February 25. They took their car with them and expect to spend two or three months in Italy and then probably go to Scotland. George reported that Dusenbury was well and had gone up to Los Angeles to see the Rose Bowl game.

After a visit in Salt Lake City with Roger Jr. and his family during the Christmas holidays, Roger Alexander went on to Los Angeles to visit a nephew and while he was there the Wymans entertained him, the Jerry Taylors, Mrs. Nat Howard and Marjorie O'Connor, at dinner in Glendale. Roger stopped off in Tucson and spent the day with Pat Morrissey, talking over old times. From there he went to Messilla Park, New Mexico, for a visit with Sandy and Myra Chilton and the George Goethals. In addition to other activities they spent an interesting day inspecting the Santa Rita open pit copper mine, which is within motoring distance. Roger arrived home about the middle of February, after stopping briefly in Missouri with relatives.

We took off in January for a brief visit with our daughter in St. Petersburg, Florida, and saw Clyde and Margaret Eastman in their beautiful new home. The house is located directly on Boca Ciega Bay, not far from the Gulf Beaches, so they should be cool and comfortable even during the summer months. Clyde even has his own boat.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of two new granddaughters in our family—Lisa Cowan Somerville, born to Duncan and Virginia Somerville at the Presidio of San Francisco on February 8, and Lucinda Knowlton born to John and Betty Knowlton at St. Petersburg, Florida on March 12, 1954. Our score is now twelve.

Paul Larned reported that Enrique White is back at his old address in Carmel, California, but is trying to sell his place. Paul also reported that Castle, Collins, Drain, Gutensohn, Harris, Larned, McNeil, Morrison, Rutherford and Sullivan were pallbearers at Podo Shedd's funeral at Arlington on December 7. Lettie Shedd sent an appreciative note for the flowers sent by the class.

The Tom Spencers were in Washington in December and were luncheon guests of the Larneds at the Army Navy Club, with the Sullivans and some Navy friends. Rutherford and his daughter recently entertained for the German Ambassador. Dick and Winifred Park motored from Maine to Arkansas to visit the son who is stationed there, and back to Washington to see the other son, who is on duty at the Pentagon. Eugenia Glassburn is at home recuperating nicely after an operation at Walter Reed.

Mrs. Marley's friends will be interested to learn that her new address is Apt. 4, 1518 Parkway, Austin, Texas.

Jim Steese was last reported to be in South America, where he went to escape the snow and cold in southern Europe, but

there is no telling where he may be when these notes are published.

Paul and Cecilia Larned are planning a motor trip starting in May to take in June week at West Point; reunion of three classes with whom Paul was intimately associated at the University of Vermont; a visit to their old home in Hartford, and a stop with the family on Long Island. We will look forward to seeing them and other classmates who are planning to come back to West Point for graduation.

—H. W. W.

1908

The sad news of Slaughter's death was reported in the last *Assembly* in "Last Roll Call". It occurred after the December 10th deadline for this column. Bonesteel, Fletcher, Kelley and Jarman attended the funeral at Leesburg.

Bobby O'Brien passed away at his home in Washington on February 21. The funeral services at Fort Myer chapel and Arlington Cemetery were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25th. The following members of the Class attended: Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Drennan, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Holey, Kelley, Peterson, Schulz, and Sturdevant. Bobby's wife and daughter live at 2205 California St. N.W., Washington, D. C. His son, Colonel Robert E. O'Brien, Jr., has just returned from foreign duty and is now stationed in Washington, D. C.

Bonesteel's son is now a Brigadier General. We have had several general officer sons-in-law, but it is thought that this is the first starred son in the Army. Coiner's son has been an Air Brigadier General for some time.

Since the last class directory it has been reported that Atkisson and Hall, H. W., were unmarried when they died, and these two names have been dropped from our brief list of missing widows.

At the class dinner at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, on February 13th, the following were present: Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Drennan, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Hayes, Hester, Holey, Hughes, Jarman, Johnson, Kelley, Kennedy, O'Brien, Paulsen, Peterson, Schulz, Sturdevant, and Terry. Regrets were received from Ayres, Coulter, Crea, Cunningham, Curry, Desobry, Garey, Goethals, Jackson, Loustalot, Lyon, Meredith, Oakes, and Ricker. At this meeting, which was certainly a very pleasant one, Edgerton was elected President and Sturdevant Vice-President for the next year. In a letter of regret, Mrs. Oakes reported that her husband was seriously ill. Desobry described himself from Dallas as a good old wagon, but badly twisted. Curry is going strong. He reported that he was going to an Air Force seminar on February 2 at Maxwell Air Force Base. There were several references in the letters to that memorable performance of "The Merry Widow" on February 14, 1908.

A letter from McIntosh says that he is happily settled in Mallorca for the winter. He also gives a new permanent address at 16530 Lucky Road, Los Gatos, California.

Lacey Hall is now a consultant to Transportation Consultants, Inc. Lacey has stated that he took this job because he feels the need of having an office to go to.

Edgerton attended the tenth Inter-American Conference of nations at Caracas, Venezuela, in March.

—G. E. E.

1909

Caroline Hanna is returning to her home in White Plains, N. Y., after several months of hospital treatment for a serious hip con-

dition. Ray and Inga Smith have left Chicago to establish a home in California. Meanwhile their forwarding address is Hyde Park Hotel, Chicago 15. . . Ethel Mathe-son's address has been changed to Apartment 2, 2241 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, California. . . Ed and Jo Marks are sailing for Paris on March 23 and expect to remain in Europe until next fall. . . Stanley Rumbough, on a recent trip to Hawaii, visited the Lyman House Memorial Museum in Hilo. This building was erected by the Rev. David B. Lyman in 1839 and was opened to the public as a museum in 1932, one hundred years after the arrival of the Ly-mans from Boston. The Museum exhibits much that shows the way of life of the early Hawaiians.

Franz Doniat expects to leave the United States about April 1 to visit the countries of Western Europe.

Several classmates have not responded to the notices of the coming Class Reunion. All who have not done so are urged to sign up promptly.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

Oscar and Betty Griswold, in a Christmas card from Colorado Springs, say they expect to be present at our 45th Reunion in 1955. This is good news. It is not too early for all of us to plan for this big 1910 affair.

It was good to hear from Robbie Roben-son in Los Altos, California. He sent the season's greetings at Christmas time and says he wants to help with news for *Assem- bly* but hasn't much to send. We hope he will send what he has and we are sure it will be good.

Another very welcome Christmas card came from Jock Waterman down in Auburn, Alabama. He says that he and the Mrs. are fine. He told of a tornado down there last spring which wrecked the houses on each side of them but only took the roof off theirs. Lucky people we would say! Word comes from Texas that Herb Odell moved from Weslaco sometime prior to Christmas and now lives at 811 Elizabeth Road, in San Antonio.

A nice long letter from Duck Reinhardt tells of his interesting activities as City Manager of Terrell Hills, a town on the outskirts of San Antonio. He says that the job has been a blessing for him, that he never has a dull moment, being clerk, bookkeeper, street commissioner, health officer, runs the 4 police, is deputy clerk of the Corporation Court (does all the work) and is sewer and water commissioner.

John and Mildred Millikin took a delight-ful motor trip this winter to the far west, visiting their son, John, Jr., at Albuquer-que, New Mexico, and their brother-in-law and sister, Joe and Bootsie Swing, at the Presidio of San Francisco. On their re- turn trip they had a very pleasant visit with Parker Kalloch and his wife in Al- buquerque. Their trip was cut a trifle short by the news that her father, General P. C. March in Washington, had suffered a broken hip.

On March 6th Joe and Gwladys Leonard entertained the Washington contingent of the class with a most enjoyable cocktail supper at their apartment at 5420 Con- necticut Avenue. Ten of us and our wives were there and it was a grand evening. It was good to have Nell Jones, Ivens' widow, with us on this occasion.

A second son for D. S. and Jane Wilson, Jr.—Bradford Reynolds, born at Fort Bliss, Texas, on January 12th. This boy is Dur- ward and Olive's sixth grandchild and the Wilson family are due congratulations. Mar- tin Ray holds the record of the Class with

twelve. He and Dan Torrey, who is now a great grandfather, have surely set a re- markable record. Martin Ray writes inter- estingly from his new address, an apart- ment at 327 Franklin Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey. He and Jeannie sold their big house in Glen Rock, New Jersey, and are now enjoying life with a concierge to shovel snow and do the other chores. His son John, now a lieutenant colonel, is stationed in the Far East Command. Rod, a major, is on some kind of super security-duty. His family lives at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Alan is a commander in the Navy and on the staff of the Pacific commander. The daughter, Margery Ormond, and Neal live in Aurora, Illinois.

—R. H. D.

1911

Fred Gilbreath sent me a clipping an- nouncing the death of Glover Johns. We extend our deepest sympathy to his fam- ily. Although he is carried in the *Reg- ister of Graduates* as Ex-1910, we all feel that he became a much loved member of 1911 after joining us.

My request that the area representatives take note that others had sent in reports took effect only with Tod Larned. Of course the request did not include Betch, Nick and Jim Mooney—as I can always depend up- on them.

Betch reports that Psi Holland's address has been changed to R.F.D., Fremont, New Hampshire.

Nick reports that the general health of 1911 on the peninsula is excellent. The February meeting was at Sheck's Jackson Street home and at the time of the report it looked as if they would dine at Omar Khyyams. After 40 years he has stopped smoking.

In a nice long letter a bit late for the January *Assembly* Tod reports that he sees Jay Calvert now and then, Jack Kutz at the West Point dinners, and Bob Clark about once a year. In November Tod and Dot visited the Clarks and found Bob in the hospital. After a return trip to the hos- pital Ruth wrote that everything had gone off well and that Bob was back home feel- ing more chipper than ever. They have many friends in Sarasota. Jay is already planning to go up for the 45th reunion in style. Tod and Dot stopped with Mike Franke on their way north last fall, and there met Gus Jr. Tod says that he is a chip off the old block.

Letters from Jim Mooney, Phil Fleming, and Karl Bradford came in from the Wash- ington area. There was one bit of news common to all—Blunty's sailing activities. Since Karl's letter was taken up almost entirely with the subject I'll quote him "Blunty, the old cavalryman, must now be dubbed the Horse Marine, as he has re- cently given up his equine means of trans- portation for a nautical one.

"In his old age he has purchased a sail- boat of the Lightening class which he has learned to whip up and down the Potomac River out of the Sailing Marina just south of the National Airport.

"Of course there was originally some family opposition to the venture due, not so much to doubts of Blunty's ability to master a new profession at his advanced age, as to the necessary expense involved. But Wilfrid overcame these objections by naming his vessel 'Mama's Mink'.

"And he has had considerable success in his new avocation too. With himself as the skipper, Polly the mate, and his daugh- ters, Ellen and Betsy, the crew, he has won several races in the National Yacht Club events. Furthermore the girls have won several other races on their own. And the

skipper received a cup at the end of the season last year for all-round seamanship. Who says West Point does not furnish a broad education?

"Several of the Washington classmates have ventured forth on the water with Blunty, but Howell Estes refuses to trust his hide to Wilfrid's skill, claiming that he and Feathers upset and almost drowned years ago when they were candidates to- gether at Annapolis, but Blunty says sailing is perfectly safe if you know the indirect rein of opposition in rear of the withers, and is now scraping, painting and waxing for next season's competition."

There were some other rumors about the Skipper, but I'll have to check before mak- ing a report.

The reports about Joe Mehaffey are a little disturbing. One was to the effect that the influence of his recent trip to Latin America had shown up in added gayety in his dress. The other was that in order to save him from ennui and possible matrimony his friends elected him to the Board of Trustees of the Army and Navy Club. Anyway he and Speck Wheeler seem to be doing a fine job keeping The Inter- national Bank in the black.

Phil's letter was most enjoyable. Except for some of the top secret information and the suggestion that I give him a cut of my magnificent salary paid by the class, I might have published it in toto. He was staying indoors the day he wrote, because of a cold. The general tone of the letter indicated that he was taking proper treat- ment. Bill Vaughan (at present my per- sonal physician) agrees with the above statement. Phil suggested that I give an account of Betsy's wedding, but space will not permit. I can only say that I am now a full-fledged member of the "Fathers-in- Law Association" and that if any member of the class did not receive an announce- ment the mail is at fault.

—I. T. W.

1912

Judging from the number of cards and letters received by the class officers the re- ception accorded Arch Arnold's Christmas Bulletin was most gratifying. This stimu- lant will encourage further efforts in the 1954 Christmas Bulletin and suggestions for additional features will be welcomed.

Recent reports indicate that Bob Hyatt is sojourning on the Island of Majorca for the spring and summer of 1954, and that "P" Wood, after spending many years abroad, has taken up residence at 502 Wash- ington Ave., Santa Monica, California, and is renewing acquaintance with "Doc" Cook and Burton Read, both of whom reside not too far away. Burton reports that poor vision keeps him from driving his car but that he finds enjoyment puttering around his garden—his only hobby, he states.

Many thanks from all members of the class are due "Doc" Hauser for his magnificent memorial tribute to "Paddy" Flint, which appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*. Doc's son, "Chuck", who was wounded in Korea last July, is now out of the Service, with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal, and is back at the U. of North Carolina finishing up for his degree. Younger brother, Bill, is scheduled to graduate this June and has chosen the Artillery, as did his father and brothers before him. In- cidentally, Bill will be the *last* of the sec- ond generation of the Class of 1912 to grad- uate, unless "Sid" Spalding's two year old son makes the Class of 1972!

Some few weeks ago "Gatch", represent- ing the American Machine & Foundry Co., inspected the ovens being used by the QMC Bakery Companies at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Following his inspection "Big John" addressed the Advanced Class at the Q.M. School.

At a class luncheon held at the Army & Navy Club in Washington on December 9 the following turned out: Rose, Littlejohn, Malony, Mooney, Drake, Spalding, Keyes and Thomas. At a similar luncheon held February 10 were: Nalle, Haislip, Malony, Mooney, Thomas, Littlejohn, Drake, Snow, Maxwell, Gatchell and our honorary classmate, General "Joe" Beacham, our one time football coach, now blind, who lives at the Club. The next class luncheon will be held at the Club on May 12. Classmates are urged to so regulate their visits to Washington as to enable them to attend the future reunions, scheduled for September, November, February and May.

Through the courtesy of "Maxie" Maxwell, reproduced copies of pages 1 and 8 of the *Army & Navy Register* of June 15, 1912, are being distributed to all members of the class and their widows. The class picture, taken in our First Class camp, indicates 87 present and 9 absent. The copy of the *Register* was sent in by Johnny Lindt.

It is with great regret that we announce the passing of three of our classmates: Leon R. Marie, who died at his home in New Iberia, Louisiana, in 1940; Lawrence D. R. McDermott, who died at his home in Brooklyn, New York, on March 20, 1953; and Lewis A. Nickerson, who passed away at his home in San Diego, California, on February 18, 1954. May they rest in peace!

At the 1953 convention of the Military Order of the World Wars our "IKE" Spalding was appointed and confirmed as State Commander of the State of Texas. Ike is also Adjutant and Treasurer of the San Antonio Chapter of the Order.

The New York Times of January 16 reports that our banker classmate, Albert E. Crane, was promoted from Ass't Vice President to Vice President of the Seaman's Bank for Savings in New York City. Bravo!!

Willis Crittenberger, in addition to being President of the Greater New York Fund, was recently sworn in by Mayor Wagner of New York to serve as his chief adviser and personal representative in the City's Civil Defense organization. In this position, which carries no salary, Critt will exercise advisory supervision over all of New York City's civil defense activities.

From a round-robin letter from our five living 1912 Engineers we learn that the privations and discomforts of the Engineer School at Fort Foote in 1914 spurred them on to great achievements in later life, when they all were engaged in civil pursuits and acquired fame and fortune as a result. In the words of our number two Engineer, "Altogether I feel I owe the Engineer School an unlimited debt. It gave me what it took to get a job in civil life and make a living at it."

Warner Day writes from his home in Hingham, Massachusetts, as follows: "My subscription to *Assembly* is always paid in advance. I couldn't get along without each issue. It is the only live medium of knowing what has transpired from time to time." His son, Shields, was separated from the Ordnance Corps recently, having served as a Second Lieutenant therein for almost two years.

Jim Mooney writes that upon inquiry at the Dept of Agriculture in Washington, the latest address of our long-lost Jarvis S. Veeder was given as 1120 Miner Street, Idaho Springs, Colorado, following his retirement from the Forest Service on November 30, 1948.

Mildred and "Giant" Kirk were in the pink on the occasion of a recent visit to

their attractive Chestertown, Maryland, home by the Snows.

Mrs. Alma Bailey writes: "I am always so glad to be included in anything concerning the Class of 1912." She is one of our loyal boosters.

The winter months found some of the class family on the move toward the west coast, namely, Henry McLean, Mildred and Buddy Rose, and Annye and Dave Crawford. Whiteside escaped the cold winds of Hutchinson in February and visited with classmates in San Antonio en route to fishing off the south Texas coast. The Dave Crawfords also visited in Louisiana and Texas on their long motor trip to California, as did the Roses. Ann Anderson visited points east in March and sailed for France to visit her daughter Nancy and family. Helen Youngs visited daughter Betty and family upon their return from duty in Germany stating: "My first ride in a plane since 1930 when I took a hop with Davenport Johnson in an old Army job at Fort Huachuca." Henry McLean plans to sail for Europe in May, to be gone until late fall. Mary Hobson will vacation visiting relatives in New York, Washington, Charlotte and Memphis. Captain Bill Weaver, Jr., on his return from Korea, entered on his detail at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Robby Robertson attended Founders Day West Point dinner in San Francisco and then flew to Washington for a conference on civil defense matters.

Slats Morrissey and Phil Faymonville emerged victorious after battles with the surgeons at Letterman; Bodine did time at Brooke because of a strained back; Margaret Barrett surrendered her gall-stones after nursing Leonard during his recovery from cracking six ribs, and on top of all that she slipped on some wet leaves that Leonard failed to sweep from the front doorsteps and broke a bone in her leg; Red Crawford has sold his Louisville home so that he may move to Washington and be close to Walter Reed with its cardiac specialists.

Sorry to announce we cannot furnish favorable reports on Billy Youngs and Harold Rayner, both of whom are gradually losing ground in the two VA Hospitals where they have been patients for several years.

Congratulations are in order to the Class of 1912 upon passing its 42nd birthday on March 2, 1954; Arch Arnold for producing a most interesting Christmas 1953 Bulletin, along with a cross-word puzzle that nobody in the class could solve exactly (according to Archie's approved solution); Red Crawford, who almost "maxed" it by making but a single error, and who thus won the prize of a bottle of old Scotch; young Pat Riley for qualifying for a Regular Army Commission; Albert Sullivan upon his promotion to First Lieutenant; Jim Mooney's son for the announcement of his engagement to Miss Marguerite Hamilton of Washington, D. C.; Terry Allen for the honor of having a garden club in his home town, El Paso, Texas, named for him; Herb Barbur of Portland, Oregon, for the honors shown him by his lodge (Webfoot Camp No. 65, W.O.W.) on the occasion of the observance of "H. L. Barbur Night", marking his 35th year as its Secretary; Kuddle Kuldell upon the recent completion of his long-planned ranch house and his generous invitation to all classmates who pass through Houston to tarry awhile and sample his ranch-type hospitality; big and little Ethelyn Kuldell for the honor of being selected delegates to the International Flower Show in New York; and to young Tubby Barton, '48, for his outstanding achievements, in war (100 missions in Korea) and in peace as a jet pilot in two

successful guinea pig experiments which required him to cross both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, with refueling at sea both going and coming; and Tommy Thomas for organizing the class luncheons in Washington on the second Wednesday every three months.

Dave Crawford sent in this report on January 24th while he was on a motor trip to the West Coast: "Stopped yesterday at New Iberia, Louisiana, to see my old "beast" roommate Leon Marie after 24 years since my last call on him at his home (415 West St. Peter Street) where his widow now resides. She informed us that Leon died of a heart attack 14 years ago in 1940."

The vital statistics of the Class of 1912, as this report goes to press, show the following figures: 100 living members (66 graduates and 34 non-graduates) and 49 deceased (30 graduates and 19 non-graduates). Let us hope that Father Time will grant us time to hold the line for many more years to come!

Throughout the country at the recently held Founders Day dinners the class was represented as follows: Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club—Greenwald, Kelly and Ike Spalding; San Francisco—Chynoweth, Robertson, McLean, Fehét, Sullivan, Morrissey and Hobson; Los Angeles—Lindt, Wood, Paules, Read and Hocker; New York City—Crittenberger, Maxwell and Gatchell.

As Alumni Day during June Week approaches let us pay our deep respects to the Classes of 1909 and 1914, who are holding their 45th and 40th anniversaries respectively, and to wish them a good turnout. At the same time bear in mind that our last class godson, Bill Hauser, will be presented with a class gift at the site of the Class Tree in what used to be our summer camp. Let us give him a good turnout!!!

—R. T. S. and W. H. H.

P.S. Fellow West Pointers, especially Brigadier General Wm. H. Wilbur's classmates of the Class of 1912, will be interested in reading his very timely new book, entitled "GUIDE POSTS TO THE FUTURE, A New American Foreign Policy," published by Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, 1954.

—W. H. H.

1914

REUNION POPULAR

Johnny Carruth writes: "Elmer Adler, Tim Rees, Jim Bradley and I are planning to attend the Reunion. Aurelia will be with Elmer, and Earll with me. Ike and Lillian Gill can't make it this time. They're driving to Darien, Connecticut, this summer, but can't leave here early enough for the Reunion. Peter Downs is in Brooke Army Hospital, but is doing fine. The Rees' son, Jack, is making them a brief visit. He is a Chemical Engineer with Standard Oil of New Jersey.

I've written to the nineteen classmates living in the central part of the United States, and have numerous replies. Pink Ward can't make the Reunion. He and 'Mrs. Pink' are at 1133 East Third Ave., Denver, and planning to move their furniture out to their cabin at Grand Lake (pop. 350) Colorado. He plans to winterize said cabin this summer. Johnny Kennard's health is somewhat improved and he can now enjoy a very quiet and simple life, but of course he cannot attend the Reunion. John Henry Woodberry has finished building his home at 201 Dellwood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, and he and Marguerite moved into "Stack Arms" in October 1953. Both are coming to the Reunion. They had planned to come with John

and Irma Brooks, but the Brooks are going to Europe in May. John Henry says he has seen Ducky and Lucy Jones of Spartansburg, South Carolina. Ducky is raising (and later shooting) quail. Bob McDonald writes that he will attend the Reunion. Gooding Packard and his wife will attend the Reunion; also, Duke Milliken will be on hand, and will then go to Michigan and Canada for fishing. Duke's new address is: The Oaks, 1416 S. Roan St., Johnson City, Tennessee."

The following letters came to Johnny Carruth:

From Pug Lampert, Fletcher, North Carolina, March 8: "Got your card re our Reunion. The Tubby Does, Bill Ryans and Lamperts are organizing a motor convoy. Our son, who was presented the Class Saber in '39 at our 25th Reunion, is now a Lieutenant Colonel on duty at Hq Tennessee Military District, Nashville." From Johnnie Markoe, The Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, March 7, 1954: "It is hard to realize that 40 years have slipped by since our graduation. Whether I'll be able to attend our Class Reunion is doubtful, due to our own Commencement Exercises. But I'll do my best. By the way this letter is being written with the beautiful Waterman fountain pen presented to me by the Class along with its pencil partner, away back in 1928 when I was ordained. * * * Thanks again to the whole Class for this beautiful and useful reminder of the bond that ties us together. Have enjoyed several delightful visits with Maggie Harris. Gave the invocation before a tremendous crowd waiting to hear General 'Ike' speak during his presidential campaign and enjoyed a short but very delightful visit with him after his speech. It was our first meeting since 1914. Also spent a memorable evening with General 'Toohey' Spaatz when he visited Omaha in connection with the Civil Air Patrol. We both felt 40 years younger as a result. In case I can't make the Reunion remember I'll be with you all in spirit and send my best wishes and warmest regards to each member of the old Class of 1914." From Jeff Davenport, P.O. Box 292, Oak Grove, Louisiana, whose accounting and auditing business is located there and in Lake Providence: "Thanks for your card to remind me of 1914's 40th Reunion. I have been planning for some time to make this Reunion since I have not made any of the previous ones. I am writing Bear Mountain Inn for reservations for my wife, Marie. I received Bill Somervell's classy Round-Robin letter and notice that Ex-Cadets live in the Barracks." From Tom Lanphier, 4026 Prescott, Dallas 19, Texas, March 8, 1954: "Am planning to attend the 40th Reunion at West Point. I will be alone as Mrs. Lanphier died in July 1951." From Goodie Packard, 1112 Kelly Way, El Paso, Texas, March 17, 1954: "Flip (Cedric W.) Lewis left local Beaumont Army Hospital today for Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio. He had been here a long time before I found it out. He has been told that he may be very ill. Brooke Hospital will determine. Needless to say both Flip and his wife are pretty much upset—however very cheerful. I have paid for three days accommodations at Bear Mountain Inn." Johnny Carruth adds: "I saw Flip and his wife as soon as he arrived yesterday (March 18) afternoon and they had dinner with us last night. He entered Brooke Hospital this morning."

Tom Monroe and Jim Cress represented 1914 at the Presidio of San Francisco's successful West Point dinner on 19 March.

Bruz Waddell writes as of February 6: "It looks now like we can go to the Reunion." In a previous letter: "Skimp Brand made his annual pilgrimage to the

West Coast in December '53. He is a man of big ideas and accomplishments. In fact, after we had had a couple 'on the rocks' our ideas, particularly, were without limitations. Skimp's views about bringing up plebes, Los Angeles smog, and Washington correspondents have never changed. There is just a little more news about our one and only, Bill. He resigned from the Army and has come to Los Angeles with our sweet new daughter." From Jack Thompson, Rolles Range, St. Michaels (opposite Annapolis), Maryland, February 5, 1954: "I had a letter from Somervell about the Reunion in June. Nina and I hope to attend. Our daughter is in Washington. Our boy, Cameron, is with the 176 A.F.A. Bn. in Korea and God willing will sail soon for home. He graduated from Princeton in '52. I miss Joe Byron a lot as I saw a great deal of him in these last few years." Here is a very nice note taken from the Gross' last Xmas card, Stuttgart, Germany. "We're still over here! Lived this last year on the French Riviera, Cannes, Nice and now Roquebrune. Love it! Expect to fly back for the 40th Reunion and hope to see you then."

It appears that Bill Somervell's fine monthly letters are stirring up great interest in our 40th Reunion. Be sure to get your reservations in, and if you have a close friend "on the fence"—write him!

From Fred Herman: 15 West 2nd St., Westfield, New York, March 5, 1954: "Mrs. Paddock is moving from Los Angeles to Taxco, Mexico. Some of us envy her this experience." Fred adds: "Goody Packard advises that Jim Haskell has been located living in Bradenton, Florida—Palma Sola Park. Blub Stuart is living in California at Encinitas (near La Jolla)." Henry Holcombe writes: "In addition to their regular monthly dinners the Washington members of 1914 enjoyed a special luncheon in February, in honor of Shrimp and Libby Milburn. Fourteen others were present, including Sue and Andy, J.B., Skimp and Helen Brand, Dabney and Betty Elliott, Dad and Grace Ingles, Paul and Helen Paschal, Leland and Maud Stanford, Harold Loomis and Henry Holcombe. On returning from their wedding trip the Milburns will live in Missoula, Montana, where Shrimp is Military Coordinator at the State University. Shrimp is certainly to be congratulated — and we think Libby is too. Frank Kerr has retired from the Veterans Administration and is now in New York, where he is connected with City College. We hope to see the Kerrs again at the Reunion in June. At our March dinner meeting ten classmates said that they all plan to be at West Point for the Reunion. Most of them are planning to bring their wives, and a number have engaged rooms at the Bear Mountain Inn."

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS?

—Jim Cress.

1915

Jim Van Fleet is finding a wide range of interests more than enough to keep him as busy as he used to be in the Korean War days. At last report, he was closing out some commitments in the New York City area and getting set to operate the Van Fleet interests near Auburndale, Florida (citrus fruit production and processing). His lead article in a recent issue of *Reader's Digest*, "Twenty-five Divisions for the Price of One" shows his continuing interest in the business of helping the non-Communist areas of East Asia to make themselves secure against Red aggression. Jim has thus far resisted the pressure of Florida politicians to run him for political

office in his native state.

Two 1915 households mourn the fatal crash of Major Henry S. Beukema, USAF, near Langley AFB, on 19 January. The Class extends its most sincere sympathy. Mrs. Beukema and the three children have settled down with her parents, the Bradleys, at 315 North Saltair Avenue, Los Angeles 49, California, where Omar has established his permanent home.

The retirement of Joe Swing on 1 March is believed to wind up 1915's active participation in the running of the Army's affairs, except for one old and balding chap at West Point. Correct?

Roscoe Woodruff, fed up with garden and household chores, has taken on the job of Director, District 5, American Cancer Society. His area covers 23 counties in the southwestern part of Texas, enough to keep him busy.

The tragic news of Buck Finley's death at Santa Barbara, California on 19 March comes from Joe Haw. After an illness of some weeks, Buck underwent an operation for intestinal cancer. Initially favorable reaction was followed by a turn for the worse, ending in his death. Retired in 1946, Buck and Helen had settled down at Tattoo, Hierba Drive, Hope Ranch Park, Santa Barbara. A fine home and beautiful grounds became theirs after much hard and well planned work. A committal service was held at West Point on 2 April. Buck rests beside his son, Charles R., Jr., Class of January 1943, who was killed in action in Normandy on 8 August 1944, after winning the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts. In addition to Helen, the survivors are: a daughter, Mrs. Walter Meigs, of Los Angeles; two sisters, Miss Mary Finley, of Philadelphia, and Miss Ethel Finley, of New York City; and two grandchildren.

Plans for the 40th Class Reunion are in the tentative stage. Fred Boye and the rest of the officers are considering the various possibilities. Expect in due time from Tom Hanley an outline plan and a questionnaire. Thereafter, it will be up to you.

—H. B. and T. J. H.

1916

The anniversary of the Military Academy was celebrated by 1916 in Washington, D. C. at a dinner for the Class and their wives on March 13th. Those attending were the Scotts, Pricketts, Gallaghers, Walshes, Levys, Blisses and Jesse Tarpley. From out of town came the Worshams from Frederick, Maryland, and the Capertons from Amissville, Virginia. Bob McCullough planned to come from Philadelphia but business upset his plans at the last minute.

Stanley Scott, C.G. at Fort Belvoir, retired on March 31st. He left with Mary on a long motor trip which will take him to Florida, Mexico, the Pacific Coast, and possibly western Canada, before he returns to Washington where he plans to make his permanent home. Crampton and Harriot Jones, after a motor trip to Mexico, sailed for Europe in February. They plan to travel abroad for several months. Holland and Marion Robb are still in Europe. When last heard from they were in Rome. They are due back in the early summer and will locate in North Carolina.

Jack and Kate Fraser, after spending December and January in Tucson, Arizona, took off on a trip to the Canal Zone and Cuba. They returned to Tucson in March. Red and Bobbie O'Hare also wintered in Tucson, where they expect to remain until May. Red is recuperating from a lung infection for which he was treated at Walter Reed Hospital last fall. Horace McBride, who has been C in C of the Caribbean area, will retire in June. Calvin DeWitt, C.G., of

the New York Port, and Willy Shipp, Army Attache in Spain, also go out this summer, leaving Bill Hoge the last of 1916 on the active list at the end of the year.

Dwight Johns, in Piedmont, California, has given up his connection with Civil Defense and is now with the Acacia Life Insurance Company. Tom Martin, who was State Director of C.D. for Tennessee, has resigned and is now devoting his energy to his home and several acres of ground. He says digging in the soil is a great sensation. Freddy Inglis is living in Seattle, where he is in the industrial insurance business. He spends his summers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where he owns several small ranches. Woodward is still in the State Director's office of C.D. at Sacramento, California, but is planning a trip east this summer. Spence Merrell broke his leg last summer. It was a compound fracture requiring the use of metal pins to assist in the setting. He had made a complete recovery by Christmas. Merrell, Reinhart and Pablo Parker are new members of the "Grand Daddy Club".

Bruno Brundred has moved from Mission, Kansas to Abilene, Texas. He has resigned as an officer of the Brundred Oil Company and has formed a partnership with his son in an enterprise for secondary oil recovery from worked-out oil fields. George Andrew and his wife as usual ducked the Vermont snow and spent the winter in DeLand, Florida. The Tullys spent part of the winter visiting the younger members of the Tully clan at Fort Benning. The Cockrells made a trip to his old home in Jacksonville, Florida, returning to Washington in March. Clyde Altman from Silver City, New Mexico, and Leo Creeden from Lima, Peru, sent their best regards to the Class at Xmas time. Creeden is an official of Panagra Air Lines at Limatimba Airport.

At Xmas a letter came from Carl Marriott's wife saying how much the Class Xmas card meant to him. Since his stroke several years ago he does not get about much and welcomes letters from his friends in the Class. His address is 5205 Makalena Street, Honolulu, T. H. Rose Coffin also wrote to say that since Bill's death she had moved to Decatur, Georgia. Potter Campbell's widow, Kate, is living at his old home in East Orange, New Jersey.

Monty Monsarrat is still in Hawaii, but is planning to return on a trip to the mainland. He is getting up steam for the 1956 Reunion. Hearse Henderson also writes from El Paso that "the bonds of friendship of long ago grow stronger with time" This seems to express the feelings of most of us. Let's start now planning to be at West Point in 1956.

—E. G. B.

APRIL 1917

Two more retirements—Harper and Sullivan—reduce the number now on active duty to eleven.

Sully has reported to The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, as second in command to Wayne Clark there. Wayne assumed the presidency on March 1st as the eleventh to hold that office, succeeding General Summerall. Secretary Stevens was the principal speaker at the formal inauguration on March 19th. Sully was honored with a farewell review at Fort Lee, Virginia, on 19 December 1953.

At the regular bi-monthly luncheon of classmates in Washington, held at Fort McNair, January 21st, the following were present: Percy Black, Aaron Bradshaw, Joe Collins, Bill Cowgill, Ira Crump, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Leo Erler, Make Macon, Dan Noce, Burnett Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Harry Schroeder, Steve Sherrill, Cooper Smith,

Sam Smith, Pescia Sullivan, Willis Teale, Kivas Tully, Van Vanderhyden, George Wooley, and Kewp Yuill who had just returned from a six-weeks' motor trip to Texas.

Bill and Jule Heavey report from Madrid that Louie Ford had been there a few days in February but has gone south to seek warmer climes. Also the Harold R. Jacksons had been there in January. When they left Madrid they ran into a student demonstration at Granada where their car with Great Britain tags was damaged before Jack could convince them he was "Americano" and not "Ingles." The Spanish Government kindly repaired all damage, expressed its regret and the Jacksons proceeded happily on to Rome. They will be ten months touring Europe and Scandinavia.

Bill Heavey is Project Manager for Architects-Engineers, handling the US Air Force and Navy Spanish Bases, and is camping out at the Castellana Hilton for several more months.

At the luncheon meeting in Washington March 11, the following were present: Percy Black, Morris Barroll, Joe Collins, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Leo Erler, Clark Fales, Make Macon, Dan Noce, Burnett Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Steve Sherrill, (who with Dot had just returned from a 3½ week motor trip to Texas and Mexico), Harry Schroeder, Willis Slaughter, Sam Smith, Donovan Swanton who came down from New York, Kivas Tully, and Kewp Yuill. The luncheon on April 15, at which we were briefed on the advantages of the Survivors Benefits Bill will be covered in the next issue of *Assembly*.

The following is quoted from a letter just received from Jim Hayden:

"While visiting in Palm Beach we saw Bill and Gladys Sackville and daughter, Vicki, at their home in Lake Worth. They have done a beautiful job of fixing up their most attractive home and garden. Sack is taking a painting course at college, has had paintings on exhibition and sold one—much to his regret for he had such a liking for his work hated to see it go.

"Then we went across the boot of Florida and visited Jas and Jean Stewart. They too have a beautiful place in Sarasota. They just love it there. Jas is busy in real estate.

"Dated 21 January was a letter from Jack Nygaard, at the UN Korean Reconstruction Agency, Geneva, Switzerland. Ann has had extensive opera engagements, so they gave up their home in Rome. He ran into Jack and Jeanette Jackson in Rome, where they heard Ann sing 'Falstaff'.

"Bill and Helen Daugherty have moved to Tacoma, Washington. They were all set to go to Europe to visit son, William, USMA '45, when Bill had another of his attacks. I am sure that he would like to hear from his classmates.

"We had our West Point dinner at the Presidio Officers' Mess 19 March. Doug Wahl came up from Carmel. Alex Campbell, Jack Code, Milt Halsey, Sam Irwin, Pete Kilburn, Dutch Keiser, Louie Martin and I completed the gathering."

Please send me class news from time to time, at 3015-45th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

—S. H. S.

AUGUST 1917

Bob Bringham was recently honored at an outdoor reception at the West Los Angeles Veterans Center, in celebration of 40 years of service with the United States Government made up of 25 years in Veterans Administration, Washington and 15 years of military service.

Bud Cooney gives me the news that the last nine members of our class, of which he is one, will be retired, by executive order, not later than the 30th of September 1954. In just a few months the last of the regulars of the Class of August 1917 will be finally leaving the Service. Those still on active service are—Paul W. Cole, H. A. Cooney, Theo. L. Futch, G. W. Hirsch, W. W. Jenna, Onslow S. Rolfe, G. B. Troland, Leo V. Warner, R. E. S. Williamson.

With all regulars gone, there will still be one of our class on active duty. To Hi Ely goes this distinction. For some years a Reservist, he returned to active duty in command of Frankford Arsenal, to have the honor of being the last leaf of the tree of August '17.

Thanks to that very fine trait of Jules Schaefer of maintaining contact with so many friends, Jack Johnson and his wife have been unearthed in San Miguel de Alende, GTO, Mexico, Apartado Postal 79, a little colonial town in the highlands of Central Mexico, 200 miles northwest of Mexico City. Jack writes they are enjoying the life in that strange and interesting leisurely land—so much so they still have no plans for returning to the States.

Bill Chapman saw Señor Reyes and his wife in San Francisco, in December. It was her first trip to the United States and his first return since graduation. They have had 13 children, 11 still living.

Peggy Moore, who is visiting her daughter in Hawaii, will visit the Chapmans on her return to the States.

Harry Rising reports that Harriet and he are living quietly at 8 Brooklands, Bronxville, New York, winters, moving upstate to Lake Keuka for the summers. They will always welcome calls from classmates.

Tracy Dickson, who is Executive Vice President of the Bridgeport People's Savings Bank, Bridgeport, Conn., tells me his family is well scattered. Their youngest son, now a second lieutenant in the Air Force is in South Dakota; their oldest boy is being transferred permanently to Canada for his corporation; and their only daughter is now in the Mediterranean, following the Sixth Fleet where her husband is stationed.

Desmond O'Keefe has recently retired and is now making his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, where he and Alice have owned a home for a number of years. Desmond's son was injured recently while making a parachute jump at Fort Bragg. The lines of another jumper's chute and Desmond Jr.'s got fouled when they collided in the air. Desmond Jr. was seriously injured but, fortunately, is off the critical list.

A flash from Bob Hasbrouck tells me Bill Reeder was recently remarried. No further particulars available at this time.

Skinny Sharp has taken up painting (landscapes—not houses) since his latest retirement from the Army. He makes the third of the Washington contingent of our class who wield the talented brush. The others—Phil Day and Margaret Bellinger.

Gus Hoffman, after getting the necessary degree from New York University to qualify him to teach, is back where he came from as an instructor in Highland Park Junior College, Highland Park, Michigan.

It is with deep regret that I have to report the sudden death of Jack Hawkins at his home in New Mexico.

A great big welcome is extended to any of our class who happen by the "Crossroads of the Southwest" by Otto Jank. Otto is now in Texarkana, Texas, with Day & Zimmerman, Inc. as General Manager for the Lone Star Ordnance Division. He and Ruth are quite active in civic affairs. Their son Bill, Class of 1946, is now stationed in Rome, Italy and their daughter, Florence is in St. Louis.

My sincere appreciation to all of you for your prompt response for news. A great deal that I have received will have to await the next issue as an unexpected business trip necessitated my closing the column ahead of time.

—W. G. W.

JUNE 1918

Tenney Ross writes: "Christmas, Marian and I visited our younger daughter, Katherine, her husband, and two children, who live in Maryland near Washington. Telephoned Marian and Andy Moore, who surely enjoyed their European tour. Their son is still in Europe but leaves there, and the service, shortly.

"At the annual birthday party, given by Jack Sverdrup for General MacArthur, I saw (1) Lane Holman, up from his command at Aberdeen, and as jolly as ever; (2) Jim Marshall, sage and benign, back from Turkey but without a harem, and now again at Skaneateles (or however you spell it); and Pat Casey, who still has his figure and, rumor has it, his singing voice. Sam Sturgis was to come but suddenly had to see a Congressman about a dam or something;—must be tough to be that important.

"We had a snapshot of Murray Neilson and his even more handsome son at Christmas. What has happened to the 'Sage of San Mateo'? Hans has been disquietingly quiet lately.

"I have left the remunerative employment I have enjoyed for seven years, seven months with Sverdrup & Parcel and will soon be selling apples on the corner. If anyone wants an old broken down engineer, please let me know."

Heinie Baish writes that he saw Tommy Tompkins this Christmas who was home in Northfield, Vermont, for the holidays, and that Tommy's son, Charles Francis Tompkins, (whose arrival was announced in this column in April 1952) was two years old on December 24, 1953. Aline and "Mike" Grenata announce the engagement of their daughter Michaela to Lieutenant Kenneth Edwin McIntyre, Class of '49.

Eddie Sibert has been relieved from assignment at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, "and to retirement." Tommy Tompkins retired for the second time last July. The Army and Navy Journal for February 20th ran a picture of Gene Caffey as "The Army's new Judge Advocate General." To those of us who have not seen him in thirty-six years, Gene looks somewhat older than he did in Kaydet Gray but, judging from that picture, he looks very legal. Congratulations Gene. Two months ago, the Army and Navy Journal had a picture of Bitt Barth, who had then recently assumed command of the Joint U.S. Military Aid Group to Greece, being introduced to the King and Queen of the Hellenes, and all three seemed to be enjoying the introduction.

Present at the West Point Founders Day Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, New York, on March 20th: Laddie Bellingher, Lucius Clay, Jack Grant, Growley Gruhn and Clarence Townsley. At a Class meeting then and there held, Clarence (not voting) was unanimously elected Class Representative to succeed Jack Grant who has, so obviously been going stale on the job. It is hoped that all classmates will more or less regularly send news items to "C.P." and help him build up this column to the high order of merit which it has at times given promise of eventually attaining. Address such items to: Brigadier General Clarence P. Townsley, U.S.A., Ret., 36 Dogwood Lane, Manhasset, Long Island, New York. YES, HANS, THIS MEANS YOU AS

WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLASS.

—J. L. G.

NOVEMBER 1918

I guess everyone knows that Kester Hastings is QMG.

A grand letter has come from Bev Tucker, 1324 South Madison Street, San Angelo, Texas. Bev writes most interestingly of his life as a cattleman, a life that must be a full and satisfying one even when plagued by drought as last year. He extends a cordial invitation to all classmates who pass near his centrally located stronghold. Fred Pearson and Babe Gullatt come his way occasionally. Bev says: "It is always a real pleasure to receive my copy of *Assembly* for I know I'll read in your fine column about our classmates. Too bad more of them do not communicate with you for only through you do I hear of friends. For instance Jack Hinton, my cadet wife, never has written except once when I wrote him to say I was sorry to hear of his misfortune (I'd heard of none) and had an immediate response inquiring as to what I'd heard. I have heard in a roundabout way that Jack is married again, but where he is or what he is doing is a mystery."

Jack Hinton is reported to be in Columbia, Missouri; George Keyser at Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Heinie Bergman, Fasnacht, Jack Curtis, Gene Vidal, Jake Whelchel and Conrad, G. B., foregathered at a Class Table at the Founders Day Dinner at the Waldorf in New York on Saturday, 20 March.

Fred Pearson, 110 El Rancho Way, San Antonio 9, writes of corresponding with Handsome Harry Hillard, 2919 Merriwether Road, Shreveport, Louisiana—so have I—Harry did not make the reunion because visitors arrived at the eleventh hour. He promises pheasant, quail, turkey and countless other succulent treats for any classmates that come his way.

Babe Gullatt gets around—in addition to his previously mentioned visit to Bev Tucker, Babe and Nell have visited Handsome Harry; Fred Pearson; and Frank Corzelius, 2401, Gulf Building, Houston.

Andy March has joined the retired colony at San Antonio. Pearson says that Andy looks fine. He also reports Chris Knudsen working hard and thriving on it; and Johnny Works still selling real estate in Corpus Christi. Fred himself, has enrolled at Trinity University to catch up on studies he has not hitherto had time to pursue.

Howell Cocke seems to live more or less permanently in California now, flying back and forth to Houston occasionally to take care of business.

Pearson saw Dick Wheeler's daughter recently, and learned that Dick is keeping busy selling real estate in Houston.

Fred Butler has decided to go to work and has accepted a job as manager of the big San Francisco airport. I am informed that his income tax will be rather large next year, which is just as well as he must be getting a little self-conscious, on a comparative basis, as his elder daughter has been in the higher brackets for several years.

The Mike Jenkins went to Florida this winter to visit their son who was stationed near West Palm Beach. Having got sand in their shoes they bought a house at 11 Sunset Lane, Pompano Beach, and offer free bed and board to visiting classmates. Mike wrote quite a letter. He is a grandfather now; spent two days with Joe Twitty talking about all of us last winter.

The Washington Group is as active as ever. Their plans for the April Class Party

are all set. They guarantee a good one. Anyone going through Washington should make contact with Elmer Barnes at the Industrial War College. He keeps up a list of all classmates in the vicinity of Washington with current telephone numbers and addresses. The class might be interested in a few statistics by Barnes. The coming wholesale retirement in September will leave them wondering how we stand. So he's done a little research and comes up with the following:

Still on Class List as of 35th Reunion.....	206
Previously separated or retired.....	139
Still on active duty at that time....	67
Changes (June '53 through September '54)	
Deceased (to March)	2
Retired 1953	16
To retire 1954	38
Still on active duty after September 1954	13
Balance of previously separated or retired	137
New Class Total	204

Remaining on Active Duty after September 1954: Bowman, Chorpensing, Christian- sen, Hastings, Hinds, Kendall, Ogden, Muller, Pence, A. W., Schow, Stokes, Swift.

There are six sons of classmates graduating this June with the class of 1954: Badger, Robt. W.; Bathurst, Wm. D.; Carroll, Jas. L.; Carter, J. B.; Johnson, D. W.; Walker, S. P., Jr. They will be given the usual class present of a Life Membership in the Association of Graduates, and subscriptions to *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates*.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

Correction department—Fred Drury's retired address is 1711 Terrace Way, Santa Rosa, California, not Santa Clara as erroneously stated in the last issue. Excuse it please, Fred.

Recent promotions include Sladen Bradley and Bob Crichlow to be permanent MG's; Bobby Gard and Jack Murphy to be temporary MG's; and Tom Hedekin, Dick Ovenshine, Charlie Pyle, and Harris Scherer to be temporary BG's. If my count is right, and I'm sure someone will pick me up if it isn't, that brings the total number of the class who have worn stars (general's, not engineers) to 54. Bill Wyman has recently become Commanding General of the 6th Army, Presidio of San Francisco. Louis Ely retired in January 1954. Joe Warren, who retired in 1951, is now living at 6719 Robin Rd., Dallas, Texas. He is in the real estate business, and reports that he and Mildred are in good health and spirits. Skag Faine writes from Florida, Alabama, that he retired on 31 Oct. 53 and plans to study Business Administration at the University of Florida. Before Skag left Korea last fall he saw Elton Hammond and LeRoy Wilson, the only members of the Class remaining in FECOM.

Pat Echols has become Graduate Manager of Athletics at his old school, V.M.I. He is given a fine write-up in the *V.M.I. Review*. Willie Palmer was author of a most interesting article, "Men Think As Their Leaders Think", in the January *Army Information Digest*. Henry Nichol's daughter Julia was married to Christopher Cook in Exeter, New Hampshire, on 21 December 1953.

Sladen Bradley wrote from EUCOM just too late to catch the last issue that Alex Kirby is on active duty (Colonel) in Nuremberg. Buddie Ferenbaugh and Bobby Gard are in Heidelberg. Sladen expects to move to Paris this summer.

Frank Davis' mother, Mrs. Abbie Greene Davis, died at West Point on 11 February.

Her husband was the late Colonel W. D. Davis, Class of 1892. Services were held in the Old Chapel at West Point, followed by a graveside committal service at Arlington Cemetery, which was attended by several members of the class.

Count Wilson has joined the investment firm of Wulff, Hansen and Co., with offices at 450 Russ Building, 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco. Jack Murphy and Bob Hill were visitors at USMA on 13 February 54 for the athletic events in the Field House. Jack's orders are out to move from Governors Island to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Bob expects to move from Fort Monmouth to Bliss sometime in June.

Horace Speed's Washington letter tells of the class cocktail party in the Army and Navy Club also on 13 February. Among those present were Kyke and Emmy Allan, Mike and Marjorie Brannon, Les and Dot Flory, Jimmie Harbaugh, Benny and Irene Hanford, Herb and Anabel Jones, Doc and Patty Martin, Peggy McGinley (Gene was away on a hush-hush mission), Dick and Emma Ovenshine, Willie Palmer, Mrs. Tom Hedekin (Tom is in Korea), Harry and Mary Rex, Horace and Minette Speed, Nate and Maude Twining, Stu and Helen Barden, Merritt and Carolyn Booth, Joe and Maxine Cranston, Bob and Helen Crichlow, Al and Dade Wedemeyer (down from New York just for the party), White, J. C. (temporarily in town), and Marion Bruckner and Helen Bryan. Those present toasted the promotions to permanent BG of Herb Jones, Ben Hayford, Hobart Hewett, Jim Phillips, Nate Burnell and Bunker Bean as well as the temporary promotions listed in the first paragraph. Hugh Waddell has retired to Pinehurst, North Carolina. J. V. Cole is also retired, and lives at Wolf Trap Farm, Vienna, Virginia, a few miles from Falls Church. Julius Slack's retired address is 1723 Warfield Drive, Ocala, Florida.

Time magazine carried a biography of Nate Twining in its 8 February issue. Among other things it spoke of Nate's graduation—quote—after 18 months with the accelerated "bastard class of World War I"—end quote. Maybe we should inform the editors of *Time* what a class those "bastards" turned out to be.

Returns from the first reunion bulletin have been coming in fast. Of 90 so far received 48 expect to come, 42 can't make it. The list of those planning to come as of 22 March includes: Allan, Bartlett, Barton, Bean, Boyd, Broberg, Chadwick, Chapline, Cole, Coursey, Cranston, Davis, Donnelly, Echols, Green, Hardin, J. R., Hill, L. L., Hill, R. A., Jervey, Lewis, Martin, Meyer, Murphy, Nelson, D. H., Nichols, Noble, Odell, Ovenshine, Palmer, Phelps, Pierce, Porter, Raaen, Riley, Robinson, Rosenthal, Samsey, Shaw, Sheets, Shingler, Slack, Sorley, Speed, Stephens, Szymanski, Tate, van de Graaff, Wedemeyer, Wilson, C. F., Wood, Wyman, and Young. Of these 38 plan to bring their wives.

Several men write B-aches for not coming. Maurice Kurtz, retired in St. Petersburg, Florida, can't travel because of a heart condition. He recommends St. Petersburg for retirement. Stu Little expects to be at a business conference in Paris. Fritz Marlow has the same excuse. Jack Madison's daughter is graduating from William and Mary on 7 June, so they can't come.

Al and Grace Gruenther visited West Point on 15 March after spending some time in Washington as guests of friends who live at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Al gave one of his incomparable lectures to the First and Second Classmen. They want to come to the reunion, but he feels it very doubtful if he can get back at the time of June week.

Kyke Allan visited USMA on 13 March to

discuss plans for the 35 Year Book, which he has undertaken to edit. As you know, an "angel" has offered to finance it. Kyke is enthusiastic about the possibilities for a good book, although there is some question whether it can be completed by the time of the reunion.

The class was represented at the "Founders Day" dinner of the West Point Society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria by Kyke Allan, Brick Bartlett, Horace Buck, Joe Dalbey, Jack Dommoney, Pat Echols, Bob Hill, Joe Holly, George Horowitz, Jack Murphy, Ed Sebree, and Al Wedemeyer. Holly, now retired and living in La Jolla, California, was in New York on business. Sebree is to move in May from Deputy CG 1st Army to the Far East Command (probably Korea). Bob Carter is presently on a 3 months' vacation in Europe, most of which will be spent on the Riviera. Shorty Whitesides, now retired, is living at 11 Neila Way, Mill Valley, California. Adna Hamilton retired on 31 March, and with his retirement ends a 93 year period during which some member of his immediate family was a regular officer. The Hamiltons expect to live in El Paso. Bob Crichlow was retired as a Major General (p.d.) in February.

Will the unidentified classmate who mailed the unsigned card to me in March, post-marked El Centro, California, please communicate with Brick Bartlett at West Point? See you in June.

—B. W. B.

1920

Forty classmates are affected by the official announcement in January at the Pentagon of the retirement of Army permanent colonels with over thirty years service and at least five years in grade. All of 1920 unite in sending our expression of appreciation and great pride in the outstanding performance and achievements of the classmates whose active Army service will now be terminated. The list of those in 1920 affected follows:

Names of Permanent Colonels Scheduled to be Retired by 30 Sept. '54:

Adams, C. M., Jr., Inf
 Bartlett, W. H., Arty
 Buie, W. D., Inf
 Burkart, E. C., Arty
 Burns, Donald S., CE
 *Cassidy, John F.
 *Daniel, Maurice W.
 Denson, Lee A., Arty
 *Ford, William W.
 Fulton, Alan L., Arm
 Handy, H. F., Arty
 Harris, F. M., Inf
 *Henning, Frank A.
 Hill, William H., Arty
 Hine, H. C., Jr., Arm
 Horn, T. R., SigC
 Howard, J. G., Arty
 Ivins, Charles F., Inf
 Johnston, E. C., Arm
 Langevin, J. L., Arty
 Lichtenwalter, L. E., QMC
 McFadden, W. C., Arty
 *McQuarrie, C. M.
 *Miller, Harold T.
 Morse, F. H., Arty
 Nye, Wilbur S., Arty
 Pitts, F. R., Arm
 Raymond, J. E., Inf
 Reuter, H. C., OrdC
 Rosebaum, D. A., Arm
 Searcy, F. T., Arm
 Sears, H. A., Arm
 *Seybold, John S.
 Shattuck, M. C., Inf
 Smith, L. G., Arm
 Smith, L. S., AGC
 **Tully, T. J., Sig C

*Vogel, Gustave H.
 Welch, Ray O., OrdC
 Withers, W. P., Arm

*Temp. B.G.

**Recommended for temporary Brigadier General, AUS, 14 January 1954

Permanent Colonels for Boost to Permanent B.G.

*Holle, C. G.
 *Robinson, Major General Bernard L.
 *Roberts, F. N.
 *Swartz, C. H.

*—30 years' service, five years in grade, who by being selected for B.G. will be retained on active duty.

Permanent Colonels Selected for Retention.

*Hayden, Frederic L., Arty
 *Hasbrouck, Sherman V., Arty
 *Rehm, George A., Arm
 *Crist, William E., Inf

*Temp. B.G.

On February 15, 1950 Don Leehey was appointed manager of the Atomic Energy Commission's Santa Fe Operations Office to succeed Mr. Carroll L. Tyler, who resigned. This is an extremely important post. At least one news commentator has said that in his opinion the job was so difficult and of such tremendous importance that a proper successor for Mr. Tyler could not be found.

The Santa Fe Operations Office which Don will manage conducts research, development, production and testing of atomic weapons for the Atomic Energy Commission. Congratulations, Don, for becoming the replacement of the irreplaceable man.

Another of our classmates in civilian life has recently been the recipient of a high honor. He is Sam Gregory of Denver, Colorado, who was recently made President of the Society of Industrial Realtors. This is a national organization and a very select group, the membership being limited to about 500 members throughout the United States.

Sam was installed as President of the group at the Board of Governors meeting of the Society in Memphis, Tennessee, on January 29, 1954. The principal speaker of the evening was B. L. Robinson, Major General, CE, Class of 1920. This occasion was a homecoming for Robbie, as he had served with the US Engineers in Memphis from March 1933 to September 1936.

Also in January our Class President, John A. McNulty of Teaneck, New Jersey, was re-elected President of the New York Athletic Club. This will be John's second consecutive term in that office.

The West Point group gave a luncheon at the West Point Army Mess recently (see cut). The three classmate guests at this luncheon were Fred Hayden, Don Leehey and Alec Sand.

An interesting Christmas card arrived on the post this year from George and Rosalie Doolittle. They are still living in Albuquerque, New Mexico — George in the lumber business and Rosalie busy with her gardening. Incidentally, on January 21, 1953 her book "Southwest Gardening" was released by the University Press. Since that time, according to George, he became Mrs. Doolittle's husband instead of George Doolittle, and has spent most of his time since at autographing parties and listening to speeches.

"Chesty" Haswell sent us one of his usual interesting letters this month. He said that he and Eulamay had moved to El Dorado, Arkansas, from their plantation home near St. Joseph, Louisiana about one

year ago. He continues to manage the extensive plantation, but other interests in the new area prompted the move in order that he could better supervise certain agricultural, forestry and oil operations in the new location. "Chesty" even has time to instruct a men's Bible class on Sundays and his letter contained a request for a copy of the Cadet Prayer.

Please note the review of "Chick" Fowler's, RECIPES OUT OF BILIBID, collected by "Chick" while a Japanese prisoner of war in World War II, elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

Some recent changes of station and/or assignment have come to my notice. Hank Hodes, formerly Commandant of the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is ordered to Europe where he will command VII Corps. You will recall that Hank went to Korea in August 1950 as Assistant Commander of the 7th Infantry Division. Later he was made Deputy Chief of Staff and then Deputy Commander of the 8th Army under General Ridgway, before being given command of the 24th Infantry Division on 20 December 1951. He was present at many of the truce conferences at Panmunjom. Eddie McGaw has been transferred from Fort Baker, California to USAFFE, Zama, Japan. George Rehm has been transferred from USAREUR to the 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Frank Henning has been transferred from USAREUR to the 3420th ASU, Headquarters, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Almost always it is necessary to add a few sad notes to this column. This time I am sorry that I must announce the death at Dunkirk, New York, on February 19, 1954, of Henry K. (Jack) Williams. Jack was 54 and had been publisher of "The Dunkirk Evening Observer" since 1932. He joined the Observer staff when his father was the publisher and succeeded his father upon the latter's death about 1934. The Observer was founded in 1882 by his grandfather. Surviving Jack are his wife, Mrs. Mildred Williams, and a son, Major Henry K. Williams, 3d, USAF, USMA Class of 1946.

On 28 January 1954 at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, death came to Colonel Harold Edward Smyser, USA, Ret. Smyser was retired for physical disability in 1951. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Smyser, and his mother,

Mrs. W. D. Smyser. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

I am happy to report that our two class "plebes", Freeman Grant Cross, Jr. and George W. Bailey, Jr., are fine cadets, are doing well academically and are earnestly piping June and "Recognition"

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

Morris Marcus comes through this time with news from the Far West. He is Adjutant General of the Sixth Army at the Presidio, and lists Aaron Kessler in command at Hamilton Air Force Base, George Taylor living in Palo Alto, Dean in San Jose, Pirkey and Stephens in Sacramento. He didn't mention Lombard, who was last reported (by himself) in Sacramento, or Corporal Hisgen in Carmel. Molloy lives in Santa Clara but hasn't been well and the classmates in that area don't see as much of him as they would like. Helen Smith (Mrs. C. R.) lives in Millbrae, just south of San Francisco.

Giles Carpenter and family passed through San Francisco last summer enroute to Honolulu, where Giles is PMS&T at the University of Hawaii. A son-in-law of the Marcus' is in Giles' outfit, and Morris and Connie went out to Honolulu at Christmas time to see their daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters, now eight and four years old. While out there they acquired a second grandson, born to their son Charles and his wife, daughter of John Stodter who graduated when we did. The young Marcus' live in Cheyenne.

Ham Meyer flew east in February with Aaron Kessler, who was headed for an Air Force conference in Washington. Ham visited the Branhams in Highland Falls. Now that he has retired from his National Guard job as Chief of Staff of the 49th Division, he is resigned to going to work in a civilian capacity somewhere in the Golden Gate area, but hopes he'll be able to find time for hunting and fishing. He and Katherine have the welcome sign out for all Orioles at 273 Wayne Avenue, Oakland 6, California.

Since the last issue of *Assembly* Orval Cook has acquired a fourth star and has be-

come Deputy Commander of the European Command, which functions under SHAPE. Matty has returned to Washington, where he has picked up a third star as Director of the Joint Staff of the JCS. Those two Orioles, plus Chidlaw, Max Taylor and Schuyler, add up to eighteen stars—quite a constellation.

Bill Lawton has been ordered to Washington from the Far East. Jim O'Connell is still in Washington as Deputy Chief Signal Officer; he was recently in the Sixth Army area getting the new Signal Center opened at Fort Huachuca.

Joe Grant has been seriously ill in Walter Reed but is believed to be coming along all right now. Rumaggi, still at Monroe, has received a DSM for his work as Engineer of the Eighth Army. Mark McClure, who has been Deputy G-2 in Washington, is on his way to the Far East.

Pat and Mrs. Wardlaw were at West Point for the Army-Navy basketball game in February. They proudly reported that their son, J. P., Jr., was graduated from Ohio University, commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, and married to Miss Margaret Laux of Steubenville, Ohio—all on the same day, February 6, 1954, at Athens, Ohio. Of course the Wardlaw's, Sr. were present to witness all of the three important events!

The West Point dinner in New York in March was graced with the presence of Albert, Bosart (ex-'22), Branham, Klein and Tyler. Bill Kyle was laid up that night with a strep throat. Barrett and McGowan represented the Orioles at the West Point dinner in Philadelphia that same night; Barrett was one of the speakers there. (Have you any idea how hard it is to keep a professor from making a speech?)

Kay Straub writes a note of thanks to the class for the flowers sent to Ted's funeral. She and Teddy are currently making their home at 1625 Flamingo Drive, Orlando, Florida.

Max Taylor's son, Tommy, is expected to enter the Military Academy in July of this year. Of course there may be other second-generation Orioles entering too, but the full dope on that won't be known until the middle of the summer. May they keep following in their fathers' footsteps!

—C. J. B.

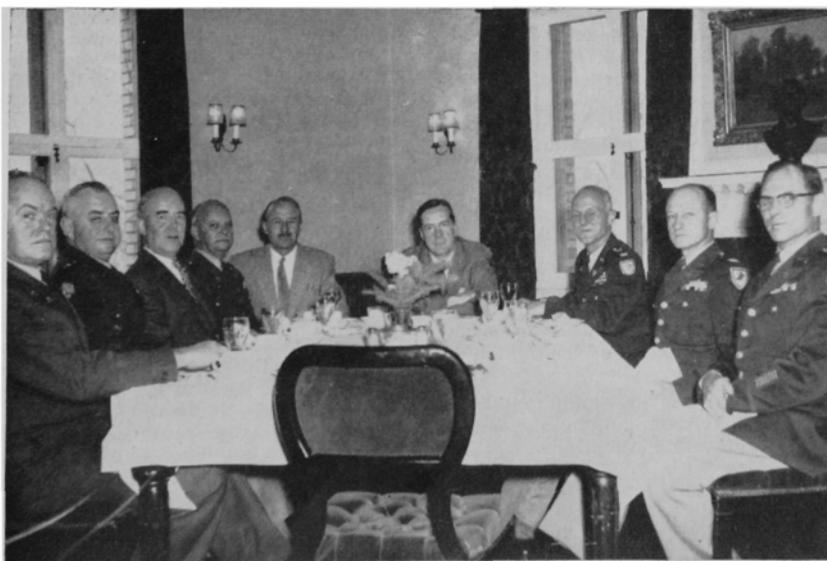
1923

Our beloved classmate, Louis Vauthier, died at his home in Bergenfield, New Jersey, on the 16th of March, at the age of 92. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Chapel on the 19th, and interment was in the Post Cemetery. The Class was represented by Bill Morton, Deke Stone being in the hospital at the time.

The Class sent a spray of red carnations, bearing a gray ribbon with the class numerals in gold. Mrs. Vauthier wrote the following note on her card of acknowledgment: "He was so happy to be your honorary member. I can say nothing that you do not already know. He would want to say: 'God bless the Class of 1923—always!'"

With Louis' passing we have lost a member who held a special place in our affections. We shall always remember him as the man from whom we learned to love West Point, and who was himself the exemplification of its spirit.

Kenner Hertford wrote in February: "What with so many of our class due to retire this coming fall, I am going to call a meeting of the Washington group to pick my successor as Executive Agent or whatever it is among those on civil status here in the Washington area. I have served my year now since Mike's departure and feel



1920 AT THE WEST POINT ARMY MESS

Left to Right: Ted Gillette, Fred Hayden, Don Leehey, Charlie West, Alec Sand, "Red" Blaik, Bill Bessell, Johnny Johnston, Larry Schick.

that there will be even too few of us left in the Pentagon to do adequate justice to the job. Actually there will be only Bill Craigie, Harry Roper, George Stewart, Earl Gruver, Jim Fry and myself left here and I am quite positive I can not get anyone of them to accept the executive job. However, we shall be prepared to assist the others in any way possible.

"I had truly hoped to be back on my ranch in New Mexico by this time and it is with somewhat mixed emotions that I find myself retained on active duty. However, I am resigned to staying on a short while longer if I can be of any service."

Kenner and Woggie received many congratulatory letters for their work on the reunion book. Woggie also received some corrections to his address list which was mailed out with it. It is up to us to keep him informed of our whereabouts. This is especially important now that most of us are going to retirement. Incidentally, don't forget to let the Association of Graduates know too.

The class cheering section at the Navy basketball game consisted of Pete Leone, Roy Lord, Deke Stone, Bill Morton, and their wives. Deke introduced a new uniform note for officers on duty at West Point. He wore a black, gray and gold tie with socks to match. Nobody skinned him. We adjourned afterwards to Deke's quarters for a cup of cheer and general jubilation over the result of the game. Pete Leone is still C.O. at Fort Hamilton. Roy Lord is still going up in the world of industry. He is now Chairman of the Executive Committee of the United States Finishing Company and its subsidiary, the Aspinook Corporation. This is a textile finishing concern with plants in New England and the South.

It has been reported that Art Garrecht spent the month of March in Washington, D. C., but the nature of his business was not revealed.

Ken Sweany, C.G., U.S. Army Forces Antilles, writes, "We are enjoying our assignment here in Puerto Rico. The work is most interesting and the climate is excellent."

We can raise our chests with pride now that our classmate, Babe Bryan, is slated to be Superintendent next September. He is also the first supe to hold the exalted rank of lieutenant general while occupying that position.

The February issue of *The Tulanian* published a photo of Gob Adkins seated with the *Tulane Law Review* in his lap, and his beautiful wife, Jane, standing beside him, seriously perusing some opus of legal import. Gob is quoted as saying, "For thirty years I served as counsel, trial judge advocate, and as law member and president of general courts-martial." With that experience he is now going to learn something of the law, having enrolled in the Tulane Law School. He has his five younger children — three boys and two girls — living with him. One daughter is a paratrooper captain's wife, the other the wife of an assistant military attachè in Tokyo, and his oldest son is an Air Force sergeant.

John Noyes has settled in as Adjutant General of Alaska. He wrote to Deke Stone, "For an Engineer and Transportation Officer, it's really fun to be commanding Infantry and Air Force. We have 2 Infantry Battalions, 2 Eskimo Scout Battalions which are special units, and a Fighter-Bomber Squadron (Jets). They are scattered from one end of the Territory to the other; some of our men don't even speak English; our 'summer' encampments have to be held in winter; our troops are transported to and from camp by airplane, and our Army instructors have to be pilots and fly airplanes in order to visit the units. In the cities we

can get officers but we can't get enlisted men, while in the Scout Battalions' areas we can get plenty of enlisted men but we can't find officers. My two main offices are located 600 miles apart and it's 1,650 miles between the units at the ends of the line. At the same time one of our units is only 2 miles from Soviet Russian territory."

W. W. White has been made a BG and appointed Staff Director for Petroleum Logistics, Department of Defense. E. B. Thompson is P.M.S.&T. at Georgia Tech. Earl Gruver has returned from Heidelberg and is now Deputy Chief of Army Ordnance.

The following have been appointed permanent BGs (Army): Kenner Hertford, Einar Gjelsteen, Jeff Binns, Charlie Bromley, Jazz Harmony and Earl Gruver. As already mentioned, Babe Bryan is a Lieutenant General. Swede Vandersluis has been appointed temporary BG.

Bob Dulaney retired 31 January as a Major General. Eddie Kleinman retired 31 March, p.d. Wade Heavey retired on 31 December, p.d.

John Salsman writes that he has put his house in Falls Church, Virginia, on the market and is heading west to look the country over en route.

Last-minute gleanings from the journals: Bill Craigie becomes Commander Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, succeeding Dave Schlatter, who becomes senior Air Force member of the Military Liaison Committee, Atomic Energy Commission. Gene Ridings to OCAFF, 8575th AAU, Ft. Monroe. Steve Conner retired, p.d. Donald Harris retired, p.d., 31 March.

The following are extracts from letters received by Woggie Towle in response to the Reunion Book:

Bill Lucas: I have been in Greece since August 1952 as chief of the Artillery Section and enjoy it very much. The Greeks are a bunch of fighters and this is one area in the world in which the U.S. taxpayer is getting value received under MDAR.

John Kennedy, Fayetteville, North Carolina: I am taking things easy these days and don't do much except a little gardening.

Pete Leone, Ft. Hamilton, New York: Jazz Harmony recently returned from Yugoslavia and had the hell of a time with his little dog but it was worth it. Jazz is now with the 9th Division at Fort Dix. Lee Schaeffer just returned from Europe. Left today for Camp Lewis, Washington.

Pinky Dorn: I retired on 1 December and am settled in Carmel. Was lucky enough to get a grand place—weather is sunny and mild—and I now get to work in a big way.

Frank Gurley, San Francisco: We are permanently located here and I am still working at highway engineering for the State of California.

Bill Hardy, Limestone AFB, Maine: As soon as I can, I am resigning from this place and heading south.

Sammy Johnson, Palo Alto, California: I expect to go over to England late next summer to attend and speak at a conference at Oxford. On my return I plan to spend November and December in Washington at the Folger Library.

Pinky Palmer, Paris: I couldn't make it in June '53. That month found me in Ankara, The Hague, and such places. Saw and had dinner with P. Roy Dwyer and spouse in Ankara, Bill Lucas and spouse in Athens. I'll hope to be back in the U.S. for station in the springtime.

Gene Ridings, Korea: During the period of the reunion I was really beset by hordes of Chinese, bent on giving my division a very bad time. In as much as I was the only member of the Class of '23 over here at the time, I constituted myself the class

combat representative and, I hope, represented you all adequately.

Woppie White, near E. Pittston, Maine: We are down here in Maine on a little fourteen acre farm and getting sot in the ways of a farmer. (He enclosed a map showing location and view of farm, complete with steers and cows equipped with the regulation faucets in the right place.)

As this goes to press, word has just been received of the death of our most distinguished classmate, Hoyt Vandenberg, in Walter Reed Hospital on April 2nd. Van's passing is a personal grief to all of us. The Class will forever be proud to be associated with his name.

—Bill Morton.

1924

As of February 28, 1954 the following herdsmen or wives had signified their intention of attending our 30th Reunion: Adams, L. W., Allen, Bailey, Baughman, Mrs., Claybrook, Mrs., Coombs, Cummings, Dombrowsky, DuVal, Eaton, Finnegan, Fisher, S. H., Forman, France, Graling, Halligan, Gard, Kidwell, Kirkendall, Mulligan, Raymond, Paton, Stevenson, Hart, Harper, R. W., Hass, Hincke, Hulley, Ives, Kessinger, Lightcap, Linn, Maglin, Martin, Messick, Miller, R. L., Moore, J. E., McGraw, Waters, Witman, White, Watson, Trudeau, Dabezies, Storek, McLamb, Nugent, Palmer, Parmley, Pasolli, Perrot, Mrs. (Baughman's Sister), Renn, Ryan, Salmon, Shunk, Skinner, Smithers, Sorley, Stebbins, Strother, Samouce, Simon, Strohecker, Stewart, Stowell, and Smythe. This list should of course quadruple during March and April.

Sons of '24 in the 1954 graduating class are: Adams (son of Larry Adams), Bailey (son of Ken Bailey, Jr.), Baughman, Darling, Forman, Gomez (Gomez found after Plebe), Hincke, Ingalls, Massaro, Moore (son of Jim Moore) and Samouce.

On January 22, 1954 Mrs. Emma Marcus turned the first spadeful of earth for the David Marcus Junior High School named for her late husband, Colonel David Marcus.

Among recently promoted bulls we find and congratulate J. G. Hill, Van Wyck and Vogel. Luke Smith has been named Assistant to the President of TEMCO Aircraft Corp. in Dallas, Texas.

Jim Howell has taken over command of the 40th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Brigade in Japan. Jim's wife, Velma, and three children are with him in Japan. Eyerly has been assigned to duty in the Third Army G-3 (Plans and Training) Section. Clyde Massey recently received the ROK Presidential Unit Citation, cited by Syngman Rhee for coordinating support to UN forces during combat.

Pat Partridge says he is having difficulty making a reunion—when the 20th took place he was busily engaged invading France. For the 25th he joined a few classmates at the Fujia Hotel in Japan—with the 30th just around the corner, he finds himself departing for a third tour in the Far East.

We can't thank Charles R. Stevenson enough for the contributions he is making, not only for this column but also his work in assuring a successful reunion in June. Early in March, Steve and "Pop" Ives made a very successful reconnaissance trip to West Point to see "Doc" Eaton and to reconnoiter the Hotel Newburgh for the reunion. They concluded arrangements at the hotel where they think the atmosphere will be perfect for a happy and congenial dinner dance, Sunday night, June 6, 1954. They signed up the orchestra (for \$50) and arranged for a reunion sign to hang in the room reading "Class of '24 Reunion" with a Buffalo head painted on one side and the Academy Crest on the other.

Steve says that the ladies should come to rough it in a barracks-like atmosphere which prevails in the Post Nursery School Quarters at West Point—also it may be a bit crowded, however, the more the merrier and there is room for all!

Send in items for the next issue of *Assembly* to C. S. Raymond, 1727 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. or J. A. Watson, Jr., 839-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

—Ray and Gus.

1925

As usual, news from USMA is rather skimpy and we rely on Daddy Dunn's monthly poop sheet for much of what follows.

Come June and the Service will be enriched by four brand new Second Lieutenants; sons of '25. They are: John Bennett, Brandt Grubbs, Tom Moore and Bill Purdue. Branches drawings soon, but too late to get results in this issue. Checked the D-lists and not a one of the 18 sons here on it—so different from les peres. Diz, Caroline, and Danny Barnes up last month for a memorial service for Dave lost in Korea. Danny in on a ferry trip from his station with the Air Force in Europe. Red Reeder just called to say he ran into Bolduc, surprisingly ebullient, at the Army War College Founders Day ceremony at which Red spoke. Charlie Saltzman twice in the big time news: elected to the Board of Trustees at Barnard College in February, and appointed to the Secretary of State's Public Committee on Personnel in March. Charlie also anticipates two weeks' active duty in Washington at the end of April. Cheerful little notes received here from George Withers (Ft. McPherson, Georgia), Mike Geraghty (Ft. Meade, Maryland) and Axel Dobak (Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri). A little business correspondence also with Harry Larter, President, Company of Military Collectors and Historians. Ed and Bernice Garbisch's daughter, Gwynne, married to Frank Barley Rhodes on 9 January in New York. A handsome couple, and Ed himself, as always, looked handsome and distinguished in giving away the bride. A 1 March *New York Times* article announces the donation by Mr. and Mrs. Garbisch to the National Gallery of Arts in Washington of an important collection of native American paintings. A first exhibition of selections from the collection will open on 9 May. Nick received a letter from Oxrieder, recently installed at the Columbus General Depot. Miles Dawson is also at the depot. Oxy reports seeing Ax Devereaux (Ohio State) several times.

Sam Lamb reports promptly on the annual dinner as follows: "The Los Angeles annual dinner saw eight of us present. Ours was the largest representation except that of the Class of '15, which was honoring Omar Bradley, the speaker. Art Ruppert relieved Omar on the rostrum, and took over as President of the WP LA Association. Present were: Dansby, Gardner, Henn, Lamb, Moore, Randall, Ruppert, Wiley. Focal meeting point before and after the dinner was Russ Randall's Palatial Pasadena Palace. Duke Gardner disappeared and was found later practicing polo in the upstairs reception hall. Nicholas gave the principal speech as an invited representative of WP at the annual dinner of the WP Society of Chicago. Over a hundred present but only Robertson from '25. Nick says Robby still maintains his youthful appearance.

Pictures in publications: Kuhre making Civilian Award presentation; ditto McManus; Joe Cleland having paratroop insignia pinned on by General Ridgway after his 65th jump. Rumor has it Joe feeling

his oats again—having everyone on post up early for calisthenics.

Extracts from Daddy Dunn's poopsheets:

We enjoyed a visit with newly arrived Pat Lynch in Walter Reed and found that he was simply hiding out there until Dorothy has their furniture all in place. Underwood came in to Walter Reed also for a check-up on his recent operation. Swede is getting all lined up for his new job at Bragg. Hank W. had news from Bremerhaven where Edward Mac is still representing Uncle Samuel in proper style. Sock Cole has been lured to the Big Town and will be addressed at 90 Church Street after 9 December. Frank Pettit has joined the DC taxpayers and will take up residence in his newly acquired Aurora Hills home (2601 Fort Scott Drive). Don Bailey sends beaucoup regards plus appreciation for KC and states he has a port call of 26 February for Japan. He reluctantly concludes his 2½ years as CO of the Central Army AA Cmd. Gardner, like Tiny Wilson—an advocate of the full dinner pail—writes from Beverly Hills. A peon at Douglas Aircraft he draws the salary of Weight Engr.—sees Ruppert and others at class luncheons there. A card from Art Ruppert saying that Harold Wiley was G. Mgr. of Hoffman's Machinery (West Coast)—a bee eye gee job. Also *he tells us* that Jerry Kelley plans retirement (some day) in California. Virginia and Finis Dunaway sent an actual photo Xmas Card showing them in tropical dress under tropical foliage out in front of one of those most attractive ramblers which we'd all like to call home. They miss the Army life but, of course, *like* Daytona Beach. Note orders on Stanton Babcock from the plush offices of the UN to the FE in January. Gidden's writes a new address: Box 41, Charleston, Arkansas, that his youngest (No. 6) finishes H.S. in '54 — further he plans to tour the country next summer (put new locks on your deep freezers). One son back from Korea and another headed that way—first we've heard of Uncle Sam detailing replacements from the same family! Wayne Smith sent greetings to all 25'ers from the Officers and Men of the 11th Airborne indicating all's well at Fort Campbell. Bennett sends new address (303 Hawthorne Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina) and states that he and Anne assisted Joe and Florence Cleland in extending a welcome (Fort Bragg) to Swede and Versa Underwood. He is diligently searching for address of T. E. Smith. Bill Nutter wrote that he had visited Claude Burback in Bremerhaven and Tom Whitted in The Hague. Also reports favorably on Jack Horner and Gus Farwick at Frankfurt (V Corps). From Soap Suttles to Porter Kidwell: Jean and I expect to travel in Europe before retirement in August '54. Had-a-call from Freddie Powell (Paris). Riggins (G-4), Ray Barton (QM), Jack Bird (Plans), Channon (IG) and Soap (TC) all snug like bugs in a rug at 7th Army. A solution for '55—a huge Potemkin village by means of GI (or FHA) loan erected on Joe C's Virginia woodlands where, we'll all be within screaming distance of the "Great White Father" Ike Evans took a fast swing around distant parts missing Russ Finn in Korea but saw Ronnie Shaw (reported weight gain!) and Akerman on Hawaii beaches. Visited Bill the Bigelow at Whittier, Alaska. Bill in fine shape (CO there) with all his biz. under one roof—a 7 story building—where he eats, sleeps, bowls, bakes and basks under a sun lamp w/o regard to the blizzards. Carolyn Purdue sends greetings to all and a cordial invitation to 25'ers to visit in Columbus—the place to retire. Benny Fowlkes says he's seeing (and enjoying) a lot of Europe (mostly mud) and contacts Colby Myers, Toms and

DeArmond occasionally. Has one youngster (No. 3) of 16 May '52 birth date—some 24 years younger than No. 1. We are sorry to say Aloha to Ike Evans who is scheduled for FECOM (concurrent travel, however). He has been a loyal supporter and further put five simoleons in our palm to keep on the mailing list. Hoppie reported on a flight to the West Coast where he lunched with Chick Henn and Holcomb. Chick is cashing in on his rented apartments and Carl plays bingo at the Navy Club. Toms air-freighted in, courier status, with oversized briefcase 15 January. With family (5) in downtown Wiesbaden, a house in London, another in N.Y.C., and furniture in Richmond—he has problems. Linkswiler carded in with new APO—now at No. 46 with Riggins, Suttles, Barton, Bird, and Channon. Apparently 7th Army is getting pretty well staffed. News re Burbach indicates they may be back Stateside by May or June. Hack Cleaves planning to use the GI Bill to qualify at Arthur Murray's. Russ Randall from Pasadena apologizes for passing through without calling. He sees Art Ruppert, Wiley Moore, and Roger Gardner often. Lunched with Johnny Haskell (New York) recently. Golfs at Annandale Club there (plus 90) and Engineer Consultants for several firms. Daughter Jean writes for S.F. *Chronicle* and son Rusty a Dr. and First Lieutenant AC—expecting grandchildren from both families. Russ senior has German actress bride and young son. Most cordial invite to all 25ers visiting West. Gould was through here in January, enroute Saudi-Arabia leaving about 21 March. Johnnie Black writes new address (7 University Avenue, Northfield, Vermont) and admits seeing Strickland who heads the Vermont Military District.

A letter from Bruce, commanding the X Corps, says that on 15 March he turned over the operational control of I, II and III ROK Corps to General Paik Sun Yup. Bruce also relates that son David, presently attending Allen Academy in Bryan, Texas, has been nominated as an Honor Graduate for both USMA and USNA!

—V. J. E.

1926

The gleanings for this issue are meager because no one but Red Reeder has taken the trouble to provide us with any Class news. Fortunately, the press occasionally finds a classmate's deed sufficiently newsworthy to report, otherwise this column would be limited to a few sentences. Maybe that would be a good thing, but we have the idea that some of you read this effort and get a moderate amount of information or enjoyment therefrom. It would be very heartening to have this idea confirmed, if true, but even more useful to gain some first hand news of your activities. Please drop a postcard to Heiberg at West Point and give us the incentive as well as some material with which to continue this quarterly project.

The Class salutes its distinguished President, the eminent John Harvey Kane, on the occasion of his Silver Wedding Anniversary.

We are very pleased to learn of the engagement of our classmate Jimmie Van Horne and Miss Mary Macmillan of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The bride-to-be, a Canadian, is a graduate of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is the daughter of the former Under Secretary of Agriculture for the Union of South Africa. Jimmie retired from the Army in 1947 and his wife, the former Mary Howe (sister of Mrs. Rod Smith) died shortly afterwards. He took up residence in Alexandria, Virginia, and is now Deputy Chief of the U.S. Office of the Intergovern-

mental Committee for European Migration. We all extend best wishes to the Van Horne's for every happiness in their new partnership.

Word has reached us informally of the retirement of Bobby Ross. We have no details at present, but are sorry to learn that Bobby has been forced by physical reasons to leave the Service. We will always remember his vigorous demonstration in Hundredth Night of that most vigorous of all American dances, the Charleston. Word has reached us of another retired classmate, Dick McMaster, whose book "Polo for Beginners and Spectators" has just been published by the Exposition Press of New York City. General Terry Allen says in the Foreword that "clean, fast polo is a game to be admired". The publisher adds that, "here in clean, clear text, lucidly illustrated with diagrams and photographs, is an admirable book about this two thousand year old game". A brief review of Dick's book appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*. In addition to being an author and sportsman, Dick is performing the praiseworthy task of encouraging promising young men to try for appointments to West Point.

A press release has provided us with the news that Egon Tausch, whose wife Frances is living in Washington, D. C., is serving with the Korean ComZ. The latter organization was recently awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. Dave Van Syckle has been named Director of Defense Production Planning in the Office of Off-shore Procurement, in Europe. He left Washington for his new assignment in Paris in March. Mac McDaniel has received orders to return from the Far East to the Office of the Chief of Staff in the Pentagon. Jimmy James has moved from Baltimore to Fort Bragg, where he joins the Headquarters of the 1st Logistical Command.

Ludy Toftoy was at West Point during Christmas vacation to visit with his Plebe son. In spite of the fact that "the Corps has" in many respects, plebes are still required to spend their Christmas at West Point. A little later in the holidays, Nellie Nelson was host at a mammoth New Year's Day reception at Stewart Field. Nellie was resplendent in a new brocaded gray vest with red fleur de lis embroidered thereon. He really looked like the successful tycoon, particularly with the added touch of the ever-present cigar. Johnny Roosma, plus Marge, plus twins, have been seen frequently in the Field House watching Army's varying fortunes on the basketball court. There was nothing varying or uncertain about Army's convincing victory over Navy, however, which Johnny watched with professional satisfaction and understandable enthusiasm. In January Johnny Elliott was seen at the annual birthday dinner to General MacArthur, which was given at the Waldorf-Astoria. Johnny had come up from Wolters Air Force Base, where he is now running the training of the Aviation Engineers. From all reports he is doing his usual efficient and thorough job, in which he is being assisted by Frankie Purcell. The Class should be interested in the fact that its one-time classmate Bus Howard has been a brigadier general for over a year. He is now Commanding General of the Provost Marshal Center at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He has a son who graduated from the Point in the Class of 1950.

Getting around to the Class offshoots, we have the announcement of the Toftoy's that their daughter Doris Karen is engaged to George Kendrick Williams of Greenwich, Alabama. The wedding is scheduled for June. We also have the Matthias' announcement that their daughter Elizabeth is en-

gaged to George H. Cloakley, Jr., of Seattle, Washington. The latter, a recent graduate of the University of Washington, shortly expects a tour duty with the Air Force. No wedding date has been set. While we're speaking of Norman and Charlotte Matthias' daughter, we had better complete the family picture by reporting that their two sons Norman and Judson are both graduating from the Military Academy with the Class of 1954. Neither son managed to follow in daddy's footsteps, as each drew the Infantry in the recent drawing of branches. Young Grinder, Pinky's pride and joy, is also graduating this June and has selected the Ack Ack for his career. As a final small fry item the Heiberg's announce, with what they hope is pardonable pride, their arrival at that advanced stage in life known as grand-parenthood. Last month young Vald and wife Kitty became the parents of a girl, who was born at the Fort Leavenworth Hospital. The new dad is in Korea, so he is not destined to see his first-born until she is over a year old—but such is the life of a modern lieutenant!

—E. R. H.

1927

The class extends deepest sympathy to George and Jo Martin over the passing away of their daughter, Beverly. While attending school in England, she suffered burns which proved fatal. Those members of the class stationed in Washington, who could possibly do so, attended the funeral on March first, at Arlington National Cemetery.

It is with sadness that the time has come to report the death of Johnny Lovell, who has been reported as missing in the Korean Theater for several months. His widow, Betty, lives at 4012-26th St. North, Arlington, Virginia.

Ken Thiebaud, our able Air Force Adjutant General, comes forth with some interesting figures. Of the twenty active duty members of the class in the Air Force, we have two lieutenant generals, four major generals, six brigadier generals and eight colonels. Seven of the general officers are not rated pilots. Pretty good!

Putting in appearances recently at the Pentagon for various reasons, have been Bob White from the staff and faculty, Army General School, Fort Riley—George Levings up from Redstone Arsenal, Alabama—Paul Berrigan from San Francisco—Bix Bixell who stays on for another year with the faculty of Army War College—Walter Johnson from Assistant Division CO 11th Airborne, Fort Campbell, who incidentally is under orders for Okinawa in June—and Ralph Zwicker who comes down from Camp Kilmer every now and then.

Bobby Lowe, who is Chief of the Armor Branch, Career Management Division D/A, reports that Hank Zeller is IG Alaskan Command with station at Ladd Field, Alaska. Mac Miller is G-4 at the Armor Center, Fort Knox—Ham Hunter, who has been on duty in Pusan, Korea, is now back with the Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe—Ed Farrand leaves the 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood for assignment to the Far East sometime in May.

Just a scoop, but rumors have it that Gar Davidson will be leaving the Pentagon this summer to be the new commandant at the C&GS School, Fort Leavenworth—and Brooksie Trapnell, coming home from Indo-China, will get command of a new armored division at Fort Hood, Texas. Stan Meloy also leaves his command at Fort Benning for a new assignment in Europe this July.

Carl Graybeal, the habitant of San Antonio, after a sojourn in Germany, is once again back at home with HQ Fourth Army. Woody Hocker is going to the Language

School at Monterey for six months this July prior to assuming the military attache post in Brazil. Chuck Ewing has been pried out of Ottawa, Canada, and is now with the Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe. Duke Gilbreth is with the G-3 Section, HQ Fourth Army, San Antonio, and Ralph Doty is acting Assistant Division Commander 10th Division, Fort Riley.

Max Johnson is back from FECOM and goes to Fort Leonard Wood—same for Bus Howard who is the new commandant of the PM School, Camp Gordon, Georgia. Bill Verbeck, back from FECOM, will be stationed somewhere in the Washington area on completion of leave.

Ted Weyher has left the Pentagon to be CO, Rock Island Arsenal and Ben Whitehouse has come from Detroit to join the Pentagon Ordnance Group—Benny says that Joe Phelan, long now retired, is civilian chief, Safety and Security Division, Detroit Arsenal—Jack Kaylor is with the G-2 Section, Pentagon, and Mike Pegg leaves Washington this summer for assignment to Fort Devens.

Dave Loughborough, now in business in Buffalo, New York, living at 75 Columbia Drive, Williamsville, New York, visited Washington and reports that Art Burghduff is with the Bell Aircraft Corp., Buffalo, New York and that young Dave, Jr. has everything all set to enter West Point (Class of '58) this July.

Ray Bell wrote a nice letter from Europe where he holds forth as Chief of Staff, V Corps. He gave information on classmates in Europe which has been covered in a previous issue, but to reaffirm the whereabouts of Ted Brown, Jerry Lillard, Willis Matthews, Mike Williams, Ollie Kyster, Spike Webb, Bill Pence, Ray Curtis, Jerry Holland, Chubby Doan and Frank Ostberg—all in EUCOM.

A helping hand is solicited in giving us the latest information on wandering classmates—drop a note to Buzz Butler, 4906 Yorktown Blvd., Arlington, Virginia. Thanks.

—L. B.

1928

The New Year started out here with the marriage of Stu and Dorothy McLennan's son, Stuart Jr., '53, to Abbie Fay Sutter on the 2nd of January. '28 was represented by the Billingsley's, Bulger's, Calyer's and Lucy Meehan. The ceremony took place in the Cadet Chapel with a reception at the Thayer.

News is very scarce at this time—Paul Gavan, our new Washington correspondent, blames it on Christmas bills and income taxes. He tells us that in the social column the only earthshaking news he has is that Grapher Coverdale's son, Craig, made his papa a grandfather recently. One more on our list.

Hank Everest has left the JCS to become Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations of the Air Force. Bryant Boatner has become Deputy Chief of Staff, Material, with rank of Lieutenant General. Ted Daudon, with the rank of Lieutenant General, has gone from Assistant Deputy CS Operations to be Inspector General. Jack Oakes wrote Paul he is now in command of the 25th Division. Upham is under orders to Washington from SHAPE. Sam Browning, in Japan, has been promoted to Brigadier General.

Tom Wells tells us that Scott Riggs has returned from Italy and joined the faculty at the NWC. He also said that Bill Prunty has retired, and that Tom Moran returned from Japan and was at Valley Forge Hospital being processed for retirement.

Bob Howard wrote us last week that he has a grandson, born 30 November '51. Bob

and Anita think maybe they are the first of '28 to have made the classification. We will have to check the records. Perhaps run a roster on the grandchildren? He said Enger would not be able to attend the WP dinner in New York as he was in the Fort Jay Hospital with ulcers. Bob's advice is he had better stop worrying about meeting the monthly payroll or transfer out of the Finance Corps.

Billingsley spoke at the WP dinner held by Aberdeen and Edgewood Arsenal at Aberdeen.

Jim Lamont is here at W.P. for the Army Cooperative Fire Association as this goes to press.

The sincere sympathy of class goes to Blondie and Jo Saunders on the loss of their son, Mac, who was killed in B-26 crash in Tennessee on 16 January '54.

Remember to drop us a line as to where you are and what you are doing.

—P. D. C.

1929

As of this date (10 March) we have about 60 "yes" and "maybe" answers and about the same "no" answers to our one and only reunion bulletin. More than half say that the wife will accompany them. Letters to Gilbert, Hayden, Keyes, and Vickrey have come back marked "address unknown". If you see one of them please tell him to give his correct address to the Association and to come along to the reunion.

The Washington contingent with 22 out of 27 present (24 wives present, which is still OK I'm told) had a lunch and fashion show (!) at Fort McNair on 1 March. Paul Caraway reports the luncheon gave a general acceptance to the reunion plans in our bulletin. The plan now includes dinner at Bear Mountain on Sunday evening, 6 June. My face is red after my complaint about alphabetical soup in the last notes. WPAM means West Point Army Mess, i.e., the Officers' Club.

Our bulletin has brought in some news. Mrs. Snyder, wife of our respected honorary classmate, who is physician to the President, attends the Washington luncheons now and then. Jimmy Evans is off to be Military Attache to Viet Nam and Jimmy Gavin comes back to the Pentagon as Army G-3. Those who deal with G-3 ought to have a lively time as the Plans Division is held down by Paul Caraway and Cal Coolidge, and the Operations by Slim Vittrup. Bill Bullock is in the Psy War business and Tiny Jark has just shipped to Camp Polk as 37th Div. Arty. Cmdr to get out of the junta. Jack Horner is in the R&D business in the Department of Defense and proves his position as a Virginia gentleman by fox hunting. His son, now a Lieutenant, rides with him.

Lefty Mace has returned from Europe to the Army Field Forces and has a son taking the exams for West Point this year. Marie Statham writes that Hal is in Trieste. Zip Millet is with the Joint Airborne Training Board and Joe Ladd has gone to Langley. Vanderheide is Chief of Staff of the Infantry Center at Benning and Tom Hammond is in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

We have a surprising number of classmates who cannot come to the reunion because of graduation of sons and daughters from high school and college on the same dates. Jack Seward has a son graduating from Penn, and George Keeler, III graduates from Texas.

Gus Herndon is Senior Army Adviser at the Naval War College and Dave Brown is reported reliably by three different classmates to be in three geographically widely separated places. Phil Draper reports that

Paul Harkins is staying in Korea to command another division, rather than bringing the 45th home.

Frank Sasse comments to me that our reunion bulletin got immediate "customer" response since a classmate phoned him long distance within 24 hours for legal advice.

Johnny Walker and Joe McNerney are at Aberdeen. Joe has five youngsters, one being at USMA, one at USNA, a girl aged 11, whose interests turn to being a halfback and a pitcher—quite a family. Ed Lasher is Commandant of the Transportation School at Eustis and has three sons, two at home and one in the Signal Corps with the 3rd Division in Korea. Charlie Tench invites anyone in New Orleans to ride on his engineer yacht—stern wheeler and vintage of 1879. The Air Force people working on Reserve Affairs in the field are greatly cheered by having Bill Hall as the Asst. Chief of Staff for Reserve Affairs, Hqrs, USAF. Phil Merrill is in the National Guard business in Indiana, and Reggie Keeler defends Air Force cataloging before Congress from his position in the Air Material Command, where Bozo McKee is Vice Commander. Bill Vestal describes Roy Cuno as a "financial tycoon." Bill Talbot has been Director of the Air Warning and Communications Office of the Federal Civil Defense Administration for the last three years.

Norman Congdon writes from his self-styled hermitage at Brandenton, Florida, warning classmates against retired colonels who eke out their inadequate stipend by selling real estate in Florida to newly retired colonels. Weary Wilson plans to come to the reunion all the way from Morocco. Van Bibber announces that Freddie Smith and Mish Roth will fly him in from Camp Carson, Colorado (but I have not heard from these pilots yet.)

Lou Hammack has been a school teacher at Knox for four years, and Dick Scott, as Commander of the Air Force Finance Center, offers free advice to any '29ers in trouble with his command.

Ted Redlack has a son graduating from Duke and going on into the Air Force. On the desk in front of me I have an announcement for 100th Night tickets signed by Cadet Wetzel.

The Congressional Record gives us a long article from the Nation's Business on Ken Nichols who, according to the article, is kind to his wife and children and has bought a brook in Maryland on which to build a dam. The class should know that Ken is manager of the biggest industrial enterprise in the U.S.—the AEC. Andy McKeefe reports he is the "planner" on a construction job for the AEC. Jim Gavin has an article in the April *Harper's* and reports expected arrival of little Gavin No. 4 (all 4 under 10) in May. Jupe Lindsay writes that a generation has wrought a miracle; his son is on the USMA Dean's List whereas his problem was to stay on a class list till graduation. Fred Sladen and Dick Wentworth are the '29 contingent at SHAPE.

Charlie Arnett is teaching pre-engineering at Alabama State and thinks both he and the students are learning. Jim Beynon is Director of Training at Fort Hood, and Jim Quill has a combat command of the 1st Armored.

McClelland writes on the stationery of the U.S. Mission to the Imperial Iranian Gendarmerie. Johnny Theimer reports from Germany that Rand Kutz has a regiment in the 29th Div. George Lynch is assistant div. commander of the 43rd. Tom Sands is G-3 of Allied Land Forces in Europe and Jim Hannigan is Deputy G-4. The mantle of responsibility has certainly fallen on the

class of '29. The replies to the reunion bulletin show that, in a quiet way, the class is doing a fine hardworking job for the USA. I'm sure the Editor of *Assembly* will be unable to find space for all the notes supplied from at least 50 classmates. My apologies if I fail to get them all in. See you in June.

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

Unlike my predecessor, Sterling Wright, I do not foresee an itinerant future. So I must depend upon you dependables, the scribes from the various corners of the globe, to feed me the juicy morsels which will keep this column alive. So give, you guys—Jo Jo on the West Coast. Bob Wood in Gay Paris and any and all who are so minded to help keep this from being a routine product.

On the Washington scene, big news since the last issue was the appointment of Paul Yount as Chief of Transportation. Well wishers of his own Transportation Corps poured in—over 300 of them, at the party to celebrate the event on 31 January. Then, on 5 March, Moon and Tat Sudasna gathered friends and classmates at their very attractive home to honor Betsy and Paul. Distinguished guests attending were the Thai Ambassador and Mme Pote Sarasin; Assistant Army Attache and Mme Chalermchai Charuvastr; Second Secretary Bhong Thongchua and Johnny and Alice Nesbitt (*that's* right, Class of '29). Of the class, the following were present: Betty Allen, Ila Packard, Pete Peterson, Tommy and Curly Dunn, Johnny and Glen Hayden, Sory and Barbara Smith and Ray Brisach. Tasnai and Ctar, sons of the Sudasnas, were also there (see cut).

A very nice letter from Chuck Heitman, recently assigned to the 31st Division at Camp Carson, Colorado, gives news of what cooks out there. He himself is acting like a Div Arty Commander. Barbara and the offspring (five of them) will join him in June after school's out. Chuck, always a lover of the great outdoors, is highly pleased with his lot—back to troop duty and with all those wide open spaces to toss artillery bullets about, life for him is uncommonly good. Chuck reports that Ace Goodwin, fresh from a Sill rejuvenation, has just checked in at Carson for a probable Artillery command assignment. Carl Hutton was also due for early arrival there for duty. On a jaunt to Leavenworth, Chuck visited with Wank and Reba Eubank (he's on C&GSC faculty) and Beau and Thelma Beauchamp (Beau being Assistant Commandant).

A most pleasant visit from Johnny and Glen Hayden revealed the following tidbits: Paul Weyrauch will be soon returning to Washington, probably to join the Chief of Information; Tommy Dunn has checked in as Chief of Organization and Training in G-3; Ted Bogart is enroute to Formosa; and Paul Clark is at Monroe with Army Field Forces.

In the January *Assembly*, Sterling Wright brought up the subject of a gift to the sons of the Class of '30 upon graduation from the Academy. Last week I received from Guy Emery a very sound discourse which I quote. Writes Guy: "I would like to be heard on this business of the projected class gift. You will remember that I was on duty at the Point at the time that our first sons began to turn up, and for that reason I have given the matter a certain amount of thought. More precisely, I was working for Charlie West, who was local class representative for 1920 and was doing a good deal of this particular kind of business at the time. Charlie

had gone into all the various expedients and experiences of other classes, and I gathered a good deal of benefit as a bystander. What I should like to say is this: before we brush off quite so casually the idea of giving a saber, I think there are a good many things about it which ought to be given some consideration. For one thing, and to my mind of paramount importance, it is *the* symbol of the sentiment which we are trying to express. In every conceivable respect, it stands for the very tradition which we wish to perpetuate. It is handsome, lends itself perfectly to fitting inscription, comes within the proper price range (I think 1920 was paying about \$18.00), is a thing which the recipient is not apt to acquire elsewhere or by any other means, and even has some occasional practical use, as for cake-stabbing at wedding receptions! Seriously, every other dodge which seems to have been adopted by the other classes whose experiences Charlie had investigated, turned out quite dismally. They ranged all the way from life memberships in the Association of Graduates through books to brief cases. I myself think that the honorable profession of arms has reached one hell of a state when the badge of office is blatantly admitted to be a brief case! As the last word, I nearly forgot to note, speaking of a saber's practical uses, that the Navy is going back to requiring them. If the Army should follow, I suppose the problem would be solved."

There you have it from one who has gone pretty thoroughly into the problem. I believe the time has come to act. If I seem arbitrary, please realize that there's not much time left. Here is what I offer for your consideration: having read the "Case for Sabers" above, make your decision as to whether you like it or not, and write, wire or call me no later than 15 May 1954. Based on the results of this canvass, I will or will not place the orders to meet this year's requirements. I will make the necessary preliminary arrangements to get the sabers engraved and delivered before graduation should the consensus so dictate. Local sentiment seems to favor the saber idea. If you have other ideas, please let me know. For purposes of complete clarification, "me" is Ray Brisach, Office of the Chief of Transportation, Washington 25, D. C.

While we're on the subject, since we do not have a class representative on duty at

West Point the problem of ensuring the completeness of my list of the sons of the Class of '30 at West Point is not an easy one. Therefore, if you have one or more, or know of a classmate who does, please fill me in with name, and class, including those who have already graduated.

I am busily polishing up a new address list and will get it out some time next month. Notifications of late changes of address will be appreciated. Those of whom we still have no record are: Davis, Kelley, Patrick, Winters, Diddlebock and Anderson.

We plan a class luncheon in May at which I will propose a committee organization for the Washington area, primarily to spread the work load. Briefly, instead of one man (namely myself) doing all the work, I believe three could take it in stride, covering generally the area including *Assembly Notes*, social functions and address lists. If any of you have bright ideas, let me have them with minimum delay.

Belated orchids to Guy Emery, who is now a full-fledged member of the firm of Ansell and Ansell in Washington, catering particularly to the military. Tired of your wife? Committed any crimes lately? Are you being investigated? See Guy about his uneasy payment plan.

—R. C. B.

1931

A note of sadness has to be inserted in this issue. Irv Jackson, who was under treatment at Valley Forge, came to an untimely death in Philadelphia when an automobile ran him down as he was crossing the street. He was buried at West Point. The undersigned represented the Class at the services.

Percy Hotspur, the Third, and his cohorts have done quite a job in canvassing the class pertaining to the gift to graduating sons of the class. The consensus of opinion seemed to be some sort of sterling silver and Percy is following up that lead. At last count he had replies from 94 of the class which is not too bad a percentage when you consider the world-wide flung class.

News gathered as a result of our survey can be briefly outlined as follows:

Clyde McBride has five children and is at Norfolk, Virginia. Hiddleston has one wife, one son and one daughter. Levenick has two children, one 12 and one 1½. Gordon

Blake has one daughter, one granddaughter and two sons. Dan Callahan has two sons, Dan and Timothy. Gordon Singles has been ordered from Fort Bragg to USAREUR. Jo Jo Brady is at Fort Knox, along with Bo Bo Beishline and Johnny Waters. Perry is at Maxwell AFB, along with Doc Strother and Densford. Phineas Adair reports he is batching it and is still trying to find the area of a spherical triangle.

Roy Kauffman is at Bliss and saw Hampton and Herman at the West Point Dinner there on March 5. Kunish is Deputy Commander of Ogden Air Material Area and reports that Carl Kohls is at the Utah General Depot and Redden is at Fort Douglas. Pat Carter is still in Alaska, as is Bob Fulton. He reports that Bill Isbell's widow is a secretary at the Arctic Center and that Eugene Beebe's brother, USNA '31, is also in Alaska.

Tipton is at Bragg, and is Chief of Staff of Bragg and the 8th Airborne Group. He has a son, age—3. Damberg has three children, two girls and one boy. Mickey Moses in Montevideo, South America, unfortunately cannot see his eldest son graduate in June. His other son, Charlie, won the Brigade Boxing Championship in the 145-lb. class (shades of the past!) P. V. Dick has an 18-year old, taking validating exams for the Academy, and three other youngsters. Bob Fulton is a Prof at Armed Forces Staff College and has seven children ranging from 20 to 3, and, as Percy says, "Wow!"

Charlie Raymond is in Korea as Army Attache. Neta reports for him that Julia McConnell, Mona Coolidge and Helena Pratt are with her in California awaiting the boys. She also reports that P. O. Ward and family are there and that P. O. is going to Denmark. The Raymonds have four boys. Jim Mooney has one daughter, age—12, and is presently in SAC. He reports having seen Luke Cron, Louie Geunther and George Hartman. Jack Gordon has just been named Director of Public Relations for the Lone Star Brewing Co. in San Antonio (free beer on the house).

Kay Daley reports for Jack that they expect to be grandparents in September and only regrets that she will be married to a grandfather. Their son, Mike, just finished West Point exams. Fred Redden reports seeing Carl Kohls and Kunish in Utah as well as Deke Roller, Charlie Densford and Tom Marnane. He has two daughters. Don Buchwald is in the G-3 Section, 5th Army in Chicago. His eldest is a member of the Class of 1955. Carlmark has two sons. Maggie Weber is in Norfolk, Virginia, taking command of the 3rd AAA Group. Wayne Taul, Consulting Engineer in Fresno, California, writes that he expects to make June Week Reunion this year. Dick, W. W., is at Camp Carson, and is supposed to go to Germany in April. He has two children, Bill Jr. at VMI, and Laurin, Jr., in high school. Leo Cather has five children and reports that Gus Hardick is at Fort Monroe and that Jim Pumpelly has just gone to Nicaragua. Mike Irvine is due for orders but Cather is getting an extra year at Monroe. Gunnar Carlson (big Swede) has two sons, both blonds, and he is currently Deputy to the General Automotive Center in Detroit. Dick Danek reports from Fort Sam that Bethune, Berg, Greene and Hector Truly are there at Fort Sam while Jack Gordon, Harry Candler, John Feagin and Jimmy Stroker are firmly entrenched civilians in San Antonio. He reports also having seen Jimmy King at Fort Hood where Jimmy commands the 17th Armored Group. Passarella is at Fort Meade, along with Stayton, Harris, W. C. Hall, Lichirie and Dick Reidy. Deke Rol-



ler reports having photographed John McGee, Elmo Mitchell and Howard Dudley. He also ran into his old sidekick, McAleer at Fort MacArthur and needless to say, a good time was had by all. Charlie Urban is Training Director of the Gulf States Paper Corp. and he has two children, Elizabeth and Roger. Don Webber is at Leavenworth and has a daughter, Julie, at Randolph Macon, and a son, Robert, in high school. Del Campo, the big gun inventor, is a Director of Ballistics Research Laboratories at Aberdeen in a well-deserved job. He has two children, a daughter and a son. C. C. Smith is on the faculty at the Army War College and has a daughter—three years old.

Hoover reports from Fort Sill that he has two daughters and that Hansborough, Fisher, Gallup and he ran the West Point Dinner on the 19th of March. N. B. Wilson reports that he has only six boys and one girl, and that he is G-3 of 1st Army. Johnny Waters writes to say that Benny Krueger is now a big shot on the Engineer Board and that Marv Coyle is PMS&T at the University of Indiana. Larry Ayers has just had a new son, James Charles, and has another son, five years old. He expects to be in the Z.I., having had ten years of foreign service. Billy Bell leaves in May for Hq., USAF in Wiesbaden, Germany. Chet Young is in Washington, Chief of Joint Subsidiary Plans Division. Imogene is doing more than he is. She is a member of the Board of the Service Men's Group, Ass't Chairman of the Emergency Assistance Committee of the AF Wives Group, VIP Hostess, President of Home and School Association, PTA Delegate to the National Congress of PTA, Member, Area "C" District Youth Council, and wife of Chet. They have a daughter and a son. Tick Bonesteel reports his son is interested in the Air Academy and interstellar travel, and that he is overworked at the Pentagon, healthy but growing older.

Charlie Densford writes he has six offspring and three grandchildren. His oldest son has taken the entrance exam for the Academy, but may be a little on the short side (shades of Danny Workizer!) He is at Maxwell Field and covers Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, California and Hawaii, as liaison officer. Gus Wirak has returned from Korea to Washington and has two children, a daughter and a son.

Recent promotions include, Doc Strother, Dan Callahan, Gordon Blake, Bo Dougher and Jake Smart to Major General. Jack Daley is assigned to Hq., 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston. Hickey is assigned to USAREUR. Jim Corbett has been schooled at Harvard and at Fort Knox, and is due to be processed for transportation in July. Dick Lawson is also due for transportation having just left the Army War College faculty.

Charlie McNair has left Valley Forge and is now in Europe. Ernest Peters replaces Charlie as PMS&T at Valley Forge. Ted Parker has just returned from Korea to command the 45th Anti-Aircraft Brigade at Fort Sheridan. Corporal Eddy is now a Colonel on the USA-Ret. list and has just been released from Letterman Army Hospital.

O. Z. Tyler is still in Germany but has changed jobs. He is in Frankfurt as Chief of Staff of the 4th Infantry Division. He writes to say he has seen Johnny Cave, Bob Quackenbush and Charlie Hoy. A nice note from Charlie Hoy verified O. Z. Tyler's report and augments O.Z.'s list of people seen by adding Sam Smellow and Seiss Wagner's names.

We've had a lot of poop turned. Keep it coming! Hope some of the gang can be around June Week. Regards to all.

—Dickson.

1932

Either because of qualms of conscience or as a shrewd move to beat the impending rise in postal rates, the belles-lettres continue to pour in. Seniority dictates that we start with Binks Wheatly's since, as he points out, it's the first he's written since graduation. Binks, who retired for p.d. in 1942, has been with Lockheed for much of the interim and is now in charge of production of all commercial spare parts catalogs for the Constellation and Super-Constellation.

Nineteen-year-old Charles E. III is a soph at California Tech in Pasadena (U.S.M.A. namesake is no kin) and Binks' 14-year-old daughter has the cups and ribbons that go with a polished equestrienne. To prove she doesn't *have* to have a horse in the act, she has also sung on various radio and television programs in Los Angeles. Binks' address is 1441 N. Catalina St., Burbank, California.

Dick Hunt joins in to say he turned over his regiment in Munich last Fall to go to the Air War College. Helen Jr. is now out of school after a year at U. of Maryland (Munich) and Dick Jr. enters college this Fall. Helen Sr., and Larry, 10, complete the picture.

Latrelle and Pop Duncan with stout youngster David, visited the Hunts shortly after Pop checked in at Third Army after returning from Korea. My old pal Bonzo is 14 years old now, but except for graying at the muzzle and insisting upon more dignity on Pop's part, does little to show his age.

From the Far East, Ed Farnsworth sends the following additions to his roster: Dwight Beach, Bill Ellery, Abner Meeks, By Paige, Danny Sundt and Bill Davidson, in or near Tokyo. Eddie Simenson commands the 6319th Air Base Wing on Guam, and Eddie Shinkle is with the U.N. Advance Group in Korea.

George Grunert, now with Dittmar and Co., a San Antonio Investment firm, reports that Todd Slade is at Fort Sam in the Fourth Army P.I.O. Ray Stecker writes that he sees George Descheneaux and Bud Hammond occasionally at the monthly meetings of the Boston West Point Society.

From various other sources, we learn that Ed Suarez has left Naples to become Deputy C.G. of the Central Air Defense Command and that Archie Lyons is on his way to the Far East for a big T.C. job. Helen and David, who now attends military school in Virginia, are staying at the Ludwell Apartments in Williamsburg.

Russ Nelson has returned from the Far East for duty in Los Angeles and Stan Sawicki, just back from Germany, is with the Indiana R.O.T.C. Instructor Group at Indianapolis. Keeping the pot boiling and G-1 happy, Ken Tiffany has gone to the AAA Replacement Training Center at Fort Bliss, Bill Little to the Far East and Leo Dahl to a villa on the outskirts of Madrid. Hal Walmsley goes to New York City from the Chemical Corps Materiel Command in Baltimore, and Walt Goodwin, now in the Monterey Language School will arrive in Guatemala for duty with the Army Mission about the time you are throwing this in the waste basket.

In March, Harvey Fischer brought the 45th Division back from Korea and turned it over to the Governor of Oklahoma in the ceremonies that restored it to the State National Guard. From there he goes to Benning for a little jumping, then to the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

We were also sorry to hear at about the same time, that Stan Stewart has retired

from active service, but all wish him the best of luck in his native Kalamazoo.

Here on the local scene we all raise our hats of whatever color, shape or sex, to Hunter Harris and Ken Hobson, who just received their second stars and who wear them very well. Two more stars we welcome just as vociferously, are a son for Harry and Isabelle Porter (their third child) and young Raoul Francis Moore, who cunningly staged time and place to garner a silver cup for himself and an income tax deduction for Roy and Gerda.

For supplementary activities, our boys have gone in heavily for the lecture circuit. First it was Chuck Anderson, capable Director of Manpower Requirements in the Sec Def's Office with an address to the Industrial College (starting with poetry yet), then Bill McCawley before the same school on the subject of Air Force Logistics. Jim McCormack treated a combined War/Industrial College audience to a suave and erudite discussion of why neutrons hate tritium and how the resulting hassle can erase a Pacific island. All mathematics in this one were held to the Bob Scott level; consequently it was crystal clear to all.

Also addressing the Industrial College en masse, was, ah, good old Zitzman, whose fiery presentation, "Contracts—Escalation, Renegotiation and Redetermination" was hailed by an enthusiastic audience as the greatest single advance in the field since the introduction of twilight sleep.

While the big group of summer transfers has not yet started, gradual changes have caused many ins and outs. Departed for Korea are Milt Ogden and Roland Bower, slated for Division Chief of Staff and Div Arty Exec, respectively. Milt's family will move to California, while Pat Bower will stay near Washington for the time being. Jack Sutherland will take command of a B-47 Wing at Sedalia, Missouri, as this is published, and Roscoe and Jo Huggins will go to Tokyo in June.

Whereabouts of grown-up juniors not previously reported, include stunning Dolly Totten at Stephens (Missouri) College, and the two elder Mellniks, Thelma, 20, who graduated from Ursinus last year, and Stephanie, 17, a freshman at Goucher.

According to our energetic Sec-Treas, the last NATO meeting in Paris was amply supported by '32. In writing it up for the local newsletter (circulation 105) he assigned such intriguing nicknames as Left Bank Truesdell and Lido Jim Woolnough, but merely signed off as Bill Kunzig. Curiosity aroused, I inquired informally of the others, if there was not an appropriate one for William. Their replies were prompt, unequivocal and surprisingly unanimous—Bastille Billy.

Never satisfied with being an itinerant internationalist, Al Gerhardt rushed from that one to the Berlin Conference for five weeks, but unless something is stirring in the lower Congo, he should be around Washington now.

The local chapter is ahead of the game with Wally Brucker back from Korea to work for Sam Russell in Army MDAP. We were also delighted to find that Wally and Anna Marie Thinnies are at the Naval Academy, where Wally is teaching German. Anna Marie, who also answers to the nickname "Susan," has joined our ranks since the war, but can state that she is one of the most avid supporters of this fraternity. Their address is Apt. G-2, U.S.N.A., and if any of you get down there for the Army-Navy sport week-end give them the big hello.

Social events have followed the previously published schedule with the really big bang being the joint luncheon with Annapolis '32.

This custom was started right after the war before formal unification was a gleam in the Comptroller's eye, and, as the turnouts prove, it has been extremely popular. Both clubs set attendance records, but they took us, 42 to 35. For the seating arrangements, we drew from decks of playing cards; Army red and Navy black. As hosts, we announced that to keep everything fair and square, the door prize, a jug of "Old Tennis Shoe," would go to the man who drew the ace of spades. It's understandable that it went to a Navy man, and ironically enough his friends advise me that at his particular rate of consumption, that bottle represents a seven year supply. So much the longer to remember USMA '32, I say.

One of the Navy files there, incidentally, told me a vignette which will bear repeating if you haven't heard it. Seems that in the wild and woolly days following his escape during the war when both the Jap and U.S. Army would have liked to have known his whereabouts, Steve Mellnik put the finger on a big Jap tanker in the vicinity of the Philippines. Somehow, he got the word to a U.S. submarine commander in the area and in the normal course of events, the tanker forthwith found itself resting snugly on the bottom. Came the first of these joint '32 lunches after the war and Steve found himself at the same table with Herbie Jukes, U.S.N.A. '32, the sub commander who had done the honors.

At the luncheon, too, we got the sad news that Nellie Richardson had died suddenly in Rome. In making the announcement, Chairman El Davis said the Washington Chapter had sent flowers and that a class delegation would attend the funeral at West Point.

In closing out this issue, there's nothing more appropriate than a letter the chapter received recently from Bobby Glassburn's father. Incidentally, El Davis saw Zelda, Bob's widow, recently on a trip to Panama. She has two children, Constance, 17, who was voted the most popular girl in her class, and Paul, 16, both attending Balboa H.S. Zelda works in the Personnel Bureau of the Panama Canal Co. and her address is Box 34, Diabie Heights, C. A.

The following letter is condensed somewhat, but the essence is there. Bill Kunzig replied for the class.

Millbrook Farm
RFD No. 3, Box 114-A
Scottsville, Virginia.

Ever since Bob's death I read all that appears in *Assembly* about '32, for the class seems as near to me as my own, '07.

Earlier this week, at Walter Reed, there appeared at my door a colonel who had been captured with Bob on Corregidor. He said: "I heard you were here, and came only to tell you that your son Bob was the finest soldier on Corregidor." '32 seemed nearer than ever.

So this letter is to do what I should have done long since: to extend a welcome to all '32 who, passing this way, would care to turn aside and drive in our gate. The Scottsville Post Office will always give clear directions how to find us. Or, if time permits, write to me for them.

Bob would have loved it here, with the good hunting we have. Perhaps some of you would like to take his place with me next Fall, behind Kate and Bill and Otro, my bird-dogs.

With every good wish to '32.

Robert P. Glassburn, '07.

Please send news for the next issue to Bill Kunzig, NATO Standing Group, the Pentagon, by June 1st.

—Ken Hitzman.

1933

By unanimous vote, some forty classmates attending a recent luncheon in the Washington area decided to establish the "1933 West Point Society" in order to create an authorized agency to efficiently manage business, financial, and functional matters of an interest to the class as a whole, to maintain a current class locator service, and to acquire and disseminate information on the class.

The basic plan is to elect the class officers from among those stationed or residing in the Washington area, and to appoint Russ Broshous as the class representative at USMA. Permanent class records and the class treasury will be located in the Washington area. It is believed that this group will continue to be the largest of any of the class groups due to the increasing rank of the class, the nature and number of job assignments in that area, the frequency of visits to Washington, and the number of Service personnel who retire there.

The establishment of a class treasury will provide an authorized agency to receive membership dues, funds collected in excess of the cost of local class functions, and donations from other sources. The class fund will be used to take appropriate action in the case of funerals or sickness, to defray initial expenses in making arrangements for class reunions at USMA, to help fund the production of future class books or periodicals, and to finance any class project supported by the majority of the paying members. An indication for the need of a class fund was clearly demonstrated in making arrangements for the Twentieth Reunion at USMA, and again in our efforts to publish the 20-Year Book, since immediate cash is always necessary in any such project.

Membership dues will be \$2 a year, payable for any number of years in advance as desired, or \$25 payable in one lump sum for life membership.

Gray Essman, 3800 North 24th St., Arlington 7, Virginia, will be happy to accept your membership dues. The Washington gals started out the winter with a luncheon at the Water Gate Inn. This year the Program Chairman for the ladies is Mrs. Neil Wallace (Eleanor). The committee for the first luncheon was Charlotte Tague and Dot Johnson—27 ladies attended the first luncheon. There is no report as yet on the West Point Dinner Dance held at Andrew AFB on 20 March. It must be presumed that Tommy Moorman was able to provide good weather. Tommy has succeeded Oscar Senter as the No. 1 Weather Man and Oscar has headed for SAC.

New arrivals in Washington are: Zeller, Stephenson, Starbird, Akers, Kaesser, Meyer, R. D., Kibler, Bernard, Hale, Heintz, Pope, Powers, Turner, Watters, Marshall, Evans, T. B., Humphries, Park, Gray. Recent departures have been Rothwell to Office, Chief Army Field Forces, Bob Meals to OAC, Joliet, Ill., and Billy "the tap dancer" Clarke to the Far East, where he will now be known as Billy "the Kabuka dancer" Clarke. Soapy Watters is a patient in Walter Reed and Duff Sudduth has left Walter Reed to return to San Antonio. Pete Carroll is now recuperating at home at 7405 Alaska Ave., N.W.

As of December all but 46 of the 300 living members of the class have bought the 20-Year Book. There are still books available—if you have not received one or want one you can contact Gray Essman, or if you are going to be in the vicinity of West Point you may obtain a copy from Ab Huntsberry. The cost of the book is still five bucks.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Thinnis, Thayer or Taylor please contact Essman.

Fritz and Dot Hartel are due to depart soon for Hawaii, a second honeymoon. They were married there.

Shinberger represented the Washington contingent at the funeral of our Commandant, Lieutenant General Richardson. Cam Longley informs Hurly that they are enjoying their stay in France, although the ordnance tasks there are extremely difficult with construction limitations, perpetual freezes and thaws on personnel, personnel cuts and fund limitations. Cam reports that "Kingfish" Kelly is commanding the Chateaux Air Depot, Hallock is still in Bordeaux as Area Engineer of JCA, Ted Conway is in ALFCE Headquarters in Fontainebleau, and Bob Thompson at Orleans as G-1.

Lass Mason, amazed at the dearth of '33 news in *Assembly*, contributes the following from 325-A Flavel I, University of Florida, Gainesville:

"I am working out my Ph.D. in Education here at the University of Florida, finding subject matter interesting, as well as entertaining. Some small bit of work is involved, however. The University is located at Gainesville and, as my ex, and now famous roommate, Ted Conway, used to say, with some sarcasm, 'Gainesville is known as the cultural and educational hub of the Universe.'

"Having gone through the pangs of readjustment, I feel that I should pass on to classmates some fatherly advice, most of which can be summarized by saying 'Watch out!' Retirement can sneak up on you when you least expect it, and if it does come suddenly, you may find readjustment not exactly easy. If such horrible fate should befall you, I would be glad to give further fatherly advice, and might add that Florida is a nice place to retire. Much of the brass has squatted down on these swampy shores. However, there is still elbow room for more.

"To those of you who come down and settle, I may elicit your support in my coming campaign for election to Congress from this Fourth District of Florida. When and if I make a successful charge on Capitol Hill, I may attempt a few things which I found difficult to accomplish in the Pentagon. In any event, I intend to maintain permanent address here at the University and commute as necessary to 'Nob Hill'. To any of the Class finding themselves in this vicinity, Kay and I assure you that the latchstring hangs outside our door, and we will try to make your stay as pleasant as possible while orbiting this 'cultural hub'. In the meantime, you may care to use our address as a clearing house, or a depository for class information. Let me know your changing addresses, etc., and I will be able to pass this info. on to other classmates. If we are successful in establishing such a social C.P. here, perhaps I may be able to contribute more juicy tidbits to this column in the future."

Hadley Richardson writes from P.O. Box 9401, San Diego 9, California, that he and his new wife were on a trip around South America and stopped in to see Art Tyson in Buenos Aires. "Art is doing quite a job as Army Attache. And seems to have covered most of Argentina by car. He is really security conscious and has isolated himself on the very top of the Embassy. He and his family are very comfortably domiciled in the suburbs—near a good golf course naturally (Cal Smith please note). Got back from South America at Christmas and am now Commandant of Cadets at Brown Military Academy here in Pacific Beach. The uniforms sure look familiar and the lads are just about as ingenious as I imagine we

were. It is a lot of fun and very interesting work. Just what the doctor ordered for me." Shelby Williams, who still claims Cornwall-on-Hudson as a home address, writes that since leaving the Service two years ago he took a job with Philco Corp. and was placed under contract with the Navy as a technical representative for Aviation Ordnance and at present is stationed at Com. Fair Alameda Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. Johnny Scoville is holding down the G-1 spot at Headquarters Fifth Army. He reports that the Klander-man's are at Joliet Arsenal, Bill and Dora Due are at Fort Ben Harrison, and that Glass is with the Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Peoria, Illinois. Johnny and Babs have quarters at Fort Sheridan, a considerable commuting distance but better than the Washington traffic rat-race.

Steve Fuqua and Paul LaDue are holding down top spots in Second Army Hq.

Jean Engler is with the Ordnance Tank-Automotive Center, 1501 Beard St., Detroit, Michigan. We understand he is the perfect planner—an income tax deduction in the form of a baby boy arrived at the Englers 30 December 1953.

Thanks to Bob Arnette we hear about Cy Letzelter. Cy was in Brooke General Hospital in January for some surgery and after a speedy recovery returned to join the family at Camp Polk. Bob Arnette, Bill and Thalia Frenzel, Mac and Dody McClelland and Cy were able to get together for drinks and dinner during Cy's brief stay at San Antonio.

Cal Smith reports that things ain't what they use to be in Turkey (financially, that is). He states that Freddie Gibb is at Izmir as Deputy Chief of the NATO Headquarters. He (Freddie) has a very comfortable apartment, an excellent supply of refreshments and a very lovely daughter. Dick Meyer is also in the same Headquarters as Chief Signal Officer. Both Freddie and Dick expect to return to the States this summer. Carl Darnell is Chief of a Field Training Team in the mountains of Eastern Turkey. His last letter to Cal told of 15 feet of snow and below zero temperatures. Cal is in Ankara as the Chief, Artillery Section, TUSAG. They are now settled in a two-bedroom apartment and following the arrival of household goods came a sizable bill for excess weight, probably golf clubs. They have had two reductions in living allowances, gasoline is 70c a gallon, but they still like it, that is except for the golf course which Cal calls the world's worst.

Bert Sparrow says there is very little in the way of class news Hq. Allied Forces at Naples, except that the Sparrow family continues in good health and spirits. Their son, who is 18, is in school in England under an exchange scholarship of the English-Speaking Union and their daughters, Virginia (14) and Kathy (6), are in the first year of high and grammar school respectively. They have good quarters and like Naples very much but he is willing to change for any job with troops.

Mrs. Wade Sayre (Eva Philipps) is in the Washington vicinity with her husband. Congratulations to Maddrey Solomon on his promotion to Brigadier General. Chapman, E. A., is with an AAA Command at Catonsville, Maryland; Cepeda has been ordered to the Far East and Chuck Dunne is due to go to the National War College next year.

And as we go to press, Jake Messersmith writes from the First Transportation Zone, Fulton Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, that Italy did not agree with Dottie, and, on the recommendation of the medicos, he was made available for reassignment to the States. He is very happy with his new job in Pittsburgh and they have set up house-

keeping in the Mt. Lebanon District approximately 7 miles from downtown Pittsburgh.

—C. H. M.

1934

The 20th Reunion Committee of the class organization in Washington is rapidly whipping things into shape for the Big Occasion. That committee, with Charlie Hill as chairman, has recently sent out the second circular concerning the Reunion. This pop-sheet contains definite information on schedule, billets, prices, etc. Those intending to come to West Point for this affair are urged to send in word to that effect, along with a check, to Colonel C. W. Hill, 24 West Spring Street, Alexandria, Virginia, as soon as possible. For the benefit of those who may not have received the letter sent out by the committee, we summarize below the pertinent information:

Billets: All alumni and sons 15 years of age and over will be put up in the North Barracks at a charge of \$1.15 per night for each person. These billets are under the control of the Association of Graduates, and payment for them is made in the Sallyport of North Barracks, at the time of checking in. For the ladies, billets will be available in the visiting team rooms of Washington hall at a charge of *\$1.00 per night. There may be some spaces available for daughters 15 and over accompanying their mothers, but this will depend on the number of wives who attend. All billets are available from Friday night to Monday night, June 4-7, incl.

Class Functions: (1) A dinner dance in the West Point Army Mess (Officers' Club) on Saturday evening, 5 June, at 7:00 P.M. Price of *\$6.50 per person includes everything. Costume is civilian suit or uniform for men, semi-formal for ladies. (2) A picnic at one of the lodges at Round Pond on Sunday evening, 6 June, at 6:00 P.M. Charge is *\$3.50 per person, with certain simpler beverages included, but not everything one might possibly desire. Uniform: Strictly informal. (3) A cocktail buffet supper at Quarters 84 on Monday, 7 June, at about 6:30 P.M. Strictly informal. Charge is *\$3.00 per person, including everything.

General Functions: In addition to the special class formations mentioned above, there will, of course, be parades, movies, athletic contests, etc. of general interest. Two important functions for all returning alumni, both of which take place on Monday, are: (1) The Alumni Ceremonies and Review, starting at about 10:30 on Monday morning; (2) The annual luncheon and meeting of the Association of Graduates, to be held in Washington Hall at about 12:30 on the same day. Charge is about \$1.50. Ticket to be bought at desk in North Barracks when checking in. This luncheon is for the males only. At the same time, however, there will be a special class luncheon for the ladies at the Officers' Club. Charge *\$1.50.

Children: Boys of age 15 and over can stay in barracks with fathers. Girls 15 and over may be able to stay with mothers in Washington Hall. There are no accommodations for younger children, unless you have an individual arrangement with friends living at West Point. We realize that this is regrettable, but all facilities at West Point are strained during this period. It must also be realized that, even in the case of teen-agers who may get billets as indicated above, these young people will be "on their own" most of the time.

Advance payment to Charlie Hill should include payments for all the charges indicated in italics and asterisks in the para-

graphs above. Do not send payment for men's billets or for the men's luncheon on Monday. If you intend to stay only a portion of the time, send an appropriately smaller check. If you find later that you cannot attend, you will receive a refund, of course. Please make checks payable to: "Class Fund, USMA 1934".

So much for the Reunion. Now for some other news. Joanne and Okie O'Connell became parents for the fifth time on the 29th of December last, when Ellen Jane was born in the West Point Hospital. We regret the delay in this announcement, but they didn't quite make the deadline for the January Assembly!

A letter from Terry Davall at Christmas contained the following information: Heck Davall commands the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in Bavaria. Way back about a year ago the Davalls had a get-together with a number of classmates at the Ron Martins' place in Stuttgart. Present there were the Charlie Whites, Bob MacDonnells, Bob Finkenauers, and Bob Adams'. Since that time Whites had moved to the French Zone, Adams' to Carlisle Barracks. Bob Kyser was reported commanding a depot near Frankfurt, and Tom McCrary had an outfit in Munich. Davalls had seen Elinor and Jim Winn in Frankfurt in November, and had had a visit from Bill and Peg Craig and Bob and Sis MacDonnell during the fall, on the occasion of a football game. Freddie Cook was reported commanding an outfit in Austria. Henry Hester was also reported to be in the European Command somewhere, but not definitely pinned down. Terry reports that they are planning to have a European version of the 20th Reunion, probably in Stuttgart.

Mike Davall, now 19, has been attending the Prep School at Stewart Field this year and has high hopes of becoming a cadet one of these days. Bob Kyser's oldest son is at MIT. The boys are growing up!

Tom Crystal writes from Paris that he has been trying to promote the rebuilding of St. Cyr, the French Military Academy, which was destroyed during World War II, but he hasn't yet made too much progress. He and Patti expect to be back at the end of the summer, to attend the Industrial College next fall, but they won't be able to make it in time for the Reunion.

Various notes and press clippings concerning classmates in Korea include the following information: Jim O'Hara arrived in Korea in April 1953. As a member of the Korean Communications Zone Headquarters, he shared in a recent Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation awarded that organization. Chick Andrews is Senior Adviser to the Corps Artillery of one of the ROK Corps, and Johnny Darrah is Senior Adviser to the same corps. (February 1954). Don McPheron was recently awarded the Legion of Merit for his service as commander of the 279 Infantry, 45 Division, during the period March 29-August 13, 1953. He is presently operations officer at Eighth Army Headquarters.

Dale and Madelyn Huber have recently announced the arrival of their third daughter, Susan Stroh, born on February 8th. T. T. Browns, look to your laurels!

A note from Fort Knox shows that "Varsity" Vars has recently been assigned to the 3d Armored Division at that station.

SEE YOU AT THE REUNION.

—W. J. R.

1935

The news around the Message Center is confined chiefly to movements through Washington. We are very happy to learn of

Les Wheeler's recovery from a long illness he contracted while serving as C.O. of the 5th RCT in Korea. His illness is best described as "Mauchu Malady" in Les' own words. He is recuperating at home (6627 Chestnut Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland), being required to check in Walter Reed periodically prior to return to duty. Mac Peeke finished the Strat. Intell. School prior to departing for Ankara the latter part of March as Army Attache to Turkey. John Williamson relieved Mac at the school in preparation for an assignment as Army Attache in Madrid. George Eckhardt departed in February for a tour in Hawaii as C/S USARPAC. On February 12 Art Fickel, now a student at the National War College, was presented with an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit. The citation was presented for the work he had done while assigned to the Air Research and Development Command. The presentation was made by General Craig, Commandant of the College, and in attendance were Helen Fickel, Lee Davis, and members of the ARDC and the Secretary of the War College. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon at the Fort McNair Officers' Club. Don Phelan is now serving as Deputy Engineer Korean Communications Zone, Taegu. Harry Critz has assumed new duties as Assistant Chief of Staff Personnel Section, 8th Army. He had been Executive Officer in Corps Artillery, Section I Corps, since May 1953. The compilation of "More Yet" has turned into a monumental and laborious project. Returns are in well enough to move ahead so, we trust, the publication will be received about the same time as this issue of *Assembly*. Social events have been relegated to the rear since November when a small group assembled at Bolling for a supper dance. We welcomed Bill Lapsley's bride to the class fold. The wives of '35 gathered at Fort McNair Officer's Club for a luncheon in January. They were quite thrilled when "Ike", lunching in an adjacent room, pulled the curtain apart and came forth with a warm greeting. (Doubtless told them to "quiet down", but that's the story as we get it!)

—E. H. F.

1936

Personal information for these class notes is very scarce. Ben Evans is our only consistent news contributor. He hasn't missed yet. Incidentally, Ben Evans, III, is beginning to prep for an appointment to USMA, probably in 1955.

Ben reports the following: Ned Norris left G-2, D/A (Ch For Ln Br) for the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia; Roy Cole from Fort Hood, Texas to Washington, D. C.—rumor has it he may replace Norris in G-2; Joe Nazzaro is commanding Hunter AF Base, Georgia; Van Sutherland graduated from Monterey Language School and departed to USA Mission, Asuncion, Paraguay; Landry from G-3, Washington, D. C. to Far East; Tom Cooke is commanding Seneca Ordnance Depot, Romulus, New York.

Following info comes from various publications: Leonard Shea from AF Staff College to G-3, Washington, D. C.; Ralph King from Iceland visited family over Thanksgiving at Meade Heights near Fort Meade, Maryland; Ed Mohlere reverted from CO, Detroit Ordnance District to assistant to the new CG, General Heiss; Tim and Frances Willis are living at 2012 Avenue "O", Huntsville, Texas (PMS&T, Sam Houston Mil Acad); Tyler is braving the Alaskan cold (Hq Alaskan Air Cmd, APO 942, c/o PM, Seattle, Washington); Char-

lie Pack (G-2, Washington, D. C.) and Jim Goodwin (G-3, Washington, D. C.) enroute to USAFFE; Bob O'Brien moved from Psy Wfe Bd at Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Hqs Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland; Steve Smith stationed with Office of Baltimore Engr District, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore 3, Maryland; Dick Carmichael from Hqs. 15th AF, SAC, March AFB, California to Hqs 21st Air Div, SAC, Forbes AFB, Kansas, and then to Hq USAF, Washington, D. C.; Elmer Grubbs commanding Erie Ordnance Depot, Ohio; Cecil Combs, Comdt USAF Military Schools Hqs, Lackland AFB, Texas, was recently elected a Director in the United Services Auto Association, San Antonio, Texas; Bob Fergusson, Washington, D. C. to USARPAC early this summer; Bill Kimball "might" leave Mitchel AFB, New York soon (Bill, Audette, and two sons visited West Point recently to watch Army beat Navy in basketball); Maxie Kallman now stationed at Fort Monroe, Virginia as Dep Ch of Combat Development Group, OCAFF; Carl Rickenbaugh enroute from Washington, D. C. to USAREUR; Claude Crawford finished Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and was assigned to OC of T, Washington, D. C.; Bruce Palmer assumed command of the 16th Inf Regt (1st Div) at Schweinfurt, Germany.

Very late note from Rudy Ganns in Tokyo reports that the following attended the annual West Point Dinner in Tokyo, March 1954: Joe Yost, Dan McElheny, Jack Weaver, Bill Davis, Cliff Cordes, Jim Goodwin, Bob Trout, Biff Milliken, Ray Tiffany, Hank Benson, Rudy Ganns. Jim Twaddell paid but didn't make it. Bill Ryder was notable by his absence. Goodwin will probably return to US in May, and Ganns in June or July 1954.

Due to workload, some personal procrastination, and lack of a lot of addresses, the questionnaire mentioned in the January *Assembly* was held up. It is now on its way; please give us a quick and 100% response.

Drop us a post card, or better yet a letter with all the news you have of self, classmates, and families.

The Association of Graduates, West Point, and ourselves, need the present addresses and information of the "lost" classmates listed on page 7, January 1954 issue of *Assembly*. All help will be appreciated.

Address your news to Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Gooding, QM, West Point, New York. Thanks.

—Sam.

1937

This is my swan song and the last news to be written from West Point. With only Richardson remaining here, and with a reasonably large group in Washington, it is felt that the class will be served better by transferring all representation there. I have written Giles Evans (District Engineer's Office) asking him to take the necessary steps to have new representatives elected. Until that is done correspondence should be addressed to him.

Received a letter from Swede Ohman giving the lowdown on the class in SAC. Ken Sanborn is Chief of Staff of the 2d AF at Barksdale; Moe Preston, a Brigadier General, is in command of the Air Division at Barksdale; Westover commands the 12th Air Division at March; Ed Bradhurst a B-36 Wing at Travis; Jonny Batjer a wing at Hunter AFB in Georgia; and Dick Borden is in the Material business at SAC Headquarters in Omaha. Swede commands the 35th Air Division at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona.

Richardson got a letter from Walt DeBill, who seems to be enjoying life at the Lima Ordnance Depot, Lima, Ohio. He took over the job from Stan Connelly, who is now Military Chief of the Cleveland Ordnance District.

Hank Byroade was up to give a talk to the cadets, 24 March, on problems in the Near East.

Palmer is going to Fort Bragg; and the Bessons are heading for Europe, I guess, no orders yet.

Thanks to all of you who have passed on the news and luck to you in Washington.

—R. B.

1938

Having been elected (?) or appointed to this soiree by the Washingtonians of the class only one week before the deadline for submission of copy, I must start out by apologizing for the paucity of this squib and will promise to produce more news in the future, with help from the scattered '38ers.

The Washington area appears to represent the nucleus of the class, with 49 members, wives, and assorted children in the area, plus a smattering of salt-water widows. The small fry population suffered a heavy loss when Dallas and Mabel Haynes and brood departed for Istanbul, Turkey, where Dallas is Adviser to the Turkish National War College. Cliff Riordan, who is with OQMG, has moved his family to Silver Spring from Indianapolis and no longer occupies the second stool from the left at the Fort McNair bar every evening.

The class held a dinner dance at the Naval Gun Factory on 26 February, which was well-attended. The present policy is to hold 3 or 4 social gatherings a year with class luncheons and wives' luncheons every month or two, and it seems to be working out well. The Washington Chapter held its annual selection of servants during February with Leo Harman succeeding Roy Hefebower as President, Bill Wansboro succeeding Tom McCrary as Secretary-Treasurer, Mo Lemon succeeding Max Murray as Entertainment Chairman, and myself, Red Sundin, succeeding Greg Lynn as Coordinating Chairman, which is a high-sounding title for the guy whose main job seems to be to sweat out this column every 3 months. It seems I am supposed to coordinate with Mick Amick at West Point, where he and Jacunski are holding down the fort. Any news will be appreciated if dropped to me at Hq, MDW, Bldg T-7, Gravelly Point, Washington 25, D. C.

Two classmates were recently decorated for service in Korea. Jeff Irvin received a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit for meritorious service as Chief of Plans and Operations at Eighth Army Headquarters. He is now in Tokyo, where he has been joined by Babbie and their two children. Frank Hartman received a Bronze Star for meritorious service at the QM Depot in Pusan. Congratulations to both.

Also from Korea comes news that Ben Sternberg, who has the 5th RCT, entertained Marilyn Monroe at lunch. Plainly heard in Washington were loud exclamations of anger and anguish from Andy Lipscomb in Turkey when news of Ben's exploit reached him. Mel Russell is also in Korea as a Div Arty Exec learning how to be a real gunner.

Other overseas news: Bill Ekman is G-1 of VII Corps in Germany; John Tillson has moved from G-2 VII Corps to CO, 2nd Cav Regt; Art Collins is in OPOT in EUCOM; Jack English has a regiment in the 1st Division; Bill Vail is in Kashmir with the UN Armistice Commission, Betsy has joined him

via commercial freighter; Bob York is MA in Singapore, he and family had to undergo the harrowing experience of traveling there on a round-the-world luxury cruiser.

In transient status are Bob Rhine, enroute to Thailand; Birdsey Learman to Indo-China with the MAAG (Jane and family are remaining at Birdsey's gentleman-farmer estate on the Eastern Shore of Maryland); Bob Works to Lebanon as MA.

Additions to family heard of are: Jean and Hank Crouch, a baby girl in Colorado Springs, where Hank is with Air Defense Command; no report on Durbin and Patrick, who are leading the league.

The poor coverage of the boys in blue is entirely unintentional. Omar Knox from Wright-Patterson recently took a short management course here in Washington. He is comfortably ensconced at Wright-Patterson with wife Maria and five children, and is working in guided missiles.

The smart money in Washington is being placed on us boys in brown soon being in grey-green. I pass it on for what it is worth and on that confusing piece of sage advice I will close.

—A. B. S.

1939

Plans for the 15th Reunion are really shaping up. The big days will be the 5th, 6th, and 7th of June. Tentative evening events for these three days will include a cocktail fiesta on the 5th, a dinner dance on the 6th, followed by a bang-up party at Round Pond on the 7th. Graduation this year is on the 8th. The daytime programs are well filled with such activities as the Alumni Dinner, the '39 Wives Luncheon, sports events, Corps ceremonies, and our own informal gatherings. Plans for accommodations are being worked out by Frankie Kobes and Jake Jacoby. Further details will be mailed out to all who have indicated even a remote possibility of attending. In the meantime, keep the poop sheets rolling in to Ed McConnell and try to make it up here.

Way back in '39 who would ever have thought that we would have 15 of our 30 years behind us so quickly!

Thanks for the news sent in with the Reunion questionnaires. Drop us a line whenever possible and keep us informed so we can pass the word around. This issue will supplement Lentz's excellent coverage in the last issue with news of other classmates.

First of all, best wishes to that big '39 "slice" in the Far East. From the latest information we have received, those serving in Korea include: Bill Preston, 3rd Bn, 38 Inf; Julian Ewell, G-3 Section, Eighth Army; Scotty Kurtz, KCOMZ; Chuck Medinnis, KCOMZ; Bob Sears, 1818 Air & Airways Group; Danny Tatum, 17th Bomb Wing; Ray Odom, 24th AAA Gun Bn; Bill Henry, 235th FA Obsv Bn; Jim Sheppard, G-3 Section IX Corps; Bill George, IG Section IX Corps; Ben Duckworth, KMAG; Roger Phelan, 3rd Bomb Wing; Tom Simpson, Ordnance Unit near Pusan; Sid Martin, An Engr Bn of 32d Group; Buck Lane, 8th FA Bn; and Bill Francisco, JA Section IX Corps.

Across the straits in Japan we find: Wiley Wisdom, G-1 Section, AFFE; Tommy Thomason, G-3 Section, AFFE; Dick Wolfe, Engrs, AFFE; Short-Timer Bert McCollam, Engrs AFFE; Dick Morrison, 35 Tk Fighter Interceptor Wing; Curley Walton, near Itazuke, assignment not known; Ed Schroeder, Camp Sasebo, Japan; Don Serrem, Tokyo Ord Depot; and Mel Engstrom, Asst G-4, AFFE.

Down the line in Okinawa Bob Williams holds court as JA, RYCOM, with his home just a few doors from Dave Nanney. Dave and Bob always serve fine mint juleps and you should drop in on them when you get a chance. The assignments listed are the latest obtainable and we hope they will help contacts.

Taking a quick switch to the other side of the world in Europe we find some of our real characters in Germany: Dick Cleverly is JA in Heidelberg; Billy West, 322d Tk Bn; "Fat Jack" Kelly, 141st Tk Bn; Harry McClelland, 628 Tk Bn; Bob Coleman, G-1, 28th Div; Chuck Parsons, G-3, 28th Div; John Dickerson, 2d Bn, 112th Inf; Ralph Hanchin, 32nd FA Bn; Walt Wells, Eng School, at Murnau; Shields Warren, 43rd Div; "L" Lee, 1st Bn, 2d Armd Cavalry; Pat Patterson, 40th Tk Bn; "Bur" Showalter and Pappy Myers, J-3 Section, EUCOM; Tom Whitehouse, 36th Fighter Bomber Wing; Joe Bowman and Al Herzberg, Hqs USAFF; Walt Vann taking over the 1st AAAGP, and Bob Pennell is soon to return home from duty with the 756th FA Bn.

In Hqs USAREUR we have news of: Livy Taylor, G-2 Section; Fred Boye, SGS; Bob Haffa, Sig Div; Clyde Sutton, G-4 Section; Wendy Wendorf, Asst SJA; and Jack Looney with the G-3 Division.

Danny Dannemiller is Ln Officer with the French Armored and Cavalry School at Saumur (What section of French were you in Danny?). And up with the Big Wheels in SHAPE are: Andy Goodpaster, Don Beere, and George Zethren, who were all on hand to meet Joe Perry on a quick visit to Paris from London, where he is now stationed on duty with the Ministry of Supply. Nearby are Bob (R.C.) Williams and Billy Barnett with Allied Forces Central Europe. Down South Al Poinier and Matt Smith are holding forth in Allied Forces Southern Europe in Naples.

The Alaska Gang is doing fine with Brownfield, Winegar, Royce and Fling really carrying the mail. Stan Dziuban is just arriving in Spain (JUSMAG) and Dewitt Hall is using his Spanish in Bogota at the Office of the MA. Seth Hudgins and Ken Scott write us from Rio de Janeiro that Jim Billups passed through there recently and is still a bachelor. How does he do it? Way across the waters in Iran we learn of Moushegian and Matt Bristol. This isn't all of our world round-up—Cappy Clough is in Oslo, Jimmy Knapp in Labrador with the 6603rd AB Group, and Jim Roberts in London, England.

Jack Norris reporting from the Army War College, says that our classmates at Carlisle are progressing in fine shape. The Leavenworth students at CGSC report they are all successfully nearing the end of the long grind, but have all enjoyed their stay.

The blue yonder boys at the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, write that they also are entering the home stretch and have had several enjoyable get-togethers such as Bunny Adams' cocktail party in October; taking in the Army-Navy game at a TV open-house with the McDavids as hosts; and a fine party at the George Howards. The line-up at Maxwell runs something like this: as students this year are: John McDavid, Jack Carpenter, Dick Curtin, Al Evans, Freddy Foerster, Ben Glawe, Perry Hoisington, Roughouse Holloway, George Howard, Huey Long, Jack Meals, Jack Merrell, and Bill Smith. On the faculty are: Bill McDowell, Bob Greer, and Bunny Adams.

Keeping the Armed Services on the right path, the crew from Washington, D. C. and vicinity include: Carl McFerren, Bob Wray, Jack Davis who is just back from Korea, Tom Crawford, Eddie Kurth, Ned Glenn, Jim Billups, Ray Allen, Strother

Hardwick, Bob Miller, Ray Will, Lew Stocking, John Wald, Speedy Hull, and Chet Lennhoff.

News from all over the ZI: Ad Breckenridge and Curly Edwards are at Forbes AFB at Topeka, Kansas; Jim Newton, a good old goat from way-back, is beginning a 2-year course in educational psychology at the University of Minnesota; Pappy Martin, Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico; Brockmon is PMS&T at East Tennessee State College with Jake Rippert as a neighbor 100 miles down the valley as PMS&T at the University of Tennessee; Ed Smith, Bill McConnell, John Medusky, and Frank Mildren are at Benning; Don Miller, Carl Buechner, and Frank Forrest are with OCAFF at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Bob Ploger is back again at Fort Lewis, Washington; and Hack Connor is ROTC instructor at the University of Wyoming.

John Samuel is at Carswell AFB, Texas; Steve Mancuso, Fort Bliss, Texas; Bernie Teeters, St. Norbert College, Wisconsin; Chuck Medinnis, San Francisco Ordnance District; Phil Breitenbacher is studying psychology at the University of Florida; Jim Green, Hqs 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston; Charley Brombach, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio; Pete Vandevanter, MacDill AFB, Florida; Bob Gideon, Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana; Bob Page, George Winton, J. G. Johnson, Jaycox, and Roger Lilley are at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Bill Hinternhoff is Ln Officer at the Detroit Arsenal. John Bestic is still located at Hqs Strategic Air Command, Omaha, Nebraska. How do you do it, Johnny? Dave Matheson, just back from 2 years in Honolulu, is now assigned to the Engineer Historical Division in Baltimore, Md. For a "brief bit of data in less than 25 words"—Don Nickerson has sent us one succinct, poignant sentence: "Married 25 September 1953"! His new address is 3030 James Street, San Diego, California. Bel Evans is rounding off three joyous (?) years of study for his Master's Degree in Bi-radiology at the University of California, two years at California, plus one at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Two Hawaiian veterans with whom I shared many of those "tough" pre-war service days in Hawaii have been heard from: Homer Barber is C.O. of Killeen Base, Killeen, Texas, and Jimmy Roosa is an instructor at the Air Command School in Communications Electronics. How about a swim at Nanakuli? The Fort Knox contingent has narrowed down to but two left, Charley Coates and Elmer Rager. Warren Chapman is at Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Word arrives that Smokey Deville in Villa Platte, Louisiana, is doing very well in the lumber business and has recently invested in a local radio station that looks very promising. Not so far away in Corpus Christi, Texas, Lyle Peterson is a rising attorney-at-law. Cliff Haughton is a senior development Engineer with the Lycoming Division of the AVCO Manufacturing Company in Stratford, Connecticut. Well, you just can't hold this crew down! As further evidence of this, Chandler Lewis is Chief Industrial Engineer for Wheeling Steel in Wheeling, West Virginia. Chan lives very near Highway U.S. 40. When you are through there drop by and see him—see you soon, Chan. Tom Bartel is doing very nicely as Asst. Gen. Mgr. of the Quaker Oats plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Bill Buster at Midway, Kentucky, is a real gentleman farmer overseeing the raising of tobacco, high grade Herford cattle, sheep, and thoroughbred horses (not racing any as of now), and still keeps his hand in as Asst. Corps Arty Cmdr, SSIH Corps, National Guard. Ted Hundsbet, now with the

American Machine & Foundry, came up to the Point for a couple of football games last fall. Ted looked fine, and also is doing extremely well. Clarence Seipel and Burnham Batson are at nearby Manchester, Connecticut, and are both very active members of their local West Point Societies—we'll find out more when we see them this June Week. Congratulations to Julian Ewell on the award of the Legion of Merit, and to Jay Dawley on the ROK Presidential Unit Citation.

This concludes the coverage, and from the above, you can see that no matter in what corner of the world you may be located, there is a classmate somewhere nearby.

—Whimpy Walker.

1940

The Ides of March bring lots of mail. First arrival was a rather incoherent card from June and Fred Yeager, on leave from Moscow where Fred is assistant military attaché, and visiting Marie and Chuck Esau in Rome. Two boys for the Yeagers. Two boys and two girls for the Esaus. Don Yeuell back from abroad and house-hunting in Washington. Going to Georgetown for two years, where he will improve his mind and his golf game. Bill Clark acting as his guide since Don has been away so long.

Going to the Washington area? You will find these classmates there: A Company—Black, Davis, T. W. and Vaughan; B Company—Clizbe, Dixon, Delaney, Farthing, Milton, Stella, Vanderhoef and Witt; C Company—Bowlby, Chandler, H. B., Hughes, Nelson, A. H., Krisberg and Zahrobsky; D Company—Gildart, Norris and Wohner; E Company—Bethune, Dunham, England, S. P., Fisher, Lewis, W. F., Smith, W. M., Wermuth and Williams, R. R.; F Company—Bierman, Hazeltine, Klunk, Manzolillo, Spencer, and Watrous; G Company—Balthis, Clement, Downey, Floryan, Meszar, Pillsbury, Reinecke, Shoss and Winton; H Company—Barton, Colacicco, England, G. W., Goodwin, Harrison, Knight, A. and McCroskey; I Company—Bagstad, Gideon, Nosek, Renola, Symroski and Taylor, J. K.; K Company—Aber, Clark, C. L., Forbes, French, Fuller, Klar, McFarland, Munson, Smelly, and Tyler; L Company—Dibble, Haessley, Hamelin, Quaid, Strong, Verner, Ware and Webster; M Company—Beaudry, Haseman, Hennessey and Warren. The class holds luncheons every other month and the wives meet monthly. Co-ed affairs are held in the Fall, Spring and Summer under the current program. For further information you can write Bill Clark at 3547 Quebec Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. or call him on the telephone, Kellogg 7-0584.

Hazeltine writes that he has orders for the Netherlands and will leave sometime in May. Krauss has moved from Leavenworth to Fort McPherson to Fort Bragg. Rick Ferril is canvassing Nebraska for qualified members of the Crow Club, a rather select group which Rick will explain vividly to you should you meet him. Nosek is Assistant Engineer Commissioner in Washington, D. C.

Jean and Bert Lane write from Heidelberg, Germany, to say that classmates there are: Paul Phillips, Dean Benson, Tom Gordon, Jack Corby, Clapsaddle, Larkin, Maedler, and Mike Bavaro. Dick Cassidy has been in London and is back in the States now. Moon Mullin writes from the Engineer School TUSAG APO 206-A that his family is with him in Turkey. Nobles writes from SHAPE in France reporting that Penney and Harnetts are there. They expect-

ed the Abbays to come down from Holland for a class reunion.

From the other side of the world, Charlie Shaunese writes that he was the Q.M. of the 25th Division and is now the G-4. Plans to be back in the States in June. His family is presently at La Grange, Illinois, preparing for the homecoming. Charlie reports Tom Scott has left for the States, and that Lee Fritter, Wing Jung, and Jack Wright are nearby. Rod Wetherill acting as adviser to Korean Army Corps and Larry Legere commands a battalion in the 25th Division. Burfening with Engineer Section of 8th Army and Phil Elliott is with G-4 Section FECOM. Alan Baker in FECOM and Dick Free now at Yokohama Engineer Depot. George Carnahan in Japan. Roedy with J-3 Division, Headquarters FEC.

Tom Hargis, now retired, is at 6525 Santa Elena Rt. 4 Box 198, Tucson, Arizona. Earlier reports put Tom in South America but he has been in Arizona for the past four years. Says he will go to South America if someone will make him an offer.

The latest news that I have puts the following classmates in the following places: Aber at the Engineer School at Belvoir, Addington at Fort Sill, Alexander at the Language School, Monterey, California, Hank Arnold with Military Advisory Group in Greece, Aubrey in Poland, Banks in Korea, Bates at Fort Monmouth, Don Baumer, retired and living in Highland Falls. Directed play called "Ten Little Indians" at West Point.

Milt Barnard is in Wiesbaden and Barry is in Korea. Lee Bell is with Student Detachment at Harvard University and Bengston is an Ordnance Officer in London. Don Bennett in Tokyo and Bill Bennett is at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. Sid Bingham with CINCPAC Staff in Hawaii and Bob Brewer is in Frankfurt, Germany. Don Briggs is still National Guard Adviser in Boise, Idaho, and Andy Budz is in England. Harry Bunze was in London but is now back at Wright-Patterson AF Base in Dayton, Ohio. Dick Cassidy back from London and stationed with Eastern AAA Command in Detroit. Martin Chandler in Military Attaché Office in Switzerland. Bill Clay teaching mathematics at West Point. Ray Clock with AAA Command at Colorado Springs. Coates in Trieste and Ed Cook at the Infantry School at Benning. Joe Couch last heard from on Okinawa, where he is working in civilian capacity. Crocker at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk expects to go to C&GSC next year.

Cunningham in FECOM and Ben Delamater at AFF Board at Fort Bragg. de Latour in Paris. Bryce Denno in Japan. Dodderidge reported resigned and living on Long Island. Red Donohue back to active duty and teaching mathematics at West Point. Dunham on faculty of Engineer School at Belvoir. Kermit Dyke in Alaska. Jack East, a student at Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Dill Ellis still in banking business in North Carolina. Epley at Fort Bliss. Fate also at Fort Bliss.

Mickey Fellenz on staff of the Infantry School at Benning. Ed Fitzpatrick in office of Military Attaché in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Francisco in Korea and Galbreath at West Point. Al Gillem at Maxwell Field in Alabama. Sam Goodwin now in FECOM. Green in Korea. Gushurst in USAREUR. Heinemann with Motores S.A. in Bogota, Colombia. Hoover at Eglin Field in Florida. Ernie Jones at Maxwell Field. Dick Kent at West Point. Kintner, arrived in Washington in January, with International Branch in G-3. Kolda resigned and living on West Coast. Kyle with the Armed School at Fort Knox. Lemley at USAREUR. Light in Japan. Jim Loewus with Na-

tional Guard in Reno, Nevada. Jim Lotozo at Fortress Monroe and Lucas at Fort Bliss.

McCartan is with Air Defense Board in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and McKenney is in Frankfurt with EUCOM. Bob Mackin resigned. Lou Mendez at Fort Monroe and Merchant still in Lisbon, Portugal. Hank Miley is in England and Millican is in Tokyo. Minahan in the Philippines and Tom Muller at Benning. John O'Brien at Sandia Base, New Mexico, and O'Keefe at Fort Bliss. Mosshead Parker is at the Air War College at Maxwell Field. Mike Paulick is a student at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Jim Rasmussen is at Barksdale AFB in Mississippi. Salvo Rizza is in FECOM. Rogers teaching at West Point.

Shagrin is with 7th Army USAREUR and Shanahan is in FECOM. Steve Silvasy with 82nd Airborne and Ray Sleeper is on the faculty of the Air War College. Stroock is a student at Carlisle Barracks and Eben Swift is on the staff and faculty of the Infantry School. Townsend should be in Ethiopia by now. Freddy White with 82nd Airborne and Wilbraham is in Paris. Wilcox at Air War College. Wohner on temporary duty to Indo-China. Woodward in Berlin and Wright, H. T. is Air Instructor, The Armored School.

Brown, H. C. is in Trieste and Byrne is with Opns. Section, SACLANT in Norfolk, Virginia. Lee Cagwin is chief Abn School at Fort Benning. Scott Case at U.S.M.A. Clarke, L. L. resigned and working for the City of Oakland, California. Castillo a big wheel in the Philippine Army. Anyone have his address? Crockett with Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Pat Davis is Air Attaché in India. Paul Deems in Kansas City with Continental Air Def. Cmd. to next course of Air War College at Maxwell Field.

Frank Devlin is PMS&T at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Ray Goodrick studying for Ph.D. in Electronics at University of Michigan. Hackett with PMS&T at University of Kentucky. Ed Hendrickson with MAAG in Paris. Frank Mandell with 7th Div. Mastran at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Bidwell Moore at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Hank Norman at Langley AFB, Virginia, and Orman at Fort Bliss. Sam Patten with 8th Army. Ridgell in Alaska. Rimmer at Fort Sill. Saunders in Coronado, California.

Send all information to me at 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA: Received a very informative letter in the fine hand of Ren Keleher: "You can make another entry under 'new cadets'. My Caroline did what comes naturally a couple of weeks ago, 15 January, and I'd like to present a new candidate, Timothy Hart, paper weight, who now puts me in the two-son class; six-year-old Keirn is the other. My brave lady accomplished this feat at Fort Smith, Arkansas without benefit of a corridor pacing husband. I was, and am taking whatever shelter I can find from the record breaking cold weather in Salzburg, Austria. For what is generally considered a ho-hum sort of job, I am finding my assignment as USFA TI&E officer extremely interesting." * * * "It's real pleasant, too, having so many kinsmen around, and distinguished ones at that. The representation here in Austria is down now to Barney, Foster, Jensen, and Niles, but considering the size of the command this is well over a quorum. Arriving as I did in early November, I'd missed Cannon, Greene, and Vaughan, but plenty of their fans were still here." * * * "Over

the last year or so, tho, under the door sign 'Plans' were Greene and Cannon, G-3, Niles G-2, Vaughan G-4, and Barney G-1." * * * "The enclosed clipping brings Bonnie Barney up to date. He has very recently returned to troops as G-2 of our major soldiering unit and seems to be thriving at it." * * * "At the same post as Barney are both Foster and Niles—the former a highly respected Signal Bn Cmdr, and the latter a very competent Infantry Bn Cmdr. Jensen is under the same command but he's off in the direction of Winchester, 40 miles away. He has the Engineer Battalion, which has been beefed up considerably to fill local requirements, and ranges over a large part of the country 'waving the Rod' at his charges. If you've been seeing anything about the trials and tribulations of the Austrians due to snows and avalanches during the past couple of weeks you can know that there were a lot of Jensen's men and not a little of his equipment contributing to the best kind of US-Austrian relations in the stricken areas. So much for the Austrian contingent. Felix Gerace was until recently located in our German version of the Pentagon up at Frankfurt, but I noticed an 'out to lunch' sign on his office door the other day when I was up there." * * * "Ben Kercheval is on another ring in the same hive but he told me the other day that he's just before rounding out his tour." * * * "Also visiting up there a few weeks ago at the same time I was, was our most illustrious exile, Jack Norton. He and some *Saturday Evening Post* writer should get together because his tales of life in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, are nothing short of spectacular. Plainly, the creature comforts haven't yet been discovered in that capital city and if anyone seems to want any, heat, water, and light, one has to pay dearly for them—in money and in effort." * * * "I gathered that the Exchange Service hasn't filtered through to them. So if any of your flying associates ever find themselves passing through that community I got the impression that such things as candy bars for children, canned goods, and routine PX items will always come as a nice surprise." * * * "There are lots more of our people in this general vicinity, I understand, but I haven't seen them yet so I hesitate to identify them with any place or unit lest I be guilty of false reporting. Surely someone will be briefing you on the European (Austria) scene. If you do happen to get a chance to write—and I know how difficult it must be to answer everyone—I wish you'd give me the latest thing you have on my old crony, Von Schrittz. Haven't seen him since he officiated at my nuptials and now I've lost track of him."

WILLIAMS AFB, ARIZONA: George Brown reported in from the base of which he is the Mayor to state that after living in Arizona for a while, he has found out why tourists are willing to spend \$50 per day in the winter.

TAEGU, KOREA: (From the Army Home Town News Center) "Army Lieutenant Colonel Michael F. Aliotta, whose wife, Elaine, lives in Aceville, Minnesota, is now serving at Korean Communications Zone (KCOM Z) headquarters in Taegu. Aliotta, supply officer with operations division of headquarters, was formerly stationed with the Korean Base Section at Pusan. The base section, which provided services and supplies for UN security forces, was recently discontinued and its operations assumed by KCOMZ."

SCOTT AFB, ILL: Tommy Thompson checked in from Air Training Command Hq where he is running the Programming business to say, "In the event you have any extra boys, I am in the market. I have three daughters."

WASHINGTON, D. C.: Wray White sent a picture from a Xmas card from Mrs. William S. Jacobs, 1210 E. 19th St., Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is the former Mary Ann Jones whose son, Randy, was born a few weeks before Charlie was killed in action in the SWP. Three years later she married a doctor and is raising a beautiful family. Randy, in the picture, bears a striking resemblance to his dad.

MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA: They had another class party and sent me a pass-it-around letter which tells a much more vivid story the way it is: "Here we are again in close order assembled—Bob Dixon is throwing the party of all parties for Black '41. Roll Call is as follows: Andy Evans (and little blonde gal Claire). Jock Adams (slightly out of his depth among the Air Force). Ruth Adams (Jock's wife) reporting—We're over from Benning. Ed and Rita Rawney are there. Also Ace and Sarah Bailey, and Jim and Phyllis Graham. We're expecting the Salisburys when the 47th Div comes to Benning in June. Come see us when you can. Bob and Helen Dixon—I'm a student (?) here but no one knows why. Jeanne and Boots Gilbert—All in fine shape. Howard and Nancy Goodell (F.O.C.)—Haven't seen this many 41'ers since Kelly Field. Tom and Alice Fisher—Always have the latch string out—2 years yet. Lois and Gordon Gould—Leaving the War College in June for ———? Heard from Phyllis Borman. She and Bob have been in Rio de Janeiro for 3 years. Phyl recently flew home on emergency flight with little J.L., who has been treated at Walter Reed and now recovered. Phyl will remain in U.S. until Bob returns in July for reassignment. Dick and Mary Osgood are in Baltimore with ARDC and have a new little girl. Dick is coming to War College in July. Mike assigned to the cold country—Alaska. No. 4 (daughter) born 9 January this year. Best wishes to you all!—Ann Cochran. Dick Travis is down visiting from Langley. Absent but accounted for: Marge and Bill Hershenaw—Bill's had an infection hence in quarters. Ted and Jane Sliney—Ted's out inspecting AROTCs. Fred and Kay Ascani—Kay's just back home with the newest (number SEVEN) little Ascani—a girl. The excuse for this affair (as if we had to have one) was to honor Jock and Ruth Adams who were visiting Bob and Helen Dixon. Last on the roster are Chuck and Margaret Willes—we'll leave this fair base in July—hope we go overseas"

BORN: Nancy Perkin, third child and second daughter to Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Irving Perkin, 1 Nov at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kirtland AFB, weight: 7 pounds, 12 oz. Nancy Jean Cochran, fourth child and second daughter to Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Wharton C. Cochran, 9 January at Maxwell AFB, weight: 8 pounds, 4 oz. Stephen Troup, third son to Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Malcolm Troup, 13 November, at West Point. Mark Campbell Tyler to Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Max Tyler, 15 July at Glenn Falls, New York.

RESIGNED: John Zott.

ORDERS: To Fort Lewis, Washington—Joe Grygiel. To AFSC, Norfolk — Boatwright and Roy.

THOUGHT: There are 812 days until the fifteenth reunion. Besides getting old we are getting to the point where we can hardly remember whether the old roommate has two kids or four. Maybe if we started now we could produce a book as some classes have done. If anyone thinks it would be a pious idea, sound off and we'll see if enough are interested to warrant laying it on.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

A number of cards came into Box 42 too late to be printed in our last Newsletter. I shall pass on the gist of their contents as I read them: Bob Townsend—1336 N. Ode St., Apt. 4, Arlington, Virginia. "Mercedes and I had a second son, Robert H. II, 21 August 1953. Jim Bartholomees recently joined Jim Hayes and me in CMD. Dick Hennessey is in corresponding job in Office, Chief of Engineers." Jim Hottenroth—18 Heintzelman, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. "Our two girls acquired a baby brother, Jimmy, on 6 December 53." Claire Duffie—121 North Manheim, York, Pennsylvania. "Third son, David A., joined us 5 July 53. We're due for change of station in March 54. No idea where." Pedro FlorCruz—Hq 1st Bn, 22nd Inf Regt, APO 39, New York. "Santa Claus presented me with a battalion in 4th Inf Div. Duke Windsor and George Watson (ex-42's) are also with the division." Jesse Lewis—TUSAG FTT2A, APO 206A, New York. "Am in Konya, Turkey, with a MAG Field Training Team. Jean and three brats are in Mt. Rainier, Maryland, 3315 Chauncey Pl. Saw Bob Carpenter and George Seip in Ankara; also Paul Cerar, who is stationed in Naples with NATO." James Cockrell—G-2, 40th Inf Div, APO 6, San Francisco. "Dick Miles is in our Ordnance Bn, Jim Newman has an Eng Bn next door, and Dean Short a bn of the 5th RCT." Rollin Steinmetz—Hq 63rd Tank Bn, APO 1, New York. "After leaving 2nd Armored Div in November 51, I became Chief of Supply Br, G-4, at Orleans. In July 53 I got command of the 63rd Tk Bn, 1st Inf. Div. Betty and I have two youngsters, Rollin III (3 yrs) and Suzanne (5 wks). My bn is at Kitzingen. Wachendorf is also here, commanding 1st Eng Bn."

Changes of address received since the last publication of *Assembly* are as follows: Dick Wise from Caracas, Venezuela, to 907 S. Main St., Canton, Ohio. Dick is with Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. Tom Trainer from Grenier AFB to 39th Air Transport Sq., Dover AFB, Delaware. Bob Blair from Europe to 1109 Morgan Ave., Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Pierce Doyle from Sandia Base to 7124 Waterman Ave., St. Louis 5, Missouri. Jim Breden from Hq. USAFFE, to 547 N. Hoover Ave., Whittier, California. George Rew, who says that jets, all-weather, and 86D's keep him busy, is now at 5429 Prytania St., New Orleans, Louisiana. John Finney is at 871 Campbell Ave., Los Altos, California; George Eckert at OARMA, APO 206, New York.

In the San Antonio papers I read that Mrs. Jack Dean is sitting it out there with her children till Jack returns from Korea and that Colonel and Mrs. Howard Burreis are going to Bern, Switzerland, where Howie will be Air Attache. The *Army-Navy Journal* lists Ecc Cutler under orders to Leavenworth. Andy Anderson's latest list of classmates in Washington indicates that Bolton and Fishburne are slated to join the group this year while Eisenschmidt, Foster, Gaspard, Harrell, Hesselbacher, House, Hyde, Krueger, Miller, Peck, Retzer, Robinson, Rosell, Slaton, Snow, and Townsend are scheduled for departure.

New candidates for the diaper department, in addition to those noted near the beginning of this column, are Joel Claiborne Stephens, 18 December 53, and Michael Shane Cannon, 16 February 54. Recently at West Point Kathy and Lu Flanagan had their fifth child, a son. I also saw in the *Journal* that the Jim Hayes had a son. No girls?

Here at USMA, the '42 contingent broke the gloom period with a bit of carousing in the Weapons Room — the new plush boodlers in the gym, for the benefit of those

who are unaware of the "new look" at West Point. Lucy and Jake Ballard, Marie and Ed Aileo, and Jane and Larry Adams mixed a deadly punch followed by something which this reporter vaguely recalls as a chili supper. Then all participated in a barn dance stomp which exhausted everyone but the Oklahoma Oracle, Bill Plott.

No other news of interest from these parts with the possible exception of a flash visit by the Big Hub, looking the part of the man of distinction complete with hand painted necktie, silver grey temples and a black Cadillac.

—C. C. U.

JANUARY 1943

Most of the news is Stateside news. In fact by disposing of Howard Wehrle we can dispose of the overseas news in one blow. We can dispose of Wehrle by noting that a severe Alaskan winter and the resultant danger of permi-frost has forced the shaving off of a handsome handle bar mustache. (By the way John Ross will marry Alice Wehrle, Howard's sister, at Fort Myer in June.)

Don Wilbourn, recently out of Germany, has been assigned G-1, Hq Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Butch and Frances Radar are encamped at Southern Pines, North Carolina, where Butch is an instructor. Bill Knowlton spent a day here at the Academy recently. He flew in from SHAPE with General Gruenther for the occasion of the general's addressing the Corps. He's standing the strain of duty at SHAPE very well (Bill is), and will be returning to the States and Fort Leavenworth this summer. T. Q. Donaldson, S-3 of the 1st Tank Bn, 1st Armd Div, Fort Hood, Texas, is busy shuttling between Hood and Camp Polk, Louisiana, on a special training mission. Doug Blue has the 16th Armd Engineer Bn, same div (Bill Starnes' old job). With the head man on vacation Tom Mesereau is running Leone's restaurant. The Bill Hensels having had daughter number three, thought they were on their way to overtaking the Kellehers until Jim reported number six. Fred King is stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Hal Walker has resigned.

George Maertens has left Fort Benning for the Far East. Frank Camm has joined the 2nd Div in Korea as Div Engineer.

News of the anniversary party of the Fort Leavenworth chapter had the following attending: Sanders, Hogrefe, Barber, Brown, D. M. Smith, Armstrong, Roach, Ellis, St. John, Bill Waters, Wirt, Goldenthal, Wilkes, Carey, Talbott. There were undoubtedly some wives present, but nothing was said about them in the report received here. The Hogrefes have added a girl to their three-boy family.

The West Point party was a very dignified one. At least it had been that up to the time when I left to grade my themes. (Are Bill Waters and Hal Walker listening?) The Richards and the Batsons were there. And the Wades, Starneses, McDermotts, Dettres, Conmys, Curtises, Fisses, Hollises, Holts, Linns, Johnny Moses, Hensel.

This West Point group will soon grow even smaller. Wes Curtis is going to Fort Leavenworth this year. McDermott and Cobb (along with Sonny Pitts, Bob Maloney) will enter the August class at the Armed Forces Staff College.

Joe Conmy says that the June Week parties of last year were too much for him. He proposes cutting this year's activities to the following:

6 June, 1930 hours: A Dinner-dance at Camp Buckner. (Held with the classes of 1942, June 1943, and 1944.) BYOL.

7 June, 1200 hours: Alumni Luncheon and Meeting at Washington Hall.

Couples desiring housing should write Lieutenant Colonel W. J. Curtis, Quarters 153, West Point, New York. Bachelors and others coming alone should write to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, for barracks accommodations.

One final request. A classmate here at the Academy has been engaged to write an article on Joe Lovett, "The Mole." He would appreciate your notes. Send them to the Secretary, Association of Graduates.

—Howie.

JUNE 1943

Hundredth Night has, Gloom Period is over and gone, and the voice of the *Assembly* Editor is heard in our land! To meet his inexorable deadline, we have to dig into one another's old Christmas cards, but let's see what there is.

George Campbell writes from JBUSMC, APO 676, c/o Postmaster NYC that he and Olivia and the kids are still thriving on their Latin existence in Rio.

Les Hardy (Hq. 2nd Armored Div Arty, APO 42, c/o PM SF), writes that Pinky Winfield (who is again a papa of a fine type baby boy), and Bill Lutz are with him in the Second Armored. Also Nick Parker. These are the "wheels" that the 2nd Armored is "hell on." Jack Teague recently left their midst for the relative obscurity of G-3, Hq 7th Army.

9 March brought word from Flannel Cullinan (Box 46, Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California) that Gus and Lynn Brill had spent a week-end there and were hale and hearty. Dan also saw Bob Rooker from across the bay at the Navy Postgraduate school. He has heard from Stan (the Man) Staszak that the latter has had a new baby of late, but Danny, always the artist, has "lost the poopsheet" and now forgets what gender . . . the new Staszak is! (Write, Stan.) Danny, now saturated in Arabic, bones Baghdad for January '55, and says that if any of us ever come through there.

Arch Hamblen, our doughty Greater East Asia reporter, writes from the Executive Officer's Divan (of one of the 40th Div's Regiments, APO 6) that Harry Reeder is in S-4 of one of the Regiments of the 2nd Div at APO 248; Ripper Collins is a bn. exec. in the 45th Div, APO 86; and Arch saw those peerless aides, Billy Ray and Bernie Rogers, when they came with their generals, (Ridgway and Clark) lately through Seoul. Al Burdett, without whom there is no Arch Hamblen, is now driving his own battalion and is liking it number one. Antoinette and the two boys are at 13-A Englewood Knoll Apts., Asheville, North Carolina. Tom Tannler and Dutch Umlauf, further relates Arch, are both Arty battalion execs in the 40th Division. Fred Proctor is an Engineer battalion exec, and Warren Taylor is Ass't JA, both in the 7th Inf. Division. Jim Phillips has his own FA bn. in this same Div. Arch, on recent debauch in Seoul, holed up in a BOQ one night with R&R-bound Ray Blatt, exec in one of the Artillery bns of the 2nd div. This guy Hamblen also states (and all this mind you, on the back of one rather hideous Christmas card) that: Stukie Stevens is with the 3rd Div., APO 468; John Blair Beach is at the Historical Section, and Ed Geaney at the G-2 section, at Hq 8th Army; and Jim Miller is exec of the 4th (Korea's own) Ordnance battalion. Arch's family,

3 and-a-half kids and Rundy, await the return of this pillar and prop of the Class at 1014 Cheyenne St., Leavenworth, Kansas. "Whence cometh such another?"

Why can't you all be like Arch and pelt us with poop? Or like Ed Blount, who tells us from Heidelberg that Hubert Smith has departed there for points unknown, and that Dave Conard is "still at Kaiserslautern." (Nobody ever tells what Dave *does* at Kaiserslautern, have you noticed?)

The Weyricks, writes Norma, are reunited, and Joe, out of the frying pan (K---a), is an aide to a general in the Pentagon.

Christmas card from the Covers. They are busy and happy, savoring the quasi-civilian life of ROTC at Iowa University in Ames. They ask all passing through Ames to dig them and their two boys.

News reaches us of Bethell Edrington receiving, at Leavenworth, the Commendation Ribbon for service in Korea, and of Jim Deatherage receiving, at Belvoir, a second Bronze Star for his work with the ROK Army engineers.

Charley Wilson writes from Hq. 1st Guided Missile Brig. at Fort Bliss, Texas, that Lucius Wright is (still) there teaching tactics, as are also George Alexander (tactics), Bob Mattox (gunnery), Jack Butterfield (né Waring Wilson) (combat developments), Stocky Linton (Board 4), Rosey Rumpf (student, 9 month GM course) and Jim Canning (in a Nike outfit). Chuck has heard from Johnnie Vordermark, who is now a new lieutenant colonel commanding an FA bn. in Korea. Chuck occasionally sees Frau Boller, who is with the kids in El Paso while papa is in EUCOM, and the Steve Sherrills, who are at Biggs AFB, next door to Bliss.

Keith Pigg (G-3, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri) writes that with him at that exotic spot are the Don Mehrtens', the Bird Dog Spaldings, and the Snuffy Rheas.

Bob McCanna, of the Social Sciences Dept., has given us the following exclusives: Bob Plett is finishing his course at R.P.I. and will be heading for his Math Dept assignment at West Point this summer. Bob (Drahos) Clark and Priscilla are hiding out on Okinawa. Harry and Anne Schroeder should be heading Stateside this summer from Germany. Ted Tansey has returned from Regensburg, Germany, and is now a Pentagon warrior. Doug Parham is with the Aviation Engineer Force at Wolters AFB, Texas. Helen and Eddie McCabe are still in Japan. Dick McAdam is at Hq, USAF in Washington. Big Jim Nash has gone back to Korea from Japan, so Bea will await his return Stateside in July rather than go to Japan as planned. John Stockton is with an Armored Cav Regt at Cp Carson, Colorado.

Late flash from Alan Jones, Yearling English: Archelaus Labonza Hamblen, III, arrived 19 March at Fort Leavenworth. He arrived, of course, full grown. Who was it said "whence cometh, etc.?" Fourth child, first boy.

With the deepest regret we must report that Lloyd Zuppann lost his life on 16 March in an aircraft accident near Topeka, Kansas. The Class sent flowers to Zupp's burial, which was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on 22 March.

All of us here feel obligated, and proud, to do all in our power to entertain and accommodate any or all, who come during June Week. To this end we have just mailed out questionnaires to every one of the Class. In consideration of all this work, we ask you please to give us a full, timely, and even negative, reply? With your co-operation we can have a ball; without it, we will have unlimited tieups and disappointment.

And, while in cooperative mood, send in news of yourself and your old pals, wherever you are. We are anxious because no poop seems to have come from the air cadets. No segment, no individual, be they ever so "D" or distant, is unwelcome here, and we print anything. Keep bucking, save your money, and write if you get work.

—Wick.

1944

By this time everyone who is going to the reunion has probably made definite plans but it is still not too late for some who are stationed in the Staes to make last minute plans to attend. If you find you can still make it, please drop either Bob Brundin or Bob Wessells a note right away and let them know so they can make provisions for housing. Along this line, it would be mighty hard to find space for children at this late date so I would suggest that if you can come and have not already made arrangements, you try to see if the children could not be farmed out with Grandmother for a few days.

Bob Brundin and his Committee have made some wonderful plans for the reunion with definite class parties and activities already arranged for each night during June Week and then, of course, there will be many other informal get-togethers during the day. The first Class party is set for Saturday night, the 5th of June, and it is not too late for many more of us to take a few days off and join the fun.

The Ten-Year Book should be in your hands within the next couple of weeks and from what George Pappas has told me about it, I am sure the book will be enjoyed as much or more than the original *Howitzzer*. Three hundred and fifty copies have definitely been sold, which includes practically everyone that George and his Committee were able to contact. There were quite a few classmates that the Committee could not contact because of faulty addresses, and because of this a few extra copies have been ordered, which may be secured by writing George and sending along a check for \$8.25. The book has pictures of everyone and, in addition, quite a large section of informal pictures that have been sent in covering activities over the past ten years.

Dean Bressler is with the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan. Last Fall he was sent on a Recon mission up through the mountains near Tibet and had to cover about three hundred miles on foot and on horseback encountering such obstacles as snow storms at 17,000 feet and fording rivers by swimming the horses, in addition to running into a lost village populated by a few Greek descendants of soldiers left there by Alexander the Great fifteen hundred years ago. Dean will be back in the States in June but I do not think in time for the reunion.

John "Shady" Lamp has been transferred to Chanute Field at Rantoul, Illinois, and has been there since early in January.

Pat Neilond was transferred from Korea and assigned to the G-2 Office of USAREUR last October. While in Korea Pat was Battalion Commander of an artillery battalion in the 3d Division, and I have received a picture of Pat receiving a Bronze Star Medal for his performances as Battalion Commander.

Jack and Bea Peterson are at Fort Leavenworth attending the Command and General Staff College and will be there until graduation, the 18th of June. They have three children now, John Woody having arrived on the 2nd of November. Also at Leavenworth is Art Hyman, and his two children. I did not know until now that

Art's wife died at Leavenworth last Fall, and for myself and the Class want to extend to him my deepest sympathy and hopes for the best in the future for Art and the children.

Others at Leavenworth are John and Uli Carley, Les and Mabel Halstead, Cole and Hilda Murphy, Boodler and Marge Richards, Tom and Trudy Tarpley, Bill and Peggy Tuttle, George and Betty Wear, and Frank Mahin, who is temporarily batching it until return to Europe in June where his family is waiting for him.

The group above will be scattered to the four winds early in June after their graduation, so I doubt if any will make the reunion.

Li Beukema is now living in California with the Bradleys, since Hal's tragic accident. It seems hard for me to realize that Hal is gone, and I know all of us in some way share in Li's loss.

Joe Cutrona joined the 3d Infantry Division in Korea late in November as Operations Officer in the 9th Artillery Battalion. Mary, at last report was living at 4304 Chesapeake Street in Washington, and I don't know whether she has plans to join Joe or not.

Bob Shannon is now at the Ordnance Guided Missile School at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, and as far as I know has been there since early in February.

I think that probably the thing next worst to giving someone too little rank is to report that they have been promoted when they have not, so I feel it necessary to retract the report in the last column that Jim Giles had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. I am sorry I erred in this report and just hope that before too long I can truthfully list some Lieutenant Colonels in the Class. Jim is in Korea now as Regimental Adviser to the 18th ROK Infantry Regiment, 3d ROK Division.

Bill and Sylvia Wightman have a third child, Daria, born on the 16th of December. Bill is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the address is 631 Fairchild Street, San Antonio.

Once again, any of you who can possibly make a late change in plans and come on to the reunion please try to do so, as "the more, the merrier" still goes. In any event, I will see some of you during June Week and for those who can't make it I will let you know about the festivities in the next column.

—Buford Norman.

1945

Again I send greetings and felicitations as the Class Reporter and report that no volunteers stepped forth to assume the writing of this column. The big news in the Dingeman menage is the arrival of our long awaited adopted daughter, Susan Carol, aged 2 months. To put it mildly Gaye and I are extremely pleased with this latest addition.

I want to start off with a few comments about our coming 10th Anniversary. If you have not already done so, please drop Jim Elkey a line stating your opinions as to the composition of a 10-Year Book. I received a letter from George Benson and Doug Kenna to the effect that our Class Fund stands at \$678.42. It is contemplated that some of the Fund will be expended this year for sending out publicity notices on the 10th Year Reunion and to secure the necessary biographical data for inclusion in the Book.

A Class Meeting was held on 3 February here at West Point, during which Bud

Weaver, the Chairman of the June Week Committee, rendered his report. Bud found out that we are 7th on the priority list for reservations of facilities here on the Post—this includes picnic areas and housing—and further, that we could not firm up any definite reservations until after this coming June Week for the facilities we will need in 1955. Hal Moore, in charge of Entertainment, has tentatively planned a cocktail supper to be held before the dinner dance on Monday, 7 June, between 6 and 8. This to be BYOL and informal. Bud has reserved both the Green Rooms at the West Point Army Mess so it should be a very nice affair. Let's hope we can welcome many of you at that time.

I have received a number of cards and letters which Jim Alfonte forwarded from his overseas assignment, and I am indebted to him again for this information, and also to all of you who have written to me and to Jim during this period.

First of all, George Garman called from the Big City. He is now a civilian and is in radio and TV work—perhaps you saw him on the Times Square New Year's Eve show.

A card from Bill Stites from Fort Knox stated that the following men were still stationed at Knox: Goethe, Dick Armstrong, Batson, Van Hout, Gorder, Bob Hayes and Rinearson. Bill, remember to send me a snapshot of any Class Reunions which you might have during this coming year there at Knox.

I was fortunate enough to be sent to the Special Weapons Orientation Course at Fort Bliss and saw many classmates there, including Ed Gudgel, Ray Clark, Bob Mann, Arch Arnold, Larry Jones, Phil Dolan, Les Salter, Pat Powers, Jim Munson, Ray Melanson and Claude Hamilton—to name some.

Andy Favret, who was stationed at Fort Bliss, has joined the civilian ranks. Best of luck to you, Andy, in your new work.

Bob Lutz is back from Korea and is stationed with the 1st GM Brigade at White Sands. He and Peg and two children are hoping for a nice long assignment there.

I don't want to omit Bob and Lee Fye, who are also at the Advance Course at Fort Sill. They are the proud parents of a new addition, Beth Ann, born 16 November.

Bob and Alice Burgess are stationed at Fort Sill in the OCS Program—his third tour with the OCS. According to their Xmas card "May" will be their big month.

A short note from Johnni and Bill McNamee revealed that Bill had transferred to the Ordnance but that he was still stationed at Fort Bliss.

Quentin La Prad is now doing research work with the Combat Developments Department at Fort Bliss. He recently transferred from the Infantry to the Artillery. It is a happy note that LP is now an electronic engineer. He and Sybil now have three boys, Steven, Philip and Robert.

A letter from Jim Graham to the effect that he and Al Klement have been stationed at the Army Chemical Center at Edgewood, Maryland, since July '52. Jim is now with the Radiological Division and Al is with the Medical Laboratories. To bring you up to date on family status, Al and Frances have a daughter, Carmen, age 4; Lois and Jim Graham have a daughter, age 4, and a son, James, Jr., age 7 months. Jim stated that he was at the Navy game but was sitting too far away to recognize many classmates. Sorry, Jim we didn't see you, but will certainly look for you this next year. Jim is going overseas for 4 months on TDY and hopes to run into quite a few of you on the way.

A letter from Bob and Bunny Hall, to the effect that Robin was the S-3 of the 17th

Infantry Regiment of the 7th Division. By publication time he should be back. Send me your present address, Bob, so we can keep up to date.

Chuck Adler wrote that he has been stationed at Sandia Base since 1946, except for a year and a half spent at Purdue University getting his Master's Degree in Electronics. Definitely one of the "plank holders" in the New Mexico desert. He is stationed with the Directorate of Weapons Effects Test of AFSWP. He did mention that he had seen Walter Gerald and Boots Blesse, who were stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

Boy! What an epistle I got from Dodie and Pat Powers — two mimeographed sheets, no less!—definitely a newsworthy epistle. I am sure the most important news for them was the birth of young Robert on 12 May. Also in May, Pat and Joe Wallace had an article published in the *Combat Forces Journal* on the Fire Support Control Center. Pat was very successful in one of the Post golf tournaments and was the proud winner of a huge turkey. I guess he and Arch Arnold are vying for top golfing honors in the Artillery ranks.

The latest letter from Jim Alfonte lists his address as 3rd CIC Detachment, APO 468, c/o PM, San Francisco, California. Those of you who have maintained a close correspondence with Jim, I'm sure, will be happy to know where you can contact him.

Tony and Ann Parrish are stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii, and send their "Hauoli Makahiki Hou" to you all. How plush can you get?

I saw in the *Journal* where Kenny Paape had likewise joined the ranks of the civilians. Again I will say good luck to you, Kenny.

Charles (Major) Dubsky sent me a letter bringing me up to date on the 3 Infantry members of the Class of '45 who are blazing a glorious trail through the Regular Course at the C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The 2 that are there besides Dubsky are Charlie Curtis and Joe McDonough. Charlie was just awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious work in the 3d Div in Korea. George Benson was recently at Leavenworth for the Special Weapons Course. George is now a Battalion Commander in the 47th Infantry Regiment, Fort Dix, New Jersey, but is expecting orders shortly to the Legislative Division, DA.

Dubsky also sent information on other classmates that he had run into. Mel Gustafson was in the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division but had asked for an extended inter-FECOM transfer. Bill Whittington is now in the Infantry Training Section, G-3 OCAFF.

The following received Civilian Component assignments after completing their tours in Korea: John Fletcher at Marmion Military Institute, Aurora, Illinois; William B. Hankins at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; Joe Hoffman and Dick Nelson, University of Wyoming at Laramie; and Charlie Limpus, University of Louisiana at Baton Rouge; Tom McCunniff, University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Andy Gatsis, LaSalle Military Academy.

Jim Bowman has just been assigned to the Public Information Office here at West Point, having come from the PIO Section of the Department of the Army.

Alma Flum writes that Ted has just acquired an "Esquire" on his name. He joined the ranks of the civilians just shortly after the victory of Army over the University of Pennsylvania. They are now living in Philadelphia.

If you haven't heard, Doug Kenna is now the Production Manager of Air Conditioning at Avco Manufacturing Corporation in

Cincinnati. He and Jean have just moved into a new house and Doug is enjoying his position very much.

Betty Warren writes that John returned from Korea in July '53 and joined them in Hollis, Long Island, where Betty had stayed. He is now stationed at Fort Ord, California.

Ted Adair, according to latest reports, is in the G-3 Section of Headquarters, I Corps, in Korea, and enjoys his training assignment much more than he did the historical work.

The word has it that Fitz and Pat Fitzpatrick are now leading the lives of indolent civilians. Fitz resigned from the Air Force on 4 November 1953 and is going to continue to be a test pilot for an aircraft manufacturing concern in California.

The latest info from Jack and Susie Horner is that they now have two children, Sandra Susan, age 3 years, and Robert, Jr., age 15 months.

As a result of the letters I have written to the Class Officers reference to the Class activities, I am sure that they are 100% behind seeing our Class begin to function as a Class and not merely as a collection of individuals. This becomes increasingly important in view of the classmates who are currently in civilian life and those who are soon to make the big leap. I feel that it's essential that we maintain close ties with one another, whether we're in civilian or military life for the fellowship and pleasure that such association will bring. The letters which you send to me from time to time will serve a very useful purpose in keeping our class ties close.

I am sure all joined with the Corps of Cadets in cheering the team on its very resounding victory over Navy in basketball this year. Navy, one of the powerhouses of the East in basketball circles, went down to a resounding defeat with all members of the Cadet Team playing their absolute hearts out for this victory. As you can well imagine, the Corps Spirit was fine at the game, and is still that way. I feel that it is considerably higher than at any time when we were cadets, and that they are meeting other teams while in an underdog role and still coming out on top.

Dick Crane, who recently returned from Korea, wrote that four classmates have started two years of graduate work at the University of Southern California. They will all finish in January 1956; Mark Rivers, George Churchill, Tom Fitzpatrick and, of course, Dick Crane. Hal Moore has given me quite a bit of material on the Infantry members of the class.

Joe Hoffman and wife Pat are located at the University of Wyoming and recently welcomed the arrival of their second boy. George Stewart is now stationed in Germany. He moved from Trieste when that Command was inactivated. He now has two boys. A note from Bill Combs to the effect that he is now residing in Chicago. K. M. Stewart, stationed here at WP, now has 3 sons—the latest (Chuck) born 22 November '53.

Walt Root is attending the Advance Course at Fort Benning and brother Jim is with the Staff Department. How about serving as the Class Representative in the Fort Benning area, Jim? I would appreciate it very much.

Bill Sibert, Moose Hardy and Don Rattan are all located in the Airborne Detachment. Jim Morris is likewise at the Infantry School, and he and Mary have welcomed their second son—family now is 2 boys and 1 girl. Jim Herbert has made a terrific recovery from wounds received in Korea and is now with the Staff and Faculty of the Army Finance Center at Fort

Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. I believe he is Infantry instructor there.

Bob Woods wrote from New York City that a number of hotels had queried him about a Class Party or our reunion in New York City. He is going to investigate it further and give us some definite figures on prices, etc. Bob likewise is going to compile a roster of graduates living in the Greater New York Area for Bill Jarrell's use.

Frank Kane, John Bennett, Bill Ochs and Skipper Dallman, at this writing, are with the 7th Division in Korea. Rupe Jernigan is still located at Auburn Polytechnic Institute in Auburn, Alabama, and expects his overseas orders this June.

Joe Martinez is now in the G-2 Section 18th Abn Corps at Bragg, and Al Bailey is stationed at Pope Field.

I am indebted to Steve Day for a very complete return from Fort Benning on assignments of the Advance Class No. 1, graduating in March, and their ideas on the 10-year Book. Here is a good up-to-date listing of who is there and where they might be going shortly.

Earl Bell, Asst G-4, TIC.

Jack Boettcher, Inst Tac Dept.

Barney Broughton, Stu Adv 1 (PCS orders to FECOM).

John F. Brown, Stu Adv 1 (To G-2, Pentagon).

John Carley, Faculty Member TIS.

Smith B. Chamberlain, Stu Adv 2.

Bill Clark, Inst Tac Dept (To The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina).

Bill Collins, Stu Adv 1 (To Univ of Rhode Island).

George Daoust, Stu Adv 2.

R. W. Davis, Stu Adv 1 (To Univ of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa).

Steve Day, Stu Adv 1 (To EUCOM).

W. W. Drake, Faculty TIS Autmv. Dept.

George Eyster, Stu Adv 1 (To Joint Task Force 7).

E. J. Gasior, Stu Adv 2.

Jack Geer, Stu Adv 2.

Bob Guthrie, Inst TIS.

Ted Halligan, Stu Adv 1.

Earl Hardy, Abn Dept TIS.

L. L. Heimerl, Stu Adv 1 (To Fort Belvoir, Virginia).

Ralph Hinman, Stu Adv 1 (To Fort Benning).

Henry Hutcheson, Stu Adv 1 (To Hq 3d Army).

E. B. Kerr, Stu Adv 2.

Bob Krebs, Stu Adv 1 (To Hq 44th Inf Div).

S. K. McMurdo, Stu Adv 2.

Bill McMurray, Stu Adv 1 (To FECOM).

J. M. Morris, Faculty TIS.

H. S. Napier, Stu Adv 1 (To TIS).

G. D. Nelson, Stu Adv 1 (To Univ of Vermont ROTC).

Frank Paria, Stu Adv 1 (To Hq 10th Inf Div).

Mel Price, Stu Adv 1 (To FECOM).

D. V. Rattan, Abn Dept.

J. W. Reynolds, Stu Adv 1 (To Austria).

A. H. Ringler, Stu Adv 2.

Jim Root, Staff and Faculty TIS.

Walt Root, Stu Adv 2.

Bick Sawyer, Trg Lit Sec TIS.

C. R. Scott, Stu Adv 1 (To Fairbanks, Alaska).

W. C. Sibert, Abn Det TIS.

Erskine Smith, Instr Log. Comm TIS

Milt Stone, Stu Adv 2.

J. A. Stuart, Stu Adv 1 (To Germany).

Dave Thomas, Stu Adv 2.

Rocky Tierno, Instr TIS.

John Vallaster, Stu Adv 1 (To EUCOM).

A. H. Wagonhurst, Stu Adv 1 (To EUCOM).

John Wahl, Instr TIS.

W. A. Walker, Stu Adv 1 (To USAREUR).

Bill Wallace, Stu Adv 2.

Paul Wheaton, Stu Adv 1 (To G-2, Pentagon).

George Withey, Stu Adv 1 (To Univ of Connecticut—ROTC).

Also some personal items. Betty Pierce and Harriet Eyster organized a "coffee" for the gals of '45 and they meet monthly. A dinner dance with all the trimmings was held, and they dined to the music of Tex Benieke—really going first class. George Eyster informs me he and Harriet now have two boys and 2 girls, and that Laurent LaRoche (found in '43—Math), his brother-in-law, is now a doctor residing in Cocoa, Florida, married and with four children.

A news squib from Kansas City was received reporting on the recent award of the Bronze Star medal to Bill Boiler at Camp Carson, Colorado. Bill received this award for meritorious service as the S-3 of the 145th FA Battalion in Korea. Bill is now assigned to the 547th Armored FA Battalion at Camp Carson.

Ted Wagner sent me a nice letter asking about you D-2 files. How's for sending him a note? His address is 332 W. Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Again I would like to state that the success of this column depends in great measure on your individual active presentation. Drop me a postcard or letter from time to time and I would appreciate it. Each and every member of the Class should receive the ten year reunion publicity notice and the biography form during the month of April or May. When you receive this, please fill it in completely and send it back to us. We enjoy your cooperation in this, and we fortunates stationed here at West Point can tabulate the results and publish them in the form most desired by the majority of the Class.

—Bob Dingeman.

1946

On March 4, George Patton received the Bronze Star for meritorious service as executive officer of the I Corps Recon. Bn. George is still in Korea. Art Hansen has been transferred to the Far East Command from Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. Art has been at Redstone since 1950. His wife is the former Miss Marguerite O'Connell of Albany, New York. The Hansen's daughter, Patricia, is four.

John Hoefling is in Korea as a Bn S-3, 1st Bn., 179th Inf. APO 86. He has received the Silver Star for meritorious duty as a Rifle Co. Commander in the Christmas Hill area of Korea. John's wife, Pat, is staying at 19 Garden St., Valley Stream, Long Island, New York. The Hoefling's have a daughter, Cathy, born September 3, 1953, and a daughter, Peggy Ann, age 4½. Around New Year's Ed Basham, Tony Cucolo, Stan Mattox, and Mike Sanger, all of G-3 Section, Hqs. IX Corps (GP), APO 264, threw a party for all classmates in the area. The following attended: Jim Gigante, S-3 32nd Inf.; Joe Rogers, Co. K, 15th Inf.; Rex Beasley, 2nd Div. Arty; Jack Armstrong, 39th FA Bn; Joe Pepe, 204th FA Bn; John Wieringa, 981st FA Bn; Bob Cramer, IX Corps Arty; R. A. Kline, 25th Div. Arty; Elmo Cunningham, 40th Div. Arty; Ken Steen, X Corps; Phil Haisly, I Corps Arty; Kent Kehn, Hqs. 45th Div.; Bob Steele, S-1, 32nd Inf. Div; John Price, 1st FA Obsn Bn; Bob Hughes, G-2 40th Div; Keith Zimmerman, G-3, 2nd Inf Div; Bob Rheault, 1st Bn, 65th Inf; Dave Brillhart, 23rd Inf; E. S. Dye, 15th Inf; Clair Book, 5th RCT; Danny Leininger, S-3, 36th Engr. Gp; George Devens, 13th Engr CBn; W. Thomasset, 578th Engr CBn; B. B. Williams, 936th FA Bn; William R. Smith, Arty Sec. 8th Army; Bob Benz, G-4 Sec.

8th Army; Jesse Fields, S-2, 189th FA Bn; Tom Reeder, G-3 Sec 7th Inf Div; Bob Paterson, G-3 Sec, 7th Inf Div; and Herb Flather, NCO Academy IX Corps.

Others in Korea, who did not attend the party were: Bill Kelty, G-3 Sec, 2nd Inf Div; Jack Grady, Radio Officer, 8th Army; Dick Hale, G-1 Sec, Central Command, Japan; Al Futrell, Honor Guard, AFPE Hqs, Japan; and Willie Webb, QM Sec, 8th Army.

We received a Christmas card from the Lee Parmly's way up in Alaska. They expect to return to the States this fall.

The following men have just completed the Artillery Advanced Course at Fort Bliss, Texas; Dick Bacon, Van Baker, Ben Chase, Harry Davis, John Dayton, Fred Derrick, Jim Dixon, Fred Dodd, Rut Hazzard, Bob M. Hamilton, Ed Jones, Amos Jordan, Bob Kane, Paul Kelly, Ralph LaRock, Bob Lee, Tom Constant, Jim Convey, Carey Milligan, Dan Moriarty, P. J. O'Connor, W. C. Parker, W. R. Parker, Howard Pleuss, Elisha Robinson, Dick Ruble, Frank Schoen, B. S. Tharp, Dick Wildrick, and Bob Key.

There are at present 47 Classmates stationed at West Point. They have formed an organization for social and informational purposes. George Miller is Secretary and Jim Coleman is Acting Chairman. Plans for our 10th reunion are already under way. For those who want information about this coming June Week, contact George Miller for class activities. Everyone will be happy to hear that our class fund contains \$1,365.68 as of December 31, 1953. Bud Martin is custodian of the fund for this year. Bud doesn't plan a fund raising campaign for this year because there seems to be adequate funds for necessary expenditures for awhile.

On 26 January 1954 USMA had a VIP visitor, Classmate "Tacho" Somoza. Tacho's visit to West Point was part of his conducted tour of U.S. Army installations as a guest of the Secretary of the Army. "Sam" got VIP treatment on his visit—a special escort, an orientation by the Dean and the Com, and a meal with the Supt. in the mess hall. To top it off the Supt. arranged for a classmate reception in the Officers' Club. Tacho is at present a Colonel in the

Nicaraguan Army. He is Chief of Staff and the Superintendent of the Military Academy. Tacho is married and the father of two boys, and is looking forward to being at the 10th reunion. A picture was taken during the reception at the WPAM for Tacho (see cut).

Here is a list of classmates at West Point. Name, Dept., Wife, and Children are listed in that order: Tom Agnor, Ordnance, Dorsey, Nancy; Bob Allen, Post QM, Jean, Susan and John; Andy Anderson, Ordnance, Pauline, Linda and Mark; Fred Badger, Mechanics, Ann, Laura, Freddie and Chipper; Bake Baker, Electricity; Dick Beckner, MT&G, Donna; Kent Berge, Physics, Genny, Karen, Pamela and Tom; Buck Beyer, Asst. PM, Nancy, Don, Cathy and Sherry; Tom Blazina, Mechanics, Marylyn; Stan Blum, Social Sciences, Winelda, Justin; Ben Boyd, Tactics, Elli, Bruce and Barry; Ted Braun, Mechanics, Nancy, Kathryn; C. Cube Carlisle, Jr., Social Sciences, Betty, C. C. III; Ed Chynoweth, MT&G; E. F. Crowley, Foreign Languages, Rita, Teddy and Carol Ann; Jim Coleman, Tactics, Jean, Marie; Jim Day, Armor Det. (1802d), Peggy, Bruce and Kevin; Walt DeLong, AAA, Joanne, Johnny Bob; Ed Flaherty, Law, Betsy; Vince Gannon, Armor Det. (1802d), Denise, Vincent, Mark, and Kevin; Peter Grosz, Physics, Connie, Craig Snyder, Paul and Pamela; Dick Gruenther, Tactics (PE), Sue, Dickie, Joanie and Patty; Ben Hanson, Mathematics, Toni, Jaille and Ben; Dan Hickey, Tactics, Pat, Danny and Scott; Ben Hill, Ordnance, Alma; Kibbey Horne, Foreign Languages, Peggy, Jeannette; Will Joffrion, MT&G, Beebe, Davidson; J. T. Jones, Law, Rachel, Johnny and Stephen; Ben Landis, Foreign Languages; Casey Levy, Mathematics, Shirley, Jackie, Casey, Pat and Mike; Bob Lowry, Electricity, Louise, Bob and Debra; Bud Martin, English; Jack Miley, Tactics, Joanne, Mary; George Miller, English, Nancy; Bruce MacKenzie, Foreign Languages, Dorothy, Eric and Pia; Bernie Pankowski, Electricity, Beverly, Kathy, Mary Jo and Thomas; Chops Parke, Treasurer (Cadet Mess), Barbara, Caroline; Wes Posvar, Social Sciences, Mildred, Wesley; Rox Roxbury, Social Sciences, Lucy, Mark and Susanne; Ed Saunders, Electricity, Jean, Ricky



CLASS OF 1946 RECEPTION FOR COLONEL SOMOZA, USMA '46, AT THE WEST POINT ARMY MESS ON 26 JANUARY 1954

Left to right: Front Row (Visiting Party)—Captain Ramos, Captain Gutierrez, Colonel Somoza, Mr. Escoto, Captain Montiel.

Back Row—Berge, Joffrion, Blazina, Whittington, Grosz, DeLong, Carlisle, Horne, Hickey, Parke, Edwards, Boyd.

and Lynn; Jack Schram, MT&G, married April '53 to Jane Gay, Hobart R. Gay III; Charlie Simmons, Social Sciences, Joanne; Tad Skladzien, Foreign Languages; O. W. Traber, Social Sciences, Peg, Biff and Robbie; Jere Whittington, Foreign Languages, Peggy, Jere and Ann; Jack Wozencraft, Tactics.

Rog Thurman is still at the Pentagon. His address is OAC of S, G-4, Dept. Army, 3E 580 The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. Bill Trotter was married in February at the Post Chapel, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His bride is the former Miss Ann Phillips of Oklahoma City. Marty Colladay is with the 381st Bmb Sqn, 310th Bmb Wing, Smoky Hill AFB, Salina, Kansas, flying B-47s. Marty was in Houston with us last year and then went to Mather Field in California, where he finished in October '53. Bill and Phyllis Yancey are living at 77 Partridge Court, Selfridge AFB, Michigan. Wade Kingsbury and his family are living at 143 Darlington Avenue, Aberdeen, Maryland. David and Joan Peters finished up the Advanced Officers Course at Benning in March.

Guy Troy's Armor poop sheet got to me when Guy sent me a Xmas card. So here's where the Armor boys are. Those at West Point have been listed already. However, Fee Hardin, with his wife, Jane, and son, Doug, born May '50, daughter Susan, born May '52, is an exchange "Tac" at Annapolis. He should be back at USMA next year. The next group is a Fort Knox. Cassidy, who is still a bachelor, is on AFF Bd No. 2. Jim Day, now fully recovered from his lung trouble, is in the Tactics Dept of the School. Jim and Peggy have two sons, Bruce and Kevin. Elder, with wife Sally, son Gary, May '47, a daughter Bonnie, August '49, son Andy, May '51, and daughter, Candy, July '52, is on AFF Bd No. 2. Musser, wife Janet, son Allen, September '52, is on AFF Bd No. 2. Moose ran the test on the T 48 and was working on the T 43 when Guy left Knox. Percy and Rickie Wheeler are at Knox, where he is in the Intelligence Section of the School. Lou and Phyllis Tixier, son Mike, son Mark, born 15 December 1952, is aide to General Collier. Frank and Barbara Rickter with the Communications Dept of TAS. The next group is in Washington. Russ and Mary Van Burn, son Keith 24 August '48, daughter Nancy 3 May '51, in the OAC of G-4. Frank and Joy Conant, daughter Joy Marsha 30 May '47, another daughter born 26 September '49, and a third daughter Donna Abbot 22 September '52. Frank is at Edgewood Arsenal still sweating out the Chemical Detail. Dick and Sue Fuller, son Howard 18 December '48, and daughter Page, in the office of Chief of Psychological Warfare, are living at Fort Myer. Stan and Anne Stanfield, son N. T., Jr., 28 February '52, finished at U. of Illinois and is now in office of G-2 preparing to go to some foreign land. Harlan and Dottie Koch, daughter Diane, June '51, is in the same situation as Stanfield. Dick and Marion Streiff, son Ricky, May '47, as well as one other son born in 1953, with Dick as assistant to the military aide of President Eisenhower. Those going to civilian schools follow. Bob and Suzanne Frantz, son Christopher, 8 May '51, at Harvard Law preparing for JAG work. Willie and Christine Persons, daughter Charlotte, January '49, daughter Alice, June '52, almost finished at Harvard Law. Dick and Sue Knapp studying international relations at Princeton along with Roger Nye and John Treadwell, wife Connie, daughters Bonnie, '48, and Debbie. Art and Karma Lockrie, daughter Jane, 1 July '53, at Georgia Tech. Bill and Polly McMaster studying Nuclear Physics at U. of Virginia. Mase and Mary Rumney, sons Mason, December '47, and

John, October '49, and daughter Diane, 3 April '51, just started the same course as Bill at Charlottesville. George and Betty Otte, son G. F., III, 4 August '53, studying Journalism at the U of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. Phil Rogers is attending U. of Illinois. George and Mary Ellen Webb, son G. S., III, February '50, daughter Heather, October '51, and son James, 25 August '53, at Tulane. The next group is overseas either east or west. Andy and Jule Lamar, son Andy, June '51, daughter Julie, May '49. Andy is on the way back from Korea. Bill and Elaine Kely, son Tim, October '48, and daughter Janet, January '49. Bill has left the 1st A/D for FECOM. Vinny and Denise Gannon, sons Vinny and Mark, left Knox for FECOM. Kopald, wife Donna, son Mike, September '51, left for FECOM from Fort Knox. Minter Wilson is in Formosa with the MAAG mission. His wife Hope is caring for their daughters Mary, July '48, and Ann, July '51. Kit and Ginna Sinclair, sons Bryant, 26 October '48, and C. B., III, September '52, with ROTC at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Jack and Ann Gilhan, daughters Connie, 1 April '49, and Gail, 1 November '52, with ROTC at U. of Illinois. Jack Burney and his wife Mary are stationed at Fort Bragg. He is Armor Officer for AFF Board No. 1 and also is doing a lot of parachute jumping. Duke Wolf and his wife and two sons are at VMI. He is an ROTC instructor. Bob Duncan is with the Attache Office in Venezia, Italy. He took the geography course and is now doing intelligence work in Italy. His wife Lucy, son Johnny, and son R. F. M., III, are with Bob. Wally Wallis, a bachelor, is CO of the 88th Recon troop and was in the middle of the Trieste dispute. Jack Mateson and his wife, Barbara, and their little boy are stationed at Mannheim. He has C Co. Guy Troy has C Co. 29th Tk Bn, 2nd Armd. Div. APO 42, Baumholder, Germany. His wife, Pam, and daughter Wynne are waiting for quarters and living as tourists.

Joe Warren writes to tell us of his resignation in December 1953. He is now at 6719 Robin Rd, Dallas, Texas. He writes he is still a bachelor and not yet definite in his plans. If anyone is in Dallas, look him up.

Tom Gee is living in Houston and is working for a law firm there. The Gees have a little girl, Jennifer, and a little boy, Johnny, named after John R. Steele.

Ed Conlin was in NYC for a week, but had to leave unexpectedly when his brother in Williston was taken sick. I hope all is well with Ed's brother by now.

Several weeks ago the Frances entertained Roscoe and Susan Patton and Bob and Kay Dickson. Roscoe is with Sperry Gyroscope at Lake Success. The Pattons have two boys. Bob Dickson is out of the Service and works for the Fairchild Camera Co. here in Syosset. The Dicksons also have two boys. We had planned to ask the Ted Montagues, who are living in Garden City, Long Island, but they were on vacation in Florida. Lucky people!

The engagement of George Bailey and Miss Ann Stevens was recently announced in the New York papers. The wedding will be in May.

On March 14, I had the pleasure of attending the West Point Founders Day supper at Mitchel Field. I was the only classmate there. Twill Newell was expected, but measles in the family kept him home. Twill is out at Suffolk AFB on the eastern end of Long Island. He is with one of our fighter interceptor squadrons. Randy Adams is the only other Long Islander I know of. If there are any men living on the Island I haven't mentioned, write me a line—Sam-

uel E. H. France, 47 Lewis Lane, Syosset, New York.

Just received a card from Hunter Faires announcing the birth of a son, Richard Winslow, born 19 March '54.

Today's paper (23 March '54) had an article about Bob Wayne. Bob's jet F-84 went out of commission at 27,000 feet. At 9,000 feet Bob bailed out. Today he is in the hospital at Bremerhaven, Germany, with superficial leg injuries. Here's to a fast recovery. Eloise and the children are in England where Bob is stationed at Wethers Field outside of London.

That's about it. Hope to see some of you this June Week.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

Hi, gang. This column has been made much easier to prepare. My thanks to those who saw fit to write and say nice things about the last column. I was hoping that it would shake loose more of those about whom we have nothing. This is the last column that I shall write for the present. It has been fun and my appreciation cannot be adequately expressed to all who have helped. My intent was that the class should keep the editor stationed at West Point, so since my tour is almost over, we had a meeting and Jack Faith of English Dept. volunteered to handle the *Assembly Notes*. We elected Jim Johnson to head the class council at West Point as Chairman; Brent Scowcroft is replacing Bill Mahlum, who has just resigned and is working with Benrus Watch Company, as keeper of the check book. Brent reported that our balance is about \$180.00 in the council's fund. This is not the class fund, but the one made up of the \$2.00 contribution that most of the class donated. We caught three members of the council and they paid up pronto. Any one who has not may send a couple of bucks to Brent. We discussed all who were coming to West Point this summer. To assist the newcomers in getting settled, all of us here wish to do as much as possible to help out so please call upon arrival on the Post. Those we know of are Wayne Hanck and Dick Sforzini to the Ordnance Department; John Mastin, Forrest Crowe and Bob Griffith to Math Department; Jim Edington and Hank Emerson to Tactics; Jean Burner and John Paules to Spanish with Tom Benson teaching Portuguese; Bill (Jug) Williams to the 1802d Regiment. To all who may contemplate a visit during June Week, please let Arnold Tucker know. Tuck has volunteered his services to take care of all entertainment during that period. Ken Hatch offered to follow through on a Korean memorial and as soon as we get some information will let you all know. The last piece of business on the agenda was a determination of a policy for the use of council funds collected from you. We stated that funds would be used to send flowers in the event of the death of a classmate. By unanimous vote the council decided to extend this to include wife or children of classmates, or in place of flowers to make a small donation to a fund in the name of the class if requested by a classmate.

Wally Griffith received a very sad letter from Tex Hightower which told of the sudden and unexpected death of his two year old son, Randall Drury, from a severe illness. We all send Tex and Lois our prayers during their period of sorrow. The class is making a donation to a fund in the boy's name for the purchase of an iron lung. Tex writes further that they expect a new arrival shortly. He adds info on

John Piepenbrink, who is in Wiesbaden; Bill and Betty Reckmeyer expect their sixth child in March; first child, Mark Talbot born to Mark and Bobby Kinevan.

A post card from Bill Conger at Benning tells of his orders to Austria with Bill Nairn. Salisbury and LeBlanc had a class party, but I didn't get any poop on a drill roll.

A letter from Bob Keck, who is now at 9130 Fairview Avenue, San Gabriel, California, says he has an extra room for anyone passing through Los Angeles. Bob had two girls born in France while he was with the Air Attache in Paris. He says Fred and Ann Jacoby were also there but are now in Washington. The Haas family were in Wiesbaden but soon to come to the ZI.

We heard from Lee and Bobbie Bass, who are enjoying civilian life but miss their Army friends more than can be imagined. Lee invites us to drop by if near (I'd like to), his home is on an island in the middle of Biscayne Bay across a causeway from Miami, Florida. Like to hold June Week reunion there on your private beach! Sorry, Lee, the miniature we have (and still not claimed) does not answer Bobbie's description.

A note from Hap Beuhler in Ann Arbor says that Jim Robinson and family are living there as Jim attends Law School at U of Michigan. Congrats to Hap on birth of a third son, John Edward. He is looking forward to a gathering after the Army game there on next October 2nd.

Mary Colburn (Jim's wife) took time out from housekeeping to pass on some nice news. P. J. O'Connell is out of the Service and attending Harvard Business School, wife and one child; Bob Kettner, with two children, left Sandia and after a short tour at Wright Field left the Service. Babbitt is at Thule in Greenland—Brrrr! Robb and Coolbaugh are at Wright Field with the Colburns, Mock, Dicker, Staszak, and J. F. Pierce; Jake Lerohl and Jim Ryan are at Albuquerque; the Halligans had a third child, a boy; Steininger is at Penn State, gets a master's in May. My thanks to Mary for the corrections that I felt were sorely needed in the last column. Hope to see you for the 10th reunion.

Al Learmonth writes from Annandale, Virginia. He says that Boo Biggs was with FEAF last he heard; Al's in the Pentagon, Room 5D218, after a tour in Korea.

An epistle from J. J. Lowry tells that he and Jack Mallory washed out of Pilot Training and became air observers. They spent a couple of years together at Sandia and Jack is now at Roswell, and has two children. Jack's a radar observer. J. J. (John) is at Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota; three years now, has three boys, the last two being twins. Frank Perry is a radar observer at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. Lowry says Coyne left Rapid City for school but doesn't know where. J. J. Kirby is being a civilian at Butte, Montana, has one boy, one girl, and by now, a third. John saw Tom Perkins about a year ago and says he is healthy and ready to go, but doesn't know his present whereabouts.

A belated Christmas card arrived from June and Jean Burner in Madrid with John and Jo Ann Paules. They all eat, sleep and breathe Spanish. I hope Jean and John learn to "throw the bull" before they attack our plebes next fall!

Tom and Jackie Hayes have left the Service and plan to live in Lynchburg, Virginia. Doc Blanchard has arrived and been assigned to West Point as - - - - you guess it - - - - football coach. He replaces St. Onge. Jodie will join him shortly. She just had a girl, Josephine, making one boy, one girl for the Doc.

A few notes that I have gathered from here and there; Read orders on George Maloney to 278 RCT in Keflavik, Iceland. Wayne and Dot Hauck had a baby girl, Roberta Eunice; the Ed Greenes a son, Jon; Mary Mahlum presented Bill with a third just before they left the Service; many here, including the Coopers, are expecting in the near future; the Jacobsons received, Curt John; Willie Clark, I have learned, is just finishing school at Stanford. J. J. Murphy on the 18th of March left the bachelor ranks with Jane Shelton. They were married by Father Moore in the Catholic Chapel, then treated their guests to a really memorable reception at the Club.

Seems like all for now; thanks for the fine letters and encouraging comments. It's been my pleasure to write the column. I hope that it stirs even more interest and letters to Jack Faith, who will write real prose for the next year.

—Bill Cooper.

1948

Christmas again is past and the many cards were certainly appreciated along with the notes on the whereabouts and goings on of the various people of the class. There was a card from Marie and Jack Capps out in Fort Sill that was a pretty thing that looked like a lot of time had been spent in making it. One from Tom Tyree saying that Hughes, Sargent, Starry, McEnery, Tibbetts, Bowen, Nelson, McCuen, Buckner, Plummer, Packard, Whitehead, Reynolds, Sykes, McSpadden, Deehan, Hank Perry, Lem Robinson, Cushing, Doyle, Cormack, Bellinger and Blakeslee are all back at Fort Knox taking more schooling in something or other. Ken Barber and Carolyn, and Kenneth Charles, sent greetings from Prairie Village, Kansas. I expect most people know where that town is near. Monk Doty and family in Santa Barbara, California, sent greetings. The Patches sent a picture card with the family showing two husky boys. Howie and Sally Adams sent word from Riverdale, New York. Bill Travis, heading for White Sands, sent a card enroute. Gene Forrester is back in the States, and the announcement of his wedding to Mary Louise Wagner on the 28th of December in Flossmoor, Illinois, is made. Lou Haskell sends a card claiming his status of bachelorhood is still intact. Moe Selig and family are still in England. Bob Graf says that Barnett, Borg, Hall, Kierman, Waggoner, Whitley, Aron, and Bill Kaula are still at Belvoir. Bill Cook and Joe Dorsey are out of the Service—don't know where they are or what they are doing. Joe Herberts is ROTC instructor at Penn State. Jim and Sally Macklin send word of their new arrival, named Mary Margaret Macklin, born on December 26 at Governors Island Hospital. Bill and Mrs. McGuinness announce the birth of Thornton on December 3. Ben Jacobellis is reportedly finishing at University of Michigan this past term. Dick Weber is due to finish in June. Jack Buckley and Carl Anderson are also at Michigan in the Guided Missile school. Al Pabst is ROTC instructor there. Woe Enderle sent the information from the University of Michigan about the boys there and tells of his heir, named Bruce Allen. He also sent a letter from Bill Shuster, who at present is at Lawton, Oklahoma. He has two girls. Jim Sandman is still at Wichita, training on the B-52. Rosie Rosencrans sent a mighty interesting letter about his tour with the RAF. He is flying with the RAF on an exchange tour. His family accompanied him on the trip to England via the U.S.S. *United*

States. He is the only exchange officer in that part of England and no other American bases near. Rosie says that he is enjoying the tour immensely and wishes well for everyone on this side of the water.

News is a little brief this month. Ed Klett dropped by the shop the other day to see us. He is a salesman for Dupont, selling explosives in this area now. He is living at Staunton with his family of three and he looks as if he is enjoying his family and work. Hope to see him again and have a longer visit in a few weeks. Would like to hear from some of the many who have dropped out of the Service and are working as civilians now. Until we wind up another column—

—Charley Nash,
Alderson West Virginia.

1949

Plans are definitely developing for the reunion in June, and I understand the committee has an active program planned for all of us who return. We sincerely hope that everyone who can get away for a few days will be able to be there. Notices have been sent out to everyone, so do not fail to return your reservation blanks at the earliest possible moment and make your plans accordingly.

Ernie Denham has been appointed the class secretary at Fort Benning and he sent me the following items of interest of the class reunion which was held there recently. The following attended the dinner: Ed Cave, Ed Hindman, Reed Jensen, Joe Kingston, "Curley" Lindemann, Gene Marder, Collier Ross, George Tracy, Art Underwood, Pat Vollmer, Dave Wightman, Murray Williams, Tom Byrd, Ted Hervey, Lou Abele, Harry Griffith, Tom Burt, Wayne Smith, Jim Poore, and Bob Brown.

I understand that a good time was had by all. The Underwoods, Denhams, Williams' (twins) and Abeles have recently had additions to their families. Tom Byrd returned to Benning after having had a three-year tour in Korea as a P.O.W. Harry Griffith is now taking the Associate Advanced Infantry Course, and Gene Marder is scheduled for the class which starts in June.

A press release tells us that Jud Conner has been assigned to the 3rd Armored Division at Fort Knox after having spent three years in Germany. Joe Steffy has recently resigned and is now working in Newburgh. Don Gower, now stationed at Fort Bliss, wrote that they, too, had had a reunion of all our classmates around Thanksgiving time. Those attending were: Earl Lockheed, Stan Bush, Rube Ware and wife, the Heckman's, Cheves', Haynes', Ryan's, Whity Whitmarsh, Keith's, Barlow's, Colson's, Spencer's, Ed Ross', Kendree's; Dalrymple and the Mundts came over from Briggs A.F.B.

Don Gower and Dick Craig have been alerted for Advanced Artillery School at Fort Sill, which is to begin sometime in August. Don took a leave and went to San Antonio and saw Charlie Cheever, who is now going to law school at Texas U. He ran into Dave Parish and "Mo" Benetez, just back from Germany, at Eglin A.F.B. Don then went to Langley A.F.B. where he missed D. D. Kline, who was enroute to England, but did see "Rigor" Morton, T. C. at Fort Eustis. Rigor is on his way to San Marcus, Texas, to become an Army helicopter pilot. Incidentally, Rigor was in the helicopter that buzzed the Army-Navy game. Don says that he has been very busy on T.D.Y. business, and recently saw Bob Slizeski of the 2nd Tow Target Sqdn.

at New Castle, Delaware, and hopes to see him at his new base, Mitchel AFB, soon.

A recent letter from Jack Albert, now stationed at Patrick A.F.B., Cocoa, Florida, says that he has just built and moved into a new house. Jack likes his work very much, as the guided missile program is expanding a great deal.

A letter from Ted Swett, now in Germany with his family, says he has been very busy moving around from one spot to another, and participated in the Trieste trouble. Ted is S-2 of the 6th Infantry and is very interested in his job. He has seen Johnny Costa, who is Aide to General Timberman. Johnny has been kept rather busy, as he was in on the "Four-Power Talks." Ted recently had an occasion to go to Frankfurt and was able to spend the night with Betty and Ray Drummond. A card from the Leisys announces the arrival of Junior on February 22nd.

I would certainly appreciate receiving more news from all of you for the next column and, of course, will be able to accumulate a great deal of it at the reunion. Hope to see all of you there. Until then—

—John I. Saalfeld.

1950

Not too much new news this quarter, however, if you want to test the "readership" of anything you write, load it down with incorrect facts and figures — What a response!

Due to circumstances entirely within my control, I passed out a little incorrect poop in the last two issues. 1. Ken Ebner did not attend our party at Belvoir last July with his wife because he didn't have a wife at that time. Ken was married however, on 18 December '53, to Loris LeBlanc, cousin of Jack Pigman. 2. "Hawk" Chapman, at Fort Benning, is not, much as he regrets it, a captain, but like most of us, an overweight-in-grade first lieutenant. *Ode to Ken and Hawk*—"I fold my hands and bow my head, that such wrong poop was ever read."

News this time was sent by Gus Gielens, Ted York, Bill Mastoris, Clark Duncan, Chuck Butler, Red Ruppel, Annette Guion (Jim's wife), Sally Strickland (Hal's wife), Mrs. Carlos Wheaton (Warde's mother), Florence Underwood (Herb's wife) and Captain Charles M. Simpson III, Class of 1946.

I shall start with Captain Simpson's letter because it concerns the obituary of Warren Webster appearing in the last issue of *Assembly*. Warren was killed in action in Korea on 21 February 1953. The obituary stated that he was "Killed by a sniper's bullet while leading his company on patrol." This was written by Rufe Smith, Warren's roommate, who, through no fault of his, apparently was misinformed. The true and authenticated story is told by Captain Simpson, who was adjutant and later S-3 of Warren's unit, the 17th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division. Warren had served with distinction for several months as a platoon leader of the 23rd Infantry Regiment and later became aide to General Dewey of IX Corps. While he was an aide and in a relatively safe job, he wanted very much to command a company before returning to the States. He contacted Captain Simpson, then Adjutant of the 17th Infantry and was given Company "E" of that Regiment. The company had previously suffered very heavy casualties among its officers and non-coms during the fighting on T-Bone Hill. Warren took over and personally led platoon and company-size patrols on hazardous missions and worked with such spirit and enthusiasm, that he

restored the morale, confidence and fighting power of the unit. At this time there was a top level need for an enemy prisoner. On 21 February '53 Warren devised a plan to meet this need and discussed it with Captain Simpson, who was then S-3 of the Regiment. The Captain tried to talk Warren out of leading the patrol but Warren insisted that it was his own idea and that he would take any risks involved. "While deployed in the valley at the base of the enemy held portion of 'T-Bone' Hill, Warren's patrol had the very great misfortune to block the advance of two companies of Chinese moving down the east side of the hill to attack the American outpost, 'Arsenal', in conjunction with another company moving down the west side of the hill. Warren's patrol turned and fought the vastly superior enemy tooth and nail until reinforced from the Main Line of Resistance, though every man in the patrol was killed or wounded. And this from a company which was believed to be demoralized and ineffective. When daylight came, the Chinese withdrew and our patrols policed the battlefield. They found Warren lying with his Magnum .38 revolver in his hand and the body of one enemy soldier across his legs and two more close enough to touch. His revolver was emptied and he had obviously gone down fighting. The fight which 'E' Company's patrol, led by Warren Webster on the night of 21 February 1953, put up undoubtedly saved 'Arsenal' Outpost from a battalion-size attack (initially) with the accompanying large number of casualties." There is not much we can add to that account except to thank you sincerely, Captain Simpson for the service you have done '50.

Gus Dielens is now in Turkey aiding General W. G. Wyman. Wife Shirley, and daughter Debby, made the trip with him last November and all are enjoying the tour very much. How's your leg now, Gus? Hope it is fully recovered by this time.

Ted York, in the Azores, stated that Belvoir has a monopoly on the class of '50 column. (I must admit, Ted, that I have given a little extra plug to the Engineers at Belvoir, only because it's on the spot news.) Ted has three jobs over there; adjutant, personnel officer and supply officer in an Air Force Group. Any additional duties, Ted?

Bill Mastoris and Chuck Butler covered the Benning situation pretty thoroughly. Recent weddings: Jim Lee to Martha Brooks Purcell; Ross Franklin to Lee Eddith Hayes; and Will Hill Tankersley to — (What's her name Will?). Reggie Lombard recently arrived at Benning from Austria; Tug Greer is aiding General Meloy, CG of TIC, and Tex Ritter is aiding General Newman, Deputy CG. Most of the following were mentioned in the last issue as being at Benning, but here's a recap for those who missed it: Instructors: Dave Hughes, who is scheduled for Columbia this year and USMA in '55; Bill Fitts, Sib Sibles, Bob Grow, Jim Irons, Bill Baxley, Al Flynn, Jim Lee, Frank Pierson, Bill Slavins, Phil Bardos, Lyman Hammond, Fred Dickerson, Jerry Schopper, Ed Pierce, Howard Vandersluis, John Howard, and Ray Singer. Students: Bill Mastoris, Reggie Lombard and Tom Austin. Cadre for the School Brigade: Charlie Elliot, Joe Griffin, Tom McBride, Hunt Passmore and Tom Brandon. With the Airborne Bn are Andy Rutherford and Blackie Bolduc. Chuck Butler added that John Ufner is aiding the CG of the 47th Division. Chuck Watters is Division Liaison Officer, and Larry Wegner has a company in the 164th Inf. Jake Allen left Benning for a CIC assignment. Jake, with his poker face, was made for the cloak and dagger business. Bill Mastoris had heard

also from Gene Etz, who is in Austin, Texas. How about a note, Gene and Jackie?

Chuck, you asked about the resignations tally? It's up around 50 for our class at the present time.

I received a card signed "Dunc"—I presume it's J. Clark Duncan. He noted that Emil Pohli, Don Payne, Pat McGill and Bill Clement are attending Class 54A of the Squadron Officers Course of the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He and Mike Walsh are still instructors.

"Red" Ruppel wrote from Naples, Italy, where he is aide to General Byers, C/S to Admiral Fechteler of NATO. "Red" was married last December in the States to Helga Elizabeth Mueller of Berlin. While visiting in Ankara, Turkey, he ran into Al Kennedy, who is aide to General Shepherd.

Florence Underwood is waiting in New York for orders to join Herb in Murnau, Germany. She added that there are other wives of '50 in and around the city waiting also.

From Annette Guion comes news of classmates in the Fort Sill area, and lots of news on class babies not yet reported. Those the Guion's have seen are Gus Hergert, Sam Stapleton, Marty Small, Bill Shambora, D. B. King, Howard Blanchard, Tut Parmly, Karl Kuckhahn, Jack Irwin and Frank Baish. Jim went through flying school (Army Aviation) and is now in Korea with the 45th Division. We'll mention the babies in a moment, Annette.

A note from Sally Strickland informs us that Kent Cooley is an instructor in AFTRAC—(what's that Sally?) and that she and Hal ran into Jim Lynch at Westover AFB. Jim is working out of the Engineer District in Boston on a Civil Works assignment.

Here's Newsletter No. 10 from Warde Wheaton's "Ma", on M-2 Company. I say again, "Ma", you should write this column—want a job? Due to space limitations this will be somewhat condensed, but I'll get the essentials. Dave Campbell is in Korea with the 58th Ftr Bomber Group; Jim Tormey, assigned to the Sacramento Engineer District, ran into Pete Todsén in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bob Leary returned from Europe last September and has been at Monmouth at the Signal School. With him are Jim Ross, Al Crawford, Grady Banister, Charles E. Bell, Neal Kindig, Joe Buccolo, John Wassenberg, and Dick Kramer. Bill Waddell and Tom Tullidge are out of the Service now. Bill is going to enter USC for graduate work and Tom is already studying law at the University of Virginia. Son Warde is at Goose Bay, Labrador, on a Civil Works assignment, Shorty Gaillard at Monmouth, Bill Brandes at Belvoir and George Lear en route to Europe. Thanks for the poop, Mrs. Wheaton, and all of you mentioned above who have contributed to this column.

Before I get to babies I must mention Belvoir again—only this time no picture. On 28 February Dick and Phyl Johnson gave a cocktail party at their beautiful little home near Mount Vernon, Virginia. Practically everyone at Belvoir was there. See picture in January '54 issue of *Assembly*. Several of us in the Engineers are going to civil schools in June. This is the official list: To University of Illinois for Structural Dynamics—Rene Wolf, Bill Read, Bill Brandes, Dick Hunt and Jack Rutledge; to Illinois for Civil Engineering—Paul Triem; to Iowa State for Civil Engineering—Ira Warde, Dick Johnson and Jim Trayers; to MIT for Civil Engineering—Jack Parish, Charles Osterdorf and Ray Hansen; and to Harvard for Civil Engineering—Gerry Kelly, Dick Ewan, Ben Lewis and I. (Anyone want to trade slide rules?)

Score on babies: Future cadets to Al and Irene Flynn, the Ted Yorks, the Phil Bardos, Dave and Shirley Campbell, Ray and Audrey Bonanno (their announcement was clever—3 animated bananas—Mama, Papa and Baby on the cover of the card; the inscription started like this—"The Bonanno Fruit Company announces the beginning of a new line of Bonannos . . ."), Volney and Janice Warner, Annette and Jim Guion, Rex and Danny Jennings, Jack and Beverly Mackmull, Don and Lynn Miller, Bob and Sue O'Connell and Sam and Ruth Stapleton. Future cadet drags to Jack and Joan Scandling, the Phil Harpers, the Sam Nicholsons, Ed and Leni Allbaugh, Al and Joan Fern, Ken and Mary Hall, Jim and June Irons, John and Margaret Fogarty, Jack and Peggy Parish and Rose and I (3rd girl and I'm completely dominated).

Will write again from H-A-R with a V, etc.

—Lou Genuario.

1951

There was certainly a gratifying response in news from everywhere over the past three months, and for it — my sincere thanks.

Let's open with the blessed events we've heard about: a daughter, Amy, to Ann and John Ballard while in Japan; a daughter, Alice, to Alice and Fred Irving on the 22d of June last year; a second arrival in pink, Pamela, to Dolores and John Bohon on the 4th of September; a second arrival in blue to Del and Bill Bradley on the 20th of September at West Point; Sharon Lou Ann to Nina and Bob Dean on the 27th of October in Munich; pink again to Sue and Ted Picado—Janet Irene in Nicaragua on the 11th of December; also on the 11th of December, another visitor in blue to Dolly and Bruce Bailey in Japan; Robert Allen, Jr. to Candy and Bob Prehn on Okinawa the 13th of January; Richard Henry to the Schwarz's at Fort Belvoir on the 22d of January; a daughter to Jean and Ed Peters last February at Fort Campbell; and Spencer Patrick visited the Jerry Ingram's here in Philly on, you guessed it, St. Patrick's Day. Congratulations to these our new additions to '51.

Church bells haven't been silent either. Guy Jester and Roberta Andrews were married on the 19th of December in Fort Worth. Dave Carroll and Ruth Williams were united on the 11th of January in Verdun, France. Dean Mulder and Nancy Warne followed suit on the 16th of January in Germany. Have just heard of Sel and Pat Graham's marriage in Denton, Texas in February of '53, and of Mike Simpson and Janet Ray Medlock's wedding of last 22 August in Winter Park, Florida. Welcome to the class girls!

We've just heard that Lou Bretzke and Pop Taylor have gotten their "tracks", and that John Granicher and George Scheuerlein were recipients of the BSM while in Korea. Congrats' from all.

From the "Old Countries", news has picked up considerably. Word has it that Dick Szymczyk is in Germany with the 867th FA Bn, although at this writing Marion is still at home. Bruce Robertson, our "Travelog" representative, writes this time from Izmir, Turkey (politely referred to as the end of the line) where he is still aiding. Moreover he writes with a naval address, but claims no act of treachery. Apparently during a short week in the States, while exercising his forearm at the Fort McNair Off. Club, he saw Roy Herte, Tom Harrold, and Godfrey Crowe doing likewise. The above are with the 3rd Inf. Both Bruce and George Psihas, in his note, mention a coincidental meeting in the shadows of the

Acropolis at a snack bar in Athens, Greece. George is aide to Major General Barth with JUSMAG.

Ted Charney's official secretary, D'arcy, dropped a note indicating Ted is A Co CO of the 322d Tk Bn and further saying that George Reid and family are nearby at Wildflecken, where George is with the 373rd Arm Inf Bn, and that John Shillingburg and family are also there. Happy to hear of a couple of other familiar faces also: Fred Denman in Co B, 32nd Signal Bn, Charlie Knapp in the 29th Tk Bn as Ass't S-3. Oh yes, that includes Marie and Pamela and Ruth and Nancy Ruth, if I'm not mistaken. And we have Joe Clarke listed as S-2 of the 1st Bn 14th Arm Cav Regt.

Gerry Tausch, spending a revelrous New Year's Eve while hubby pulled the inevitable OD, wrote a news packed letter from Augsburg, Bavaria, where Rollo is Exec of the Tk Co, 102d Inf Regt. We'll hit most of it later, but it appears that Nina and Bob Dean are in not too distant Landshut, where Bob has A Btry, 74th AFA Bn.

Ted Atkeson recently joined the ranks of aides, now serving as such to Brigadier General Bell, C/S V Corps in Frankfurt. Pete Thorsen is holding the same job for Brigadier General Daniel, Corps Arty CG in Darmstadt. Dave Phillips, for some time in Berlin, has been transferred to the 57th Tk Bn of the 2d Arm Div at Mannheim.

Fred Irving is Exec of A Co., 66th Tk Bn, 2d Arm Div. Tom Woodley and Norm Brown are also with the 66th. Bob Snyder is Eec of A Btry, 78th AFA Bn at Mainz; Norm Jorstad is in the Signal Co. of the 2d at Bad Kreuznach. Jack Martin has been with D Co, 17th Arm Engr Bn, but recently took off to Chile as coach of a Pentathlon team. Harlan Johnson, with the 118th Engr C Bn, was on that team and placed in the top six.

Dave Carroll, for awhile with the 109th Inf in Augsburg, came to France as Aide to Brigadier General Ford, CG Adv Sec Com Z, USAREUR. Upon arriving in Verdun, he found Len Shapiro, now Post Signal Officer, no less. A word on Dave's wedding mentioned earlier, Sel Graham was best man, and Len an usher. Through Dave comes word that Gil Stephenson was in

Munich coaching a regimental football team for the 43rd Div.

Here in Uncle Sam's own yard, we had a nice letter from Dave Huff, who, in his capacity of Keeper of the Gold, passed along our present bank balance, which is \$1,313.87 (and every dollar properly accounted for). Dave is currently living on the edge of the bayou at Lake Charles AFB, flying in the 44th ARS, a B-47 outfit. Bill Veurink and Tom Williams are also now bayou natives, Bill being in Dave's squadron. Dave mentioned that Pop Taylor is at McDill AFB as Aide to General Mooney.

Word made its way to us from Ted Post at Moody AFB, where he and Pat have now settled since Korea. Ted writes that Buzz Aldrin is now instructing at Nellis AFB and that Bill Moretti's at Luke AFB as a gunnery instructor. Incidentally Ted is instructing interceptor flying in 94's, and goes on to say that Jack and Pat Price, Dane and Charlotte Milliman, Bud and Pat Richardson, and Bud (knows statistics on all local females) Bacon are at Moody also.

John Buckstead writes from another aide's job at Fort Riley, where he is aide to Major General Harrold, CG 10th Inf Div. It just occurred to me that the last time I saw Buck, he was waltzing away from my co. in Korea with a 40-lb cratering charge under his arm (scrounger) with which he was "going to prepare a company area" (no connection with his later evacuation).

Guy and Bert Jester are now at Fort Belvoir (qtrs on post) where Guy is with Field Fortifications, TES. Dave Carter is there with the Engr Gp. Al Costanzo with the IG Sec., OCE, and Harry Lombard with the Court and Board Sec. of the Center Regt.

Had a fine letter from George Mieghen, who has been recuperating from the loss of an eye sustained as a result of a simulator grenade at the Ranger School. George was scheduled to go as Aide to Major General Dabney, CG of the 8th Div. this last January. George is also looking forward to a June wedding. He goes on to say that Bill Richardson is an instructor on the mortar committee at the school, that Jim Boatner has the Support Co., 508th AIR, that Ken Herring is a Tac in OCS, and that Walt Steidl is also at Benning.



Stars & Stripes Photo

'51 AT FOUNDERS DAY DINNER, FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Ted Atkeson, Floy Ashley, Elmer Birdseye, George Reed, Herb Roth, Max Scheider, Dave Phillips, Jack Schweizer, John Shillingburg, Pete Thorsen, Frank Winfield, Larry Mintz, Otto Doerflinger, Jim Brett, Joe Clark, Norm Brown, Norm Jorstad.

A note from Bob and Ruth McIlwain, at Camp Carson, came telling of the life of another trailer family in the class, in this particular case enjoying scenic Colorado, where Bob is Aide to Brigadier General Caraway, Asst Div Comdr of the 31st Inf Div. They mention seeing Red Leffer, also an aide at Camp Hale for "Ski Jump". Bob Pazderka and John and Elsie Haumersen make their home with the 31st also. Stan Scott, Exec of Hq Co, 511th AIR, put in an appearance for "Ski Jump."

Bill Schooley writes from the St. Louis District that he and Marilyn are shortly expecting another addition. He mentions seeing quite by accident, John Streadorf, at a football game in Granite City. John was on a construction job for Shell Oil Co. Tony Delano and Marv Krupinsky, who are stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, have stopped up St. Louis way several times.

News comes from John Granicher, CO of the 549th Engr Base Survey Co. with the 30th Topo Bn, that he will take off for the Lower Yukon in April. John says that Bob Fitch is a nearby neighbor at Fort Scott in the Sixth Army Honor Guard.

A few notes from Gert Peloquin and Gerry Tausch. Jim and Gussie Barron are now settled at Fort Sill along with Bill and B. J. Crouch. Verle and Joan Johnston are once again together in the States. Brooks and Mary Martin are happily located at Fort Knox, where Brooks has a Hq Co. Jo Ann and Pat Ryan are now at Southern Pines, North Carolina where Pat is with the USAF Air-Ground Operations School.

From Memphis we hear from George, Eleanor, and Paul Scheuerlein, where George is presently settled with the Memphis Engr District. They've heard from Joe and Martha Rice at Camp Polk, where Joe has been with the G-3 Sec, 37th Div.

Ron Roberge, with the San Francisco Engr District, has been putting in some time at Letterman Army Hospital after a recent operation. He found Hank Otten and Bob Johnson, both of whom lost a leg in Korea, there at the hospital in fine spirits. It is good to hear that both will continue their service. Bob is scheduled to return to West Point as a math instructor. Incidentally, Ron followed up George Psihas' visit to Ord and talked with Cecil and Pat Nist and Betty and Hap Jones.

John and Amy Ballard returned from Japan in October running into Buck Farrington on the way. John is now with the 8th Air Rescue Sqdn at Stead AFB near Reno. Before leaving Japan, John mentioned he saw George Shibata, Bear Kasun, and Jack Gordon. Jack and Harriet, by the way, have been at Yakota AFB.

The Sig C came through in this issue in the form of a letter from Chuck Satuloff. Chuck and Elaine are now settled at Fort Monmouth. Also at Fort Monmouth are Barney Zwerling and Mike Simpson. Chuck writes that he has heard from Florence and Cattie Bernstein in Japan, from Ellie Albenda who says that Joe is in a long-line signal outfit near Taegu and called home on R&R, and from Peggie and Charlie McIntosh with the 17th Sig Opn Bn in Germany. Don Peifer recently left Monmouth for Korea.

Greg Stone, ex '51 at the Riggs Nat'l Bank in D. C. writes that Dick Wells is at Chief Joseph Dam near Bridgeport, Washington, lamenting the absence of marriageable women.

Dee Zuver writes from Fort Campbell that Ed has been on Opn "Ski Jump" and finishes the exercise up in sunny Greenland. Ed is with the Support Co. 511th AIR and was missed in the lineup at Fort Campbell in the last issue. Young Linda Sue is now two years old.

To the Far East and I'll try not to repeat last issue's news. A very newsy letter came in from Barry Harriss, Aid to Brigadier General Peplow, CG SWC. Barry had for some time the unique assignment of an adviser in the establishment of the Korean Military Academy. There were some other grads there but Barry was "low-man" In his present assignment Barry, on various trips, has seen almost everyone in Japan, including a relative newcomer, George Harman, who is Ass't Post Engineer at Eta Jima. He goes on to say that nearby Al Esser is working for a "plebe papa" in JCA.

Bob Prehn, on Okinawa, says he got a call from John Ritchie, flying out of Clarke Field in the Philippines, and that he saw George Shibata, who's in an 86 at Taegu. A recent arrival to Okinawa is Paul Coughlin, who's joined the 29th RCT. The word seems to be extension of tours on Okinawa.

A letter from Charlie Gildart, probably home now, came while he was a battery CO with the 37th FA Bn. Charlie wrote that in the warring days, Ted Greisinger (555th FA Bn) was the only firing battery commander to complete his mission and get his guns out in the "last push"

A very recent newspaper story told of several airmen and officers having to bail out of a "Boxcar" into the sea near Japan. One was Larry Larsen and it was good to read that, with the exception of one, he and the group were rescued uninjured.

Dolly Bailey, in Grant Heights, writes that Bruce, with the 24th Div, got home to see his second son born. The Frank Hamiltons are settled in nearby Washington Heights.

Howie Peckham was recently appointed Aide to General O. P. Weyland, CG FEAF. Lew Buffington, also in Japan, is a co-pilot on a B-29.

Jim Young, a nav-bombadier on a B-26, with the 3rd Bm Gp, writes about "in addition to other duties", and a wonderful trip to Hong Kong where he parted company with much of his ready cash. Phil Sheridan, also at the base, had the experience of being on one of the explanation teams at Panmunjon. Jim went on to mention, much to our ignorance, that Andy Chacon and Hal Headlee hold DFC's, to which we add belated congratulations.

Ed Peloquin, on R&R, dined with Jim and Harriet Phillips. Harriet's a comparative newcomer, incidentally (last June).

Notes on the FE: a picture of Howie Steele at the Tokyo Int. Airport with General Hull; our class prexy's boys were the All-Army Far East football champs this year; Tex Glossbrenner stayed on with the 49th Fighter Bm Gp when it went to Japan; John Bohlen is Aide to Major General Bradley with the 2d Div; Fran Craig is now Stateside after aiding in Japan.

On Alaska: Tony and Jack Hill with boy and girl; the Pat Corrigan's loving the cold air; T. Z. James back and at Fort Jackson in the good old ZI.

That winds up what appears to be a pretty good dose of news. Keep it up! Same address for next time: Lieutenant R. L. Harris, District Engineer's Office, 121 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

—Buck.

some reports are late reaching *Assembly* as a result of delayed and missent mail. So, if yours is one of those that missed the last issue, don't be discouraged. We will try to keep the postman posted and our column in the *Assembly* abreast of each other in the future.

I wish to correct the item in the January issue about the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Lloyd Riddlehoover. I have received information that the award was the Bronze Star with "V" for heroism. Still, our congratulations are sincere to Lloyd, Gar Weed, Steve Nichols, Jim Dietz, Gerry Ruff, and others who distinguished themselves. We are proud of you and the record you have established for the Class.

We also wish to join hands in the circle to congratulate everyone wearing silver bars. It is a belated gesture to some, but still we are glad to acknowledge the accomplishments of the first step up the ladder toward a continued and successful career.

To further our roster of "who is where" we make the following additions to the list. In Korea are Pete Selleck, Bert Kidwell, Carroll Jackson, Neal Lespasio, Marsden Earle, Lou Morin, J. J. Turner, Ed Horan, Joe Hannon, Gene Stokes, Jack Foley, Red Day, Bob Riley, Jack Hettinger, Howie Jelinek, Jim McDonnell, Scott Shipe, Dave Hansard, Bernie Ashkenaze, Lou Henderson, Ivan King, Bud Thompson, Dan Danford, Joe Gray, Jim Gerhardt, Dick Haskell, Paul Gray, Skip Wensyel, Nails Kelley, Tex Mallard, Foot Elmore, Otis Moran, Hank Mosley, Charlie Watkins, Hugh Broadhurst, Carl Guess, Drake Wilson, Tom Dowler, Richard Lang and Herb Hollander. Others in Japan are Bill Beatches, John Kenny, Ken Good, P. B. Malone and George Grayeb, all with the 187th. Also in Japan are John Mauer, Fish Ireland and Mel Young, who are with the 5th Cav.; Al Thieme, Jack Quinn, Bob Wheeler with the 7th Cav.; and Joe Clement, John Butler, Ray Lash, Harvey Perritt, Pinto Holt, George Tronsrue, Ed Gilbert in the 18th Cav. The word is that Walt Ulmer and Bob McGowan are on the Island too. We hope all the families have arrived by now to take the boys out of the BOQ. Will Mitchell and Pete King are in Austria; Jack Lentz, Bud Lichtenwalter, Jim Wallwork, Ray Bergeson and Joe Jordan are in Munich and vicinity; Philip Coleman is in Dormstadt, Germany; and Don Ross aide to General Farrell, is with the 82nd Abn. at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Best wishes to all the newlyweds and welcome, new brides, to the '52 Wives Club. (The bachelor ranks are dwindling rapidly.) Jacquelyn Downey and Daryle Whipple exchanged vows on 6 June '53 at Arlington, Virginia. They are living in North Carolina while Daryle is with the 82nd Abn. Pat Tolles and Ed Eckert were married in Ithaca, New York on 12 September. Ed is now in Korea. Shirley Hill and Bill Harrison were married in the Chapel at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on 8 November. Bill's groomsmen were Art Deverill, James McDonnell and Ed Eckert. Bill has joined the forces in Korea. Dave Hansard chose his bride from Clarksville, Tennessee last November. I have not learned her name. Kathryn Kane and Eugene Flanagan said their "I do's" on 19 December. Following the honeymoon, in true Army fashion, Gene departed for the Far East.

It is with regret that we learned of Ellyn Burns's illness, although we are glad Gil could return home to be with her. We have missed your newsy letters, Ellyn, and hope you are well real soon.

1952

Greetings to all members of '52. The news is not extensive for this issue, and

Tom Fiala's wife sends word that Tom is en route to the States from the Far East. Welcome home, Tom, and here's hoping the next assignment will be to your liking.

Seems as though the stork did not request an early release, and he has been busy too, even if we are late getting the news. James William was born to Janet and Charlie Yocum on 10 July. Pappy is with the 43rd Div. in Germany. A son, Sterling, was born on 10 December to the "Wazzy" Scamans. Edson Theodore was born 23 October to Ellie and Ted Gregory. Ted is in Korea. A daughter, Stephanie Ann, was born in September to Rosalie and Scott Shipe. Scott is in Korea. Mary Lindley arrived at the home of Peggy and Frank Robinson last October. Dawn Maura was born 3 January 1954 to Loretta and John Sullivan. John is in Korea. To Ken and Art Deverill a daughter, Dierdre Alexis, was born last August. A son, Warren John, was born to the Hayfords on 8 May. Kathryn Elizabeth selected the Ralph Girdners for her proud parents on 10 August. The Shy's, Sally and John, have a daughter, Elizabeth Susan, born 23 March 1953. The Jagers have a small "jigger", Joseph Newton, III, born 29 November. Jim is in Korea. A girl, Deborah Lee, was born 28 February 1954, to Ginny and Dick Wiles. Dick is another father in Korea. A son Davis Michael, was born to Roberta and Tom Brodinski. Rusty and Lou Arnold, who are in England, have a daughter (I've not learned her name). The Robert Hattons have a son, Robert Everett, born 18 September. Flo and Bob McGowar are the proud parents of Bonnie Victoria, born 23 December. Robert was born to Barbara and Bob Cottey last August. Marty and Walt Ulmer have a daughter, Jane Alice, born 28 March 1953. Cheryl Lee was born to Ruth and Joe DeAngelis last December. A son, Gordon, was born to Nancy and Dan McMahon. We are happy to hear of the new additions and send congratulations to all the proud parents.

We would like to acknowledge their efforts and say thanks to the wives who have carried the bulk of the correspondence. Good work, girls, keep it up! Thanks to John Misch also for his detailed letter—and Jim Jagers, Charlie Yocum, Dick Wiles, Lope Rimando and Warren Hayford.

The letters make the column, so share the news with everyone, please.

Good wishes and best regards.

—“Willy.”

1953

Well, people, I am overwhelmed. Here I sit with the largest stack of mail ever, and I hardly know how to start. The response since Xmas has been terrific. I am going to attempt an address file, so if I hear from only 473 more of you, it will be complete!

First, about the cup. The highest contender on my records is Charles Albert Zipp, 3rd, born on February 2nd to Charles and Margaret Anne Zipp. An official notice of the winner will be made later. Other births that I have heard about are: a girl to the Ed Davis' on February 6th; a 7½ lb. boy to the Jack Myers' on March 8th; a boy to Ann and Joe Williams on March 4th; and a girl to Ed and Joan Coggins on March 12th. Congrats to all you parents! Oops, forgot one—to Nola and Bob Breckenridge a 8½ lb. boy on March 11th.

A letter from Stu McLennan produced some story-book news. Seems that Stu was married in January to the nurse that at-

tended him while he was in the hospital last summer. Her name was Lieutenant Abbie Fay Sutter, and as Stu puts it—some good comes out of every misfortune. How true! He reported to Gary A.F.B. in February to begin Army Aviation training.

From the P.I.O. at Fort Knox, I received word that the following men have been assigned to the 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) for duty: John Hogan, Fred Siebert, Jim Burkland, Kemp Dozier, Jim Harris, Neal Creighton, Ray Conder, and Gene Currier.

I finally received a letter from our Class President, Pete Clements. After a go at flight training, Pete is now at Keesler A.F.B. going to Electronics School. He is down there with Charlie Butler, Don Sykes, Bob Hess, and Art Phipps. Butler had completed the course and was on his way to Sacramento, California. Pete said he saw Boothby over the holidays, and the guy hasn't changed a bit—he can still get out more words a second than anyone! No offense, "Talking Bird"

Ken Dawson reports that he and Don Shaw are AAA Battery Commanders in Chicago. Ken was married to Caula Jean Anderson in December.

Jack Myers dropped a line from Greenville A.F.B. He reported there from Malden, Missouri with Hosmer, FioRito, Beacond, Boothby, Gray, Landreth, Calvert, and Englehart. Some of the others from Malden went to Enid, Oklahoma for multi-engine basic.

Bob and Marilyn Karns wrote from Big Spring, Texas, to let us know to stay away from that part of the country. Seems that besides the fact that the housing situation is lousy, they have been plagued by dust storms almost every day. Bob is there with 11 others from the Point to begin single engine basic. Dick Phillips is there, and he was married in March. Harry Duvivant gave a diamond to a New York gal. Hey, Harry, did your family concede that all southerners can't marry southern belles? I have been working on mine for years now. Marilyn sent some late additions to the parent-to-be-club from there. They are: the Bob Lindsays, the Lew Andrews, the Jack Pimentals, and the Wally Lelands. Patti and Dyke McCarty went to Enid, Oklahoma from Goodfellow, and Johnny Krobock is still at San Angelo. Thanks to Frank's sister, Brigid (isn't it a pretty name?), I learned that Frank and Dee Marinero are in Houston.

I received a note from Ed Wallnau the other day, and I do believe that he has seen as many of the Class since graduation as I have. He sent his regards to everyone, and let me know that from time to time he has run into Dave Motycka, Kemp Dozier, Neal Creighton, Jack Merrigan, Dave Rumbough, and Dave Rice. I guess from that list we know who the New York party boys are, huh? He also informed me that Rice was getting married in March. I do not imagine that it is necessary for me to suggest that anyone in the area stop by and see Ed. Visits with him are extremely interesting.

Bob Boxell let me know how everything was in Div. Arty. at Fort Bragg. He explained to me the ceremony that takes place after jump training. They call it a "Prop Blast Ceremony", and from all indications, Fort Bragg really had one. Those present from our class at this glorified shower formation were: Bob, Dick Boyle, Jim McCluskey, Herb Friesen, Chet Friedersdorff, Pete Bidstrup, Dick Davis, Bob Smith, John Meglen, and Bob Breckenridge. I was told that Dick Davis won the most interesting contest, which was held dur-

ing the course of the evening. Seems that he was able to hold a 105 mm shell casing (with handles) up to his face longer than anyone else. It was rumored that the original contents of the casing had been removed, and something more powerful put in! Bob said that when Bill Yuengel got married at Fort Bliss, Bill Walker and Tom Brown were the life of the party. The reception was held in Juarez, so that probably had something to do with getting these boys inspired. Word has it that Jack Neuberger is engaged to a young lass who is going to the U. of Maryland.

Now for a little overseas news. Greg Vigilar wrote from the Philippines. He is due for Korean duty in a month or so. Vigi says that he must be getting old because when he was home for Xmas, instead of being able to date the young ladies, he was asked to chaperone two or three of them at a time when going to a party. Don't feel bad, Vigi, there are some of us who can understand your disappointment.

Fred Reynolds gave me a nice run-down on the Engineers from Belvoir to Korea. Naturally, being a hive, he said that the Belvoir training was simple, and that it lacked field work which he could use now. Seems that the most enjoyable times were had during the "Happy Hours". Fred said he got into three weddings before he went overseas. The first was when Russ Baker married Mary Freeman at Fort Myer. He was best man, and Bob Segal, Lou Manfre, and Rich Leonard were ushers. The second was when he gave his sister, Steph, away to his ex-roommate, Bill Jewell at Fort Knox. Ed Metzcher was best man, and Jack Temp and Dave Horner were ushers. The third was when Fred gave himself away to Dorothy Digby in Washington. Bill Jewell decided to return the favor and served as best man. Fred said that he, Max Noah, Sparky Jones were being placed in an Engineer Bat. of the 3rd Inf. Div.

Bill Renner wrote from Berlin. Before going over, he married Ruth Speeg, who must have the sweetest little accent in the world (being from Macon, Georgia). He ran into Jim Miley and wife at Camp Kilmer. They were on their way to the Canal Zone. Tony DeLuca is there also. Bill is Platoon Leader of a Recoilless Rifle Platoon in the Berlin Command. Bob Fernandez is also in Germany with the 43d Inf. Div.

John Angstadt dropped a note from Korea. He is with the 7th Div., along with Ralph Sanders, Sid Carter, Bob Segal, and Bob Kaplan. All have platoons except Sid who is Ass't S-3.

Bob Laflam sent cheers from Germany. Flambo was quite dismayed that no one had answered his letters, so he asked me to pass on his address as a hint. Here goes, Flambo: Lieutenant Robert Laflam, WOC 97th Sig. Oper. Bn., APO 46, New York. Gray Kinzie and Tom McKenna are there also.

That is about it for now, except that Dave Motycka called me to say that he and Jim Currie will be EUCOM bound this summer. I also just received an announcement which states that Tom and Faith Holcombe are the proud parents of an almost 6½ lb. girl at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Gosh, I am almost beat after all this typing with one finger. Does anyone want to take up a collection so that I could hire a real nice secretary? Anyway, it was great hearing from so many. Keep it up! My address has changed, so send your letters to: Bill Jefferson, 48½ Union St., Rockville, Connecticut. Has everyone heard about the Corps getting sheer nylon hop gloves and patent leather dancing shoes? If I had the space, I would write an editorial. See you all later.

—Jeff.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1954 Assembly

Name	Class	Date	Place
Charles A. Bennett	1881	March	15, 1954.....Hayward, California
Paul A. Wolf	1890	January	12, 1954.....San Antonio, Texas
Jacob C. Johnson	1898	February	13, 1954.....Washington, D. C.
Elvid Hunt	1903	August	11, 1953.....Gloversville, New York
James A. Mars	1903	January	23, 1954.....Denver, Colorado
Charles F. Smith	1903	August	18, 1953.....Post Falls, Idaho
Roy W. Holderness	1904	April	5, 1954.....Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Robert C. Richardson, Jr.	1904	March	2, 1954.....Rome, Italy
Philip J. R. Kiehl	1906	March	30, 1954.....McAllen, Texas
Emil P. Pierson	1907	November	3, 1951.....Princeton, Illinois
Robert E. O'Brien	1908	February	21, 1954.....Washington, D. C.
Lawrence D. R. McDermott	Ex-1912	March	20, 1953.....Brooklyn, New York
Lewis A. Nickerson	1912	February	18, 1954.....San Diego, California
Charles R. Finley	1915	March	19, 1954.....Santa Barbara, California
Otto A. B. Hooper	1915	February	21, 1954.....Baltimore, Maryland
Carleton Coulter, Jr.	April 1917	January	28, 1953.....Valley Forge Army Hospital, Pennsylvania
John C. Hawkins	August 1917	December	24, 1953.....La Luz, New Mexico
Wilson G. Saville	November 1918	February	14, 1954.....Houston, Texas
John D. Robertson	1920	August	30, 1953.....Washington, D. C.
Harold E. Smyser	1920	January	28, 1954.....Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Henry K. Williams, Jr.	1920	February	19, 1954.....Dunkirk, New York
Hoyt S. Vandenberg	1923	April	2, 1954.....Washington, D. C.
Charles R. Bonnett	1924	November	30, 1953.....St. Petersburg, Florida
Irving W. Jackson	1931	February	7, 1954.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Francis P. Wells	Ex-1933	February	7, 1954.....Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Richard E. Ellsworth	1935	March	18, 1953.....Off Newfoundland
Albert L. Lane, Jr.	January 1943	March	19, 1954.....Near Chanute AFB, Illinois
John M. Davis	June 1943	April	24, 1953.....Long Island, New York
William P. Hunt, Jr.	June 1943	June	21, 1952.....Korea
Lloyd Zuppann, Jr.	June 1943	March	16, 1954.....Near Topeka, Kansas
Henry S. Beukema	1944	January	19, 1954.....Near Langley AFB, Virginia
Warren S. Conlon	1944	March	14, 1952.....Japan
Ralph A. Ellis, Jr.	1945	July	21, 1950.....Korea
Edward R. McElroy	1945	September	2, 1951.....Korea
Harry R. Middleton	1945	April	30, 1951.....Korea
Alexander T. Cochran	1946	April	21, 1952.....Near Okinawa
Fred B. Rountree	1946	*MIA January DED January	14, 1951.....Korea 31, 1954
Marshall McD. Williams, III	1946	September	11, 1950.....Korea
David W. Gibson	1947	July	25, 1950.....Korea
Henry T. MacGill	1947	July	16, 1950.....Korea
Richard J. Seguin	1948	May	23, 1951.....Korea
James A. Van Fleet, Jr.	1948	*MIA April DED April	4, 1952.....Korea 5, 1954
David P. Barnes	1949	June	30, 1951.....Korea
Alan J. Horton	1949	January	15, 1952.....Patterson AFB, Ohio
Herbert E. Marshburn, Jr.	1949	December	3, 1950.....Korea
William F. McMurry	1949	April	19, 1952.....Korea
John J. Ragucci	1949	January	1, 1951.....Korea
Courtenay L. Barrett, Jr.	1950	September	27, 1950.....Korea
Thurston R. Baxter	1950	December	31, 1953.....Korea
Warren B. Brown	Ex-1950	January	5, 1954.....Near Millville, New Jersey
Roland E. Cooper	1951	October	26, 1952.....Korea
Charles L. Galloway	1951	August	26, 1953.....Near Ashiya, Kyushu, Japan
Allan P. Hunt, Jr.	1951	March	30, 1953.....Korea
Samuel A. Lutterloh	1951	*MIA September DED December	2, 1952.....Korea 31, 1953
George A. Sundlie	1951	September	26, 1952.....Salem, Oregon
John R. Wasson	1951	June	25, 1953.....Korea
William N. Cowan, Jr.	1952	April	27, 1953.....Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Richard G. Inman	1952	July	7, 1953.....Korea
Kennis E. Lockard, Jr.	1952	July	3, 1953.....Korea

Editor's Note: The date and place of death of Robert L. Gray, Class of 1911, published in the Last Roll Call in the January 1954 issue of *Assembly* as October 29, 1953, Brooksville, Maine, were in error. The correct date and place of death are October 22, 1953, West Brooksville, Maine.

The date of death of Russell E. Leggett, Class of 1950, published in the Last Roll Call in the July 1953 issue of *Assembly* as December 12, 1952, was in error. The correct date of his death is December 12, 1951.

*MIA—Missing in Action; DED—Officially Declared Dead.

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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FEYRER, J. W.	1952	NOVEMBER 24, 1953	64
FLINT, H. A.	1912	JULY 25, 1944	58
GATEWOOD, C. E.	1906	NOVEMBER 13, 1953	56
HALSTEAD, L.	1899	JUNE 5, 1953	52
HARTMAN, J. D. L.	1888	JULY 29, 1953	49
HEIDT, J. V.	1896	MAY 31, 1953	50
HOLBROOK, L. R.	1896	OCTOBER 19, 1952	52
KIEFFER, P. V.	1906	OCTOBER 7, 1953	57
KOENIG, K. G., JR.	1952	JUNE 18, 1953	65
LEGGETT, R. E.	1950	DECEMBER 12, 1951	64
O'BRIEN, M. J.	1915	JULY 31, 1953	61
PAULL, W. T.	1949	SEPTEMBER 7, 1953	63
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John Daniel Leinbach Hartman

NO. 3257 CLASS OF 1888

DIED JULY 29, 1953, AT SEATTLE,
 WASHINGTON, AGED 87 YEARS.

JOHN ("DUDE") DANIEL LEINBACH HARTMAN was born in Pennsylvania on August 9th, 1865, and was appointed a cadet at the United States Military Academy from his native state. He entered the Academy on July 1st, 1883.

Dude was graduated with the Class of 1888, on June 11th of that year. He was assigned to and joined the First Cavalry at Fort Assiniboine, Montana Territory, September 10th, 1888. He was there when the trouble broke out with the Sioux Indians in November 1890 and he took part in the Wounded Knee Campaign which followed. From 1892 to 1895 he served in the Departments of Arizona and Colorado. He was then detailed on recruiting duty for two years.

During the Spanish-American War he accompanied his regiment to Cuba and participated in the Santiago Campaign. Upon



return to the United States, he served at Fort Niobrara for more than a year. He accompanied his regiment to the Philippines in August 1900 and took part in the campaign against Insurrecto General Malvar, 1900 to 1902. He was promoted to Captain on February 2nd, 1901. He participated in the following engagements that year: viz., Mount Solo, Mount Durango and Bauan. Upon return to the United States he was appointed Assistant Instructor at the Army Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, which position he held for three years. In 1906 he went to Fort Riley, Kansas, for station and remained there a year.

He returned to the Philippines in 1907 and served for two years at Camp Stotsenburg, being Regimental Adjutant the latter part of that time.

He then returned to the United States via India and the Suez Canal. He spent several months in India, Egypt and Europe on leave of absence before he reached the United States.

He was promoted to Major, Fourth Cavalry, on September 11th, 1911 and served at Fort Bliss, Texas, until March 1912. He was then detailed in the Quartermaster Department and served as Chief Quartermaster of the Blue Army during the Connecticut Maneuvers in 1912, and as Officer in Charge

of the Manufacturing Branch at Schuykill Arsenal, Philadelphia, until June 1915. In 1915 he was assigned to the Third Cavalry, which then occupied stations on the Mexican Border in Texas. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on July 1st, 1916 and assigned to the First Provisional Cavalry Regiment—composed of National Guard Troops on duty on the Border. On May 15th, 1917 he was promoted to Colonel and assigned to the Sixth Cavalry at Marfa, Texas. Upon entry of the United States into World War I various camps for young would-be officers were inaugurated, and Colonel Hartman was placed in command of such a camp at Leon Springs, Texas. When these camps were discontinued he was assigned to the Seventeenth Cavalry at Douglas, Arizona. He remained there until his promotion to Brigadier General on October 1st, 1918. He was then placed in command of the training camp at Waco, Texas, and when that camp was closed, after the Armistice, he remained on Border duty after he was returned to the grade of Colonel and reassigned to the Seventeenth Cavalry at Douglas, Arizona. Then he was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaiian Department—still with the Seventeenth Cavalry.

He was detailed in the Signal Corps July 1st, 1922, and remained on that duty in Seattle, Washington, until his retirement for age on August 9th, 1929.

He regained his rank of Brigadier General by Act of Congress, June 21st, 1930.

He was married in 1894 to Helen Canby Ward, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. F. K. Ward—then Captain Ward, First Cavalry. They had two sons: John Ward, born June 26, 1910, died January 20, 1932; and George Frederick, born May 8th, 1913, died November 8, 1945. George was graduated from the University of Washington on June 11th, 1938, as a Civil Engineer, exactly fifty years after the graduation of his father. George was married to Mary Callow and they had two children: Hugh Callow, born September 12, 1934; and Joan Elizabeth, born May 11, 1937.

General and Mrs. Hartman made their home at 5502 Sixteenth Avenue, N.E., Seattle 5, Washington, and Mrs. Hartman continues to live there.

Guy Henry Preston

NO. 3262 CLASS OF 1888

DIED DECEMBER 12, 1952, AT PALO ALTO,
 CALIFORNIA, AGED 88 YEARS.

As a provisional 2d Lieutenant fresh from the first Plattsburg training camp in the early summer of 1917, the writer joined the 19th United States Cavalry on the plains of Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont. The regiment, an offshoot of a three-way split of the old 2d Cavalry, was in tents. One reported to the adjutant in the studied Moss Manual procedure of the times and then sought his bearings. Other provisionals had joined and were joining. There were some real old timers in the field ranks but one dared not approach them. From all the newcomers one heard that there was just one bearing to take and that was on the Colonel—Guy Henry Preston of the United States Cavalry. "Have you seen the Colonel yet?" "Have you seen his corn cob pipe?" "Did you hear what he said to Albro?" etc. etc. Epigrammatical and pungent he was always the most quoted and the most referred to man on the three-regimental post. From the minute we had our assignment, "the Colonel" was to us a prodigious figure, very real yet at the same time almost leg-

endary. Each day on the bulletin board in the adjutant's tent were brief but startlingly pithy admonitions to his officers, written in his own hand and style, signed merely—"P., Col."

We gained infrequent glimpses of him under the fly of his tent for he was not one of those peripatetic officers who spend most of their time looking over the picket line or inspecting the contents of the garbage pails. He didn't need to. These glimpses enhanced our awe—they were of a grizzled lean, rawboned, piercing figure, forever pacing up and down and always deep in thought. Only Frederick Remington could have done him justice and one of the then current stories of him was that Remington had once painted him into one of his western pictures. Strong in his stance and mien, he conveyed to us in a strangely powerful form all the flavor, all the tradition, all the character, of the "Old Army" mixed with an almost rebelliously modern turn of mind. And this influence never faded.

The provisional officers were soon left to their own resources for the old Regulars drifted away to other assignments leaving only Major Edgar Whiting—another beloved character, half horse, half man—and The Colonel. Now he is dead, and again *Assembly* marks the passing of a real link with



the past. But this man was more than a link. He was a force in himself—a spark, a mind, a symbol—one of the two or three most impressive figures the writer has ever met, in or out of the Army, in or out of the country. Not long ago there appeared in this magazine a colorful record of the life of Brigadier General Frederick S. Foltz—"Freddy," as Preston called him. Preston was of that ilk and era. There have been other accounts which, as Foltz's and Preston's, point up the unbelievable shortness of the span of our nation's history—from Wounded Knee to Korea. But there will not be many more.

Preston came from New England. When he left the Academy his first duty was at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and later he commanded a detachment of Indian scouts in South Dakota. Cited for gallantry at Wounded Knee against the Sioux, he also participated in the fight with the hostiles near Drexel Mission. The "Cowboy War," the Klondike, Puerto Rico—all added to his alert mind and spirit the vividness of rich experience of men and events that made him the entertaining and provocative character that he was. Tolerance and detestation of sham and laziness were equally prominent in his nature. Cheerful, forthright, and imaginative, eager, unconven-

tional and inventive, he was both bold and shy. Possibly his personality was so impressive because he was such a creature of contrasts. He was an honest man but he never preached his virtues. "I always tell the truth"; he once said, "after a long period of experimentation I find I can remember it longer."

After other varied assignments such as the Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska, Myer and Riley—even a tour in Washington as an aide to Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles—Preston came to Ethan Allen and to the 2d Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Joseph T. Dickman, who was shortly to move abroad to high command. Thence from command of the 77th Field Artillery (the former 19th Cavalry) to the 160th Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Custer, Preston set sail for France with as much enthusiasm and eagerness as any of his lieutenants. Arriving too late to take part in the major engagements of 1917-1918, he was poised with his brigade along the Moselle to take part in the offensive scheduled for November 14th down the Moselle to Metz. His ambitions collapsed with the Armistice, but not his spirit. He was placed in command of Advance GHQ at Trier, finally returning to the United States to face the drastic reductions in rank that followed World War I and, after a proud interlude as Commander of the 1st Cavalry, retirement.

The Armistice came while Preston was on the Moselle at Pont-a-Mousson. We took a walk up to the old front line just forward of Bois de le Pretre of bloody fame, and after gulping down his disappointment at not having achieved command of a promised division he mused, "Well Mac, I'll never command a division or a corps in war but" (if the writer may employ a thinly concealed euphemism) "I have my brand on every horse's bottom in the Army and that is no small achievement." Those who were of his time will recall he had invented the Preston brand. Incidentally, he also exerted a strong influence on the form of the mess kit used in World War II—if it cannot be said he invented it. He used to say, "I have spent most of my life eating 'slum' because of this damned mess kit. I intend to do something about it." Although he was Cavalry to the core, he never had much use for the horse as a means of transportation. He railed at those who were reluctant to motorize and pounded at all the powers that disposed of such matters to develop the liaison plane and the helicopter. Aerial observation of artillery fire was his passion and he used to tear into the air people at Sazerais and Bar le Duc who would not, and could not for that matter, supply observation planes for his artillery officers.

Friendliness and conviviality were mixed, as has been suggested, with a definite reticence. He was no mere extrovert. His visits in France with his old friends such as "Minnie" Menoher, "Bunker" Hahn and "Jack" Pershing, and many others, enriched both him and them. With Pershing he had a particularly close relationship, growing out of a tour of duty together in the old 10th Cavalry and as co-aides to General Miles in Washington. Pershing, it seems, relaxed more with him than with any other of his contemporaries. But so it was with others—for his colorful, wide-ranging vocabulary, his penetrating and frequently iconoclastic surges, and, above all, his *ideas* and his knowledge, fascinated all who were capable of his quality.

"History passed me by," he used to say; but he was wrong. Others for various reasons—some obscure—reached the high command which fame notes, but he was quite as much a part of the vital history of the country as they. Now and then men like

him, in their wide and vigorous reactions to the life and times in which they live, represent their era and influence it quite as deeply, if not more, than the publicly noted leaders.

Guy Henry Preston of the Class of 1888 had the indefinable mark of the Military Academy of his day upon him, and the Academy can take pride in the fact that in his formative years it stimulated the growth of such an imposing personality and character.

—John J. McCloy.

Thomas Absalom Pearce

NO. 3667 CLASS OF 1895

DIED JUNE 16, 1953, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,
AGED 83 YEARS.

WITH the death of Colonel Thomas A. Pearce I have lost a warm personal friend.



I have been closely associated with him and his family for many years through cadet days in the Nineties, the stirring times of the war with Spain and the Philippine Insurrection, in France during World War I, later to his retirement in 1934 and since retirement in San Antonio.

He served in several Infantry regiments of the Old Army as well as on staff details as Paymaster and in the Inspector General's Department. He was in Cuba and later in the Philippines prior to the end of the Insurrection. In World War I he commanded the 323d Infantry in the St. Die Sector and in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive where he was cited in orders (SSC) and received the Croix de Guerre.

Colonel Pearce was born in Roxboro, North Carolina, in 1870, the son of Jane Drumright Pearce and John Pearce. His father, a Confederate veteran, whose plantation was ruined during the Civil War and himself embittered by the measures of the Reconstruction, moved to Texas. A story in the family is that he forbade Colonel Pearce ever to enter his house in a blue uniform. Fortunately he saw his son only in cadet gray, which was acceptable.

At the age of three Colonel Pearce accompanied his family to Texas in a covered wagon, settling near Greenville, where he received his early education. He was teaching school when he was appointed to West

Point. He was graduated and commissioned in 1895.

He married Miss Minnie Burton, a devoted wife and helpmate, affectionately known as "Muz" by her many friends and loved by all who knew her, the daughter of Brigadier General George H. Burton, Inspector General. On her death she left two sons, Captain Burton L. Pearce, deceased, and First Lieutenant Carroll Morton Pearce, who is now retired and living in San Antonio.

Later, Colonel Pearce married Mrs. Gloria O'Brien, who nursed him devotedly during his last illness. She survives him and is living in San Antonio.

—Major General Frank C. Bolles.

James Villard Heidt

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1896

DIED MAY 31, 1953, AT LITTLE ROCK,
ARKANSAS, AGED 80 YEARS.

JIMMIE, as he was affectionately called by his many friends, had a long and unusually varied military career and one of great efficiency.

He was born at Griffin, Georgia, May 10th, 1873, to Eliza Agnes Villard and John Wesley Heidt, D.D., Pastor of M.E. Church, South. Both parents had behind them a long line of distinguished American ancestry from the earliest colonial days.

His early education was chiefly obtained at the Morland Park Military Academy, Atlanta, Georgia, and at the Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.

He was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy from Georgia in 1892 and reported as a cadet on June 15 of that year remaining at the Academy until July 2, 1894.

Determined to continue in the Army, he enlisted in the 13th Infantry at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, on July 3, 1894. He was soon promoted from private to corporal in Company E and very quickly thereafter to the highest enlisted rating, as Regimental Sergeant Major.

His first commission was won at Tampa, Florida, and was dated April 29, 1898, when he became a Second Lieutenant of the 6th Infantry; and he went with that regiment to Cuba. There he participated in the attack on Fort San Juan at Santiago and subsequent operations until the Spanish surrender on July 17, 1898. For his splendid behavior therein he was recommended and nominated First Lieutenant by brevet and later received the Silver Star citation for gallantry in action.

After the surrender, the 6th Infantry remained in the Army of Occupation, Military Government of Cuba, for some months and then was moved to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

Next year, 1899, it was sent to the Philippines; and in detachments of this regiment Heidt served at various times on Cebu, Panay, Negros and Guimaras. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on March 2, 1899.

On August 19 of that year he commanded detachments from several companies of the 6th Infantry in the attack and capture of Fort Luis, Tabuan, Negros, from the Insurgents. Again for his excellent handling of troops in action he was recommended and nominated to advancement by brevet, this time to Captain, and he received a second Silver Star for his gallantry in that en-

agement. Shortly thereafter he was appointed Regimental Adjutant.

Heidt was promoted to Captain on July 4, 1902, and assigned to the 10th Infantry. He left the 6th Infantry on September 20, 1902, returned to the United States, and, after a leave, reported to the 10th Infantry at Fort George Wright, Washington, and served continuously as a member of that regiment for some nine years; at Fort Wright and Vancouver Barracks, Washington, Fort St. Michael, Alaska, Honolulu, T. H., Presidio of San Francisco, California, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on detached service in 1904 and 1905 at Fort Leavenworth for the initial course at the Infantry and Cavalry School; and afterwards at the Maneuver Camp, San Antonio, Texas.

He was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps on April 13, 1911 and remained in that Corps to December 2, 1912, on duty as Transport Quartermaster of the "Logan," making on that ship many voyages to our island interests in the Pacific.

On relief from the Quartermaster Corps, he was assigned to the 1st Infantry, December 16, 1912, and in it was stationed at Fort Logan A. Roots, Arkansas, and then at Laredo, Texas.

On May 15, 1913, he was transferred to the 9th Infantry. While in that regiment the War Department placed him on special duty as Quartermaster on a transport in the Gulf of Mexico and on it he participated in the Vera Cruz Mexican Campaign in 1914. With this regiment, the 9th Infantry, he served at Brownsville, Texas; and then was detached for several months for duty at Department Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, and as Mustering officer of the National Guard of Nebraska and as Chief of Staff of the Department's Organized Reserves. For his administration of these offices and correction of abuses, he was warmly commended by the Regular Inspector, Major General Helmick, by Brigadier General Harries, commanding the National Guard of Nebraska, and by other State authorities.

Heidt was promoted to Major on July 10, 1916 and assigned to the 36th Infantry. Therein he served at Brownsville, Texas, at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, and at Fort Brook, Nebraska; and, in 1917, after an inspection by General Helmick, Heidt was again commended by Helmick, this time for the very superior training of his battalion.

In May 1917 he was transferred to the 41st Infantry and stationed briefly at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (temporary) on August 5, 1917; was unassigned to February 7, 1918, with various administrative duties at Camp MacArthur, Texas; and was promoted to Colonel (temporary) on February 7, 1918.

Assigned to the command of the 55th Infantry of the 7th Division on May 4, 1918, he went with that Division to France, where it served from August 3, 1918 to June 20, 1919. The Division went into the first line in the Toul Sector on October 8, 1918, and afterwards participated in two major engagements during the Meuse-Argonne campaign. Colonel Heidt commanded his brigade upon its first entry into the Line, and while it was in the Line on other occasions during illnesses of the permanent commander. Heidt's record as a regimental commander, as a temporary brigade commander from time to time, and on certain important special details, was rated always of the highest quality by his superior officers.

In June the Division returned to the United States and soon was sent to Camp Funston, Kansas.

Colonel Heidt and Clara Hotze, of one of the leading families of Little Rock, Arkan-

sas, were married August 27, 1919 at Little Rock.

Heidt was made a Colonel in the Regular Army on July 1, 1920. From July 27 to December 31 of that year he was detached for duty as the Inspector Instructor of the National Guard at Nashville, Tennessee. Following this very successful tour with the National Guard he took the Infantry Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. A long leave followed this course and was spent in revisiting France and other interesting parts of Europe with Mrs. Heidt. Then he was ordered to San Antonio, Texas, for duty with the Organized Reserves.

In 1923 he went back to Fort Leavenworth for the Advanced Course at the Infantry and Cavalry School, and went there the third time in 1928 for the Command and General Staff Course.

Upon completion of each of these two courses he was ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for duty at the Headquarters of the 8th Corps Area. At this headquarters he had several assignments at different times: as Chief of Staff of the non-divisional Organized Reserves; later as officer in charge of



the affairs of the Citizens Military Training Camps; and then as Recruiting Officer at Corps Area Headquarters—upon his return in 1928 from Fort Leavenworth.

He was ordered to Panama in 1932, and assigned to command of the 14th Infantry and Fort William D. Davis. From time to time while at Fort Davis his seniority also placed him in command of the whole Atlantic Sector.

In June 1934, after a thorough War Department inspection, Heidt was strongly commended by the Inspector, Colonel Spinks, for the very superior appearance and training of the 14th Infantry and for the efficiency of his command of Fort Davis.

And again, after a detailed inspection, the Department Commander commended Colonel Heidt and the officers and men of his command for the high state of discipline, esprit, administration and training manifested by all concerned. Later the Department Commander urged the War Department to secure Heidt's promotion to the grade of Brigadier General, for which his qualifications were unquestionably outstanding.

When the President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, came through the Canal on the "Houston," the garrison of Fort Davis was paraded at the locks on the Atlantic side to salute the President, and as a result Colonel Heidt later received a radiogram

from the President complimenting him upon the splendid military appearance and manual of arms of his command.

On December 11, 1934 Heidt was transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific side of the Canal Zone to command the largest post on the Canal Zone, Fort Clayton, which he promptly proceeded to bring up to the high standard of discipline, training, administration and housekeeping of his earlier post, Fort Davis.

Upon the completion of his extended tour in Panama he sailed therefrom on November 10, 1935, returning to the west coast of the United States and to command the forts on Angel Island in San Francisco Harbor. These, with his accustomed energy and splendid administrative ability, he quickly brought to the superior standards of all of his previous commands.

He retired on May 31, 1937, at 64 years of age, in compliance with the mandatory terms of the governing law. After his retirement, while maintaining a home at Little Rock, Colonel and Mrs. Heidt did a good deal of traveling, visiting and meeting many old friends and making many new ones. Unquestionably their retired life was, except for illnesses, pleasant and most enjoyable.

As noted before in some detail Heidt had an unusually wide range of service in nearly every part of the continental United States and Alaska, and foreign service in Cuba, the Philippines, Mexico, France, and finally, in Panama. Everywhere, he was invariably commended and highly rated by his superiors. He was repeatedly recommended for promotion to Brigadier General, and was on the eligible list for that rank.

In addition to recommendations for brevets and Silver Star Citations for gallantry in action in the Spanish American War and again during the Philippine Insurrection, he received two Bronze Stars for major engagements in World War I, the Meuse-Argonne Clasp and the Defensive Sector Clasp.

Heidt was handsome in face and in his tall, finely proportioned and powerful figure. He maintained throughout his life the soldierly "set up" and carriage he acquired as a cadet at West Point. While never a poseur, in any gathering he would always stand out as a personage of distinction and one with a background of great accomplishments.

He was not only of marked ability in producing a high state of efficiency in his Regular Army organizations; he was likewise highly successful in dealing with the civilian components of our Army, the National Guard and the Organized Reserves—who appreciated the high standards of performance demanded by him, his thorough knowledge of how such standards could be attained, and his understanding of the difficulties and problems of the civilian bodies and his always friendly help in solving them.

His high military qualities are well stated in a personal letter from General Malin Craig, Chief of Staff of the Army when Heidt retired:

"June 3, 1937.

"Colonel James V. Heidt, U.S.A. Retired
Little Rock, Arkansas.

"My dear Colonel Heidt:—

"Upon the occasion of your recent retirement from active service, due to a requirement of law upon reaching the age of sixty-four years, I wish to express the War Department's appreciation of the long and honorable service you rendered the country in the United States Army.

"Reviewing your record I find that you were awarded a Silver Star Medal with one

oak leaf cluster for gallantry in action against the Spanish forces at Santiago, Cuba, July 1, 1898, and against the Insurgent forces near Tabuan, Negros, P. I. August 19, 1899. Throughout your military service the capable and efficient manner in which you performed your duties on various assignments of importance won the commendation of those with whom you served, and I hope that to leave such a record of faithfulness and loyalty in the War Department is gratifying to you as you pass from the active to the retired list.

"Regretting the necessity of your retirement and wishing you many happy years with good health to enjoy your release from military duties, I am

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Malin Craig
Chief of Staff"

Heidt had a strong family feeling and loyalty for his widowed mother, his sister, and his four brothers, and this affection he frequently manifested by advice and practical help when needed. His three junior brothers were all officers of the Regular Army, Grayson and Emanuel as graduates of West Point and Gulielmus by original appointment from civil life.

In his immediate family all indications were of a very happy marriage—with devoted and always increasing affection and pleasure in the life of husband and wife together.

May God help his beloved wife to sustain her great loss and bereavement in the passing of her husband, and may God rest the soul of a gallant soldier and splendid troop commander, and my ever dear classmate and comrade.

—H. B. Fiske.

Lucius Roy Holbrook

NO. 3703 CLASS OF 1896

DIED OCTOBER 19, 1952, AT THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 77 YEARS.

TRUE to his ever readiness to graciously accept with courage any action confronting him, "Roy" Holbrook met the call of his Maker with a calm peaceful smile. To those who stood by his bedside on the morning of October 19, 1952, in Letterman General Hospital, it seemed as though the General were listening to a "Well Done" by the Prince of Peace.

Born April 30, 1875, in the small town of Arkansas, Wisconsin, Roy had three brothers, all older than he, and four sisters, one of whom was younger. His eldest brother, Major General Willard A. Holbrook, Class of 1885, who was Chief of Cavalry 1920-24, died in 1932.

His father, who owned a saw mill and a small furniture factory, died when Roy was eleven years of age. Both the mill and the furniture shop were destroyed by fire and flood.

Young Roy had learned to run the engines of the mill and to work with his hands in the factory, and many of his traits of character were acquired during these early days. His proximity to nature instilled in him an adventurous spirit and a deep love for the great outdoors, where the environment also taught him self confidence and steadfastness of purpose, all of which grew in intensity with maturing years.

Winning his appointment by competitive examination he entered the Military Acad-

emy at the minimum age of 17, although his erect physical carriage, sense of duty, and mental attitude gave the appearance of an older age. Readily accepting the discipline of West Point, the tri-part motto early became the long range objective of his life. Though never a leader in his class, his adherence throughout his career to his objective in Honoring each and all assignments, a Duty demanding his very best effort in service to his Country, brought to him the reward of high command.

Upon graduation he was assigned to the 4th Cavalry with station at Fort Walla Walla, Washington, but shortly thereafter was transferred to Boise Barracks, Idaho, where after two years of courtship, much of it spent in horseback riding together over the neighboring foothills, he married Henrietta Coffin. Their mutual interests in the outdoors continued prominently throughout their married life. Whenever weather and other conditions permitted it was their custom daily to take an early morning ride together, or perhaps later in the day take long walks or play golf—Roy and Henrietta were always together during off duty hours.



Three sons were born to them, all of whom are in the Armed Forces: Brigadier General Frank C. Holbrook, U.S. Army; Captain John A. Holbrook, U.S. Navy; and Colonel Lucius Roy Holbrook, Jr., U.S. Air Force.

The General's services were quite diversified in nature. The first 20 years were in the Cavalry, except for details in Commissary and Quartermaster Departments, with assignments to the 4th, 5th, 7th, 2nd, 4th, and 11th Cavalry regiments in turn. As a junior officer in the Philippines he participated in 28 minor engagements and was specially cited for bravery and awarded the Silver Star Medal. He was a Distinguished Graduate of the Infantry and Cavalry School in 1905, and a graduate of the Staff College in 1906.

As a Commissary Officer he organized the School of Bakers and Cooks at Fort Riley, Kansas; wrote the manuals on baking and cooking long used in the Services; and designed and developed Army field baking and cooking equipment. Following his four years as a commissary officer he attended the French School of Supply in Paris.

Transferred to the Field Artillery in 1916, Roy went to France with the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, participating in the engagements at Ansaerville, Cantigny (both battles) Montdidier-Noyon, Aisne-Marne, Saizerais, and Meuse-Argonne. He was

cited for his efficient handling of field artillery in the Cantigny operations and in the Second Battle of the Marne. During the Second Battle of the Marne he commanded the 1st F.A. Brigade, having been promoted to the temporary rank of Brigadier General. In the prior engagements, as a temporary Colonel, he commanded the 7th F.A. As Brigade Commander he set forth the Brigade Motto "No Mission Too Difficult—No Sacrifice Too Great—Duty First", which so truly conformed to his own conception of service to his country. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Silver Star (Oak Leaf Cluster), and was decorated by France with the Legion of Honor (Officer) and the Croix de Guerre (with 2 palms) and by Montenegro with the Silver Medal for Bravery and the Cross of Prince Danilo.

In 1919 he returned from France and reverted to his permanent rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, although he received his permanent Colonelcy within a year, and became the senior instructor in field artillery at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. After two years at Leavenworth he was detailed to the General Staff as Chief of Staff of the Ninth Corps Area, following which he had a short detail in the Inspector General's Department before being advanced to the grade of Brigadier General. As such he commanded Fort Douglas, Utah, for a year; Fort Stotsenburg, in the Philippines, for three years; Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for a year; and was in command of Fort Hamilton, New York, and the 1st Division, when he received his second star in late 1933. Roy continued in command at Fort Hamilton and of the 1st Division for two more years before going to the Philippines as commander of that Department. Upon completion of this foreign tour the General returned to the United States where, after a period of hospitalization, he was retired for physical disability.

Continuing their love for the great outdoors, Roy and Henrietta selected a home on a beautiful lake in Idaho not far from Boise, where they had started their lives together.

Having served with the Holbrooks on different occasions and having been very closely associated with Roy during the latter years of his military career I cannot refrain from singing his praises as a leader unselfishly devoted to his country and to the love of his fellowman. Roy's sense of justice and decency was pronounced. He possessed an unusual integrity, faith and courage that won him a strong bond of loyalty from his subordinates.

"Say not goodnight; but in some brighter Clime, bid us good morning".

—Raymond W. Briggs,
Brigadier General,
United States Army (Retired)

Laurence Halstead

NO. 3913 CLASS OF 1899

DIED JUNE 5, 1953, IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 77 YEARS.

LAURENCE HALSTEAD was born at Riverside, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 21, 1875. He was the son of Rowena Smith and Colonel Benton Halstead, U.S.A. His father enlisted as a private at the outbreak of the Civil War and rose rapidly to the rank of colonel, in which grade he served as chief of staff to General Sherman

and later became colonel in command of the 89th Ohio Infantry Regiment. His uncle was the famous Cincinnati newspaper editor, Murat Halstead.

Laurence became interested in a military career after hearing his father discuss his military experiences, and entered West Point in 1895. His class of 1899 was graduated six months early because of the need for officers during the Spanish-American War. His first detail was in Puerto Rico, but he soon requested more active duty and was assigned to the 13th Infantry, which regiment was engaged at the time in suppressing the Philippine Insurrection in Laguna Province in the Philippine Islands.

When the regiment was moved to Manila, he met and fell in love with Miss Anna Louise Maus, the daughter of Colonel Louis Mervin Maus, Medical Corps, U.S.A. Shortly thereafter the 13th Infantry was ordered to San Francisco. Colonel Maus was also ordered there and his courtship of Anna Maus continued. On February 10, 1903, Laurence Halstead and Anna Louise Maus were married. At San Francisco Laurence was assigned to duty as the commanding officer of the Army Disciplinary Barracks at Alcatraz Island. In this capacity he was instrumental in developing the finger printing method of prisoner identification and brought the system's potentialities to the attention of higher authorities. General Arthur MacArthur, father of Douglas MacArthur, became so interested that he sent Laurence to Washington, D. C., to explain the system to Army Headquarters. This resulted in its subsequent adoption and world wide employment.

After tours of duty in Huntington, West Virginia, and Missoula, Montana, Laurence was ordered to the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon completion of this course he entered the Staff College, where he graduated as one of the honor students. Upon his detachment he was ordered to the 8th Infantry at Zamboanga, Mindanao in the Philippine Islands. The regiment was engaged at the time in combat with the Moro tribes in the province. The 8th Infantry was later moved to Manila, where Laurence was once again assigned to his old regiment, the 13th Infantry, with quarters on Corregidor Island. Having completed his three-year tour of duty in the Islands he was transferred to the 24th Infantry, which was a colored regiment about to return to the United States. Upon its return to the States his new regiment was assigned to the Punitive Expedition in Mexico against Pancho Villa, under the command of General Pershing. In this campaign Laurence served with distinction.

Upon the outbreak of World War I he was promoted from the rank of major to colonel and assigned to duty as the Chief of Staff of the 84th Division at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, under General Hale, who became his lifelong friend. The division went to France and a short time thereafter General Drum picked Laurence as his Chief of Staff for the First Army in France. When the war ended he became an instructor at the Army Center at Trier, Germany, in Artillery Studies.

He returned from Germany in June 1919 and served a tour of duty as an instructor at Fort Leavenworth, after which he served in various capacities at Culver Military Academy; Camp Grant, Illinois; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; and Fort Hayes, Ohio. From 1923 until 1925 he attended the Army War College in Washington, D. C., and upon graduation assumed command of the 27th Infantry Regiment stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He nicknamed

the regiment the "Wolfhounds", which is a name it still bears in Korea today, and—being an artist—he drew the wolf's head which is its present regimental emblem. Under his command the regiment became famous as one of the most outstanding regiments of the U.S. Army, a distinction which it still enjoys. During his later life he often spoke of his service with the "Wolfhounds" as being one of the most enjoyable periods of his career and boasted about the regiment's achievements in repeatedly taking all honors in the Hawaiian Department—both military and athletic.

Upon his return to the United States in 1928 he became General Johnson Hagood's Chief of Staff at the 7th Corps Area Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska. He served so well in this capacity that upon detachment he was assigned to the important post of Executive Officer for the Chief of Infantry in the War Department, Washington, D. C. After a successful tour of duty as executive officer he was sent to command the 12th Infantry Regiment at Fort Howard, just outside of Baltimore, Mary-



land, and while serving there he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Upon attaining this rank he was detached and assigned as the Commanding General of the Pacific Sector of the Panama Canal Zone. During his three years in Panama he was frequently in command of the entire zone and wrote the Military Plans for the Defense of the Panama Canal, since by this time it was becoming increasingly apparent that war with Japan was likely at a not too distant date and that Panama would probably be a priority target for the Japs. These same plans were the basis for the Canal Zone Defense during World War II. At the end of his duty in Panama he returned to the United States.

His next tour of duty was as Commanding General of the First Army, with headquarters at Fort Wadsworth, New York. While so serving he commanded the Army Contingent of the first Joint Army-Navy Amphibious Operation in Puerto Rico, which was the forerunner of the enormous amphibious operations of World War II. During the course of this operation he was relieved and sent to Walter Reed General Hospital for a heart condition which subsequently, despite his stubborn resistance, resulted in his being physically retired on May 31, 1938 — after forty-four years of meritorious and continuous service.

After his retirement he settled down with his wife at his residence at 3311 Ma-

comb Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. He developed his hobbies of painting and writing poetry to a high degree, and painted a large number of very excellent paintings which are in his home today. He became enthusiastic about yachting and soon joined the Corinthian Yacht Club, where he owned a cabin cruiser which he named the "Wolf" in memory of his Hawaiian regiment which he loved so well. Upon the commencement of World War II, like many of his classmates, he requested active duty, but because of his serious heart condition his request was denied. Among his many and various awards was the Distinguished Service Medal, which was given him for his service in World War I.

During his long career of forty-four years on the active list he was assigned to a wide variety of important duties requiring the experience, tact and good judgment of an officer of his high quality. He was a superior Infantry specialist, and, in addition, had a thorough knowledge of the other branches of his profession. His efficient and never-failing performance of all duties assigned to him repeatedly reflected credit upon himself and the U.S. Army. He was loved and respected by all who knew and served with him, both seniors and juniors alike.

—L. M. H.

Julian Arnold Benjamin

NO. 3974 CLASS OF 1900

DIED DECEMBER 3, 1953, IN NEW YORK CITY,
AGED 76 YEARS.

COLONEL JULIAN A. BENJAMIN—died on December 3rd, 1953 in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, of a heart condition, after an illness of eleven weeks.

He was born in Washington, D. C. on January 21st, 1877, the son of Samuel Nicoll Benjamin, U.S.A. and Julia Kean Benjamin, daughter of Hamilton Fish, one time Governor of New York State and Secretary of State during the Grant Administration. He attended St. Mark's School, Southboro, Massachusetts, and graduated in 1895. He then entered Columbia University and attended the School of Mines for one year, and while there became a member of the fraternity of Delta Psi. The next year he received an appointment at large to West Point, where he was graduated with the rank of Second Lieutenant in 1900, and entered the Cavalry. He served in the Philippines during the Philippine Insurrection and at various posts within the United States and Hawaii. He was also an instructor at West Point for a time. During World War I he served overseas in the 306th Infantry, 77th Division, AEF, and received the Silver Star. The transport on which he sailed from New York for France was in collision with another vessel in New York Harbor, and he, among others, was picked out of the river and given some leave, which he otherwise would not have had, before he was assigned to another transport. He retired at his own request in 1929 with the rank of Colonel.

After his retirement from the Army he became associated with the real estate firm of Ruland & Benjamin, Inc. in New York City, as a Director, where he remained active until his death.

Colonel Benjamin's home in Garrison, N. Y. is known as the "Mandeville House".

It was built about 1737 by Jacob Mandeville, a New Yorker of Dutch descent, and has many interesting historical associations. During the Revolution it was visited by Washington, Heath, Howe, and Rochambeau. In the 1930's Colonel Benjamin carefully restored the house, with accurate regard for architectural detail, even to hand split shingles and hand-wrought nails, and all the furnishings are of the period of the house.

—C. H. P. B.

Editor's Note: No picture of Colonel Benjamin could be obtained for publication with this article about him.

Olan Cecil Aleshire

NO. 4139 CLASS OF 1903

DIED MAY 8, 1953, AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 74 YEARS.

OLAN CECIL ALESHIRE—to us always "Bill" was born 25 June 1878 on a farm near Burnside, Illinois, to which his father, a veteran of the Civil War wounded at Vicksburg, had retired. His mother having died when he was two years old and his father two years later, he and his sisters were raised by an aunt and uncle who moved to La Harpe, Illinois, where Olan attended and was graduated from High School and Gettings Seminary, the latter supervised by the Methodist Church. There he took part in the social life of the town as well as the Seminary, being an enthusiastic member of one of the two literary societies, at times an amateur actor, speaker, etc. His high character and ability were recognized by his appointment, when only 19 years old, as Superintendent of the La Harpe Public Schools after he had had a year's experience as a teacher.

But he had long been ambitious to go to the United States Military Academy, and after winning an appointment by competitive examination he entered the Academy 20 June 1898. With several others of his class he was suspended for a year because of a breach of regulations, so that he graduated in June 1903. Those who knew him as a cadet remember him with affection and esteem—in the same squad with him in my plebe year, the writer is still but too mindful of how hard it was to keep off of "Mr. Aleshire's" heels; but though stern and emphatic, his remonstrances were never rude or ungentlemanly.

Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the 12th Cavalry, with which regiment he served until 14 July 1916, being promoted to first lieutenant 11 March 1911 and to captain 1 July 1916. Almost immediately upon graduation he did a tour in the Philippine Islands at Batangas and Calamba, returning with his regiment to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, in June 1905. While there he did a tour as squadron quartermaster and commissary, was assigned to map work at Dalton, Georgia, and then at Caryville, Tennessee. He became an expert rifle shot, and after a try-out at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, made the Cavalry Team in 1908. The captain of the Team was Captain William H. Hay (afterwards Commanding General of the 28th Division, A.E.F. in 1918); other members were 1903's old "tac friend" Julian R. Lindsey (Class of 1892), James Fechet (later Chief of the Army Air Corps), Morton C. Mumma and Frank Whitlock (both of the Class of 1900), and M. C. Tyler (Class of 1903). He took part in the National Matches at Camp

Perry and the subsequent competition at Sea Girt, both in 1908 and again in 1912.

During another tour of tropical service at Fort William McKinley, P. I., from May 1909 to January 1911, he received commendation from the Judge Advocate General of the Army for the excellent organization and conduct of a case as counsel for the defense, and he was also manager of the post baseball team. On his return to this country he commanded a troop at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, until April 1913, when he was moved to Fort Crook, Nebraska, then to Fort Wingate, New Mexico, to Fort Meade, South Dakota, and finally, early in 1916, to service on the Mexican border. While on duty at Fort Bliss, Texas, with the 17th Cavalry he was formally assigned to it in October 1916. In August 1917, having been promoted to the temporary rank of major, he commanded a battalion at Fort Douglas, Arizona, until 13 January 1918. In the meantime he had been commissioned a temporary major in the Signal Corps (29 September 1917) and the following January he was assigned to duty in the office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washing-



ton, D. C., and thence to command the Signal Corps Aviation School at Mineola, New York, until 1 April 1918. From there he was ordered to France, having been promoted to the temporary rank of lieutenant colonel (26 February 1918) and temporary colonel in the Air Corps (13 May 1919), where he served as Assistant Chief of the Air Service, Zone of the Advance, at Colombey-les-Belles (May to November 1918) and at the 1st Air Depot, A.E.F., until June 1919.

After taking a few weeks leave on his return to the United States, he was stationed at Headquarters, Southern Department, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was returned to his permanent grade of captain (February 1920); but he was promoted to major of Cavalry again in July 1920 and to lieutenant colonel in November 1926. At about this time the War Department began to take a special interest in his military education, so that he successively took the course and graduated in June 1921 from the School of the Line, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, from the General Staff School in June 1922, and from the Army War College in July 1923. Thence he went to G-1 in the War Department General Staff until June 1927. His next assignment was with the 1st Cavalry at Marfa, Texas, first as executive officer and then in command of both the regiment and the camp. In September 1928 he was transferred to the

5th Cavalry at Fort Clark, Texas, where he remained until detailed with the Quartermaster Corps (January 1929), to which he was permanently transferred in August 1932, and in which he was commissioned colonel (October 1934). As a quartermaster he served at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, from January 1929 to May 1930 and at Des Moines, Iowa, to June 1933; he was then supply officer of the San Francisco General Depot at Fort Mason, California, until July 1936, when he was sent to be Panama Canal Department Quartermaster at Quarry Heights, C. Z., until October 1937. On February 28, 1938, he was retired for physical disability incurred in the line of duty, and settled in San Francisco.

On 4 August 1912, while stationed at Fort Robinson, Aleshire had married Mrs. Florence Mitchell, and a most happy marriage it proved to be. They had no children, but by a former marriage Mrs. Aleshire had a daughter, of whom her step-father became very fond and whose son, W. C. Barott, graduated from the Military Academy in 1951. After the death of Mrs. Aleshire on 28 February 1949, "Bill" lived with his sister, Miss Onie G. Aleshire, to whom we are greatly indebted for many facts for this biographical sketch. Never reconciled to the loss of his wife, after a long and brave fight against a progressive disease, culminating in many helpless weeks in bed, he finally found release from his sufferings in Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, on the 8th of May 1953, and was buried next to his beloved wife in the cemetery of the Presidio of San Francisco.

A gallant and efficient soldier, a patriotic and conscientious citizen, a student of his profession, an earnest Shriner and 32nd degree Mason, a devoted husband and brother, admired and esteemed by those who knew him, we will cherish his memory and are mindful that

"They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind."

—C. S. B. and U. S. G., 3rd.

Sherburne Whipple

NO. 4334 CLASS OF 1904

DIED DECEMBER 4, 1952, AT BILTMORE, NORTH CAROLINA. AGED 71 YEARS.

COLONEL SHERBURNE WHIPPLE was born on May 2, 1881, at Cold Spring, New York, where his father was stationed as Inspector of the West Point Foundry, an important ordnance manufactory of those days. On both sides of his family he sprang from old New England stock, which from colonial times had furnished a succession of governors, army and naval officers and distinguished citizens. His unbroken military heritage extended back through the Revolutionary War to the early wars against the French and Indians.

His grandfather was Major General Amiel Weeks Whipple, Class of 1841, who surveyed the boundary between the United States and Mexico after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and later achieved celebrity as an explorer of the Southwest. He received four brevets for gallantry during the Civil War and fell mortally wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Sherburne's father was Charles William Whipple, Class of 1868, who served brilliantly as an ordnance officer and, as a lieutenant colonel, was Chief Ordnance Officer of the Expedition to the Philippines in 1898.

It was natural that Sherburne, with his army background should aspire to West Point. After his graduation in 1904, he was appointed a second lieutenant of the 3rd Infantry. His first assignment took him to Alaska where he served for two years—first at Ft. Egbert and then at Ft. Gibbon. During part of that time he was engaged in constructing telegraph line.

In September 1906 he returned to the States and served first at Fort George Wright and then at Fort Lawton in the state of Washington. It was during this period that he met Miss Carolyn Richards of Spokane, whom he married on September 23, 1908.

As his bride's New England background was similar to his own and they were well suited to each other by temperament and common interests, the marriage was a happy one. Eventually three children were born to them: Sherburne, Jr., John and Sarah Bailey.

In August 1909 the young couple sailed for the Philippines, where they were stationed at Zamboanga and Mindanao until May 1912. This was a period when the Moros were giving a lot of trouble, and the United States Army had its hands full, suppressing uprisings and protecting the Christian civilians from savage attacks by the fanatical Mohammedan natives. Sherburne served with the 3rd Infantry and subsequently with the 6th Infantry, having been promoted to first lieutenant before the transfer. From October through December 1911, he participated in active operations under Pershing against the Moros in the vicinity of Jolo.

After his Philippine service, Sherburne was assigned to Madison Barracks, New York, and then, in December 1915 was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Thence he was sent to Laredo, Texas, in May 1916. Shortly after his arrival there he received his captaincy in the 9th Infantry. February 1917 found him on duty at the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, where he remained until early November.

Soon after the American entry into World War I, he received his majority and was assigned to the 92nd Division at Camp Funston as Adjutant General. He sailed for France in March 1918.

In France he was detailed to attend the Staff College at Langres. After his graduation, he became Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, of the 80th Division in the Artois Sector. With this division he took part in the St. Mihiel Offensive of September 12, 1918, for which he received a temporary promotion to lieutenant colonel.

The division had scarcely integrated its replacements after the previous operation when it was plunged into the sanguinary Meuse-Argonne Offensive of September 26th, which continued with unabating fury until the Armistice. The staff had to operate under great pressures, physical, mental and moral. Colonel Whipple proved his worth and received the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his performance. He returned to the United States with his division in May 1919.

The humdrum of normal military life succeeded to the excitements and compulsions of war. Sherburne returned to Fort Leavenworth as Adjutant of the Disciplinary Barracks, and remained there until August 1922. In the great post-war reduction, he was returned to his permanent rank of captain and, in 1920, was again advanced to major.

Major Whipple, having suffered a physical disability which incapacitated him from extended marching, and not wishing to be retired, transferred to the Adjutant Gen-

eral's Department in May 1922. This action proved to be decidedly to the advantage of the Service, in that his human qualities, his combat experience and his instinctive knowledge of men and social usages, plus his wise understanding of the regulations, were most useful in his future assignments.

He was immediately ordered to the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army and remained there until he was ordered to West Point in July 1926. He served at the Academy for five years, during which time he recovered his rank of lieutenant colonel. The position was one of special honor and responsibility, dating back to the days of Sylvanus Thayer, when the Adjutant was a sort of Chief of Staff and General Staff rolled into one. The Army had changed its organization since, but West Point had clung to much of the old tradition. From 1926 to 1931, Major and Lieutenant Colonel Whipple maintained that tradition in its best sense, without regard to self, but with absolute devotion to the Military Academy and its interests.

Service at West Point was followed by assignment as Adjutant General and G-1, 1st Division, at Fort Hamilton, New York.



Then, in August 1934, Lieutenant Colonel Whipple went to Fort Bliss, Texas, as Adjutant General of the 1st Cavalry Division and of the Arizona-New Mexico C.C.C. District. He was also Post Adjutant of Fort Bliss. While there he received his eagles as a full colonel.

In October 1936 a delightful period of service as Adjutant General and G-1 of the Panama Canal Department began. An important position, coupled with the presence of congenial associates, good fishing and other sports, combined to make a situation both professionally and personally rewarding.

When the tensions leading up to World War II began to develop, Colonel Whipple was recalled to the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army. He reported there in July 1938. Through the period of rearmament in 1939 and the crucial days following Pearl Harbor, his seasoned judgment was invaluable. The author, who was in his office many times during the Siege of Corregidor and the Death March, was in a position to judge of the reliance placed on Colonel Whipple's judgment by the Adjutant General and other officers of the War Department who came to consult him.

Enforcement of a new, arbitrary age limit resulted in Colonel Whipple's retirement at sixty years on June 30, 1942. Fortunately, the scarcity of experienced off-

cers was such that he was retained on active duty. Shortly afterwards, the Superintendent of the Military Academy, Major General Francis B. Wilby, asked for his assignment as Adjutant General at West Point, and the request was granted.

Colonel Whipple served the Academy through much of the war in the selfless and able way that was characteristic of him. When another arbitrary change of policy sent him and most of the retired officers back to retirement, the Superintendent published General Order No. 31, dated 28 October 1943, in which he praised Colonel Whipple for his outstanding services to the country and expressed his regret and feeling of personal loss. The greatest compliment of all was his description of Colonel Whipple as "an outstanding graduate by whose example all West Pointers might well be guided." The proudest honor of a West Pointer is to be proclaimed a worthy son of West Point.

Adjustment to retirement is never easy for a regular officer. However, Colonel and Mrs. Whipple settled in Biltmore Forest near Asheville, North Carolina, and quickly became respected and beloved members of the community. They soon identified themselves with church and civic activities; and they made many friends for themselves and the Army.

Sherburne Whipple's end came as he would have wished it. He retired to his room on the evening of December 3, 1952, after thoroughly enjoying the Army-Navy Game only four days before with a group of old friends. We presume he died early in the morning of December 4th. While he sat in his chair, the summons came to join the innumerable company of those who have done their duty to God, country and mankind.

To say that Colonel Whipple was an able staff officer, whose loyal support contributed much to the success of the commanders under whom he served, would not give the full picture of his official relationships. Among his military superiors and equals he bore himself with an easy assurance and helpful cooperativeness that won their esteem. His interest in junior officers was genuine. To all, military and civilian, he unconsciously imparted a feeling of belonging to a team, all working for the same goal and each valued for his particular qualities. The "old timers" at West Point, both enlisted and civilian, still speak of him with affection.

His classmates and intimates knew him as "Willie" Whipple, an ardent participant and spectator at sports, a lover of baseball and football, a good horseman, a hunter, fisherman and golfer, a good companion with a ready laugh and a keen appreciation of harmless mischief. He and Carolyn were a team of good fellowship, gracious hosts, thoughtful friends, and at the same time always ready to lend support when trouble or disaster struck. They had a way of being partners in every joy, and of lifting up in every sorrow.

After Willie's death a friend wrote, "Willie was such a lovable person, so kind and generous and loyal. Many, many people who knew him officially have praised him as an officer, but we loved him as a true friend—a gentleman in every sense of the word." Another wrote, "Willie was so gentle as you say. I always think of him so, and with such warmth for his friends, seemingly so genuinely glad to see them."

Willie had a love of children and a gift of entering into their interests and joys. As the sincerity of a boy is unquestioned, we may well end with part of a letter from a youngster who had the great privilege to know him as friend and companion. He wrote to Sherburne's widow, "I know you'll

probably be getting a lot of these letters, and mine won't be much compared to them, because I've never had to write one before. But one thing I do know—there won't be any more sincere than mine. It really hurt me deeply to learn about Uncle Sherb. Ever since I can remember him, I have loved him deeply and felt the greatest respect for him. He always seemed like everything I wanted to be, and I used to love to just be near him. I'll always remember him for his great energy, personality, humor, and ability to cheer up the people around him. Please excuse the clumsy way I'm writing this, but I just can't find the right words to write. What I'm trying to say is that I really was saddened, and that if I can ever get to be half the man Uncle Sherb was, I'll consider it a life well spent and a success."

— W. J. Morton.

Charles Baehr Gatewood

NO. 4467 CLASS OF 1906

DIED NOVEMBER 13, 1953, AT RAMONA, CALIFORNIA, AGED 70 YEARS.

CHARLES B. GATEWOOD, classmate and intimate personal friend, known to us all as "Gate," after a long and bitter illness, passed away at his ranch home some forty miles east of San Diego, California. He knew beforehand almost the number of days remaining to him and he took the time to write to all of us in his class those lovely valedictory letters, giving his precious thoughts about us and about the Alma Mater that are indeed priceless. In spite of the handicap of illness, he managed an interesting and happy existence, some of which I will try to tell in this short story of his life.

Gate was born at Fort Apache, located in the hills of Arizona, having a small Army garrison and a reservation for Indians all around it. Gate's father served in the very forefront of the great westward migration of our people, protecting the settlers and the travelers from Indian attack and, at length, pushing the Indians back upon reservations, where they remained restless and belligerent, for many years—once in a while breaking out to try to regain their old hunting grounds. Gate's father had much to do with the final capture of the great Indian Chief, Geronimo, and in his late years Gate gathered data about the affair that are unusual and very interesting. What wonderful stories Gate often told us on rainy afternoons about General Crook and the Arizona desert lands of the Indians, when we were in our West Point rooms!

Gate came to West Point in June 1902, in his nineteenth year, a tall, straight, lean fellow with a delightful and mischievous sense of humor. By altitude, we were placed side by side in ranks. By common interests, we were closer still as companions in misery, comparing notes in the sink and the bootblack room throughout beastdom and plebedom. But in the evenings, when Douglas MacArthur led that gorgeous array of humanity, the Corps of Cadets, out to parade, with all that gold braid on his sleeves, our hopes rose high that someday, we, too, might step out in front with the martial music and stick our noses in the air. And we dug in.

Gate was a wonderful friend to have in barracks. His room was a marvel of elec-

trical and mechanical ingenuity. He disconnected the sash weights from the lower sash of his cadet room window, fastening them on the upper sash to provide a fine power source for his instruments. Holding down the upper sash with a pin which was pulled out at six a.m. by a cleverly contrived alarm clock, the rising sash closed the window against the north breezes, turned on and lit the gas lamp, moved his warm underwear from the radiator to his bed and, in connection with a dozen or more dry cells concealed outside his table drawer under the table top, sounded a small buzzer in case the racket already produced failed to wake him. He manufactured in his room that great padlock that was featured in the 1906 Hundredth Night celebration. He failed in his last great escapade, when he was half-way up the power house chimney, because a tactical officer drove away his air supplier at the bottom. For this and another matter, he was awarded numerous punishment tours, which he never walked. He fell over the First Division hydrant in an after supper scuffle, spraining his knee. But he



also lost his lieutenant's bars and suffered many confinements and demerits.

Gate was a corporal and a sergeant in the Corps as well as a lieutenant. He was a superior fencer, on the squad all four years, when West Point had the champion team of the colleges. He was the best rifleman in the class—an expert. He was a good horseman in the riding hall and on the roads. He was a good gymnast, a fine draftsman and sketcher, a fair musician, making his own violins, and he was as strong as any man for his weight. And he had a lot of fun all four of his cadet years, sharing it with many friends.

His first two years after graduation were spent at Fort Totten, New York in the Coast Artillery. His gadgets for the correction of azimuth and range remained many years in the fire control stations of that post. When opportunity came to accept a detail in the Ordnance Department, nothing could have been more to his liking. He completed the school and proof work at Sandy Hook Proving Ground and moved on to the school at Watertown Arsenal, remaining there on armament district work, as well as arsenal duty, until the expiration of his detail. He served his sabbatical year with the Coast Artillery, this time at Fort Williams in Portland Harbor, Maine, and then accepted readily a new ordnance detail with station at Watervliet

Arsenal, taking over my house and my arsenal tasks as my detail expired that same year, 1913.

He had hardly served out his year at Watervliet when the Mexican situation became very serious with an expedition to Vera Cruz and many border incidents. Gate went to Galveston and later to San Antonio Arsenal, to support these affairs with proper ordnance material and maintenance of equipment. These experiences prepared him for his next assignment, when the German submarines in the Atlantic and the threat of the Japanese on the Pacific required an experienced officer to provide ordnance support for the defenders of the Panama Canal. Pearl Harbor was also in danger, and I went there on a similar mission. Both of us submitted estimates at once for the construction of suitable Ordnance Depots to accomplish our missions. Both of us received our funds promptly because of the war threats. Both of us were independent of local commanders because of our armament district status. Both of us had little attention from Washington, for the war in Europe turned all eyes in that direction. We consulted each other freely by letter and located, designed and built our depots according to our best judgments. Both depots are still operating effectively after two World Wars, as many succeeding commanders will testify.

Returning from Panama with his depot completed and in operation, Gate went to the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth, graduating with considerable credit. His assignment, at last, to the then new Aberdeen Proving Ground that had replaced the outgrown Sandy Hook, pleased him greatly for he loved to work with new machines, wherever they existed. There a severe illness came upon him, said to have been some form of encephalitis, that slowed all his reactions. He was eventually retired with the rank of Major and went off to San Diego to try a rest cure in that semi-tropical area.

On November 11, 1911, while he was stationed at Watertown Arsenal, Charlotte Cushman Pierce and Gate were married in New York City, and the next year they spent their honeymoon with the Coast Artillery at Fort Williams, Maine. They had one child, Charlotte, now Mrs. Oakland of San Diego, California, my godchild, who gave me some of this story in her delightful letters. A decade or more ago, Charlotte, Gate's wife died in San Diego. Some time later, he met and married Mrs. Lilbian Luck, widow of Harry Luck, an officer of the U.S. Infantry. Gate took great interest in her two sons—one of whom graduated recently from the U.S. Military Academy, and another, who is preparing to go there. Lilbian and Charlotte have been together in San Diego, going over the interesting papers that Gate had written on the campaign which, in his father's time, resulted in the capture of the old Indian Chief, Geronimo.

Gate had the usual Army promotions, but while on detail in the Ordnance Department was given increased rank under the special laws then in operation. Getting his First Lieutenantcy under the Artillery increase of 1907, he jumped to Captain's rank in 1909, retaining it until 1912. For his year after the ordnance detail, he went back to First Lieutenant and returned to his rank of Captain on his re-detail to Ordnance in 1913. With the rest of his class, he moved up to Major in 1916, Lieutenant Colonel in 1917, and to Colonel in 1918, returning to Major's rank after World War I, when he attended the School of

the Line at Fort Leavenworth. His retirement with Major's rank left him with small pay and the granting of his war rank of colonel in 1930 without any pay increase to go with it was a sad blow.

Gate loved the West. He went back to it as soon as he could. San Diego is tropical and warm most of the year. Gate got his typewriter out in the open, and by his fine letters won back his old friends and made a host of new ones. His gay wit and bright philosophy concealed the evidences of his physical and other troubles. He did all sorts of things that were possible to him, to help himself and his family to live comfortably and happily. But eventually, his old maladies caught up with him again. He lay a long time in the hospital, writing from his bedside. After he returned home again he left San Diego for the open places in far-off Ramona, acquired a hundred acres, built for himself and his family two cottages or cabins, lived in them and began a larger house with never a plumber or carpenter or electrician to help him. When he could not work outside, he got out his violins and polished them or took down his collection of arms and put it in order. Here, the dread cancer appeared, adding to his infirmities—but, after a terrible operation, he was able to return to Ramona for a while. The doctors told him how long. He accepted their verdict and wrote to us all his very beautiful valedictory letters from the wooded hills of Ramona.

Gate never stopped acquiring knowledge. He was a jack of many trades and in some he was indeed a master. But for his physical limitations, his inventive genius and active brain could have produced valuable contributions to add to human enjoyment. While he was in the Army, he did produce an ingenious extractor for cannon, made excellent changes in seacoast armament and in the methods of its maintenance, and at Panama, he designed and built a beautiful and an efficient ordnance depot. His home in San Diego and his ranch house in Ramona attest to his artistic touch and to his ability as an artisan. He has left worthy monuments to himself, not only in physical form, but also in the hearts of his many friends throughout this nation. There never was a reunion of his Class of 1906 that did not have an interesting and informative letter from him to be read to his classmates. He loved West Point and gave to her a full return for her gifts to him. And he never forgot to give her full credit for these gifts. A wonderful friend and classmate has fallen back into the shadows.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Pierre Victor Kieffer

NO. 4510 CLASS OF 1906

DIED OCTOBER 7, 1953, AT BRISTOL, VERMONT, AGED 69 YEARS.

AMONG the 128 young men who came to West Point from all over the United States in the summer of 1902, Pierre Victor Kieffer was one of the last to arrive on account of some delay in his appointment. The yearling corporals, having by that time found the rest of us a bit callous to their great variety of adjectives, expletives and fancy names, were pleased to have a new fresh arrival and they concentrated much individual instruction upon him. When teased about being a Juliette, Dutch always responded by citing his long, private special

training which the rest of us did not receive. And, as is customary for all cadets coming from Pennsylvania, he received the nickname, "P.D.", which we later shortened to "Dutch" He accepted this as a friendly appellation and so did the whole Army; and he signed his last letter with this name. His wonderful sense of humor and his smiling eyes helped him through the cadet years. He became an acting sergeant, much to his surprise and delight. He played admirably and with many laughs the part of Siegfried Dinkelspiel von Dress-coatblousen in the Hundredth Night Show of 1906 and was one of the authors of the sketch. And we shall not forget his humorous and numerous contributions to the 1906 Howitzer.

The West Point riding hall and the rides off the reservation on our horses made him enthusiastic about horsemanship. He chose the Cavalry on graduation and was assigned to a squadron at Fort Riley, Kansas. Along with many of his classmates, he became a student at the Mounted Service School there; trained a colt, rode a jumper



and drove a jerk-line team up over the rim rock and across the plains in true western style. He also participated with his classmates in the famous "Endurance Ride" hoax, one cold midnight, just before Christmas in the school riding hall, and gave the whole Army a good laugh, including himself. On Christmas leave that year he went east and brought back his bride, Madeleine Frances Green, to his apartment in Carr Hall, and the whole school gave her a rousing welcome.

By Congressional action in January 1907, the Artillery Corps was divided into the Field Artillery and the Coast Artillery—with both branches being greatly increased in size—resulting in the promotion of practically all the Artillery officers and creating many vacancies. Kieffer seized the opportunity to transfer by examination and to get at once his promotion to First Lieutenant. On the examination he stood at the top. At the end of the school year, he was transferred to Fort Moultrie, South Carolina. There Frances, their only daughter, was born, who at once acquired the name of "Dixie", a name which she has borne ever since. She is, at this writing, Mrs. Frances Gardner of Bristol, Vermont; mother of Second Lieutenant John S. Gardner, Air Force, Tokyo, Japan, and of Private Philip K. Gardner, Fort Benning, Georgia. She is also the grandmother of Victoria Anne Gardner.

As a new officer of his branch, Dutch's name very naturally came promptly to the top of the foreign service roster, and by 1908 the Kieffer family was on a transport bound for Corregidor, Philippine Islands. Dutch was stationed there two years, helping to build that defense system, that was so nobly held by his classmate, General Wainwright, some thirty years later, both on Bataan and on Corregidor. Dutch also participated in the construction of those great gun emplacements on El Fraile, Carabao and Caballo Islands, which effectively prevented any hostile fleet from entering Manila Bay. Air and submarine threats were not so worrisome at that time.

Returning to the United States in 1910, the family set up their home at Fort Dupont on the Delaware, not far from the home of the parents in Pennsylvania. There a son, Pierre Victor Kieffer, Jr., was born to them, and was given the nickname of "Pete", by which we have always known him. He was graduated from West Point in the Class of 1936, as his father's class was celebrating its thirtieth reunion. The Class of 1906 saber was handed to Pete by his father with great pride, and amid some large fatherly tears which he could not hold back. Pete is now a Colonel of Engineers, stationed in the Office of the Chief of Engineers in Washington, D. C. and has three lovely children, Roxane, Pierre III and Adelaide.

While at Fort Dupont, Dutch took time to graduate from the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, and to pass his examination for promotion, in 1916, to the grade of Captain. Seeing his chance to get back to his beloved horses, he transferred in 1917 to the Field Artillery, just before the United States decided to take part in World War I. His battery was assigned to the early shipments of troops to France and he was soon promoted to the command of a battalion, with the grade of Major. His battalion was assigned to the First Division and fought the war in France until the signing of the armistice and the movement to Germany. Leaving the 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, he was detailed to the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth. Completing the courses there with distinction he was retained at the newly formed Command and General Staff School as an instructor until 1927. Then he went on to Washington to graduate in 1928 from the Army War College and to be assigned to the Eligible List of the Army General Staff. This was the end of his schooling for Army duty, except for a few refresher courses now and then to keep his mind fresh and active and up-to-date.

Going back to the Field Artillery in 1928 to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and also became enamored with the Yankee atmosphere of the Green Mountain State. He was recalled to staff duty repeatedly thereafter, serving at one time in charge of Latin American Intelligence, at another time in charge of War Department Public Relations—and performing both duties with considerable credit. For a while he was detailed as instructor of the Connecticut National Guard at New London, and later at Hartford, getting another taste of New England. He was promoted to Colonel in 1935 and by 1940 was on a detail in the Office of the Inspector General of the Army.

When the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor awakened the United States to the facts of international life and brought immediate declaration of war, the great armies that were later to penetrate to the center of Europe and to the far shores of Asia were

beginning to form. Dutch was then on constant call from one post or another, from one port of embarkation to another, looking into the cause of troubles, and suggesting ways to correct them; fixing broken situations, and straightening out snarled situations day after day. The strain was at last too much for his heart. One day he was found collapsed over his desk, and taken to the hospital. After much treatment he was temporarily restored to limited health and tried to continue his work. By operation of law, he was retired at the statutory age and continued on active duty until March 1945, when the continued deterioration of his health finally forced him into permanent retirement.

Remembering, with happy thoughts, the pleasant years at Fort Ethan Allen, the family took him back to the Green Mountains to set up their permanent home. They purchased a pretty house, with large grounds adequate for gardens and trees. There are growing now the trees Dutch planted for his grandchildren, one for each, around the edges of the spacious lawns. He was not able to throw off the severe heart condition that had come upon him. For eight years he suffered many attacks and several strokes. At last, on October 7, 1953, he died quietly and peacefully with his family around him. He was buried under the elms at Arlington. Attending his funeral were his family, his relatives, his friends, and many of his classmates.

Through his long service of forty-three years in the Army he gave his country the best he had. The testimony of hundreds of officers who sat in his classes at Leavenworth; of the officers and men who served with him in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, in France; of the officers and men of the Connecticut National Guard whom he trained, and of the hundreds who served with him on the General Staff of the Army or in the Inspector General's Office; as well as of the many young officers he helped along the way with their peculiar troubles of one kind or another; all this testimony will forever show his remarkable competence, persistence and confidence, that made for progress in the security of his country—which was his business in life. And with it all, we remember a gentle disposition, a pair of smiling eyes, often a clever turn of phrase and a hearty laugh that made him a wonderful and jovial companion, a beloved classmate and friend. May he ever rest in the peace of God until we meet again.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Sidney Vincent Bingham

NO. 5062 CLASS OF 1912

DIED OCTOBER 26, 1946, IN HONOLULU, T. H.,
AGED 57 YEARS.

On October 26, 1946, death came to Colonel Sidney Vincent Bingham, an officer and gentleman of the old school, after many years of faithful and distinguished service to his country.

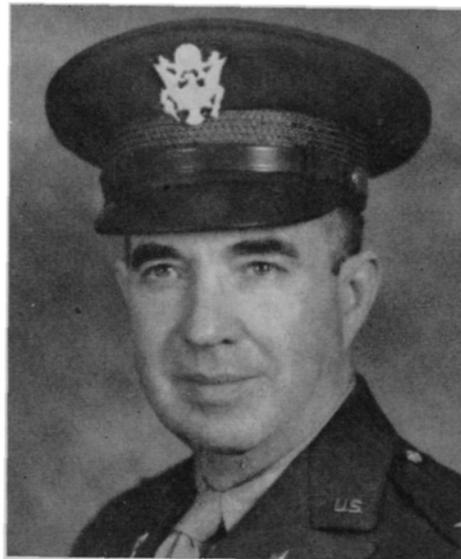
World War II found him suffering from hypertension which limited his service to staff duty, for which, fortunately, he was well qualified. In February 1945, while acting as Control Officer of the Second Service Command at Governors Island, New York, he suffered a cerebral stroke, from which he never fully recovered and which eventually resulted in his retirement from active service.

He decided to settle in Honolulu, where his son Edward was living with his family,

and where Sid had formerly been stationed while on active duty as A.C. of S, G-2, Hawaiian Department. Optimistic and patient, it seemed that he was making good headway toward recovery when a second stroke suddenly caused his untimely death. He was laid to rest alongside his paternal grandparents, General and Mrs. Judson D. Bingham, in the beautiful cemetery at West Point.

Sid was born and raised in the Army and had but one dream—that was to go to West Point and to become an officer of the Cavalry. This dream came true, and beginning with his graduation in 1912, he joined the Cavalry for many years of varied and distinguished service.

He was a Distinguished Graduate of the Command and General Staff School in 1925, a graduate of the Cavalry School, and of the Army War College, Class of 1934. He served two tours as an instructor in the Department of English and History at the Military Academy and later was an instructor at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas. His other service was well balanced between duty with troops and staff duty. He served in both World Wars and was awarded the



Legion of Merit for especially meritorious service at the Headquarters of the Second Service Command.

In 1914, while on duty with the 9th Cavalry on the Texas border, he married Miss Margaret P. Nix, of Texas. From this happy wedlock four children were born; Colonel Sidney V. Bingham, Jr., now stationed in Honolulu, Edward L. Bingham of Honolulu, Dorothy C. Bingham (Mrs. John C. Woolley) of Santa Fé, New Mexico, and Margaret Bingham, who resides with her mother at 1120 South 18th Street in Arlington, Virginia. At present there are seven grandchildren.

Very much of a family man, Sid was very proud and considerate of his family. He is remembered by all who knew him as a loyal friend, a modest, soft spoken gentleman, and an interesting conversationalist with a fine, subtle sense of humor.

At the passing of all officers there is an undertone of sameness; the undertone of the passing of a man ruled by the precepts of a priesthood—the priesthood of the commissioned officer; the undertone of the passing of a man, who in the dignity of silence has allowed his actions to speak for him; of the passing of a man who by his service in the Army has made the nation a better place in which to live, uncomplaining of the fact that the nation is unaware

of this unselfish service and consequently unappreciative of it; and, finally, of the passing of a man who leaves not material wealth, which he cannot accumulate, but who leaves those who mourn something finer—the heritage of a life lived in all of the fineness of what is meant by DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY!

The pride inherent in the honorable warrior was intensified in Sid by having been transmitted to him through two generations of officers: through his paternal grandfather, General Judson D. Bingham, Class of 1854, U.S.M.A.; his maternal grandfather, Captain Edward Lynch, also a veteran of the Civil War; and through his father, Colonel Gonzales S. Bingham. Sidney has the distinction of having passed this pride and tradition to the fourth generation—his son, Colonel Sidney V. Bingham, Jr., of the Class of 1940, U.S.M.A., an officer who has already greatly distinguished himself (so acclaimed in official orders) by conspicuous valor, gallantry and leadership on the battlefield. It is to be hoped that he in turn may have a son who will form the fifth generation of officers imbued with the fine traditions of service to their country.

A salute to the four generations of Bingham as officers of the United States Army! Our wish for them is:

"Long life to the hearts still beating
And peace to the ones at rest"

—R. E. A.

Harry Albert Flint

NO. 5058 CLASS OF 1912

KILLED IN ACTION, JULY 25, 1944, IN FRANCE,
AGED 56 YEARS.

THIS belated tribute to Harry Albert Flint is not written for the eyes of his living classmates, his friends and contemporaries. They know all that is pictured here, and more. Instead it is written so that those whose military careers are just beginning may learn something of a man who loved his family, loved West Point, loved his life as a soldier, and who did great honor to all three by his character, his courage, the way he lived and the way he died. Much herein has been borrowed from an earlier and more detailed biography, also written by a classmate, entitled "Keeping Faith, a tribute to Colonel Harry Albert Flint."

FLINT the Boy. Born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, on 12 February 1888, he lived the life of his era and locality, going to school, going fishing and hunting as often as he could, all three things done with zeal and proficiency, sound preparation for the soldier's life he was later to follow. As with one boy it is a father, with another a grandfather or uncle, so with Paddy it was an admired friend and neighbor who probably planted the seed of desire for a military career. He had his first taste of military environment at Norwich University, which he attended for a short while, leaving there to accept an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in the Class of 1911. While he was at Annapolis an appointment to West Point became available, so a Navy plebe resigned to become a West Point plebe on 2 March 1908. This phase of Paddy's status was unique enough to provoke discussion among the upper classes as to his qualifications for recognition. That privilege, however, was not extended to him, but that made "no never mind" to Paddy, whose philosophy regarded all academic experience prior to his becoming a cadet as belonging in the prep school class.

FLINT the Cadet. Academically, he maintained an even pace, graduating just about the middle of his class. As an athlete he made no newspaper headlines, but he played football as a scrub just as hard as the darlings of the sports page, and possibly harder, and he played lacrosse and polo with the same zest. He boned three things: a gloomy outlook on life before breakfast—that originated as an educational device for plebes; his brogue—although his heritage was English and he could speak it; and the Cavalry. In our plebe days, at least one Sunday a month was spent on a pilgrimage to Custer's grave in the post cemetery. Like Custer, he was bold and daring in all his exploits. So bold once, that is for a plebe, that one day "Mother" Charles, the OC, with mouth wide open, and wondering eyes at what he saw, properly returned the properly rendered rifle salute from Mr. Flint, broom on shoulder. The occasion was the recovery of the "B" Company cat which, lost, strayed, or stolen, had been seen in the area of the then New Barracks. A yearling had dispatched a plebe detail of four, Paddy commanding, to bring home the cat. It must have been that military forma-



tion, one plebe guard in front, next one plebe cat-bearer, last another guard, with Paddy on the flank at right shoulder broom, marching his detail home with perfect demeanor, distance and step, which led to cadet chevrons all through his three upper class years. As a First Classman he commanded "D" Company, and was so respected and loved by his company that it presented him with a saber as a parting gift.

FLINT the Officer. He was married to Sally Helena Emery on his graduation leave, taking her to his first regiment and station, the 4th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Much as he loved his horses and the Cavalry, he remained a cavalryman only five years, being converted into a field artilleryman in 1917 and remaining one until 1921. Along with about seventy percent of his brother artillerymen, he spent most of World War I training new units, serving in Europe at the end, but not in the line.

After that war came the years of peacetime routine, duty with troops, detached service, duty as both student and instructor at Service schools, including a tour as student officer at the French Ecole Supérieure de Guerre. Then came the day when the horse vanished from the Army, so Paddy chose its successor, Armor, joining the 2d Armored Division for duty Stateside, in England, and in North Africa. In 1943 Paddy became an infantryman, taking com-

mand of the 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Division, in Sicily. Paddy's way of commanding his regiment was to lead it. First in Sicily, then outside Cherbourg, and later during the westward drive, he fought his regiment with superb tactical skill and valor equaled by few. And it was in the heat of attack when he received his mortal wound. Although he was carried to the rear, his spirit went forward with his men, inspiring them to carry in minutes the objective which had held them up three days. He died of his wounds the day after being hit.

DECORATIONS, chronologically:

The Cross of Czechoslovakia, World War I, earned, in Paddy's words: "because they felt I had been honest with them in horse trades."

The Legion of Merit and the French Legion of Honor, for exceptional performance of duty as liaison with French forces in Algiers, World War II.

The Distinguished Service Cross, with oak leaf cluster; the Silver Star Medal, with two clusters; for gallantry in action; and two Purple Heart awards, World War II.

What has Paddy left us? He has left us his widow, a faithful member of the family of 1912. He has left us a daughter, Sallie, Mrs. Clifton von Kann, a Regular Army wife. He has left us his grandson Curtis, whom he never saw, who may, if such is his bent, join other sons of the class as a corpsmate; and a granddaughter, Lisa, and may she join the Army too. His class ring, donated by his widow, represents 1912 in the collection on display at West Point. His name honors more than one installation on military reservations, and in Europe. The young soldier he rescued in the treacherous Hawaiian mountains will remember Lieutenant Flint. The wounded man he carried back under fire will remember Colonel Flint. So will the tired soldier who got a ride for himself and his mortar tube in his colonel's jeep. So will the men of his regiment remember their colonel who established his command post alongside of them in the forward wave.

In the foreword of the 1912 *Howitzer* Paddy wrote the following, which can also be found in bronze on the walls of the Cadet Library.

"Let us remember that 'though the paths of glory lead but to the grave', if, when the sun is low in the West and the light grows dim, we can look calmly back over the years and see a path straight and clean, unscarred by act of weakness or dishonor, a path along which is visible only evidence of a fight well fought, a faith well kept and a race well run, we may know that by the years of that service our life has justified itself, that through our keeping the faith with our dead we have kept faith with ourselves, with the Corps, with our Country, and with God."

Those are the words of Flint the Cadet, with his romanticism and the illusions of youth. More than that, they were Flint the man's philosophy; they were his never forgotten and unailing guide.

—J. N. H., 1912.

Walton Harris Walker

NO. 5090 CLASS OF 1912

KILLED IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT (BATTLE DEATH)
DECEMBER 23, 1950, NEAR SEOUL, KOREA,
AGED 61 YEARS.

THE United Nations world was shocked and grieved on the day before Christmas

Eve 1950 when the radio and press headlines flashed the sad news: "General Walker killed at the Front in a Jeep Accident."

General MacArthur announced from his headquarters in Tokyo: "I am profoundly shocked at the death of General Walker. As commander of the Eighth United States Army he proved himself a brilliant military leader whom I had just recommended for promotion to the rank of full general. His gallantry in action has been an inspiration to all who have served with him, and his loss will be keenly felt not only by our own country but by those allied with us in defense of freedom on the Korean peninsula. . ."

The next day G.O. 213, Eighth Army stated in part: ". . . General Walker assumed command of the Eighth United States Army in South Korea on 15 July 1950. The military situation was critical. His superior knowledge, experience, personal leadership and tenacity of purpose were immediately reflected in the action of his troops. He organized a defense which brought the invading North Korean Forces against an impregnable barrier miles short of their goal. His personal courage and his unshakable faith in his troops became an inspiration to all. His skillful timing of counterattack prevented a numerically superior force from any exploitation of local successes and wrought great destruction on the enemy. Through his superior tactical ability and skillful employment of the limited troops of his command, General Walker unleashed an offensive with such power and fury that the enemy was driven back into a state of disintegration in a matter of days. The pursuit and destruction of the enemy which followed will go down in history as a monument to his military leadership. . ."

Messages of sympathy began pouring in by the thousands: to the Eighth Army; to General MacArthur's headquarters; to the bereaved widow in Yokohama; and to the beloved aged mother at home in Belton, Texas. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, cabled: "I and all of my colleagues are deeply grieved to hear of the tragic death of General Walker. His soldierly qualities and unselfish service have won him an indelible place in the annals of the United Nations." Similar sentiments were expressed by the heads of missions in Tokyo; by the governments of Japan and South Korea; by the Secretary of Defense and the President of the United States.

Major General Leven C. Allen, USA, Chief of Staff of the Eighth Army, was expressing the sentiments of General Walker's entire command when he wrote in a letter to Mrs. Walker: "The sorrow that has fallen over General Walker's entire staff is overwhelming, for he was loved and revered by each and every one of us. Those who have been associated with him will never cease to mourn his death. His deeds and outstanding leadership in a most difficult campaign will live forever in history. . ."

General Walker's last acts were typical of him. He had just issued a cheering Christmas message to his command before setting out from his command post on a hurried trip to the front over the muddy and crowded roads north of Seoul to present well-earned unit citations to the 24th Division (first in Korea) and the British Commonwealth 27th Brigade, and a Silver Star to his own son, Captain Sam Sims Walker, 19th Infantry, for bravery in action as a front-line company commander. En route the General met his death when the jeep in which he was riding collided with an ammunition truck.

As a man and as a soldier Johnnie Walker enjoyed the blessing of a v ry fine herit-

age, traceable largely perhaps to his Anglo-Saxon forebears who played such leading parts in the pioneer development of America. Johnnie was born on 3 December 1889, in Belton, Texas, the only child of Sam Sims Walker and Lydia May Harris Walker, both families having been very prominent in the history of their beloved Texas. The stories of the battles and leaders of the Civil War, which he learned at the knees of both grandfathers who served as officers in the Confederate States Army, greatly influenced little Johnnie to aspire to become a West Pointer and an officer of the United States Army. His preparation to become a cadet included grammar school and Wedemeyer Military Academy in Belton; one year at Virginia Military Academy; and one year at Braden's Preparatory School. He entered West Point from the Texas 11th Congressional District.

West Point's yearbook (the 1912 *Howitzer*) gives this picture of Cadet Johnnie Walker, a general favorite among his classmates:

"A man who has taken his fun where he found it but who, best of all, on his birthday received from the gods the gift of finding fun wherever he goes, if it is there, and if it isn't there he gets busy and makes some. He is another one of the rank and file whose red banner bears the legend, 'Agin the government,' and whose slogan is 'Down with the T.D.' But the thing for which we like him most is his loyalty, especially to every sort of athletic team we have here. He burns his face along with the baseball fans, and he shivers himself into a sweat at football practice. No weather or physical discomfort can dampen his enthusiasm. We need that sort of men here."

Johnnie's diminutive size placed him in the runt squad of "C" Company, then a "runt" company, and naturally barred his participation in those athletic sports that required sheer brawn rather than speed and skill. Even so he was always active in a wide variety of other extra curricular activities such as horsemanship, marksmanship, fencing, boxing and wrestling. Being a "clean sleeve" caused easy-going Cadet Walker no more concern than the fact that scholastically he graduated only 23 files above the "goat" man of his class, for, as he would argue, his hobby as a student of military history—especially of West Point's leaders of all time—revealed beyond question that class standing alone was no criterion of what a cadet's future success would be in the Army, especially on the field of battle.

Second Lieutenant Walker's first assignment was the 19th Infantry, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He accompanied his regiment to Texas and Oklahoma, including service with Funston's Expeditionary Force to Vera Cruz in 1914 and Pershing's Punitive Expedition in Mexico in 1916. During World War I he commanded the 13th Machine Gun Battalion, 5th Division, A.E.F., where as a major he was cited twice for gallantry in action and awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. He returned from Occupied Germany to the U.S. as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1919. After varied duties as student and instructor at both the Field Artillery and Infantry Schools, he returned to West Point as a tactical officer. While at the Academy (1923-25) two important incidents in his full life occurred—his marriage to Caroline Victoria Emerson of Philadelphia and the birth of their son. Upon graduation from the Command and General Staff School in 1926 he was assigned as Infantry Representative at the Coast Artillery School for the next four years.

Then came a tour of duty with the 15th Infantry in Tientsin, China (1933-35). After

two years of duty at Headquarters Third Corps Area, Baltimore, Md. he was promoted to the permanent rank of Lieutenant Colonel and ordered to the Army War College from which he graduated in 1936. His next assignment was Executive Officer on the Staff of Brigadier General George C. Marshall, Vancouver Barracks, Washington. The impression created on his new commander must have left its mark because the following year Lieutenant Colonel Walker was ordered to the War Plans Division, War Department General Staff, where he remained until the approach of World War II and his assignment as Colonel, Commanding the 36th Armored Infantry of the 3d Armored Division.

This was the beginning of the career of Colonel Walker as an expert with armored forces, which he commanded so brilliantly in Europe a few years later. Henceforth his promotions and changes in assignments and stations came in rapid succession. He received his first star on 16 July 1941, and was assigned as commander of the 3d Armored Brigade. Seven months later he was promoted to Major General and commander



of the 3d Armored Division, which he moved from Camp Polk, Louisiana in the summer of 1942 to the Desert Training Center in California. In August 1942 he became Commanding General of the IV Armored Corps, Camp Young, California. After seven months of maneuvers in the Desert, General Walker moved his IV Corps Headquarters to Camp Campbell, Kentucky, where he had under his command five Infantry Divisions and two Armored Divisions. A vigorous training program was resumed in preparation for the Tennessee maneuvers of nine weeks that were to be conducted in the approaching fall. In the meantime General Walker was ordered that spring to North Africa as an official observer. He arrived there in time to witness the storming of Hill 609 and Djebel-La Anz, and to follow the American action to the final stages of the Battle of Tunisia.

On 9 October 1943 the IV Armored Corps was redesignated the XX Corps, which General Walker took to England in February 1944 and to France a few months later, where it became a part of General Patton's Third Army for the duration of the war. A short time before his Corps Headquarters left England, General Walker was called suddenly to Normandy to take part, temporarily, in the operations of the XIX Corps. While there he was cited for bravery in action during the attack across the Vire River

and was awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star.

Walker's success in the combined use of Armor and motorized Infantry, his repeated demonstrations of personal bravery at the front, and his ability to sense critical situations and quickly remedy them elicited the admiration and commendation of Patton—who personally awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Walker for his conduct at Melun where, the official records show, ". . . General Walker took personal command, and, under heavy small-arms and machine-gun fire which wounded his aide and two enlisted men of his party, he reorganized and succeeded in pushing armored infantry across the river at Ponthierry and Corbeil."

Following the capture of Metz General Patton wrote in a message to General Walker: "The workmanlike manner in which your corps accomplished the capture of the heretofore impregnable city of Metz is an outstanding military accomplishment. The people of the city hailed the Corps Commander as the 'Conqueror of Metz,' and in an impressive ceremony the Military Governor awarded General Walker the French Legion of Honor, Degree of Officer."

After Metz there followed during the next six months a succession of campaigns that were to test the fibre of the now famous "Ghost Corps" and its brilliant commander: CAPTURE OF SARR MOSELLE TRIANGLE; CROSSING THE RHINE; POWER DRIVE ACROSS GERMANY; DRIVE SOUTH IN GERMANY TO THE DANUBE AND INTO AUSTRIA until the end of hostilities when the American Lieutenant General Walker clasped hands with the Russian Lieutenant General Birokoff on the Enns River bridge in Austria.

On April 18, 1945, three weeks before VE Day, General Patton flew to General Walker's headquarters and pinned on him the same three stars that he (Patton) had inherited from General Eisenhower. After the cessation of hostilities in Europe General Patton wrote a most laudatory letter of commendation to General Walker in which he said in part: ". . . From the landing of the XX Corps in England until the termination of hostilities in Europe, you and your Corps have been outstanding for dash, drive, and audacity in pursuit and in exploitation. . . Of all the Corps I have commanded, yours has always been the most eager to attack and the most reasonable and cooperative. . ."

At the end of World War II Lieutenant General Walker had acquired a wide array of awards and decorations, including the following: Distinguished Service Cross; Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; four French decorations (Legion of Honor, Officer Class, Croix de Guerre with palm and bronze star, Medal of Metz, and Medal of Verdun); Mexican Interior (World War I); Victory Medal with five stars (World War I); Army of Occupation (World War I); American Defense; American Theater; European Theater of Operations with 6 stars; Order of the War for the Fatherland (Russian); Medal of Russian Guards Army; Grand Ducal Order of the Oak Leaf of the Crown (Luxembourg); and Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg).

General Walker is a Citizen of Honor of the following French cities, all of which were liberated by the XX Corps: Metz, Thionville, Chartres, Verdun, St. Symptorium and City of Luxembourg.

In his farewell address soon after the termination of hostilities in Europe, General Walker eloquently summarized the out-

standing achievements of his beloved XX ("Ghost") Corps in these words: "Fighting across 18 major rivers and scores of smaller streams you have accomplished some of the longest sustained marches in the history of warfare. You have liberated or conquered more than 31,000 square miles of territory, including 600 cities and towns and 4,000 inhabited places. You have captured 540,000 enemy soldiers and killed or wounded at least 89,000 others. ANGERS, CHARTRES, FOUNTAINEBLOW, MELUN, MONTEREAU, CHATEAU--THIERRY, EPERNAY, REIMS, VERDUN, METZ, TRIER, SAARLAUTERN, KAISERS LAUTERN, WIESBADEN, KASSEL, WEIMAR, JENA, REGENSBURG, BRAUNAU, LINZ, and STYER were but milestones in your zone of advance. "

Following a short leave of absence General Walker was assigned to command the Eighth Service Command, with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. A year later (June 1946) he was designated to command the new Fifth Army, with headquarters in Chicago, and with residence at Fort Sheridan. This was a very busy assignment for it involved the complicated reorganization task of combining the facilities of what had been during the preceding war period the 6th and 7th Service Commands.

June 1946 brought to Johnnie and Caroline Walker the realization of a foremost ambition — that of seeing their own son graduate from West Point, and with glowing colors.

After two years in Chicago the Walkers were on the move again—this time to take command of the Eighth Army with headquarters in Yokohama. This duty with troops gave the heroic fighting general of European battlefield fame a challenging opportunity to prepare his widely scattered command in Japan, then on comparatively soft occupational assignments, for emergency mobilization and actual field service, should the occasion arise. General Walker had expected to retire for age in December 1951. But the old soldier's dream of a long and happy retired life back home in the heart of his beloved Texas was not to be. June 25, 1950 came along and proved to be a fateful day, for it marks the sudden and surprising invasion of South Korea by the Communist forces of North Korea, thus bringing a United Nations Army to the relief of the South Korean weak forces.

A complete story of Lieutenant General Walker's part as the Commanding General of the Eighth U.S. Army and the 16 participating nations' ground forces that comprised the overall United Nations' ground armies in Korea would be too lengthy to bear repetition here. For almost four years now the world has been following developments on the Korean Peninsula, where one of the bloodiest and costliest wars of history has been fought. On 31 July 1953, four days after the signing of the Korean truce, the well-known AP reporter and columnist, Hal Boyle, who, as a war correspondent in both World War II and in the early days of the Korean War, had observed at first hand General Walker in action, devoted his entire daily column to a tribute to the little Texan who had given his life so willingly in the cause of freedom. Writing from New York he said: "LATE GENERAL WALKER WAS KEY IN SAVING KOREAN WAR. The man who saved Korea was 'The Little Bulldog.' He was Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, first of the 8th Army's four commanders in the 37-month Korean campaign. And when the military history of that frustrating operation is written it must

show 'Johnny' Walker as a crucial figure. One wrong pass by him and the war would have been over within the first two months. We would have been shoved off the peninsula.

"Most generals prefer to fight cautiously. A few generals like to gamble boldly in attack. A truly fine general is one able to fight with equal genius either on the offensive or on the defensive. 'The Little Bulldog,' a squat, plump, square-jawed Texan, who looked more like a small town business man than an Army Commander, proved before his death he could do both superbly well.

"'Johnny' Walker won his fame as a leader of the 20th 'Ghost' Corps which spearheaded the Third Army in Europe in the Second World War. General Patton was so pleased with his bold victories that he personally pinned on him the three-star insignia of a lieutenant general which General Eisenhower had given Patton. General Walker liked to recall that time in the early days in Korea when he commanded surely one of the weakest armies ever to take the field anywhere.

"SLOW RETREAT. His task was to retreat as slowly as possible while re-grouping the shattered South Korean forces and building up the American corps as fast as troops could be ferried to the front. He was unable to man a continuous battleline. He was short of everything—men, tanks, anti-tank weapons, artillery. Walker saved the day by a defensive that amounted to an offensive. He shuttled regiments and battalions and companies around the front in a continuous razzledazzle, throwing the enemy off balance by magically showing strength where they least expected it. At one time his forces were so completely committed that if guerrillas behind the line had attacked his own headquarters he wouldn't have been able to summon another platoon to defend it.

"NOT IN BOOKS. 'You won't find that in the books, will you?' he asked a correspondent later. 'They would say you were crazy to fight a war without reserves. But that's what we are doing—because we have to.' His famous 'stand or die' order when he created the Naktong River defense line seemed hopeless. But Walker rode about the front like a madman, standing up in his armored Jeep and gripping a handrail as he gave orders. His line bent, but never broke. 'The Little Bulldog' had to strain his line to the utmost by pulling out the 1st Marine Division, which was to land behind the enemy in the Inchon invasion on September 15. His weakened army then took its heaviest blows—and still held.

"ON OFFENSIVE. The day after the Inchon landing Walker immediately switched to the offensive again and predicted the war 'should quickly be over' unless the enemy was reinforced. Did he foresee the entry of the Red Chinese? Certainly he was well aware of the possibility. Walker smashed fiercely through the North Korean crust before him, and in the kind of pursuit he enjoyed raced clear to the Yalu River before ambushing Chinese forced him to draw back. It is questionable whether Walker thought the later 'win-the-war' offensive in November was wisely conceived—but he carried out his orders. When it was smashed, he pulled back 120 miles in an orderly retreat.

"PROUD OF TROOPS. 'My Army isn't whipped,' he said, almost wistfully. 'I'm proud of the way it came out of the offensive. And we will fight again.' But death prevented him from seeing his Army's re-

surgence. Ironically, he died in a traffic accident, as had his idol, General Patton. 'The Little Bulldog' now sleeps in Arlington Cemetery. But his true monument is the American 8th Army he welded in Korea."

For his services in Korea General Walker was awarded Oak Leaf Clusters to his Distinguished Service Cross and his Distinguished Service Medal; the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster; and the Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf Clusters.

Every honor due a national military hero was accorded the mortal remains of General Walker on its long journey homeward by air from a field hospital in Seoul to its final resting place with the nation's honored soldier dead in Arlington National Cemetery. Congress, by special act, promoted him posthumously to four-star rank just before the impressive military funeral exercises—which were attended by top officials from the White House, from both houses of Congress, cabinet officers, diplomats of countries of the free world, and heads of the Armed Forces of the Nation.

Among the final tributes—one that would have been especially pleasing to him—was in the form of a resolution by the entire House of Representatives of the Fifty-second Legislature of Texas, reviewing General Walker's outstanding military record and expressing the sympathy of the people of Texas for the surviving members of his family.

General Walker is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sam Sims Walker, Sr., of Belton, Texas; his widow, Mrs. Caroline Emerson Walker, 2101 Conn. Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.; his son and wife, Captain and Mrs. Sam Sims Walker, Jr., 14th Infantry, Fort Davis, Panama Canal Zone, and their two sons, Walter H., Jr., and Sam Sims, II.

And so, we have recorded the passing of one of our beloved Country's greatest battle leaders. By his works on this earth he proved himself a proud son of a proud state, Texas; a devoted son, husband and parent; a loyal West Pointer; an outstanding Regular Army Officer in peace and in four of his country's wars; and the first commander of the United Nations' Ground Forces in a war of freedom against Communist aggression—a war in which he gave his all, to include his own life, and offered that of his only son in front-line battle, along with the lives of other United Nations' sons, when the critical situation at the front was at its worst. Fervently then, we his devoted and admiring classmates, along with his Alma Mater, West Point, salute the memory of Walton Harris Walker with the traditional: "Well done! Be thou at peace!"

—A Classmate, W. H. H.

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Martin John O'Brien

NO. 5376 CLASS OF 1915

DIED JULY 31, 1953, AT LISBON FALLS, MAINE, AGED 65 YEARS.

MARTIN JOHN O'BRIEN, always known affectionately to his classmates as "Mickey", has been called to duty with the great majority of the "Long Gray Line" that stretches down through a century and a half of our Alma Mater's history. It is difficult to realize that we shall not see again on this earth the twinkling eye, the genial and ready smile that were so much a part

of Mickey's personality, or hear once more the delightful chuckle that so frequently punctuated his witty and cogent observations on human existence.

It was my good fortune to be stationed with him for a few all too short months of our initial assignment; part of that time we occupied the same set of quarters, and it was during that period that I learned to appreciate the sterling qualities of character and worth which marked the man. Although we were destined never to serve together after World War I, we kept in touch with one another, and this long range contact was highlighted by occasional meetings at reunions. I have always looked forward to such meetings with high anticipation and looked back upon them after they were over with much pleasure and gratification. Mickey's sense of humor was always in a good state of repair and his comments on life in general and Army life in particular were amusing as well as being keen and profound.

Mickey shared with MacTaggart the distinction of being the only members of the Class of 1915 who were born in the British



Isles. He was the son of John and Bridget O'Malley O'Brien and was born in Preston, England, on the sixth day of June 1888.

The family left England while Mickey was a small child and settled in Lewiston, Maine, where he spent his early years. Lewiston was his home until he entered the Military Academy, and, a few years after his retirement in 1946, he moved to Lisbon Falls, Maine, which is just a few miles down the Androscoggin from Lewiston.

The pattern of Mickey's service is one which is familiar to and parallel with that of most of his contemporaries; garrison duty prior to World War I, with an interval of service at Laredo, Texas, during the Mexican Border episode in 1916; duty with the Balloon Division of the Air Corps during World War I; foreign service (in the Philippines at Corregidor and Fort Wint) from 1920 to 1922; more garrison duty in the Puget Sound area until 1926; R.O.T.C. duty as P.M.S.&T. at Utah State College until 1930; a year of study at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe and then more foreign service, this time in the Hawaiian Islands. Upon his return to the mainland in 1935 he was again assigned to R.O.T.C. duty in the West, this tour being at the University of California at Berkeley. In 1940, he took command of the 63rd Anti-

aircraft Artillery Regiment at Fort MacArthur, California, and moved it overland that winter to Fort Bliss, Texas, where, the following year, he organized the 79th AAA Regiment. That fall he was shifted to command of the 10th Coast Artillery Regiment at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, but this assignment was of short duration, as he left it in January 1942 for Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, where he took over the duties of Antiaircraft Officer of the V Corps. As such he sailed, in May 1942, for England and spent the next two years overseas. He returned to New York in the spring of 1944 and was assigned to Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, as Inspector of training and commander of the 48th AAA Group. In July of that year he was detailed to the Army Retiring Board in Washington and was on this duty for over a year. It was while he was thus serving that he had an illness which resulted in an extended period of hospitalization and culminated in his request for retirement in 1946.

During the spring of 1945, Mickey came to see me several times (I was then a patient at Walter Reed Hospital) and so I had the good fortune to be able to renew the association which had given me so much pleasure thirty years earlier. After all that time I found him little changed in spirit. His shrewd comments still sparkled with the Irish wit which was his birthright, his endearing chuckle still bubbled as irrepressibly as ever, and his cheery, never-failing good humor were medicine for both body and soul. His outlook was always toward the future, and Katherine, whom he married in 1916 and who survives him, told me in a recent letter that "he had many plans for the years ahead". It is good to know that he was busy and enjoying life right up to the hour when the final summons reached him on the last day of July 1953. While the suddenness of Mickey's departure was a shock to his large circle of friends, I like to think of his absence as only temporary. No man is dead whose memory remains green in the hearts of his friends.

—C. H. T.

Raymond Potter Campbell

NO. 5559 CLASS OF 1916

DIED AUGUST 28, 1953, AT EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, AGED 61 YEARS.

RAYMOND POTTER CAMPBELL, affectionately known to his classmates as "The Owl", took the long flight West on August 28th, 1953.

It would be difficult to put one's finger on all the various activities which Potter pursued while in the Corps; later in the Army; then in civilian life; and finally again in the Army, during which period he developed an ailment which eventually contributed to his death.

While a Cadet, Potter was an indefatigable worker for the enjoyment of his classmates and all others. What he gave in time, effort and energy to those whose pleasure he fostered can never be recounted nor adequately set forth on paper. Just to mention a few of these activities of his: he was Editor of our Furlough Book; Business Manager of the Howitzer; a leader and promoter of Color Lines and Hundredth Night; and after graduation a tireless worker to make all Reunions successful. He edited

and prepared in 1936 the history of the Class entitled, "Twenty Years After".

Having served with the Mexican Punitive Expedition in 1917, he went abroad in World War I and finally wound up in Great Britain as Provost Marshal of the British Isles. Returning from Europe and being consumed with a restless energy, he resigned his commission in 1920, reserving unto himself, however, a commission in the Reserve Corps as a Major. By 1934 he was a Colonel.

As a civilian he entered the investment banking field and organized and operated Campbell, Peterson & Company for the better part of twenty years. The firm engaged primarily in promotional ventures. But the one organization for which Potter will be everlastingly remembered in northern New Jersey is the Junior Cavalry of America, comprising some two hundred and fifty boys and girls each year who gained a national reputation for their fine military performance, as well as for their interest in and sponsorship of riding and horse shows in horsemanship circles. Through many years, as their C.O. and mentor, Potter always



gave to the lives of growing youth the benefits of his West Point training and his high ideals of sportsmanship, self-discipline and efficient effort—contributing enduring qualities of character to many, which they remember with respect and gratitude. "He believed that the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man" (though at West Point he often doubted it.).

When World War II broke out Potter was among the first to offer his services. Age prevented his taking active command of troops, but the Army Service Forces had a large depot at Belle Mead, New Jersey, and he took command of it. He built that depot up to such a point that it was outstanding in its field. It was a tribute to his imagination and efficiency. Eventually he was selected to head the A.S.F. Redistribution Stations, a nation-wide chain of hotels where men returning from the European and Pacific Theaters of Operation could have a chance to relax. Potter was set, but his yen for the front was strong and he was sent to Europe at his own request to establish a base at a port of debarkation. Rumor has it that his reward was around the corner when a throat ailment laid him low and back home he was sent to Walter Reed Hospital. Before his retirement in 1946 he commanded the A.S.F. depot at Atlanta, Georgia. After his retirement his desire for service prompted him to take the job

as head of Civilian Defense for West Orange. His unbounded energy will remain long in the memory of those who knew him, for he gave of himself to make the lives of those he loved more enjoyable.

His widow, Katharine Browning, survives him; as well as a son, Lieutenant Colonel R. P. Campbell, Jr., a graduate of West Point, Class of 1941; a daughter, Mrs. Martin T. Tiernan; and five grandchildren.
—Parker Kuhn.

Robert Rossiter Raymond, Jr.

NO. 6295 CLASS OF 1919

DIED JUNE 17, 1953, AT CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK. AGED 54 YEARS.

ROBERT ROSSITER RAYMOND, JUNIOR, was born at Ashmont, Massachusetts, on 26 January 1899, and died at Cambridge, New York on 17 June 1953.



He was a son of West Point and the Army as few men are. His great-grandfather was I. Carle Woodruff of the Class of 1836. His grandfathers were Charles W. Raymond of the Class of 1865 and William R. King of the Class of 1863. His father was Robert R. Raymond of the Class of 1893; his mother, Blossom King.

Bob grew up in the round of Army assignments and entered the Academy by Presidential appointment in June 1917. He was a bright and popular cadet, and had no difficulty standing 40 in a class of 284.

Having completed the West Point course of his class, and its postgraduate tour of Europe, he attended the Field Artillery Basic School at Camp Taylor near Louisville, accompanied the School to Camp Knox, and was selected to remain as an instructor in horsemanship, an assignment that gave him much pleasure.

Bob was a gifted instructor, sympathetic and capable of transmitting thought to others. Later, he was six years an instructor at West Point and five years with the ROTC at Cornell. He enjoyed these assignments greatly and they furnished him with a host of devoted young friends in his later service.

Between such tours, he seemed to have a penchant for service with mountain artillery, that little-known specialty which had

a special pride and esprit de corps all its own. The mountain artillery, which needed big husky troopers, seemed to have a particular place for bantam-sized officers, and little Bob with his red hair, wit, and expert horsemanship, was of exactly the right brand for these tough batteries. So we find him serving with them in the Philippines; at Fort McIntosh, Texas; at Fort Robinson, Nebraska; and last at Fort Bragg, just before World War II, with the 97th FA Battalion.

World War II found him with the 25th FA Battalion in Puerto Rico, where he was promoted to Colonel; and in 1943 he joined the 8th Infantry Division at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, as Division Artillery Executive. He held this post to the end of the war and the deactivation of the Division.

While the Division was staging thru Northern Ireland he went as an observer to Italy, seeing the Cassino fighting with units of the II Corps. His division was in all the heavy fighting in Northern Europe: in the Normandy battles, the chase across France, the brutal Hurtgen Forest, the assault crossing of the Roer River, the capture of Cologne, and the breakout from the Remagen bridgehead, after which came the end in Central Germany. It was a noble combat record, in which Bob performed his duties with skill and distinction.

After the deactivation of the 8th Infantry Division, he at once returned to Germany at his own request, and served in the Occupation with the 9th Infantry Division and the War Crimes Commission. He retired in Europe at his own request in June 1947. By one of the odd coincidences of life, he was "processed" into retirement by Captain James W. Dunn, AGD, who had been his striker at Fort McIntosh twenty years before.

It is evident to us now that Bob felt his health declining. After returning from Europe, he bought a place at New Preston, Connecticut; after a while felt this place was demanding too much of his strength, and moved to outer New York City; and finally was in the act of returning to live with his mother and sister at their home in Cambridge, New York, when an unexpected heart attack carried him peacefully to The Long Gray Line.

Bob never married. He is survived by his mother; four sisters: Caroline Raymond of Cambridge; Mrs. Charles O. Jackson of Sarasota, Florida; Mrs. Paul E. Spangler of Monterey, California; and Mrs. Chester W. Ott of Portland, Oregon; and by two brothers: Richard Raymond of Rockville, Maryland; and Colonel Charles W. Raymond 2nd, of the Class of 1931, currently serving as Army Attache in Korea.

Bob lived all his days in the Army, loving and serving that great tradition in which rank is nothing and the Service is everything. In this brotherhood he was well-loved and did his duty well, and now he stands in its ranks for all time, with his fathers who went before him.

—W. B. P.

William Thielman Paul

NO. 16915 CLASS OF 1949

DIED SEPTEMBER 7, 1953, AS A RESULT OF AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, AT MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, AGED 27 YEARS.

BILL PAULL? Sure, I knew him. At least, I knew him a little. Bill wasn't the kind

of man you got to know right off the bat. But Bill was the kind of fellow people just felt was going places, and he was one you just always felt you'd like to keep track of. Every time I saw him I felt a little more deeply that there was a man whose depth of perception—an almost intuitive insight into things human—would rank him in years to come as a real leader of men.

You see, Bill married one of my dearest friends—so that's the side of him I knew best. The only things I knew about his military life were the ways he talked about the "Point" and the way his shoes always were polished, and the way his brass shone, and the uninterrupted creases in his trousers. And I knew, too, that glamorous sounding careers in civilian life never even caused him to so much as turn his head in their offered directions, so much did he live—and die—for the military.

Bill Paull was the only person I've ever known who really seemed to live his own philosophy of life.

Bill believed in God. Not in a dogmatically vocal sort of way, but in a sense that



made you know here was a boyhood ideal in the omnipresent forces of natural laws, planted by wisely sympathetic parents whose understanding of a boy's needs and questions about continuing life made the necessity of belief in a supernatural power a real thing—to be nourished and cherished until physical being ceased.

Another thing that always made me eager to see Bill was the way you could always talk with him about absolutely anything, whether it be the racial problems of southern Africa, international politics, the cultural background of the near east, or the strategic position of New Zealand. There seldom seemed to be a subject about which Bill hadn't a font of facts and interesting sidelines. And the beauty of that side of him was that if he did run out of information he quietly said so. Bill wasn't a speculator in things factual. His quietly assured manner in conversation made everyone stop and listen attentively, for Bill didn't talk unless he had something real to add to a conversation.

Not that he was shy! Bill Paull always seemed more than ready for any social situation. Young girls, small boys, doting "in-laws" and just general friends came to say, "Willie can do anything!" and the facetiousness of the first remark disappear-

ed until everyone really believed Bill could do anything.

One of my fondest memories of Bill is his role as stepfather, for here showed the true mettle of the man. Even before he could claim him as his own, Bill Paull seemed dedicated to quickly crowding into the life of a vivacious, tow-headed seven-year-old boy's life all the wonderful ideals a father can give a son, all the comradeship and love and little things like a first bike, and a nod to climb the neighbor's tree, and permission to ride a city bus alone. Things and ideas that to a boy who hadn't known his father, meant the difference between being a boy and half a boy, things like understanding the problems of keeping his collection of live worms away from mother's watchful eye, and having a pure-bred puppy of his own.

Then there was the look of him as Bill Paull held his own newborn son. You saw a lifetime of tenderness and pride and love overflow in Bill for that helpless little crying bundle of a boy, and you felt that here was something you shouldn't witness. So you got up and left the room, and pretty soon the crying stopped as the father remained to stand his guard.

There was an air of calm serenity about Bill Paull which was contagious to all who knew him. You sensed his own peace with himself and his world, and the feeling rubbed off. You felt that whenever you were around him the best in you would come forward, and felt a better person for having been with him.

So these are a few of the things we remember in Bill Paull. God rest his soul. We all loved him.

—Mary V. Mabry.

Russell Eugene Leggett

NO. 17436 CLASS OF 1950

DIED DECEMBER 12, 1951, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, AT LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA, AGED 27 YEARS.

To those of us who live life with a code, there is a quiet cognizance of the brevity of time on earth during which we consciously or unconsciously build to be remembered. For some it takes all of a normal span of life with a continuous effort. Those who knew Russ Leggett will say that his pristine goodness came to him naturally, and though his untimely departure was announced at a youthful age, a wonderful remembrance of a great fellow will always remain.

Russ was endowed with two traits of character that make him unforgettable. For determination and devotion he had no equal. While serving in World War II as a pilot he received his appointment to the Academy and leaped at the opportunity to satisfy this long cherished ambition. Despite the privileges he had already had as an officer, Russ readily adapted himself to his new surroundings as a cadet. His diligence was rewarded by his graduation among the top men in his class, and there were many of his classmates who felt grateful to him on graduation day, June 6th, 1950, for his academic assistance and friendship.

Although he successfully completed the course during World War II, he was ordered to go through flying school for the second time because of the lapse in years away from flying. The Air Force found a true blue pilot in Russ Leggett. There were few like him in his persistence to achieve

success in his chosen field. He was good enough to be eligible for the best of assignments, but no matter how inviting they were, he remained unchanged to the end. All his fellow officers admired and respected him. His work was thorough and efficient. His loyalty was undying and alive with enthusiasm.

When Russ arrived at Langley Field, Virginia, he was assigned to a photo reconnaissance squadron. Shortly thereafter he volunteered to fill a vacancy in a light bombardment outfit. Now, at last, he was in his glory. It was not long before he was among the most responsible and proficient pilots in the squadron. It seemed as if "Lady Luck" was with him because this squadron became part of the first jet bomber group in the Air Force. Finally, and deservingly after many obstacles through the years, Russ had worked his way into a position that meant a promising future. He knew what he wanted and there was nothing that could prevent him from going on—that is nothing but the nasty hand of fate.



You can read about things like this, you can hear stories and maybe even see one from a distance, but nothing strikes the heart closer than when you actually play a part in such a tragic episode. December 12, 1951 began like any other day, that is until the roll was called, and then the Operations Officer reported that one of our planes on an early morning flight had crashed. An engine failure, the field was in sight, emergency procedures seemed to be working all right, then suddenly silence. A fisherman reports seeing a giant aircraft plunge into Chesapeake Bay. You rush confused up to the tower. Men are screaming orders to rescue boats, you can see helicopters on their way to the scene, our Squadron Commander stands quietly nervous, a thoroughly chewed cigar providing the only indication of his tension and concern. A thousand thoughts race through your mind each second; then, as the excitement subsides to whispers, as assumptions become conclusions and facts, you are struck with the cold hard reality that a fellowman closer than a friend is no longer with you.

The synopsis of this man's life would not be complete without knowing a little of his deep love and affection for Charlotte. As his boyhood sweetheart, as his "One and Only" at West Point, and as his wife, Charlotte was all that Russ could hope for. Understanding and compassionate, she en-

deared further our sentiments for him. If you knew them, there was only one impression you could have—they were two young people who shared a manner of living that won the envy of all. Eight weeks after the birth of their son, Lawrence Edward, Charlotte received the tragic news. Her courageous conduct throughout the ensuing gloom was testimony to her character. Despite her burdened heart of misery she was actually a comfort to those who paid their respects. Only the people who knew her well could realize the magnitude to her of this misfortune.

Russ was laid to rest in a small cemetery very close to the airport in Allentown, Pennsylvania. It seemed the natural thing to do for a man who had dedicated his life to the progress of aviation. A devoted husband, a grand friend, a loyal soldier, God has not created enough like him. Lawrence will never know his father, but he has a magnificent heritage to guide his way through life.

—Elliot E. Hett.

John William Feyrer

NO. 18648 CLASS OF 1952

DIED NOVEMBER 24, 1953, FOLLOWING A PLANE CRASH NEAR MARIANNA, FLORIDA, AGED 24 YEARS.

THE process of growing up to young manhood is an experience which a father appreciates only in cherished memories when the son is so abruptly taken from life's scenes at the age of twenty-four.

His early childhood, filled with the development of body, mind and spirit is remembered by many incidents revealing strength of character, gentleness, consideration for others and the affection for those he loved—the suffering with his sister and brothers when they suffered; the defense of them as he sensed the need; the denial of self and self-interests as he saw their needs—all had their beginnings before he was old enough to attend public school.

His close and loyal companionship with his first playmate, and his schoolmate during the nine years of his elementary education, was constant until the family moved to a distant village.

His pride in achieving goals, as shown in his efforts to bring home report cards with high marks and articles of his own handicraft showing conscientious effort, was a delight to his family. His willingness to enter extracurricular activities, such as school and class plays, singing groups, baseball, football, and basketball, continued through his high school years.

As a high school student in a small village community, with its limited opportunities, he was always ready to carry his share of whatever activity presented itself. Although these extracurricular affairs consumed much of his spare time, he maintained a high academic average, graduating as salutatorian of his class, and receiving awards for achievement in many extra activities.

During his vacations he earned his way as an assistant sexton in a cemetery and later as an employee of the highway department. His assistance to his father in supplying fuel for winter's use brought about a close comradeship between them, as each maneuvered his end of the crosscut saw.

Realizing his family's limited financial status, and desiring a higher education, he enlisted in the Army Air Force on the day

following his graduation from high school, at the age of seventeen, in order that he might take his turn in service for his country and be able to use the G.I. Bill provision for financing his education.

In his second year as an enlisted man, while in training in radar in the Boca Rotan Base in Florida, he was one selected as meeting the requirements for appointment from the ranks to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Spending several months at Stewart Field Preparatory School, he received grades placing him in the upper half of the student group—which assured his appointment to West Point, and he entered the Academy in July 1948.

His four years as a cadet produced monthly reports to his parents indicating his maintenance of a better than fair academic average, and his frequent letters to his home revealed that our highest hopes for him were being realized. His obvious desire to make good and his frequent statements concerning the splendid training and worthwhile fellowship with the rank and file of other cadets and with those who were helping in his moral and spiritual development,



indicated that he loved what he was doing and was determined to give his very best.

His desire to achieve was further indicated in his activities after graduating from West Point. Choosing again his original goal to become a pilot in the Army Air Force, he was sent to Goodfellow Air Force Base at San Angelo, Texas, then to Williams A.F.B. at Chandler, Arizona, and later to Tyndall A.F.B. in Florida—where he was within sight of completing his training.

His letters describing the technical aspects of his training—enhanced by his descriptions of the country over which he was flying, his observations of the beauties of God's good earth, and his splendid contacts with men of character in the Service as well as among civilians—assured us that our son was maturing in every way.

His visits home were infrequent by reason of necessity, and usually included a hurried calling on relatives and friends throughout a large area of our State. These visits were periods of pleasure—for his cheerful attitude, his consideration for others and his keen sense of duty, were stimulating to all.

Because of our confidence in his Christian faith and character and because perhaps he was spared some of the physical suffering which others endure following such a crash, the shock of the news of his death was tempered and eased for us.

We think of him as expressed in these words written by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.:

HIGH FLIGHT

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there,
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, or even eagle, flew;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

His was a short life in terms of years, yet long in experience and influence and full in the enjoyment of good things. It was complete in fulfilling the divine purpose—and we are satisfied.

—His father, Rev. Joseph Feyrer.

Karl George Koenig, Jr.

NO. 18761 CLASS OF 1952

KILLED IN ACTION, JUNE 18, 1953, IN KOREA,
AGED 23 YEARS.

WHEREVER he may be, I imagine Karl George Koenig is still smiling and spreading that warmth of his to those around him. George reached that goal in life that many men spend a much longer time trying to attain. This goal was to become a man of unswerving conviction, to whom the only course of action possible must be the right course.

I first met George as a Beast Barracks roommate in July 1948. He had completed one year at the University of New Mexico before entering the Military Academy. George's flair for athletics soon became obvious and he spent the first of many hours on "the fields of friendly strife" that summer. This was George's first contact with military life and his development was both rapid and complete. George was one of those individuals that stands out in any group. His self-assurance, his drive and determination, and his immaculate appearance, were traits that characterized his person. George graduated in June 1952 and chose Armored Artillery. I happily joined him again in BOC at Fort Sill. We spent many enjoyable hours playing golf and tennis together in Oklahoma that summer. It was my pleasure to visit George's family in Albuquerque with him and very easily I could see a closeness between George and his folks that would make anyone proud. He left Fort Sill and joined the First Armored Division at Fort Hood, continuing in his rapid development as a fine officer. The words of a classmate describe best the esteem in which George Koenig was held at Fort Hood: "When a job was assigned, there was never any complaint from him, only action, and when he thought his men were getting a bum deal, then he fought with everything at his disposal. There was also that necessary firmness for those who shirked on the job. I would like to say, without

reservation, George was the finest officer I have ever known."

George joined many of his classmates and arrived in Korea in March, 1953. He knew he had many new lessons to learn; in a short while George Koenig learned these lessons. He was an artillery forward observer first, then became executive officer of C Battery, 176th Field Artillery Battalion. I received three letters from George while he was in Korea. The one thing that struck me most was his concern for and dedication to the cause for which he was fighting. Never was there mention of any danger he might personally experience, only praise of his command and that cheerful outlook that he would see me soon, Stateside.

Two weeks after he was promoted to First Lieutenant, George was killed—on the afternoon of June 18, 1953. With his battery engaged in constructing gun emplacements, he was supervising bulldozer operations near Kumsong, North Korea, when mortally wounded by fragments of an exploding mine which was struck by a bulldozer.

These are the words of his battalion commander to George's parents: "Although your



son had been assigned to this command for a relatively short time, he had impressed superiors and subordinates alike with his superior performance of duty. He was always willing to accept any responsibility and worked to accomplish his mission. News of your son's death comes as a real shock to all who knew him, and his loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him. I sincerely hope the knowledge that Karl was a superior officer and died while serving his country will comfort you in this hour of great sorrow."

I am very proud to have been one of George Koenig's associates. There will always be a warm spot for him in the hearts of us who knew George, as we continue to serve the country he served so well. He leaves behind him a memory of humbleness that only the courageous know.

"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

—Lieutenant Deryle T. Whipple,
a Classmate.

