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Report of the President

OF THE

Association of Graduates, 1953 - 1954

Members of the Association.

During the past year your officers and trustees have spent a great amount of time in considering the question of how we can encourage greater participation on the part of our members in the affairs of our Association. A committee of the trustees, after working on this matter for a year and a half, made its final report to the Board of Trustees on January 4, 1954, when it was discharged from further service with a vote of appreciation. In the meantime I had done a great deal of work in connection with this question. During my visits with a number of West Point Societies I discussed this question with them. I also discussed it in great detail with many officers here at West Point.

This work was undertaken with the full knowledge that, based on subscriptions to our publications, the percentage of participation of our members is very high when compared with that of other Alumni Associations. However, we all felt that it is not as high as it should be and with this idea in mind we started this work and propose to continue it indefinitely. A standing committee, of which Stamps, August '17, is Chairman, has been appointed for this purpose to replace the committee discharged on January 4, 1954.

The question might well be asked, "what is the nature of the participation desired?" Participation means taking an active interest in the affairs of the Association, exercising the franchise to vote by attendance at the Annual Meeting whenever practicable, subscribing to the publications of the Association, contributing to its support through the annual fund raising campaign, being willing to serve on committees and in furthering the objectives of the Association and in making known to the officers and trustees by letter or word of mouth constructive ideas for improving any of the functions it performs.

Specifically, a member might participate by encouraging the best type of young men to seek appointments to West Point. In doing this his activities might involve discussions with parents; speaking at high schools, church gatherings, Rotary and other Clubs; radio broadcasts; showing of movies such as "This Is West Point"; and television appearances. He might take the initiative in the organization of a West Point Society and in promoting its activities after it comes into being. He might give interviews, write timely articles for newspapers and magazines, and might even write a book on West Point. He might make suggestions which would be helpful to our Association and to the Academy. Above all, he might be a goodwill ambassador preaching the gospel contained in our motto, "Duty, Honor, Country", at every suitable opportunity. In all these activities our Association stands ready to help its members.

To do any of these things effectively requires thorough and accurate knowledge of the history of West Point, its present activities and methods and its plans for the future. Participation in any of these ac-

tivities without being properly informed about our Alma Mater might do positive harm. Therefore, it would seem that for those who are not well informed about West Point, the following things would be helpful in preparing themselves for greater participation in the affairs of our Association:

a. Visit West Point at every opportunity and don't limit your visit to seeing a football game or a parade of the Corps (both of which are very fine and enjoyable). Take a look also at what is going on behind the scenes in the various departments—and while at West Point visit Alumni headquarters and express any ideas you may have.

b. Subscribe for *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets, USMA* and make it a point to know what they contain.

c. Read all books you can procure about our Alma Mater, such as "Men of West Point" by Dupuy.

d. At the first opportunity join a West Point Society. When practicable, join other groups of West Pointers in discussing the affairs of our Association and of the Academy.

Doing as many of these things as are practicable, I am sure will be very helpful to every member.

Now what can our Association do to encourage greater participation in the activities enumerated above? Our Board of Trustees has answered this question by considering all of our activities and taking action as follows:

Public Relations—Although the Superintendent has praised very highly our work in this field, an Advisory Committee has been appointed to see what improvements can be made.

Publications—A few years ago we had no publication except our Annual Report. Now we have *Assembly*, which is one of the best alumni magazines in the country, and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets, USMA*, both of which are subscribed for annually by over 50% of our members. These publications are the principal means of communicating with our members. We believe they are excellent, but there is always room for improvement and for that reason an Editorial Advisory Board is now being formed to advise the Board of Trustees about these publications.

Liaison with our members—A committee has been appointed to cover this field.

Fund Raising—A committee has looked into this phase of our work and has already reported to our Board recommending approval of the manner in which fund raising has been handled since its initiation in 1949.

Regional Trustees—one from each of the present Army areas—six in all. An amend-

ment to our Charter and Constitution was passed at the Annual Meeting on June 7, 1954, providing for these extra trustees. While trustees should generally be located so that they can attend meetings of the Board, it is felt these regional trustees, scattered throughout the country, will make available to the Board valuable points of view even though they are not able to attend all the meetings. They will be the field representatives on the Board of alumni in various parts of the country.

Board of Trustees—It was suggested a couple of years ago that there was not a proper representation of the younger classes on the Board. The Board decided that this was true and took immediate steps to correct the situation. Let me say here that the Board has been largely made up of older members from its beginning. I had been graduated over 25 years before I became a member. Experience then indicated that younger members were not interested—and this was the main reason, as far as I know, for leaving them off. It is refreshing to know that now younger graduates are interested in being trustees, but I am sure it would be a mistake to carry the "youth movement" too far. A trustee does not hold merely an honorary position. Our trustees meet several times a year. They establish the policies under which the Association operates, do valuable work on committees and otherwise, and in fact run the Association. They must have the necessary experience to do the work and furnish the necessary guidance of the affairs of the Association. Some of the very important tasks handled by the Trustees are of such a nature that older and more experienced men are best fitted to handle them. The Nominating Committee is working on this matter and you can rest assured that the best interests of all concerned will be served. On the inside of the front cover of this issue of *Assembly* please look at the trustees elected for three years at our last Annual Meeting on 7 June 1954. This will show you what has been done to provide younger trustees.

By working together I am sure that our officers, trustees and members can do a great deal to bring about greater participation on the part of all of us in the affairs of our Association and of West Point. I would be very glad to hear from anyone who has had the courage to read this far in my Annual Report and who has any further thoughts on the subject.

The National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies held a luncheon meeting this year on June 5, at the West Point Army Mess. This Committee was formed in 1950 and has met annually ever since. In my opinion this was our best meeting. I urge you to read the report of this meeting, written by Renfro, '34, and published in this *Assembly*.

We now have 29 West Point Societies and several more groups of graduates are considering the organization of new ones.

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

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

To the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., in
Washington Hall at West Point on June 7, 1954

General Fenton, General Hodges, Members of the Long Gray Line:

Again, it is a great honor and a pleasure for me to welcome you to West Point on behalf of the officers stationed here and the Corps of Cadets. By your presence you have honored your Alma Mater and provided inspiration for the cadets who are about to embark upon their dedicated careers.

The Long Gray Line here today is headed by General H. C. Hodges, a member of the Class of 1881. General Hodges first climbed the hill in 1877. Thus, the segment of the Line present here today covers a span of 77 years, over one-half the lifetime of the Academy, and extending back to the days of Benny Havens.

Incidentally, General Hodges broke his collar bone about a month ago, but a little thing like that could not prevent a tough old soldier like General Hodges from attending this formation. He certainly did not try to ride the sick book.

This year I was in somewhat of a quandary as to the content of my remarks to you. In previous years I have featured some special topic, such as the Sesquicentennial, extra-curricular activities, the construction program, the curriculum, or a similar topic. This year I thought I would take you through the past year chronologically, indicating some of the highlights in which you might be interested. This, in effect, will give you the opportunity to take an additional year at West Point as post graduate work. For some, this will be a fifth year. For a few others, it may even be the sixth. I am sure you will realize that there are some advantages in going through a year at West Point in this manner. At least, you will not have the hazard of coming into conflict with the Tactical Department and receiving excess demerits, or of being hounded in academics by such demons as "P" Echols or "Prof" Jones or the like. Further, I can almost promise all of you that you will not lose your Christmas leave. I hope that this taking of extra time does not offend any of your sensibilities; if so, I apologize. I, myself, am a little sensitive on that subject, and the cause of my feeling goes way back to the first graduate, Joseph G. Swift. Swift came from Nantucket, not far from my home town of Taunton, Massachusetts; and I understand that he was tutored by one Reverend Samuel Daggett of Taunton, prior to his coming to West Point. As a result of that excellent tutoring, Swift was able to graduate in six months, although, as you know, the normal course here is four years. This thought has always been somewhat embarrassing to me because, although I was subjected to the same high type of tutoring from the instructors in Taunton, I still could not make it in less than four years.

Anyhow, to get on with our extra year, we

will start with the day after graduation, June third, 1953.

On that day, had you been here, you would have seen the First Class depart by air on their Combat Arms trip. They first visited Wright-Patterson Air Base at Dayton, Ohio, where they were brought up to date on all the technological developments in the Air Force. From there, they went on to Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and Fort Benning, Georgia. At each of these places, the characteristics and techniques of the various branches were demonstrated. Returning to West Point, one-half of the class departed on thirty days leave. The other half prepared to take charge of the new cadets and the Third Class instruction at Camp Buckner.

The Second Classmen also departed on a trip, leaving West Point by transport, and going to Norfolk, where they participated in amphibious training with the Second Class of Annapolis. They then went on to the Signal Center at Fort Monmouth, the Transportation Center at Fort Eustis, the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir, and the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee; next, to Maxwell and Eglin Air Force Bases for indoctrination in the various types of air equipment, and demonstrations of jumping; then back to Fort Bragg for airborne instruction. After this, they departed for thirty days leave.

The new Third Class, meanwhile, completed their thirty days leave, returning about the first of July and going to summer camp at Camp Buckner.

Camp Buckner, as perhaps most of you know, is located about seven miles west of West Point on Lake Popolopen. It takes the place of old Camp Clinton. There is considerable difference in the work which is covered at Camp Buckner as compared with the training at old Camp Clinton. You remember in the old days, the afternoons were devoted to parade and formal guard mounting and escorting, with a small amount of instruction in the morning, consisting of close order drill, riding, range firing, and some minor field problems.

At Camp Buckner there is little glamour; it is mostly hard work. Instruction starts at 7:30 in the morning and lasts until 4:30 in the afternoon every day except Saturday and Sunday. There are twenty-two ranges, as well as miscellaneous training areas; and the Third Classmen become familiar with all the small arms. In addition, they participate in artillery firing, mortar, armor, engineering, and various field exercises. All of these are under the direct supervision of a part of the First Class.

The Fourth Class reported July first, and I think this year's class was a particularly good one. We tried to make Beast Barracks especially rugged this year; and I am sure that it was at least as hard as it has ever been—probably harder—because

it now extends through the entire summer in barracks instead of having the latter half of the summer spent at Camp Clinton. This year we tried to stress particularly the idea of "gentlemen cadets"; and in our treatment, although tough, we tried to avoid anything that would detract from the plebe's self-respect. In other words, the attitude of the First Class detail was a dignified one, as becomes a national institution. We also tried to stress motivation for the Service; and in much of the instruction we included information concerning the traditions of West Point and the military service, with excellent results.

The academics were started the first week in September, as usual. One new face among the permanent professors was noted by the cadets, Colonel Harvey R. Fraser, Class of 1939, who succeeded Colonel Heiberg as second professor of Mechanics. Colonel Heiberg, you will remember, took General Gatchell's place as senior professor of that department. Thus, Fraser became a "Not Head". That term may require some explanation. You remember that, in most departments we now have two full professors, the senior professor being the head of the department, the other being "Not Head". Thus, the term is in no way meant to be derogatory, nor to reflect upon the capacity of the individual nor upon any feature of his anatomy.

One of the features of the academic year may be new to most of you. That is the arrangement whereby the three upper classes report directly to the classroom, while the Fourth Class still marches to class. This move was made necessary by the size of the Corps and the loss of time involved in having all the cadets marching to class at the same time. At first, the upper classmen were delighted with this arrangement; but when it was realized that this actually gave them about eighty hours more in the classroom per year, they were not quite so happy. You may be interested in a brief survey of our fall sports. We think this season was rather successful. The soccer team defeated Navy at Annapolis for the fourth straight year. In cross-country, we were not quite as good as usual. Until this year, we had won the Heptagonal for six straight years. This year we had to be content with second place. Even so, we won from Navy.

In football, the Goats beat the Engineers, thus forecasting the outcome of the Army-Navy game which followed and which, you remember, we won rather decisively. Since we also beat Navy in Debating in the fall, we can register a clean sweep against Navy in all events for the season.

With regard to our competition with Navy, I might say at this point that our objective this year has been to "put the Admiral back on his white horse." That slogan may require some explanation.

In the years right after the war, I attended many social gatherings at which a

very distinguished Admiral liked to stress his riding of Hirohito's white horse; but, after the Navy began to win some football games against Army a few years ago, he had gotten off his white horse and displayed great glee in telling stories about the Army-Navy game. This year we were very successful in putting the Admiral back on that white horse; and I think we planted a few sand burrs under his saddle blanket and loosened his cinch strap. I am sure that he is not too happy.

The football season may warrant a little amplification. It was gratifying to us because, although we had good coaching, we did not have an over-abundance of outstanding material. The big factors, I think, in addition to good coaching, which brought us through the season were the qualities exhibited by the team and the Corps—the qualities of courage, determination, esprit, and the will to win. The development of these qualities is the very reason why we engage in intercollegiate athletics, and the exhibition of them to such a high degree was very gratifying.

I want to stress that the Corps helped out on this, and exhibited these qualities also. It played sixty minutes in every game it attended. The only two games we did not win were those when no part of the Corps was present to support the team.

We were awarded the Lambert Trophy this year and, in doing so, gained permanent possession of it for the second time. The presentation was made in the Cadet Mess Hall in the presence of the Corps. This was the first time that it had ever been presented before an undergraduate body; and I think it was very appropriate on this occasion, for the Corps had so much to do with the winning of it. We hope to make this quite a usual event.

The Sunday before the Navy game, we learned that we had on the Post one more goat than was carried on our rolls, for some cadets had arranged an involuntary visit to West Point by the Navy mascot. This goat was unveiled in the Mess Hall at Sunday supper in the presence of the Corps. Mr. Bernard Baruch was present in the Mess Hall at the time. He mentioned later that that was the first time he had ever played second fiddle to a goat.

The presence of the goat created quite a problem for us. We like our brand of goat, but we could see right away, especially after getting down wind of the creature, that this Navy goat had none of the qualifications that could recommend his retention at West Point. Therefore, we flunked him out and sent him away. Most goats are sent away by action of the Academic Board; but in this case it was so apparent that this goat was deficient, that Board action was not necessary.

In the early part of December, we had our annual Student Conference on United States Affairs, now usually referred to as "SCUSA". This year, over fifty colleges east of the Mississippi sent to West Point student delegates accompanied by professors to advise and assist them, for the purpose of exploring some problem vital to the interests of the United States. Last December the title was "The National Security and Policies of the United States"; and we had as principal speakers Admiral Radford, Mr. McCloy, and Mr. W. Averell Harriman. As usual, this affair was a great success. It is becoming well known throughout the academic world, and there is a great desire on the part of the colleges to send delegates. It is a fine public relations effort for West Point, as well as highly educational.

We now come to the Christmas holidays, one of the highlights of the year. As I

mentioned in a previous talk, I explained to the Corps generally that we have facilities here to provide for the entertainment of the families of but one class at a time, and that traditionally we accorded the privilege of remaining here to the Fourth Class. The upper classes always accept this without protest. This Christmas Week has grown into a great opportunity for showing the families of the Fourth Class the facilities of West Point, and for allowing the Fourth Classmen themselves to get to know one another better.

The big event of the week is the Christmas Dinner held in Washington Hall. This has grown so much in popularity that this year there were nearly 1,900—families and friends of the Fourth Classmen—who participated, probably the largest family Christmas dinner in the country. It always makes a great impression, and the families of cadets look back upon it with great feeling.

After the return of cadets from Christmas leave, the usual routine winter academic and other programs were embarked upon. This period is still known, unofficially, as the "Gloom Period". However, this Gloom Period is lightened by participation in nine intercollegiate sports, as well as by participation in a host of other activities. During this period, we hold a Review, followed by inspection, in the area of barracks on Saturday, which is quite a change from the old days. During the time of most of you, after the first frost appeared in the fall, there were no more reviews or parades until late in April. Now, nothing interferes with the regular Saturday Review except bad weather.

The winter sports program was quite successful. It was highlighted by our victory over the Navy in basketball, for the first time in four years. The Navy had probably the best team in their history and one that was headed for the NCAA Tournament. We were conceded absolutely no chance against them, but we beat them anyhow.

Another highlight was our invasion of Canada. Our hockey team defeated the Royal Military College in our annual international match for the third time in four years, and I understand that the Canadians are becoming somewhat perturbed about this record. Our debating team won from the team from the Royal Military College, as did our pistol team. Our pistol team also defeated a crack team of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and that was especially disturbing to our brothers north of the border.

Another activity during the winter and spring months, which is new in recent years, is the interchange of visits between our Second Class and that of the Naval Academy on six different weekends, from Thursday until Sunday. Groups of cadets and midshipmen visit their sister Academy and learn how the other academy functions. These visits have yielded considerable benefit in recent years.

In April, the West Point Debate Council again sponsored the West Point Invitational Debate Tournament. This has become, probably, the outstanding tournament of the country and is participated in by thirty-three colleges scattered from coast to coast, who send teams to contend for the mythical debating championship of the United States. This tournament is run by the cadets, and the cadets receive a great deal of good experience in administering such a program. In addition, the college students and coaches who come here go away very enthusiastic about West Point.

The Debating Club in the Corps of Cadets has grown tremendously in recent years. In

the last year, it numbered about 700 members, most of whom took part in intra-mural debates only. But various trips were taken to engage in intercollegiate competition throughout the country. In all, they took part in about 200 such debates. Wherever West Point teams went, they won a fine respect for the intellectual caliber of the Corps of Cadets and for the quality of instruction at the Academy. Their greatest achievement was the winning of the Notre Dame Invitation Tournament.

At this point, I want to pay a tribute to Colonel Beukema, under whose department this activity and the Cadet Forum operate. Colonel Beukema will retire before the next annual meeting, and I should like to express my admiration for the fine work that he has done in developing the Department of Social Sciences at West Point, and especially for initiating such beneficial activities as the Debate Council and SCUSA.

Late in April, as usual, we had the annual visit from the Board of Visitors. As one of the benefits of this visit, usually, is increased impetus for our construction program, I should like to mention some of the salient features of that program at the present time.

In general, the past year has not been too remunerative regarding the allotment of funds for construction. However, I can report a certain amount of progress. The addition to the Library should be completed about July first, in time for use in the coming academic year. This has been badly needed for many years.

Also, we are finally letting bids for the construction of the new Laundry, which is to be located in the North Area not far from the Silver Depository. I hope that it will be finished before the next annual meeting.

The construction program which we are especially pushing at the present time, and one for which we have had strong support from the Board of Visitors, is the conversion of the Riding Hall into an academic building. I have hopes that we will make some progress on that program within the next couple of years. This change will do more than anything else to further the mission of West Point. When that conversion is complete, our present plans call for providing more barracks space for cadets by converting the West Academic Building into Cadet Barracks, and building additional barracks on the site of the old hospital.

Of course, far in the future is our hope for a building on the site of the Old Hotel, near Trophy Point, to serve as a cadet activity center and a memorial hall.

During the past spring, a project to make a new film in technicolor, to replace the film "This Is West Point", was approved, and filming has started on this project. I hope that this film will be available for distribution sometime during the next year.

Our spring sports program consisted of intercollegiate competition in five sports. We had very good teams, but not quite good enough to defeat the outstanding teams of Navy this year. As a result, the Navy achieved a measure of revenge by winning in all spring sports.

That brings us up to the present June Week, and I hope that you who have been present have been able to view the activities and form an estimate of the product which we are sending out at the present time. I think the year has gone very smoothly. The present First Class has done an outstand-

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Report of the 85th Annual Meeting

OF THE

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

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, N. Y., June 7, 1954

1. The President, Chauncey L. Fenton '04, called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M. Nearly one thousand members were present.

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

3. General Fenton proposed honors to our most distinguished living alumnus, Eisenhower of '15, President of the United States. A detachment of the USMA Band then rendered the ruffles, flourishes and the President's March, while the assemblage stood at attention.

4. The President expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Superintendent and key members of his staff for the use of Washington Hall and for the cooperative planning that was involved. He also gave particular credit to the Commandant and the Corps of Cadets for making facilities available for our returning alumni.

5. The reading of the report of the last (84th) Annual Meeting was dispensed with, since it was published in the July 1953 *Assembly*.

6. The Treasurer's Report, which appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*, and which had already been approved by the Board of Trustees, was also dispensed with.

7. The President reviewed and emphasized the missions of the Association of Graduates, and stressed the Association's value to the individual and the entire alumni group as the rallying point for concerted opinion and action within our mission. He paid particular tribute to the fine cooperation of the Military Academy authorities. His complete report may be found elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

8. The President then:

a. Announced that since our oldest living graduate, Colonel Edgar Smith Walker of '83, was not with us he had been sent a telegram of greetings on 3 June, his 96th birthday.

b. Presented our oldest graduate present, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr. of '81. General Hodges, who is also our senior living graduate, received an ovation.

c. Reported that, as directed by the Board of Trustees, telegraphic greetings from this reunion had been sent to: Walker, '83; March, '88; Wood, '00; MacArthur, '03; Bradley, '15; Eisenhower, '15; Hoge, '16; Gruenther, '19; Taylor, '22; Bryan, June 14, '22; and Craigie, '23.

d. Introduced the three and four star generals present, including: Deviers, Eichelberger, Lee and Wen (Chinese Army) all of '09; Bull, Somervell and Spaatz, all of '14; Twining and Wyman of '19; and Harper, '24.

9. General Matthew B. Ridgway, April '17, was then introduced and addressed the meeting as follows:

"General Fenton, General Hodges, General Irving. To speak to this alumni gathering on this day, in this setting, is as great an honor as any that can come to any man alive. I believe it unnecessary to endorse personally the aims and purposes of this Association of Graduates, but to the extent that any support of mine can further those aims and purposes I give it without qualification.

It is deeply satisfying to be here to relieve for a little while days that have gone; to meet again classmates, dear old friends whom passing years clothe with increasing admiration and affection; to join with you in greeting this group of our most recent alumni, the Class of 1954, in saying to them—You are warmly welcome, we are proud to welcome you and to share service to the country with you.

It would be pleasant to speak light-heartedly today, if it would be appropriate, reflecting the many happy associations, past and present, of this day, and anticipations of the future, but I think it would be less than candid if all those words were uttered in a light-hearted vein.

I have but a few brief words. Those I address particularly are those who are just joining our ranks. We are, I believe, in the presence of profound social and scientific evolutionary changes. I personally believe there are few who see very far into the future to delineate their ultimate form. There is perplexity, misunderstanding, confusion of thought in some quarters in this country. I believe there are none within the confines of this great institution, and the reason I believe that with all my heart and soul is because of the principles which have guided you young gentlemen for four formative years, and which have been the precepts and the guides of every man in this hall today. And I merely say to you young officers, that if you will be guided by those principles and those precepts; if you will see what lies before you regardless of obstacles, trials, difficulties, challenges; if you will see the opportunity, the privilege you have of service to our nation and to God; then I think there will never be any doubts which you will permit to assail you, and if they do you will extinguish them with the memory of what this Academy means.

Good luck to you all!"

10. The Superintendent, Major General F. A. Irving, April '17, then brought all those

present at the meeting up to date on life at West Point with a detailed accounting of the year 1953-54. His address appears in full elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

11. The President spoke favorably of the Class of 1954, 83 of whose members were at the luncheon, as a fine First Class for Corps Leadership. He noted that over 92% had joined the Association of Graduates, and stressed that our relationship with this class, through its class officers, had been the most effective and pleasant in his memory.

12. The President read to the meeting an announcement prepared by Chambers, '23, as follows:

"At the meeting of the Trustees this morning it was unanimously voted that the 'West Point Alumni Advisory Committee' being formed by the West Point Societies has the approval and sanction of the Association of Graduates. The Superintendent has also given this committee his approval. It is the purpose of this committee to prepare and implement a plan to assist the retiring graduates." (Chambers is the Acting Chairman of the independent committee mentioned.)

13. The meeting then considered the Proposed Amendments to the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws, that had been circulated to the entire membership by mail in a letter dated 13 May 1954. Each amendment was passed as written, by voice vote without dissent, except as follows:

a. To the proposed wording of Art. III, Par. 1 of the Constitution which specifies the Association Officers, was added the sentence "Only members are eligible to be officers".

b. The proposed Par. 1, of the By-Laws, which covers payment of fees and dues and time limits thereon, was changed to permit members of the Graduating Class to become Life Members upon the payment of \$15 before September 30th "following their graduation" (instead of September 30th of their graduating year). As so amended, the two preceding amendments were passed by voice vote, without dissent.

14. Sattem, '40, representing the Nominating Committee, read the nominations for officers for 1954-55 and for trustees, and explained the Nominating Committee's methods and procedures. The nominations he presented to the meeting (the same as those published in the April 1954 issue of *Assembly*) were:

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, '22

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

15. With his own nomination for President before the meeting Fenton requested Stamps, August '17, the senior vice-president available, to preside.

16. With Stamps presiding it was moved and passed that the nominations for President be closed, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for Fenton. General Fenton then resumed the rostrum and was roundly applauded.

17. The election of the five vice-presidents as listed was carried without dissent.

18. Ralph C. Cooper, '29, was elected without dissent to serve as a trustee (to fill existing vacancy) until 30 June 1956.

19. Colonel John W. Dobson, '39, then rose to make nominations from the floor. On General Fenton's invitation he came to the

microphone and moved that there be added to the proposed slate of trustees to serve until 30 June 1957, as replacements for the three senior members on the proposed slate (Lewis, '10; Kuhn, '16; Bartlett, '19), the following names (all are officers reporting for duty at West Point during the summer of 1954):

Major J. K. O'Brien, '44

Captain W. M. Briggs, '45

Captain R. H. Nye, '46

Dobson explained that in his opinion, the percentage representation among the trustees for the younger classes was too small, hence these additional nominations.

20. At Fenton's request Sattlem explained in detail how the Nominating Committee picked younger trustees.

21. Fenton brought out the fact that Lewis, Kuhn and Bartlett are now members of the Board of Trustees and then summarized the important committee assignments of these three men.

22. A motion that the nominations be closed was carried.

23. It was moved that all of the ten originally nominated trustees except the senior three (Lewis, '10; Kuhn, '16; Bartlett, '19) be declared elected. By voice vote without dissent this was carried and the following seven (7) trustees elected:

B. M. Bryan, June 14, '22

C. P. Nicholas, '25

R. W. Wood, '35

O. G. Haywood, Jr., '36

M. A. Laitman, '39

R. E. Woods, '45

J. G. Albert, '49

24. On a rising vote on the question of electing Lewis, Kuhn and Bartlett or O'Brien, Briggs and Nye the division was so close that the President called for written ballots.

25. Fenton directed that all ballots be signed, explained that associate members and non-members could not vote, and asked the reunion classes of '29, '34, '39, '44, and '49 to nominate one member each to act as a teller in the vote counting. He further stated that the results would be announced as soon as possible, certainly within a few days.**

26. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

—RAYMOND STONE, JR., '23

Secretary.

**NOTE: Tellers from the Classes of '34 and '39, only, reported, and these officers, plus the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, checked all votes properly received in the meeting. The results, which showed Lewis, Kuhn and Bartlett as elected by a margin of about 30 votes each, were posted in the Alumni Headquarters (North Sallyport of North Barracks), Cullum Hall Old Grads Quarters, and the West Point Army Mess about 9:00 P.M. on the same day, 7 June.

—R. S., Jr.



Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present at West Point during June Week, acknowledges the ovation given him by the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall on 7 June 1954. Shown with General Hodges are Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, Superintendent, U.S.M.A.; General Matthew B. Ridgway, Class of April 1917, Chief of Staff, U.S.A.; and Lieutenant Colonel Ivan Sattlem, Class of 1940, representing the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Association.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.

MARCH 31, 1954

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1954.
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1954.
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1954.
 EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ended 31 March 1954.

EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, MARCH 31, 1954

ASSETS	
SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)	
Irving Trust Company.....	\$237,849.01
CASH IN BANKS:	
Irving Trust Company (Checking Account).....	\$ 8,678.27
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Checking Account).....	11,818.49
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Savings Account).....	938.47
Newburgh Savings Bank.....	8,518.36
Harlem Savings Bank	10,444.55
Bowery Savings Bank	10,380.87
	<u>\$ 50,779.01</u>
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	5,347.75
	<u>Total</u>
	<u>\$293,975.77</u>
LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND:	
Balance 1 April 1953.....	\$ 66,797.10
Less: Decrease 1 April 1953 to 31 March 1954.....	27,404.95
	<u>\$ 39,392.15</u>
ENDOWMENT FUND:	
Balance 1 April 1953	\$187,532.72
Add: Increase 1 April 1953 to 31 March 1954.....	49,375.81
	<u>\$236,908.53</u>
CULLUM FUND:	
Balance 1 April 1953	\$ 10,171.65
Add: Increase 1 April 1953 to 31 March 1954.....	267.82
	<u>\$ 10,439.47</u>
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' EARNINGS.....	328.62
DEFERRED INCOME:	
West Point Plates	656.75
West Point Chairs	275.00
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF COST OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES	627.50
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	5,347.75
	<u>Total</u>
	<u>\$293,975.77</u>

CHANGES IN THE GENERAL FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1954

INCOME	
Payments on Life and Annual Memberships.....	\$ 8,574.00
Annual Dues.....	362.00
Gain on West Point Plates.....	2,028.54
Gain on West Point Chairs	328.34
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	851.23
Contributions	10,618.87
Royalties	128.21
Committees	868.55
Sale of Medallions	23.50
Sale of Rosettes and Pins	16.45
Miscellaneous	48.16
	<u>\$ 23,847.85</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries	\$ 12,526.15
Printing	1,771.92
Freight, Express and Postage	925.82
Telephone and Telegraph	414.20
Cadet Awards	95.00
Janitor Service	295.00
Secretary's Expense	16.72
Luncheons	538.41
Supplies	560.28
Insurance and Bonding	250.88
Social Security Tax	184.51
Newspapers and Magazines	35.75
Repairs	71.76
Miscellaneous	566.40
Transfer to Endowment Fund	33,000.00
	<u>\$ 51,252.80</u>
Net Change (Decrease)	<u>\$ 27,404.95</u>

EXHIBIT C

CHANGES IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1954

PRINCIPAL

Contributions	\$ 5,370.50
Stock Dividend	55.00
Gain on Sales of Securities	3,733.26
Transfer from General Fund	33,000.00
	\$ 42,158.76
Less—Transfer Expenses	60.15
	\$ 42,098.61
Total	
INCOME	

Interest and Dividends	\$ 7,576.01
Miscellaneous Gains on Securities	25.66
	\$ 7,601.67

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	\$170.00
Purchase of Interest	154.47
	\$ 324.47
	\$ 7,277.20
Net Change (Increase)	
	\$ 49,375.81

EXHIBIT D

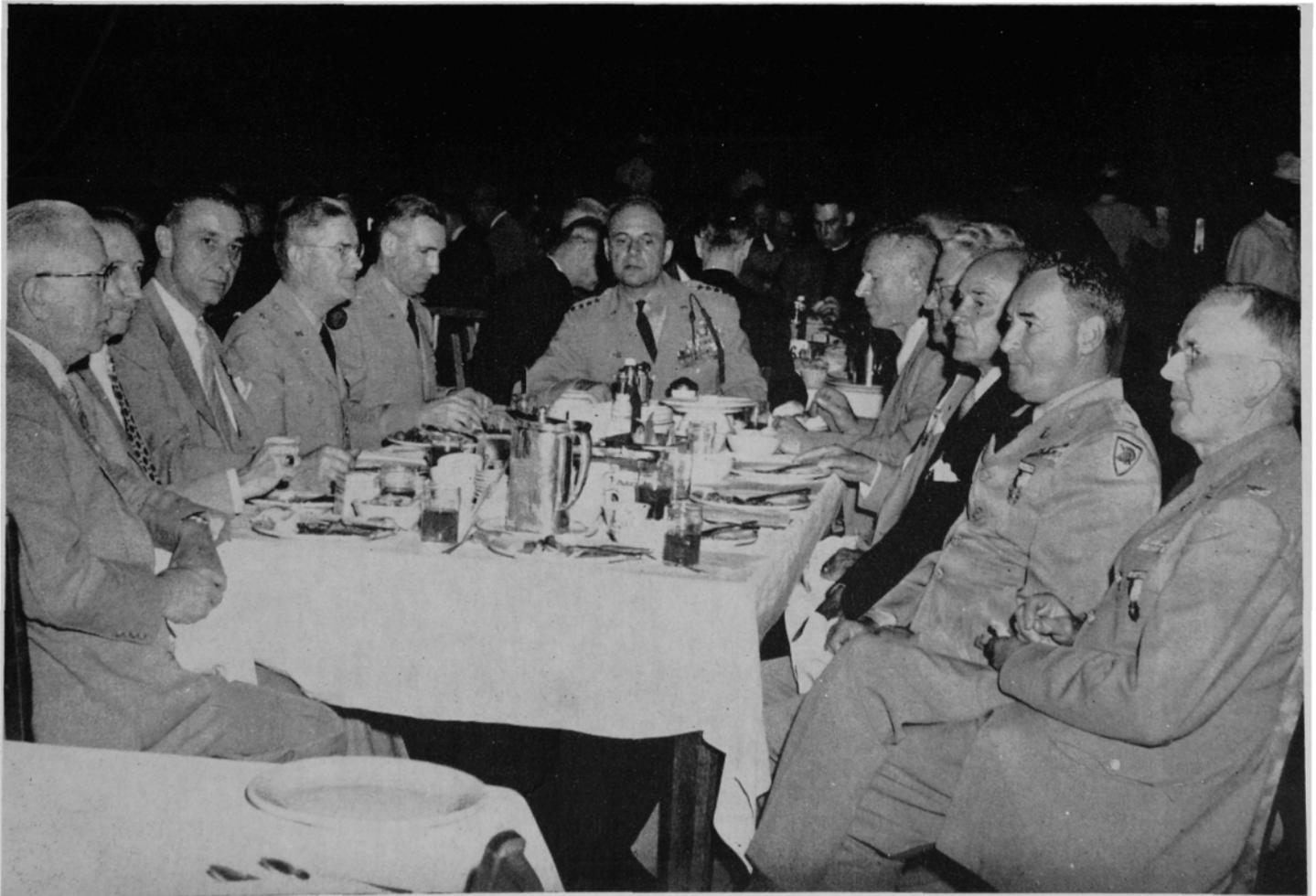
CHANGES IN THE CULLUM FUND
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1954

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	\$ 10.32
Interest from Securities	237.50
Sale of Securities	25.00
	\$ 272.82

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	\$ 5.00
Net Change (Increase)	
	\$ 267.82



APRIL AND AUGUST 1917 AT THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON IN WASHINGTON HALL ON 7 JUNE 1954
LEFT TO RIGHT—Bacon, Woodbury, Ringsdorf, Jones, Irving, Ridgway, Hayden, Eley, White, Counts, and Ely.

SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, 31 MARCH 1954 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1953 TO 31 MARCH 1954

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value of Shares	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis 31 March 1953	Purchases or Gifts	Redemption Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) of Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfer Expenses	Face Value of Shares 31 March 1954	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis 31 March 1954	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1954	Dividends and Interest Received
June 4, 1931	One unit 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., 5 1/2% debent, due 3/27/40.	100	\$ 1.00					5	\$ 62.50	\$ 110.00	\$ 6.00
May 8, 1950	and 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., capital stock NP.	100	\$ 9,500.00					50	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 225.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										75.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										41.48
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										25.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										237.52
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										825.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										325.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										75.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										625.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										597.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										350.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										50.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										320.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										200.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										10.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										2.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										680.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										203.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										390.32
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										80.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										16.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										96.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										80.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										250.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										27.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										300.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										40.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										1.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										45.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										202.68
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										165.36
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										7.25
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										246.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										104.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										145.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										237.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										125.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										143.75
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										.65
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										10,000.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										10,000.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										2,175.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										60.15
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 3,733.26
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 37,084.26
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 82,066.51
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 179,633.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 2,218.75
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 1,187.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 10,000.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 2,000.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 55.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 5,925.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 36.15
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 4,162.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 3,137.50
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 3,725.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 9,450.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 9,700.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 10,103.13
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 10,046.88
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 24.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 10,375.00
	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										\$ 2,175.00
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THE WEST POINT CHAIR



Made of Northern Yellow Birch, thoroughly kiln dried, with no defects (cherry arms) by S. Bent & Bros., Inc., at Gardner, Massachusetts. This firm has been making distinctive reproductions of early American chairs since 1867.

Width between arms is 19½". seat to top of back is *21"; depth of seat is 17". Seat has a deep "saddle". Weight of chair is 24 lbs; shipping weight (in carton) is 32 lbs.

\$25.00 each

*Erroneously listed as 31" in the April 1954 issue of *Assembly*.



OLD FASHIONED GLASS

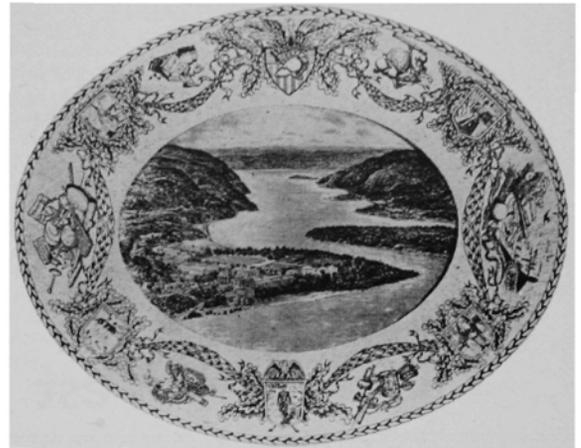
Made by Heisey of polished clear lead glass.

8 ounce, conical in shape, approximately 3¼ inches in height, with weighted base. This glass has the Academy crest etched in clear design.

\$15.00 per dozen

\$8.00 per half dozen
(minimum quantity sold)

WEDGWOOD CHINAWARE



PLATTER

Large size, overall 19" x 15½", matches the West Point plates. Center design copied from an aerial photograph made of West Point and its immediate surroundings—offered in pink or blue.

\$18.00 each

Available for shipment about mid-December 1954. Please order now to insure delivery before Christmas.



AFTER DINNER CUP AND SAUCER

The design is patterned to match the West Point plates and other items of chinaware. Offered in pink or blue.

\$24.00 per dozen

\$13.00 per half dozen

The items illustrated can be purchased only on order to the Association of Graduates, West Point, New York—accompanied by remittance in the proper amount. The chair will be shipped by express from Gardner, Massachusetts; the cup and saucer by express from West Point, New York; the platter by prepaid express or parcel post from New York, New York; the glassware by prepaid parcel post. (Express charges for shipment of chair and for cup and saucer are payable by recipient upon delivery).



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

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROJECTS FOR 1954-1955

1. To develop widespread interest in West Point among boys well qualified to become cadets, and encourage those interested to seek appointments.
2. To organize and develop a system of Alumni Representatives in each West Point Society's area; and to employ this system in order to augment the efforts devoted by West Point Societies to the accomplishment of the first project.

The projects listed above were adopted by the National Public Relations Committee (NPRC) of the West Point Societies at its annual June Week meeting, held this year on June 5th in the West Point Army Mess. They reflect the emphasis being placed by the Military Academy authorities and the Association of Graduates on increasing the number of *well qualified* candidates for the Military Academy.

In 1951 the number of candidates for the Military Academy reached its post-World War II peak. In 1952 and 1953 the totals fell somewhat, reverting to the 1950 level. In 1954 the total number of candidates was somewhat lower than the 1951 peak but not nearly as low as in the years immediately following the end of World War II. It is recognized that changes in the international situation will inevitably cause fluctuations in the numbers of candidates presenting themselves from year to year. Although there are sufficient qualified candidates to furnish the desired number of cadets in each entering class, the ratio of fully qualified candidates to the number of vacancies available is not as high as might be desired. While numbers in themselves may have little significance, a larger overall group of candidates should assure a greater number of outstanding young men.

The NPRC was organized in 1950. Its principal aim is to provide guidance and coordination for the Societies in order to exploit their capabilities for public relations work for the Military Academy. In the four years since its inception, the Committee has directed its efforts not only toward the mission of interesting young men in the Military Academy but also toward the task of informing the public in general, and especially educators, of the true nature of the West Point education. Often the Societies are in a position to notice and correct inaccurate reports and impressions concerning West Point which appear in local newspapers.

This year's meeting, the fifth annual gathering of the Committee, was felt by those present to be the most profitable one to date. General Fenton, President of the Association of Graduates, presided over the meeting, arrangements for which had been handled by Colonel Raymond Stone, Jr., Secretary of the Association, who is also Secretary of the NPRC. Colonel R. D.

Johnston, who is due to replace Colonel Stone as Secretary, also attended the meeting.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the West Point Societies as shown on the following list:

<i>Society</i>	<i>Representative</i>
Boston	Harold E. Small, '15 John A. Chambers, '23
Chicago	W. J. Halligan, Ex-'24
Cleveland	J. H. Frier, Jr., April '17
Indianapolis	E. J. Bean, '19
Connecticut	C. E. Seipel, Jr., '39
Los Angeles	C. F. Crain, '94
Miami	Ralph Royce, '14
Philadelphia	W. J. Renn, Jr., '24
San Francisco	
Bay Area	J. L. Hayden, April '17
Seattle	S. M. Strohecker, Jr., '24
South Texas	C. H. Noble, '19
Tennessee	G. B. Norman, '44

The Superintendent, Major General Irving, several other officers from the Military Academy, and a few of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates also were present at the meeting. Reunion classes had been invited to send representatives, and the following were present in that capacity: W. B. Ladue, '94; E. R. Van Deusen, '09; R. M. Kraft, '29; W. S. Stone, '34; M. L. Legler, '39.

After Colonel C. P. Nicholas, '25, one of the Military Academy members of the NPRC, had read and discussed the Committee's Charter, there followed a brief explanation of the mission of the USMA Information Committee and a discussion of the *Index of Current Information*, a booklet containing references to various types of information about the Military Academy, with a bibliographical listing of pertinent books and articles. The *Index*, completely revised in 1951 and kept up to date in following years by the addition of supplementary sheets, was distributed to each person present, and it was requested that the availability and usefulness of the booklet be publicized and that comments on its composition and recommendations for proposed changes be sent to West Point.

There was a brief discussion of the Long-Range Public Relations Policy. A proposal by the San Francisco Bay Area Society called for the addition of two facts to this policy statement: (1) Cadets receive mon-

etary compensation from the government; (2) Cadets are commissioned in the regular Army or Air Force upon graduation. It was generally felt, however, that these two points, while completely pertinent and important in any discussion with prospective candidates for West Point, need not be included in the Policy Statement, inasmuch as their inclusion would open up the possibility of adding many additional factual points, and it is believed desirable to keep the statement brief and concise. James L. Hayden, April '17, representing the San Francisco Bay Area Society, then withdrew the proposal, and the Long-Range Policy was reaffirmed without change.

Colonel Nicholas invited attention to the proposed projects for the coming year, and after considerable discussion the projects were adopted. Discussion centered principally about the problems involved at the present time in arousing the interest of young men in West Point, and in the Army and Air Force. The opinion was stated that the Military Academy itself still held great appeal for young men through its traditional prestige and the outstanding opportunity it offers for a free education; some of those present, however, felt that it is now most difficult to convince young men of the desirability of a life-long career in the Armed Services, in view of recent developments. This brought forth the statement by several speakers that the "appeal" of the Armed Services has always had its ups and downs; that during each period following a great war there is usually a downward swing; and that eventually the pendulum swings back and the prestige of the Services regains its former position. The discussion ended on this note, with the feeling expressed that a frank and balanced picture of the prospects of a Service career should be given to young men, and that thoughtful and ambitious boys, of the type wanted at the Military Academy, would understand the situation and see in it a worthwhile challenge. Under no circumstances, it was felt, should the "glamour" aspect of West Point, alone, be relied on to stimulate an interest which might, for that very reason, turn out to be short-lived.

The second project for 1954-55, that of organizing a system of Alumni Representatives, is one that has evolved gradually

during the past year. Although the number of West Point Societies is increasing steadily (29 at present), there are still large areas of the country where no Society exists. Each Society has been "assigned" a geographical area—usually one or two states—in which it has paramount interest and where, it is hoped, the Society will foster the organization of other Societies. The "Alumni Representative" concept carries this organization one step further; it would provide for the appointment of a West Point alumnus in each community or county (depending on population density and the availability of West Pointers) within the geographical area of a West Point Society. The principal duties of this Representative would be to establish and maintain contact with the high schools of his area, offering information on West Point, arranging for the showing of the film "This Is West Point", talking to boys interested in becoming cadets, etc. He would also arrange for speakers about West Point, where desired. It is planned to have each of these Representatives work through the West Point Society which is responsible for his geographical area, thus providing a workable decentralization of control.

It is not envisaged that the Alumni Representative would personally present all the talks given. In some areas this might be necessary, but often the Representative would arrange for the services of a young active-duty graduate stationed nearby. Of course there is no reason why some of the Alumni Representatives should not themselves be active-duty graduates; the more of these men serving in that capacity, the more effective the program. In many areas, however, the civil-life alumni will have to

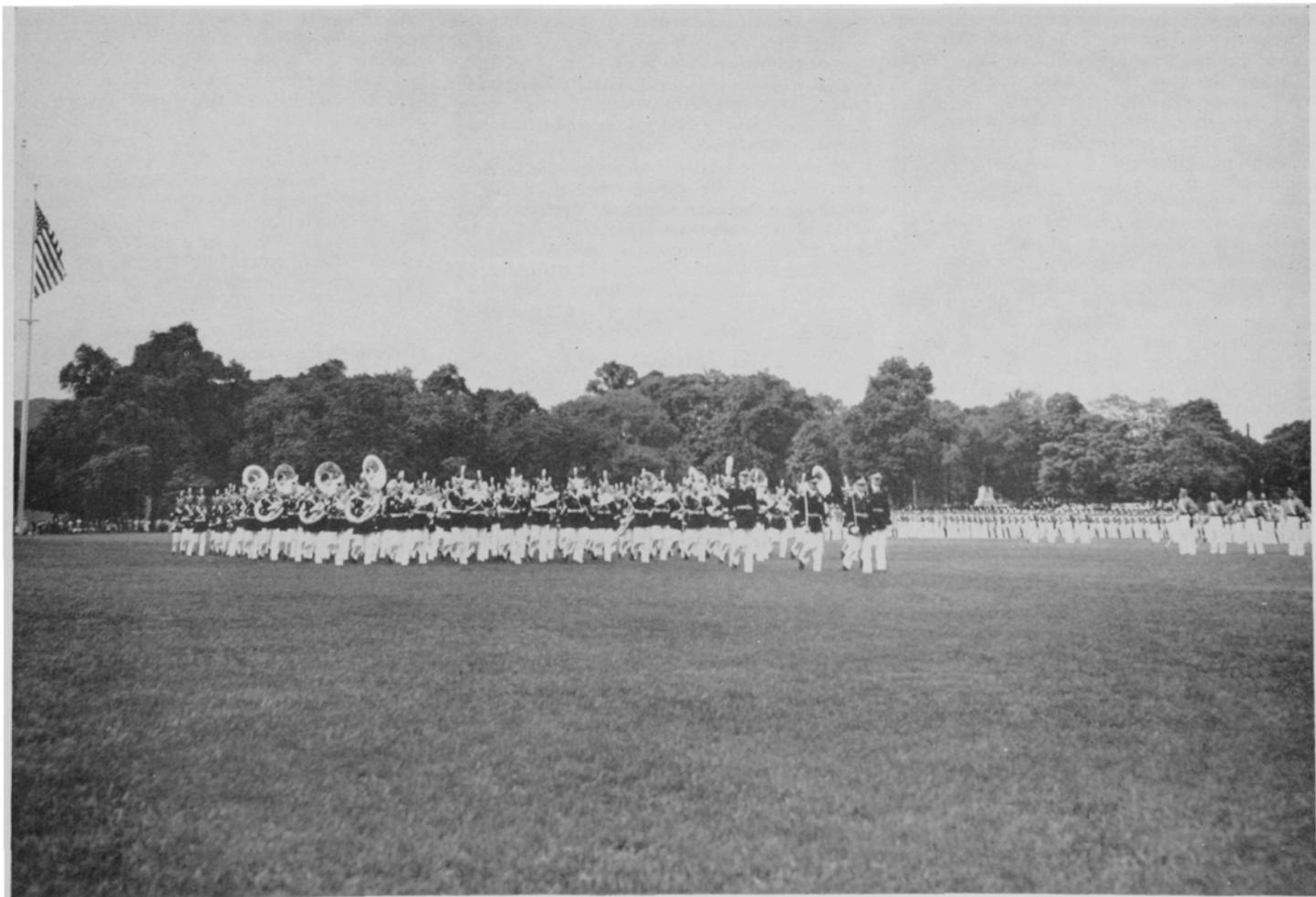
bear the responsibility for this mission, because of the lack of military stations or the transitory nature of the assignments of active-duty West Pointers.

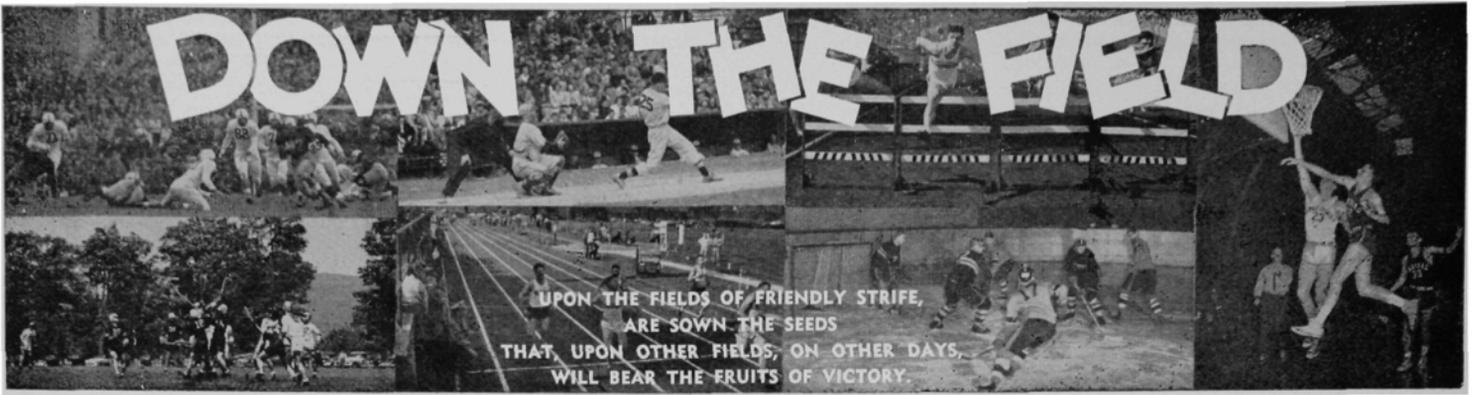
While the NPRC is founded on the framework of the system of West Point Societies, its projects are by no means limited to these Societies. The effectiveness of the program would be multiplied many times if active-duty alumni, who form the great majority of West Pointers, would also voluntarily carry out those portions of the projects within their capabilities. It is also appropriate to quote at this point a statement from the introduction to the current projects: "It is not intended that West Point Societies necessarily be limited to the two projects described herein. Any other good projects which a Society can carry out in support of the NPRC's Long-Range Public Relations Policy for West Point Societies will be welcomed."

Colonel G. A. Lincoln, '29, discussed the growing interest among cadets in participating in public relations activities, and referred to a proposed Cadet Public Relations Council which would provide effective cadet assistance in the overall Military Academy Information Program, especially by furnishing well qualified cadet speakers for appropriate occasions. Lt. Col. E. W. Richardson, '37, gave a review of the activities of the Public Information Office during the past year. He referred particularly to the motion picture "The Long Gray Line" now being made by Columbia Pictures and scheduled for release toward the end of the year. It is hoped that this picture will be the most authentic full-length feature film about West Point ever produced.

John A. Chambers, '23 of the West Point Society of Boston, proposed that the West Point Societies organize a central advisory committee to prepare a plan of action for the counsel and guidance of those West Point Alumni who are being retired from the Service. He requested that all of those present interested in the project meet on the following day to organize such a committee, and he proposed that the Association of Graduates give its official support to such an undertaking. General Fenton replied that he would make such a proposal to the Board of Trustees at its regular June Week meeting on 7 June. (A report concerning the formation of the committee appears elsewhere in this issue of Assembly).

It was also proposed by the representatives of the Boston Society that all West Point Societies be brought together in a closer mutual relationship, and that a certain fraction of the dues paid by each Society member be paid by the Societies into a central fund to be used for employing a national secretary for the Societies. Discussion developed the idea that this secretary could work in the office of the Association of Graduates, but that he would be able to devote his full time to correspondence with the Societies and to traveling to various parts of the country for the purpose of organizing new Societies. The setting up of this position was thought to be desirable to promote closer relationships between the Societies, each of which is an independent organization. It was agreed that this proposal should be explored by a committee and that a report should be made at a later date as to the feasibility of the project.





By Joe Cahill

ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1954

September 25	—University of South Carolina
October 2	—University of Michigan at Ann Arbor
9	—Dartmouth College
16	—Duke University at Durham
23	—Columbia University at New York City
30	—University of Virginia
November 6	—Yale University at New Haven
13	—University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia
20	—Permanently Open
27	—Navy at Philadelphia

What first appeared as an unusually successful spring season took a turn for the worse on the afternoon of May 29th. That was the date of the annual engagements with Navy. The Middies attained the peak of perfection by winning all five of the contests. The last time a clean sweep occurred was in 1943—with the Middies again in command.

Up to that point successful campaigns in at least four sports appeared imminent. Lacrosse was undefeated in nine straight games. Baseball, with only one defeat in league play, was still in a challenging position. Track did well in dual and triangular competition and finished fourth in a strong field in the Heptagonals. Golf needed only a victory against Navy to put it over the top.

These facts were immediately relegated to the background once the results of May 29th were returned. For not only did the Middies win, but in two instances were able to claim important championships as a result.

The lacrosse match at Clinton Field was the big plum. The teams were both undefeated, having won 9 straight apiece. Navy, however, proved too adept with its stick work and passing game. Its defenses, also, were more than adequate, and Army went down to a 9 to 3 defeat. With it went the National championship.

The Middies controlled the ball, and consequently the game, most of the way. Army could muster only 23 shots, as compared to the spray of 59 which peppered the cadet goalie. Army made it close until the third period. The Cadets were even at 1-all after the first period. While Navy scored two in the second and another in the third, Army went scoreless, which smothered the hopes of the locals. Navy continued its

pressurized attack in the final period and finally cracked the Cadet defenses with a five goal splurge.

There were championship implications involved in the baseball test, too. Navy, with only one setback in seven League games, and Army, with but one defeat in six games, needed this one to swing the Eastern Intercollegiate baseball diadem. Again the Navy won, this time on its home ground. The final score was 8 to 4.

A two run first inning rally enabled Army to hold the lead until the third inning. Then a pair by the Middies tied it up. Two more in the fourth sent Army ahead again, a lead they maintained until the sixth. Then the proverbial roof caved in. The Middies came up with a four run rally, based principally on some faulty fielding on the part of the cadet infield. Navy garnered a consolation marker in the seventh, and then a thunderstorm washed out the proceedings.

The track and field loss was the first to the Midshipmen since 1946. It was decisive, however, ending 81-7/12 to 49-5/12. Cadet winners included Larry Fitzgerald, mile; Lew Olive, half mile; Bill Boyd, high jump; Bill Cory, two mile; and Bill Purdue, low hurdles.

Olive, incidentally, ran one of the best mile races of his career at Ann Arbor a week after the season closed. Facing a field of 25 of the country's top college milers in the NCAA championships, he was edged out by less than a stride by Bellinger of



LEW OLIVE

The Army Athletic Association has announced that the official 1954 FOOTBALL PRESS INFORMATION BROCHURE is available for the first time this year at a price of one dollar (\$1.00). This publication is recommended not only as an authoritative preview, but also as a ready reference for use during the season. Its 72 pages are crammed with information and photographs. Also included are the scores of all games since the inception of the sport here in 1890, the outstanding achievements of players and coaches, and a complete list of all captains and lettermen. Copies may be secured by writing to: Army Football Brochure, Post Office Box 3, West Point, New York.

the University of Oregon. Bumped off the track in one of the shuffles for position, he regained his stride and made up all but a few feet to take second place in 4:13.

In tennis the Middies swept the singles competition and won all but the third match in straight sets for a decisive 8 to 1 victory. Army's only win came in the doubles competition when Roland Nordlie and Dan Hutcheson combined their talents in overpowering the Navy entry. Golf was defeated 4 to 3 in a closely contested match. Ray Allen, of Rochester, set a new Academy course record of 68.

Three of Morris Touchstone's lacrosse proteges were named to the North All-Star squad, which met the Southern contingent at Long Island shortly after the close of the season. Pete Leone, Skip Combs and Dick Hobbs represented Army and virtually carried the North squad on their collective shoulders. Leone, with three goals and two assists, was far and away the best performer on the field. Hobbs hit with two goals and Combs added another as the Northern entry rolled to an uphill 11 to 9 victory.

Leone and Combs were also named to the All-America first team, following a poll of the coaches' association after the season. Hobbs was named an alternate on the squad.

New spring sports captains as announced by Lieutenant Colonel Jim Schwenk, GMA, include Dick Cardillo, baseball; Alex MacDonald, lacrosse; Lew Olive, track; Dick Auer, golf; Roland Nordlie, tennis. Nordlie is the son of Coach Leif Nordlie. It is significant to note that this is the first father-son combination to be honored as coach-captain of a sport at West Point.

The Black Knights of West Point

James S. Edson, Author. Bradbury, Sayles, O'Neill, Inc., 219 East 44th Street, New York 17, New York. \$10.00.

At last fans have a factual history of Army Football teams from the first game against Navy in 1890 down to and including the season of 1953. James S. Edson of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, has added *The Black Knights of West Point* to his well known *Alabama's Crimson Tide* and *The Tigers of Auburn*. In undertaking the vast amount of research necessary to the preparation of such a comprehensive volume, Mr. Edson has rendered a valued service to West Point and has made an important contribution to the literature of the game. In assembling the pictures and statistical data, he was assisted by Joseph M. Cahill, Director of Sports Publicity at the Military Academy.

Many of the official records of early West Point Football have been lost or are incomplete. Mr. Edson has dug through old newspaper files, athletic bulletins, Service journals, scrap books and the like. He has given the story and the lineups of both teams, including substitutes, of every football game participated in by a cadet eleven—with the exception of a few early minor games for which no records, other than the scores, are available.

Here you will find recorded the successes and failures of Dennis Michie's pioneer teams, Charlie Daly's famous touchdown run against Navy, Harry Torney's 100 yard dash against Yale, the clashing of Ike Eisenhower and Jim Thorpe, Jim Van Fleet's line plunging, Elmer Oliphant's prolific scoring, Gene Vidal's 52-yard drop kick against Notre Dame, the heroic exploits of Chris Cagle and Monk Meyer, of Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, and all the other sparkling incidents that have marked the progress of Army teams during their sixty-four years of "friendly strife" on the gridiron.

The book is appropriately dedicated to the Football "A" men who gave their lives for our country.

Perhaps the most striking feature of this extraordinary work is the profuse use of illustrations. The group pictures of the various teams form a gallery that is unique. Never before have they been assembled under one cover, nor have they been published so that a football enthusiast can secure them at such a reasonable cost. And Mr. Edson has not stopped with the teams. He has included pictures of all of the Superintendents of the Academy and views of the buildings and monuments—as well as pictures of head coaches and All-Americans. There are 176 illustrations nicely distributed throughout the book.

The Black Knights of West Point is a book well worth reading and keeping for occasional reference. It is so attractively bound as to constitute a library piece.

—Alexander M. Weyand, '16,

Captain, 1915 Army Football Team.

Report of the President

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Please remember that this office, on any member's request, will furnish information as to how to form a West Point Society, together with a suggested Constitution and By-Laws.

The cadet phase of our work is not being overlooked and we are always seeking ways to improve it. On the suggestion of the President of this year's graduating class, our annual invitation to the class to join the Association of Graduates was extended by the President and Secretary of our Association to the class officers and company representatives instead of to the whole class as has been done for as long as I can remember. The results were excellent and this method will probably be followed in future years. Over 92% of the Class of 1954 have joined the Association.

I am sure that all of our members know that we send them a fund raising letter each year. I want to point out that in this letter is a very carefully prepared statement of the activities of our Association, the annual budget, and what we propose to do with the funds contributed as a result of this letter. Whether or not you contribute, I urge you to read this statement. Every member of a corporation is entitled to an annual statement and this letter contains one that goes to every alumnus of whom we have the address. Of course a more complete statement is contained in the July *Assembly* each year. Our goal is to pay current expenses and to raise the endowment fund to \$500,000.00. We have now reached about the halfway mark in the endowment fund and I wish to thank all those who have contributed to make this possible. A few have contributed very handsome sums and I hope many more will do likewise, but I hope that more and more who can afford to contribute only small sums will respond to our fund raising appeal. Please remember that an endowment fund serves the same purpose as one's personal investments. It provides an income for current expenses and furnishes a backlog of funds to meet emergencies. I suggest that all members read the Treasurer's report in this *Assembly*.

I am very grateful for the support received from so many sources. Without going into detail regarding our activities, with which every member should be more or less familiar, I shall mention those who are largely responsible for the success of our Association. You expect, of course, that our officers and editors do their part, as well as the 30 (after this year 36) trustees. But most of you are not familiar with the work done by officers on active duty stationed at West Point. This applies particularly to the support received from the Superintendent and his staff; the Superintendent's Information Committee; the heads of departments and activities; the Librarian USMA; and those on duty in the Public Information Office. Without the cooperation and assistance given by these officers it would be much harder for us to carry out our mission with any satisfactory degree of success. Our 29 West Point Societies are strong aids also. Their work in the field of public relations is invaluable; results are accomplished through them that would otherwise be impossible. The individual members scattered throughout the world are also often most helpful, especially in encouraging the finest type of young men to seek appointments to West Point.

In conclusion I wish to say that the value of our Association is measured by the service it renders to our Alma Mater. I am sure the Superintendent will agree that our

Association has been and is today of great benefit to West Point. We all feel that it could be of even more value, however, and that is what we are striving for.

—CHAUNCEY L. FENTON, '04,
President.

Address by the Superintendent

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ing job in handling the Corps and in developing high morale and esprit. The Class itself has registered a triumph in the Rhodes Scholarship competition. Three members of the Class, including the Cadet First Captain, have been selected to become Rhodes Scholars and, thus, West Point maintains its position just behind Princeton, Yale, and Harvard in the total number of Rhodes Scholarships won over the years. This is a rather remarkable record, owing to the lateness of West Point's entry into the Rhodes Scholarship field, and the apparent reluctance of some boards to name military personnel.

I have received many queries concerning the activities of cadets and their feud with the Tactical Department, and it has been suggested by several that I narrate some of the outstanding stories similar to the monkey story of last year. Since there seems to be more or less a popular demand for an item or two along this line, I will include one today.

As you may well imagine, the habit within the Corps of keeping animal pets has not diminished through the years, and along in March a notice appeared in our Daily Bulletin which read as follows:

"Will the cadet who left two white mice in his laundry bag please arrange with the Office of the Quartermaster, USMA, to pick them up. No embarrassing questions will be asked."

Also, in tune with modern times, the possibilities of the hamster have been fully observed by the cadets. A tactical officer related the following incident to me. Some time ago one became particularly active in one cadet company. Daily he would send a note to the Company Tactical Officer, telling him where the hamster had observed the Tactical Officer operating during inspection of rooms. Well, our Tactical Department officers are particularly well trained, and this Tac knew that the best defense was an offense. So his answer to the challenge was to rip the company completely apart each day, room by room, looking for the hidden hamster. Each morning for a week, this took place; and each morning the Tac received a note from the hamster signed with his paw print, chiding the Tac for failing to find him. But our cadets are pretty smart, too; and it wasn't long before they realized that they were not coming out on top in this little game. They became tired of having to put their rooms entirely in order after every inspection. Therefore, one morning the Tactical Officer came into his office and on his desk was a boodle can with a small white flag protruding therefrom. Attached to it was a formal request for surrender from the hamster. On opening the can the Tac found the offending rodent and immediately transferred him to a P.O.W. cage.

In conclusion, let me again say how pleased we are to have you come back to your Alma Mater for June Week. I hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we enjoyed your presence here, and I hope you will make an effort during the ensuing year to return at every opportunity.

BULLETIN BOARD

BOOK REVIEWS

CHIMES AND ELECTRONIC CARILLONS, MODERN TOWER BELLS. By Paul D. Peery, '28. New York: The John Day Co., 1948; 146 pages; 4to; illustrated; appendix; bibliography; \$3.75.

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

With this book Paul D. Peery adds another subject to the astonishing variety of interests exhibited by West Pointers. A former Cadet Chapel Chimer, he has pursued his preoccupation with bells throughout his career since his retirement for disability in 1935, though his primary concern has been with authorship. He has had more than fifty stories and articles published in magazines and periodicals.

According to the dust jacket, Peery "comes of a family long connected with the musical, educational, and literary life of the United States. . . He has played all the recitals on the Balboa Park Chimes, in San Diego, California, and virtually all of the dedicatory recitals for the electronic carillons which have been installed in that area. He has been tenor soloist in many churches, among them the Episcopal Church in Coronado, where he served for ten years as soloist and for three years as director of music." It is therefore evident that he is well equipped to write of the subject in hand.

His purpose in writing was "to aid organists, carillonneurs and others to adapt their musical knowledge to the art of campanology." It may also be observed that his book should prove indispensable to church committees and others contemplating the purchase of a carillon or a set of chimes.

Although the book is addressed primarily to the practicing professional, it is of engrossing interest to the layman. The first chapter is a short history of bells from the earliest times to the present. Mixed with the factual material is a liberal amount of legendary lore, together with accounts of some of the celebrated bells of the world. Even the succeeding chapters, describing the instruments, treating of acoustics and going into the proper use of carillons, are not, for the most part, too technical for the comprehension of the average reader, provided the subject interests him. A useful feature is an itemized summary at the end of each chapter, which clarifies the discussion and makes subsequent reference easy. The last thirty-seven pages are devoted to musical arrangements of airs suitable for playing on carillons.

In the preface the author gives an amusing account of a woman organist who condemned a newly installed set of chimes because, "I tried 'Chopsticks' on them, but it didn't sound like 'chopsticks' at all!" The author takes the same attitude towards her that the tacs did to the yearling chapel chimer who lost his Christmas leave in 1930 for ushering in the joyful day of departure by waking everyone with "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night."

One may summarize by observing that this is an attractive book, well illustrated,

interestingly written, and unquestionably useful for the purposes the author had in mind.

GUIDEPOSTS TO THE FUTURE, A NEW AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. By Brigadier General William H. Wilbur, '12. Foreword by Brigadier General Robert E. Wood, '00. Chicago: Henry Regnery Co., 1954; 168 pages; 8 vo.; bibliography; index; \$2.50.

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

In his introduction General Wilbur presents his thesis that American foreign policy since World War II has been a failure. He then goes on to state his purpose in writing this book as follows:

1. To present a truthful summary of the major steps of our foreign policy in the past eight years, including both the successes and failures.
2. To portray the reaction of other nations to our policies.
3. To set up clear and unmistakable guideposts for the future, guideposts which, if followed, will serve to re-establish our foreign policy on principles of true Americanism, principles which will be successful in attaining the peaceful world for which we, the American people, yearn so sincerely.

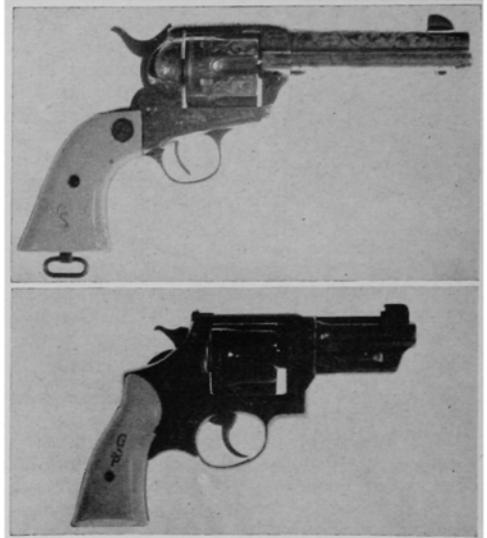
The above statement of purpose is, in effect, an outline of the book. After a lucid discussion of the first two topics, General Wilbur presents in less than two pages an itemized proposal for an American foreign policy, the gist of which is as follows:

1. Absolute honesty based on Christian philosophy.
2. A forward looking policy, based on thorough study and prosecuted with courage and vigor.
3. Continuation of membership in the United Nations, but reliance on regional groups for cooperative action, and maintenance of American authority to act independently when necessary.
4. Announcement of American support of our traditional position on freedom for all countries.
5. Creation of a favorable balance of power in all fields in order to compensate for the breakdown of collective security.
6. Vigorous prosecution of the cold war through creation of a single agency to conduct all psychological war activities.
7. Assumption of leadership of the free world by the United States.

Obviously such a book will excite controversy. Without taking sides, one can at least express the opinion that General Wilbur's long participation in matters involving high policy entitles him to a wide and thoughtful readership.

GENERAL PATTON'S PISTOLS

The West Point Museum is now conducting research concerning the background of the famous ivory-handled revolvers worn by the late General George S. Patton, Jr., Class of 1909. These guns, a Colt single action, caliber .45, and a Smith and Wesson .357 Magnum (see cut) were loaned to the Museum by the Patton family.



Anyone who served with or remembers seeing General Patton wearing these guns or has any information as to their history, is requested to communicate with Mr. Milton F. Perry, Curator of History, West Point Museum, West Point, New York. The Museum is seeking pictures and data relating to the frequency the pistols were worn, either singly or as a pair.

The Colt single action revolver was obtained by General Patton when he was a Lieutenant in El Paso, Texas, in 1916, and has two notches carved on the left grip. The .357 Magnum revolver "the most powerful handgun ever made", was acquired by General Patton while he was stationed at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, in 1935.

The West Point Alumni Advisory Committee

To: Board of Trustees, Association of Graduates, USMA

Gentlemen:

The following members of West Point Societies met in the Conference Room of the Association of Graduates, Cullum Hall, Sunday morning, June 6 at 10:00 A.M.:

Clarence E. Seipel, Jr., '39
West Point Society of Connecticut and Rhode Island
James H. Frier, Jr., April '17
President, West Point Society of Cleveland, Ohio
Harold E. Small, '15
PRO, West Point Society of Boston
Edgar L. Love, '23
West Point Society of New York
S. M. Strohecker, Jr., '24
West Point Society of Seattle
W. J. Renn, Jr., '24
West Point Society of Philadelphia
E. J. Bean, '19
West Point Society of Indianapolis
W. J. Halligan, Ex-'24
West Point Society of Chicago

John A. Chambers, '23
West Point Society of Boston

As a result of that meeting we respectfully submit the following Charter for your approval:

CHARTER AND GENERAL PROCEDURE
OF
THE WEST POINT ALUMNI ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

1. Source of Charter.—This charter has been approved by:
 - a. The Superintendent, U.S.M.A.
 - b. The President, Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A.
 - c. The provisional organizational group meeting at West Point Sunday, June 6, 1954, representing West Point Societies.
 2. Organic Status.—A Committee is hereby established to be known as "The West Point Alumni Advisory Committee". The Committee is a representation of the autonomous West Point Societies as a group. It is not organically a part of the Association of Graduates; however, the Association of Graduates sponsors the Committee and assists it.
 3. Purpose.—The Committee's purpose is to prepare and assist in the implementation of a plan for the counsel and guidance of retiring West Point Alumni.
 4. Membership.—The Committee shall consist of:
 - a. Representatives from West Point Societies.
 - b. Members as designated by the Superintendent, U.S.M.A. and The Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A.
 5. Functions.—The functions of the Committee shall be:
 - a. To study and prepare a plan for submission to officers who are alumni of the Military Academy who will be retired within the next three years covering an organization to handling problems of their return to civilian life.
 - b. This provisional plan if approved is to be later formalized into a permanent procedure.
 6. Publicity.—
 - a. That the Association of Graduates publicize this paper through *Assembly*, its quarterly magazine, and that the National Public Relations Committee do likewise through its Circular Letters.
 - b. That the President, Association of Graduates, announce this Committee formation at the 7 June 1954 Annual Meeting of the Association.
- JOHN A. CHAMBERS,
Temporary Chairman
West Point, New York
6 June 1954

EXTRACT OF
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, USMA
Held at 0900 hours Monday, 7 June 1954
at West Point, N. Y.

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"14. The 'West Point Alumni Advisory Committee' was discussed * * * * *. This independent committee seeks the

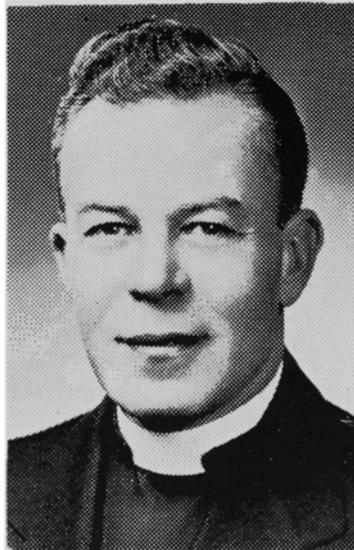
indorsement of the Superintendent and of the Association of Graduates in their efforts to provide thru the West Point Societies an effective organized aid for officers who are retiring from the service, and who seek civilian employment. After some discussion the Superintendent and the President personally indorsed the committee's aims, and the Board favorably considered the committee's Charter * * * * *"

WEST POINT

O Spartan Woman, I have peered behind
Your stoic pose and found the mother there
At last: the proud gray eyes, the cool gray hair,
The tender face a hundred years have lined
With sorrow for your still, straight sons returned
Upon their blameless shields; the quiet pride
That they have lived by you, gone forth, and died
The Dorian way. Gray Mother they have earned
Those shields. Thus have they justified the trust
You placed in them and come again to live
And breathe as part of you. Today you give
A burnished shield to me, to guard from rust,
To hold before my heart; and bid me go.
Stern Spartan I salute you—but I know!

—C. T. Lanham, '24

Editor's Note: This sonnet was written by Lanham in 1924 as a valedictory to our Alma Mater. At the instance of C. F. Crain, '94, *Assembly* publishes it here in the belief that it is one of the best expressions of the inspiration which West Point is to all her sons.



CHAPLAIN PULLEY LEAVES
WEST POINT

The Reverend Frank E. Pulley, who has been Chaplain, U.S.M.A. for the past seven years, left West Point in the latter part of June. As this issue of *Assembly* goes to press, Chaplain Pulley's successor has not yet been named. The Reverend Alan G. Gripe, Assistant Chaplain, U.S.M.A. will assume Chaplain Pulley's duties until a permanent successor is appointed.

Chaplain and Mrs. Pulley have gone to Lewisburg, North Carolina, where they will remain until his plans for a "sabbatical" year—study, rest and travel—are completed.

Battle Deaths of West Point
Graduates in Korea

Memorialization at the Academy

As reported in the January 1954 issue of *Assembly*, the United States Military Academy plans to memorialize in Cullum Hall those West Point graduates classified by the Departments of the Army and Air Force as "battle deaths".

The plan is to erect a memorial consisting of a bronze tablet of roster type inscribed in class order with the names of those graduates who were battle deaths in the Korean Operation.

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

The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, has been requested to obtain and furnish the Military Academy with an official list of all graduates who have been classified as battle deaths. This list when received will be checked first by the Association of Graduates and then by the class secretaries of the various classes concerned. Any discrepancies noted by this check are to be referred to Headquarters United States Military Academy so that clarification may be obtained from the Adjutant General. It is to be noted that only those graduates classified as "battle deaths" will be included in the memorial.

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

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

WEST POINT SOCIETIES

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

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New Members

We welcome to our membership 581 graduates of the Class of 1954 and 33 other graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,956.

OVER 92% 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 SEPTEMBER 10, 1954



Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present at West Point during June Week 1954 (center) leads the column of the Long Gray Line to Thayer Monument on June 7. With General Hodges are Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, Superintendent (left) and Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Class of 1904, President of the Association of Graduates (right).

1894

Seven members of the Class of 1894 gathered at West Point during June Week to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the graduation of the class. It was a pleasure and a privilege for us to observe and take part in the activities of June Week, to meet old friends, and to talk over our experiences of cadet days, and of the long years that have passed since we exchanged cadet gray for Army blue.

On the morning of Alumni Day we joined in the march from Cullum Hall to the Thayer Monument and the exercises there, and in the review of the Corps of Cadets by the Alumni. We found ourselves in the van of the column in the march to the monument, and on the right of the line at the review—an impressive reminder of the years that have passed since our graduation.

The high light of the week, for us, was our 60th Reunion dinner in the Red Room of the Officers' Mess on the evening of Alumni Day. Present were Frank Cocheu, Carlos Crain, Laddie Ladue, Don Pablo Malone, Willie Paine, Duke Preston and Billy Williams of 1894—and Major General Hodges of 1881, the oldest graduate present, who was the honored guest of the class. A toast was drunk to the absent and those who have gone before, letters and messages from absent members were read, a report of the status of the Flower Fund was received, reminiscences and stories of other days were exchanged, and the party finally broke up with mutual felicitations upon the success of our Reunion.

Willie Paine, from Oregon, and Carlos Crain, from Pasadena, shared the distinction of coming the longest distance. It was Willie Paine's first visit to West Point in 40 years.

Don Pablo Malone has moved from Cal-

ifornia to Florida, and is now living at 425 Avenida Norte, Siesta Key, Sarasota.

Duke and Mrs. Preston have a new address—209 Charles Road, San Antonio.

Laddie and Mrs. Ladue have given up their apartment in Washington, and are temporarily at the Thayer Hotel, West Point.

Chalky Bent is living quietly in Clarion, Iowa, with his daughter, granddaughter and grandson. He has two grandsons in the Service overseas, one in Japan and one in Europe.

Mrs. Newsom writes that Sam Newsom has been hospitalized since October with hardening of the arteries. He has always loved and cherished his memories of West Point.

—W. B. L.

1895

Cavanaugh and wife were in Washington for a few days on the way north to their summer home in Connecticut.

Miles attended the Kentucky Derby as guest of the management. Hope you picked the right horse, Perry.

Herron has been vacationing at Palm Springs, California.

One of '95's sons is now a Major General. Numa Watson has received his second star. Congratulations, Numa.

Good reports have been received from Conrad, Dixon, Darrah, Smith, F. W., and Watson.

It is time to begin planning for our reunion next June.

—L. M. N.

1897

The Class was saddened by the death in Walter Reed Hospital on June 4th of our much-loved classmate, Frank Ross McCoy. He had been gradually failing for some time. The funeral was in Arlington Cemetery on June 8th. Among the pallbearers were Generals Marshall and Ridgway, and five of the class of '97—Conley, Connor, Ferguson, Pope, and Roberts, C. D. Mrs. McCoy survives Frank, as do his sisters, Margaretta McCoy and Hannah McCoy of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and a brother,



60th REUNION, CLASS OF 1894

Left to right: Colonel William H. Paine, Major General Paul B. Malone, Colonel Charles F. Crain, Colonel William B. Ladue, Major General Clarence C. Williams, Major General John F. Preston, and Major General Frank S. Cocheu.

John H. McCoy, of Cranford, New Jersey. This is not the place to describe McCoy's most distinguished career.

Thomas Morgan Watlington, III, Conley's grandson, was married at All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland, June 12th, to Gale Valentine. There was a large reception after the wedding at the Kenwood Country Club. Watlington, who has just graduated from West Point is assigned to the Infantry, and goes to Fort Benning.

The Connors returned from their trip to South America on March 9th, and have recently gone to their summer home near Gloucester. They visited Guatemala and all the countries of South America except Bolivia and Paraguay. Mrs. Connor caught a record sized rainbow trout in one of the Argentine lakes. They stopped two days at Caracas especially to see Alcantara, but found he was just recovering from pneumonia and unable to see visitors.

Altstaetter writes from his summer home at Highlands, North Carolina, May 30th, that he is comfortable and in good health, but is not very keen about travel. His prime

interest at Highlands is gardening, which he likes and which keeps him busy.

Fiske writes from San Diego that he and his wife and their daughter, Berenice, are in good health. Their other daughter, Virginia, the wife of General Timberman, U.S. Commandant in Berlin, is with her husband there. Fiske says he sees Jackie Woodyard occasionally when he comes up from Mexico to visit his daughter, the wife of Captain Townsend, U.S.N., Retired, at Coronado.

Humphrey, E. H., was at West Point for graduation and hurried to Washington in time for McCoy's funeral. "Sep" lives at San Antonio with his brother, Charles F., who is also a retired Brigadier General.

"Buck" Johnston is still in hospital and we fear will be there for some time.

Miller, C. H., lives at 301 Fauquier St., Lynchburg, Virginia. He wrote on May 31st that he has recently joined the local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Spanish War Veterans "largely through the importunities of Cap-



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1894-1899

tain Robert A. Abernethy, U.S.N., Retired, a cousin of Abernethy of '97."

Roberts, T. A., writes on May 29th, from San Antonio, that he is the oldest member of the Bowling Leagues of the Episcopal Church there. He also says he plays a little bridge—"paying for the privilege". His daughters live near him. On asking Pope how he was getting along, with the hope of getting an item for *Assembly*, he authorized me to say for him, "Oh, I am getting along toward eighty." And so are we all who have not already passed that period.

Conklin represented the Class during June week at West Point.

—C. D. R.

1898

Editor's Note: *Assembly* believes the members of 1898, and many of its readers of other classes, will be interested in the following quotation from a letter recently received from Colonel Charles A. Ranlett, Ex-1898:

"Going back to that plebe camp summer of 1894 with Johnson, the roll of B Company recurs to my mind and contains interesting names. In those times first sergeants called the rolls of their companies at all formations and, I presume, this reiteration made permanent impression on my (naturally "speckoid") mind. Here are the privates of that old company, June-Aug. '94.

"Augustin, Boggs, Bolles, Bradford, Buckey, Butner, Butterly, Calvert, Collins, Conklin, Cowell, Darrah, Davis, Drury, England, Enochs, Ferguson, Fiscus, Foley, Fries, Gibson, Guignard, Hagood, Hall, Hamilton, Hanson, Hines, Howard, Howland, Johnson, Justice, Kerr, Kerwin, Kessler, Landon, Martin, McCloskey, McClure, McLeod, Miller, H., Miller, L., Mitchell, Moses, Nissen, Nugent, Nuttman, Orton, Otwell, Ranlett, Rees, Richardson, Simmons, Sills, Siviter, Tebbetts, Thomas, Wheeler, Whitted, Whitehead."

With about eighteen or twenty cadet officers and noncoms this made a cadet company approx 80 men at the time. How different from today!—What a picture that list calls up of the varied future, adventure or the commonplace tragedy or comedy, in the lives—ahead—of a group of boys!"

—C. N. B.

1899

Our 55th reunion is behind us and those who had the good fortune to be able to be there seemed gratifyingly well and cheerful. Ahead of us was '94 with a substantial representation. Again, we were enormously impressed by that dapper, soldierly, and competent graduate who entered West Point in the year most of us were born—General H. C. Hodges, Jr., the oldest graduate present.

Merry came up from Texas and will spend most of the summer at his old home in Illinois.—With him was Sep Humphrey, who, as always, has several irons in the fire and will flit about a bit before returning to San Antonio.—From the Coast came Yates and Clark, H. B.—The latter will attend a business meeting in Chicago before returning home.—The C. B. Clarks were up from Florida and he fulfilled what seems to have been a long-cherished ambition—to dance at a Graduation Hop!—They will spend a part of the summer touring in

New England and New York State.—The Games and the VanDuynes were there—the latter with their daughters and a handsome grandson.—Freddy Kerr brought two fine grandsons. Kelly from Buffalo, Kromer from Northfield, Vt., where he is "batching it", and Herron and Jordan from Washington were "among those present".

The place has not lost its power to thrill, and the Corps and the cadets were as always, magnificent.—Again, we were fortunate in the weather.—Our quarters in Cullum Hall were most comfortable and the meals at the Officers' Mess more than adequate. We had three class suppers there, with much talk and little listening.

—C. D. H.

1901

Although we were disappointed that the promised lodge at the Bear Mountain Inn was taken away from us at the last moment, so that most of the ladies had to drop out, we did pretty well at the reunion: Bettison, Lahm, Tidball, West, Maguire, Powell, Kay, and Browne; also Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Lynch.

Mollie Maguire arrived from his Arizona "Rancho de los Caballeros", bringing for each one of us one of the new style neckties of braided leather, with clasp of silver ornamented with turquoise and marked in embossed letters, "W.P. 01", the ends with silver caps; all of us wore them.

Beverly Browne brought the punch bowl, which was given to General Granger Adams by the Officers of his Regiment, the 5th P.A., in 1915, and which now has been presented to the West Point Army Mess by his daughter, Louise Browne. On it are the names of the officers of the regiment at that time, three of whom were at West Point, Bill Bryden, John Danford and Happy Glassford.

I believe we had more entertaining contacts with other classes than usual; it is possible these were helped by the punch bowl!

We missed Ed and Margery Shinkle, who hoped to make it on the last lap of a long sea trip; Pat Newman, Irish Larkin, Sep Oliver, and Shaggy Sherrill had early hopes and plans but couldn't make it.

—B. F. B.

1902

Abbot reports a grand tour with his wife of the southwest and middlewest sections of the United States, returning to his home state of Illinois for a visit. En route they had visits with the Fritz Griffiths at Louisville, the Sherrills ('01) at Cincinnati, and Bob Woods ('00) at their Lake Forest home.

Albert divides his time between his New York apartment and his summer place at Elberon, New Jersey.

Amerine says his hobby now is radio and reminds us that he commanded a Radio Company of the Alabama National Guard at Nogales, Arizona, in 1916.

Frankie Bell and his wife have been visiting his home state of Pennsylvania and touring the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He attends the regular monthly class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club with Edwards, Herr, Preston and Valliant. The wives of these classmates with the class widows in and around Washington hold a luncheon at the same time.

Hiram Cooper has been visiting the hospital at the Maxwell Air Force Base during

the past year, and says that he is none too well and has had to give up many of his interests and activities.

Dinsmore, writing from Santa Ana, California, deploras the fact that he sees so few 1902 men. He enjoys attending the luncheons of the West Point Society in Los Angeles.

Sep Dockery says that he has a grand-nephew who is now a plebe at West Point. He reports seeing Terrell at Carmel last summer.

Sep Edwards and his wife gypsied all over Europe for seven months last year and says that after this experience with the Old World he is content to live peacefully at home for awhile.

Pat Foley has been bemoaning the fact that accidents in Missouri and sickness in Michigan took all but four days from his regular bird-hunting season. He reports a fine visit from the Pegrans at his home in Tacoma, Washington.

Frankenberger is still living all alone in a big house out in San Diego, California, and spends most of his time looking for a cook and housekeeper who is not obsessed with the idea of having little work to do with big pay. He has recently received from his physician a good report on his health.

Franklin tells us that his son, John Jr., (Class of '34), has just completed a tour as Chief of Staff of the Third Division in Korea and is now Deputy G2 of the 8th Army.

Fritz Griffith reports that he and Kate attended the inauguration in Washington last year and that in April they had a nice overnight visit from the Abbots. He spends his time gardening, golfing and raising chickens.

Runt Hannum writes that after 46 years of Federal service and 10 years of State service in California it seemed time for him to retire from public service so he and Governor Warren went out of office at the same time. However, he soon found himself on one of the important committees of the Ford Foundation and in October 1953, he was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to a nine-man advisory committee on conservation problems. These two appointments have afforded him some fine trips to Washington, where he has enjoyed meeting with his classmates there. He seems very proud of being a grandfather for the fifth time.

Johnny Herr reports several notable events of interest to the class and his other friends. Last April he and Helen and their daughter Fanny took a flying auto trip to Key West and return, and in October he published his book, "The Story of the U.S. Cavalry". This book seems to have taken the public fancy and is selling well. Then in September Johnny and Helen went to New York to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary and, most important of all, in July Johnny became the first great grandfather in the class, Margaret DeRussy Patton having arrived.

Longley includes in his letter a list of the members of the class who have died in the last two years—Boswell, Jennings, Black, Morrison and Wilson. Katie Morrison died in Leghorn, Italy, in April 1953. His first wife, Bess Taylor, and her daughter, Virginia, live in Orlando, Florida, where the Longleys see them frequently. They have also recently seen Edna Jennings in Miami. The Longleys are very proud of their new home in West Dennis on Cape Cod into which they moved last July. They are also boasting over the arrival of a fifth grandchild.

Beef Miller is growing apples in Rappahannock County, Virginia, and hopes some day to have a pay crop. He has recently

been in the hospital for two operations for a trouble common among old men.

Troup Miller tells us of a wonderful trip to Alaska last summer with his wife to visit their daughter, Rosa, Jr., and her family. They returned from the Coast via Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia; thence by Canadian Pacific to Lake Louise and Banff. Troup and Rosa celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their home in Atlanta last November 4th.

Billy McCain says that he can scarcely see after four operations on his eyes, but that does not keep him from kicking and cussin' as usual. He begs his classmates to stop by to see him at his home in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Johnny Pegram and his wife, Gwen, have been rambling around again. Last summer they had a grand tour of the north-west section of the country and a fine visit with Pat and Louise Foley at their home in Tacoma, Washington. They also took in Lake Louise and Banff. In October they headed for Mexico again and from last accounts they were still enjoying that country.

Fat Rodney still maintains an office at Michigan State College where he acts as adviser on military questions and the draft. He says he still rides his horse two or three times a week and enjoys hunting and trout fishing in season.

Razzle Dazzle Rozelle expresses his distress over the perilous times we are passing through but says he is still for the Constitution and the Bricker Amendment. He seems very proud that his son, "Pete", did so much better at Texas A. and M. than he did at the U.S.M.A.

Terrell and his wife have been on photographic and fishing trips from Arizona to Canada (Lake Louise and Jasper National Park) and report a great collection of colored slides and a big catch of trout. He reports two grandchildren not previously mentioned in his letters.

Rigby Valliant, writing from his home in Vienna, Virginia, says he enjoys the contacts with the small group of classmates at luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington each month and wishes more of our members could be there.

During his cadet days the late Rusty Cowles kept quite a voluminous scrap book. It contains many newspaper clippings about matters relating to the Military Academy. On June 12th, the 52nd anniversary of Rusty's graduation, Mrs. Cowles presented it to the Library at West Point.

Practically all of the class letters expressed profound regrets over the death of Walter Wilson and the deepest admiration for him as a Christian soldier and friend.
—T. M.

1903

Dougias MacArthur addressed the "Whoopers" in Manchester, N. H., on April 29th with his usual pertinence and eloquence. He invited A. M. Pope and wife to fly there with him.

On his annual trip south in March, "Puss" Farnum saw Benny Ristine and wife at their home in Lakeland, he keeping fit with bowling every morning; Jake Wuest and Mrs. Wuest, who live nearby; and "Bones" Tyler, just back from a consulting job in South America. He lunched with the Pat Lynches in Orlando, and with the Roses in Bradenton. Rose, chairman of our Class Committee, is keeping young tending his garden, following the example of Voltaire's *Candide*.

Colley, Gilmor and Bendel have sent in their \$10.00 contributions to the Class Fund—Thanks.

In a newsy letter to Levi Brown, Carlos Telford reports from La Jolla, "I am well and suppose I should be thankful. Of course, I can't do *all* the things we used to do." In this connection he refers to a man who had discovered oil on his farm; but when asked by a friend to go out and celebrate had to refuse the various ways to celebrate offered. Finally, his friend in disgust exclaimed: "Say Jim, why do *you* want an oil well?" But, nevertheless, with a daily swim and sun bath in the morning, and horseshoe pitching and gardening in the afternoon, and settling the world's troubles in friendly converse, Carlos finds living "as befits his age" happy enough.

Turtle has been in Brooke Army Hospital recovering from a broken leg, the result of getting out of bed after a minor operation before the anesthetic's effects had entirely worn off, and his still numb leg could not support his weight. "Eph" Graham and wife have been in to see him at the hospital and are reported well. The Turtles have bought a new house, 335 Arcadia Street, Terrell Hills, San Antonio, Texas (note the change of address), across the street from Brigadier General Evan H. Humphrey (1899). They seem mightily pleased with it.

"Growler" Lyon spent a week in Letterman Hospital for a checkup and was happy to run across his former company commander in the 19th Infantry, General Dean, who happily seemed none the worse for his harrowing experiences. "Growler" and "Trophy" Bendel attended the annual West Point dinner at the Presidio, at which General Dean made the principal address.

The widow of "Eggies" Ahrends is reported well and living at 1053 Field Road, Palo Alto, California, with her daughter Ruth.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

Under the arrangements so thoughtfully made and so considerably carried out by the Superintendent and the Association of Graduates, a return to West Point during June Week affords the "old grad" a spiritual, emotional and inspirational uplift that stirs him deeply and that is difficult appropriately to describe in words.

When this return occurs in a reunion year that brings back the maximum possible number of his classmates to live over again the experiences of days spent together at this (to us) greatest of all institutions in the world, and at the most beautiful spot on earth, the old grad enjoys a rare and delightful privilege.

Incredible it is, that fifty years have passed since the members of 1904, with sheepskins handed to them by the Secretary of War, William Howard Taft, hurried away from West Point to the Murray Hill Hotel in New York City, there to be together for the last time at a farewell Class Banquet.

Many changes have occurred at West Point since June 15, 1904. The "works of man" as P. Larned would call them, have changed greatly since we were cadets, but all of the incomparables seem eternal—the majesty of Storm King and Cro'Nest, the inspiring vistas of the mighty Hudson, and the rich verdure of ever resplendent Spring. These timeless features make the one perfect setting for the Corps on parade—cadets in fresh full dress white with plumes, sashes, and glistening arms, with lines and cadence perfect as always.

Except for the fact that the Corps is now four times the strength it was fifty years ago, we saw on the occasion of our golden anniversary, the Class of 1904 again on parade—and it stirred our hearts.



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1904

This inadequate account of our 50th Reunion is written expressly for those of you who by force of circumstances were unable to be with us. We missed you—we thought of you—and the best wishes of all of us, were with you.

Our first gathering together was for the luncheon given to us by Chauncey and Marguerite Fenton, and Bill and Ellen Bryden. This was held at the West Point Army Mess on Sunday, June 6th.

Including our hosts and hostesses and their guests of honor, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Class of 1881, and his daughter, Miss Hodges, sixty-four persons attended this delightful affair. Classmates with wives were Blakely, Bryden, Copp, Crain, Crystal, Danford, Fenton, McAndrew, McIlroy, McKell, Moody, Neal, Phillipson, Scott, W. R., Singles and Wright. Those unaccompanied by wives were Brant, Diller, Dillon, Glassford, Hunter, Reilly, H. J. (accompanied by sister), Robins, Woolnough, Finn and LeCompte. Widows of Benedict, Gruber, McNair and Richardson, J. B. were there. Children, children-in-laws and grandchildren accounted for the remaining members of the party. Our own beloved Snitz was present in the person of his attractive daughter Molly (Mrs. J. O. Stoddard).

It was very hard to bring this party to an end. Old friends separated for years had too much to talk about. By the time we were about to be swept out of the needed club space, the Superintendent's Reception was in progress. At that function all were lost in a great multitude of graduates, cadets and families, that included a host of old friends and acquaintances.

Courteous officers and M.P.'s were on hand to escort us to reserved seats from which we advantageously watched the always thrilling sunset parade.

Our next function together was the Class dinner, also held in the West Point Army Mess. The dinner was stag, and was attended by the same classmates as were at the Fenton-Bryden luncheon minus Neal (doctor's orders re late affairs) and plus

Budd and Corbin. Also present were Jerry Brant's two fine sons, Gerald Clark Brant, Jr., our popular "god son", and Philip D. Brant, of the Class of 1937.

We do not remember that the food at this dinner excited any favorable or unfavorable comment. It appeared not particularly to interest anyone present. The wine, of a rare vintage and mellow with age, was a contribution by Budd who was unanimously acclaimed a great benefactor when the announcement was made that it had come from him.

Bill Bryden took charge of the affair and introduced Charlie Blakely as Master of Ceremonies. Charlie in his inimitable way, and with the courtliness and good humor that have ever been his great charm, gave us a most delightful evening. There were no set speeches, just talk, and this by almost everyone present. The most formal of these talks was by Chauncey, who told us about the affairs of the Association of Graduates which, as its President, he has now headed for so many years. Budd and Moody were somewhat loquacious, but strange as it may seem Harry Reilly could not be goaded into a discussion. It was not apparent whether he has really grown more taciturn or if he considered his audience a bit too senile for his always astute Napoleonic discussions. Jim Woolnough's remarks were deeply from the heart and reflected no doubt, the feelings of all of us. Arty Copp—enough said! The years have not changed him! He was born to make 1904 laugh and be happy! The most youthful and sylphlike members of this septuagenarian party appeared to be McIlroy and Sandy McAndrew.

There of course was a bit of undercover revolt. Bill Bryden in his autocratic and arrogant manner has now monopolized control of the class for 50 years. Should we tolerate this high handed Mussolini any longer?

However Bill is a strategist. After reading the letters of warmth and greeting from you who were unable to attend, (and this

included a message from almost every one of you), thus softening us up and warming our hearts with affectionate and fraternal regard for all of you, he boldly declared his job open to any Classmate who wanted it! Well of course—putting it in that way, and at that time, what could you expect? Yes, you guessed it, Bill is now on his second tour of 50 years! God bless you Bill! May you some day become our "last surviving member," and may you at that time have at least \$25.00 in the Class treasury with which to purchase your own wreath!

Monday, June 7th was Alumni Day. Twenty-seven strong we formed in the usual column, finding ourselves entirely too near its very leading elements.

The exercises, or more properly "services" at the Thayer Monument, are deeply moving and inspiring. We, the old grads, were flanked by the Corps. The chaplain offered a prayer; the always magnificent and incomparable Cadet Choir of over 180 voices sang "Alma Mater"; the Corps presented arms, the field music sounded taps in memory of those graduates who have passed on to join our revered "Ghostly Assemblage", and the oldest graduate present (Major General Henry C. Hodges), placed a wreath at the base of the Thayer statue. The Cadet Choir then sang "The Corps" and the exercises were over.

The graduates thereupon moved at once to, and formed a line across the plain just in front of the visitors seats. Here again classes are arranged in order of seniority, the oldest on the right. Just as we were forming at almost the very right of the line, a radiogram was handed us with date line Korea. It read "Congratulations on Anniversary. Best wishes—Goat of 34." We at once recognized this as being from the son of our own immortal "BJ" Richardson. Thanks young JB, it was most thoughtful of you, and good wishes to you from every one of us!

The review of the Corps of Cadets was followed immediately by the annual lunch-



50th (GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY) REUNION, CLASS OF 1904

First Row (Left to Right)—Moody, McIlroy, LeCompte, Wright, Blakely, McAndrew, Singles, Phillipson.

Second Row—Woolnough, Hunter, Corbin, Copp, Brant, Brant (Son of Jerry, '04 Godson).

Third Row—Danford, Diller, Robins, Dillon, Reilly, Fenton.

Fourth Row—Budd, Brant (Son of Jerry, Class of '37), Neal, Scott, W. R., McKell, Finn, Glassford, Crain, Bryden, Crystal.

eon of the Association of Graduates, held in the Cadet Mess. Here we were seated by classes, and this was our final reunion get together prior to departure of those who did not stay for graduation exercises the next day.

Our own Chauncey presided at the Association meeting which followed the luncheon. It has been his custom always to honor the "50 year class" by having its members rise to receive the applause of the entire gathering, and Chauncey did not overlook us. Our 27 members made a very sizeable showing.

At this meeting we were tremendously pleased that Chauncey was again elected President of our Association. He thus enters upon his eighth year in this important position. No other graduate, save General Cullum alone, has been in charge of its affairs so long. With his many years of service at West Point and with his vast first-hand knowledge of the affairs of the Academy and its Association of Graduates, with his nearby residence at Cornwall, permitting him to work for several hours each day in the Association headquarters, he has rendered to all West Pointers a service of inestimable value. God bless you Chauncey. Our best wishes and our best efforts are with you.

There is only one 50 year reunion in a life time. Those of us privileged to attend ours are deeply grateful. Blessed with perfect weather we enjoyed it very much, and we greatly missed those of you who could not be with us. Perhaps a lot of us are living on borrowed time. The year we graduated, the Class of 1854 celebrated its golden anniversary. At that time only 28% of its members were living. As compared therewith, 46% of our members have survived our first 50 years.

It therefore appears that we are tough and rugged enough to send a goodly number to West Point in June 1959, and again in June 1964, with plenty of candidates in the field to place the wreath at the base of the Thayer statue many years hence.

—R. M. D.

Shortly after learning that Holderness was expecting to attend our reunion, the sad news was received that on 5 April 1954, he died unexpectedly of a heart attack at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Burial was at West Point.

The Moody Air Force Base in Georgia is named for the late Major George P. Moody ('29), son of Moody ('04). Major Moody lost his life while serving as a test pilot for the Army Air Corps in 1941, and a plaque honoring him was presented to the Base on 8 May 1954, by the Valdosta and Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce in an impressive ceremony, at which his widow and two daughters, and his father, were present.

—W. B.

1905

Another member of the Class has answered his last roll call. Phil Kiehl passed away in McAllen, Texas, on March 30, 1954, after a lingering illness. Interment was in the National Cemetery at San Antonio, Texas, two days later. The Class was represented at the services by Bill Prosser and several former members of the Class of 1905. The sympathy of the Class was extended to Phil's widow at 1306 Jasmine, McAllen, Texas. With Phil's death, one-half of those who graduated in 1905 have now "crossed over the river".

Apologies to Leonard Arnold for the omission of his surname in the first item of Class News in the April 1954 *Assembly*. Leonard has been most helpful in Class affairs in the vicinity of San Francisco. Recently he visited relatives in the southwest, and he expected to see J. Ray Davis and wife in Austin, Texas.

Clifford and Harriet Early sailed from New York on May 15 on the "Andrea Doria" for a five month trip in Europe. Clifford is already looking forward to our 50th Anniversary Reunion in 1955.

Francis and Olive Wilby sailed from New York on a west-bound freighter for a trip around the world. They left the freighter in Egypt and are now touring Europe in their car with no definite date to return to the United States, except for our 50th Anniversary Reunion in 1955.

That makes two stalwarts who can be counted on to be present for the big reunion. Plans are already being made for the occasion and a goodly attendance is expected.

For several years all efforts to keep in contact with Bloxham Ward were of no avail. A recent letter with a contribution to the Class Fund has been received from him at his new address, 6715 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas, where he expects to remain for some time. He recently visited J. Ray and Gladys Davis in Austin, Texas. Bloxham hopes to get to the next reunion but says "it is a long way from San Antonio to West Point and just as far coming back".

Casey and wife, Mary, have recently moved from 3901 Connecticut Avenue N. W., to 2737 Devonshire Place N. W., Washington 8, D. C.

Daddy Gibson amazes every one with his physical and mental vigor and health, which enable him to carry many burdens for others. For example, on Memorial Day he placed flowers on the graves of Tom Hammond and others whom we remember as dear friends of Auld Lang Syne. Daddy has a beautiful place and is very generous in sharing his flowers with others.

Norman F. Ramsey, Jr. was recently awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for study in nuclear physics abroad during his sabbatical year from Harvard. He, his wife and four daughters sail for England on September 1st. They will locate near Oxford but he will make occasional trips to other European universities.

On Alumni Day 1954 the Class of 1905 was represented at the Point by Corbin, Curley, Lentz, Ramsey and Weeks. We should have at least five times that many in 1955.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

Looking from my study window, up the long valley toward the Blue Ridge where the Tennessee begins, after breakfast on mountain trout this gorgeous June Sunday morning, I can hardly resist kicking over this old typer and getting out to the flower garden and the woodland behind it—a fairland of laurel and rhododendron bloom, but the calendar deadline is here and Branham won't wait. And so from the many fine letters from you all, here is the news.

Many are reminding me that 1956 is coming on apace, faster since three score and ten than before and that a bulletin about the half century of 1906 history ought to be started soon. It's coming.

Mick Daley steals the headline this number with his grandson, John Michael Daley winning the Presidential and Congressional appointments to the Class of 1958 from

Carlisle, Pennsylvania. And the question is, will he become a P.D. or a Mick at West Point. And son, Brigadier General Jack Daley coming home from Korea to command a Texas artillery brigade, was hurried off to Geneva as an expert on Korean peace negotiations. Proud papa.

Helen and Henry Finch sailed off to the Far East by transport, to see the ravages of the war on the Corregidor structures that Henry built, and to broaden themselves, mentally only, Henry says.

Forrest and Fredericka Williford are back at Blacksburg after a serious time at Walter Reed Hospital last winter, both quite well again. Earl McFarland and Jim Riley called to wish them good health at WRAH.

John Merrill hasn't gone to Texas yet. Son, Robert, Air Force Staff Sergeant, is still waiting for OCS orders.

Henry C. R. Akin, our Bill, was ordained on May first, to the Perpetual Deaconate of the Trinity Church of Sonoma, California, in an elaborate ceremony conducted by the Bishop of Sacramento, and is now authorized to marry, christen or bury, in the absence of his rector. Congratulations, Bill.

On page 17 of the SATEVEPOST, June 12, Marcellus Thompson and P. D. Mettler were once showing off the early semi-automatic rifles.

Dawson Olmstead is still at 209 S. Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, living with son Donald and in improved health, but missing Bess deeply. Their daughter, Elizabeth, (Mrs. James T. Dortson) has three boys in their teens. Daughter, Georgia (Mrs. R. B. Anderson) has a small son and a smaller daughter. Donald hasn't any. Drop Dawson a line.

Hap and Norma Pennell are expecting to arrive in these mountains in late summer—around Lake Lure. Christine Morrow is over the hill at Brevard, and George will join her at High Hampton, just over the hill, in September.

McKew Parr, author and publisher, as well as senator and traveler, is arranging to have an agent look over Gate's notes to see how valuable they may be for revision or publication.

Red and Christine Hoyle are studying Cort Parker's Baedeker of London in lieu of travel and lately spent weekends with the Rileys at Greenwich. Error in last notes omitted mention of the fine Christmas card from them last year, which we enjoyed looking at again, on discovery of error. Our apologies.

Jim and Gene Riley, on their southern tour last spring called on Johnny and Josephine Johnson in Asheville and found them busy with a new house in Biltmore Forest, nearby, which we must see soon. Jim recently sent me a copy of the "Black Knights of West Point," that full history of every game of the old team, and what memories of great moments and sore bruises it recalled. What a book!

Hap Green writes an appreciation of the obituaries of Gate and Dutch, which were in the last issue of *Assembly*. Still in San Antonio, but soon off for the summer to Okeboji.

Earl McFarland, Jim Riley and Mick Daley represented 1906 at West Point at the graduation and Alumni Day.

Start scheming to get there in 1956.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Lettie Shedd has given up her home in Bradenton and is now living at 522 Caroline Street, Key West, Florida. She extends

a cordial invitation to any member of the class who may get down that way to stop in and see her. Her son, George, who was a prisoner of war in Korea, is stationed at Fort Benning and Bill is in the Philippines.

We have received word that Rick and Audrey Morrison are comfortably settled for the summer at their delightful place in Marblehead Neck, Massachusetts.

An item of interest to the Class of 1907 was the wedding on June 17 of Miss Elizabeth Irving, daughter of Major General Frederick A. Irving, Superintendent of the Military Academy, and Mrs. Irving to Major Alexander M. Maish, Class of 1944, son of our own Alex Maish. On behalf of our class, we extend congratulations and best wishes.

We were greatly interested to read in the April *Assembly* excerpts from a letter from Bob Glassburn to the members of the Class of 1932 concerning his son, Bob, who was captured at the fall of Corregidor and died at Camp Moji, Japan, on 30 January 1945. Bob never said very much about his boy and the only reference we can find in our class records is in the Class Letters published in 1944, at which time young Bob was reported as a prisoner of war in the Philippines. We were deeply touched to read the wonderful tribute paid to a son of our class who carried on in accordance with the best traditions of West Point and the Army. We join Bob and the Class of 1932 in honoring his memory.

The County of Arlington has changed Paul and Cecilia Larneds' Street address to 1406 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington 4, Virginia. Jim Steese is still at large, but Paul had a letter from him stating that he was about to sail from Buenos Aires for Rio, Capetown, Singapore, Hong Kong and Yokohama—enroute to San Francisco and Washington, which he expected to reach in mid-July.

Among other items of interest which Paul sent us is that McNeil has been elected a Director of the United Services Life Insurance Company and is still very active with his duties at the Pentagon.

Oliver Wood has completely recovered from a throat ailment which had given his friends considerable concern. It was feared that an operation might have been necessary.

Ben Castle has been getting about the country as usual. He and Marya were at Sea Island, Georgia, for a short vacation and more recently Ben was in California.

Paul and Cecilia's plans for a trip to West Point and New England points did not materialize but they did get down to

see the Lotts and the Booths, all of whom were in fine shape.

Bob Glassburn was reported as trying to sell his place in Scottsville, Virginia, for a shooting preserve. After all the work Bob has done on it, it should be ideally fitted for such a purpose.

Enrique White was in Washington recently on his way to his summer home at 152 Clinton Avenue, Falmouth, Massachusetts. He expects to remain there until November first, and then to be with his brother at 2310 Oldham Street, Austin, Texas.

Harry Rutherford and his daughter have been getting about quite a bit and at the time Paul wrote they were in Miami, Florida.

Paul and Cecilia claim the rare distinction of having become grandparents three times in one day. Their daughter, Paula, and her husband adopted three children, brother and sisters, ages ten, six and four—the two elder children are girls, and the little one is a boy. They were somewhat overwhelmed but Paul says they are fine youngsters and the entire family is delighted.

Roger Alexander represented the class at graduation this year as usual and was a guest of honor at the class dinner of the Class of 1909 at "The Bird and the Bottle", Garrison, New York.

—H. W. W.

1908

Since the last report was written, the sad news has been received of the death of T. J. Smith in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on May 13, 1954. The funeral was held in Bowling Green on May 15, and T. J. Johnson represented the Class at the ceremony. Smith's death reduces the number of living graduates to 66.

We also regret to have to report that Mrs. E. L. Grisell passed away in Menlo Park, California, on March 10, 1954. The funeral was on March 12.

L. L. Pendleton sailed from New Orleans on March 29th on a Mediterranean cruise on the M.S. *Stella Polaris*, to be gone about three months. John H. Hester has bought a very nice house at 3905 Wienca Road, N.E., Atlanta 5, Georgia, which he expects to make his home permanently, or at least for an indefinite time in the future.

James W. Lyon, 224-30th Avenue, San

Francisco 21, California, has published and sent to each member of the Class a very interesting and valuable booklet entitled, "Is Your House in Order for the Advent of the Old Man with the Scythe?" It contains a great deal of important information about social security rights, arrangements that should be made to insure the most beneficial and expeditious handling of an estate, and other business matters.

The George R. Goethals, who live in Las Cruces, New Mexico, expect to be in Vineyard Haven again this summer. E. S. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes left Washington late in April to spend several weeks at Hot Springs, Arkansas. W. H. Garrison is now in charge of the Alexandria, Virginia, office of Federal Services Finance and Industrial Loan Corporation, and he is also President of the Federal Services Underwriters, Inc. The C. L. Halls left Washington on June 14 to spend the summer at Kingston, Rhode Island, to be near their older daughter. The C. H. Bonesteels, who have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Brigadier General N. O. Ohman, Commanding General, 36th Air Division, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona, and three grandchildren, returned to Washington early in June. The A. E. Wilbourns returned to San Antonio in April after a very interesting motor trip in Mexico. A. L. Loustalot is leaving New Orleans in June to spend the summer in California. Sanderrford Jarman and his family are spending the summer at Sherwood Forest, Maryland.

The monthly class luncheons, which are held at the Army and Navy Club on the second Friday of each month, have been attended during the past quarter by Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Drennan, Edgerton, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Jarman, Kelley, Peterson, Schulz, and Sturdevant.

—G. E. E.

1909

The '09 Reunion was attended by the following men: Baehr, Bluemel*, Catron*, Chase, Denson, Devers, Eichelberger, Farman, Gage, Goetz*, Harding, Herkness, Hughes, Johnson*, Lee, Meyer, Milling, North*, Parker, Partridge*, Philoon, Purdon*, Reed*, Rossell, Rumbough, Schillerstrom, Stearns*, Stokely, Thummel, Van Deusen, E. R.*, Van Deusen, G. L.*, Wen (accompanied by son Alfred). Those mark-



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ed * were accompanied by their wives, ten of whom stayed at Bear Mountain Inn. The following '09 widows also were quartered at Bear Mountain as guests of the Class: Dorothy McGee (accompanied by her daughter Dorothy), Elinore Underwood, Ethel Whitaker. A mixed dinner, attended by 33 men and women, was held at the West Point Army Mess at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, June 6. There was a 100% turn-out for the Alumni exercises Monday morning. Monday evening the male contingent held a stag dinner at the "Bird and Bottle", on Route 9 north of Garrison. Chauncey Fenton, '04, and Roger Alexander, '07, were guests of honor. The reveille marches which gave us so much reverse pleasure in former days were rendered efficiently by a fifer and drummer of the USMA Band. A special feature, preceding the Supe's Reception on Sunday afternoon, was the presentation of a wrist watch by the Class to Andrew F. Underwood, Class of '54, whose mother and fiancée were among the assembly at the '09 Class Tree. There was also a good attendance from the Class at the annual Alumni luncheon meeting in Washington Hall. The gang dispersed Tuesday morning with the hope that we may repeat the performance with an even larger attendance in 1959. Nearly all who were unable to come sent messages of regret and of good cheer to their more fortunate classmates.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

It is very sad to report the death of Louie Beard April 13th at the Greenwood Plantation, Thomasville, Georgia. Louie was one of the most popular and beloved of our classmates, and his passing will be keenly felt. He resigned from the Army in 1925, to become the General Manager of the C. V. Whitney thoroughbred farm near Lexington, Kentucky. Leaving this position in 1938 he remained in charge of the farms of Mr. Payne Whitney and Mr. John Hay (Jock) Whitney, figuring strongly in the career of "Twenty Grand", 1931 Kentucky Derby winner. In 1943 Louie was elected to the Board of Directors of the Thoroughbred Racing Association of the United States. He was a member also of the Turf Committee of America and the National Breeders Committee. In his younger days, he was an outstanding polo player, attaining national fame in this regard. Louie resigned in 1951 as Vice-President and Director of the Greentree Stud, Inc., but remained in an advisory capacity to devote most of his time to scientific farming, his outstanding development in this line being that of hybrid corn.

We must also report another sad event, the death on April 25th of Nell Jones, widow of Ivens. She was attending a party at the home of Snaky and Ruth Dunlop in Washington, being apparently quite all right and talking to Pappy and Gertrude Selleck when suddenly she fell to the floor—dead. It is understood that she had not been in good health for some time, so maybe her passing was for the best. At least she passed on while among old friends and while enjoying herself very much. We shall miss her.

Durward and Olive Wilson are having a grand time in Europe. They sailed on the *Queen Elizabeth* May 19th and will return to their home in Arlington in late September. The main purpose of their trip is a visit to their daughter, Olive and her husband, Colonel C. A. Kengla, USAF, and the four grandchildren in Wiesbaden, Germany. The

only representatives of 1910 at West Point during June Week were Fred Holmer and Sam Edelman. Next year we will have our 45th Reunion. More about this big event and other class matters will appear in a class letter as soon as Snaky can get to it.

News from the boys distant from Washington is very scarce. Our luncheons on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Army and Navy Club, are popular and well attended. Fritz and Marjorie Strong come to Washington frequently. Fritz is doing a great job as Executive Director of the Advisory Committee on Artificial Limbs, National Research Council. P. D. Uhl, we are sorry to say, suffered a painful accident the latter part of April. When mowing a terrace on the lawn at his home at 5000 Brookeway Drive, Sumner, Washington 16, D. C., he fell and broke the back bone of his leg. Delighted to report he has almost recovered now.

—R. H. D.

1911

The Columbia Picture Corporation spent about a month recently at West Point taking shots for their new movie "The Long Gray Line". This is based on the book "Bringing Up the Brass" which features Marty Maher. It so happened that Phil Kieffer, who has been in the unaccounted files of the class since 1920, is one of the technical directors of this movie and came to the Point with the company. Phil got in touch with Hub Stanton at Cornwall and in this way was again placed in the active files of the class. Phil looks fine and is apparently as happy as an old cavalryman can be since the abolition of the Cavalry in the Army. He was very much surprised and disappointed to find that the riding hall at the Point was taken over for parking space for transient automobiles and that the old cavalry stables were being utilized for the storage of mechanized equipment. Phil is apparently very versatile since he also plays certain actor's roles in addition to acting as technical director. At the Point he played the part of the Superintendent in several scenes, resplendent in the Supe's full dress uniform which was worn at the turn of the century.

Fat Baxter, in a short note to Hub, informed him of a change in address. Fat has retired from active business and is now living at 185 West 3rd St., Constantine, Michigan. He states that he now has a beautiful garden to occupy his spare time, notes that life is now simple, the people are very nice, and that seven of his nine grandchildren have spent a month or two with him during the past summers. He further states that there are no pressures of any kind on him now, his health is very good and getting better since he stepped out from under the business load of a short time ago.

Bob Clark has changed his address to 1500 Cunliff Lane, Sarasota, Florida.

On a hurried trip to Biloxi to visit his son, who is stationed at Keesler A.F.B., Hub stopped off at Auburn, Alabama, to see Jimmie Crawford. Jim is still teaching Mathematics at Alabama Poly and going strong. He recently purchased a new home in Auburn at 470 Magnolia Street.

Nick's unfailing report arrived with the information that due to many vicissitudes the monthly get-together was smaller than usual. The Sheks were absent because Haig was having a little repair job done; Florence Ladd had a cold; the Bagbys were busy moving to another house; Jim and Molly Weaver were present for snacks, but

not for lunch due to Red Cross and guests involvements.

Nick said that he had a phone call from Carl Ballinger, but the circumstances were such that they could not get together. He and his wife were planning a trip to Mexico or South America soon.

A note from Haig indicates that he has the wanderlust again and will take an extended trip to Europe about mid-summer.

Jim Mooney reports that Speck and Phil were absent from the May 3rd Wednesday luncheon. Phil and Dorothy had taken off for Europe, where Phil will attend the convention of The Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses at Brussels. Speck was welcoming home his daughter, Peggy, and the two grandchildren, who have come to spend a month with Speck and Olive.

Paul Baade passed through on his way to the Tenth Anniversary Celebration at Normandy Beaches.

General Howell Estes, Jr. having just arrived from the Marshall Islands, flew in to spend Decoration Day week-end with Howell and daughter Catherine. Jim quoted the following from the Washington News of May 13th: "Major General Philip B. Fleming was elected president of Recreation Services, Inc., operating agency for the Armed Forces Hospitality Committee. He succeeded Mrs. Henry Grattan Doyle."

I regret exceedingly that I shall not be with Paul Baade to help represent 1911 on the Normandy Beaches.

—I. T. W.

1912

As your elected Class President types these lines for this column he is reminded of that day in June of 1912, just forty-two years ago, when our diplomas were handed to us by General Barry and after which we were all in a mad scramble to leave our "highland home", some never to return, and some never to meet one another again. Such was repeated on Tuesday, June 8th, when only Hauser and Snow represented that stalwart gang of 96 members of the Class of 1912 and witnessed William Locke Hauser, our last Class Godson, graduate number 19 out of a class of 634! It was originally intended to present the class gift to Bill Hauser at the site of the class tree located behind summer camp along Cullum Road and north of Fort Clinton field about midway between Kosciusko's Monument and the old Hotel (now gone) but due to the difficulty in locating it the presentation ceremony was made on the steps of the Library in the presence of the Hauser family and "Colonel" Snow (see cut). The gift itself



was a lovely and large cigarette or jewel box suitably engraved with the words: "To William Locke Hauser, Class of 1954 U.S. M.A., from his father's Class of 1912."

Now that our last Class Godson has graduated (unless Sid Spalding's two year old son claims that distinction in 1972) we welcome into the fold our first Class Grandson, George Warren Sibert, of the Class of 1958 who is due to don his "plebe skins" in July. Our hats off to "Mucker"!

In the interim it is worthy to note that there are three sons of 1912 now on duty at West Point, to wit, Major Glen Kilner, Jr., Captain William Chynoweth, '46, and Captain John G. Paules, '47. Major Kilner's grandmother (Mike Kilner's mother) passed away on Palm Sunday at her home in Syracuse, N. Y. Young Glen writes: "Grandmother so greatly enjoyed hearing the news of the Class of 1912 she was almost a West Pointer. In fact, she probably knew more about the Academy than many of the graduates themselves".

Random Notes about Classmates: Our Number One graduate, Howard S. Bennion, addressed the Pacific Gas & Electric Company in San Francisco last year and his address appeared in the form of an attractive pamphlet entitled "The Electric Era Dawns Upon America", published by the Newcomen Society in North America. Howard is Vice-President and Managing Director of the Edison Electric Institute in New York City.

Our Number Five graduate, "Chen" Chynoweth, also delivered an address in San Francisco in March before the Commonwealth Club of California on the subject: "Army Morale" If anyone should know about this important feature certainly "Chen" does, and he expressed himself most forcibly.

"Red" Pulford, despite adversities, maintains his loyalty to the Class and writes most interestingly yet sadly about his lonely existence in Saginaw, Michigan, where his neighbor, Ed Vaughan, also resides.

"Jim" Gillespie, from nearby Washington, says that he seldom gets about to attend class luncheons and bemoans the advent of old age, whereas Ed Boykin, from Charlottesville, Virginia, despite his recent illnesses, emerges from the shadows of his sorrow in the loss of his beloved wife to state that he is about to finish his new book, "Mr. Speaker", which will appear in print in the fall. Ed, incidentally, wrote a West Point play some years ago which has been knocking around Broadway and which he says may yet see the lights come up on it. Ed's wife, before she died, wrote a beautiful, patriotic poem about West Point; this was published in the April 1939 issue of the *Pointer*.

Ten classmates, meeting on May 12th at the Army & Navy Club in Washington, adopted the following policy relative to future luncheons: "A standing schedule of similar luncheons at the Army & Navy Club to be held at twelve noon on each of the following dates: the second Wednesdays of September, December, March and May. Classmates outside of Washington planning trips to or within accessible distance of Washington are urged to include their presence at these luncheons. Advance notice is not necessary as extra places will be arranged for at the time of the gatherings." Our luncheons on these dates coincide with similar luncheons held by the Class of 1910. At the last luncheon the following were present: Chynoweth, Malony, Drake, Mooney, Rose, Snow, Crawford, R. C., Haislip, Littlejohn and Thomas.

"Red" Crawford recently moved from Louisville, Kentucky, to Washington—to his new address, The Berkshire, 4201 Massachusetts Avenue.

Steve MacGregor has sold his Augusta, Georgia home and is for the moment living at Savannah Beach, Georgia.

Both Slat Morrissey and Phil Faymonville seem to be improving after surgery at Letterman, but are still having some trouble in the slow recuperation process, having to report periodically for checkups.

Peripatetic Harry McLean has been reported being seen in California by Sully Sullivan, bound for where? No one seems to know! While Harry was touring California, our "Chen" was touring the east visiting Huck Flynn, whom he found absent in Missouri, Carl Dick, Betty Gatchell, Howard Bennion, Leila Keyes, Red Crawford and Harry Malony, both of whom helped kill the prize of "Old Forrester" which Red Crawford won in the Arch Arnold crossword puzzle contest last Christmas.

Buddy Rose has finally decided to leave Alexandria, Virginia, for what may be his permanent residence in California. After June 30th his address will be in care of his son, Elliot C. Rose, 9 Las Vegas, Orinda, California.

News from d'Alary Fehét is to the effect that he is selling his house in Santa Barbara and about to join, in a "slight degree", according to d'Alary, a Jesuit Retreat House near Pasadena. Says d'Alary: "In my old age I find that I have strong leanings towards the religious life, and I look forward with joy to the quiet and peace and serenity I hope to find in my new life." After July first his address will be: Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, P.O. Box K, Azusa, California. d'Alary was gracious enough to find time to visit the sister of our late classmate John M. Bannister and to prepare some data for a testimonial to appear in some future issue of *Assembly*. It seems that Bannister served in the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles in World War I and found a hero's death in action at Passchendaele in Flanders on October 30, 1917.

—R. T. S.

Editor's Note: In the otherwise excellent memorial tribute to "Paddy" Flint, Class of 1912, by John N. Hauser, Class of 1912, published in the *In Memory* section of the April 1954 *Assembly*, a quotation attributed to Flint is included near the end of the article—with the statement that the quotation "can also be found in bronze on the walls of the Cadet Library" This statement is incorrect. Both *Assembly* and Colonel Hauser regret this inadvertent misstatement—which the author of the article adopted from apparently erroneous source material.

—C. N. B.

1913

June week found only Joe Viner, Crittenberger with his wife, and Oliver at the Point. "Bug" arrived late Monday, as his daughter Rachel graduated from Smith College Monday morning. Cadet Bob Egelston, Class of '54, graduated Tuesday, June 8th and married Rachel at Northampton on Wednesday, June 9th.

Had a telegram from Cooper Foote Monday night, June 7th, that "Wop" Sattler had died on Saturday, June 5th. I phoned Foote and Doug Greene. Six or nine classmates were to be at his funeral at Arlington Cemetery. No other details at this time. Class flowers were sent.

While in Florida last March, I went to see Horton, in St. Petersburg. He is flat

on his back with arthritis—in fact immobilized. It was good to be able to tell him of all of us. Write him, please.

I visited Passagrille Beach to locate Gaugler. He is fine!—save for a trouble he calls "horse heaves" that ties him down. Saw Calvert of 1911, too. "Sinbad" threw a party—lunch and the "fixings".

Doug Greene didn't get to the Point, as he has himself all tied up with affairs at Drexel Institute. He seems to run everything—athletics, etc.

Dan Colhoun has retired from the job at Palisades Park Commission, and has bought a place at Del Ray, Florida, for the winter. He is now at Charlottesville, Virginia, trying to buy a farm for summer living. One boy at Princeton and one to go to U. of Virginia.

Bob Crawford has retired to Winter Park, Florida, near where I live in the winter. In the summer we both have camps in the Adirondacks—Bisby Lake, Thendara, New York. Come up in July, August or September.

Falkner Heard has come back from Germany and is now in San Antonio.

The Class of 1914 had a bang-up reunion. Very much like ours. About forty-five back. They had me over as their guest.

Please send me news.

—Joe Viner.

1914

To me has fallen the pleasant task of recounting the highlights of our Fortieth Reunion. For those who were there, nothing I can write could equal their memories; so my real aim must be to try to visualize the reunion to those who, for various reasons, couldn't make the trip.

Before I begin I must, in the name of the Class, award two well deserved orchids. The first goes to Bill Somervell and Pat Hogan for the marvelous job Bill did in obtaining such a large turnout, and to both Bill and Pat for their thoughtful arrangements, which were simply perfect down to the last detail. I know we cannot fully realize how many months of planning and arranging were required. We are very fortunate to have had such a team to guarantee success. Thanks ever so much to you both.

The second orchid goes to the Superintendent of the Academy and his staff for the excellent arrangements which were made for our stay. We were very comfortable and everything possible was done to meet our needs and make us feel at home.

Quite a number of us came to the Reunion from the far corners of the earth by air. To show what a far-flung assemblage it was, here are some of the longest hops: John Brooks from England, Gene Villaret from Paris, Charlie Gross from the Riviera, Jack Jouett from the Virgin Islands, Toro Torroella from Puerto Rico, Puss Milligan from Miami Beach, Pete Bullard from Tampa, Johnny Carruth from San Antonio, Goody Packard from El Paso, and Jim Cress, Bruz Waddell, Bill Ryan, Bill Houghton and H. G. Matthews from the West Coast. If some of our classmates who lived closer, and for whom the trip would have been so much easier, had only come!

In all, 51 classmates and 30 wives, sisters, and daughters answered "Here" to the following roll call: Glenn Anderson, Skimpy and Helen Brand, John Brooks, Pink and Betty Bull, Fred and Louise Byrom, Johnny and Earl Carruth, Allen and Helen Cowgill and their daughter, Mary Ellen, Jim and Eleanor Cress, Alex McKinnon, H. G. Matthews, Cliff Matthews, Duke Milliken, Tom

and Clara Monroe, Goody and Swannanoa Packard, Paul Paschal, Wop and Agnes Royce, Bill and Mary Ryan, Jens and Betty Doe and their daughter, Camilla, Charlie Gross, Reiff Hannum, Maggie Harris, Fred Herman, Freddie Herr, Pat and Helen Hogan, Henry and Dorothy Holcombe, Bill Houghton, Dad and Grace Ingles, Jack Jouett, Pug and Linda Lampert, Tom Lanphier, Alfred Larabee, Harold Loomis, Johnny Markoe, Bob McDonald and his sister, Lila McPherson, Bill and Louise Somervell and their daughter, Elizabeth, Toohy and Ruth Spatz, Leland and Maude Stanford, Leroy Suddath, Willis and Dollie Tack, Jack and Nina Thompson, Torro and Graciella Torroella and his sister-in-law, Leonor Kuhn, Bruz and Vera Waddell, Rudolph and Winifred Whitten, John Henry and Marguerite Woodberry, Gene Villaret, Ike and Lillian Gill, Puss Milligan, Benny Hoge, Pete Bullard, R. T. Gibson, and Ducky Jones.

A group picture of the Class appears in this issue. Prints may be ordered from White Studio, West Point, New York at 75 cents each. Similar group pictures of classmates or of the ladies may be ordered at the same price, plus 25 cents postage per order.

Everyone seemed to be in good health except Larabee, who had a room at the Post Hospital, although he got around; and Glenn Anderson, who has never fully recovered from an automobile accident in 1946. I think Leland Stanford has changed the most (remember how skinny he was as a kaydet?) and Loomis the least. Whether we like it or not, time is marching on. As a natural consequence, I think this reunion was not as hilarious as our 35th, but that it was more deeply enjoyed by all.

It seems to me that the next and only love of a contented man for his happy wife, there is nothing else in this world that can equal the abiding and trustful affection that exists between West Point classmates. It was heart-warming to meet again after these many years, and to realize that nothing had changed, and we could recall the same experiences and go on as if we had never been separated.

When Wordsworth wrote, "Earth has not anything to show more fair," he was writing words that can be applied to West Point in June. Coming as I did from the hot and relatively barren plains of the Southwest, the magnificent trees and green-swards of the Academy and the view up the Hudson from Battle Monument seemed almost too beautiful to be real. I have come back home refreshed in mind and soul, as if I had drunk from the deep and crystal-clear spring of my youth. I know I am not alone in this feeling, which I am attempting to put into words for you all.

And now to get back to the Reunion. Everyone in the Class received the June Week Program, which followed the usual sequence of events. Except for the Class affairs, the highlights were the Baccalaureate Sermon and service at the Chapel, including the magnificent singing of the Cadet Choir; the ceremony at Thayer Monument, when the oldest graduate present, Major General H. C. Hodges, Jr., '81, placed the wreath, and the Cadet Choir sang "Hail, Alma Mater Dear" and "The Corps"; the review for the old graduates; The Superintendent's reception and garden party for the graduating class and old graduates and their ladies; and Graduation Parade, to the strains of the familiar medley of traditional Army tunes. I shall not attempt to describe these events—they must be seen and felt, and any description would be inadequate and unconvincing.

One feature of Graduation Parade was so delightfully spontaneous and refreshingly youthful that it will bear telling. This year the graduating class numbered over 600, and when its members left their places in the ranks of the Corps, you could plainly see how decimated the Brigade became. The class formed a mass midway between the Superintendent and the colors. Twenty-four guidon markers had been placed in a long line just in rear of the "Supe" to indicate to which of the company markers each member of the class should go. When the command "Break ranks" was given, there followed a wild and hilarious scene, as the cheering cadets rushed to their places in the line, some even losing their tar buck-

ets in the melee. A moment later the solemnity and grandeur of the parade was resumed. Without exaggeration, the line of graduates seemed to extend from the road by Trophy Point to the grandstands in the vicinity of Thayer Monument.

As to our Class activities, there were four. We had a meeting of the Class in the 51st Div. of North Barracks at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and there were three class parties, all at the Officers' Club: a buffet supper on Sunday evening, a luncheon for the ladies at noon on Monday while we were at the Association of Graduates luncheon, and our Class Dinner on Monday night. I can report that the supper and dinner were very enjoyable to all of us, and that from all accounts the ladies enjoyed their luncheon, which was an innovation I hope will be continued at future reunions.

The highlights of our Class meetings were: re-election of our Class officers—Jim Cress, Empie Potts, George Fenn Lewis, and Fred Herman, in recognition of their fine work, and election of Skimpy Brand as an additional vice-president, to handle class business in Washington; and the election of Johnny Markoe as Class Chaplain. Also, it was decided that the set-up for news to be sent in to *Assembly* for our Class letter will be as follows: Jimmy Cress, for West Coast coordination; Bruz Waddell, Southwest Coast; Johnny Carruth, Central U.S.; Henry Holcombe, East Coast; and Wop Royce, our roving reporter. The value of our Class fund is about \$1,780.00. Class telegrams were sent to Flip Lewis and Johnny Kennard, both ailing, as follows:

"50 members of Class assembled here sorely miss you and send affectionate greetings.

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We were all delighted that Johnny Markoe was able to attend the Reunion. As many of you know, he is a priest of the Society of Jesus. He was privileged to hold Mass in the Catholic Chapel on Sunday morning, and many of us were privileged to attend as a mark of our respect for him.



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Front Row (Left to Right)—Woodberry, Gross, Royce, Herr, McDonald, Markoe, Hogan, Stanford, Packard, Tack, Doe, J. A. Somervell, Holcombe, Ryan, Lampert, Torroella.

Second Row—Paschal, Hannum, Gibson, R. T., Milligan, H. P., McKinnon, Herman, Bullard, P. C., Helen Hogan, Maude Stanford, Swannanoa Packard, Dollie Tack, Camilla and Betty Doe, Elizabeth and Louise Somervell, Dorothy Holcombe, Mary Ryan, Linda Lampert, Graciella Torroella and sister, Leonor Kuhn.

Third Row—Gill, Lillian Gill, Jones, Ingles, Grace Ingles, Loomis, Waddell, Vera Waddell, Lanphier, Harris, Villaret, Houghton, Helen Brand, Brand, Bull, Betty Bull, Carruth, Earll Carruth, Cress.

Fourth Row—Milliken, C. M., Monroe, Clara Monroe, Hoge, Brooks, Byrom, J. F., Louise Byrom, Jouett, Matthews, H. G., Cowgill, Helen and Mary Ellen Cowgill, Whitten, Winifred Whitten, Ruth Spatz, Spatz, Lila McPherson (McDonald's sister), Nina Thompson, Thompson.

AWOL—Eleanor Cress, Agnes Royce, Marguerite Woodberry, Anderson, G. P., Larabee, Matthews, C. J., Suddath.

At our Class Dinner, Johny Markoe read a personal letter to him from Ike Eisenhower, expressing his affection for the Class and his good wishes for our Reunion, to which we replied by telegram:

"Your greetings conveyed through John Markoe deeply appreciated. We missed you here. We grandfathers of today salute you.

1914 USMA."

A pleasing feature of the Class Dinner was the presentation by Graciella Torroella to the ladies of the Class of pottery ash trays she had decorated, as mementos of our Reunion.

Before I forget to do so, I must describe the striking 1914 badges Bill Somervell brought to the Reunion. They were worn by our ladies as well as by the Class. The badge was four inches in diameter, grey with a gold border, with 1914 in black in the center, and with two ribbons of grey and gold, bearing the title in black, "40th Reunion." I know we were the best-advertised class at the Reunion. Thanks, Bill. One wife of another class was heard to remark, "My, I wish we had thought of that."

Well, that's about it. It wasn't so hard to write after all, probably because I was so anxious to paint some kind of picture for you fellows that couldn't come.

This was, without doubt, the biggest and best Reunion the Class has ever held. It probably will go down in history as our largest ever, because we're all going down the hill now, and, as I said before, we're gradually slowing down, thank Heaven! We who went missed you who didn't, but we look forward to seeing you in 1959. Please try to come then. Believe me, you missed a lot this time.

—John Carruth.

1915

June Week brought back a small group. For the record of the good time they had, I depend on Dutch Hess' very complete notes. Gene and May Leone once again provided the highlight with a dinner party at their Central Valley Farm on Sunday evening. It was in the now well established Leone tradition, except that all the talk was about the 40th Reunion, come 1955. The guest list included Harold and Doro-

thea James and their house guest Mrs. Wagner, Eddie Hyde, Harold and Betty Small with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Betty Moser; Ulsaker, with his son and daughter-in-law, stationed at West Point; Dick Richards and his son and daughter-in-law, likewise stationed at West Point; Bill Boots with his son and two guests, Mrs. Nathan Ambers and Mrs. Frances King. In the absence of the Beukemas, Ulsaker and Hess combined on the staff work. Other absentees were the Ellises (he having picked up a virus bug on Saturday); the Quesenberrys, who left early; and Gibson, who was doing a straddle between the 1914 reunion and 1915 affairs. A unique item reported by Dutch is that Hyde came up with a Dodge which not only runs, but mounts lights that actually function after dark. Big improvement over his logistical effort in 1952, with the two Dutches—Aurand and Hess—as co-victims.

Speaking of Aurand, a grist of news about his family arrived too late for the April issue. He has discovered that one can get just as tired, perhaps more so, after he is retired as on an active status. Henry has accordingly dropped some of the many commitments he took on last year, but continues to put out his rattling good weekly column for the "Honolulu Advertiser". He reports that his son Hank, having resigned from the Service, is in California. Another son, Pete, having bought a horse, is proud to see his wife and daughter winning horse show prizes. Dutch's daughter Linda, having inherited some of the old man's brains, has a standing lien on the honor roll, and is driving her own convertible. Betty Aurand had the hard luck to break her foot. A long siege in the hospital followed.

Those of you who recall Joe Swing's beefs about letting the wrong people into West Point will agree that his new job gives him plenty of chance to show his sense of discrimination. As newly appointed Federal Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, he spent a month making a tour of the U.S.-Mexico border area. We're betting that the tide of wet-backs will at last bump into a real main line of resistance.

Fast-moving Jim Van Fleet, arrived here at the end of May long enough for a "Hello," a meal, and a cat-nap before hurrying to Washington, where the Sec'y of Defense and the President were waiting to get the results of his observations to date on conditions in East and Southeast Asia. On 7 June he was airborne once more

for that area to complete his survey. His final report is going to be rather important to all of us, particularly those whose youngsters are in the Service.

Omar has taken on an added job, this time as a member of the Technical Advisory Board of the Aerojet General Corporation. A subsidiary of the General Tire and Rubber Company, devoted to research, development and production of rocket power, it has plants in California and Ohio. It begins to look as though the Corps of Engineers should have grabbed him in June 1915. The Bradleys are planning a trip to Hawaii in June, and will be accompanied by their daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry S.) Beukema and her two small sons.

Tom and Cecelia Hanley spent the late winter and early spring in Florida, mostly at Clearwater. Their trip produced a sizable batch of news. Here it is:

Hume Peabody, Exec. Director of the AF Historical Foundation, with office at Maxwell AFB. He is selling his Maryland property and plans to settle in Montgomery, Alabama. But, let's check on that after he has spent the summer in that fry-pan. Hume was momentarily depressed to discover that he and Stringfellow were the oldest grads at the annual West Point dinner. Tough on a guy who had his hour of glory as "premiere danseuse" in a Hundredth Night ballet. As you recall, he was convincing until the moment of his "And I love you darling,"—in basso profundo.

Logan Serles, who says he's "just plain Serles, no military titles," writes that he can save you money in some excellent buys available at his headquarters, Shopping Center, CI, VI, APO 696, New York.

John McD. Thompson, rather badly disabled as the result of a stroke two years ago, but stays high in spirit. Let's hope it's in spirits as well. He and Betty would be glad to hear from classmates.

John Henry and Mary Cochran have settled down in a handsome place in Dunedin, largely furnished—so they say—by Mary's bingo winnings.

Others of the Florida clan include Cliff and Gibby Jones in Coral Gables; Strat and Annalee in their beautiful home in Winter Park, with the Leo Waltons similarly set up next door; the Gerhardtts in Tampa; Lev Williams,



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blossoming out as an expert camelia grower in Orlando.

Howard Donnelly appears to have grabbed the 1915 long-distance prize. His Junior will be dragging his chin back under our traditional July sun, having won a presidential appointment with a set of exam marks rather better than those of his old man in 1911. Any competitors for top place in this endurance contest? I'll bet deponent sayeth not. Donnelly writes that he, Fletcher, Emery and Kelton got together for the West Point dinner in Los Angeles.

Ulsaker, visiting his son at West Point (Dept. of English) looks absurdly young for one of his years. He commented on a chance meeting he had with Sam Salisbury in the days of the New Guinea fighting. One of those reconnaissance-in-force units came in from the jungle after a rough time with the little brown men. At its head was a haggard, incredibly huge major. One glance at the man was enough. Ulsaker: "You must be Sam Salisbury. No one else in the Army could be as big as you are." Salisbury: "That's right. But who are you?" Ulsaker: "I'm Ulsaker. Remember? We took the same course at West Point, the Pechols short course. Six months and out." Thereupon, a nice reunion.

An unhappy note from John Wogan. A coronary attack on 9 April put him into bed for five weeks. The new routine cuts out his favorite hobby—gardening. Making the best of the situation, John has turned to the serious study of history. He reports that everything is well with his family; Mac is full of enthusiasm and energy. Daughter Pat is living in Greensboro, North Carolina, where her husband is on the staff of the "Record". Score: one son, a year old. Jack is on duty in Tokyo with his family. Score: two sons and a major fraction.

Helen Finley has expressed her deep appreciation of the floral tribute sent by the class on the occasion of Buck's funeral, and likewise for the many expressions of sympathy she has had from Buck's devoted classmates and their wives.

The Beukemas play host this summer to their elder daughter Margery and her five youngsters, while her husband (Colonel C. F. Leonard, Jr.) winds up his stint in Korea; also to their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry S. Beukema and her two sons. The Beukemas' second daughter, Mrs. J. G. K. Miller, Jr., and her family are residents of the Post, Lieutenant Colonel Miller, having finished his Korean chores. As for this

writer, he believes that he has finally become "The Last of the Mohicans" (citing Jim Lester's label). Right?

—H. B.

1916

Ray and Marjorie Moses visited the Hoge's in Germany during March. Ray and Bill attended the West Point Dinner in Frankfurt. They were the oldest graduates present. Stanley and Mary Scott are on a post-retirement motor trip. In Florida they visited the Parkers at Brookville. After a stop at Hot Springs, Arkansas, they reached San Antonio where 1916 gave them a big welcome.

Holland and Marian Robb, after a visit to Minorca in the Mediterranean, have reached Spain. In Madrid they met Dick Birmingham on street and later were entertained by Bill Shipp. Cramp and Harriot Jones, after traveling in Italy and stopping at Majorca, are also in Spain. They go next to Paris.

Early in March the husband of Ham Maguire's daughter, Nancy, died very suddenly of polio in Hong Kong. Ham flew out to bring his daughter and the children back to the States. They returned in April and are now in Washington. Ham and the family will spend the summer months at Bluemont, Virginia, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. From Atlanta comes word that Pickering and Blankenship attended the West Point banquet there last March, and in May Flanigen and Blankenship attended a joint alumni meeting of West Point and Annapolis. Pickering and Blankenship also dropped in to see Rose Coffin, who has been living in Decatur, Georgia, since Bill's death.

Bob Walsh frequently drives from Washington to the Fairchild airplane factory at Hagerstown, Md. Passing through Frederick on a recent trip he stopped to see Goop Worsham. A visit from a classmate is so rare that Goop celebrated with a cocktail that resulted in Bob making three wrong turns before he reached Hagerstown.

Dwight Johns came east in May to the annual meeting of the Military Engineer Society in Washington. He divided his remaining time between the Acacia Insurance Company, which he represents in San Francisco, and his son, who is a Marine officer at Quantico. Joe Tully, who has been working for a degree in Business Administra-

tion at Trinity University in San Antonio, was taking his final exams at the end of May. Joe Grant received his M.A. degree *cum laude* from Texas Western University this spring, and is about to sail for Spain to practice the Spanish in which he majored. Calvin DeWitt was in Germany for about ten days this spring and stayed with the Hoge's while in Frankfurt.

Red and Bobbie O'Hare, after spending the winter in Tucson, are considering returning to Europe this summer. They had lunch with Parker Kuhn in New York. Jack Nygaard and his wife expect to visit the States next year. Hearse Henderson went on a vacation to San Antonio, where Bill Spence gathered the 1916 gang for a blow-out at the Post Club. Tom Cockrill was the only one missing. He was in the hospital after an operation for arthritis. Father Duke DeCleene has written a book which he says may become the religious book of the year. Frank Scofield spent about six weeks in Walter Reed Hospital this spring. He is back home now in Chevy Chase, Maryland and hopes to be able to attend the Washington Class luncheon in June. Petrus Hemphill is reported to have died in San Antonio several months ago; cause and the exact date are still unknown. Pablo Parker, recently hospitalized, is back at his home in Florida.

Spike Maulsby, who underwent a successful operation last winter, is back in circulation and heading for the Hudson. Our class was well represented at West Point in June Week this year. Among those present were Kuhn, Weyand, Peyton, Maulsby, Inglis, O'Hare, DeWitt, Spence and John Abernathy. Two more of our Class sons graduated this year; young Abernathy and Spence. This is Bill's second son to graduate.

You will be interested to know that Spike Maulsby has donated a West Point Chair to the Cadet Library in the name of the Class of 1916. This generous action on Spike's part was made known to the Class Officers who authorized the Academy Officials to accept the gift. It will be suitably marked with the Class name. Spike, we thank you—a devoted son of the Alma Mater we love!

—E. G. B.

APRIL 1917

At the April 15th Class luncheon at Fort McNair, Washington, members of the Class



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heard a special briefing by an officer from The Adjutant General's Office of the features of the Survivor's Benefits Bill. Present were: Percy Black, Joe Collins, Ira Crump, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Leo Erler, Make Macon, Dan Noce, Burnet Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Steve Sherrill, Harry Schroeder, Cooper Smith, Sam Smith, Willis Teale, Van Vander Hyden, Kewp Yuill.

The following is a report dated 18 May from our West Coast correspondent, Jim Hayden:

"Laddie is back from the east after a month's tour visiting kids and friends and doing NYC and West Point. She got back just in time for me to take off for the east and June Week. I have to get to USMA in time to look after Bill Eley. We had a get-together at the Presidio Officers' Mess on 20 April. Alex and Jeanne Campbell, Kathryn and Kathy Halsey, with Milt arriving late after an exam at college, Virginia Heraty, Spec and Evelyn Irwin, Pete and Edie Kilburn, Louis and Elf Martin, Laddie and Jim Hayden were present and accounted for, and drank toasts with champagne to all you less fortunate 17ers. Absent were: Paul and Ida Brown, Jack and Isabel Code (they had a business engagement that couldn't be broken), Marie Holdridge (a busy night at the Mess), Dutch and Marion Keiser (we were especially disappointed as we all wished to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Dutch as he lost his father recently), Line and Jean Daniels (he had a faculty meeting), Doug and Betty Wahl (they were disappointed, but couldn't make it). We were joined for a drink by Willis Slaughter, out on an inspection trip and tied up for the evening with a duty dinner down town. We all enjoyed seeing him. Let his case be a lesson to 17ers coming out here: If they don't let us know they are coming or report in they'll miss something, and we will miss them.

"Marie Holdridge has an important job with the Fort Ord Officers' Open Mess. She is doing much for the morale of the officers and wives down there. I know that she would like to hear from her many Army friends.

"Bill Daugherty reports the return of son, William, USMA '45, with wife and son from Germany. After enjoying the hospitality of the Northwest, the youngsters go to ROTC duty at Tennessee Polytechnic, Cookeville, Tennessee. Bill and Helen seem to be doing well. They have just moved to a better place. The new address will be reported later.

"A letter from JAS Stewart indicates that he still seems to think that Sarasota, Florida, is a good place in which to retire. Maybe he is right for those not living out here, but my oh my! When we seem to have a bad streak of luck or weather out here, we just look at the papers and listen to the radio and discover how much worse it is elsewhere.

"Must now get ready to run east, then hurry back to a West Point dinner at the Presidio of San Francisco where I can bring classmates up to date on how well Fred Irving is doing at West Point, then I must catch up on lost fishing."

Laura and Percy Black had Washington members of the class, their wives and children to a delightful party April 20 in celebration of the 37th anniversary of our graduation. Their beautiful apartment on California Street, just off Connecticut, in Washington, and its peaceful atmosphere of spring contrasted with the bustle and the rain of that last day together at West Point April 20, 1917. Present were: Gladys and Joe Collins, who stayed until Joe left to speak to the DAR at Constitution Hall, Bill Cowgill, Suzanne and Ira Crump, Dorothy

and Birdie Eagles, Dot and Bill Eley, Rothe and Leo Erler, Florence and Make Macon, Mildred and Dan Noce, Aline and Burnet Olmsted, Helen and Bob Ransom, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Enriette and Harry Schroeder, Mary and Cooper Smith, Catherine and Willis Teale, and daughter Kay, Elizabeth and Van Vander Hyden with daughters Pat and Betty, Mary and George Wooley, Gay and Kewp Yuill. Laura and Percy's daughter, Betty, and Kive and Emily Tully's daughter, Neosha, and her husband, Tom Anglim, were the other class children present. The Tullys were absent because he was recovering from an operation.

Fred Irving was at the Washington Cathedral April 5th for the funeral services for General Hoyt Vandenberg. Those of us present thrilled at the magnificent singing by the Cadet Choir of "The Corps" and other familiar pieces. They had come to Washington with a battalion of Cadets which had the place of honor in the funeral march to Arlington.

Jeanette and Harold Jackson returned to the States in April after a nine-month tour of Europe. They drove their English Ford Zephyr 16,000 miles in 20 countries, and had a wonderful time. In Rome they saw Jack and Anna Maria Nygaard. Anna Maria (Canali) was singing at the Rome Opera, and Jack is working with a U.N. agency in Geneva, Switzerland. After a stay in Washington, they drove to Florida to visit their son at St. Petersburg.

Bill Heavey is back from Spain and has resumed his old job as Consulting Engineer with Frederic R. Harris, Inc. at 27 William Street in New York City. While in Spain Jule and Bill learned of the arrival of their fourth grandchild.

Gus Gurney retired at Governors Island in April. No report yet as to where he will live. This reduces the number on active duty to ten.

Louie Ford came back to Washington in May after spending most of the winter in Europe, principally on the Riviera. He plans to build a house either on the eastern shore of Maryland or on the northern neck in Virginia—where duck hunting is good.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of one of West Point's grand old men, M. Louis Vauthier, who taught us both fencing and French. He was nearly 92 years of age. The April 1954 issue of *Assembly* has a fine article about him.

Charlie Gerhardt was in Washington for a few days at the end of May. He had come up to attend the annual convention of his old division, the 29th, in Baltimore; to see their daughter Nina at Fort Meade and pick up young Chuck at Duke University, then return to their home in Winter Park, Florida. Charlie promised to report from time to time on the doings of classmates in Florida and to return to Washington soon—without the convention complications and to bring Nina.

Grant Holmes checked in for a night in Washington June 4th. He is retired and is plant manager of the Iowa Ordnance Plant, operated by the Silas Mason Company.

We have one extra copy of our Class 35 Year Book which we would like to present upon request to any Class widow who did not receive one. —S. H. S.

AUGUST 1917

To Jerry Counts and Dobby Stamps my most sincere apologies. In the last issue, I was guilty of a gross misstatement. To Hi Ely, I gave the distinction of being the last leaf of the tree of August 1917. This honor, however, will go, some years hence,

to the younger of our two illustrious professors at the Academy.

Ken Moore is enjoying retired life in Berkeley, California, passing many hours of the day at his hobby of woodworking.

Anne and Gordon Heiner spent the winter in southern Mexico, studying Indians and the fascinating monuments left in the ruins of their ancestors.

Ted Futch, upon returning from Germany, took over the Pennsylvania Military District.

Pinky Rolfe was scheduled to leave Japan in May, and, at his request, will be retired June 30th.

From Pat Mahoney, who with Pinky's departure will be the only August 1917 representative left in Japan, comes this tribute to the Rolfes—"Pinky and his beautiful and far better half—Mamma-san—have really cut a swath over here. Have been kind and gracious to everyone and will leave behind countless friends, Americans and Japanese, all of whom love and respect the swell couple they are."

Carl and Madeline Wilson are back in California, living in Carmel, after a home-hunting trip to Arizona in December.

At the West Point annual dinner on March 19th at the Presidio Club, San Francisco, our class was represented by Mickey Kernan, Jack Mallory, Bill Chapman, Frankie Carr, Joe Bobrink, Willie Wilson and Taylor deCamp. Accounted for but missing were Jack Bissell, Carlyle Wilson and Spider Maling.

Frankie Carr, now a trainer of race horses, spends a period of each year in the vicinity of San Francisco.

Our class luncheon in Washington continues to be a huge success. Present at a recent luncheon were Bob Hasbrouck, Phil Day, Poopy Griffith, Pop Goode, Leo Conner, Honus Wagner, Nig. Huff, Norman McNeill, Skinny Sharp and the unofficial president, Biff Jones. Pop Goode tells me he thinks he got the position from the fact that he is the only one present smart enough to figure out the bill and break even.

Catharine and I drove to West Point with Red and Bobby O'Hare for Alumni Day. The weather was perfect, and once again as we have for many years, we relived that glorious day of August 1917. In addition to Jerry Counts and Dobby Stamps, our class was represented by Hi Ely, Sam Ringsdorf, Bob Bacon and Grayson Woodbury.

Bob and Helen Bacon had come from Brownsville, Texas, to see their elder son, Gary, graduate. Their younger boy is a yearling. Gary was a member of the track team receiving his letter, and Bob was on the B football squad last fall.

Just three years to our fortieth reunion! Not a bit too soon to start planning. Let's make it one of our best. —W. G. W.

JUNE 1918

Welcome to Bill Barriger on his return from the Far East. Bill has been the commander of our Second Division in Korea. I was doubly pleased by his return because his aide, my son, accompanied him home. Bill's new address: Weapons Evaluation Group, OSD, Room 2E984, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Mike and Aline's daughter, Michaela Grenata, was married on 15 May to Captain Kenneth E. McIntyre, USMA '49, at Fort Belvoir. With the attendance of Jo and Pat Tansey, Marian and Andy Moore, Birdie and Hughie Hewitt, a small class reunion ensued. Captain Edwin S. Townsley, a classmate of the groom, was also present.

Gene Caffey, as commander of the first

special brigade to land on the Normandy beachhead, was one of the principal participants in the recent D-Day ceremonies there. Recently he was elected president of the Washington Foreign Law Society.

The House Armed Services Committee has endorsed Hughie Hewitt (now retired) as the U.S. Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission of the U.S. and Mexico. The Hewitts expect to live in El Paso.

Upon Wynot's recent retirement, the Irishes have moved into their own house at 635 Eudora Street, Denver, Colorado. Wynot reports he is rapidly developing all the known domestic ailments acting as "unhandy man" during the process of their settling in.

Bitt and Mary Barth are still in the swim of things in Greece and thoroughly enjoying their experiences. Bitt is chief of the JUSMAG (APO 206, c/o PM, New York, New York). He had the pleasure of seeing Andy Moore when Andy made an inspection in that area. Incidentally, Bitt was dining with Bud and Fenie Miley at Anchorage, when a wire directing him to Greece arrived. Bud has been ordered from Alaska to Hq. Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Got an amusing, if not newsy, letter from Gordon Matthews. Matty is well able to maintain his normal loquacity in spite of any undue Florida heat.

Kitty Boineau and Harry Mewshaw represented our class at the annual West Point Dinner at Fort Jackson. Kitty acted as chairman for the dinner.

In spite of his imminent retirement and departure from M.I.T., the Boston Chapter of our alumni honored Heinie Baish by electing him their president. Heinie and Adelaide plan to settle in the Chevy Chase area where they will be coming "home" and be surrounded by their children and grandchildren. Mail will reach them addressed c/o Dr. Michael Oristian, 9605 Evergreen St., Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Pichels drove down to Mexico over New Years. On the trip they had a glorious session with Mary and Hab Elliott at La Jolla. Jim reports that he is thoroughly enjoying his work as a barrister. He even has the ambition to defend Hans Kramer should Hans miscalculate his income tax. Jim also reports seeing Arthur Weeks at the annual dinner "looking very much the country gentleman."

Pat and Yvonne Paterson have recently moved to San Mateo. Pat is with the San Francisco City Health Department.

Pierre and Katherine Agnew are still in the Bay area and Pierre is getting firmly entrenched in the educational field.

Hans writes that on this anniversary of our thirty-fifth reunion he has but partially recovered from his over exposure to the irresponsible windjamming that took place. In spite of this he seems to be able to get about a bit. Last May he was in Washington and availed himself of the opportunity to pay his respects to our Chief of Engineers, Sam Sturgis. While there he caught a glimpse of Andy Moore who is Sam's I.G. This summer the Kramer Klan is heading for British Columbia for an outing that will combine a busman's holiday with ichthyology. (Suggest Lucius send him some sardine cans.)

Any class news will be gratefully received by me at 36 Dogwood Lane, Manhasset, New York. Any classmates passing this way are cordially invited to drop in.

—C. P. T.

NOVEMBER 1918

We had six sons graduate this year: Robert W. Badger, William D. Bathurst, James



November 1918 sons graduating in 1954, and fathers. Left to right: Johnson, D. W.; Carter; Carroll, J. V.; Bathurst; Badger; Walker, S. P. at presentation of class presents at "The Squirrels", Highland Falls, New York.

L. Carroll, James B. Carter, D. W. Johnson, and S. P. Walker, III. Sons, parents, best girls, parents of best girls, and other admirers, assembled at "The Squirrels" at two o'clock on Sunday, 6 June, for the presentation of the class gift of a life membership in the Association of Graduates and subscriptions to *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates*. The undersigned conducted the party through the rose gardens down to the point overlooking the sight of Benny Havens' dock and tavern, and gave a very erudite life story of Benny, which seemed to bewilder most of those present. The party then assembled on the lawn overlooking the river where photographs were taken. Sons were photographed. Fathers were photographed. Mothers were photographed. Sons were photographed with fathers (see cut). Sons were photographed with mothers. Sons were photographed with best girls—etc. Bill Badger then made a very appropriate presentation speech; and presented the class gifts. Then Cadet Johnson, just as smart as his old man and a lot handsomer—our Johnson, D. T.—stepped forward and made an oration worthy of Winston Churchill. It was a beauty. To the point, beautifully phrased, sincere, concise and brief; it was the apex of the ceremony. We marked Conrad 2.0, Bill Badger 2.7 and Johnson 3.0+ and moved on to West Point to the Superintendent's Reception.

Howard Peckham writes from Fort Lee that he has noted with some consternation that he was not listed as remaining on active duty in the last edition of this column. As our Coasting Artillery friends used to say, "a slight error must have crept in somewhere." Howard is good for quite a few more years and is now in New York City as Chief of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. He writes of a fair-sized class reunion in Houston, Texas, in May: when Howard; Doswell and Mrs. Gullatt; Hal Cock, his son, Hal, Jr. and wife; dined together in the fabulous Petroleum Club on the top floor of the Rice Hotel, where Hal is a member.

Bull Kendall, our much traveled big shot, has moved again. He is now C.G., Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe, IZMIR, Turkey. His address is Navy 525, Box 1, care Fleet Post Office, New York, New York.

Karl Schilling is reported to be running a boys' school. His address is: Route 4—Box 36½C, Augusta, Georgia.

Letters have come from both Handsome Harry Hillard and Hunk Holbrook that they have heard from the long-lost James H. C. Hill. Jim is farming several hundred acres near Faison, North Carolina, but at the moment is in the Hahnemann Hospital, 230 Broad Street, Philadelphia, having a physical check-up.

Pinto Freeman writes that he retired on the last day of May, and is now traveling around the country looking for a place to live where "one does not spend all one's pay just for creature comforts." I hope he finds it and lets us know where it is.

George Keyser, Box 485, Mountain Home, Arkansas, claims to have retired to the best trout fishing in the country. In his words, "The water comes out of the local flood control dams at about 56 degrees even in summer. That's trout water, as you well know."

Van Voorst has been doing noble work trying to get all of our addresses up-to-date. His latest contributions are: Major General C. H. Chorpeneing, Hq. USAFFE, APO 243, San Francisco; Hinds, Camp Drum, New York; Molitor, Camp Rucker, Alabama; Norman, APO 403, New York. Send in your change of address to Van at 601-19th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

In addition to all the fathers and mothers of our six new graduates, others of the class present at West Point during June Week were Percy Bannister, Heinie Bergman, Jack Curtis, Dick and Buda Groves, and Reggie Hubbell.

The Holbrook's beautiful daughter, Joanne, is now at West Point where her husband, Major George Patton, III, has recently reported for duty.

With so many of us retiring this year and roaming for greener pastures, everybody is going to get lost again as far as class records are concerned unless you people report your whereabouts. Please squander two cents on a postcard and drop a line to me or to Van.

—Bryan Conrad.

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The big news for this issue is obviously our 35th reunion. This began with an informal unscheduled cocktail buffet on Saturday evening, June 5th, at Brick and Helen Bartlett's quarters, for those members of the class and their wives who arrived on



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the Post the day before the scheduled events started. About 20 people attended. The majority of the guests arrived Sunday morning in time to attend the Superintendent's Reception, the Star Parade, and the class picnic at Round Pond in the evening, the latter being attended by over 100 people (your scribe lost count at 101). Approximately 70 members of the class marched in "the Long Gray Line" for the Alumni Exercises on Monday morning and participated in the Alumni Review of the Corps. Following the review group pictures were taken of the men present and of the whole group of men and ladies (see cuts). Sixty-five members of the class attended the Alumni Luncheon in the Mess Hall, while 35 ladies assembled for lunch in the West Point Army Mess. The Alumni Luncheon was featured by a closely contested election of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, your scribe being reelected by a margin of some 30 votes in a total of over 500. The main issue in this election was whether a member of the Class of 1919 or earlier was *too old* to serve on the Board. After graduation parade on Monday afternoon came the final event of the reunion, the class banquet at Bear Mountain Inn, attended by 93 people. Aside from general good fellowship the banquet was featured by letters and messages of greeting from absent members, very appropriately read by Kyke Allan, the Class President.

Among those attending were two class widows, Winnie Hoffman and Wallace Bruner, and Mrs. Nancy Shea, they being guests of the class. Members of the class attending one or all of the events included Kyke and Emmy Allan, Brick and Helen Bartlett, Bill Barton, Bunker and Jean Bean, Benny Bennison, the Ernest Bixbys', Mike and Marjorie Brannon, Gus and Bobby Broberg, the Mose Chadwicks', Charlie Chapline, Bob and Dorothy Child, Jim and Betty Cole, Pewee Collier, Dick and Billie Corsey, Joe Cranston, Bob Crichlow, John and Ann Crow, Joe and Francis Dalbey, Frank and Helen Davis, Paul and Sis Donnelly, Jack Domminey, Pat Echols, Dick Emery, Les Flory, Sid and Bea Gould, John and Bert Hardin, Jimmy Harbaugh, George and Mildred Horowitz, Wes and Phillis Jervey, Doc Johnson, George Lewis, Martin and Pearl Loeb, Doc and Opie Loper, Gene and Peggy McGinley, Henry Meyer, Ralph Miller, Jack Murphy, Doc and Patty Martin, Henry Nichols, Chick Noble, Joe and Margaret Odell, Dick and Emma Ovenshine, Joe and Marion Phelps, Ken and Marie Pierce, Jack Raaen, Bill and Janice Regan, Bob and Thel Rice, Rollie Risen, Maury and Dorothy Rosenthal, Virgil Shaw, the Ben Sheets', Stone and Conchita Sorley, Horace and Minette Speed, Steve and Vera Stephens, Red Szymanski, Joe and Francis Tate, Nate Twining, Rooney and Gertrude Taylor, Bully Van de Graaff, Al and Dade Wede-

meyer, Count Wilson, Ote Wood, and Bill Wyman; and in addition Bonny Boring, Fuzzy Fasnacht, Si and Edith Morgan (T. S. not A. L.), Ben Rees, the Bob Scullins', Peter Simonini, and Jim White (J. C.), most of whom he had not seen since cadet days.

Following the Alumni Luncheon, cablegrams of greetings were dispatched to Al and Grace Gruenther, to classmates in Europe via Claude Ferenbaugh, and to classmates in Korea through Ed Seebree. Your reunion committee at this point wishes to go on record as to what a pleasure it has been to deal with the Class of 1919. Everyone was cooperative in the extreme and we heard no gripe or sour note from start to finish. Of the 229 living members of the class, 175 sent in replies to our original bulletin, an extremely high percentage for such occasions. Several of our most distinguished members were unavoidably prevented from attendance. In particular, Al Gruenther sent sincerest regrets because he had long been scheduled for a very important speech in London on 8 June, a speech of which portions were telecast in this country. Willie Palmer had expected to come until the last minute, when a must trip to Europe required his absence from the country. Tony McAuliffe sent his regrets from Europe, and Bill Kean had an unavoidable commitment in Chicago, to mention only a few. Also, Verdi Green was



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prevented from coming at the last minute by the serious illness of his wife, who has developed a serious heart condition.

In the course of correspondence about the reunion, your scribe has gleaned the following news items. Ike Lawrence is retiring from active business and plans to travel around these United States for a year or so before settling down for good. Hughes Steele has been on an extended trip to California. Jack Whitelaw is in Japan. Ralph Bassett has been building a new home in the San Diego region, mostly with his own hands. Lester Rhodes has been making an economic survey for the State of North Carolina. Bally Fennell is a big wheel in real estate and insurance in Honolulu. Carl Robinson is an alfalfa farmer in Ripley, West Virginia. Hildy Hildebrand is still recuperating in Reno (from cancer, not divorce). Hildy's courage is unshakeable and he expects to make our 40th. A family wedding in Portland on 7 June prevented Jimmy Boyd from attending the reunion but he promises to make the next one. Ham Young is Staff Judge Advocate of the Second Army. Louis Ely has settled at Route 1, Herndon, Virginia. Jules Slack is living at 1723 Warfield Drive, Ocala, Florida. Elton Hammond, Signal Officer of the Far East Command, expects to retire in September to 4733 North Rock Spring Road, Arlington 7, Virginia. His son, E. F. Hammond, Jr., was married in 1946 to Catherine Strong (daughter of Brigadier General Paschal N. Strong, Class of '22). His older daughter married M. M. Matthews, Jr. in 1948 (a Signal Corps Officer in World War II). Elton has one grandson and two granddaughters. Jack Whitelaw is Inspector General of AFFE. L. C. Wilson is Assistant to the Comptroller, AFFE, and Charlie Pyle and Tommy Hedekin are with the Eighth Army in Korea, as is Ed Seebree. Bunny Burnell is returning to the United States from the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Belgium sometime this summer. Bobby Gard, Jr., Class of '50, is in Korea. Drake Wilson, Class of '52, returns from Korea in May. Don Shingler was retired as a Brigadier General on 30 April, having been Division Engineer in Portland, Oregon. He has taken an executive position with an organization engaged in construction and rehabilitation work for the United Nations, and left New York by plane on 3 June for Japan and Korea. Fred Porter has settled in Colorado Springs. He was prevented from attending the reunion by the very serious illness of his wife. His

son is now a Major in the Air Force and holds the M.S. degree in Psychology from Georgetown University. Maurice Kertz is living at 7509 Burlington Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, and has a heart condition which prevented his attending the reunion. R. C. Barlow retired on 31 March and plans to settle in the San Diego area. He has recently written a book "Golf for the Beginner and the Confused", to be published by Dorrance and Co. of Philadelphia. Bob Carter spent six weeks in Europe this Spring and reports having had cocktails with the Gruenther's in Paris. Jack Madison plans to retire on 31 August and enter the University of Miami in the fall. He and Dolly could not attend the reunion because of their daughter's graduation from William and Mary on 6 June. J. H. Madison, 3rd, arrived on 10 December at Fort Bragg where J. H. Madison, Jr. commands G-Company, 504th Airborne Infantry. Jack's daughter Dolly is to be married on 26 June to J. B. Mallory, a C.E. graduate of the Citadel. Alex Kirby commands the Nuremberg-Furth Detachment in Germany. Fritz Marlow has been on an extended trip to France this June, as has Stu Little.

Bob Hill was prevented from attending the reunion by the death of his step-mother and the serious illness of his father in New Orleans. To add to his troubles his wedding scheduled for late May, had to be postponed by the sudden illness and hospitalization of his bride-to-be. Fortunately he reports that the prognosis for her complete recovery is highly favorable and that he expects to leave the ranks of the bachelors during the summer. We all extend our sympathy to Bob in the death of his stepmother, our hopes for his father's recovery, and our best wishes for his prospective venture into matrimony. Bob is now at Fort Monmouth but expects to go to Fort Bliss early in July.

Recently nominated to be temporary Major Generals: Gene McGinley, Benny Hartford, Hobart Hewett, and Bunny Burnell.

Any member of the class desiring reunion pictures can obtain them at \$1.00 per print by writing Brick Bartlett at West Point. If anyone who already paid for pictures didn't get them at the banquet, please let me know and I will send them to you.

At the time of writing this, it is too early for the Committee to give an accounting of reunion finances. All we can say is that it appears the Committee will be somewhat in the black. Any profit will be too small to make a pro rata refund worth the

trouble, so your Committee proposes to deposit the surplus to the benefit of the class fund. "Without objection, so ordered!"

Kyke Allan is proceeding to complete the editing of our 35-year book. It is now expected that it will be available early next fall at which time distribution will be made to addresses of record. Further announcement will be made in this column when and if appropriate. It was nice to see so many of you at the reunion.

—B. W. B.

1920

It has come to my knowledge during the past six years, during which I have been your scribe, that a number of classmates do not know who the present Class Officers are. This is not surprising since there have been changes which have occurred over the years.

The Class Officers who are actively functioning at this time are: John A. ("Honest John") McNulty, Prudential Insurance Company of America, 1501 Broadway, New York 18, New York, President; Edward C. ("Ted") Gillette, Jr., West Point, New York, Secretary and Class News Representative for *Assembly*; Charles W. ("Charlie") West, West Point, New York, Treasurer.

As I mentioned previously in this column, no sons of classmates were graduated with the Class of 1954, USMA. Also, there were no events of special interest to 1920 occurring during this June Week, since our 35th Reunion will occur next year, 1955.

These news items have recently come to my attention. George Rehm, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Seventh Army, a Brigadier General, has been reassigned to Fort Hood, Texas.

Eddie McGaw has been made Korea Communications Zone Chief. Eddie was formerly Commanding General, Western Army AA Command, at Fort Baker, California.

Fred Hayden, Brigadier General, has been named Commanding General of the Korea Civil Assistance Command. He succeeds Brigadier General Homer Case. Hayden's new command is under direct control of the United Nations Command and is the operating agency for the entire Civilian Relief and Rehabilitation Program in Korea. Before taking over these new responsibilities Fred Hayden formerly was Commanding General of the Eastern Army AA Command



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at Stewart AFB, near Newburgh, New York.

William E. ("Bill") Crist, Brigadier General, has been transferred from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to Allied Forces Central Europe, at Fontainebleau, France.

Terence Tully, Brigadier General, now commands the Signal Corps Training Center and all its facilities at Camp Gordon, Georgia. This includes the Southeastern Signal School and the Southeastern Unit Training Group. This center is a complex training facility which has graduated more than 27,000 students since 1948. It can handle a 7,000 yearly student load when operating to full capacity.

Halley Maddox, Major General, has been named Chief of the Korean Military Advisory Group, Eighth Army. Halley formerly commanded the 25th Infantry Division.

Recently retired were Esher C. Burkart, Charlie Ivins and Clarence Clendenen.

Fritz and Jean Cross in March announced the marriage of their daughter Lela Helen to Mr. Joseph Chadwell in Knoxville, Tennessee. The wedding took place at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church. Only members of the immediate families attended the ceremony, which was performed by Reverend Julian Spitzer, pastor of the church. After a short wedding trip the newlyweds moved to their home on Westland Drive in Knoxville, and both plan to resume their studies at the University of Tennessee. The bride is a student in the College of Education and is pledged to the Chi Omega sorority. She is also a member of the Knoxville Junior Assembly. Mr. Chadwell is attending the College of Agriculture. As I have announced previously in this column, Fritz and Jean Cross have a son, Freeman Grant, Jr., at West Point in the new yearling class. Freeman, Jr. is the twin brother of Lela Helen.

Cyril D. ("B-Food") Pearson recently prepared a paper on International Trade Mark Protection for presentation at the meeting of the Inter-American Bar Association which was held at Sao Paulo, Brazil, last March. "B-Food" has for a number of years been senior trade mark counsel for the Standard Oil Company of New York.

Dr. J. W. ("Lucy") Clark, accompanied by his wife, two daughters and a sister, visited West Point on 2 May. Clark has served for many years as special assistant to the medical inspector of schools in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927, and served his internship at the University Hospital. Clark's sister is a member of the Army Nurse Corps, and once served several years at the West Point Station Hospital.

Leland Smith writes that in April he ran into Hugo P. ("Speedy") Rush, who is a retired Major General, USAF, and who has a beautiful home at Clearwater Beach, Florida. Leland said that "Speedy" was in fine physical shape and was thoroughly enjoying life. As a matter of fact, he was leaving the next day after meeting Leland to function as navigator on one of the yachts in the St. Petersburg-Havana yacht race. Incidentally, Leland Smith and Myra will retire from the Army this fall and move into their newly acquired home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Those of the Class who knew him well were greatly saddened when the death of Brigadier General James M. ("Jimmy") Lewis was announced at Camp Stoneman, California, on April 19th. "Jimmy" was 56 and his death resulted from a heart attack. "Jimmy" was a native of Moundsville, West Virginia. During World War II he was Commander of the 30th Division Artillery during the campaigns of that division in

France and Belgium. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Marie McLune Lewis, and his sister, Mrs. Virginia W. Riley. At the time of his death "Jimmy" had been nominated for promotion to Major General.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

With sadness we note the passing of Pat O'Flaherty, who died on 15 May, after something of a session with cancer. Helen writes that "he suffered a great deal during the past few months but always looked wonderful—never lost a pound until just the week before he died—and his coloring was excellent. He was prepared to go and died with a sweet smile on his face".

June Week has come and gone, adding two more Oriole sons (Klein and Olmsted) to the Long Gray Line. The class graduation present, a silver plate, was given to each of them on the Supe's lawn during the Superintendent's reception for the graduating class and its friends.

Present for Alumni Day were Albert, Barrett, Branham, Klein, Kyle, Mudgett, Olmsted and Raynsford. Spalding and Max Taylor came in for graduation, the latter just back for a brief tour of temporary duty away from Korea.

Wes Yale recently became an honorary chief of the Yakima tribe of Indians. The traditional war bonnet was placed on his head by Arlene Wesley, "Miss Indian American of 1953", who bestowed upon him the name "Lutza Wamphus", or Chief Red Feather. Then the tribe, including Yale, danced a series of ceremonial dances, Wes' arms over the shoulders of two of the fairest Indian maidens in the country, Miss Wesley and Miss Delores Harrison, "1954 Queen of the Indian Nation". After that Yale gave each of the girls a bouquet of red roses. When not "chiefting" Wes is deputy director of Exercise HILLTOP, a joint maneuver at the Yakima Firing Center, Washington.

Bill Lawton was at West Point briefly in April and may be back occasionally in the coming year, since his son George becomes a cadet in July. There are likely to be a few more Oriole sons in the Class of 1958, upon which a report will be made later.

Al Price's son Bill never got to West Point on account of his eyes, but he did get his Regular Army commission the hard way in Korea, and was promoted to captain in April of this year. He served with the 187th Regimental Combat Team in the fighting days and has wound scars dating from that service. Another son was graduated from West Point a year ago, a daughter is training to be a nurse, and a third son is "the best damn shortstop in Little League baseball". Al himself is with the Aircraft Engine Division of Ford, in Chicago, and loves his work.

Marcus writes that the Oriole group (Kessler, Dean, Meyer, Stephens, Taylor, G. A. and himself) at the Founders Day dinner in San Francisco was a very happy gathering, the last to leave, and the ones who closed up the club at midnight. It is noted from published reports that Mudgett spoke at the Founders Day dinner at Fort Benning; Barrett did the same at Philadelphia; McDavid was on hand at the Fort Jackson affair, and Toy Gregory and Ollie Hughes at Chicago. No doubt a lot of others were not written up in detail.

Marcus keeps the welcome sign out for classmates in San Francisco, and it is reliably reported that Hank Reed is doing the same in Richmond, Virginia.

P. D. Lynch is still studying at the Uni-

versity of Texas—"a good transition for bridging the gap between the Pentagon and retired activity"—but plans to spend the summer at Rockport, Texas, where a summer cottage right on the bay offers a pleasant prospect for the hot weather. So far P. D. has had no yearning to get back in the Pentagon harness.

D. J. Crawford, despite his business responsibilities these days, has found time to supervise the remodeling of their Maryland home, and from all reports it has become one of the Potomac's showplaces.

Pat Strong has recently acquired a yacht, size not reported, in which he plans to visit West Point some future June Week, and upon which he proposes to provide a bit of entertainment for classmates who are present. Let this word help you decide to be here for that thirty-fifth date in '57.

—C. J. B.

1923

June Week began with a shock in the form of a telegram from the Lutwack family, announcing that Eddie had died of a heart attack at the City Hospital, Akron, Ohio, on 29 May. Your representative immediately telegraphed flowers and condolences on behalf of the Class and notified Fritz Breidster and the Washington Committee by telegram. Fritz replied at once, intimating his intention to attend the funeral, though further word from him has not been received. Eddie is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mae Lutwack, and two children, William 12, and Roeland, 5. Interment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron.

The following sons of '23 graduated this June: John L. Ballantyne, Blackshear M. Bryan, Fletcher J. Buckley, Frederick M. Galloway, Peter N. Leone and George H. Storck. The Class of 1923 Swimming Trophy was awarded to Peter F. Witteried.

The following classmates were present for June Week: John Chambers, Eddie Love, Don Galloway, Jack Ballantyne, Pete Leone, Mike Buckley, Lou Haskell, Deke Stone and Bill Morton. Joe Smith and Woggie Towle flew up from Washington to attend the Graduation Ceremony and to see Joe's nephew get his diploma. Joe said he was going to continue his fight on to Germany immediately afterwards.

Don Galloway brought his son, Fred, to the class table at the Association of Graduates annual luncheon. Pete Leone ran a cold absence, though he was much in evidence on other occasions. Deke Stone, as Alumni Secretary, was so involved in arrangements that he was up and down all the time and scarcely got to eat anything. He did a swell job of running June Week, however.

Lou and Maude Haskell were Harry Crandall's guests for June Week, and the Mike Buckleys stayed with the Deke Stones. The other visitors were in the 54th Division of Cadet Barracks. John Chambers, with Eddie Love as his aide, established class headquarters in Room 5431, from which point of vantage they kept the division in a noisy and riotous state at all times. John was constantly convening impromptu class meetings to discuss important subjects and, at the same time, dispensing hospitality with a lavish hand. Every time a decision was reached, Eddie Love would make a note of it.

John Chambers has developed an excellent plan to assist retiring graduates in finding positions in civil life. He presented it to and got the approval of the Superintendent and the Association of Grad-

uates. John and his committee will publish details of it later.

Most of the Class will be retiring on the "30 and 5" rule at the end of the summer. In the meanwhile the following retirement orders have come to our attention: Temple Holland, Philip Dwyer, Cecil Nist and Dave Fowler.

Kenner Hertford spent three weeks leave at his ranch in New Mexico, beginning 31 May. He wrote, "I tried to get Harry Roper elected to my job as Executive Chairman of the Washington Group, but failed in my campaign speech and got re-elected myself due to an out-of-order motion by Joe Smith. Earl Gruver was not present at that particular meeting and hence was elected to replace Steve Conner on the Washington Committee.

"We had a most delightful and interesting joint luncheon on 23 April with the Naval Academy '23 members living in this vicinity. We had over twenty members present, and the Naval Academy produced almost twice that number. Don Galloway arranged the luncheon at the Fort Myer Officers Club and really put on a big show. Military police were present to park our respective automobiles and direct us to the private cocktail lounge and dining room in the Club. I am sure that the ex-midshipmen were duly impressed with all this attention, as were members of our own class." (Note: The middies were. Their class notes in *Shipmate* raved about the plush arrangements.)

Kenner also wrote, "Don Galloway tells me he is retiring at the end of July and going with Continental Motors. It sounds like a fine job and I am delighted to see Don get with such a fine company."

Bill Craigie, who is in command of Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe, wrote on 12 May, "At the moment, I am enroute from Naples to Turkey where I am scheduled to visit General Ucaner, who is Chief of the Turkish Air Force, and several of his bases and units. It should be an interesting trip.

"We came over here on rather short notice to take Slats' job and he is, as you probably know, relieving General Bruce as Commandant, Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. Ordinarily one considers himself lucky just to get out of the Pentagon, but to leave the Pentagon and come to an interesting spot like Naples, and an interesting job like my present one, is really hitting the jackpot."

Tom Maddocks, who is living in Charlottesville and planning a trip to Europe,

reported the following as present at the luncheon held on 9 June in the Pentagon: Fry, Gruver, George Stewart, Ken Webber, Moody, Kehm, Jack Evans, Cunkle, O'Reilly, Salsman, Mahoney, Edwards, Tudor and Guevara.

Harold Kehm dropped into the Library on 14 June and gave me the following news. Dave Fowler, retired, has returned to Iowa to live. Cecil Nist has selected Florida for his retirement. Earl Gruver, as Assistant Chief of Ordnance, went to Lafayette University to present some military awards. Jack Evans is working for Jim Fry, who is Chief of Career Management. Jimmy Carnes is P.M.S.&T. at Howard University. Enderton has returned from Ecuador and is on duty with Hq. 6th Army.

Frenchy Grombach writes, "I am attaching some clippings on my winning 2nd in the Masters or National Open Championship in Epée. I won it in 1950 and tied with Pinchard, the leading U.S. pro, in 1929. I also fenced at the Waldorf Astoria in the Gala Fencing Night on the New York Athletic Club 3 weapon team which won 3rd in the National Team Championship."

Pinkev Palmer writes, "After seeing the first grandchild—grandson (Little Pinkey) in Washington, D. C., and Pooper and Betty Grove in Florida, am settling down at Camp Gordon, Georgia, for the last few months of active duty. Look for me in California next year."

Roy Foster reports, "Our younger son, Bob, a student of Sully's, has passed the entrance exams and will enter on July 6 in the Class of '58. George, our other son, Class of '50, was lost in the Chosen Reservoir Action, as of 2 December 1950."

—W. J. Morton.

1924

In view of comprehensive information now being compiled for the 30th Reunion edition of the "Thundering Herd", this column will be limited primarily to June Week activities of Herdsmen and families who were able to attend the Reunion.

Representation was great—98 Bulls and four widows attended. '24 graduates with families swelled the attendance at the class dinner dance (Hotel Newburgh) to 162.

The Committee really came through—all hard work, all time given unselfishly, and

certainly only the unwearied efforts of "Pop" Ives, George Lightcap, "Doc" Eaton, Don Storck, McLamb, Kidwell, Adams, L. W. and Charles Stevenson assured '24 grads a smoothly carried out program in the whirl of June Week functions with competition for facilities the keenest it has even been. Ives and Lightcap acted as cashiers and bookkeepers at the gate until the last man was checked in on Graduation Day; through their effective sales efforts, badges, pins, arm bands, tickets, etc. we found that financially we are just about breaking even on the entire show. Classmates without exception felt that the Committee did a superior piece of work in obtaining the facilities of the Newburgh Hotel and in planning a lively, interesting program during the entire evening. No boring talks—correction, just one—Gus Watson said (and received full support) that we all should check into our dues-paying habits for the past five years and pay up at a rate of \$5.00 per year.

Bill Maglin, President and M.C., moved thru the business part of the program masterfully. Everyone enjoyed it so much they didn't realize a few moments had been diverted from dancing and fun to the serious business of promoting class activities to keep alive class spirit—vital in binding and holding together the ties of friendship and love between classmates and families in years following retirement.

Present at the reunion were the following Bulls for the most part with families: Adams, L. W., Allen, Bailey, C. N., Mrs. Dick Baughman, Benz, Bertsch, Blanchard, Brinson, Caywood, Cullen, Cummings, Coombs, Darling, Dewey, Dombrowsky, Du Val, Eaton, Mrs. George Ford, Fletcher, Finlay, Finnegan, Sam Fisher, Forbes, Forman, France, Gard, Gibbs, Graling, Griffith, Halligan, Bob Harper, Hart, C. E., Hincke, Hulley, Ives, Jennings, John, Johnson, F. W., Kidwell, "Slicker" King, Kraft, Kuniholm, Lightcap, Lee, E. O., Linn, W. A., McGraw, McLamb, Massaro, Mrs. David Marcus, Mulligan, Maglin, Martin, Merkle, Merrill, Mesick, Miller, R. L., Jim Moore, John Moore, Morris, Nelson, Nugent, O'Neill, Page, Pence, Pickhardt, Parmly, Pasolli, Paton, Polsgrove, Pope, Raymond, Reynolds, Renn, Robins, Robinson, Royce, Ryan, Salmon, Samouce, Simon, Shumate, Shunk, George Smith, Smythe, Sorley, Stebbins, Stevenson, Stewart, Storck, Strohecker, Strother, Stowell, Sullivan, Mrs. Miriam Tacy, Tasker, Triplett, Trudeau, Waters, Watson, Wellington, White, and Willis. Total classmates and widows 102.



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In addition to the above, many wives, other relatives and guests were present.

Anyone having group pictures taken at the 30th Reunion, please forward to Gus Watson and we will try to get them printed in the next *Assembly*.

A few highlights of the gathering were: telegrams from class members who could not make the dinner—Van Way, Prather, Ebersole, Dabezies, Stowall, and Walter French in Korea.

Clint and Mary Robinson, with Em and Louise Cummings as guests, quartered on Roby's express cruiser, which was tied up at the North Dock. Much fun and many guests aboard during the reunion. Captain Roby is proceeding via waterways to Youngstown, New York, a short distance from the Carborundum Company at Niagara Falls, of which Roby is president. Roby says he will be delighted to welcome any Herdsmen visiting or passing through Niagara Falls—just give him a buzz.

Class wives enjoyed every minute they were awake, and we hear that they didn't sleep too much. The Nursery School where they were quartered was a good selection by our Committee. Usual room to room bull-fests took place in and about the 30th Division of North Barracks into the wee small hours, so it appears that the men also like to gab.

A more somber note held during the laying the wreaths on graves of the following classmates buried in the West Point Cemetery: Barton, Ford, Ladue, Lamberton, Marcus, McCloud, Wallington and Wren. This was held Sunday morning, June 6th.

On Monday morning, June 7, plaques were presented to the following sons of the Class of '24: Adams (son of Larry Adams), Bailey (son of Ken Bailey, deceased), Baughman (son of Dick Baughman, deceased), Darling, Forman, Gomez (son of Manuel Gomez, ex '24, deceased), Hincke, Ingalls (son of Fred Ingalls, deceased), Massaro, Moore (son of Jim Moore), and Samouce.

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—Gus Watson.

1925

Another June Week has just passed, and as this is written the recent First Classmen are streaming out of West Point in a horn-toting exodus of new cars, new brides, new uniforms—and new problems. It is a different picture, in important details, from 12 June 1925.

Not many of us showed up at the Alumni Exercises this year. I saw only Wiley T. Moore, Jerry Kelley, and George McManus, in addition to the local contingent of Mike Esposito, Harry Crandall and the undersigned. Wiley was here to see his son graduate. Haydon Grubbs, also with a son graduating, was rumored as present on the Post, but we did not see him in the Alumni Parade. Mike saw Charlie Saltzman briefly the day before, but Charlie was passing through and unable to stay for the ceremonies.

Next year will be different, judging from what we saw of the Class of 1924 during the last four days. They were all over the place, more than 180 strong including wives and daughters. You have already heard from Daddy Dunn that plans for our 30th Reunion next June are already under way. Hank Westphalinger is grand master of the planning, and came up to West Point recently to reconnoiter the situation. He has set up a three-fold Committee in Washing-

ton to run the show, including supporting Chairmen Dunn (Class Booklet and Announcements), Cabell (Attendance and Housing Arrangements) and Ritchie (Entertainment). When the Committee asks you for information, make up your mind and send it in promptly. The sooner they know which members of the class will come, and which wives and children will come with them, the better! Housing for families is incredibly hard to find near West Point these days, and the earlier our bids go in, the more comfortable the girls will be. We long for gray lions, of course, will be comfortably housed in cadet barracks. The Entertainment Committee is looking far ahead and planning three rousing parties on a big scale.

Latest news flashes from here and there tell us that: (1) Gravy McCormick has assumed command of Lackland Air Force Base; (2) Jerry Galloway has assumed command of Fort Belvoir during the interregnum following the retirement of Major General Stanley Scott; and (3) E. L. Johnson's stars were pinned on him at the Presidio in a ceremony on May 8, the pinners being Lieutenant General Willard Wyman and Brigadier General William T. Sexton, one to each shoulder.

From here on out, I quote selected gems from Daddy Dunn's most recent circulars:

"The April meeting went off on schedule the 15th as a typical business man's luncheon. The small but voluble group present proceeded to table current problems w/o delay and appointed Westphalinger Chairman of the Reunion Plans Committee with Ritchie as number one helper. Plan is to 'distribute the load' and Hank has been busy figuring out all that has to be done, and who must carry the burden of each individual requirement. Definite assignments to be made at the May meeting (13th).

"Bill Pheris wrote from Fort Lee that he was sorry to miss us on his last 'visit to Mecca' where he inquired re an appointment for the off-spring. He included a few questions re 30 and 5 which we must pass on to Westphalinger—Hank paid him a visit at Lee combining a *round of golf* with a QM graduation speech (Q: What high official is *he* patterning after?).

"Swede U. came through with a nice letter plus a fiver check—reports all quiet on the Southern front. Sees Joe C. and Bennett frequently and likes the Bragg set-up—states North Carolinians very hospitable. He plans to case the West Coast of Florida following our return—will visit this five-sided house come summer.

"Ed and Bernice Garbisch will be here on 9th May at the Nat'l Gallery re their collection of American paintings—we are gathering up addresses for them and we're sure you'll be invited both individually and collectively.

"By mail, same date as above, Sol Senior sends many greetings plus contribution and the Burback's threw us completely off balance with a check for no less than fifteen silver dollars—Dottie hurried on to explain that they were still in a glow from a fine WP anniversary dinner celebration at the Royal Residence of Sir Edward and Martha in Bremerhaven PLUS orders for 6th Army Headquarters! Would that we could catch more classmates on the wing and in the meantime we'll bank this before any cooling off period can effect a stop payment! Whatever Edward serves up should be imported and distributed to all class members tax-free.

"An ever-optimistic note from Robertson advises us of a fine Alumni dinner at Fifth Army (Chi) w/about 100 present. Nicholas was imported from the Academy as the *principal* speaker and Robbie credits him

with a superb performance. The Robertson's went to Fort Lauderdale last winter visiting the Fisher's at St. Petersburg en route—Jack doing good biz and planning a log-rolling for a new home there this spring.

"Suttles flew in on us the 6th and brought news of several—had lunched w/Benny Fowlks (as of 2 days past) and reported that Jimmie Channon was in and out of the hospital (also 'up the pole'). Louie R. is looking forward to a detail in Colorado before settling down in his old stamping grounds in New Jersey. Jack Horner piping getting back to Austin this summer where he can ease down into that miniature palace he built for himself several years ago.

"By popular demand and as a result of most favorable comments we call attention to Margeson's article re Korea in the April '54 Army Info Digest. The Bishop handled the English language with power steering ease and we felt that his contribution merited its No. 2 spot in the periodical—immediately following that of one of the Service Secretaries.

"Matteson writes that J. Dansby gave him a complete study course in California Real Estate and that he and Berenice are in for a P.O. Box in Carmel. He will have Peggie and Bobbie Howze as neighbors—also included a nice check for the publication fund.

"Nick and Adelaide Robinson, Jack and Lee Fisher, Finnie and Ginger Dunaway—all seem happily and efficiently located in their Florida homes. Jack not only is building a nice new home (in St. Pete) but, in the concrete business, is turning out a mix worthy of Sunbeam. Finis has done a fine job finishing his house and grounds, while Nick is busier than two bee's—both in business and in school.

"Bennett writes from 'Ex. Flashburn' (where he G-4's) that his family now at Fort McPherson, consists of Anne plus three: Mary (6), Bill (4) and Betsey (2). He has a speaking acquaintance with Swede Underwood, Joe C., Withers, Barlow, Red Hall and Frazer. Misses our luncheons, but not fighting to get back to this round-house duty.

"Bill Burbank writes from Central Command (Deputy) that Hively Bowers returned to the States presumably to W. Reed, Grayeb still with Corps Artillery at Sendai, Peploe still holding down S.W. Command. Ike Evans has checked in as Far East QM (APO 343) and is already touring the area—Eleanor enroute to join him at Camp Zama. He and Hively together at the Tokyo WP Dinner—didn't make the head table but were frightfully close.

"The higher echelons finally realized they were overlooking a lot of talent in '25 and have selected: Barlow, Bird, Johnson, Holmes, Lynch, Nutter, and Wood—congratulations and felicitations to each and all.

"Chas. S. just checked in for another week of active duty—has been down at the big maneuvers at Bragg where he saw Joe, Bennett and Smith (Wayne over from Campbell).

"The May luncheon was deferred, as noted in our concluding notes, so we'll step right into current events.

"We note orders on Bigelow for retirement (30 years) and expect him to check through here for a visit and info on new address.

"Bobbie Howze writes that he is more than pleased to be the ADC of the 3d Inf (APO No. 468, SF) which unit Pappy commanded in WW I, 1918-1919, in France and Germany. Also, he's lucky to have Chuck Canham as CG.

"We observed orders re Red Newman to Frankfurt effective NLT 25 May and trust

he has his hunting rifles in good condition. Gus Farwick will be there to throw a 'cou d'oil' down any rusty barrels for him.

"A most pleasant lunch with Chas. S. and Westphalinger produced memories — among which: Hank's kick-off in a Boston Game (? many years ago) which rolled over the goal line and was covered by Bosco Smith for a touchdown. Also biz., (1) re the 30th Reunion and (2) procedure re employment for displaced persons was gone into. Much more on the latter later. Same date we contacted the proper section in TAG for info.

"We missed Hopkins by inches at lunch-time but Meredith Noble dropped in from Amador for a short visit—we helped him cash a check at the Pent. bank and held out five for the fund (his *second* contribution). We want him to come more often!—besides, he has all the first hand info on the Central American situation.

"(Hoppe visited for lunch a few days later—plans selling house and taking off for Paree pronto.)

"Chou (Joe, to you) Cleland came in early AM 14th to inspect our luncheon activities and we think we sold him. Swede Underwood joined us at lunch—later w/ Ernie Holmes as guide, we encountered Wayne Smith (round but solid) and spent an hour looking for Andy Barlow. Joe steamed up over his Virginia retirement site and we plan to case that spread too. Westphalinger and Seleen sighted in hallways enroute. Wayne says that eldest son has made him a grandfather. No. 2 now an Ensign and Carl (youngest) a struggling plebe. So

"Fan mail from McManus, with sketch, adding that the New York contingent stands ready to assist in every way possible the '55 Reunion—their location facilitates strategic planning and their willingness most commendable. Further inquiries re finance and we'll publish consensus of opinion in an early issue.

"Ed and Bernice (also Gwynn and husband plus Ed, Jr.) were down for the opening at the National Gallery for their contribution of Early American Art. The entire PM was an outstanding success—both socially and artfully. These paintings are something to be proud of and can, perhaps, be appreciated by us better than some of the more famous paintings we have looked over in detail in our strolls through galleries abroad. Present and open-eyed: Smythe (2), Maglin (2) of '24; classmates: Baldwin, Barnes (2), Mrs. Cabell, Cleaves (2), Dunn (3), Hopkins (2), Saltzman (2), Scherer (2), Seleen (2), and Westphalinger (2).

"Bruce writes from Office of the CG, 8th Army, that he hopes to have with him for dinner and overnight at Seoul, 12 June, classmates: Babcock, Crombez, Howze, Johnson, E. L., Margeson, and possibly Ike Evans and Peplow. Any others within flying distance please let us (or him) know. Personally *we* would like to make it but not in one of these bucket seat jobs—insist on Native Dancer accommodations at least when we journey from now on (voluntarily, that is).

"From the P.L., a nice letter from Joe and Jo Cannon together with the large (economy size) contrib. Joe visited Davis in Thailand and the Gillmores (on Baguio leave) are expected guests in Manila. Casually remarked that the weather was several degrees better than warm there. Jo Ann still with Nat'l Geographic here and doing right well.

"Bill Nutter, already 5 days on the job in Vienna (APO triple 7), still 'in the clouds' and optimistic over his assignment. Contributes cash to the fund and pledges further support—Yea, William! (Includes

greetings to all with promise to forward news items.)

"Our office is rapidly becoming a clearing house for West Point appointments, houses (buy or rent) and old washing machines. Correspondence always welcome but please make out checks to *Treasurer, 1925 Class Fund, USMA*.—Kidwell assures us that his books would gladden the heart of a CPA at any surprise inspection.

"Reliable reports state Bill Gillmore won a golf tournament somewhere in the F.E.—at least one allied victory of recent date.

"F L A S H : —

As we start cranking the mimeo machine our Congressional contacts inform us that David (Bruce's youngest) has an appointment and is directed to report at the South Sallyport on 6 July. May he carry, with due honor, the Clarke escutcheon."

—C. P. N.

1926

It is with pride that the Class has noted the promotion of Bill Ennis and Harry Storke to major generals and the following advancements to brigadier generals: Bill Baker, Rod Smith, Lew Griffing, Pick Collins, and George Hickman. This brings the Class total to 29 generals on active duty, of whom an even dozen wear multiple stars. We always thought that 1926 would produce men to lead our future armies, and now we have a respectable number in the upper brackets who will eventually produce the top dog.

Dick McMaster, who is an El Paso resident, has repeated his annual dinner for sons of '26 among the First Classmen during their indoctrination at Bliss. This year, invitations went to Doyle, Nourse and Wheaton. Dick writes that "Bill Ennis is pleased with his second star", a fact which comes as no great surprise. Dick also reports that Dick Mayo, who recently spent a night with him, has changed little in appearance since cadet days.

Bob McDonough has left X Corps to become Deputy to the Eighth Army Engineer. He hopes to get out of Korea by December, and is looking forward to a possible assignment "in the southeast." Bob writes that other classmates in Korea include McNaughton, Barnes, and Canham. The latter is now CG of the 3d Division.

The retirement of Bob Ross, which was reported in the last edition of this column, has now been confirmed by Bob himself. He reveals that it was the old ticker which gave out on him. Looking back over Bob's record, we find that after he arrived in Korea in 1951, he was made Director of Supply of the UN Civil Assistance Command, which job he held for twenty months. This involved the handling of about 70,000 tons a month and included such affiliated projects as port operation and inland transportation. He returned to the US in June 1953. He was assigned to the Louisiana National Guard but was hospitalized shortly afterwards and was never returned to duty. Following his retirement a few months ago, Bob chose Florida as his home and is now building a house at Pompano Beach. He has offered assistance to any classmates who care to retire in Florida.

In a letter that arrived just too late to be included in the April issue of *Assembly*, Hal Forde writes of the West Point dinner in Paris. He says, "With seven representatives we far outdistanced even 'The Thundering Herd' which had four present. I suspect we were slightly obnoxious during the evening since each of us at one time or an-

other felt impelled to propose a toast 'To the Class of '26.' We have not yet, however, received an official reprimand." A couple of months have elapsed since Hal wrote that and, since no further word has been received, we can assume that their conduct received no censure. Hal went on to report having seen Harry and Lois Storke and Lew Griffing. He missed Sparky Baird, who was prevented from making his presence known to classmates in the vicinity because of important business.

Keith Barney was finally stirred into writing after this column erroneously reported him to be in St. Louis. With remarkable constraint he has asked that he be moved "to the famous place where everything is up-to-date" since he is, in fact, District Engineer in Kansas City. Keith tells us that Bob DesIslets is also there, having taken a job with the City National Bank. He was married a year ago and now resides on Ward Parkway. Bob, junior, is a student at the U. of Kansas City.

Recent moves coming to our attention involve the shipment of Bill Hawthorne from Alaska to the IG Office at 346 Broadway in New York City, the transfer of Frank Bowen from SHAPE to the 6th Armored at Leonard Wood, and the reassignment of Frank Miter from Sheridan to the Arty School at Bliss.

The Class is glad to welcome three new shavetails into the Army. Graduates in the recent West Point Class included the two Matthias sons, and young Grinder. The first two *chose* the Infantry, while young Pinky selected the Guided Missiles. Of course, the proud parents of the boys were on hand, along with a smattering of other classmates including John Harvey Kane, Nellie Nelson, Bob Gaffney, Roy Herte, Spud Murphy, and Mike Molloy.

—E. R. H.

1927

A memorial service was held for Johnny Lovell at Arlington National Cemetery the 28th of May. Johnny has been officially declared deceased after having been reported missing in action in the Korean Theater.

This summer will find several of the class departing from Washington for new assignments. Gar Davidson goes to Fort Leavenworth as the new commandant the first of July. Jimmy Collins leaves his job as deputy to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel) about 10 July and after a short leave goes to Alaska as CG. Blair Garland, who have been with MATS at Andrews Field, sails for Europe in September to be the Chief Signal Officer at SHAPE. Woody Hocker left 10 June for the Language School at Monterey, California for a six months course in Portuguese prior to going to Brazil as military attache, and Mike Pegg leaves in September to take up residence at Fort Devens.

The above exodus called for an election of new officers; the result found Blair Garland, President, but only until September when he departs. Jack Griffith is our Vice President and Bobby Lowe will be your Secretary and Treasurer. So in the future please help him with news of the doings of our class. His address is: Colonel Robert G. Lowe, Career Management Division, Office of the Adjutant General, Room 1E526, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.—or Route 1, Lemon Road, Falls Church, Virginia.

Bill Verbeck is now on duty with the office of G-3, Army, in the Pentagon, and Fred Brown will be back from Europe this summer for assignment to G-4 in the big building.

Max Johnson's orders were changed from

Fort Leonard Wood and he reported 20 June as Deputy to the CG at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Orders indicate that Al Dickerson retired the last of May. His plans for the future remain unknown at present.

Jack Kilgore qualifies as the youngest father in our class, replacing Jack Hopper. Daughter, Suzanne, arrived in the Kilgore family last December.

Brooksie Trapnell visited the Pentagon the first week in June enroute to Fort Hood, Texas, where he takes over as CG of the 4th Armored Division. Tom Watlington stopped by, enroute from Fort Sill to West Point, where he will see Thomas Morgan Watlington, III, graduate—then to Bethesda, Maryland for the marriage of Tom, Jr. and Miss Gale Valentine on 12 June.

Blair Garland made a recent trip to the Far East and reports seeing George Bender in Tokyo. On his way through Okinawa he picked up his son, First Lieutenant Donald E. Garland, and had his company for the remainder of the trip. Incidentally, Blair and Dottie are grandparents, Donald having an eight-months old daughter, Robin.

A quote—"Colonel Frank T. Ostenberg has assumed command of the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation in Germany, where he is living with his wife, the former Dorothea Dietrich of Bel Air, Maryland. The colonel had been executive officer of the port since last July. A 1922 graduate of Oklahoma Military Academy, Claremore, Oklahoma, and a 1927 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, he is a veteran of 27 years of Army service. Colonel Ostenberg is one of a few Army men who hold the rank of admiral; he was made an admiral in the Nebraska Navy by former Nebraska governor and present civilian defense chief Val Petersen."

On the 26th of May we had a class get-together at the Army-Navy Country Club. Those making their appearance were Gar and Verone Davidson, Chuck and Ama Stone, Mone and Ruth Asensio, Jimmy and Marian Collins, Buzz and Kaye Butler, Jack and Ova Hines, Woody and Betty Hocker, Bill and Peggy Verbeck, Jack and Grace Griffith, Benny and Monte Whitehouse, Dana and Peggy McGowan, John and Mary Kaylor, Jack and Grace Hopper, and Bobby and Katherine Lowe.

Remember to write in some news to Bobby Lowe.

—L. B.

With the recent elections, Buzz Butler joins Ken Thiebaud in the succession of

class secretaries who have carried the burden of managing our class affairs and have done it in a grand manner. Thanks a million Buzz for a fine job!

—Gar Davidson.

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June Week for us was very quiet this year. Bullock, Van Natta, Briggs, Malone, Boland, MacLennon, Smith G. F., Billingsley and Calyer were present all or part of the time.

Bullock, Van Natta, Briggs, and "Bim" Wilson had sons graduating in the Class of '54. "Bim" Wilson has gone to the United Kingdom, which we guess is the reason he wasn't here.

The news from Washington: A luncheon on 6 May at Fort McNair was attended by 30 members out of approximately 50 in the area. Sam Anderson is going to the Pentagon from the Far East. Ramey leaves the Pentagon to take command of the Fifth Air Force. Jack Mills will be Rosey O'Donnell's Deputy for Personnel in the Air Force. Aug Kissner has left his mission job in Spain to command the Fourth Air Force at Hamilton Field. Del Spivey will become Commandant, Air War College. Bob Taylor has retired and lives in Altadena, California. George Brickman, Ret. operated a hardware store in Roanoke, Virginia. Bill Wyman has taken off for Pakistan to be Military Attache. Coverdale leaves Third Army to go to Austria to be G-2. Marion Pohl and Paul Johnson finish as students at National War College. Curran is with the Hoover Commission in Washington. Frank Falkner is holding forth at the Board of Engineers, Rivers and Harbors, in Washington. Dune Somerville was in Washington recently on a G-1 conference from the Sixth Army. Chuck Born recently received his second star and Butler and Mich Anderson are the latest Army B.G.'s. Ted Landon was the speaker at the Armed Forces luncheon in San Antonio.

Luke Finlay, back with Standard Oil since August '53, has become Shareholder Representative for the Company in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. He invites all members of the Class to the wonderful old world city of Hamburg. Luke also sends word to the grandparents to move over, his oldest daughter presented him with a granddaughter on December 10th.

On the 12th of June the Billingsleys' daughter Betty was married to Ensign William Hill, USNA '54. The ceremony took place in the Cadet Chapel with a reception at Cullum Hall.

Hartman, with his wife, son and daughter, visited West Point in May. He has retired and will settle in California.

On June first Denniston and Bob Howard visited W.P. with the Quartermaster General.

—P. D. C.

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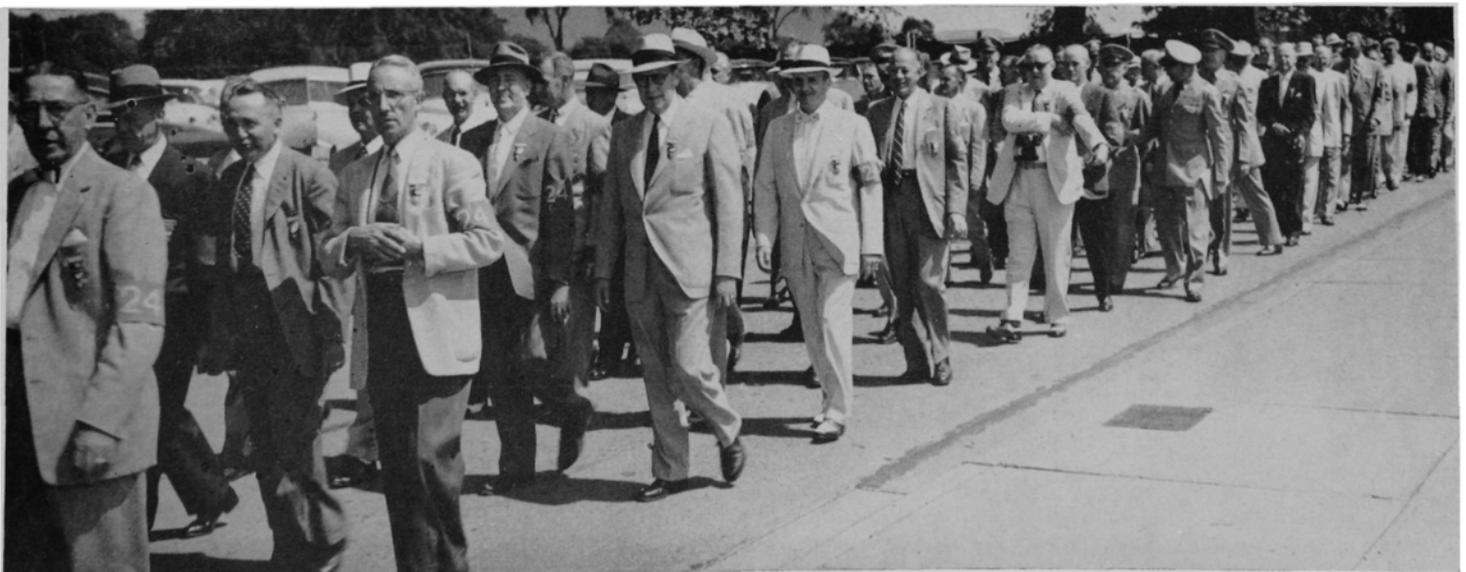
The Editor of *Assembly* has asked me to write a summary of the record of the Class of '29 at this, the end of 25 years of service, two wars, and a continuing cold war.

299 of us graduated. At present, 148 are active in the Army, 42 active in the Air Force, 40 are retired, 49 dead, and 20 in "civil life". The objective and the reason for the existence of West Point are preparation of young men for long professional service in the Armed Forces—unless separated for causes incident to that service. It seems worth noting that, at the end of a quarter of a century, only about 7% of our class have chosen to separate themselves from the profession of a regular officer.

Of the 49 dead, 15 died with enemy action as the immediate cause—5 of these while Jap prisoners of war. Thirty-eight have been wounded by enemy action.

Forty-five members of the class have reached general officer rank; 12 being major generals—4 in the Army, by the way. But, perhaps even more impressive, the record of service and current assignments of men who have not yet received stars shows that, in command and high staff positions, the members of the class have been judged as capable of executing the most complicated and responsible tasks in our difficult national security program today. I will write more about them below.

Those in civil life and those retired, about whom we have records, seem to be doing almost universally good jobs. Many of them served in responsible positions during WW II. Some are still serving the country in positions such as those of Bill Talbot and George Griffith with Civil Defense, and Ken Nichols as manager of the great national security effort being undertaken by the



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AEC. Andy McKeefe is one of his construction planners.

It was suggested that I list outstanding achievements and particular deeds of heroism—and I find this difficult and delicate. We might recall that Frank Merrill, assisted by Chuck Hunter, organized and led the Marauders in Burma. Joe Colby, as much as any one man, designed the medium tank which was used in World War II. At least 3 members of the class have been or are division commanders (Seitz; Harkins, who was also Chief of Staff of the 8th Army in Korea; and Gavin, who is now G-3 of the Army). Renshaw, while not singled out initially by P. Mitchell as a great engineer, built the Pentagon, and was responsible for the expenditure of a third of the construction funds of the Army during the last fiscal year. Paul Thompson was seriously wounded while commanding the Beach Brigade on Omaha Beach (he is now in charge of *Reader's Digest* operations in Europe). But each man and achievement I list makes me realize that perhaps an injustice is done to individuals not mentioned, since neither space nor availability of records permits a complete record.

I mention the few names I have noted to indicate the type and variety of responsibility carried in the service of the country.

It is even more important that we not forget names and achievements of men who have died in carrying out the mission they undertook in entering West Point. They are too little remembered. Bob Losey was the first American officer killed in World War II. He was assisting the Queen of Norway to escape from the Germans. Maxie Noble, although sick and nearly blind, carried on as a leader of guerrillas in the Philippines until captured and shot by the Japs. There are many other instances of duty performed resolutely and intelligently, and sometimes leading to sacrifice of life itself. Jimmy Mathews was killed in Normandy. (His daughters attempted to get a picture of the '29 reunion group at alumni review. We will send them pictures.)

In spite of the stress we place on the value to be gained from service and from

carrying out the way of life inherent in the Academy motto, there is at times a considerable tendency on the part of some of us to view life from the standpoint of an economic determinist. Financial statistics are dangerous, particularly when used in appraising our profession. But it should interest the class that, based on admittedly limited information, our present average and median real income levels do not compare unfavorably with those of graduates of the better civilian colleges in the class of '29.

I regret the inadequacy of the summary which ends here; may the classmate who writes the summary in 1959 do better in his turn.

The members of the class who returned to West Point for June Week seemed to think we had a successful reunion. The ad hoc committee of Sasse and Lincoln recruited Johnny Nesbitt as collector and greeter. Johnny's handclasp of greeting rarely relaxed until he extracted the required expense money. We are accordingly able to report that the reunion is financially solvent—only just so.

The names of most of those who returned are shown under the picture published in this *Assembly* (please don't ask us to name the ladies in the picture, although we assure you they all belong to the class). Jack Brozey, Bob Conroy, Jack Crary, Dan Doubleday, George Griffith, Henry McKenzie, Swede Pearson, and Bud Sprague (who joined us at Bear Mountain with wife and her sister) missed being in the picture.

Some 64 classmates (3 of them ex-29ers), Hank Royall who left us to join '30, about 40 wives and about a dozen '29 juniors joined the reunion for periods varying from a few hours to 5 days. Betty carried alone the colors of the Harkins family. Paul returns to the JCS staff in August. Dick Parient (retired) left his tractor at the end of a furrow in Indiana and brought his 15-year old son, who followed plebe activities hour by hour. At the end of 4 days he decided it was a bearable experience and will apply for a USMA appointment. Weary Wilson, coming from Casablanca, had the record for distance travel. Ray Cuno and

Fred Dent had the record for size of contingents—four. But two young ladies of each contingent chose to join the class of '56 for June Week. Three classmates' families (Roger Browne, Doug Dwyre, and Pinky Wetzel) were here to see their sons graduate; Second Lieutenant Dwyre ranked 20 in a class of 635. Parenthetically, other cadets sons of '29 passed safely into the next classes (one turnout, no failures).

We jumped off formally with a picnic at Round Pond Saturday evening, where we were privileged to have Major General Fred Smith, class of '03, as our guest. We carried on at Bear Mountain Inn on Sunday night, with George Connor at the piano substituting very successfully for an orchestra. Our attempt at a class meeting resulted in referral, by acclaim, of two questions, (1) class year book, (2) gifts to graduating sons, to Paul Caraway (Dept. of Army, G-3, Plans) to determine the views of the Washington contingent of the class. The consensus of noise at the meeting was against having the ladies in the class picture. You will note in the picture that the class of '29 continues to be consistent with some of its democratic processes of our cadet days. You will agree that the picture would have been improved by the inclusion of more of the ladies—if you don't agree, try a magnifying glass which I had to use to get the names right (I hope)!

We placed a respectable contingent in the alumni review. At the alumni luncheon, I observed that many of the class voted for a slate of trustee candidates put forward by the younger contingent of graduates—thereby indicating that we are perhaps still young in heart even though most of us are getting a bit sparse in hair. Twenty nine (that was the count) ladies of '29 gathered at lunch on Alumni Day and demonstrated their initiative by procuring the ready-mixed part of the liquid refreshments for the evening dinner dance from the Club icebox and consuming them in toto. A good time was had by all and the war reserve of the Reunion Committee was able to cope with the emergency created.

We closed the formal reunion activities with a cocktail party followed by a dinner



25th REUNION, CLASS OF 1929

Front Row (Left to Right)—Chard, Vanderblue, Armstrong, Connor, Herndon, McCulla, Lindsey, Bell, Dwyre, Wilson, W. C., Shumate.

Second Row—Longaker, Hamlin, McDermid, Talbot, Miller, W., Thompson, M. R., Callery, Merrill, P. W., Evans, J., Van Bibber, Caraway, Keeler, Browne, R. J., Huglin, McDonald, Vittrup.

Third Row—Sasse, Coolidge, Roth, Carr, Milwit, O'Hara, Carns, McAneny, Conley, E. T., Wilson, W. K., Meyer, R. G. H., Parient, Nichols, K. D., Nesbitt, Wetzel, Vickrey.

Back Row—Cooper, R. C., Draper, Smith, F. H., Horton, Cruise, Kraft, Cuno, McKeefe, McNerney, Svensson, Dent, Gavin, Lincoln.

dance at the West Point Army Mess, where reunioners seemed to split their time between our dance and the cadet hop. It is hoped that Whitside Miller and his better 6/10's put on the terpsichorean exhibition at the latter that they did at the former. Judge Bromberger, honorary member of '30, joined the party. We missed our honorary classmate, General Snyder, and Mrs. Snyder, who regretfully had to plead other engagements at reunion time. Whit Miller, by the way, was there to clasp the hand of the last man of the class of '54, as he carried his diploma from the rostrum, in order to pass to the goat of '54 the mission of 25 years of service which had been passed to Whit under similar circumstances a quarter century ago by the goat of '04.

Some 20 wives and daughters of '29 lived happily (and/or bravely) in the Nursery School (really a barracks) and apparently carried on with many of the mores practiced by alumni in barracks during June Week.

We will see you all in 1959.

The reunion correspondence brought us a wealth of class news and I here record some of the notes from those who could not attend. Eddie Murphy will be on the staff of the Industrial College next year; Fellows (graduate of a Jap prison camp) has an intelligence group supporting the U.S. Army in Europe; Bill Thompson is the Senior Adviser to the First ROK Army; Heinie Zimmerman, Dean Designate of the Air Academy, reports from Tokyo a daughter just married into the Service. Eddie Wright votes from Paris, where wife and three youngsters are just joining him, for a class year book. Hail writes that Statham is at Trieste and that Jack Person is C.O. at Leghorn, but very few classmates visit him in Rome. Jack, by the way, says he sees more class wives on his job than classmates. Good guy to know. Kirkpatrick is boss of the Japan Construction Agency.

H. W. Stevenson is MA in Damascus and feels off the beaten path, so I have told one of my instructors studying this summer at the University of Beirut to call on Hugh. Tom and Renee Sands regretted they could not come to the reunion and sent ten bucks—which is about the margin by which we broke even on the reunion. Ray Hill is District Engineer at Wilmington, N. C. Johnny Theimer writes a full page without disclosing his job—but his address is the vicinity of Stuttgart. Paul Freeman (also John Phillips) finds himself on the receiving end of the cadet orientation trip to Sandhurst and the European Command

this summer (one First Classman from each company). Billy Greear inquired from Berlin about a position as baby sitter in the Nursery School during reunion. Larry Brownlee has returned from Korea to Sixth Army Hq. at the Presidio of S. F.

Don Poorman (with son in the Corps) is an Army Director of Joint Logistics Group of JCS Staff. Fitzgibbons is retired, has added a degree in education to his name and is teaching at the Coral Gables High School in Florida. George Lynch has become Chief of Staff of the VIIth Corps in Germany. George Bush is Chief of Staff of the Alaskan Command, of which Wiegand is G-4.

Miles Brewster is C.O. of Wiesbaden. The Bob Wards admit proudly to being grandparents. The Prince Consort (I hope that's his title) of the Netherlands told a few people here at West Point last year that he thought Bob was doing a fine job as their adviser from SHAPE. Tom Griffin is at the British Imperial Defense College. Dave Brown is on CinClant's staff at Norfolk. Frank Steadman is in the standardization business with the British and Canadians. Dan Doubleday has gone from CG Air Defense Center at Rome, New York, to a command job in Europe.

Stan Jones is the JAG's Executive Officer. His charming daughter married a red-headed member of the class of '54 after graduation. Larry Guyer is Chief of Staff of the Continental Air Command. Tony Costello has become Chief of Staff of the Caribbean Command. The press release is silent on Tony's domicile but says "the general's wife will make her home at Quarry Heights." BG (new) Mackintosh is the subject of a press release about his job in Japan as a depot commander.

Thanks for the help from those who could not come to our reunion. You have provided the great part of the news. We are still missing addresses on Partin and some others. When you change station please send the Association of Graduates at West Point a change of address card.

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

On 26 May at the Naval Gun Factory twenty-two of the Washington contingent met, swapped stories and gossip, and arrived at a few conclusions which shape up to something like this: for the Twenty-Five Year Reunion a committee was formed to

make all arrangements for a program, accommodations at West Point and the preparation of a class book to be put out just before June Week. The committee consists of Leroy Bartlett (ICAF, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D. C.), Guy Emery and Johnny Hayden. You will be hearing from them from time to time through these columns and by direct communications as to what they propose, and they will ask for your reactions to their proposals.

Other business covered was that of designating a local committee for the Washington area to handle class business. Those nicked were Chris Clarke for social functions (class luncheons and dinners); and Ray Brisach for *Assembly* notes, address lists, management of the class fund and whatever else comes up.

An annual program was adopted in which class luncheons in Washington were scheduled for September, December, March and May; and dinner dances for October and February. Any who happen to be in or near Washington at those times are urged to contact Chris Clarke at the National War College, and join in if possible.

Due to poor timing, response to queries on the nature of our class gift to graduating sons of the class was indeed small. A separate poopsheet will be sent to each member of the class individually and will give details of the class gift proposition as well as of the 25th Reunion. A questionnaire will be drawn up to enable us to obtain a majority decision on the salient elements of these two items.

It is anticipated that a new address list will be ready for distribution in September. Please keep me posted on changes occurring after 1 May.

Incidental intelligence: Recently returned from Berlin is Charley Eastburn, with his lovely bride Sonya, enroute from Berlin to duty as Chief of Mississippi Military District in Jackson, Mississippi. Bob Wood paid Washington a short visit with Sarah. He had been spending ten days or so with the Army War College class and there ran into Alva Fitch, Bill Harris (W. W.), Tom Stoughton and Phil Weble.

Stu Crawford writes of running into the following in Japan: Sam Roth at Fuji; Jimmy Curtis at FECOM; Tom Edgar with XIV Corps; and Bus Kenny with MAA. In Korea Stu ran across Al Watson, who had 3rd Div Arty; Freddy Atkinson, Transportation Officer, Eighth Army; Max Janairo, with Army Engineers; and Sid Wooten, who had an Infantry regiment.

Reports of June week are of the four



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classmates whose sons graduated this year; Max Janairo, Joe Haskell, Roy Nuth and Hank Royall. Bob Wood was there as well. He brought back the information that class sons there now are those of Ila and Harry Packard, Charley Lewis and Harry Geoffrey, the last of whom now bears the name of Galloway.

Lots of publicity to Paul Weyrauch for earning his paratrooper badge. He's now stationed at Fort Bragg with the XVIII Airborne Corps.

Dick Hutchinson writes of his return—timely, I'd say, from Guatemala, to take over as Commandant of the Technical Training School at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas. Visitors are urged by Dick.

J. Hall Stokes dropped in for a visit not long ago and reported news of Bream Patrick in Las Vegas.

Don't forget—the next luncheon will be in September, and the dinner dance in October—here in Washington.

—R. C. B.

1931

The biggest item of news for this issue is the report to the class of the graduation of Howard Hunter and Edward Moses, the first sons of our class to follow in their fathers' footsteps. The Washington contingent of the class, headed by Percy Lash, obtained Colt automatics, very nicely boxed, to present to the class sons. Each gun had the initials of the recipient on the receiver and a silver plate inlaid in the grip. An appropriate presentation ceremony was held in front of Thayer Monument by the four members of the class who were present, namely, Dickson, Hunter, Johnston and Skidmore (see cut). The following letter was read and each of the sons received a copy of it:

"Dear Edward and Howard:

As you well know, a boy's father is forever striving, by reason of his pride in, and his hopes and love for his son, to guide, admonish and, if need be, punish, so that the youngster may finally become a man, deserving and receiving the very finest rewards life can give.

This preceptive process, extending into four years at the Military Academy, may have seemed a long and difficult one, and I know your own good judgment tells you it does not end with your graduation.

Your father's pride in you is shared by his Classmates, who are resolved that their great affection for the Military Academy and for him should be expressed in a gift, in small part symbolic of our own hopes for you, a Son of 1931 who has followed in our path.

In seeking a gift appropriate to the occasion, it was considered that you might be well disposed to receive a weapon, which, if required, you could bear with honor in the service of your Country, as do the General Officers of the Army, to whom these guns are issued. Thus, you see, in addition to other symbolism, we augur for your future the certain reward your own manly and cultivated virtues will unquestionably aspire to assure.

So also, on this occasion, long anticipated, you are the recipient of our congratulations and best wishes. If the past is a tribute to your Mother and Father and to the Academy, the future can be no less rewarding to our Country and to you. May you prosper in good health through a long and beneficial span of life's work, to which we



Pat Hunter presenting gift from the Class of 1931 to his son, Howard, Class of 1954, at West Point during June Week. Others in the picture are: Wilbur Skidmore, Scott Dickson, Bob Johnston and Ed Moses, Class of 1954.

of 1931 pledge you every proper guidance and support.

Affectionately,
P. H. LASH, JR.
Secretary"

The class was recipient of the following note from the two sons:

"To the Class of '31:

It has been our privilege during the last four years to follow in your footsteps. As the first sons of the Class of 1931 to graduate from West Point we wish to gratefully thank you for the gifts presented to us on this occasion. We would like to express in particular our gratitude to Colonel Lash and Colonel Dickson. We hope that many more 1931 sons will be fortunate enough to graduate from the Military Academy.

/s/ Edward M. Moses
Howard W. Hunter"

Another note worthy of mention is the fact that Bob Johnston reported for duty at the Academy last month. He is to be Secretary of the Association of Graduates and should be here for the usual three year tour. Any class information can be forwarded directly to him, inasmuch as the undersigned is leaving this fair station August 1.

Al Greene reports from San Antonio that he and Freddy Berg are well and healthy, and that Jack Daley, a recent B.G., is assigned to Fort Hood, Texas. Incidentally, Johnny Waters is to join Jack at Fort Hood in the month of June.

Jim Maloney reports from the Pacific that his family consists of Lil, Mike, aged 15, and Jim III, a new yearling. Carl Kohls is at the Utah General Depot as Q.M.S.O. He asks that any '31 travelers coming close to Utah drop in.

R. Q. Brown is C.O. of the 142nd Field Artillery Group. He has two daughters. Sid Brown is in Lisbon, Chief of SHAEP Mission to Portugal. His son is expected to enter the Academy in July. Bob Bard is leaving Washington for further assignment in USAFFE. Pachler has left the National War College and returned to Frankfurt, Germany.

Bo Dougher reports that he, Hutchison and Jim Mooney are in SAC. Bo took over from Hutch in the 5th Air Division in French Morocco. Swede Carlson is over there as District Engineer.

Curley Wilson is a new proud papa of a son, Stephen. This is his eighth offspring.

Irv Lehrfeld is Adviser, 49th Division, California N.G. at Alameda, California. His son, Bill, is quite a football player and expects to enter the Academy in '55. He reports having visited Wayne Taul, whom he found very well.

John Westermeier is at the cross-roads of the Pacific and has seen Joe Coolidge and Andy Adams recently. He is stationed with Carl Mark and Bill Taylor. Steinbach is G1 of OCAFF, after being a member of the Korean Military Advisory Group. Howard Reid, father of the class son, reports that his son is a student at the School of Engineering, University of Virginia, where Ted Decker is keeping an eye on him. Howard expects to go on the inactive list any day.

Johnny Cave is in Germany with O. Z. Tyler, commanding two Ordnance Depots. Schomburg is a grandfather. Sam Smellow reports no changes in USFA. He has two daughters and one son. Paul Burns, another grandfather, expects to come back from the Philippines in June. He hopes to be at Fordham as P.M.S.&T.

Landaker is in Seoul, stationed with Carl Greene, McCrimmon, Duff and Powell. Klemm Boyd is also in Korea and has seen Ted Parker, Sutherland and Tex Hightower.

Ben Turpin, with American Bell Telephone, is moving to Morristown, New Jersey. His oldest son, Bill, expects to enter the Academy in '55. Charlie Raymond reports from Taegu that he has seen Ernie Easterbrook, Bill Hardik and Steinbach. He is still trying to get an appointment for his son to the Academy. B.G. Bill Dick is reportedly in Frankfurt, Germany. Van Bond has left Washington for the Far East and John Ruggles has been assigned to USARAL. Chester Otts unfortunately is having a recurrence of his pleurisy. He is convalescing and feeling better now.

Lover Eaton is at Izmir, Turkey, and has two sons and one daughter. Westpheling is also in Turkey and hopes to see some of the visiting groups from the National War College. Walker Milner is headed overseas from Washington.

Ash Haynes reports from the Canal Zone that his son will enter the Academy this year. Bill Woodward, after being educated at AWC, is in NATO as adviser and CS to the C.O., Allied Land Forces in Denmark. He regrets that they did not teach Danish at the Academy. Jim King reports he is transferring his personnel and equipment to the new Fourth Armored Division and he will be C.O. CC"A".

Don Little expects to visit the States from Tokyo in August. He has seen Mickey Moore, Jackie Smart and Charlie Howze. Dean Herman is beginning his eighth year of his third tour at Fort Bliss. He is developing into quite a guided missile expert. Seiss Wagner is Exec. of Vienna Command. He has two daughters and one son. Old-man Louie Guenther is in Madrid with his family, numbering four sons. His son Joe took the entrance exams for the Point this year. Dave Hutchison just returned from North Africa and is now at Langley Field.

McConnell is commanding X Corps Artillery in Korea. He reports seeing Ed Messinger and Herrick occasionally. Bill Morin, who lives in Millbrook, New York, owns and operates the Morin Engraving Company at Poughkeepsie. He is a proud papa of a son. Bob Quackenbush is with the V Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. His daughter is a junior at George Washington University and his son just completed his yearling year at the Academy.

Phil Stiness reports that he is in Boston, guarding the beans and the cod, and would like to see anyone up Boston way. George Dietz is in the Pacific at Beppu in Kyushu. Tricky Troxel is enjoying Hokkaido. Ockie Krueger, now at Benning, reports having seen Parks Houser, Clem Boyd, Andy Adams and Cal Coolidge on their way to Korea. Blair Ford joined him at the West Point dinner. He suggests the starting of preparations for the 25th reunion and the undersigned can assure him and the rest of the class that steps have already been taken to provide for a grand get-together in June of 1956.

Dick Harrison was visiting in Rio de Janeiro and attended the West Point dinner there. Tex Hightower, our much-decorated classmate, has command of the 9th Inf. Regiment in Korea. Jack Malloy, I.G.

of VII Corps, has been assigned to I.G. at 7th Army in Germany. Luke Cron is at Governors Island as G-2, First Army. Charlie Duff commands an AAA Brigade in Korea. Dutch Spengler is about to go to the University of Hawaii as P.M.S.&T. Dick Reidy has four children; the oldest, Dick, Jr., is entering the Academy in July. Howze, now in Tokyo, writes a long letter mentioning several of the class, i.e., John Sullivan is in I Corps, Pete Schmick has the 2nd Division, Geo. Speidel is Div. Arty Commander, 40th Division, Alex Sutherland is I.G. of 8th Army, Ed Messinger is Asst. Div. Commander, 24th Inf. Division, Ernie Eastbrook is with an ROK Training unit, Mickey Moore is Deputy for Operations FEC. Joe Coolidge also writes a nice letter, giving news which is quoted above. Gordon Sheen is in Japan, expecting to return to the States shortly.

Art Hogan is P.M.S.&T., University of Santa Clara, California. Willie Ragland is with the Chief of Engineers in Washington, as is Dick Jewett. Jimmy Sams is at Fort Sam Houston. Bill Cassidy is in San Francisco. Al Cassevant and John Ondrick are both on their way to the Far East.

Inasmuch as this issue of NOTES is the swan song of the undersigned, he would like to take the opportunity of thanking all of the class for their cooperation during the past three years. In particular, he would like to thank the Washington contingent for their fine handling of the class presents and the forwarding of the canvassed material. I extend my best wishes to everyone and hope to see everyone in '56 at our 25th reunion. In the meantime, I will be residing at R. D. 1, Duanesburg, New York, just outside of Schenectady, New York. Drop in and see us when you can.

—Dickson.

1932

It's happened, and the Hillbergs, or to be more precise, their daughter Mary, did it to us!

We've known it's been happening to other people for years, of course, and that it was bound to hit us sometime, but like the first time you pay an income tax or actually receive written orders to Fort Dismal, West Dakota, there's a tendency to go into a severe case of shock when the blow strikes home. In short, we're grandparents:—you, you, you and, gulp, me.

On April 8th at Fort Hood, Texas, Lieutenant and Mrs. Richard A. Young (USMA '53) introduced what is so far as we can glean, the first granddaughter of '32. It was inevitable, I suppose, but I didn't come out of it until after three martinis and Pat's constant reminders that Marlene Dietrich is almost as pretty as Edna Hillberg and has been a grandmother much longer.

Whenever this inexorable deadline approaches, I often wish I were a member of '31 in spite of the company I should be forced to keep. It may be the sluggard's choice, but that way I could get a ready-made column merely by slipping in an occasional letter from Jeanne Cusack in toto. As a matter of fact, she does a reasonably good job covering everything from '25 to '39, and I commend her to the Editor for light reading whenever the job gets to be more than he can bear. There's no putting off the evil day, however, so here we go with more deference to chronology than to coherence.

Just too late for the last deadline, were the reports on various annual West Point Dinners. Danny Daniel wrote that he, Freddy Young and Chip Lavigne represented us at the Detroit meeting but missed Bill Kunzig's dad this time. The one at Army Field Forces was supported by Honey Whalen (the conscientious and literate reporter), Frank Besson and Johnny Coughlin, while Colonel Bob Glassburn, Sr., as the senior grad present, made a really outstanding talk.

Eddie Farnsworth, our star FECOM correspondent, reported that the Tokyo dinner was attended by Allen, Herman, Meeks, Tony Steele, Weber, and of course, urbane Eddie himself. Space prohibits including Eddie's detailed and uninhibited account, but one gathers that the '32 table was the last to fold (that is, if it has yet), primarily because Abner Meeks, the Oracle of the Ozarks, found the floor show entirely lacking in imagination and proved with poetry and logic to the satisfaction of everyone in range of the PA system, that the underhanded move to change the name of his native state would die aborning.

While Essie Baer entertained the wives at a very nice hen party, Charlie was a prime mover for the annual dinner at Fort Meade, taking a large hand in arrangements, the electronics portion of the sound effects, and group pix of each class. For an example of the latter, see accompanying cut. Other recent distinctions of Charlie, incidentally, include his being the playing-



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captain of the Fort Meade bowling team which won the Army championship (a gold watch, already) and his picture in "Signals", the Armed Forces Communication Association publication, wearing around his neck a 14½ foot teletype message that was transmitted by his comm center. If you think this column is the nadir of tedium, consider Charlie's relaxed attitude toward the afore-mentioned hasty note. "I gotta send 'em," says cheerful Charlie, "but they can't make me read 'em".

Another journal contained an interesting squib to the effect that mechanical trouble caused the chauffeur of Frank Besson and Tom Stayton ('31) to pull into a parking area in the crowded downtown business section of Norfolk—nothing unusual except that they were riding in a helicopter at the time.

As is typical for this time of year, changes of station have been so numerous that it has been difficult to keep up with all of them, but shall summarize what we have.

The Pentagon will ensnare the following: Lund Hood to G-1; Dick Hunt and Bob Hewitt to G-3; John Steele and Ward Gillette to the Joint Staff. Bob Scott goes to Air Force Plans, Oley Hansen to Office of the Chief of Ordnance, while the Secretary of defense gets Al Graham (Civil Defense) and me (Telecommunications). In the Washington area also, will be Carl Sciple (Industrial College) and Johnny Pugh (N.W.C.) for the next courses.

Turning to foreign fields: Jack Welborn will head the MAAG Army Section in Santiago, Chile, while Jim Boswell goes to JUSMAG in Athens, Greece. Hank Britt (now P.M.S.&T. at N.Y.U.) will go to USAREUR, Tuffy Horner to CincSouth in Naples, and Dave Schorr will be the Army Attache on Formosa. Pinky Smith and Charlie Williams are on the way to FECOM, while legmen have unearthed Al Brookhart in 8th Army and Bill Moore in Hawaii with J-3 of CincPac, both (I think) previously unreported.

Closer to home, Stan Wray will become Deputy Commander of Warner Robbins Air Materiel Area, Georgia; Jack Sutherland is now C.G. of the 802 Air Div in Salina, Kansas (previous orders changed); and Al Gerhardt leaves the Pentagon to take to "the field" as commander of an AAA Group in—hmm—Washington, D. C.

No move, incidentally, could be more appropriate than that of the Hinshaws to West Point, where Pete is now the Adjutant General. We couldn't have better representation in the home ballpark as no one wears the old school tie with more aplomb, nor waves it more vigorously by actions, as contrasted to words, than do Barbara and Pete.

It's always a joy to report too, that our boys continue to go up the ladder whether it's in the U.S. Army or that of one of our staunch allies. Congratulations, therefore, to new Brigadier General Cy Dolph, and to Bun Mar Praband, who is now Chief of Engineers of the Thai Army.

Incidentally, it was nice to make contact recently with two members from whom we haven't heard in some time, viz., Lou Briggs and Al Schroeder. Just before the recent visit of the President (USMA '15) to Charlotte, North Carolina for which the entire city turned out, Lou phoned to issue an invitation to any classmates who might be in the party, to stop at his place for a supplementary celebration. As it happened, none of our diplomats made that trip, but Lou would like to have anyone who is down that way in the future drop in any time. His address is 1115 Ardley Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Al, who retired a few years back, has just taken an LL.B. with distinction at the Paci-



'32 AT THE ANNUAL WEST POINT DINNER AT FORT MEADE
Left to Right—Zitzman, Carey, Baer, Huggins, Pryor.

fic Coast University Law School. During the past year he also became an insurance broker and established the Los Altos Insurance Agency (hope the title doesn't refer to the rates) dealing in both Life and General with most major companies. Anyone desiring to reinforce a sketchy insurance program or merely to fiddle with a perfectly adequate one, can reach Al at P.O. Box 6567, Long Beach 15, California.

Another major milestone was erected in the Sands of Time, if I may mix a metaphor, when Thelma Mellnik, Jr., married Air Force Lieutenant John A. Wesner (USMA '54) on June 9th in the Cadet Chapel. Glad to meet you, Jack; if there's anything in heredity you're married to the best cook this side of the Table du Roi and if you don't believe it have a Chicken Valencia on me.

Recommended reading is General Truscott's recent book "Command Missions" which devotes some pages to the outstanding job Tom Darcy did as C.G. of the XXII Tactical Air Command in the Italian Campaign. Sample excerpt: "The one factor which brought the (air-ground support) system to perfection was added when Brigadier General Thomas Darcy established his forward C.P. with my own on Traversa .

Darcy, an outstanding Air officer, entered enthusiastically into all details of our planning, as did his staff. This close and intimate relationship produced the most effective air-ground cooperation that I ever experienced during the war."

Other passages describe in detail how fun-loving Tom removed a few unessential items such as reserve gas tanks from his P-51 so that he could carry a passenger piggy-back, and took General Truscott far and wide behind the enemy lines, primarily on reconnaissance, but not overlooking any opportunity to spread alarm and dependency among the enemy by some judicious strafing. It sounded pretty hair-raising; in fact I can say it looked hair-raising since I had occasion to do the circuit; same route, same bus, same chauffeur.

And so we get to the end of the quarter with the big dinner dance at the Army-Navy Country Club, well attended and, as usual, much fun.

It has become the custom to welcome and report in detail on new acquisitions to the class, whether by birth, marriage or other jurisprudential means—after all, the charter members made it the hard way, when you take into account 50-Star, yearling bayonet

training, and *any* book drawing formations. It was a real pleasure therefore, to meet Annemarie Thinnos vis-a-visage at the last two class parties.

Being extremely conservative by nature, shall simply say that with the possible exception of a Lehar operetta, she is by far the loveliest thing to come out of Vienna to date. Moreover, it's readily apparent that her pretty noggin has as much gray on the inside as it has red on the exterior.

She has a droll but definite classification of the three courses of action open to a young woman in a war-torn city and chose the only really satisfactory one for the long term, namely, work. At first this involved chauffeuring a big Mercedes until it was taken from her by the first Russian who saw it (what really hurt was that the uncouth lout waited until she had finished polishing it). Philosophically deciding that there was less to polish and more miles to the gallon on a typewriter, she next entered journalism and ultimately became the diplomatic correspondent for the Austrian news service in Vienna.

She and Wally were married during his post war tour there and now have one offspring, Justin Conrad. This young gent can't walk or talk yet, but he does shake hands with all visitors, which is as clear a case for heredity as you are likely to find.

Besides her native German, Annemarie speaks flawless English and knows enough of the Central European languages at least to tell a phony Czech. All of this, of course, makes her the perfect hostess for the meetings of Wally's German Club, which features savants who visit Annapolis to lecture to the Middies. In the late hours of our class party she engaged a surprising number of our boys in a Gruppe Gespräch (they should have done so well in yearling French) and even contrived a wan smile when a wag said he wanted to go to Vienna himself some day to see all those canals.

And so it went, rapier thrust countered by lightning parry until it was time to go home and have onion soup by Madame Z, who now refers to herself as La Chienne Qui Ne-fume-pas, to differentiate her establishment from the place of similar name near Les Halles which peddles a brand of onion soup far inferior to hers.

Don't telegraph, write; and at least until the next issue, it should still be to Bill Kunzig.

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

Jim Boswell heard that the Greeks have a word for it so he is heading for Athens to find out just what the word is. Cy Letzelter has been ordered to station at Notre Dame—in what capacity we don't know. Sid Giffin moves from Frankfurt to Paris; and Cy Dolph, with new star, is heading for Zama, Japan.

Dave Gibbs reports from Taegu that Bill Hunt is the JAG of that metropolis, Harry Sweeting is G-4 at KMAG, and Bev Jones is Arty Adviser with the II ROK Corps. Any complaints about the phone service should be addressed to Dave as Signal Officer KComZ.

The *Blue Ridge Herald* of Purcellville, Virginia carried a feature story on Shinnberger; a wholesome down to earth story of Shinn's work in the pastorate and of the high regard in which he is held.

Dick Montgomery admits that his daughter Nancy's marriage this June makes him realize that Father Time is going by faster than you think; his two wildcat boys age 3½ and 5 keep him young at heart. Dick appears to be the perennial Chief of Staff of S.A.C., a good stable assignment. He reports that Tex Hetherington joins the command in July. Since Tommy Moorman has taken over the Air Weather Service from Oscar Senter, Dick blames all the bad weather on him. Oscar takes over as C.G. of the Oklahoma City Air Depot. Dick must be doing G-2 work for S.A.C., since he always has news of classmates. He reports that Rosy Grubbs is the General Manager of the Armed Forces Medical Aid Association in San Antonio (remember when Rosy cracked up both knees practicing flips? If you can't lick 'em Rosy—join 'em). Johnny Breit, Dep. Provost Marshal of the Air Force, tried to pinch Dick but was bribed by a luncheon. Vick King is holding down the Comptroller slot at Hq Air Training Command, Scott AFB. Perky Burkhalter is P.A.S.&T. at the University of St. Louis. Dick ran across Pete Jackson, Gray Essman and Oley Johnson, as members of a Joint Planning Team in JCS.

The National War College will have to put up with Bob Blanchard, Chuck Dunn, Steve Fuqua. Red McMorrow and Neil Wallace for the coming year. Will Fort McNair be big enough to hold them and Hurly too? (Industrial College).

June Week was rather quiet this year, didn't hear of any classes being threatened with "confinement from barracks" Pinky Webster dropped by to see his boy complete plebe year. Bernie Card inspected the joint to see that everything was in order (his boy enters this July). Bear Eyer and family drove up from Jersey. Russ Broshous gave as an excuse for missing the alumni parade that he was correcting turn-outs. All sons of Thirty-Three were advanced a year.

Bob Arnette furnished us the news of Burch Shields passing on to join the assemblage of departed classmates on 6 June at San Antonio, Texas. Frentzell, Dahlen, Grubbs, McClelland and Bob attended the services. In lieu of flowers, contributions were sent to Boysville Inc., P.O. Box 6646, San Antonio, Texas. Sue, Charles and Jose are in San Antonio at 2301 W. Mulberry.

—C. H. M.

1934

The Big Twentieth has come and gone, and by the time these notes appear practically everybody who participated should have recovered from the effects!! The at-

tendance, while not tremendous, easily broke the record of 1949. When things were at their height, a total of some 63 classmates and wives were assembled and busily engaged in celebrating the fame and glory of 1934. Only two major casualties marred the smotherness of the occasion: Henry Hester got his dates mixed up and fell out on the affair completely, thinking that it was to take place on the following weekend; and Perry Griffith collided with a rock (a stationary one!) after the picnic—it was very dark!—and showed up the next morning for the Alumni Exercises with a beautiful chunk of adhesive plaster covering his nose! Our sympathy to both victims.

On the afternoon of Friday, June 4th a few hardy couples arrived, having given themselves enough time to look around a bit and see the sights somewhat at leisure before the Reunion activity swept them up in its relentless maelstrom. The first planned assemblage took place on the evening of Saturday, June 5th, when 60 eager representatives gathered in the lounge of the Officers' Club for a dinner dance. A corresponding affair had been held on the third day of the 15th Reunion, back in 1949, at a time when individual strength was definitely ebbing. Since it seemed obvious that the passage of five years wouldn't help add any pep on the last lap of such a series of shindigs, it was decided that the dinner dance should come on the first night this time—an arrangement which seemed to work out well for all concerned. The group which pushed its way into the club—all talking at the same time—consisted of: T. T. Browns, Bucknams, Densons, Edsons, Gooches, Hanleys, Heynes, Hillyards, Jablonskys, Kenericks, Killians, Kromers, Moores, Mullens, Northams, Siegs, Smollers,

Stevens', Stuarts, Paul Turners, Wards, O'Connells, Pettys, Renfroes, Stan Brown, Charlie Fell, George Gerhart, Bill Gross, Tom O'Neil, Curt Sluman, Bill Stone, Axel Waugh, Dale Smith, Al Wilson, and Jim Walsh.

Appropriately enough, the male element of this motley crew was housed in the 54th Division of barracks—an edifice not even dreamed of 20 years ago. This particular portion of barracks is in a wing protruding back into the rocky hill from old North Barracks, and facing the gym. Another novelty involved was the fact that the 54th Division has five floors instead of four, without benefit of elevators! The first couple of floors of the division were assigned to some of the real old-timers, with the result that '34 "ran the stairs" to the third, fourth and fifth floors. With a little stimulation and mutual emulation, however, the occupants of the top floors were soon in great shape and feeling up to their feats of 24 years ago! The first real bull session got going in those stern surroundings on Saturday afternoon, with the participants clad in everything from the latest word out of *ESQUIRE* to brief ensembles consisting of shorts and paunches. At five that afternoon everybody was talking so fast and getting so directly into the spirit of the affair, that it looked as if the ladies were going to have to attend the evening party on their own. Surprisingly enough, however, when 6:30 arrived, starting time for the gathering at the club, the erstwhile spinners of yarns began to show up promptly, and by 7:00 there was practically a 100% attendance.

After everybody had stood around for a while and the necessary introductions were taken care of, there was a full-fledged sit-



REUNION IN GERMANY — CLASS OF 1934

Many of the Class of 1934, currently assigned in Germany, met for a festive class reunion on June 12 at the Macogen Club, Stuttgart, Germany. Seated (left to right) are—Dot McKee, Emily White, Ella Kemble, Tom McCrary, Peggy Craig and Sis MacDonnell.

Kneeling—Jean Finkenaur, Betty Johnston, Sandy Martin, Lit McCrary, and Sue Erlenkotter.

Standing—Ron Martin, Bob Erlenkotter, Tom Crystal, Bill Craig, Doc Johnston, Frank Kemble, Bob Finkenaur, Bob MacDonnell, Dick McKee, and Charley White.

down dinner, complete with turkey, strawberry sundaes, and all the appropriate trimmings. Beginning at 8:00 p.m. a trio from the USMA Band furnished music for dancing, and the evening seemed to pick up speed with each tune, so that midnight arrived in no time at all, to find everybody still going strong. The affair actually lasted until one o'clock, and during the final hour a few of the more discreet souls took their leave and headed for some rest, anticipating the need for husbanding their strength for the long pull. When the dancing ended at one, the rest of the group broke up, leaving some five or six die-hards gathered around the piano. There is no accurate report available as to what time the activities over in the 54th Division quieted down that night.

On Sunday most of the reunioners took in the Supe's reception and lawn party and the parade which followed. They then headed for Round Pond, where the evening's schedule called for a picnic held in one of the lodges which have been built out there since "our day". Elizabeth and Travis Petty had lined up the picnic and decorated the hall with flowers from their yard. They also provided a phonograph and, at the expense of considerable effort and some competent detective work, a collection of records dating way back to the period 1930-1934, including that famous number from our Virginia Trip, "Stormy Weather", which, fortunately wasn't played as much this time as it had been in June 1933! Dinner consisted of about half a cow per person, in the form of slabs of roast beef, with French fries, salad, coffee and apple pie. Nobody is believed to have left hungry, although Bill Stone, who was due back on the job in Washington the next morning, had to eat and run in order to catch a plane home. He was accompanied in this premature departure by Jim Walsh, who also felt obliged to return to work.

All those who had been present at the Saturday night dinner dance showed up for the picnic, and their number was augmented by the Snees and "the late Colonel Griffith". It was in the course of this evening's activities that Perry ran afoul of the rock and creased his nose and lip. This challenge was not beyond the capabilities of the local U.S. Army Hospital, however, and the next day, with the exception of a bit of camouflage spread over his face, Perry was as good as new—or almost so. Much picture-taking, of a purely amateurish nature, went on during the course of the evening, so the event should be duly recorded for posterity. Despite the nostalgic effect of the music, only a few brave souls attempted to dance, and the group singing efforts likewise failed to blossom to their maximum capabilities. For the most part, those present devoted themselves to the activity which seemed to govern the whole reunion—chatter!

The real test of fortitude came on Monday morning, when, after two full days of reunion, the lads were called on to assemble at 10:30 for the Alumni Exercises. Let it be noted to the everlasting glory of '34 that almost every classmate present at West Point "made" the formation. No roll was taken, so we can't say positively that every last individual was there; the turn-out was obviously a creditable one, though. Travis Petty, Post Engineer of USMA, was tied down by his duties, which don't stop for June Week, and so he was the one person definitely known to be occupied elsewhere! At the end of the Alumni Review, the "official" Reunion pictures were taken—or rather, what comes as close to being official as is possible under the circumstances—and one of these is reproduced in this *Assembly* for the general edification of those who were present and those who missed out. We apologize to all those who attended the reunion but weren't on the

scene at the time the pictures were taken. Our only excuse is that it seemed like the most appropriate time and the best conditions!

After the Alumni Review the ladies of the class adjourned to the Officers' Mess for a luncheon of their own, and the men attended the annual luncheon and meeting of the Association of Graduates, held in Washington Hall. Helen "Tammy" Weber Purcell, mother of our class son, attended the Alumni Review and thoughtfully brought along pictures of the class "Twins". (Toomy is going to college at Worcester Tech, in Massachusetts, where he has completed his second year, and young Tammy is a student at Penn Hall Junior College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania). Helen accompanied the wives to lunch, and her husband Ed sat in on the Alumni Luncheon, where he didn't feel his presence too amiss, since he is himself a '34 man—from Yale!

A number of the returnees had to depart Monday afternoon in order to get back to the old routine bright and early on Tuesday. Included in this group was the Carlisle Barracks contingent, consisting of John and Francie Stevens, Dan and Kitty Heyne, and Stacy and Natalie Gooch. Hanleys, Smollers, Killians, and Hillyards headed back toward Washington, and the Turners turned again toward the Deep South. Stan Brown, Sluman, Gerhart, Gross and Griffith winged their way off into the Wild Blue Yonder, leaving a reduced group of 31 to assemble that evening at the Renfroe quarters to put the finishing touches on the Reunion. This was a relatively quiet affair, the highlight of which was provided by Edie Kenerick, who gave a bang-up demonstration of the hula as she should be danced. Virgie and Jabo Jablonsky took off in the middle of the evening, to start out on their trip, and Charlie Fell, Tom O'Neil, and Axel Waugh had to make an early departure to catch a plane at Stewart



20th REUNION, CLASS OF 1934

Front Row (Left to Right)—Kromer, Killian, Smoller, Brown, Fell, Waugh, Edson, Sluman, Griffith, Renfroe.

Second Row—Tammy Weber Purcell, Mrs. Killian, Mrs. Hillyard, Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. Heyne, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Snee, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Kenerick, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Edson.

Third Row—Hillyard, Heyne, Mrs. Smoller, Stuart, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Kromer, Mrs. Jablonsky, Mrs. Sieg, Mrs. Hanley, Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. Northam, Northam, Mrs. Turner, Turner.

Fourth Row—Moore, O'Neil, Hanley, Snee, Jablonsky, Kenerick, Gooch, O'Connell, Sieg, Ward, Gerhart.

Top Row: Gross, Stevens.

Field which was to whisk them back to Washington. The party broke up toward midnight, and the tough ones who remained for the entire venture gradually faded away on Tuesday. We trust that the way they felt by that point won't prevent them from planning to come back for the 25th in 1959!

Casual Comments on the Reunion

On Monday morning, June 7th, Ruth and Ralph Bucknam had to say good-bye and get back to New York, since they were due to leave at 1:30 PM on a flight for Brussels, where Ralph was to attend an international conference of patent attorneys. They planned a 5-week stay in Europe, taking in several countries.

Stan Brown made his way back to West Point from St. Louis, where he has recently been assigned to the office of the Division Engineer, Upper Mississippi Valley Division. His address: P. O. Drawer 3, Central Station, St. Louis 1, Missouri.

A letter from Paul Turner, written after his return home, speaks of the only two regrettable incidents of the Reunion as the episodes concerning "Griffith's nose and Bucknam's pants." That's the first we had heard about the latter, and the reference is still a puzzle to us!

Travis Brown was due to report to the New York Port just a couple of days after the Reunion, to head for Heidelberg, where he will be stationed. Marge and the girls are spending the summer in Fort Montgomery and hope to join him in the early fall.

Virgie and Jabo Jablonsky had just returned from Turkey in time to attend the Reunion. After a period of leave, they will be stationed at Fort Bragg.

Others present who had just recently returned from overseas were Al Wilson, from Europe, and Bill Mullen, from the Far East. Later in the summer Hal Edson was to head for Trieste, Harry Hillyard, Dan Heyne, and Okie O'Connell for the Far East, Johnny Stevens for Europe, and Curt Sluman for Okinawa. During the summer Alex Stuart moves from Detroit to Aberdeen.

That wraps it up for this time. See you in '59.

—W. J. R.

1936

Nature and the weather furnished a beautiful background for June Week. The

Corps can still turn out a fine show, pretty young things riding around in First Classmen's shiny new cars, and the Alumni Exercises—impressive and nostalgic. Austin, Broyles, Champion, Holderness, Illig and Lee flew in from Washington, D. C. to join Michaelis, Tetley, Gooding, and Heintges (on leave) for Alumni Day (7 June).

Did you know that: 1936 had 366 members total; 90 non-grads; 276 grads; 162 now in the Army; 48 in the Air Force (Arnold MIA since December '52); 30 deceased; and 36 no longer on active duty. Only 76% are members of the Association of Graduates. Hay, Punsalan, and Romlein have 6 children each.

Bill Connor, the ARWC group, and I thank you for the fine response to the questionnaire—145. (131 hadn't answered by 15 June. Drop me a card and another form will be sent to you. We need the info to bring our files up to date.) We appreciated the news notes too—there won't be room for all in one issue. From many of the waggish remarks received, there is still life left in some of us.

Recapitulation of Questionnaire: Retain present officers—134; Elect new—11; Elect permanent secretary—118 (volunteers: Longley, Pack, Gage, Sikes, Lipscomb, O'Brien); Continue temporary secretary—22; Auth ARWC group to select a secretary from nominated candidates available—143; Auth secretary to control current administrative funds—144; Recognize '36 sons graduated from USMA, YES—84, NO—55; Auth ARWC group to act on recommendations, YES—135, NO—1; specific recommendations for recognition of sons showed no real agreement of ideas. The question of recognition for sons graduating from USNA, USAFA, etc. was considered to be outside the province of the ARWC group and is deferred for the present. (Bill Connor and the ARWC group made up the questionnaire and did all the work except lick the envelope flaps and stamps. Jack Chiles at ARWC acted as their secy also).

Bill Connor appreciates the altruism of those who volunteered for the arduous task of Class Secy (as well as those who declined on grounds of long and distinguished temporary service, and other reasons), and he hopes that the Class may still count on this kind offer of service whenever the occasion may arise in the future. Bill adds that certain guide-lines emerged concerning recognition of sons graduating from USMA; (1) Recognition is desired by the majority answering; (2) Participation must be voluntary, at present, due to opinion

differences and lack of a valid binding vote; (3) That the higher the cost of recognition gift then the fewer who will chip in, thus increasing cost to participants and making gift less of a bona fide Class effort; (4) Gift should be something symbolic close to the lower suggested prices. If occasion arises for recognition of a son before a more valid expression or vote is made, it is hoped that on the above basis there will be maximum support from all.

The ARWC group voted to ask Phil Gage in Atlanta, Georgia, to become the Class Secretary (he volunteered to do so, with a provision for reconsideration by both sides in 1956). Phil has been asked but he hasn't had time to reply yet. We may assume that he is the new Class Secretary, empowered to handle the current administrative funds—\$400 in a savings account and about \$18 in a checking account; there are no other funds. Gooding will act as Phil's assistant at West Point, if desired. Phil was retired for disability (wounds) as a Lieutenant Colonel, Inf. in 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Phillip S. Gage, Jr., 2128 Belvedere Drive NW, Atlanta, Georgia (home address). He is with the Homelife Insurance Co., Rhodes-Haverty Bldg, 134 Peachtree Street, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Class officers are now: President, Connor, W. M.; V Pres, Westmoreland; Treas, Turnage; Secy, Gage. (Prichard, ex-Secy, and Clifford, Athletic Representative, both deceased). It was most gratifying to the Class Officers to be continued in office, as evidenced by the vote of confidence from the questionnaire. As Ganns put it, "this was an honor endowed when we were all together and should not be withdrawn." Our *Howitzer* states "... it is by their work and in their records that we shall be remembered as a class. And we feel our honor is safe."

And now on to the news of the masses, in the space remaining. Help us locate Barlow, Davis, B. O., McManus, Norman, Meany, Rickenbaugh, Ripple, Holterman, Holton and Simpson.

Graduates of ARWC are assigned as follows: Albro, 1st A Div, Ft Hood, Texas; Burnett, OTIG, Washington, D. C.; Connor, S&F, C&GSC, Ft. Leav, Kansas; Daly, S&F, Arty Sch, Ft. Bliss; Davisson, MAAG, Formosa; Dawalt, S&F, C&GSC, Ft. Leav, Kansas; Hiatt, JAMMAT, Ankara, Turkey; Landrum, S&F, ARWC, Carlisle Bks, Pennsylvania; Laurian, USAFFE; Leer and Lind, USAREUR; Partridge, JCS, Wash, D. C.; Safford, Dept. of Tactics, USMA, West Point, New York; Shuler, G-4 and Snyder,



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1934

G1, Wash, D. C.; Spann, Mil Attache, Norway; Swain, S&F, ARWC, Carlisle Bks, Pennsylvania; Walker, G-2, Wash, D. C.; White, Dist. Engr, St. Louis, Missouri; Jack Chiles stays as Exec Off and Yarborough as Instr, ARWC, Carlisle Bks, Pennsylvania.

Assigned as students to 1954-55 Nat'l War College, Wash, D. C.: Edwards, Evans, Garland, Powell, and Steele.

Assigned as students 1954-55 Ind Coll of Armed Forces, Wash, D. C.: Grothaus, Hosmer, Illig and Noake—with the first WAC student at ICAF, Lieutenant Colonel Hortense Boutelle.

Assigned as students 1954-55 ARWC, Carlisle Bks, Pennsylvania: Dunn, Holderness, Holterman, Janof, Kallman and Meany.

George Sibert, Class god-son, won a Pres. appointment to USMA and enters West Point in July. He also won a Pres. appointment to USNA and USCGA, and passed entrance exams for several colleges, including MIT. We can be proud of him. But he probably won't sit in those goat seats like Bill, even tho he will be the 4th Sibert generation at USMA. (Incidentally, Bill was MC for Founders Day at Fort Bragg). Sandra Whipple enters Wellesley College this fall. The Whipples moved from New Jersey to Baylis Lane, Bedford Village, New York. Ronald Gooding finished plebe year at USMA.

Torrey and Powell are with the 11th Abn Div Arty at Camp Campbell. Wort Williams was CO Aggressor Forces, Exercise "Flashburn", where he saw Westmoreland (visit), Powell (Senior Ump), and heard Yarborough was in the area as a VIP. Duell with Faultless Rubber Co., Ashland, Ohio. Kimball now CO, Thule Air Base, in the Arctic wastes. Sikes (turned out in Spic) instructing (in Spanish) at Colombian War College and adviser to Colombian General Staff. Hard work when he adds in 15 fiestas per month. Jim and Sonia Hughes are in Morocco. O'Brien remonstrates he did not transfer from Psy Wfe to Hq 2 Army. He has been in G-2, Wash, D. C. all the time. Benson was aide to C-in-C, FEC but now is Secy, GS, FEC. Chaffin is Dist Engr, Middle East Dist., Tripoli, Libya. Hayes is Dist Engr, Omaha, Nebraska. He, his wife Jean and 3 children want to meet classmates passing through. Ham Morris is hiding in Off Secy of Def, Wash, D. C. Ganns, Page, Katz, McElheny, Milliken and Benson sent notes from the Far East and Korea. Founders Day in Tokyo rounded up Yost, McElheny, Trout, Cordes, Goodwin (in ZI now), Ganns (on way back to ZI) (all in Hq AFFE); Benson and Weaver (Hq FEC); Davis, WA (CO Fuchu Ord Dep); Milliken (Compt. Cen. Cmd); Tiffany (S-4, Cp. Tokyo). Twaddell and Ryder missed it. Katz has Ord group in Korea; Jackson is in IG, 8th A; Haneke is Fin Off, KCOMZ; Davis, BO is in Korea; Carmichael to Wash, D. C.; Ham Morris on a junket; Smith, RP back in ZI; Jacoby left for 6th A; Page, Abrams and McCarty in Korea.

Bodine from Maxwell AFB to Wash, D. C. Robbins from Pa to USAFFE. Haywood collaborated with Marguerite Higgins to write "blistering message", "Stop Driving Our Best Soldiers Out of Service", for *This Week* magazine, 28 Mar '54. Tetley to Germany in July.

Gordy Austin keeps the records for the Wash, D. C. group. They have a monthly stag luncheon and had a big dinner party 12 June to celebrate 18th anniversary of graduation, a new fogey, and a farewell for grads of NWC and ICAF.

The following were stationed in Wash. in June: Austin, Beggs, Broyles, Carmichael, Champion, Clark, Clifton, Covington, Dick-

son, Drake, Fergusson, Finley, Gaston, Garland, Gapen, Griffith, Gunn, Hartman, Hiester, Holderness, Illig, Janof, Kieffer, Lampert, Lee, Low, Major, McCoach, McCorkle, Monteith, Necrasson, Noake, O'Brien, Oswald, Quinn, Sievers, Singletery (Civ), Smith, RP, Smith, SD, Spencer, Shea (Leonard), True, Thompson, Terrell, Waters and Westmoreland. Hiester saw Wirt Crockett at Corning, New York, recently on one of his many trips (Hiester lives a traveling life—his family sees him more often at West Point than they would in Wash). Hiester gave me more info, but I lost it.

Warfield, Pack, and Landry finished Sp Wpns Crse, C&GSC, and shipped to USAFFE. Rutledge in Rio de Janeiro. The Willises expecting a baby in Oct, and Westmorelands in July. Miles' father, brother, and brother-in-law are all USMA grads. Fergusson from Wash, D. C. to Geneva to USARPAC.

Thanks for your letters and news notes. It has made this job easier and interesting. Send us a change of address when you move, and send in your questionnaire, late or not. We need the personal data. As Spann said, we may be "fat, forty, but not failing" Best of luck.

—Sam.

1937

In accordance with Bob Besson's suggestion of last April, the 1937 home office was transferred from West Point to Washington last May. The task of keeping track of members and assembling information will thus fall to the Secretary, USMA—37 Association in Washington. At the present time George Sloan, whose official address is WSEG, OSD, Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., occupies that slot. In order to help George in this task I agreed to assemble what news I could about the class for the July 1954 edition of *Assembly*.

Harvey Dorney was here recently and brought us up to date on class members in SAC. Harvey, who has spent some while these past couple of years flying bombing missions against North Korea, is now Deputy IG at Norton AFB, California. Ken Sanborn, Ed Broadhurst, and Johnny Batjer command wings at MacDill, Florida; Travis, California; and Hunter, Georgia; respectively; while Moe Preston at Barksdale, Louisiana, Westie Westover at March, California, and Swede Ohman at Davis-Monthan, California, each command air divisions. Dick Barden is also reported to be in the materiel business at Omaha.

Other Air Force news includes word that Charlie Stark returned from fighter operations in Korea some while back and is now at Kelly, expecting Dick Kloeko to arrive from Maxwell soon. George Holcomb is still CO at Ardmore AFB, Oklahoma, Clingerman is in the A-2 business at Clark Field, Philippines, and Dick Fellows is in the same business at Pepperrill, Newfoundland. Johnny Stevenson is Deputy Commander of an Air Force in England and Bob Taylor is Chief of Staff, Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, in Naples. Bill MacDonald of Singapore, Al Russell, and Ken Wade are scheduled for the National War College where Sam Agee, Jack Donohew, and Curt Low are just finishing. John Eriksen and I will relieve Whitey Mauldin as Air Force students at the Industrial College this August. I also understand that Gus Prentiss and Marshall Gray are located at Wright-Patterson and that A. B. Robbins is due to arrive there from Korea at any moment. Sam Gurney is still at Moody AFB, Georgia; Don Ostrander at Alamo-

gordo, New Mexico; and Chuck Harrison at Andrews, although Chuck expects to head for the Far East this summer. Nobby Suriya was through here last year with his Chief of Staff and threw quite a party, no news of him since!

The gang just completing the course at Carlisle includes Davisson, Conway (to Detroit with an AA Group), Gildart (to Monroe), Powers (to Benning), Pearsall (to Europe), Richards (to Omaha—not with SAC, I presume), Surles (to Washington—with Army C/S), Ben Taylor (to Fort Lewis, Wash.), and Bud Underwood—destination unknown. Bill McKinley and Ollie Connor are on the AWC faculty at Carlisle. The new list to Carlisle includes Bill Bailey, Poopy Connor, Bill Dodds, Marty Green, Houghton Hallock, Bill Lewis, Carl Whitesell, Obie Oberbeck, Wilhoyt, and undoubtedly some others.

Miscellaneous informations includes the news that Joe Mitchell resigned last February but occupies the same job here in Battle Monuments. He and Vivienne took an extensive trip through England and Italy last fall as part of Joe's job with Battle Monuments. Freddy Ressegieu is leaving St. Lewis where he has been District Engineer for the past couple of years and is headed for Washington—the Pentagon, I presume. Milt Clark just checked in from Korea and along with Charlie Register, also from Korea, will be assigned to Ordnance in the Pentagon. Carl Lindquist was here recently from Albuquerque. He is still there with AEC, but has taken on some additional activities in the way of a bowling alley. Max George is enroute to England as assistant Military Attache and Pop Metz is headed for Peru. Jim Polk, Randy Hines, and Battle Barksdale are at Monroe and Bud Zehner is still at Governors Island, New York. Van Vliet is either enroute to or has arrived at Fort Campbell. George Maliszewski is at Murphy General Hospital recovering from a wound received in Korea. Carl Lyons was also wounded but is now at Bragg along with Howard Smalley. Howard's outfit recently took part in Exercise "Flash Burn". Kelson Davis is at Fort Hood, Texas, and Black is reported to be working in the District Engineer's office in Galveston. Chester Johnson is with Seventh Army in Germany and Schermerhorn is "someplace" in Japan.

Undoubtedly congratulations are in order for many members of the class, but the most recent ones, that I am aware of, are due to Dave Parker, who was married this spring. I believe this leaves only Doug Quandt. Speaking of congratulations, we now have the following brigadier generals in the class: Bill Hipps, Bruce Holloway, Swede Ohman, Moe Preston, Bob Taylor, Johnny Stevenson, and Westie Westover.

Chief Evans recently heard from Rudy Hall, a former member of our class. Rudy is now associated with Shuford Mills, Inc., in his home town of Hickory, North Carolina. His home address is 517 4th Street, N.W. Trapper Drum recently visited another former member of our class—Robert White of Mexico City, Missouri. Bob is editor-publisher of the local newspaper and, according to Trapper, doing fine. He served as PIO to General Eichelberger during the war.

The Washington contingent of the class held their spring reunion at the Fort McNair Club last 1 May. Under the able sponsorship of Jack Donohew we turned out quite a gathering including the Seamans and Stanns from Meade and the Fairbanks from Belvoir. Jim Pearsall came down from the AWC and Ollie Connor, also at Carlisle, dropped in for a few moments. The immediate Washington group included

Agee, Brett, Campbell, Cone, Donohew, Evans, Focht, Frazier, George, Hall, Hipps, Hobbs, Holoway, Hyzer, Low, Lutes, Major, Metz, Reaves, Spaulding, Tolson, Wade, Zierdt, and their wives. Routh Robbins was also able to be there.

In addition to those attending the McNair party the following members of the class were stationed in the area at the time: Bailey, Brown, H McD, Browning (enroute to Puerto Rico), Byroade, Cherubin, Clarke, F.J. Drum, Eriksen, Harrison, C.J. Hines, C.B. Horrigan, Kreiser, Martin, Mauldin, Martin, Miller, Mitchell, McGee, Montgomery, Neier, Parker, J.Y. Postlethwaite, Posey, Quandt, Russell, EA, Seedlock, Sloan, Shields, Strandberg, and Williams.

If anyone notes any errors in the above or would like to add anything to the rather sketchy material, please write to George Sloan and give him what "poop" you can. With best regards to all.

—“Scot” Hall.

1938

It is amazing how quickly three months roll around when you are saddled with this chore, and I can't say that I have been overwhelmed with tid-bits of news.

A note from Jacunski at West Point says that a few copies of the 15 year reunion photo-albums are still available. All it takes is a \$3.00 check made out to the Class Fund and sent to Mick Amick. Jocko also drops the news that he returns to the University of Florida faculty in September. That leaves Mick Amick holding the fort by himself on the Plain.

After Washington the largest concentration of the class these days seems to be at Carlisle Barracks, where 13 will be matriculating next year—Ed Bailey, Barschdorf, Beverly, Brennan, Brown, B. R. Damon, Holman, Jones, Michelet, O'Connor, Sibley, Smith, W. W., and Tillson.

A note from Jess Thomas at Fort Bliss says that there are presently at Bliss: Peterson—CO, 1st Gp, 1st GM Brig; Swenson—Deputy Director, GM Dept; Kopcsak—Secretary, AFF Bd No. 4 (soon to leave for Hawaii!); and Thomas—Office Special Weapons Development.

The wives here in Washington are an active group who get together about once a month at one of the local bistros for sherry, gossip, to compare clothes, and have lunch. The men have not been quite as active since

their labors at their desks are pretty exhausting.

From Bill Jackson in the Far East: Jake White and Bill Jackson are with the 8th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div on Hokkaido. Ben Sternberg is G1 of 8th Army. Ward Ryan is CO of 21st Inf Regt, 24th Div. Ches Chesarek is taking over the 5th Arty Group. Frank Norris and Hank Hartline are both in Korea.

From Bill Strand in London: London members of the class got together in May when Hugh Wallace visited with the National War College Group. John and Alice Damon, Mac and Barbara Macomber, and Hugh had dinner with Bill and Dotsy Strand. John Damon leaves the Army Attache Office this summer for the Army War College. Mac is Deputy CG of 7th Air Division and Bill Strand is Director of Intelligence, Hq Third Air Force. Frank Sturdivant and Dick Bromiley were also visitors with another National War College Group.

Odds and Ends: Ken Mearns to Moscow as Asst Army Attache. Kelsey in Rio de Janeiro with the Joint Mission. Jim Lynch in Washington on TDY from Leavenworth educating the generals. Ken Schmidt recently joined DA G2 and Henderson is coming to G3. Frank Miller to Panama, John Corley to Norway. Beck remains at AWC as an instructor. Lloyd Johnson coming to Industrial College.

—A. B. S.

1939

Well 39'ers, it was a splendid 15th Reunion and a gala time! One of those wonderful experiences that rank right next to those other happy, unforgettable events of our lives in the same categories as Recognition, Graduation, our promotion to Captaincy, or the last 10th Reunion. It was amazing how many of the small details of our cadet days, dimmed or half-forgotten by the passage of 15 years, came crashing back to sharp focus as if it were but a few days after our own graduation. When you are with your "OWN" the barrier of time is ripped apart in a few amazing minutes.

The assemblage started on Friday. Accommodations varied from cadet barracks to family housing, but everybody was quartered.

By Saturday we were all set to go and the first big event was a Cocktail Party at the Officers' Club at 6:00 P.M. (time of

termination is unknown). The two large Green Rooms were ours exclusively with a large, well-provided bar. It was a happy occasion.

Sunday was taken up with a little sleeping, many of the colorful and varied post events, and get-togethers. Sunday evening saw us all assembled on the new porch patio of the Hotel Thayer for cocktails, dinner and dancing. The dinner was an elaborate buffet with a large chuck of roast that was something to see, seafood dishes, salads, etc. The night was delightfully cool, drinks tall and well iced, the music excellent, and your classmates and their wives happy as larks.

On Monday the men assembled at 10:30 for the Alumni Exercises. We formed in front of Cullum Hall and marched by classes to Thayer Monument with all the other "Old" Grads where we witnessed the laying of the wreath and, each in his own way, thought of those splendid classmates who have "Crossed the River". The choir sang "Alma Mater" and "The Corps" and the sun sparkled on the large cadet contingent lined up in full dress looking their best. This was followed by the colorful full dress review of the Corps on the Plain. The Alumni Luncheon was scheduled at noon in the old familiar Mess Hall. Luncheon was followed by a short but excellent talk by General Ridgway; then, General Chauncey L. Fenton called the annual meeting to order. Business proceeded smoothly until the list of nominees for trustees was submitted, at which time Jack Dobson, with the cheers and plaudits of your classmates urging him on, moved a change for members of a slightly altered slate. It finally resolved itself into written ballots which were still being counted when we left about 3 o'clock. I'm happy to report that Jack Dobson carried the mail in superb fashion with much vocal support being rendered in the '39 section.

Meanwhile the wives held their luncheon in the Club at noon, and from all accounts, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Monday evening, at 7:00 P.M., found all of us in the large stone Bonneville Cabin at Round Pond consuming huge steaks broiled over a large charcoal fire, French fries, and salad washed down with a barrel of cold draught beer. We really had some fun out here! Johnny Mial presented Jack Dobson with his well-earned reward for "bravery and without regard for his own safety and efficiency reports" assaulting the bastions at the Alumni meeting. "Duck" McConville turned in a real performance as



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"Oberstleutnant Knockwurst" in relating the circumstances, from the German viewpoint, of Dobson's wound (in the derrière) during the late war. Before we progressed any further into the evening, Harvey Fraser wisely called a meeting to discuss the Class Fund and what we should use it for. I won't attempt to give you all details except to say they cover such things as memorial wreaths, etc. At this time, two very welcome telegrams arrived; one from Sal Manzo, Pete Vandevanter, Bob Gideon, Riggs Sullivan, Bill Martin, Jimmy Knapp and Jack Bestic, who were attending the Air Commanders Conference; the second from Johnny Ray and Pat Mulcahy at Tulane. We then adjourned the meeting until the 20th reunion and continued the party. My personal advice is—don't miss the 20th reunion!

In listing those who were lucky enough to make it up here, I will include, and pay tribute, to the wives. Their gaiety and spontaneity added the sparkle to the overflowing cup—and this is the expert opinion of two of our most leading and eligible bachelors, Carl Buechner and Dick Curtin! Your classmates and wives here included: Marge and Art Allen, Ginny and Burnham Batson, June and Hall Cain, Patricia and Tom Crawford, Geneva and Joe Dean, Teet and Jack Dobson, Jean and Harvey Fraser, Dottie and Speedie Hull, Lynn and Moose Hinternhoff, Ann and Ed Hoopes, Rosene and Jake Jacoby, Alys and Mike Krisman, Lydia and Frankie Joe Kobes, Barbara and Matt Legler, Jo and Micky Laitman, Lynn and Mart Megica, Dempie and Joe McChristian, Jean and Harry Murray, Fran and Johnny Mial, Rene and Don Miller, Mary and Bill McCaffrey, Wanda and Johnny McConville, Carrie and Wayne O'Hern, Mollie and Phil Seaver, Elaine and Jim Schwenck, Jewell and "Van" Van Harlingen, Ruth and Dick White, Lucille and George Winton, Kate and Woody Wilson, Elizabeth and Marshall Wallach, Betsy and Ken Yarnall, Elvi and yours truly (Whimpy Walker), and Bill Clark and his mother (one of the best sports of all), Bill Buster, Galen Eaton, Shep Fitzgerald, Al Ginder, Vic Johnson, Ed Kirby Smith, Dave Matheson, Henry Newcomer, Clarence Seipel, Link Simon, Dick Curtin, "Sleepy" Coleman, Carl

Buechner, Walt Yale (Yaletchko), and Peggy and Jack Wintermute. Ed McConnell was unexpectedly called away from the Post on an overseas junket; his wife, Betty, ably filled in for him.

Leaving reunion events and pooling what information we have, we hear that Bert McCollam and Tomason are leaving Japan for the Army War College; Tom Smith is in G1, AFFE; Bob Hill is with MAAG Formosa; Bill McConnell has, by this time, reported for duty in the Far East; Eddie Kurth is also on the way; Walt Higgins is in Korea (2d Division); Bill Preston from Fort Monroe to FECOM; Ben Miller from Pentagon to Far East; Billy Bane is due back soon from FECOM to Army Field Forces.

We understand from Higgy that Jack Meyer and Julian Ewell planned a reunion in Seoul on 12 June with about 20 expected. Our best wishes! Let us know the details.

Dick Curtin is leaving for duty with the 17th Air Force in Casablanca; Bob Spragins and Hapsburg Lentz to Europe; Art Poinier due back from Naples to attend the Army War College; Art Reed is in Turkey—the only '39er there; Jim Roberts is in London; Joe Perry's address is Air Exchange OAA, US Navy 100 FPO, New York—darned if I know where it is; Steve Farris is with the 32nd AAA Brigade (92d Bn) in England; Ed Schmid is rotating this month (June) for the Industrial College of the Air Force; Charlie Duke and Jack Herstead are with G-4, Hq USAREUR and busy with the construction program; Ernest Lasché has completed 3 years with SHAPE and is due for the AFSC; Charlie Coates is really isolated—the only classmate in Thailand, JUSMAG.

For Stateside news, Moose Hinternhoff is the AFF Liaison Officer at Detroit Arsenal, and can take care of 2 couples for the Michigan game; Burnham Batson is moving to Chicago as newly appointed manager of the Conn. General Life Insurance Co.; Buzz Chapman is due for the War College; Speedy Hull is moving into Fort Meade, Maryland; Trapper Green and Joel Walker are in San Antonio with the 4th Army; Van Harlingen is at Monmouth; Shep Fitzgerald

is C.O. of L. G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts; Henry Newcomer is in Washington, Air Staff, Office of the Assistant for Atomic Energy; Linc Simon, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Pentagon; Art Allen is in G-1, Exec Military Personnel Management Division; Eddie Hoopes is with US Royal Tire, and lives at 8070 Overlook Ave., Columbus, Georgia; Graham (Joe) Dean is a cotton broker and lives at 609 Hamilton St., Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; Duck McConville is a Field Engineer with Portland Cement, address: RFD No. 1, Chestnut Ridge Road, Tonawanda, New York. Roger Lilly is at Board No. 1, Fort Sill; Jack Samuels, Carswell AFB, Texas; Vandenberg, a former classmate, is now integrated and at Fort Eustis in the T.C.; Harry Murray is an instructor at the Naval War College; Don Miller is with AFF, Fort Monroe (Deputy G-1); and Gene Romig is AF Adviser to the Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

Jack Rippert's new assignment as Deputy Camp Commander of Fort Campbell, Kentucky precluded his attending the Reunion, much to his, and our, regret; Charlie Kepple is with Sylvania Electric in Buffalo, New York, but he lives in his old hometown of Dunkirk; Woody Wilson is Exec O., Ohio River Division, C.E., Cincinnati, Ohio; Hall Cain's address is 2237 Mimosa Place, Wilmington, North Carolina; Matt Legler lives at 732 Crescent Ave., Buffalo, New York, looks well, and is doing very well; Galen Eaton is en route to Maine after setting a fast pace for us here during June Week. He will finish his course at Loyola in 2 more years.

With the camera work by White's Studios, Galen Eaton's kodachromes and sundry cameras we hope (but don't guarantee) to have some good pictures. Let me know the type and number desired as soon as possible—kodachrome or black-and-white prints, or kodachrome slides. My address is: Dept. of MA&E, USMA.

New orders and assignments are coming out. Send all the news to: Class of 1939, Association of Graduates, USMA. Best wishes to all of you!

—Whimpy Walker.



15th REUNION, CLASS OF 1939

1940

We are now starting our fifteenth year and it is the consensus of many members of the class that we should put out a class book ready for distribution in June 1955. This, of course, requires work, financial support and statistical support. Len Orman and I are ready with the work, the class has to come through with the support. In the near future, the class will be circularized by letter giving you the complete information. In short it is this: Cost of book will be, according to present estimates, about \$10.00. This is what we want to collect and we intend to put out a good hard-backed publication which will be mailed to you. In our letter to you, we will ask for certain information and for pictures. The more you come through with, the better book we will have. However, we cannot sign contracts with publishers until we have money in the bank. If a letter with full information has not reached you by the time you read this, please write to me at 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. The only reason that you will not have received a letter will be that we do not have your proper address. Hank Adams, the Class President, is appointing company representatives who will also contact you. If you want a book, please comply with our requests for cash, statistics, and pictures. If you do not want a book, let us know at once. Orman and I are in the process of checking prices with publishers in order that we can get started processing the information. We have our ideas of what should go into the book, but if you have any ideas, we welcome them too. We want to have this book in your hands by June Week of 1955. We cannot do it without your help.

And now for the news: O'Keefe to be a student at Leavenworth next year. Dale Epley still at Fort Bliss along with Lucas. Bob Fate returned from Germany and is assigned to Board No. 4 at Bliss. Len Orman leaves Bliss in June for assignment to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Ray Bate is scheduled to remain at Fort Monmouth another year. Wally Clement is back from FECOM and is at Silver Spring, Maryland. Harry Stella has left Washington for Germany. Hazeltime to MAAG in Holland. John Townsend is military attaché in Ethiopia. Symroski scheduled for Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. Al Richards at Leavenworth for next course. Ray Shoemaker, an instructor at Leavenworth. Butch Dixon and Sell are believed to have resigned.

Mark Klunk is assigned to AA Defense of Washington, D. C. Lou Mendez, proud father of seven at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. McLean to FECOM. Brown, H. C., last heard from in Trieste. Harnett and Turner at SHAPE in Paris, and Bob Dice and Bengston in London. Woody Smith from Washington to Europe, and John Pidgeon at Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, New York. Freundendorf is at Edgewood Arsenal and Dodderidge has resigned. Lotozo now at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Dick Belt is an instructor at Leavenworth. John and Tyke Coontz, stationed with National Guard at Reno, Nevada, announce the arrival of a small (undoubtedly will grow very big) male Coontz to join his three sisters. Loewus with ROTC, also stationed in Reno. Joe Couch still on Okinawa, from last reports. Lanny Wit going to school at Armed Forces College in Norfolk. Gerhardt Brown is in Korea.

Martin Chandler is Asst. Military Attaché in Switzerland. Page Smith and Moon Mullin in Turkey. Yates is at Fort Benning. Ed Wynn with Air Research Command in Baltimore. Jack deWitt at Air Force Test

Center at Cocoa, Florida, and a jet pilot. Wetzel, also a jet pilot, with SAC at Tucson, Arizona. His step-son is in the Class of 1956, USMA. Coleman flying jets at Riverside, California. Russell on Okinawa. Hess in North Africa. Paul Deems from Kansas City to Air War College. Colligan and O'Brien at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bayerle, Cibotti, Spengler and Jim Rat Moore graduated from Leavenworth in June. Swampy Marsh at Fort Amador in the Canal Zone. Joe Hardin and J. B. Bonham on staff at Leavenworth. Vic Hobson's choice is Austria.

Ray Clock now at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Prann is in Japan. Walt Winton expects to leave the Pentagon next January. Johnny Wohner and Hamlin assigned to Indo-China. Ev Light at Armed Forces Staff College. Sam Webster transferred to Ordnance. Bob Brewer back from Germany. Gordon in Heidelberg, Germany.

Paul S. Weber, ex-1940, has written in to ask about the 15th reunion. He lives at 16 Allen Court, Ramsey, New Jersey.

J. B. Bonham writes that Moon Mullin, Gushurst, O'Keefe, Lynn and Richards come to Fort Leavenworth for the 1954-55 course. Jack and Tee East have a new baby girl, and the Hasemans report the arrival of their sixth. They now have three girls and three boys.

My address is 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. All letters, postcards, and callers are welcome.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

Griffith Stadium, D. C.: Mickey Mantle was in the cage taking batting practice as I located my seat behind a post on a beautiful spring evening a few weeks back. As I watched his long drives scream into the outfield, I was reminded of the days when those same white pellets used to carom off the walls of Cullum Hall, especially when the man I was to meet here was on the mound for the Black, Gold and Grey. My reverie was terminated by a breath-taking thump on the back, and there he was, the thickest Mick of 'em all, Tom Cleary; and with him your Old Willie Gurnee. As we watched the Yanks beat the Senators, much to the disgust of Willie who is a real Yank hater, I learned the following facts from the incumbent Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army who, like Dizzy Dean, has given up his career as a pitcher for that of a TV star. Tom shared the TV spotlight with Jack Murray, who was Executive to Mr. Welch, the Counsel for the Army in the recent Congressional Sub-Committee hearings in Washington. That Jack was chosen for this job is more an indication of his proficiency as a lawyer than a reflection of the histrionic experience he had plebe year on the 100th Nite crew.

Tom brought me up-to-date on the rest of the team in the Washington area: Earl Brown, another of our barrister brethren, was Assistant Defense Counsel in the Dickinson case. Bizz Moore is in G-1, Mike Green, Wendy Knowles, Woody Garrett, and George Cooper are in G-3, John Oswalt is in G-4, Al Moody just left for Paris, Roy Clinton is in AFSWAP, Joe Knowlton is leaving for Leavenworth, Ed Gelderman and Pete Tanous, the recent bridegroom, are in OQMG, Joe Ahern in the Office of the Chief of the Signal Corps, Spec Powell ditto Engineers, Jack Dean and Walt Mulane ditto Ordnance. Mr. Peer deSilva, whose name appeared recently in *Time*, is relentlessly carrying on his very difficult job. Tom said that Bill Starr and Herb Stern

are the first of the Class to make the Army War College list.

Willie, whose remarks were confined mostly to expletives regarding Casey Stengel's troops, has recently joined the staff of the Under Secretary of the Army. He didn't even seem happy with the spanking new Buick convertible he drove home.

Bolling AFB Officers' Club: The following morning I breakfasted with Jack Kelsey who, just back from Korea, accounted for the following gents in that area: John Locke commands the 8th Fighter-Bomber group, and has recently returned TDY to the States to participate in the Gunnery Meet. Bob Horne is Director of Maintenance of the 4th Ftr Wing, Curt Betts and Paul Root are with the Korean MAAG, Ed Poole is in 5th Air Force Hq, Ted Brown is still in Operations in the Japan Air Defense Force, and Ham Avery is in FEAF Hq. Jack, an expert on Tactical Air, was just reporting in to the Pentagon.

Army-Navy Country Club: At lunch with KO Dessert, I listened once again to the Dessert formula for military success, which is keyed to frequent and long terms in the Military Colosseum on the Potomac. To this I responded with the overwhelming evidence in favor of a career in The Strategic Air Command as a guardian of the peace, striding across the sky in six-jet chariots. KO, busy writing his research paper for the next class at the Air War College, informed me that Clint Ball and Dave Woods would be going to Maxwell along with him from Washington. He said Rod O'Connor's proficiency in Spanish had paid off again in an assignment to Spain. (Rod has come a long way since that Spic turn out.)

Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska: Back home the next day, I found Bill Seawell, who had come up from Texas for the Commanders' Conference. Bill is expecting to relinquish command of his B-36 Wing for an assignment in the UK. Last week-end John Easton, who commands the Air Base at Turner, was back with a Board of Officers he is on. He was sporting a pair of crutches and a badly mangled toe, the result of an encounter with a power mower. John, who has a private pilot license and more time in a T-33 than most of us, finds, as did Fred Ascani, that the topography can be more deadly than the troposphere. Ralph Freese came in from March AFB to join the Directorate of Intelligence, which is where I punch my time clock, and Bill Brier left for the sunnier clime of Tucson, where he will be A-1 of the 36th Air Division. Tom Corbin, the Command Provost Marshal, rounds out the SAC Hq contingent.

The mail bag was fat this quarter, I am happy to say. Beginning with the Army Home Town News Center, I find that JCH Lee was recently assigned as assistant engineer for the IX Corps in Korea. His wife, Patricia, and three children live in Bear Creek.

X Corps, Korea: Joe McCulloch, whose wife Martha, lives at 1266 N. Foot Hill Blvd, Pasadena, California, is a member of X Corps' 20 man advisory group for the First Republic of Korea Army headquarters. Dan Salinas is chief of the management office in the 443d QM Base Depot in Korea. His wife, Alicia, who lives in Kilgore, Texas, saw him off to Korea in September.

Tempe, Arizona: Ed Poole, the new Asst PAS&T at Arizona State College, has recently returned from Korea where he flew 23 missions as a B-26 bomber pilot. After his combat tour he was assigned to the 5th Air Force Hq. He is married and has four children.

Letter news from other Posts, Camps,

Stations, and AFB's: Rio: Bob Borman, QM Tng Off on the Joint Brazil-US Commission, reports that Phyl had to come back to Walter Reed with "JL", who is now fine. He will return to join Flanders, Hauser, Knowlton, Panke, and Roton at Leavenworth in August. Ralph Kuzel is Ass't Military Attache and has just nursed Margaret back to health after a very hectic siege of pneumonia.

Fort Benning: Pötter Campbell reports that he, Tom Sharkey, and Larry Theisen went through the jump course in Oct-Nov '53.

Norfolk: Jim Roy makes a major contribution to the "who and where" department. Graduating with him from the Armed Forces Staff College are Buster Boatwright, George Stalnaker, Tom Sharkey, and Wally Lauterbach (who is also an instructor). Tom goes to the 82d Airborne, Buster to G-1, Wash, George remains as an instructor, and Jim goes to Monterey to learn Spanish and then off to Lima on the mission. He reports Ed Rowny at Benning, Sandy Matheson, IG at Eglin AFB, Paul Gray commanding a Guided Missile Bn at Bliss, Ray Schnittke, Jim Stigers and Jim Healy also at Bliss. He said, "Ran into Healy, Charlie Harris and Joe Gurfein at the A-N Game. Charlie is at Bragg and Joe is in Philly with the Dist Engr. Graduating from Leavenworth with assignments as indicated are: Harley Marsh, G-2 Wash; Herb Clendenning, K.C., Missouri; Frank Gerig, Ottawa; Bob Tarbox, G-4 Wash; Harrington Cochran and Max Tyler, Office, Chief of Engrs in Wash; Willy Vaughan remaining as an instructor; Milo Moucha, G-2 Wash; Ben Spiller to Wash; JCH Lee to FECOM; Lanigan is an instructor at the College."

Saalfelden, Austria: Hugh Foster, Commander, 63 Signal Bn (Opn), APO 541, says, "Ren Keleher (USFA TI&E Officer), John Barney (G-2 Tactical Command, USFA), and I were students at a 5-day 'get rich quick' ski course for senior (?) staff officers and commanders. Al Jensen commands the 70th Engr Bn, with Hq here, and we three tired and aching students hauled our weary bones over to Jensen's quarters for a delicious shrimp dinner and huge cake in honor of Al being one year older. Gib Niles, who commands the 3d Bn, 350 Inf, had taken the course earlier. Am heading Stateside in June. I decided that the Army is not capable of furnishing me the desired number of adequate replacements, so I'm raising my own. Hughie was born at USMA in '47, Harry at USNA in '50, and Bobby is a

Salzburger with bi-lingual birth documents."

Camp Crawford, Japan: J. Richardson notes that Tom Curley is in Chitose, Al Meyers in Sendai, with Claire Armstrong his chief assistant. All with families enjoying the oriental atmosphere.

Anderson AFB, Guam: Fred Baker says he is with Hq 20th Air Force, with duty as Construction Liaison Officer the Navy CEC. He has seen no classmates, but advises any who are interested that he, his wife, Gerry, and daughter, Gay, have never had it so good.

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts: With the Dept of Mil Science and Tactics at Boston College, Goober O'Connell accounts for many of the "Red Legs". "I was the only '41er at the New England WP Dinner. Butch Rising is with the G-3 section, First Army, Governors Island. Ed Buttery is going to the U of Southern Cal." The rest of Tom's letter confirmed school lists etc. already listed.

BORN: Stephen T. Schilling, 11 Mar 54, at West Point. TEMPORARILY RETIRED: Bud Harding. PROMOTED: To Colonel USAF: Biggie Seamans, Mickey Moore, and Pete Crow.

That's it, folks; thanks for all the good poop. As I have ventured to suggest before, our fifteenth reunion will be here before we know it. Previous efforts to put out a class reunion book have not been responded to in the typical '41 manner. If you think something should be done about it you might drop me a note here at Offutt, or you might write Jack Norton in Belgrade, or you might just start reminding any classmates you meet that Casey Stengel doesn't win pennants by sitting around reminiscing about the good old days.

Burt Andrus.

1942

At a meeting last May the West Point group voted to hand over the administration of class affairs to the Washington contingent. The details have not yet been worked out, but we hope the transfer will be completed before the end of the year.

June Week at West Point was not very eventful for the Class of 1942. The only visiting classmates that I saw were Curty George, Bob Rawls, and George Seip. Curty is winding up a tour as aide to General Swing and will report to C&GSC this fall

for next year's course. George Seip and his family have just returned from two years in Turkey and are en route to Fort Lewis, Washington, where George will command an artillery battalion.

On Sunday, 30 May, Jake Ballard, our enterprising entertainment chairman, masterminded a class party, yachtsman style. We loaded the local launch with beer, classmates, and wives; then we cast off for a hilarious afternoon cruise up and down the scenic Hudson. George Buck added to the entertainment by taking volunteers in his speedboat to buzz the shoreline near Flirtation Walk. In passing, I might comment that none of the observed cadets appeared to be the least bit disturbed by this rank invasion of his privacy. Al Hunter and wife came up from Governors Island for the occasion. Al is currently G4-ing it there.

Departing West Point this summer are the Adams (Altus AFB, Oklahoma), Aileos (NATO, Paris), Charbonneaus (Europe), Fergussons (C&GSC), Robbs (Altus), and Terrys (C&GSC). Kitty Crittenberger has left Highland Falls to join Crit in Japan, where he has recently been assigned to the J-3 Div of FECOM. The only classmate now known to be joining our group this summer is Al Thompson.

John Atwood, who has been at Fort Monmouth, sent in a change of address to 11338 Gladwin St., Los Angeles 49, California. He neglected to mention any reason for the move. Ted Marks moves this summer to Washington, where he will be assigned, I believe, to CMD. Bob Townsend has orders to Leavenworth. Jesse Miles goes to USAFFE, Bill Hamilton to TAGO, and John Sheffey to 1st Armored Div, Fort Hood, Texas. Other orders culled at random from the *Army, Navy and Air Force Journal* show Rick Orme assigned to G2 with station in Formosa, and Clyde Eisenschmidt resigned from the Service.

Jeff Davis advises us to disregard his orders to USAREUR. Instead he finds himself "flapping on this Joint and International SHAPE Staff in Paris." Bunny Bonasso has orders to the Far East in August. He says Eleanor and children will settle at 220 Thomas Drive, Wilmington 6, Delaware. Marshall Waller writes that he is now Signal Corps Liaison Officer with the USAF at Holloman AFB (PO Box 177). Visiting classmates are welcome to stay with him. Severino Martinez is S4, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1942-1944

From Dick House comes word that he is finishing a tour with Hq Joint Task Force Seven (whatever that is) and will report to Armed Forces Staff College in August for the fall course. Jerry Ellis writes that he is going to 5th AF on 5 August. He has been at the University of Arizona for three years, quilling ROTC students. Isaetta, two children, and dog will live at 1918 Seminole Trail, Lakeland, Florida, where welcome mat will be out.

Fran Roberts returned to Korea after a twenty-three day shopping trip to Hong Kong to find himself presented with command of a battalion of six 240 mm Hows complete with cranes and bulldozers. I hear the first thing Fran did was to institute a detailed course in surveying in the best MT&G manner. His new address is Hq 159th FA Bn, APO 358, c/o PM, SF, California. Also from Korea I hear that Dave May is returning to the U.S., and that Don Bolton received the Silver Star for heroism, in July. Apparently Don's feat was a great one, for he was rewarded by being made Personnel Officer of the 9th Infantry.

Ed Wright was supposed to have left Austria in May for assignment to Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, as Asst PMS&T. Joe Cannon tells us that he, wife, and three boys recently took over Sam Cumpston's old homestead in Aberdeen, Maryland. Joe is instructing at The Ordnance School (Box 241) Aberdeen Proving Ground. Sam moved his family to Cincinnati, where he has taken a job with General Electric.

A news item which is out of the ordinary comes from Jim Studer in the form of an announcement of his ordination to the priesthood on 5 June 1954 at St. John's Abbey Church, Collegeville, Minnesota.

The steady flow of sons born to members of the Class of 1942 has been momentarily interrupted by the arrival of a daughter, Beatrice Ann, in the family of John and Jean Baker at West Point on 16 April 1954.

—C. C. U.

JANUARY 1943

Another end of the term, another June Week, another turn of the wheel—class-

mates leaving West Point, classmates coming in. For Wes and Irene Curtis, Bob and Virginia Fiss, Jess and Jeannie Hollis, Knobby and Jodie Holt, Jimmy and Lynn Cobb, and Bob and Alice McDermott it is a time for going out to other fields. Wes is going to Fort Leavenworth, Bob to the Far East, Jess to Europe, Knobby to the AFCRC, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Jimmy and McD to Norfolk (Armed Forces Staff College).

These good people will be missed at West Point. Appropriately enough an Aloha Party was held for them on 22 May. Officers and ladies gathered in the Green Room of the Officers Mess where, during cocktails and conversation, an attractive Hawaiian dancer (Mary D. Starnes) draped leis about the necks of the guests. Later the group went over to Cullum Hall for dinner and for dancing.

A preliminary report on incoming classmates has Frakes and Bowlin coming into the Tactics Department, and Hogrefe, to the 1802d Regt, and V. K. Sanders and Fred Waters, to assignments not now known to me. Frakes comes in from Manston, England, where he commanded an F-86 Squadron of the 406 Fighter Group.

Our June Week activities were held down this year. (Last year's Tenth Reunion whirl took months to recover from.) There was only the Buckner party on June 6 (see cut). Tom Mesereau, who likes to do the polka, was the most energetic of the participants.

Sonny Pitts has sent in some interesting information from Iceland. He and George Weart (as DCS/O, Iceland ADF Hq) have been fighting the elements (and learning to cook) for quite some time. Sonny says that on trips to Europe he (1) talked with Hodge Kirby who works in the office of the DCS/O 12 AF, Landstuhl, Germany, and (2) learned of the exploits of Jim Hacker, who commands the 50th Fighter Bomber Group, Hahn, Germany, and who has posted the top aerial gunnery score for the group, a hard-to-beat 75%. Ed McGough commands a squadron of the same group. In new assignments, Sonny goes to the Armed Forces Staff College and George to Air Command and Staff School.

John S. Wood, Jr. is leaving SHAPE in June for assignment to the 112 FA Group,

Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Lee and Lib Hudson (he's assigned to Hq AF Research and Development Command, Baltimore, Maryland) have recently visited West Point. Ace Elliott, back from Korea, is somewhere in the Pentagon. On June 1, John Healy (air-ground liaison officer, XVI Corps, Japan) received the Commendation Ribbon "for meritorious service as the air-ground liaison officer for the corps artillery section from December 5, 1951 to March 25, 1954." The Joe Conmys had their third child, a daughter, Mary Alice, on April 28. John McNamara has resigned.

On Memorial Day Knobby Holt and several other classmates gathered at the Post Cemetery to decorate the graves of John F. Phelan, Francis A. Thomas, Benjamin Norris, Jr., William A. Kerr, Alvin M. Bachrach, James M. Little, Turner M. Chambliss, Dick E. Hall, Harry R. Stroh, Charles R. Finley, Frank E. Boyd, John E. Hatch, Richard B. Jones, Maxwell A. Neumann, William H. Tucker, Charles C. Pinkerton, Woodrow W. Pratt, John A. Hine, Boone Seegers, James A. Rippen, Raymond C. Brittingham, Edmund C. Suor, and Charles Benedict.

—Howie.

JUNE 1943

Another June Week has come and gone. This year, the Class of June 1943 had a very light turn-out. In addition to the local group—the Farleys, Fishbacks, McCannas, Greenes, Galas's, Greenwalts, Curcurus, Wickert, and the Malones—the following members of the class helped to swell the June Week crowds: the Curtins and deCamps, down from Cornwall, where they live while stationed at Stewart AFB; the Weyricks up from Washington, D. C., where Joe is aiding; the Chases, up from Fort Lee, Virginia, where Dave is Assistant Post Judge Advocate; Bob Callen, up from NYC; and Bill Roos, up from Washington, D. C.

In addition to getting together for P-grades and other ceremonies to comment on the present condition of the Corps of Cadets (?), we found time to swap stories (true or false) at a picnic at Round Pond on Saturday night and to kick up our heels at a



THE BUCKNER PARTY, JUNE 6, 1954—CLASS OF JANUARY 1943.

dance at Camp Buckner on Sunday night. It was great fun even if it was not as big and strenuous as last year.

During the past few months, the ranks here at the Rock have been reduced by the departure of the Hershbergers for Westover Field and the Hancocks for—destination not known to me now. Jim Greene is due to leave this summer for Leavenworth and C&GSC. The only replacement due in here is Bob Plett, who will join Jess Fishback in the Dept of Math. Bob has finished his graduate work at RIP, and he and Florence are reporting in the end of June.

Lorry Thomas sent a loaded letter on the disposition of the current C&GSC students. Lorry is going to Turkey as Adviser to the Engineer School there. Quint Atkinson is off for France for duty with the *Ecole d'application de l'arme blindée et cavalerie* (Armored School, Saumur, France). Bob Burrows, Ernie Buzalski, Hi Fuller, and George Newman are scheduled for Korea. Johnny Bell is going to Greece as part of the MAAG there. Another file on MAAG duty will be Harvey Short, who will do his advising in Manila, P. I. Two grads are due to go to Washington, D. C. Edrington will be G-4ing in the Puzzle Palace and Kengele will help out in the Office, Chief of Engineers. Fredericks is going to TIS, Benning. McKenzie is going to an Armored Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood. The only member of the group who did not get ordered off the post is Wally Magathan, who is staying around on the S & F. Perhaps he will help instruct our next batch of classmates due in at Leavenworth next fall. Rumored on orders to the next C&GSC class are Art Surkamp, Howie Coffman, Hal Parfitt, Duane Tenney, Chuck Wilson, Art Rasper, Mark Boatner, Bill Roos, Bernie Rogers, Jim Betts, R. K. Jones, Bill Deekle, Warren Hecker, Wilkinson, Jim Greene, Bob deCamp, and probably others that we have not heard from or of.

A long note from Sam Pinnell reports that "AFFE is loaded with Shaftees." Fred Herres and Sam are in G-4. Fred is expecting his family over this summer. G-1 boasts Del Perkins, while Charlie Reed upholds the reputation of the Corps of Engrs with Japan Central Exchange. Walker Jamar and Eddie McCabe are the class contribution to AFFE Engr; Bruce Koch was with Japan Construction Agency at last report. Gadd in 40th AAA (Yokohama) completes the local roster. Jim Phillips stopped in and saw Sam while on R & R from Korea. Archie Hill is due to return Stateside this summer, going to Hq, Second Army. Sam added that he (Sam) had extended until May 55. Sam also included a roster of those present at the W.P. Annual

Dinner at Washington Heights, Tokyo, Japan, on 15 March 1954. Those present were Boatner, Bond, A. L. Brown, R. H. Campbell, Collins, M. B. Davis, R. G. Gadd, R. J. Hill, Jamar, Katz, Koch, Martin, Olmstead, Oswald, Perkins, Pinnell, and B. W. Rogers.

From Don Dargue in SAC at Offutt AFB, we received word of a few classmates stationed out thataway. Roger Ball is out there in Operations Plans Division. Jack Whitson and Freeman Bowley are in Directorate of Intelligence. Ed Cutler is in D/Plans, War Plans Branch; and Don is in the Training Division (Special Weapons) D/Opns. Rusty Russell had been there in the Materiel field, but he has left for places unknown. Jack Davis, after a tour in the Command Section as Executive Officer, departed recently. Don reports having seen Jack Rawlings while on TDY at Albuquerque.

Tommy Tomlinson reports, as of 9 May, that by next August the '43 contingent at the artilleryman's home will be reduced to one survivor. Tommy is due to depart for USAREUR. Of the past year's AOAC group, Abel and Langstaff are due to return to "Guided Missiles" at Bliss, Charlie Crane is going to AFFE, Steve Gordy is going to Turkey, and Neill is going to an AA Bn in the vicinity of San Francisco. Spiece is going somewhere in Alaska. The lone survivor remaining at Sill is John Lucas, and he expects to leave sometime this fall.

Some recent additions to the young "gray line" of which we have been notified are Ernest C. Price II, born 23 April 54; Robert C. Wilson (son of Charles A. Wilson, Jr.) born at Fort Bliss, Texas, 30 April 1954; and Christopher Curran Staszak (son of Stan Staszak) born in Orleans, France, on 29 November 1953.

Stan Staszak added in his note concerning his son that at the Annual WP dinner in Orleans, France, he saw Frank Dirkes and Jim Betts. Incidentally, Stan is presently assigned as Chief, Intelligence Branch, G-2, USAREUR COMZ.

A note from Dottie Clark reports that Bob is acting in an advisory capacity in connection with the establishment of a WP style military academy in Korea.

A letter from Bernie Rogers adds the observation that at the WP Dinner in Tokyo last spring (mentioned above) the Class of June '43 had the largest class representation out of the total of 242 who attended. Bernie also added that he had seen Tom Tannler early this year. Tom was in town on R & R from Korea, where he was with the 40th Division, in which outfit he was 3rd Bn Exec, 223rd Infantry. Tom was to remain in FEC when the 40th re-

turned Stateside.

The June Week questionnaire provides us with considerable pertinent information. We shall use some of it in this column and the rest in the next issue. Mayo Elliot, who has completed the Ordnance Advanced Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, is joining the 64th Ordnance Bn (Special Weapons Support) at Sandia Base. Bill Kilpatrick reports that the past two years at the AC&SS the class has had a good representation and that they are expecting more with the class beginning 5 Sep 54. He adds that George Thompson held his annual barbecue for classmates in the vicinity of Montgomery, Alabama, on his father's big game and fish preserve. In attendance were the Huau's, Schramm's, Scott's (W. F.), Scott's (Ralph), MacGregor's, Kilpatrick's, and Thompson's.

Walt Mitchell in NYC, reports that he has accepted an appointment as a Fellow of the Samuel Bronfman Foundation in the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University, for the year 1954-1955. Walt also reports his marriage on 15 May 1954 to Lucy Ellen O'Leary of Darien, Conn.

Danny Cullinane, after completing his studies at the Army Language School, is going to SIS, Wash, D. C., for six months and then to Iraq as Assistant Military Attache, leaving for Iraq around the end of this year.

A postcard from Gorelangton contains the news that Ernie Price and Jack Morris are in and around Savannah. Jack Morris is another file due for Leavenworth this fall. Dutch Ingwerson and wife and son were thru Savannah on their way back from Turkey. Dutch is going to the Milwaukee District Engineer's Office. Gore reports having seen DeBrooke, Bolling, and Conarty while over at Benning in March.

Dave Chamberlain left the Pentagon 23 Jan. After thirty days leave, he went to England only to discover upon arrival that his orders were changed to Wiesbaden. Audrey expects to take Christy and join Dave sometime in June.

George Moe is also leaving Washington. Beginning in July, his new address is Student Detachment, USMA, with station at University of Heidelberg, Germany, for one year.

John Buyers is leaving Belvoir and is en route to AFSWP, Sandia Base.

The deadline for this column has arrived, so it must stop. Please do not fail to send in the poop. Remember that it is your column. All we do here is compile what you send in. If you do not see your name here or the names of your friends, it is your own fault. Please keep us informed of your change of address. We are trying to



'44 REUNION PARTY AT CAMP BUCKNER

maintain a locator file on the class. If you want to locate someone, drop us a line. Our address is still the same. Just write to "The Class of June 1943, Post Office Box 2, West Point, New York."

The deadline for the next column will be about 10 Sep 1954. Don't wait until the last minute to send in your poop. DO IT NOW!

If you noticed a more pedestrian style in this column; you are aware that it was not written by the master of the grand style, our eminent classmate, H. T. Wickert; but it was written by a stumbling two-finger, hunt-and-peck artist.

—Bill Malone.

1944

The reunion was a howling success—if everyone rests for the next ten years we will probably recover and be able to get together again. Approximately 190 were at West Point all told; ninety classmates and the remainder wives and one or two dates. Reunion began unofficially on Friday night with a monster party at the Pattons given jointly with the Toons. Official festivities began Saturday night with a dinner-dance at the Thayer, then another dance Sunday night at Popolopen and ended Monday with a steak fry at Round Pond. Upon arrival everyone was fitted out with Hong Kong swagger sticks complete with manual of arms instructions. Other classes wore arm bands but '44 stole the show during alumni exercises and review with the sticks. Wessells, Brundin, Sellers, Myslinski, Royem and Maish handled the entertainment and housing and everything went off without a hitch. Hi Ely and Jack Combs furnished the steaks and beer for the steak fry.

Most of you know who is now at the Point through prior columns and credits, but think you'd be interested in those from out of town, so to speak, who were able to come to the gathering of the clan: Altier, E. P. Anderson, Austin, Babcock, Bandy, Bethel, Brady, Brotherton, Burnett, Burrell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cushman, Ciske, Clayton, Cooch, Combs, DeArment, Desmond, Ely, Fitton, Fowler, Ginsburg, Mrs. Harper,

Walt Harris, Hayman, Heiss, Hollstein, Irvine, S. A. Jackson, Mrs. Kahn, Lindell, Lisenby, LaMarre, Al McCoy, McPherson, Mickle, Miller, Mire, Frank Moore, John Moore, Mummey, Nealon, Norman, Jim O'Brien, Pardee, Parsons, Partridge, Patterson, Reagan, Sanders, Shoemaker, Silver, L. Smith, Strecker, Sullivan, Tisdale, Vitullo, Walters and Werner. Wives came with most of these except three or four who had to catch a plane ride to make the trip. I left out Metzger, Jerry Hall and Carl Anderson, who were all able to make it at the last minute.

Wasn't able to get too much information on future activities of anyone there because I was too busy enjoying myself (Patsy and I had to rest up in New England and Canada a few days before being able to make the trip home) but did pick up a few odds and ends. Ted Gervais is headed for an Air Force tour in Kansas. Les Babcock is studying journalism and going to work for a paper in North Carolina. George Hayman on the way to Germany. Jim O'Brien just back from Germany, as was Jack Cushman. John Sullivan on the way to Nashville, Tennessee. Metzger is on his way to the East. Pappas to Fort Sill in August. Ted Altier now living in Rochester, New York. Doug Gallez has written the original musical score for a new Signal Corps documentary film to replace the present official film, "This Is West Point".

Jim O'Brien was running a hard race on the "youth ticket" for Trustee of the Association of Graduates. Was so close a written ballot had to be taken and I do not know the result yet. We elected Ollie Patton class historian and I received the title of corresponding secretary and custodian of the Class Fund (\$50.00).

Al McCoy resigned 1st of Jan. and is now a project engineer with Sperry Gyroscope Co. Al received his Master's Degree in Engineering from Illinois Tech in '48. He and Sandy and children have bought a home on Long Island and settled down for a long stay.

John and Sylvia McElvey and two children have been on Guam since the first of the year after a three year tour in ROTC at the Citadel. John is flying B-29's along with "Spike" Geltz, Pat Sullivan and Lou Armstrong. Bill and Anne Milnor are in

Nagoya, Japan, with JADF. The above came from Sylvia at 93rd Bomb Squadron, APO 239, PM, S.F.

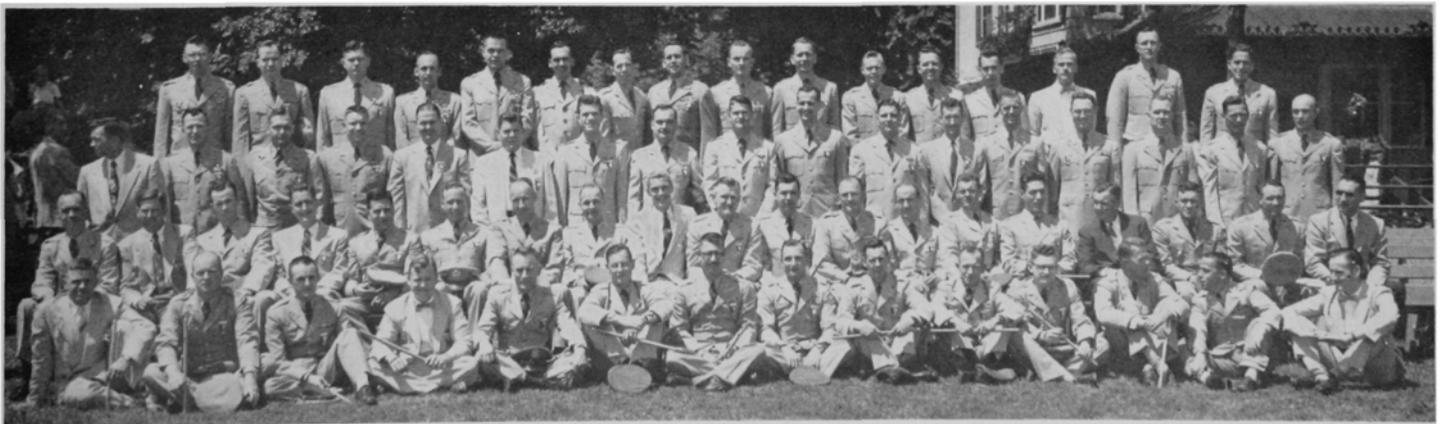
Jim Cumberpatch is Exec. of an F-86 Squadron based at Kimpo, Korea, but will be back in the States in July for Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB. Ed Murphy is also at Kimpo commanding a photo recon squadron. Jim, Jelks Cabaniss, Bill Stowell and John Trimmer made a trip to Seoul in March for the annual Founders Day dinner. Jelks and Bill are with Hqs., 8th Army and John with Hqs., AFCE.

"Alfe" Erickson graduated from Ordnance advanced class in May and is remaining at Aberdeen with the school staff and faculty. He and family are living at 109 Rodman Rd., Chesapeake Gardens, Aberdeen, Maryland. Roy Hoffman graduated in same class with "Alfe" and left for jump training with 82nd Airborne and then to join 782nd Ord. Bn. at Fort Bragg. Roy won an essay contest sponsored by Timken Bearing Co. through the American Ordnance Assn. Result: one hundred bucks and the essay published in "Ordnance", official magazine of the Assn.

George Wear, Tom Tarpley, Jack Peterson, Frank Mahin, Cole Murphy, "Boodler" Richards, Les Halstead, John Carley and Art Hyman graduated from C&GSC at Leavenworth in June. Wear is headed for USMA, Carley back to school, Hyman to XVIII Airborne Corps and Peterson and Mahin to Europe. On their way to Leavenworth this summer will be Jack Cushman, Jack Hennessey and Charles Daniel—due late in August—coming from Germany.

Bob Shannon, way down South in Huntsville, Alabama, has been traveling a bit lately in his job as Army Field Forces Liaison Officer. Had recently seen "Coots" Mitchell and Grif Callahan at Fort Monroe and Bob Parks at Patrick AFB, Florida. Shannon and family (Dotty and two boys) took the long way home by boat from Austria last Fall, and ran into Bob Selton on his way to Athens, Greece, for Army Attache Staff work, and the Duttweilers at Trieste.

The highlight of the reunion was the releasing of "ENCORE '44", the Ten Year Book. George Pappas and Ollie Patton did



10th REUNION, CLASS OF 1944

Front Row (Left to Right)—DeArment, Desmond, Ciske, Ely, Royem, Clayton, Knoll, Moore, J. T., Fitton, Fullilove, Gallez, Hayman, Burnett, McCoy, A. M.

Second Row—Sellers, McPherson, Calhoun, Nealon, Sullivan, J. S., Toon, Weston, Gervais, Silver, Brundin, Kincaid, Boyles, Walters, McCoy, M. E., Tisdale, Norman, G. B., Austin, Flynn, J. R., Altier.

Third Row—Reagan, O'Brien, Heiss, Dancy, LaMarre, Combs, Bandy, Brotherton, Maxon, Maish, Mire, Irvine, Moore, F. E., McGuire, Bethel, Fowler, Pappas.

Back Row—Young, Howland, Sanders, Jackson, Patton, Shoemaker, Nolan, Mummey, Callahan, L. G., Parson, Marshall, A. R., Harris, W. R., Cooch, Ginsburgh, Day, Cushman.

Present at Reunion but not in picture: Anderson, C. B., Anderson, E. P., Babcock, Brady, Decker, Gamble, Glab, Hall, Hollstein, Lindell, K. O., Lisenby, Metzler, Mickle, Myslinski, Pardee, Partridge, Patterson, Routh, Smith, F. L., Strecker, Vitullo, Werner, Wessels.

a wonderful job on this and certainly deserve all our thanks. They received lots of help from John and Nancy Flynn, Doug Gallez, Bob Sellers, Phil Toon and John Howland. Faris and Hayman did the excellent art work. Classmates desiring copies may obtain them from Phil Toon, Dept of MT&G, West Point, for \$8.75 a copy, which includes mailing costs. Only a few copies are available on a first come first served basis. A few of the Reunion souvenir swagger sticks are also available from Toon at \$1.50 each.

A complete statement of June Week expenditures and receipts as well as an accounting for the Ten Year Book will be published as soon as all books have been closed. It is hoped that this will be included in the October *Assembly*.

Group pictures taken at the Alumni Review may be obtained from White Studio at West Point for 75c a print. Other pictures of Reunion events can be obtained from Patton at West Point.

This reunion, the first so largely attended since graduation, was such a success we should start thinking about another one soon (25th?).

—*Buford Norman,*
1748 Vinton,
Memphis, Tennessee.

1945

To all ye members of fabulous "Class 45" again I send greetings and congratulations on embarking on our tenth year. Let's hope that this year will be a happy and fruitful one for all of us culminating in a wonderful get-together here for our Tenth Reunion.

We are indebted to Marty Brewer for his tremendous personal effort in putting out the individual letters and the questionnaires, reference our Ten Year Book. As you know, many of the addresses which we have are in error. Likewise, those on file in the *Assembly* Office are in error, so if you see a classmate who has not received a questionnaire, we would sincerely appreciate it if you would ask him to send us the information which is required so that we can get a maximum participation from all concerned.

Walt Galligan crashed through with some news on Air Force Files for me. Certainly we would like you Boys in Blue to continue to drop us a line from time to time so we can keep abreast of your current assign-

ments and also what you are going to do in the future. Walt stated that he planned to come to West Point for the festivities of the 10th Year and I sincerely hope that many more of you can do likewise. Let us know as soon as possible what you plan to do and when you plan to come. He included the names of Pug Wohlford and Ned Barnett, stationed with Walt at Smoky Hill AFB, Salina, Kansas, undergoing transition training for B47s.

L. C. Peterson, Frank Knolle and Ken Werner are taking training at Forbes AFB on RB47s.

Some notes on other classmates: Bill Gilbert in a B29 outfit on Okinawa. Bob Hegenberger at Wright Air Development Center; Archie Patterson, Chuck Seeger and Gus Breen were also there.

Rocky Rockfort was at ARDC Headquarters in Baltimore. Jess Hearin in Korea running an Instrument School. Frank Lee is with Headquarters, ADC, in Colorado Springs. John Coulahan is at Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. Bob Bartron is at Biggs AFB in Texas and is slated for promotion to Major this June.

Ed Rafalko is at Hunter AFB in Georgia. Bud Avery with ARDC in Washington, D. C. Dan Whitcraft in Washington, D. C. with the Scientific Design Group of the NSC. Ted Fite and John Leibel at Randolph AFB. Sunny Brett at Luke AFB running a Training Squadron of F84's.

At Wright-Patterson AFB, Chickering, Stick, Trimbull, C. W. Clarke, Hal Cummings, Butch Foley, Bob Webster, C. G. Whitney, and O. S. Nichols.

A press release from Les Ayers from Rio de Janeiro stated that he is assigned to the Joint Brazil US Military Commission, and that Jack Spiller was due to visit Rio in the middle of April on the way to Ascension, Paraguay for duty with the US Army Mission in Paraguay. From Les's picture I see that he and I are running a close race for "bald head row".

Bill Haws, Company E-2, and wife, Lee, are now living in Chillicothe, Missouri. They have two daughters, age 5 and 3. Bill is a civilian now in business in Chillicothe and St. Joe, Missouri. Bill notifies any and all classmates and friends to stop by and see him if they pass near Chillicothe.

Jim Shilstone and Grady Gene Regan were married on 8 April in New Orleans. Jim stated that Pops McNeill and wife Maura were down to see him and made the rounds several months ago. He would like to hear from any classmates passing

through the area and, incidentally, mentioned that his office is in the heart of the French Quarter. Dan Silverman is also out of the Service and is living in New Orleans. J. M. Fitzpatrick writes that he is now working for Convair at Edwards AFB as a civilian test pilot. He said that Tom Curtis, Slade Nash, Bob Hippert, Virgil Givens and Tobey Gandy are likewise stationed there at Edwards AFB.

Some glad tidings on recent additions to the growing list of sons and daughters of the Class of '45 are: Kincheon H. Bailey, III, born on 1 May 54 to T-Lou and Bert Bailey. I know how happy Bert and T-Lou are with young Kincheon, the third. Jessie and Bill Sibert announce the birth of their third child, Jane Colby. Bill is stationed at the Infantry School. Joyce Elizabeth Hylander, first daughter of Jean and Walt Hylander, born 23 May 54 here at WP, their second child. Whitney Grant Cookman, born 31 May 54 at West Point to Jane and Cookie, their third child.

The latest info on Bob Tansey is that he has left the 7th Division in Korea and is now stationed at Camp Zama, in Japan at Hqs, USA FFE.

Don Gross recently arrived on Okinawa for duty with the 110th Chemical Battalion. Let us hear from you Don!

Phil Lansing recently participated in the giant Logistical Exercise, LOGEX 54, at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Phil is stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Rusty Heilbronner is still serving as my contact man in Washington, D. C. His latest letter stated that the Class of '45 party was held at the Blue Room, Mackenzie Hall, Fort Belvoir, and 29 couples were present. Argo, Fagg, Rockfort and Whitcraft were appointed a new Committee, with Argo as the Chairman to arrange the next social gathering. At the party were: Jane and Hap Argo, Dave and Barbara Armstrong, Doug and Peg Atkins, Frank and Bernice Attinger, Charles and Fran Avery, John and Faye Bennet, Harv and Virginia Boyd, Paul and Brook Braucher, George and Elaine Casey, Dave and Kathleen Clymer, Ernie and Eleonora Denz, Larry and Simone Fagg, Del and Ricky Fowler, Don and Betty Fowler, Dick and Pat Groves, Dick and Harriett Hartline, Rusty and Nan Heilbronner, Dick and Ellen Hesse, Bobby and Robin Marlow, Bob and Jane Nelson, Keith and Jane Nusbaum, Hugh and Terry Oppenheimer, Jack and Pat Pettee, Rocky and Betty Rockfort, Walt and Vivian Slazak, Joe and Ruth Van Cleve, Paul and Ruth Wheaton, Dan



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and Peggy Whitcraft, and Dick and Doris Williams.

Bill Taylor as you remember, has been in Walter Reed Hospital with polio, but is now progressing sufficiently to go home each week end. We hope to see him fully recovered very soon.

Some more additions to the ranks of '45 were the arrival of Alice and Bob Burgess' daughter, Gail Marie, born 7 May at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the Ed Gudgel's second girl was born 23 April. They now have a family of two boys and two girls. Ed stayed at Fort Sill after the Advance Course but will go overseas in approximately 6 months. Sally and Bill Wolfe are the proud parents of a boy born in March. Sally is getting ready to go to Okinawa in July as Bill has recently transferred there from Korea.

I see by the orders that Hank Kelly and McAllister are going from Fort Sill to attend the Regular Course at Fort Leavenworth this year.

Bernie Dailey writes from the University of Indiana that he has just taken up the assignment as Asst PMS&T there. He also added that he is now the proud father of two boys and one girl. He planned to attend the West Point Dinner on 25 May at Fort Benjamin Harrison and will drop me a line as to what transpired and whom he saw. "Pops" McNeil, sent me a newsy letter from the West Point Society of North Texas of which Pops is the Secy-Treasurer. Deke Stone, Jack Bowen, Elmer Hazlett, John Reuler, Arch Kimbrough, Duncan Gault, and Basil Brockley—all are in the Society and apparently doing very well also in the business world. Pops is a member of the Million Dollar Round Table and Jack Bowen is Chief Engineer for the Delhi Oil Corp, Wow! Both have materially assisted graduates in the area who are out of the Service and have an active recruiting program to get young men interested in West Point. Thanks for the letter and keep it up. A good word was that almost all plan to attend the Tenth Reunion. We will send out further info on this but for all of you it is not too early to begin making plans.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Larry Fagg (Dr.), D. E. Huseby, Fred Robinson, Steve Olds, or John Leghorn please let me know. We have no address on these men and no way to contact them.

More additions to the growing list of children of the Class: Stuart McIndoe Burnell, third son and fourth child of Shirley and Bates Burnell, was born 5 March 1954 in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, where Bates is

assigned as Asst PMS&T at Carnegie Tech. Anne Therese McGuinness, third child and first daughter of Marjorie and Bill McGuinness, was born on 29 April 1954. Bill is stationed at Clarkson Tech. Jim Herbert crashed through with a lot of news from Indiana. Bob Harmon just graduated from the AG School and he and family (Lois and 2 children) are on their way to Salzburg, Austria. Bill Hughes, who resigned in December, is now living in Falls River, Wisconsin. He and Ethel have four boys. Harold F. (Hatrack) Hogan resigned in November and he and Eunice and three children have moved to Covena, California, where he is with the Insurance Underwriters. Al Hero resigned in November and was just married to Barbara Ferrell in Washington, D. C. Congrats Al and welcome, Barbara, to the Class! Al is working with the State Department now. Thanks Jim. Our June Week crowd was small—as expected this year—but you start making your arrangements for billets now. They cannot be firmed up too early. Lucien Truscott, Jack Pauly and wife Bobby, Ky Murphy, Arch Arnold, Bob and Nancy MacKinnon and George and Bunny Garman were some of the Class who were here during the Week. We had the Class Party on 7 June; and a vote of thanks to H. G. Moore, Bud Weaver, George Adkisson, and Jock McQuarrie—our June Week Committee—for a fine party. I will let you all know more about our plans as we get them firmed up. A last word—and that is send Marty and I your Ten Year Book Questionnaires. We are working on them now and want to get the Book out for June Week 1955. So far our response has been favorable and the Air Force Files have come through nobly. Let's all you groundlings do likewise, don't put it off—send it NOW.

Please remember to pass on the information to any classmates who did not receive our questionnaire. We sent out individual letters to every man at his last known address, and, in many instances, we know the addresses were in error. Your cooperation will certainly help in compiling the information we need.

A follow-up letter from Dubsy is to the effect that Chuck Curtis is going to the JCS in Washington, D. C., McDonough to the Naval Academy, and himself to the University of Virginia for a two year course in International Relations. These men are the first three Army men of our class to complete the Regular Course at Fort Leavenworth.

—Bob Dingeman.

1946

June Week 1954 has come and gone; there are now 8 classes graduated since we ourselves were graduated. At West Point the class had a picnic Sunday evening which I heard about, but was unable to attend. Among the many men I saw at the "Supe's" reception were Ted Braun, F. R. Day, Dick Gruenther, George Patton, Wozencraft, and Ben Boyd. It is my understanding that many more men will be going to West Point this fall, such that our class should have the largest group at the Academy. This will be a great help in planning and executing gala plans for 1956.

With XVI Corps at Sendai, Japan, are Bob and Marjorie Hefferon. Bob is maintenance officer for the corps' ordnance section. This same job Bob performed for the 24th Inf Div when in Korea. He has been overseas since Sept 1952. With the 187 Abn RCT at Beppu, Japan, is Lester Conger. Lester recently led his 2nd Batt, which he commands, in the first mass air drop in the Far East using the new T-10 parachute. On Okinawa Walt Mattox is with the 29th RCT. While in Korea Walt received the Bronze Star. His wife Betty Jane is living at 4861 Art St., San Diego, California.

"Mac" McMillan seems to be the most stationary classmate we have. He has served almost 8 years at Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico. Sue is from Roswell, so that makes it very very nice. The McMillan's first son was born 21 Oct 53, named after his old man. Their daughter, Sue Marie, is now 3½ years old. "Mac" flies a B-50 for SAC.

Ray Gilbert wrote to inform us as to who is stationed at the Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick AFB, Florida. They are: Jim Carbine, Hq 6555th Guided Missile Gp, one son 4 yrs, one daughter 9 mos; Max Feibelman, 69th Pilotless Bomber Sq (light), two daughters 1½ yrs and 1 month; Ray Gilbert, Hq 6555th Guided Missile Gp., one daughter age 2½; Bob McCoy, 8702nd AAU Army Command. Jim, Max, and Ray have all held responsible positions in the development of the MATADOR (B-61) pilotless bomber, as well as training the first two tactical squadrons. McCoy is a liaison project officer for all Army Guided Missiles that are tested at AFMTC. Ray asks that all classmates that may wander by please drop in. They are half way between Jacksonville and Miami. The beach is fine and adequate guest quarters are available through the club. The Officers' Club is just



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across the street from quarters 143, 114A, and 112 in which Jim, Max, and Ray live.

At Aberdeen for the past 2 years has been Ed Drinkwater. For the past year Ed has been Secretary for Staff, Hq, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Jane and Ed have two boys: Skipper, 6, and Billy, 3. Ed leaves this July for graduate school to take Industrial Management at Babson Institute of Business Administration, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Now at Aberdeen are John Mathias; Sharkoff, who has a doctor's degree from MIT; Bill Kiser, transferred from Arty; Bill Culpepper, transferred from Inf; Torgeson just reporting in—transferred from Inf. Wade Kingsbury just graduated from Ordnance Advance Course and is on his way to Purdue to take a graduate course in Engineering. Bob Bassler left this spring for language school and then will go to Military Attache duty in South America.

On 20 Jan 54, at Fort Benning, Georgia, a girl, Carolyn Denise, was born, the first child of Bob and Leura Isbell. Bob now has orders, along with Minor Kelso and Jim McBride, to USAFFE. They were in Advanced One from '53-'54, together with McCarty, Brunson, Blazey, Flores, Peters, Nance, A. P. Wesolowski, Sprague, W. C. Simpson, and many others of our class. Advanced Two, from the Class of 1946, included, among others: Cavanaugh, Kinney and Barthol. Also during the past year at Benning the following had new offspring—McCarty, Spragues, Cavanaugh, and Brunsons.

Murray Putzer is with the 101st Signal Gp that participated last May in the Army's giant logistical maneuver, LOGEX-54 at Camp Pickett, Virginia. David Brown announces the birth of a daughter, Alison Rose, born 6 Dec 53 at Fort Belvoir. He is on his way to FECOM. Major David Smith announces a change of address as of 28 May 54 from Student, California Inst. Tech. to Panama Canal Company, 8764 AAU, APO 834, New Orleans, Louisiana, as Military Ass't to Governor, Canal Zone. Brent Clements sent a short note to tell of Phil's resignation from the Air Force as of 3 June. They have been at Clemson College with AF ROTC for the past two years. After June 8 their address will simply be Paris, Kentucky. They are going to farm—good luck at it! Tom Hirschberg was employed Dec 3, 1953, as a project engineer in the Surface Armament Radar Engineering Dept. of Sperry Gyroscope Co. at Great Neck, Long Island. Tom's last assignment

was with ROTC at William and Mary College. He was separated from the Service last November. Major Clyde Denniston wrote from 24 Bridges Loop, MacDill AFB, Florida, to inform us who else is stationed there. Flying B-47's are Chuck Memminger, Sam Smith and Frank Lester. Sam Greer returned there from Korea, where he flew B-29's. Greer transferred to the Air Force about 3 years ago.

Clyde brought up the subject of a cup for the class "godson". He submitted John Schmitt's son as a candidate. Young John Buckner was born 15 Feb 47. To my knowledge this is correct; that is, John's son was the first boy born to any graduated classmate. I have never received any information to the contrary. I also do not believe a cup, or any document has been officially prepared or presented to John. I will pass on Clyde's letter to the men stationed at West Point, where some action can be taken by as large a group as possible. I ask at this time: if any other man has a son born sooner than 15 Feb 47 please advise; if not, forever hold your peace. My address: Samuel E. H. France, 47 Lewis Lane, Syosset, New York.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

Well, here's the old goat with his *final* writing of the column. Jack Faith, who is to do the honors, took off on leave and bucked this to me, so here goes.

Have had a few personal visits: Bill and Betty Conger came by, Bill's off to Austria. Winky and Mimi Scoville visited prior to Wink's departure for Iceland; my apologies for not mentioning his twins last time, they were born in January giving the Scovilles five. Anne and I were proxies at the christening of Bill and Sarah William's son, Junior. Looking forward to a visit from the Duquemin's prior to their concurrent travel to Austria. Tom and Jacky Hayes send their address: 1420 Langhorne Rd., Lynchburg, Virginia. Joe and Lorine Addison announce a son, Bill, and have a daughter, 5, they are on ROTC duty at Southwest Missouri State College in Springfield, Missouri. Lee Bass sends a new address: 350 W. Heather Drive, Miami 49, Florida. Meade and Anne Wildrick are living at 121 S. Hudson St. in Arlington, and would like to contact some of the class in that area. I made an awful error in the

last *Assembly* by putting Bill Smith in the Air Force. A letter from Bill squares me away, and he's in the Ordnance Corps. Bill includes lots of poop on those who are with him: Bill goes to White Sands, Don Schnepf to Sandia, both from Purdue; Will Clark to White Sands, Hank Paul to Aberdeen, Lou Rackmeller to Redstone, these three from Stanford; from Penn State Don Steinger goes to Picatinny, and Don Burton's destination is unknown to Bill; from MIT both Dick Sforzini and Ike Snyder are coming to West Point. Smitty goes on to say that Hal Richardson is at Purdue for another year, Paul Callan for 3 more months, and Frank Kremser (AF) got ordered to Johnson Island in the Pacific. Willy Knipe's been transferred to White Sands. Thanks Bill for lots of poop from the not much heard of gang with Ordnance.

A news release from Korea shows Ronnie Heiser with KMAG.

The class is beginning to flock back here for assignment. Joe D. Johnston and Jim Edington recently arrived and are assigned to Tac Dept. Wayne Hauck and Ike Snyder have been seen around, Wayne to Ordnance Dept, Ike to Math.

June Week festivities saw only a few returnees from our class, but we had our gatherings and invited the class of '48 to join us. Saturday nite we went to Henry's in Cornwall and took the place over. Those present included Jack and Jill Faith, Pat and Arnold Tucker, Doc and Jody Blanchard, Bob and Lenore Curtis with Bob's parents, Anne and Meade Wildrick, Jim and Kay Johnson, Wally and Pauline Veaudry, Ken and Althia Hatch, Dick and Barbara McAdoe, Al and Pat Haig, Bill and Marjorie Henry, Hank Emerson with a cute drag, Betty Jane Murphy, Doug and Barbara Weaver, and Lock and Peg Bentley. Bert Brennan was very much in evidence in that during the dinner he announced his engagement to his very lovely girl, Mary Farabaugh; G. G. Kent was forced to give his interpretation of "Dangerous Dan." Anne and I enjoyed the dinner, drinks and dancing with the whole gang.

On Sunday nite everyone traveled to the Proctoria estate in Central Valley for a picnic, where the group was joined by Jack and Betty Schuder.

Here's as much poop as I could gather from those present: the Henry's are off to Europe. They have two daughters, Susie and Debbie. The Dick Dunlaps have three sons and expect overseas orders from Sill soon; Don Dexter is C.O. of an "Honest



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John" battery; Bill and Doris Sullivan are departing Sill for Monterey, California, to study Russian; Bob and Margot Koch are at Sill, Bob is aide to the CG and Margot has presented him a son, Josh; Ted Spiker is with the OCS at Sill; Pat Haskin is living in Lawton, awaiting Doc's return from Korea. Thanks to Bill Henry for Arty coverage.

The Veaudrys leave West Point in August for the Advanced Course at Benning; Bob and Jane Short are in Europe as Ass't. S-3 Div., Arty.

From Belvoir we see Pete and Frank Boerger preparing for FECOM, Pete Karter and the Bing Perry's, with 2 daughters, to EUCOM. And arriving from MIT for the advanced course are Sam Starobin, Norm Rosen, C. C. Jacobsen, Bleiman and Wellborn.

McGee is off to St. Louis; Jim Cosgrove is out of the Service; Meadows is at Fort Sam Houston; Dick Allen is taking a 2 year course in Aeronautical Engr. at MIT.

Anne and I lost an infant son, David, on 15 June, shortly after he was born. I am staying on with the Dep't. of Tactics for a brief period of time until the advanced course at Benning in January. That's it for now.

—Bill Cooper.

1948

If every word was written in this column that was received this past three months there would not be enough to fill up three inches. If you all don't do better I am going to write about my boy and his antics chasing the chickens and cows here on the farm. He gives them fits.

However Charlie French saved me this time with a timely letter. He and his wife Dottie are now in Columbus, Ohio, where Charlie is working as a civilian in the Batelle Memorial Institute. That institution is a research organization independent of government supervision. He moved there in December after his resignation was effective—and, after buying a house, began to see what it was like out in the world again. They now have three children, two boys and a girl. Charlie Shook is also a civilian and is working for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, New York in the Industrial Engineering Division. He and Betty Ann have a son and I understand are in the process of building a house up there. Bill

Cook, Donna and new baby are out of the Service and are in Akron, Ohio, where he is working for one of the rubber companies. Bill Lyon and family are in Columbus, Ohio, where Bill is an instructor in the Air R.O.T.C. Department at Ohio State University. Gene Bierer is an instructor at Western Michigan College and assistant P.M.S.&T. He and Lois had a son born on April Fool's day of this year. They are in Kalamazoo, Michigan—address 1120 Weaver Avenue.

Some others about whom we have heard but little other than where they are include those at Armored Advanced, Fort Knox: Tom and Betty Bowen and daughter; Ed and Mary Nelson, two daughters; and Perry and Sue Sykes, with three children. Those at Fort Sill in the Advanced Artillery are: Bud Wagoner, Jane and one son; Bob and Sally Marshall, with a boy and girl.

A note from Randall-Daniel Beirne tells about assignments from Benning and those now there. Beirne, Doody, Hoyt, Phil Day, and Sam Holliday are slated to go to Europe. Fran Schless and Red Maple go to Panama. Houston MacMurray goes to Newfoundland. Others at Benning are Stubby Clarke, Punk Hartnell, Wally Williams, Tom Hazard, Ken Ruddy, John Wadsworth, Les Carter, Dave Mallett, Reese Jones, Jack Osteen, Pete Peterson, Dave Garrison, Ed Callanan, Bill Patch and Bill Caldwell.

Jack and Marie Capps sent out cute announcements of their newest addition, and if I could find my copy I would have the thing printed but after looking the place over decided it must have gotten lost. I also have here an announcement of Wally Hubbard's wedding, which took place the 7th of April in San Francisco to Constance Koster. No other details do we have now.

If Charlie French will give me address in Columbus I may be able to see him on my trip through there. I have to go that way to Chicago quite often and may get a chance to stop.

Any news is appreciated and will be passed on. I hate to have the shortest column in every issue but it looks like it cannot be helped.

—Charley Nash,
Alderson, West Virginia.

1949

What a Reunion! We all had a grand time at the Reunion during June Week,

and a great deal of thanks go to the class committee which formulated the plans and did the work for the rest of us. Included in this committee are Keith Sickafoose, Lou Bayard, Jack Hammack, Bob Nulsen, Dean Dickinson, Dick Schoeneman, Art Gerometta, Bob O'Brien and Bill Ross. Everything was timed perfectly and we had a good turnout for all events. Saturday night there was a cocktail party and dinner at Stewart Field, from which most of us did not get home 'til the "wee hours" of the morning, so all of you know we had a good time, and Sunday a very nice picnic was planned on Constitution Island.

A class meeting was held Saturday at which a number of decisions about class policies and projects were made and discussed. First, the class members attending the meeting approved the principles of a class contribution toward a plaque dedicated to graduates killed in the Korean War. This memorial will be erected in Cullum Hall probably by the summer of 1955. The cost per name is \$15 or a total cost to our class of approximately \$500. The Alumni Association has requested that all classes make a contribution. Secondly, there was some discussion with regard to a more personal memorial to all our deceased classmates. It was finally decided to appoint a committee to investigate the idea of a small educational fund for the children or a class plaque in the projected Pershing Hall, which may be built in 1960 or later.

Of course, there are many complications to establishing a fund, but generally it was thought that perhaps \$300 could be set aside for each child for uniforms, etc., in anticipation of entering West Point. The committee expects to have results of its investigation within the next year. Third, and most important, it was suggested by Bill Gustafson, class president, to set up a general committee at West Point. This organization would be able to handle class reunions, projects, and finances, on a more permanent basis, since tours at the Academy are fairly well stabilized at three years. It was decided that all of the actions of the committee would be subject to the approval of the class president. If anyone has any suggestions or constructive criticism with regard to these decisions, it would be appreciated if he would write to Class of 1949 Committee, Box 44, West Point, New York.

Projects established for the coming year are as follows: a. A Navy Game Reunion at Philadelphia next Fall. b. An investigation of chances for a Sixth Annual Reunion next



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June Week. c. A study to be made as a result of John Poulson's suggestion that the class give a present, such as a ceremonial saber, to sons of the Class of '49 who graduate from the Academy.

For those interested in the finances of the class—as to date, we have approximately \$500 in the class fund, which is deposited in the Highland Falls Bank. This is after all Reunion expenses have been removed.

Since a class committee has now been established, its members urge that any or all classmates who have any suggestions as to its administration or projects for the class submit them from time to time.

A current class directory has been established by the committee, so anyone desiring same can write either the Alumni Office or write the Class Committee, and I am sure they will forward one to you immediately. The following is a list of classmates who were at the Reunion: Swantz, Ellertrope, Surut, Connell, Johnson, Spillers, Katz, Gorog, Kennedy, Marks, Heesacker, Stender, Howell, Smith (Russell), English, Dickinson, Steffy, Nelson, Barton, Poulson, Culbertson, Hawn, Tracy, Huber, Lampell, Wagner, Schoeneman, Orton, Bryant, Hansen, Suttle, Reed, Gustafson, Main, Dederich, Gerometta, Raabe, Nigro, Jamison, Kimball, Stansberry, Norby, Gower, Goodwin, Seney, Brown (Allan), Bender, Klemmer, Dow, Ennis, Millett, Goering, Hoot, St. Clair, Overton, Ross, Morton, Campbell, Maihafer, Stemple, Mechling, MacKenzie, Sencay, Saalfeld, Krasko, Cassler, O'Brien, Sickafoose, Browne (Lewis), Benitez, Metzger, Smythe, Walter, Robison, Baker, McDonald, Greenleaf, Vander Voort, and Bayard.

One other item of interest, I believe—congratulations should go out to Jack Albert, who was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A. for a three year term. Jack is being transferred to West Point, June 15th, to instruct in Ordnance. A movement is on to establish younger graduates on the Board of Trustees, and I believe if you will read the minutes of the Association's Annual Meeting, you will get the complete story.

Recently we had quite a few resignations in the class and the following are a list of those whom we know about and what occupations they have chosen: Orton, George—in Civil Service at Williamsburg, Virginia. Steffy, Joe—Salesman for Buick

agency in Newburgh. Bryant, Goble—Sells for bag manufacturing company in Newburgh. Seney, Howard—Salesman for Chevrolet agency in Newburgh. MacKenzie, R. Alec—Lawyer in Washington, D. C. Bondurant, Frank—In Harvard Business School. Hammack, Jack—Digging oil wells near Dallas. McDonald, John—In business with father in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Goering, Al—In business with his father in Cincinnati, Ohio. Baker, Tom—Will be going to Harvard Business School. Gorog, Bill—Research and development work with Bulova. Barber, Sam—Real Estate agent in Kansas City, Missouri. Birch, Francis—Chemical Engineer with DuPont in East Chicago, Illinois. Cheever, Chas.—In law school (address: Austin, Texas). Bunn, Charles—Aircraft gas turbine work with General Electric. Gustafson, Bill—Sales work with U.S. Steel, Pittsburgh. Stemple, Bill—With Rohm & Hass Co., Philadelphia. Van Westenbrugge, Gerrit—Travelers Insurance Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Overton, D. D.—Factory Supt. in Andrews, South Carolina.

For those of you who return to West Point for a visit—the first Tuesday noon of every month, the class meets at the Officers' Club for a meeting and luncheon. So if you can make your plans accordingly, it would be a good opportunity to see most of the classmates who are stationed at West Point.

Now for some news of other classmates—Chamberlain, Marr, Ivy, Rice and Simpson are observers on B-36's. Gene Mechling is flying F-86's out of Alexandria. "Ab" Greenleaf is at Princeton taking Social Science, and Dick Connell is at M.I.T. John Rasmussen is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, and is participating in the combined air ground training maneuvers. Charlie Lehner is at Fort Hood, Texas, and is taking part in the large scale Army training maneuvers being held there. Marty Appelbaum and Winnie Walker have resigned, and Dick Rumney has been assigned to teach chemistry at U.S.M.A. this year.

A letter from Frank Wolak says he is still stationed at Sandia Base, and that he and Fred Gallagher and Jim Stansberry all made Captain on their last promotion.

A. B. Culbertson recently announced his engagement to a girl from Providence, Rhode Island, and is being married in July.

Kenny Miller recently resigned and is now working for Western Electric in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and also has announced his engagement and is being married in August. Ted Swett recently sent in the news from Germany that they had just returned from a trip to Paris and had seen Bruce Peters and Johnny Woodson. Peters is returning to West Point either this year or next to teach French. Drummond, Anderson and Pfeiffer are all stationed at Frankfurt; however, Drummond is now a civilian and working for the Government. Dave Arnold is stationed at Temple-dorf Air Base in Berlin.

Bob Nelson and Bob Kurtz are attending structural dynamics at the University of Illinois.

I understand that Carver Woods is now out of the Service and is selling automobiles in South Carolina. Fred and Dolly Johnson had a son about six months ago, and Fred is still working for Armour in Hackensack, New Jersey. Harry Griffith called while he was on the turnpike going west on his way to California Tech. He recently completed the Advanced Infantry Course at Fort Benning.

Keep the news coming as everyone asked about YOU at the Reunion. Everyone is interested in what YOU are doing, and I shall make every effort to get all of the news in the next column. Those of us who were at the Reunion were sorry the rest of you could not have been there, but we will plan to see you at the Tenth!

—John I. Saalfeld.

1950

Harvard University—13 June 1954. Just watched Jackie Gleason on TV—Traveling music Sam—and Away we go! For another quarterly news report on the who's who and the what's what of '50. Rose, I, and our three girls left Belvoir a couple of weeks ago and have just settled ?? at HAAVAAD for a year's tour, so you won't see many more pictures of class parties at Belvoir unless Nancy Brinkerhoff sends some to me. Several classmates are attending the Engineer Advanced Course this year so there should be plenty of activity there. Wherever any group of '50 is gathered



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someone please send in some pictures. That's as good an excuse for a party as any. I believe that *Assembly* will publish more than one picture if I cut down on the gab.

At any rate, news for this issue came from Bill Davis, Dick Lorette, Norm Hubbard, Al Crawford, Marion Nicolay, (Pete's wife), Ginny Faurer (Link's wife), Kelly Veley's wife, Sid Wright, Les Holcomb, Gerry Monson, Joe Love, Ralph Stevenson, and a D-1 Newsletter from Tom Fife. Before we get into these letters, however, I want to give you the names of Army list of classmates who recently made Captain. They are: Boyd Bashore, Al Fern, Phil Harper, Ray Maladowitz, John Shaffer, Bill Steinberg, Dwight Adams, John Begley, Bill Berry, Art Blair, Toady Dreisenstock, John Fahy, Russ Glenn, Will Henn, Dick Hunt, Jack Hurst, Burke Lee, Bruce Leiser, Buddy Pritchett, Frank Sailer, George Shaffer, Rufe Smith, Will Hill Tankersley, Francois Therrien, Jim Trayers, John Ufner, Volney Warner, Eddie West, Jack Wheatley, George Ball, Tom Barry, Dick Bastar, Charles Dickerson, Lou Dixon, Roy Easley, Phil Fischer, John Howard, Lin Mather, Phil Samsey, Jere Sharp, Sam Smithers, Ed Mastaglio, Phil Bolte, Bob Cheney, Gus Dielens, Dave Hughes, Dunc Joy, Gerry Kelley, George Lear, Emmett Lee, and Ben Lewis. Congratulations one and all. There should be several more by the end of the summer, so don't give up yet.

Combining a little news from Bill Davis and Les Holcomb, both at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, we have all been extended an open invitation to drop in on them if we're in that area going to or returning from the Far East. Francois and Lily Therrien are there also and as I understand the invitation one of the three couples will "meet us at the dock or airfield with leis, hula girls, martinis, or whatever is desired." Quotes are by Bill Davis.

Dick Lorette, at Castle AFB, California, writes that with him are the Bob Whiting's and the Gerry Rusch's. Both Bob and Gerry are on TDY at other bases, making the transition from B-50's to B-47's.

Fort Monmouth news was covered in letters from Al Crawford and Norm Hubbard. In various assignments at that post are Dick Wyrrough, who will soon go to Georgetown U and then to USMA to teach Social Sciences; Shorty Gaillard, just finishing the Company Officers Course; Lou Dixon on the Signal Corps Board; Dud Fischer, bound for France in the near future; Neal Kindig and Joe Buccolo, after a months course at the NBC-TV Studios in NYC are now at Camp Gordon, Georgia, supervising a project on the new idea of "Education by TV"; George Fullerton taking a Signal Detachment to Camp Buckner this summer to instruct the Yearlings, and then with Al Crawford going to Stanford to study for an MS in Electronics; Bob Leary in G-3, awaiting orders to Harvard or Syracuse; John Wassenberg and Jim Ross, presently company commanders, will leave soon for civil schooling assignments; Grady Banister, aiding General Guest, will also go to civil school; Dick Kramer left Monmouth for an assignment with Signal Corps Career Management at the Pentagon; Lou Hansotte, presently an ROTC instructor at the U. of Maine; Reed Davis recently turned in his crossed flags for crossed rifles; Norm Hubbard, incidentally, was married last summer to the former Dahl Starker of San Antonio. Of those from the Signal Corps who have resigned are Ed Bell, who is working for Bell Telephone; Jack Wagner, selling industrial metal castings in and around Philly; Irv Steinberg, working in NYC; Leroy Shreve, going to school in

Virginia; and Hal Nabhan (don't know what he's doing as yet).

From Marion Nicolay comes word that Pete is now out of the Service and working as a research engineer for North American Aviation. They're living in Van Nuys, California, so classmates in and around the LA area are cordially invited (by Marion not me) to look them up. Before they left Okinawa they saw Joan and Norm Smedes, Walt Hester, Benny Davis, Bob and Gloria Smith, and while on leave in Japan they saw Bob and Glory McBride, and Gay and Shirley Thomas.

From Tokyo, Faurer's wife Ginny sent some poop on the last Founders Day Dinner. Attending were Link, Ward Hemenway, Bob Roberts, G. G. Thomas, Ev True, John McCormick, and Ralph Pinto. Miscellaneous news—Hal Gottesman has returned to civilian life and is now in New Jersey; Bill Stewart was married last December in Spokane, Washington (to whom, Bill?); and Sandy and Bob Henry are stationed at Mitchell AFB, New York.

K. T. Veley's wife, in Laon, France, writes that she and Kelly are about to return to the ZI. Remaining there will be Dick Drury, Ed Melton, Deck Weight, and Matt Henrikson, all of whom were promoted to Captain last February.

Sid Wright, who has been a civilian since last November, is living in Indianapolis, Indiana, and extends a welcome to classmates passing through. Sid has seen Hank Gilbert, who is also out of the Service and living in Highland Park, Illinois, and Archie Wood, who is studying Instrumentation Engineering at MIT.

Gerry Monson just completed the Observer Course at Waco and is now back at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. He expects to be a co-pilot on a B-47 crew in the near future. Howie Reinsch went to Kansas from Waco after his Observer Course.

Joe Love, presently at Fort Myer, is going to the U. of Virginia for a year or two for his Masters in International Relations and then to USMA to teach Social Sciences. He has either seen or heard about the following classmates: Bob Gard, enroute from Korea to Fort Bliss (the long way around); Toady Dreisenstock, Reg'l Commo Officer of the 3rd Inf; Shorty Adams, Ass't S-3 and a White House Aide on the side; Ken Murphy, CO of Co. "C"; Paul Gorman and Jay Durst, both ready to teach Social Sciences this year; Tom Wickham to follow in a year; Blackie Bolduc to the Sorbonne in Paris and then to the French Dept.; and George Vlisides to the Tactical Dept. in July. Joe wanted to assure us all that the new Army green uniform will be a big improvement over the present OD's. Pinks and Greens will go out in '59 or '60, but not before.

Ralph Stevenson at Walker AFB, New Mexico saw Bob Smith, a very recent returnee from Okinawa, enroute to Biggs AFB, Texas, and Joe Green, who is looking fine after his tour as a POW, now on his way to Nellis AFB, Nevada. Two more Air Force promotions—to Captain—Ralph Stevenson and Dick Slay.

D-1's Newsletter by Tom Fife reads something like this (condensed): Tom is aiding General Waters at Fort Knox; Gordo Franklin recently married, finished No. 1 in his Ranger Class at Benning is now instructing there, and recently saw the Linds, Vannoys, and Schoppers at Bragg; Tom Brandon at the Infantry School; Dick Keller in the logging industry in the Northwest; Denny Roush in an Engineer District assignment at Hamilton AFB, California; George Shaffer at Knox, also in an Engineer District assignment; Walt Vannoy, a civilian teaching Physics at VMI; and Bill

Ward and Bruce Petree, still at Knox. Tom was given a ride in a jet recently by Buz Baxter—no reflection on Buz's "driving", but, "never again," said Tom!!

Ben and Malvene Lewis went up to West Point for the Graduation Parade on 7 June and ran into Archie Wood, Ty Tandler, Monte Coffin, Mac Chandler (aiding General Irving), Marv and June Rees, Nel Thompson (with the 1802nd), Shorty Gaillard, Lloyd Darland, and Jack Maxwell (who was "casually" passing through).

Babies??? You bet. FD hats to Link and Ginny Faurer (twins, no less), the K. T. Veleys, Sid and Wink Wright, and Evelyn and Hersch Chapman (2nd boy). Pink Bonnets to Dick and Debbie Lorette (2 girls), Al and Bettie Crawford (one of each), Bob and Glory McBride, Phil and Helene Barger, Ralph and June Stevenson (2nd girl), Nina and Tut Parmly, Marsh and Marion Talbott, George and Bev Shaffer, and Bob and Lee Werner.

That's about it for now—I'll write Bill DeGraf, who will be reporting to WP soon to be an instructor, and ask him to work up something for a Fifth Reunion next June. I'll keep you posted on the developments. Keep writing!!!

—Lou Genuario.

1951

After last issue's deluge of news from everywhere, the mailbag seemed a little thinner this time. Over the coming period, however, there should be numerous changes of station, so we'll hope for a more complete coverage next time.

Some new gals have joined '51: Barbara Jean Dent and Nort Parks were married at Camp Drake, Japan, last August 1st; Susan Bullock and Ron Roberge listened to wedding bells in San Francisco on the 6th of March; and Jane Graves and Hank Otten picked Alhambra, California, for their wedding on the 24th of April. Welcome and best wishes from all of '51.

News may have been thin but the stork continued to be active with the score one girl to four boys. (That's a prolific outfit in Europe). David Andrew got quarters with Marty and George Reid on 8 March in Wurzburg, Germany. Gerald Martin beat him to it and reported to Joyce and Max Scheider on the 16th of February in Germany. John Joseph to Eda Theresa and John Maroney on the 13th of March. The Jack Ross's raised their present for duty strength by one when Donald Wayne arrived on the 23rd of May in Heidelberg, Germany. A second son, Robert George, dropped in on Eleanor and George Scheuerlein on the 28th of May in Memphis, Tennessee.

Have recently heard of the presentation of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to BSMs for Guy Jester, at TES, and Gerry Carlson, at Fort Campbell. News came also of the award of the Commendation Ribbon to Phil Cuny for work with the 518th Radio Relay Co. while in Korea. Congratulations all.

Incidentally, the photo in the last issue was by courtesy of Pete Thorsen with some appropriate comments which weren't included due to a last minute rush. Of the group Ted Atkeson was to have been married this past April 17th. Heard that the Denmans have a new baby girl but no details. Absent from the merrymaking were Ed Van Keuren, John Hook, and Bill Woodson of the 517th AFA Bn, who were acting as train commanders on their way to 4th Div FTX. There, but not mentioned in previous notes, were Elmer Birdsey of the 519th FA Bn, Herb Roth with the 32nd

AAA Brigade in England, Frank Winfield, who is the guiding light for the 36th FA Gp's baseball club, Larry Mintz heading up the 142nd FA Gp Honor Guard in addition to assistant 3ing for the 194th FA Bn, and Jim Brett, who is with the 14th Arm Cav Regt in Fulda Gap. Rumor has it that Otto Doerflinger recently pulled down a "Superior" in an IG inspection of his HQ Btry, 36th FA Gp.

Gerry Tausch writes that Rollo recently took over the aiding chores for Major General Hodes, CG VII Corps in Stuttgart.

George Psihas writes from his corner of Europe that he and Bruce Robertson are waiting for Pete and Pat Clay to arrive. Pete is now aiding General McDaniel, assigned to Izmir, Turkey. George held the honor for a Founders Day speech—he decided after checking the brass on his shoulders.

Back to the ZI, and I should mention that Hank Otten did the honors for Ron Roberge at his wedding.

Guy and Bert Jester recently finished a bank breaking stay in NYC, attempting to put together a film on field fortifications at the Army's "Hollywood". Brooks Martin recently became Aide to Major General Collier, CG of Fort Knox. News has indirectly arrived that Pete Pazderka has transferred to the Engineers. Charley Gildart, back from Korea, is now at TAS, Fort Sill. Pete Beczkiewicz, now Exec of the 278th RCT's Tank Co., spent numerous days roving the countryside on "Flash Burn". George Meighen, aiding at Fort Jackson, writes that Phil Gwynn and Dick Breakiron round out the class contingent. (Plug: two Smoky City boys in the same spot).

Nice note came in from Joe Smith, who's thrashing around the "Everglades" in the Jacksonville District. Writes he is without classmates except for having seen his brother-in-law, Ernie Peixotto, and sister, Libby, now at Fort Hood.

Dan Wardrop, recently a captive of marital bliss, writes from Fort Belvoir where he's S-3 for the 71st AAA (Missile) Bn. Dan, Bill Depew, Bob Howes, and John Derrick were at GM school at Fort Bliss around the same time. Present whereabouts of the last few unknown.

Notes from Fort Monmouth show Chuck Satuloff and Barney Zwerling as company COs in the Student Regt. Bill Edler has been attending the Company Officer's Course at TSS and Mike Simpson is Exec of the 501st Signal Co. Mike writes that he ran into Howdy Williams, Pat Lynch, Art Scalise, Pat Patillo, Paul Summers, John Byers, Frank Waldman, and Dick Perry, while on "Flash Burn".

News from the Fort Campbell contingent includes Des O'Keefe's freakish introduction to terra firma when he was whipped up and down by the wind for about a mile on a landing. Willie Grugin and Jim Boatner, company COs in the 508th RCT, have moved in. Willie was married in the fall of '52 to Betty Hale, while there with the 11th Abn Div. The 2d Bn of the 188th AIR has Chris Rupp, Ed Peters, Bob Volk, and Howie Snyder, all as company commanders.

Word from the Ranger School indicates George Gividen is doing a bang-up job as instructor in unarmed combat. George lost a leg due to machine gun fire while on a patrol on "Heartbreak" Ridge in the fall of '52.

Hank and Jane Otten are settled in Highland Falls gloating over the prospects of leading the blind in MT&G this year. Bob Johnson and wife are living in Cornwall, where he's contemplating an instructor's-eye view of math.

Pat and I spent Saturday of this June Week at the Rock and ran in to Carlos

Mena and wife, looking every inch prosperous civilians, and Bill Samuelson just back from Europe, having resigned, and heading for Harvard Law School. Later, while quaffing some refreshment at the Thayer with Bob Johnson, Roy (the walking party) Herte came by bringing glad tidings of life in our Nation's Capital, including Tom Harrold's recent wedding (details?) and informal monthly parties where the elite gather from far and near, Bragg included. Couldn't linger but I understand that on Monday about 15 gathered at Herte's.

Had an opportunity to spend a pleasant evening with Chuck and Roxy Ewing, on leave here in Philly. They're headed for the Chicago District.

Sel Graham and Bob Fitch have resigned. Likewise Delmar Ring, now en route to the U. of Minnesota for Industrial Engineering.

Al and Carolyn Brantley, on a vacation to the coast, were on Bob Crosby's TV Show and won a 21 inch TV set. Brant is on his way to Japan for an extended tour. They mentioned seeing Buzz Aldrin in Las Vegas, looking good and planning a marriage.

Very little news from that charming area known as the Orient this time. George and Shirley Harman, and two year old son, are holding forth at Eta Jima, where George is Assistant Post Engineer and Purchasing and Contracting Officer. George, Howie Steele, and the Foldbergs had an evening together in Washington Heights chewing the fat. Jim Keeley, with new wife (details?) were seen promenading in front of the Imperial Hotel. Jim's with the 187th Abn RCT. Nort and Barbara Parks are living in Kichijoji, Japan. He has been Exec of Repl Co "D" at Camp Drake.

That winds up this issue. News, no matter how old, is always welcome to the guy 1,000 miles in the other direction, so if you will write this time to Lieutenant R. L. Harris, 7411 Perryville Ave., Ben Avon, Pittsburgh 2, Pennsylvania (changing station) we'll pick up where we left off.

—Buck.

1952

In memory of Terrell B. Mallard, our Class President, who died February 17, 1954, in a plane crash near Inchon, Korea, nine days after he joined the Fifth Air Force in the Far East. We sincerely regret the loss of our close friend and a fine officer, and send our deepest sympathies to Sue and the twin girls, who were born after Tex left for the Far East.

Congratulations to Adrian and Herb Hollander, proud parents of Cheryl Lynn, born 16 September at the Academy Hospital. Herb is in Korea and expects to return to the States this summer. Adrian sends the following news: Bill Copthorne also in Korea; Mary Lou and Ed Reinhalter have a girl, Fay, born 16 September; Bob and Beverly Rounding are stationed at MacGuire AFB; Metz Seebach is doing well and anxious for mail. His address is 4317 Fessenden Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Charlotte and Doug Slingerland have a daughter, Nancy Lynn, born 19 December. Doug is in Japan and hopes to be joined soon by Charlotte and Nancy. Thanks for the letter, Adrian.

Elizabeth Moore was born to Betty and Bob Durie on 2 March 1954. Congratulations! Bob is with G Co., 25th Division. Susie and Don Richardson have a daughter, Susan Lacey, born 6 October. Don is with the Fifth Air Force and says the Founders Day Dinner was very entertaining. Seems

as though Luddy Harrison's nimble wit was a contribution. John Claybrook, with the 24th Division, Speed Hulley, Gaylord Sluga, Bob Ray, Dick Wiles, Lope Rimandó, Doug Slingerland and Don represented the class.

Nib and Mid Niblack, Bob and Jackie Richardson, Crawfish (Ray) and Juanita Koestner are with the 14th Air Rescue Group in San Bernadino, California.

Richard Lang, Ed Horan, and Jim Jaggers have arrived in Okinawa for a tour of duty. The wives, Sally in Deland, Florida, Jean in Burlingame, California, and Cherie in Troy, Alabama, are awaiting their return. Ed wears the CIB, UN and Korean Ribbons, and Jim has the CIB, Bronze Star, UN, Korean, and Commendation Ribbons.

Barbara and George Beiser have a son, Geoffrey William, born 10 October. Tom Ayers, John Garver, Ralph Garver, Bruce Pickering, Joe Wasiak, Bill Boyles and George made an evening of the Founders Day at Quarry Heights, C. Z. Ralph says the group gathers frequently to spread the recent gossip. Let's hear more of the chatter.

Bernadine Dorman, of Paterson, New Jersey, and Al Crehan were married on 24 April 54. Gil Burns attended the ceremony. Al, having had bad luck for a while, is now on the last leg of training to get his wings. He, Tom Walls, Ken Simonet, Bob Tanguy, Jim Aldredge, Frank Keilt and Hank Oliphant are at Bryan Air Force Base, Texas. Chuck Wallis sends word from Oxford that he saw Don and Jo Nixon, and that John and Jane Macik are stationed at Brife Norton, a nearby air field, and Lou and Ann Arnold near Cambridge. Chuck says there's no comparison between the Point and English Universities. The grading system is the most evident difference, but he made no minor issue of the fact that the University is co-ed. Chuck will be at Oxford another year. We're glad to receive your letters, Chuck. Keep us posted.

Patti Leggett says the stork visited Joanne and Charlie Hoenstine, leaving Susan Beth on 24 March. He also dropped Gail Ann on the doorstep of Ann and Bill Linkenhoger on 4 April. Patti and their daughter hope to join Tom in Japan with the 5th Cavalry soon.

Jerry Gibb's letter from Korea says Bill Walker, Jack Pilk, Charlie Hoenstine and he are in close vicinity of each other. The four have had identical assignments since graduation. Jerry met George Tickle while on neighboring hills.

Jack Witherell writes a very interesting bit of news from Bangkok, Thailand, where he has been assigned since October 53. Aside from the colorful traditions, unusual land, and many Buddhist temples, which are year-round attractions, Jack recommends Thailand for winter vacations—if you have the means. You have an enviable assignment, Jack. Thanks for your letter.

Wedding bells rang for June Henry of Clemson, South Carolina, and John Conner on 13 March 54. John, Tom Fiala, Harry Dutchyshyn, Jim Lee—all having served in the same Aviation Engr Bn in Korea—are with SCARWAF, at Wolters Air Force Base, Texas, with the exception of Jim who is at Camp Beale, California, with SCARWAF.

George Miller and Charlie Michel are on neighboring hills in Korea. George will return to the States this summer.

Tom Murphy, flying C-82's from Japan, sees Warren Hayford, John Kenney, Paul Malone and Ralph Gardner frequently making jumps. He also says he sees Steve Swatt, who is flying B-36's in the Far East. Thanks for the news, Tom.

Jack Hettinger's letter from Korea added many names and locations to our growing locator cards. Thanks for the roster,

Jack; also for the news that Bob Korcheck is wearing the Silver Star and Bronze Star with "V". Kerm Bell, in Korea, mentions a visit with Gene Flanagan recently. Dottie Cole sends news from Japan of Walt and Marty Ulmer, Mal and Carol Craig, Hodge Hodgskin, Bill Sadler, Glen Palmer, Bert Kidwell, Ed and Ann Gilbert, Don Bradley, Craig Alderman, and Ollie Bovard in her letter. Thanks, Dottie.

Sue Tiemann and Champ Edwards were married on 19 September 1953, with Marty Celec as best man. Marty added news of the wedding of Carolyn Gunn and Bill Gordon on 28 November 1953, and word from Bob Haras (ex-Harasymowicz) in Korea, Lew Churchill at MacGuire Air Force Base, and Frank Pimentel at Andrews Air Force Base. Marty is presently stationed at Pagwa, Ontario.

Congratulations again to all the newlyweds and new parents. News is brief, but we hope to hear from more of you before next issue. Write and let us spread your news to all of the Class.

Best wishes—

—“Willy.”

1953

Since I received some news from the wives for a change, I think I will start out with their brave contributions (most of them said, “I am not in the habit of writing strange men, etc.”). Kitty Heiberg wrote that she and Vald are the proud parents of a red-headed, 7½ lb. daughter named Kathryn Anna. Vald was a platoon leader of an Engr. Bn. of the 40th Inf. Div. in Korea, however, he has now been assigned to the Military Advisory Group. Norm Delbridge has been a First Lieutenant since Dec. (Congrats, Norm!). Kitty said that Max Noah, Rog Peterson, and Vald all got together and drove over to 2nd Div. to see Rod Smith. Kitty also gave me a hint about Rog Peterson's love life. Seems that Rog is going to marry Elizabeth McDaniel. The event will take place in Dec. at which time Rog's goose will be cooked in Turkey.

Polly Fowler wrote that she and Roy were married in March at West Point. Jim and Ginny Currie and David Wells were there. Shirley Lammie dropped a card to let me know that Jim is a commander of an Engr. Co. in Korea.

* Frances Ramsay let me know that Don, who is C.O. of a company in Korea, has been keeping up the reputation of the Engineers. Besides the usual construction projects, Don participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for rebuilding the Chuncheon high school. He was one of the honored guests, and received a bouquet of artificial flowers. Don has seen John Martin and Walt Schmidt since going over. Frances sees Larry Davis every now and then. Larry is at Fort Dix, but in March he made a trip to St. Louis to make sure that Bob Martin got married right. Fred Siebert and Jack Hayes were ushers. Bob and Ellie headed straight for Camp Carson. Frances is very wisely occupying her time until Don comes home by finishing at Wellesley.

Ruth Brain sent news about Tom. He is Exec. Officer of a F.A. Battery at Fort Benning. They have run into Dick Tchou and Bob Schroeder. Both are Europe bound this summer. Jay Tanzer and Sam Fisher have recently moved to Benning from Camp Rucker. Jean and Bob Glasgow are there also. Ruth said they had a visit from Frank and Deane Gay on their way to Orlando, Florida, and also expected Betty and Bill Sutton en route from Fort Hood to Europe. John Smythe is at Hood, and Jo

Ellen and Keith Born are now at Camp Carson but are soon going to Alaska. Ruth said they have lost contact with Al and Gertie Todd, as well as Don and Dorrie McNutt. If any of you all see this, you can reach Tom and Ruth at: 12C Battle Park, Columbus, Georgia.

Here is the latest list of new arrivals that I have received notices of: Bob and Marilyn Karns had a 7½ lb. boy, Scott Allen, in June; to Jo Ellen and Keith Born, a girl, Cynthia; to Saffer Heir Lines (Morton and Sarell), a boy, Joseph Thomas; Jim and Toffy Eubanks, a boy, David Cameron; Hugh and Bobbie Hall, a boy, Jeffrey Marshall; to the Jo Sammons, a girl, Patsy Jean; Mary and Dick Young, a girl, Laurie Ann; Shirley and Dick Durham, a girl, Katherine Shirley; the Art Phipps, a girl, Lenore Elizabeth; to Carol and Bob Bartlett, a boy, Jeffrey Gordon; to the Thomas McGregors, a boy, Thomas Thayer. I am going to take it upon myself to announce that Charles and Margaret Ann Zipp win the cup with Charles Albert Zipp 3rd, who will be the class godson. I will get details of the presentation later, and a picture of them together if possible.

Jo Sammons sent news from Patrick AFB. Jo is going to Germany as Launch Officer for a Pilotless Bomber Squadron. He is the only man from '53 at Patrick. He said that Vince Araskog is in “Russian Regional Studies” at Harvard. The five Arty men in the 1st Armored Div. are on orders to USAREUR. They are: Howie Thompson, Don Dennis, Dick Young, Bill, Hilley, and Bill Sutton. Henry Purcell sent notice that he is now stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Bud Zimmer wrote of those who attended the Founders Day Dinner at Fort Lewis. They were: Russ and Mary Baker, Gordon and Marylee Curran, Bill and Ann Miotke, Paul and Rose Suplizio, Milt and Marge Chojnowski, Gene and Maureen Tant, Dick and Shirley Durham, George and Tish Zimmer, Jim Bamberg, George Dimtsios, Al Lindholm, and Bob “Ranger” Scofield. Dale Davis and Lee Rew are also at Fort Lewis.

Dave Motycka said it was really a reunion at Fort Bragg when he was down for the maneuvers. He saw Bill Jewell, Bob Rose, Mike Cousland, John Tumperi, Max Satchell, Scotty Crerar, J. O. Cooper, Carl Nordgren, Moose Mangels, J. D. Meglen, Doc Stinson, Pete Kahl, and Gary Colonna. Dave is still at Fort Devens, but he is going over shortly.

I indirectly received information on Ralph Rich from his mother, who did not exactly write me, but I got my hands on a letter of hers anyway! Ralph is in jet training at Bryan AFB in Texas. He went there from Hondo. The AF boys should be getting their wings in another couple of months.

Rolfe Arnhyrn dropped a line from Fort Riley, Kansas. The guys there came from Camp Polk by way of Operation “Flashburn” at Fort Bragg. Those there besides Rolfe are: Sandy Meloy, Frank Snyder, Doc Vierick, Dick Miller, and John Scoblick. Sandy and Frank are getting married in June. Both have platoons along with John. Dick, Doc, and Rolfe are aides.

I received a note from Hal Porter. He is still associated with an oil company down in Texas. He has gotten married since being there—I trust to a Texas queen.

Now for the overseas news. Spark Jones wrote from Korea of an Engineer party with Rog Peterson as host. The men had everything from steak to pink champagne. They included Mike Kallman, Rod Smith, Bugs Segal, Ralph Sanders, Bob Kaplan, Ray Eineigl, Dick Matson, John Toman, Jerry Goetz, Rich Leonard, Norm Delbridge,

Max Noah, Bob Bartlett, Fred Reynolds, and one F.A. man, Dan Walker. Bill Horton sent news from his area—Pusan. He is a Real Estate Officer for the post, but will soon be transferred to troop duty. Bill saw several classmates in the 3rd Combat Engineers before they went north. That would be: Bob Ayers, John Martin, Vic Luby, Chuck Fiala, and Jerry Lohrli. Bill sees Jim Ender about once a week, since he is near Pusan. Jim Sibley also wrote from Pusan. He, too, is sitting behind a desk in the Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Section. He has seen Ric Gilmartin, Early Rush, Bob MacDonald, and Lee Crosby.

Gail Luck let me know what it would be like to be in Alaska. She and Pat are at Ladd AFB near Fairbanks. Paul and Julie Vose are stationed at Eielson AFB. Paul Floyd is there also. Jim Dare is at Ladd, and John Ceglowski is up there too, but I don't know what base.

I received a letter from Greg Vigilar now that he is in Korea. Vigi is attached to the U.S. 24th Div. which has the 3rd Engineer Bn, so he has seen all the guys I mentioned as being in it. Vigi says that the thing to look forward to now is the Rest and Recuperation trip to Tokyo after 4 months.

Gail Freimark wrote from Germany to say that Hal Myrah married Joan Marlow in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Ed O'Hair was best man, and Jim Loedding was an usher. Frank Kincaid and Bob Alexander were down also. Gray Kinnie reported that Germany is a great place to be except for the field duty 60% of the time. He has run into Gerry Corprew and Bob Laflam. Gray got married before going over and expects his wife to join him shortly. Tom McKenna sent a card from Nurnberg, where Charlie Zipp is also. Bob Fernandez and John Bringham are there, and there wives have joined them. Bob Barton is an I&R Plat. Ldr. down at Ulm.

Well, that is about it for now. I hope that I have included all the news that you all have sent to me. Keep up the letters so that I will have something to say in this column. My address continues: Bill Jefferson, 48½ Union Street, Rockville, Connecticut. So until next time—Best wishes to everyone!

—Jeff.

P.S. I just received word that a “Male Projectile” (Robert David) arrived on target to Joe and Louise Perlow at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

1954

The Class of '54 assembled as cadets for one last memorable occasion on June 8th. The 634 new graduates tossed white hats high into the air and marched away: 187 Infantry, 177 Air Force, 118 Artillery, 60 Engineers, 47 Armor, 33 Signal Corps, 6 civilians, 4 aliens, and 2 graduated cadets—pending a physical re-exam.

Wedding bells rang for almost one-fourth of the class, as 79 new lieutenants were married at West Point, and nearly that number stepped up to the altar in home town churches.

Of course it is still too early for news. However, many of you have pledged your letters, and I shall be hoping to hear from all of you, especially the ladies of '54. Remember that this is your column; I merely collect the news you send. My address is James G. Plunkett, 2 Highland Lane, North Tarrytown, New York.

Good luck and best wishes to all.

—Jim.

LAST ROLL CALL

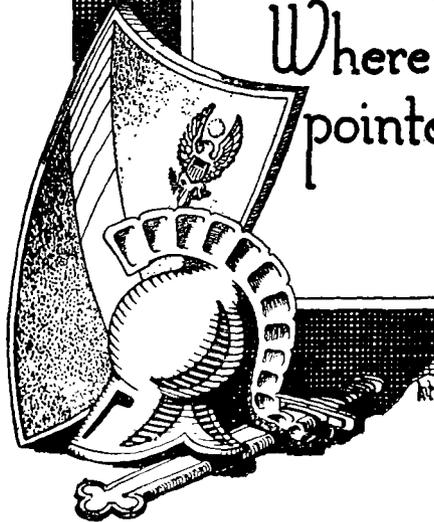
Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the April 1954 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date	Place
George O. Cress	1884	May 8, 1954	Oakland, California
James I. Vincent	Ex-1895	December 20, 1953	Bartow, Florida
Frank R. McCoy	1897	June 4, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Samuel T. Ansell	1899	May 27, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Jesse Gaston	1903	June 26, 1954	Charleston, South Carolina
Gilbert Marshall	1908	June 6, 1954	West Point, New York
Thomas J. Smith	1908	May 13, 1954	Bowling Green, Kentucky
Louie A. Beard	1910	April 13, 1954	Thomasville, Georgia
Otis K. Sadtler	1913	June 5, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Edward W. Smith	November 1918	May 19, 1954	Washington, D. C.
James M. Lewis	1920	April 19, 1954	Camp Stoneman, California
Aloysius E. O'Flaherty, Jr.	1922	May 15, 1954	West Los Angeles, California
Edward E. Lutwack	1923	May 29, 1954	Akron, Ohio
Michael H. Cleary	1924	June 15, 1954	New York City, New York
John S. Henn	1925	June 26, 1954	San Diego, California
John R. Lovell	1927	December 4, 1950	Korea
Allan D. MacLean	1930	March 17, 1954	Korea
Carter D. Hilgard	Ex-1935	August 26, 1950	Korea
John R. Kelly	1936	July 17, 1954	Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama
John H. Nelson	June 1943	February 15, 1951	Korea
Lewis F. Webster	June 1943	January 8, 1952	Korea
Oliver E. Buckley, Jr.	Ex-1944	January 9, 1951	Korea
Dean G. Crowell	1944	October 1, 1950	Korea
Robert M. Horan	1945	October 17, 1950	Korea
Robert D. Wilson	Ex-1945	December 1, 1950	Korea
Frank A. Doyle	1946	November 5, 1950	Korea
David B. Spellman	1946	February 4, 1951	Korea
William U. Sykes	Ex-1947	June 2, 1951	Korea
William T. O'Connell, Jr.	1948	July 28, 1950	Korea
Richard T. Carvolth, III	1949	July 10, 1954	Near Oxnard AFB, California
Harry W. Spraker, Jr.	Ex-1949	February 4, 1951	Korea
Floyd A. Stephenson, Jr.	1949	December 13, 1950	Korea
George E. Foster	1950	December 31, 1953	Korea
John H. Green, Jr.	1950	October 16, 1952	Korea
Robert W. Robinson	1950	September 21, 1950	Korea
Kenneth A. Tackus	1950	December 1, 1950	Chosen Reservoir, North Korea
Robert E. McIntyre	Ex-1952	February 5, 1953	Korea
Sam W. Clay	1953	October 24, 1953	Near Fort Benning, Georgia

EDITOR'S NOTE: The date of death of Arthur H. Wilson, Class of 1904, published in the LAST ROLL CALL in the January 1954 issue of ASSEMBLY as December 5, 1953, was in error. The correct date of his death is December 15, 1953. The date of death of Edward S. Bechtold, Class of 1935, published in the LAST ROLL CALL in the October 1953 issue of ASSEMBLY as August 23, 1953, was in error. The correct date of his death is August 22, 1953.

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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Frederick Frasier Black

NO. 4110 CLASS OF 1902

DIED DECEMBER 22, 1953, AT BELFAST, MAINE, AGED 77 YEARS.

The Navy lost the chance of a fine officer when Frederick F. Black entered the Military Academy. Born in a town of seafaring people on the estuary of the Penobscot River on the coast of Maine, and with an intimate acquaintance with the traditions of the seven seas, he would have been a natural for an appointment to Annapolis, but instead it was West Point, and the Navy's loss was the Army's gain.

Black was born in Searsport, Maine, September 26, 1876. When he reached college age, he attended the University of Maine. Soon thereafter he obtained an appointment to West Point and entered with the Class of 1902, one of the four "Seps" in the class. His mature mind, his quiet and even temperament, his fine character, made him a very substantial and much liked member of the class.

At graduation he was assigned to the 10th Infantry and soon found himself in the Philippines where he served at Zamboanga. On his return to the United States he was stationed first at the Presidio of San Francisco and then at Fort Lawton, Washington, but following the earthquake in San Francisco he was brought back there for duty at the refugee camp. Later, still with the 10th Infantry, he was on duty at Fort Liscum, Alaska.

During the American occupation of Cuba, Black was with the 11th Infantry at Santiago, and following that was for some time at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming.

Attracted by the work of the Signal Corps, he attended the Signal Corps School at Fort Leavenworth, and after graduation he was occupied with duties of that branch at Fort Omaha and later at Fort Shafter, T. H.

He returned to line duties with the 25th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, T. H. and then with the same unit at Fort Ringgold, Texas. This was while it was becoming apparent that the United States Army was soon to be involved in World War I, and shortly Black found himself on duty at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, training troops destined for France.

He was then assigned to the 7th Division at Fort Dodge, and after some time there and at Waco, Texas, he went to France with the 7th Division in August 1918. While in France he attended the Staff School at Langres and then served as Inspector of the 29th Division.

Following the Armistice, he served with the Army of Occupation in the 1st Division, at Coblenz, Germany.

After his return to the United States, Black was on duty for a time at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, and then was off on a succession of school attendances, graduating from the Infantry School at Fort Benning, then from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and finally from the Army War College at Washington.

The latter years of his active service Black spent in his own New England. Assigned to the 13th Infantry, his duties kept him for a time at Fort Andrews and Fort Strong in Boston Harbor. Then, with-

in a few miles of his birthplace, he was in charge of Army Reserve Corps at Bangor, Maine.

Efficient and precise in the topic of Military Science and Tactics, he then found himself assigned as Professor of these subjects at the University of Vermont, at Burlington. When relieved from this duty he commanded the 5th Infantry at Fort Williams, in Portland Harbor, Maine. His final assignment before his retirement was as Officer in Charge of Reserve Affairs, New England District, at Boston.

The records show that Colonel Frederick F. Black was authorized the following awards: Philippine Campaign Medal, Army of Cuban Pacification Medal, Mexican Border Service Medal, Army of Occupation of Germany Medal, World War I Victory Medal with Service Clasp for France, and the American Defense Service Medal.

When Colonel and Mrs. Black returned to their home town of Searsport after his retirement, the interests of the sea again claimed him. The Penobscot Marine Museum is located in Searsport—an insti-



tution of exceeding interest. The Museum authorities requested Black to accept the task of collecting, from whatever source possible, information relating to the many sea captains whose homes had been in the town of Searsport, with photographs or pictures of as many as possible. Black went to work at this task with his characteristic ardor and persistence, and over a period of several years, uncovered the names and much of the life story of nearly 500 commanders of sailing vessels, natives of his town, and photographs or pictures of considerably more than half of them. A great many were relatives or friends of his wife or of himself.

These photographs, neatly mounted, adorn the walls of a corridor in the museum, a valued addition to the history of American sea traffic and a shining memorial to Black's enterprise and hard work.

When Black was a young man, amongst his neighbors there was a sea captain named Ross who had six charming daughters, one of whom, Blanche, became his wife. Thus, not only his own family, but his wife's family as well, were steeped in the tradition of the sea, and those of his classmates and Army friends who have had the privilege of enjoying the kind and charming hospitality of the Black household in Searsport,

have come away with a greatly increased knowledge of mizzen masts, topsails, bowsprits, and the like.

During his retirement Black was often busy with his hobbies. His great interest in the affairs of the Penobscot Marine Museum has already been mentioned. He and his wife were much interested in botany, and in the right season this was one of their leading activities. He had also found a great interest in the study of various natural materials that show some degree of fluorescence when exposed to ultraviolet light, and had an impressive collection of minerals and common rocks and woods that exhibited this phenomenon; also a number of what might be called invisible inks, which he had made by the infusion of the leaves or stems of various plants—that would become visible under this light.

Black was a Mason, the proud possessor of the Veteran's Medal for 50 years membership in the Masonic Order. He was a member of the Sojourners, a Military Masonic Order. He was a member also of the Order of the Mystic Shrine, the Military Order of World Wars, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Colonial Wars, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Some years ago, Black and the writer represented the Class of 1902 at the dedication of the window in the Cadet Chapel, which their class, The Centennial Class, had erected to the memory of the earliest class to graduate from United States Military Academy—the Class of 1802, with two members.

Thus passeth a well beloved and highly respected officer to join the Long Gray Line.
—F. F. L.

Walter King Wilson

NO. 4094 CLASS OF 1902

DIED JANUARY 20, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 73 YEARS.

MAJOR GENERAL WALTER KING WILSON was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on October 7, 1880, the son of James Edwards Wilson and Mary Williamson Wilson. His father and an uncle, John Lowry Wilson, were veterans of the Civil War. His Wilson grandparents were missionaries to India, where his father was born. Later in his Army career, Wilson was very proud of the fact that he was a native of the Volunteer State.

After going through the public schools in Nashville, he won a competitive examination for West Point, and on June 20, 1898, reported for duty in "Beast Barracks" with the Centennial Class of 1902. He was soon nicknamed "Windy" by his classmates for another Wilson, two classes ahead of him, who had enjoyed the reputation of being somewhat loquacious, but who could not convince the Academic Department that he was suited for the military profession. The cognomen stuck with Wilson throughout his entire military service.

Early in his military career, Wilson commenced to display certain traits of character, some of which during his cadet days were to get him in trouble with the authorities, but others in later life were to carry him to positions of prominence and great responsibility in the military profession.

Walter was naturally a fun-loving, mischievous cadet who loved to "devil" the tactical officers with his many pranks, with the result that he was never appointed a

cadet officer but spent most of his spare time pacing to and fro on the area of barracks. Little did he care or dream then that he was later to prove himself a serious, studious and altogether a highly conscientious and dependable officer. The tactical officers misjudged him — as we shall see later.

We were also soon to see another side of his character, a quality which was not always so pronounced among the cadets of those days. Walter had been taught as a boy the precepts of the Christian faith at his home in Tennessee, and when he came to West Point he had the courage to show his interest in things spiritual and to make his convictions known.

As a plebe he became interested in the Y.M.C.A., and as a first classman he became President of that worthy and helpful institution, and proved himself an inspiring example to and influence over many other cadets.

We soon learned too how he stood on the question of drinking, for when the plans were being discussed for our furlough banquet to be held at the old Murray Hill Hotel in New York, he voted with a small minority against the "wets" and firmly and consistently maintained his stand on this question thereafter.

Before Walter graduated we were to appreciate the fact that, in spite of his high spirits and boyish tendency to frolic and not to take the Tactical Department too seriously, here was a man of unquestioned integrity, a man possessing the highest ideals and principles, truly a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word, and a man whose progress in the Army would bear watching.

Though he adhered strictly to his principles on questions of morality, we were to see him develop into a broad-minded officer, tolerant of the views of others, not dogmatic or dictatorial, and a man whose opinions were sought and highly valued by his associates. Wilson did not take long to establish himself in the military profession, and he soon became not only deeply admired by his superiors, but greatly beloved by his subordinates. The devotion and loyalty which he inspired in his subordinates were one of the most outstanding characteristics of his leadership.

Now that we have a brief picture of the man before us, let us review briefly his military history. Wilson's first assignment after his graduation from the Military Academy in 1902 was with the Field Artillery at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Here a major event in his life occurred. He met Evangeline Taylor and they were married on May 12, 1904—Allen, C. M., of 1902 being his best man.

It has been said that no man ever attained great success without the help and encouragement of some strong, good woman—and this seems particularly true in the Wilson family. Eva, as she was affectionately known by her friends, immediately set about to establish a home in the Army for Walter with a tradition of genial hospitality which was to provide not only a happy life for both of them, but was to prove a valuable contribution to Walter's military career. This was the beginning of a long and distinguished career in the Army for Walter.

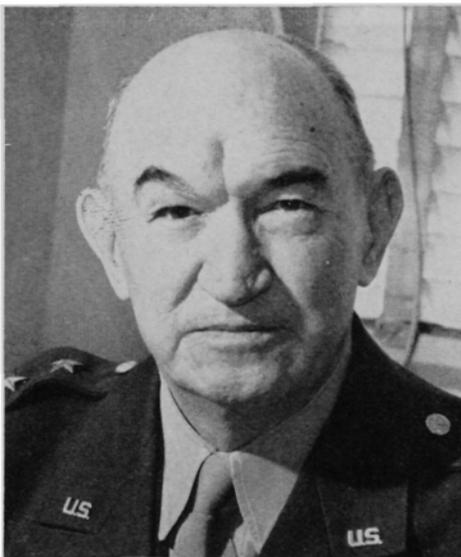
In later years Mrs. Wilson established quite a reputation for herself throughout the Army as a singer. She was a member of the principal music clubs in Washington City, and for many years was the regular soloist in one of the Washington churches, and has sung often in many other churches,

including the Cadet Chapel at West Point, and over the radio.

While at Vancouver Barracks Wilson became an expert pistol shot and attended many Department Competitions. From here his service carried him to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, then to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and finally to Fort Barrancas, Florida, where he remained for three and a half years, and it was here that he transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps. It was also here that the Wilson family was blessed on August 26, 1906, by the arrival of their first son, Walter K., Jr.

While at Barrancas, Wilson, under the careful coaching of Lieutenant Hinrichs, a classmate, became quite a noted tennis player, and in the following years gathered in a number of silver cups. He also devoted a lot of time to chess and had the distinction of defeating Colonel Whistler, who at that time was said to be the chess champion of the Army.

In 1909 Wilson entered the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and became an honor graduate of the Class of 1910. He then took the advance course,



graduating in 1911, being then detailed as an instructor at the school.

In 1912 he was transferred to Washington, where he was assigned to duty as an Assistant to the Chief of Coast Artillery (General Weaver) for a brief period after which he was given command duty again as a Captain at Fort Hunt, Virginia, for two years.

During that time he wrote the 1914 Drill Regulations for the Coast Artillery which remained in use for many years. While at Fort Hunt, a second son, John Newton Wilson, reported on November 26, 1913, for duty with the Wilson family.

In 1915 Wilson was called back by the Chief of Coast Artillery and remained his assistant until he was detailed on the War Department General Staff in October 1917. During this period he served on many important boards pertaining to the Coast Artillery.

In October 1917, World War I brought him the most important assignment he had yet received. He, as a general staff officer, was assigned the duty of organizing and administering the Cable Section of the War Department, which was being swamped with cables from General Pershing's headquarters in France. With the backing of the Chief of Staff, General March, he soon straightened out the cable business and organized such an efficient system that several days time was saved in getting to

France all personnel and material requested by cable.

This cable assignment was a serious handicap to Wilson's military career, however, in that it kept him from going to France. Once he was requested for service with the Army Artillery over there, three times the Chief of Coast Artillery wanted to assign him to new regiments, twice General Pershing requested him by name for service at his headquarters, but the Chief of Staff's reply to each request was that his services could not be spared. These requests showed how firmly Wilson had established himself in the eyes of his superiors.

After the Armistice he was rewarded with a tour of the battle front in France and, in recognition of his services in the Cable Section, in January, 1919, Wilson was among the first twenty-five officers to be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. His citation reads as follows: "For especially meritorious and conspicuous service in the organization and administration of the cable service of the War Department in the United States, thereby enabling that service to meet the excessive demands made upon it during the war."

After the World War Wilson was placed in charge of the Statistics Branch of the General Staff and remained on that duty until 1921, when he entered the War College as a student. He graduated from this institution in 1922 near the top of his class.

His next service took him to Fort Rosecrans, California, as Commanding Officer of the Coast Defenses of San Diego and Southern California, and in October 1922 he went to the Hawaiian Islands as Post Commander at Fort Ruger, where his batteries brought distinction to him by their excellent showing in day and night firing in the Department Competition.

While in the Hawaiian Islands, Walter, Jr., took the Presidential Competitive examination for West Point and distinguished himself by coming out first in a field of seventy-two candidates. This son, familiarly known later by his West Point classmates as "Weary", entered the Military Academy in 1925, graduated in the Engineers in 1929, and, after outstanding service in that Corps, became a Brigadier General in World War II, which grade he held at the time of his father's death.

Wilson became a Lieutenant Colonel at Fort Ruger, and in 1925 was returned to duty on the War Department General Staff, where he remained until 1929. At this point in his career a nice compliment was paid him by being requested for duty as Executive Officer at the Military Academy by the Superintendent, General W. R. Smith. He continued on this duty under General W. D. Connor until 1935, and while there he received his colonelcy.

It was during this delightful service at his Alma Mater that his second son, Jack, was admitted to the Military Academy and graduated with the Class of 1935. This son was killed in action in 1944 in Normandy while serving as a Lieutenant Colonel in command of a Field Artillery Battalion in the 35th Infantry Division.

Wilson was then assigned as Chief of Staff of the 7th Corps Area in Omaha, Nebraska, and in 1937 he was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General and placed in command of the Second Coast Artillery District at New York for a short period.

From there he went on another tour of foreign service in 1938 in command of the Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bay for three years, until 1941, when he was advanced to the grade of Major General and assigned as Commander of the Third Army Corps in California, and later was given

other important commands on the Pacific Coast during World War II.

For his services on the Pacific Coast during World War II he was awarded the Legion of Merit by Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, who particularly cited his excellent work in connection with the evacuation of the Japanese from that region.

In December 1943 Wilson was called back to Washington by Mr. Stimson, then Secretary of War, and entrusted with the difficult task of reorganizing and directing the Army Emergency Relief Fund, which amounted to a vast sum of money. His widely recognized integrity and unquestioned character gave to this far-reaching undertaking of mercy the universal confidence which it demanded.

He was retired in the late spring of 1944 as the result of a heart attack, brought on by the arduous work in reorganizing the Army Emergency Relief, but was retained on active duty in charge of that important work until 1946. For his service in administering this great relief fund he was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal.

After being relieved from active duty, in 1946, General Wilson continued to serve in the position of Director of the Army Emergency Relief until 1951, when he was forced to give up the position due to ill health, thus terminating a long and brilliant career in the Army of 53 years (including cadet service), one of the longest unbroken records of active service in the history of the Army.

Walter Wilson had a very attractive personality. He was a likeable, approachable man with a big, generous heart and with character written all over his face. He possessed a charm in his association with others that seemed to draw people to him. He had a host of friends throughout the Service.

He had a delightful sense of humor and loved a good story, and told them well himself, but was always careful to avoid anything bordering on the profane or the vulgar or obscene. He also developed during his service quite a talent for writing poetry, and he frequently entertained his classmates at class reunions with recitations of his poems. One of his most noted and beautiful compositions, "The Price of Glory," was inspired by the death of his second son in France.

His devotion to his family was beautiful to see. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his talented wife and he was very proud of his two boys. He was particularly pleased over the fact that he and Walter K., Jr., were the only father and son team on active duty in World War II in the grade of General Officer at the same time—indeed a unique situation in the annals of the Army.

For over forty years he and his devoted wife were members of the Church of the Pilgrims in Washington, D. C., and for many years he taught the Men's Bible Class there. He was in his place of worship on Sunday morning as faithfully as he was on the drill ground of his command. His was indeed a life of generous and devoted service to our Nation and to the Church of God.

General Wilson died on January 20, 1954, in the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D. C., after a long illness, and was buried on January 22, 1954, in Arlington National Cemetery with full military

honors—five of his classmates being among his pallbearers.

He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Evangeline Taylor Wilson of Washington, D. C.; a son, Brigadier General Walter K. Wilson, Jr., U.S. Army, stationed in North Africa; and five grandchildren.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Army and Navy Club of Washington City.

Those of us remaining in the Class of 1902 shall miss him and we shall revere his name and cherish his memory as the highest type of Christian manhood, and as a loyal and devoted soldier.

Truly, he can say with Paul of old, whose writings were a part of his daily life: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

—Troup Miller.

Innis Palmer Swift

NO. 4329 CLASS OF 1904

DIED NOVEMBER 3, 1953, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 71 YEARS.

ON November 3, 1953, almost without warning, death took from our midst Innis Palmer Swift, Major General, one of the most colorful graduates of the Class of 1904. He had been unusually active and well until a short time before his death.

Palmer Swift was buried with full military honors in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in the ground of Texas which he loved so well. His body was followed in the funeral procession by the traditional, but in his case especially fitting, led horse with his boots in the stirrups backwards. After a moving graveside service, in the presence of his sorrowing family and numerous friends, he was laid to rest on a grassy hill overlooking the golf course on which he had been such a well remembered figure. Among his twelve distinguished pallbearers were his classmates Kinzie Edmunds, Stanley Koch, and Jerry Brandt. With this brief drama, there passed into eternity a man of fearless courage, of great integrity, of strong character, and a most eminent battlefield commander of World War II.

Palmer Swift belonged to that relatively small band of Army officers who, by their fidelity to the traditions of West Point, kept themselves prepared to defend to the death the security of our country and the liberty of its people.

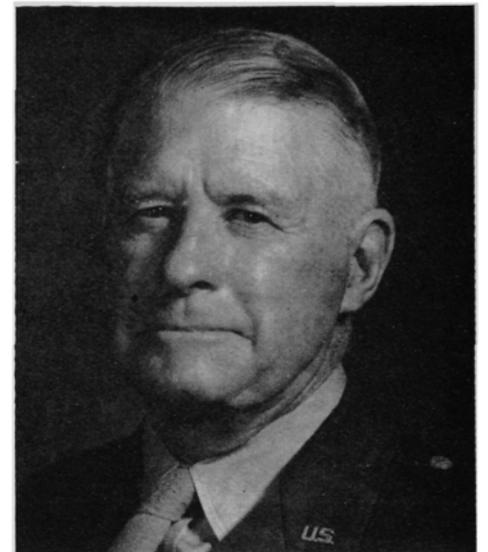
Nearly 54 years ago, on June 19, 1900, in company with a hundred odd scared youngsters, Palmer matriculated at the Military Academy, and entered upon his military career. He was a small boy who stood only five feet, five inches in height, and was, therefore, assigned to a runt company. But not for long. As the weeks flew by in Beast Barracks, Palmer's legs grew just as rapidly, taking him out of the runt class and indicating the big, husky man of later years.

At West Point Palmer gave all that he had to the course, because he had the Army in his blood, and never visualized any other career. He was determined to master the course at the Academy. On his maternal line, he was the grandson of Major General Innis Newton Palmer of the Class of 1846, but even nearer, he was the son of Major General Eben Swift of the Class of 1876, a distinguished Cavalry officer and leader of troops in World War I.

Having only a Cavalry background, and with the sights and sounds of a cavalry

post a part of himself, it was only natural that upon graduation, Palmer should select the Cavalry arm of the Service. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant on June 15, 1904, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry at Old Fort Clark, Texas, on the Mexican Border, just 30 miles from the Rio Grande. In this land of the mesquite and sand over which the Comanches once roamed, always stopping at Fort Clark's famous spring to water their horses, young Lieutenant Swift began his cavalry training as an officer. His comrades in that regiment were young officers who later became nationally known as Generals James G. Harbord, Malin Craig, and Hugh Johnson.

However, the next year, in 1905, he was transferred to the 17th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Here he remained until 1907 when he was ordered to take the Student Officers' Course at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas. This assignment foreshadowed much of his subsequent career, as Fort Riley proved to be a sort of magnet that kept drawing him back each time that he saw service elsewhere. Upon his graduation in 1908 he was one of five



members of the class of students who were elected to take the Advanced Course of Equitation, which was a much prized assignment by Cavalry Officers.

The following year brought the interesting assignment to the 12th Cavalry at Fort William McKinley in the Philippine Islands. While on this duty he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to General John J. Pershing, who was then Governor of the Moro Province, and Commanding General of the Department of Mindanao. In 1911, he received his first lieutenantancy and continued to serve with General Pershing in the field against the hostile Moros until December 1913.

Next came duty with the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, and again at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, with the same regiment for a year, when he was recalled to Fort Riley as Secretary of the Cavalry School, and also instructor. However, when in 1916 General Pershing led the Punitive Expedition into Mexico, Palmer Swift requested service with it. Accordingly, he left Riley to join the 13th Regiment of Cavalry. When the Expedition returned to the U.S., Palmer was a captain. His next assignment took him to the 16th Cavalry, one of the new regiments being organized at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, but very shortly there-

after, once again he was sent back to the Cavalry School as an instructor.

When our country entered World War I in April 1917, Captain Swift left Fort Riley to be Assistant Adjutant General of the newly organized 86th Division at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. When this division was ordered to France, he became its Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war, he reverted to his permanent rank of captain, and for the third time, returned to the Cavalry School to resume his duties as instructor, and later as Executive Officer. Then began a serious study of his profession to fit himself for high command. Successively he completed the Field Officers' Course at Riley in 1922; that of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1923; the Army War College in 1930; and the Army Industrial College in 1931.

With his military education now resting on a solid foundation, he began a career of command duty of unusual length and interest. First he instructed units of the Texas National Guard from 1931-1936, followed by command of the 8th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, from 1936-1939, during a brief period of which he commanded the 2nd Cavalry Brigade. Upon his promotion to Brigadier General in October 1940, he retained command of this Brigade and then, in 1941, when promoted to the grade of Major General, he assumed command of that splendid organization, the First Cavalry Division.

No unit of the Army had achieved a higher standing or was better prepared for battle. It was combat trained, filled with pride and esprit de corps which it never lost despite the blow given it when it became a dismounted organization. Wherever it happened to serve, it elicited praise and admiration. Former Secretary of War, the late Judge R. P. Patterson, upon his return from Australia where he had inspected the Division, exclaimed; "Why cannot all the Divisions be like the First Cavalry Division?" And once during the Leyte campaign, when a general officer said to General MacArthur; "You have in your command the best Division in the Army, the First Cavalry Division", he quickly replied, "No, the best in the world".

Under General Swift's burning drive, it captured the Admiralty Islands in the campaign of February 29-May 18, 1944, defeating the Japanese, and advancing MacArthur's return to the Philippines by several hundred miles. On August 1, 1944, General Swift was assigned to command the I Corps. He led this unit successfully during the campaign in the Philippines which culminated in the complete defeat of the Japanese, and the capture of Luzon. This long campaign made under very hard conditions high-lighted Swift's ability to lead troops in battle. His units always maintained their cohesion.

He placed the highest value on the health, esprit, and welfare of the enlisted men, although he never relented on continuous and rigorous training. He believed in discipline in the salute, in the mutual respect between officers and men, and in soldierly deportment and smart appearance. These military virtues that seem so simple are essential to the development of pride in a unit. He required the men to shave each day, and once when he observed a failure of some to comply with orders, he issued a terse memorandum, "Every man in this headquarters who is old enough to shave will do so daily."

For his services he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (with cluster), Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and Aztec

Eagle, First Class, the Republic of Mexico's highest decoration. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner.

After retirement, Palmer built his home in San Antonio, Texas. Early in his career he had married Lucile Paddock of St. Louis, Missouri, who was his devoted wife and companion throughout his long service. Together, they had traveled the broad highway of life until they returned to settle in Texas among their many friends. There they could also look forward to seeing their four daughters, Lucile, Suzanne, Sally and Pamela—splendid representatives of the Swift family — together with their grandchildren and the "sons" they had acquired. The unexpected death of this distinguished soldier shocked both family and friends, especially because his great activity and vitality gave the impression that he was immune to the infirmities of advancing years.

Although a man of Palmer Swift's stature needs no further accolade, it appears fitting to quote a few of the sentiments received from his comrades in arms. Douglas MacArthur said of him: "No finer soldier ever served his country. As a Corps and Division commander in the Second World War, his contributions to our victory in the Pacific were outstanding."

Walter Krueger, his Army Commander, added: "He was a superb cavalryman, a gallant soldier, a faithful friend, a loyal comrade, and an outstanding division and corps commander. Throughout his career he was inspired by the motto of his Alma Mater—Duty, Honor, Country."

Verne Mudge, his successor in commanding the 1st Cavalry Division said: "Palmer Swift represented the proudest heritage of the military tradition. Taps has sounded for many great men. It has sounded for few who were as sincerely admired and genuinely loved as Palmer Swift".

Bill Chase, another commander of the 1st Cavalry Division stated simply: "General Swift to me will always be the best and strongest commander of my entire career. I shall consider it a treasured memory to have served under him."

Rex Chandler, still another in the line of 1st Cavalry Division commanders, said: "General Swift's passing marks the closing of an era. He was one of the last of the beloved, roaring, old cavalymen, whose sincerity, integrity, and intense loyalty toward trooper and officer, senior and subordinate, made him a leader beyond anything attainable in the maze of the career-managed Army of today."

Bill Bradley, one of Palmer Swift's regimental commanders in World War II, paid him this moving tribute: "Another old Cavalryman took his last ride not long ago. This time, it was to the tune of taps enroute to a new station—his last—Fiddlers Green. There he will oftentimes hear taps again along with the other bugle calls of a soldier's day, but the taps heard at this new station will linger longer; will be softer, sweeter; will remain long after the call has ended to remind old soldiers that their work is done, that the time for rest has come; days when a soldier and his horse and his carbine were symbols; symbols of a breed of soldier now also extinct; symbols of a class of men who helped to make this country great. This old Cavalry Soldier will find his niche among the select at Fiddlers Green. We know he will give a good account of himself in that august company."

Thus spoke the men who served with Palmer Swift on the training ground and on the field of battle. Truly he lived a life full of interest, adventure and achievement. His Alma Mater, West Point, can bestow with pride its "Well Done Thou Good and

Faithful Servant" upon this distinguished son of 1904.

Editor's Note: This memorial article was written by Robert C. Richardson, Jr., Lieutenant General, United States Army, Retired, Class of 1904, shortly prior to his untimely death in Rome, Italy, on March 2, 1954.

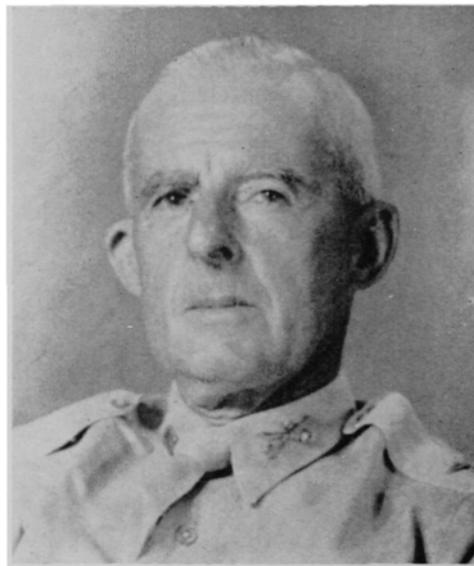
Arthur Harrison Wilson

NO. 4331 CLASS OF 1904

DIED DECEMBER 15, 1953, NEAR PORT ISABEL, TEXAS, AGED 72 YEARS.

When "Jingle" Wilson died the Army lost one of the most beloved men who have ever worn the uniform. Some men are loved by many, but few, like Jingle, by all who knew him.

Jingle started his military career with the Class of 1903 but, never being of the studious type, was turned back and graduated with the Class of 1904. While a cadet, as throughout his entire life, his main interest and pleasure were with



horses. He was a member of the cadet polo team and on every special riding squad.

On graduation, of course, he wanted the Cavalry. His class rank landed him in the infantry, but he didn't give up. Aided by a thousand-dollar bonus, he found a cavalry lieutenant who was willing to exchange his yellow stripes for the white of the infantry and joined the 6th Cavalry at Fort Meade, South Dakota.

In those days the quarters at that post had large back yards, and Jingle soon had his yard filled with ponies. With two or three of his classmates who had similar tastes, they would assemble a herd of a dozen or so ponies and ride the country at a high run, herding the remuda ahead of them, roping and saddling fresh ponies every few miles.

Jingle was an unusually fine revolver shot but did not believe in limiting his practice to the target range. He lived on the lower floor of a large double set of quarters, with his captain and family occupying the upper floor. There was a long hall downstairs, where a filled wood box at the end made a splendid backstop for Jingle's target. However, his captain finally had to persuade him that a 45-caliber

revolver was not a suitable weapon for indoor practice.

At that time the regiment was commanded by an old-time martinet who was a great believer in requiring that derelictions of duty be explained by "indorsements hereon". Jingle's father, becoming worried through not receiving any letters, came up to the post and inquired as to his son's failure to write. "Well, Dad", Jingle replied, "I'm so busy writing indorsements to the Old Man that I just don't have time to write to you."

While the 6th was at Fort Meade, Helen Brooks, of Washington, D. C. came out to visit her brother who was a medical officer on the post. After overcoming a lot of serious competition on the part of other young bachelors, Jingle finally won out and he and Helen were married in 1906.

In 1907 the regiment was ordered to the Philippine Islands, Jingle's troop being stationed in Jolo. An expedition was organized against Jikiri, a Moro bandit who took refuge with his party in a cave. In finally routing them out and destroying them, Jingle suffered a very dangerous wound from a barong. For his conduct on this occasion he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The wound severed all the muscles of one side of his neck and his doctor warned him that any fall would be apt to break his neck, but this didn't disturb him in the slightest, and he continued to ride jumping horses and play polo until his retirement.

After his return to the States and recovery from his wound, he led the ordinary Army life—with its routine of schools and command duties. For several years he was on duty at Fort Riley as an instructor in equitation, and I doubt if any officer serving there at that time will ever forget his graceful appearance on a horse. He was one of the best and easiest riders, and certainly the most graceful man on a horse in the cavalry. In fact, in all his activities, whether riding, shooting or poling a duck boat, he was the epitome of grace and ease.

Jingle was a member of the first Army team to win the Junior Polo Championship. He was also on the Army polo team that invaded England and defeated the British army officers. At one horse show in Madison Square Garden there was a special jumping class that had been won twice by the captain of the Fort Riley horse show team. This captain, anxious to score his third win and gain permanent possession of the cup, himself rode every horse in the Riley team in this event. Finally Jingle, who was then stationed at West Point as an instructor, came into the ring on the one horse he had brought down from West Point. He scored a clean performance and carried off the cup.

Jingle and Helen had five children: two boys, both now colonels in the Service; and three girls, two of whom married Army officers. There was never a more happy marriage. Helen, who was as lovable a character as Jingle, made a perfect wife, and after her death a few years ago Jingle was never quite the same.

After a bad heart forced his retirement, the family settled in Brownsville, Texas. Horses being too expensive a luxury for retired officers, Jingle turned all his energy to hunting and fishing, which had been his second interests all his life, and at which he was as equally expert as he was with horses.

His children, with their families, visited the home place often and it was no uncommon thing to see eighteen or twenty of the

Wilson tribe sit down at the dining table with at least three and often more pet dogs hanging around the table for hand-outs. The house was full of grandchildren (there were 16 in all) most of the time, but never did their noise or demand for attention seem to disturb Jingle in the slightest. He loved them all as dearly as they adored him.

During the last few years his heart condition grew worse, and Jingle had to be very careful in his hunting and fishing, though he never stopped doing either.

On the 15th of December he was duck shooting with two old friends. At the conclusion of the hunt, while picking up decoys, Jingle gasped once or twice and dropped dead.

You are gone, Jingle, old fellow, but in the home to which you have gone may you find many good jumping horses and fast polo ponies, and may the ducks be plentiful and decoy well. We know you will continue to live and ride and shoot as straight as you did in this life.

—Stanley Koch.

William Henry Dodds, Jr.

NO. 4365 CLASS OF 1905

DIED NOVEMBER 17, 1953, AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 70 YEARS.

WILLIAM HENRY DODDS, JR. was born in Detroit, Michigan, December 10, 1882. His mother's maiden name was Frances Elizabeth Mueller. Bill's early education was obtained in the Detroit Public Schools and in 1901 he graduated from the Central High School. He entered the Military Academy in June 1901 and graduated in the upper quarter of his class June 13, 1905. During his Cadet days Bill was well liked, very popular with his classmates and with others with whom he came in contact. The celebration of his twenty-second birthday with the help of his friends and a shoe-brush is an occasion recorded in the 1905 *Howitzer* of which he was an editor.

Upon his graduation he followed up his preference for the mounted service and was assigned to the Field Artillery. Bill served with that arm at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, and with the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in 1916. He was an instructor at the Reserve Officer Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York in 1917. He went overseas as a Lieutenant Colonel with the 320th Field Artillery, but in August 1918 he was placed in command of the 6th Field Artillery, 1st Division. His services in that capacity were so outstanding that he was awarded a Silver Star with the following citation:

"For conspicuous efficiency, meritorious services and gallantry in action while in command of the 6th Field Artillery during the Meuse-Argonne operations from September 30 to November 11th, 1918." (G.O. No. 89, Headquarters, 1st Division, A.E.F.)

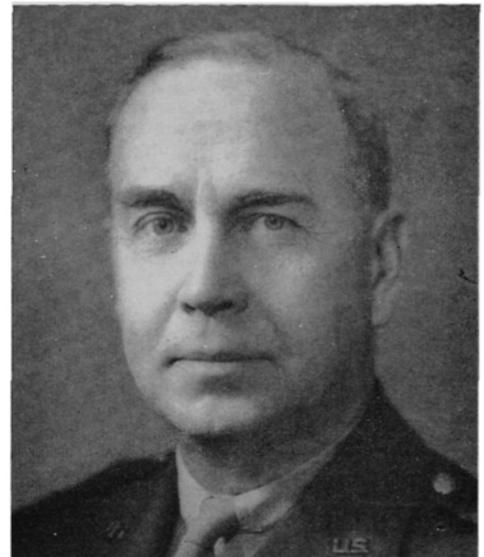
Later he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the War Department with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As Commander of the 6th Field Artillery he handled the regiment so brilliantly under severe conditions throughout the St. Mihiel operation, September 12-13, 1918 and the Meuse-Argonne Operations, September 30th to November 11, 1918, that the regiment demonstrated an unusual

ly high degree of efficiency and morale. He repeatedly displayed superior tactical judgment and knowledge of artillery, and by his exceptional ability, leadership and devotion to duty rendered the maximum support to the Infantry of the 1st Division in effectively executing the most difficult missions assigned to him, thus rendering conspicuous services to the American Expeditionary Forces."

Bill Dodds commanded the 6th Field Artillery on the march to the Rhine and in Germany with the Army of the Occupation. Soon after his return to the United States in May 1919, he was placed on the Initial General Staff Corps Eligible List. He served on the War Department General Staff from 1920 to 1924 and then was given the highly prized assignment of Senior Instructor Field Artillery Tactics at the Military Academy, a worthy successor to Greble, Bowley and Summerall.

This was not Bill's first detail to West Point as he had previously served as an Instructor in the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery and Department of Math-



ematics from 1909-1912. In June 1925 Bill did a grand job in arranging for the dinner for our Twentieth Reunion, when everything went off to perfection, including the weather.

Upon his relief from duty at West Point in 1928 he was detailed on the General Staff with troops and was Assistant Chief of Staff, 9th Corps Area until 1932, when he became a student officer at the Army War College. Bill, upon his graduation, became a member of the faculty until 1936, when he went to the Command of the 82nd Field Artillery for two years at Fort Bliss, Texas. For the next four years he served as Executive Officer, 6th Field Artillery Brigade and Chief of the Artillery Section, 5th Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort McClellan, Alabama; Fort Benning, Georgia; and Alexandria, Louisiana. On September 30, 1940 he was retired as a Colonel, at his own request, after more than 39 years service.

This did not end Bill's distinguished service, for he was called to active duty in July 1941 at San Francisco, California, and he served for six months as Field Office Chief, Administration of Export Control and Assistant Chief, Board of Economic Warfare. Later on he was on active duty from August, 1942 to November 1943 in

charge of the Port Management Division, Boston Port of Embarkation.

After his last active duty he was engaged in the real estate business in Carmel, California. He had an operation in 1948 from which he pretty well recovered but his sight was affected in a strange way as he could not write or read except with great effort. He looked fine and enjoyed his home, flowers, and life in general. Bill and Katherine then gave up their home in Pebble Beach and lived at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Bill's condition became worse and worse and he passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto on November 17, 1953 after a long illness.

Requiem Mass was celebrated on Thursday, November 19th in the Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park. Albright '05, Huntley '06, Allin '04, and other friends were present. Interment was in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California.

Bill is survived by his widow, Katherine Allen Dodds, whom he married in 1912 at her home in Dallas, Texas, and who watched over him tenderly in his long illness; his son Colonel William A. Dodds, Class of 1937; a brother Dr. John C. Dodds of Detroit, Michigan; and three granddaughters.

Bill Dodds' high standards of duty and his leadership brought him success in battle and also gave him the perspective needed on the General Staff and in other executive assignments. With all the honors that came his way he retained his delightful personality, which made him not only admired but loved by his classmates and friends. Good-bye Bill. We'll be seeing you.
—Norman F. Ramsey.

Ernest Graves

NO. 4340 CLASS OF 1905

DIED JUNE 9, 1953, IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 73 YEARS.

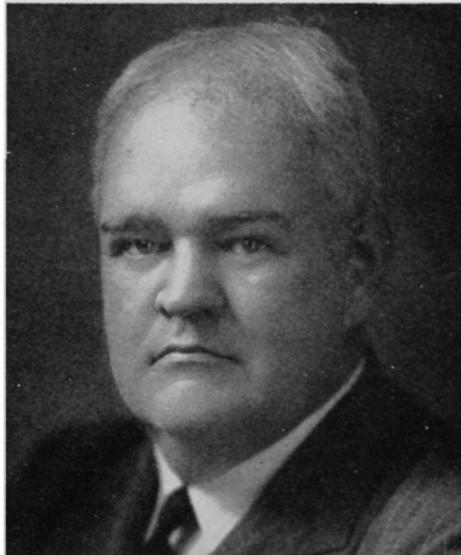
ERNEST GRAVES was a man about whom people will be telling stories for many years to come—wonderful stories about a person who believed in doing things his own way and who knew the right way to do them; about a great football coach who told his players in scrimmage, "I want to see blood"; about an aggressive military engineer who built a dirt road two hundred and fifty miles into Mexico to support General Pershing's Punitive Expedition in 1916 and supervised construction from an unauthorized Model T Ford; about an inspiring leader who led the men of his engineer company out of the chest-deep waters of the 1915 Galveston tidal wave by means of a long rope tied around his own waist; about a brilliant counselor who for twenty-five years advised and encouraged successive Chiefs of Engineers in the development of the civil works functions of the Corps of Engineers in the belief that not only was the Corps carrying out these projects according to the best interests of the people, but also that the experience involved gave the United States Army the finest military engineers in the world.

In paying tribute to "Pot" Graves the first point to be emphasized is that he was naturally endowed with a brilliant mind and a powerful, well-coordinated physique. It was not the possession of these qualities, but the use he made of them which aroused the wonderment and admiration of us all. It was the combination of his great ability

with an iron will, selfless industry and enthusiasm for each undertaking, which filled Ernest Graves' life with achievement and success.

Ernest was born in the town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on March 27th, 1880. His father, Ralph Henry Graves, was a leading member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina. His mother, Julia Hooper, was a great-great-granddaughter of William Hooper, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Young Ernest's Tom-Sawyer-Huckleberry-Finn boyhood ended abruptly at the age of nine, when his father died of tuberculosis in 1889. Although Professor Graves had been a successful teacher, salaries were very small in those days and Julia Graves was left with only some modest real estate holdings to bring up her four children: Ralph, Ernest, Louis and Mary. A large part of the responsibility fell on Ernest, and the grim experience of respectable poverty not only left him with a lifelong obsession about economic security but also intensified the innate individuality and de-



termination which were such important features of his personality.

When he entered the University of North Carolina in 1896, he had decided to be a civil engineer, like his father, but to seek his fortune elsewhere than in the academic field. At North Carolina he was an outstanding student and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated in 1900 with a B.A. degree and in 1901 received his M.A. degree. It was after spending the summer of 1900, surveying for the Forestry Service in the mountains of western North Carolina, that he became convinced that his best opportunity as a civil engineer would be in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He won a competitive appointment to West Point from North Carolina, and entered the Military Academy in July 1901. Coming from a small southern town, where he had been independent and self-reliant for more than ten years, he found the restrictions and regimentation of West Point strange and difficult. He began Beast Barracks in the awkward squad, but soon established himself. In his Second Class year he was a first sergeant, with a reputation for reporting delinquent First Class privates as readily as underclassmen. In his First Class year he was a cadet captain. Although he could not manage to stay in the first section in drawing or French, he grad-

uated No. 2 in general standing, out of a class of 114.

"Pot," as Ernest was called even before he entered West Point, and one of his plebe wives, Tom Doe, engaged in one of the most famous cadet fights of their era. The fight started in their room over a pair of unshined shoes belonging to Doe, which Ernest had put out with the trash before inspection. It lasted from early afternoon until just before supper formation, when both men were too exhausted to continue. Both antagonists were big and powerful, but Doe had perhaps a slight edge in strength, and Pot's face, particularly his mouth, was a bloody mess. Although the fight was the talk of the Post, neither cadet was punished. The Tactical Department, including the Commandant of Cadets himself, carefully avoided looking Pot in the face until his appearance was no longer incriminating. Why did they fight? Pot always said, "To see who was the better man."

All Ernest Graves' other accomplishments as a cadet pale in significance to West Point compared with his achievements in athletics. Pot Graves was a great athlete, with a winning combination of brains and brawn and guts.

He played four years of varsity football at the University of North Carolina, and as fullback of the team scored a total of 131 points, which still stands as the record for an individual player at the University. He was a member of the Carolina team of 1898, the only undefeated and untied team the school has ever produced.

He was catcher on the Carolina baseball team and captain of the team in 1900. Baseball was Pot's favorite game, and a rugged sport it was as he played it. Often, for a joke, the Carolina pitcher, Bob Lawson, used to throw a fast ball when a curve had been signalled, and Pot, catching with little protection, suffered many a bruise. He broke the third finger of his right hand catching, and the joint knitted crooked, so that for the rest of his life his second and third fingers formed a "V" when he held his hand flat. They still tell the story that on one trip Pot had to arm himself with a bat to secure his safe passage through an angry mob of local rooters. The visitors had scored their winning run in the ninth inning while the home-town second baseman was being diverted by Pot's spikes.

At West Point Pot played catcher and first baseman on the baseball team, played fullback, then tackle on the football team and was captain of the football team in 1904. Shifted to tackle in his yearling year, he became one of the best of his time. The two most prominent names in West Point football during their era were Charlie Daly and Pot Graves. While they were cadets, West Point beat Navy four years straight, including the famous 40-5 victory in 1903, and in 1904 achieved Army's first victory over Yale, 11-6. Yale was more eminent in those days than Notre Dame is today. Pot broke his knee in that Yale game and finished the season as a coach.

Ernest Graves' association with West Point football lasted 20 years. He returned as head coach in 1906, 1907 and 1912, and as line coach in 1913 and 1914. After World War I he was back again, helping Charlie Daly rebuild the team, following the discontinuance of football during the war. He was a staunch advocate of the system of graduate coaches, believing that the Military Academy would never lack talented men, and that in the long run the best re-

sults under the special circumstances at West Point would be achieved if the cadets were coached by men who had been cadets themselves.

Ernest Graves came from the era of power football; he compared his ideal team with a steam roller. He attached great importance to simplicity and fundamentals, and emphasized the line as the backbone of the team. He observed the rugged style of line play which was to a considerable extent responsible for Yale's supremacy, adopted and embellished it, introduced it at West Point and later at Harvard, where he was sent as line coach in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt, and finally made it the theme of his book *The Line Man's Bible*, which was published in 1921 and went into four printings.

Pot's initial assignment after receiving his commission as a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, in 1905 was with the 3rd Engineers, first at Fort Leavenworth and later at Fort Riley. In 1907 he went to Cuba, serving with both the 2nd and 3rd engineers in the Army of Cuban Pacification and spending considerable time in mapping, which took him on horseback far into the interior, with a saddlebag of gold pieces to pay for necessities, where few white men had ever been. Returning in October, he spent a year as a student at the Engineer School at Washington Barracks, the present Fort Lesley J. McNair.

In 1908 Ernest was ordered to the Philippines. He took the train on the first leg of his journey the night following the Harvard-Yale football game, after Harvard had won the game for the first time in almost a decade and the team had presented Pot with a gold watch in appreciation for his superlative coaching of the line, under the great Percy Houghton as head coach. The major part of Pot's tour in the Islands was spent in charge of construction of the first United States fortifications on Corregidor; for the most part disappearing gun emplacements and associated magazines and observation bunkers. The assignment provided invaluable experience in concrete construction and the hazards of handling Filipino prisoners through squaw men. A little Saturday night drinking and the cable car up the side of the mountain would be turned into a roller coaster, with Pot roused from bed in the small hours of the morning by the crash of a wrecked car which had jumped the rails.

He was a big man when he returned from the Philippines—260 pounds by his own recollection—and the doctors ordered him to reduce. His normal weight was 200, and he was just over 5 feet 11 inches tall.

From December 1911 to April 1913 Ernest was engaged in River and Harbor work in Dallas, Texas. Following his promotion to captain, he was District Engineer at Vicksburg, Mississippi, from April to September 1913. An example of the clear thinking he brought to engineering problems was his determination during this time that, for locks and dams of the size he was constructing, placing of concrete by hand cart was more flexible and economical than the various highlines and cranes then being used by local contractors.

Ernest began his tour at Texas City as a company commander in the 2nd Engineers in February, 1914. The famous hurricane and tidal wave, which almost destroyed Galveston, occurred the following year. The night of that storm the company was awakened some time after midnight and stepped out of their tents in pitch blackness into knee-deep water. In the few minutes it took to assemble the men, the water had

risen above their waists. By means of a long rope, one end of which was tied around his waist, Pot led them to the safety of a cold storage warehouse a half mile away. Only one man was lost—he must have fallen from the rope passing through the neck-deep water of one of several drainage ditches which had to be crossed on the way. Once in the warehouse, Pot established order by directing soldiers and civilians alike to sit on the floor and be quiet. One drunk continued to cause trouble; so Pot jumped on him and knocked him down; the drunk turned out to be the owner of the warehouse. When he returned to camp the next day, Pot found his pointer dog and her eight puppies safe on top of his cot amid the wreckage of the camp; no one knows how she and her litter came through alive.

After coaching football in the fall of 1915, Ernest rejoined the 2nd Engineers in San Antonio. When General Pershing led the Punitive Expedition against Pancho Villa into Mexico in 1916, the 2nd Engineers was charged with building and maintaining a road for the truck convoys supplying General Pershing's cavalry troops. Supply by truck was new, as was the construction of military roads to sustain truck traffic. Pot commanded the forward company, which in the course of constructing the road marched 250 miles on half rations into the barren wilderness of Mexico, with no vehicles except a mess wagon and a tool wagon, both drawn by mules. The road was built and maintained with hand tools and a few mule-drawn scrapers. Pot's axiom then, so often repeated since, was "get the water off and the rock on." Once traffic started, maintenance involved keeping the road free of ruts, since the available road material was so poor that, if water was allowed to stand, the whole road would be a quagmire after only a few minutes of rain.

There are many stories about that march and that road. Pot used to say that the cooks were so short of everything that there was only one spoon and one knife, and that there was a devil of an argument who would get the spoon and who would get the knife whenever the company split up. Lumber was so scarce that, when a flash flood washed out one of the bridges, men were sent downstream for miles to recover timbers, and a telegraph message was sent to Washington to Lieutenant (now General) Somervell, who had built the bridge to ascertain the exact dimensions so that every inch of lumber could be used again in reconstruction. Amid all these shortages Pot managed to obtain a Model T Ford and to keep it running at the expense of passing truck and ambulance convoys, from which he expropriated everything from gasoline to wheels and other vital parts. Headquarters conducted a paper war with Pot, trying to make him turn in his "unauthorized" Ford and cease his predatory ways, but without success. After ten exchanges by indorsement on the cannibalization of an ambulance, the most Pot would concede was: "I do not remember what, if any, parts I took from this ambulance, but I took everything I needed."

Ernest's fine performance in Mexico earned him a lasting reputation with General Pershing and a place on the staff which accompanied the American commander to Europe in June 1917, aboard the steamship *Baltic*. Pot's first assignment in Europe was to investigate military mining. This detail was followed by duty in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Line of Communications, and on the General Staff. Neither crawling through narrow tunnels on his stomach nor headquarters spit and polish exactly suited Pot. His real opportunity did

not come until he was charged with construction of the Gièvres depot. Thereafter, he was sent wherever apparently insurmountable construction jobs developed. As Section Engineer, successively at Gièvres, Bordeaux, Neufchateau and St. Nazaire, he tackled major depot, camp, rail, port and airfield construction with little time and fewer materials. For the conspicuously meritorious manner in which he accomplished these tasks, his sound judgment and untiring zeal, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Having gone overseas as a major, he was promoted rapidly to colonel and recommended for promotion to brigadier general, but the armistice stopped further promotions.

During this wartime construction he conducted his now-famous experiment on economy of building materials. At first he built each successive warehouse with fewer members and fewer nails, until one fell down; then he added a couple of braces and a pound of nails to the amount used for the warehouse which collapsed and specified that scale of materials for all the rest to be built.

After duty with the Liquidation Commission in Coblenz, Germany, he returned to coach football at West Point in the fall of 1919. His next duty was in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, writing a pamphlet, "Construction in War", which, as far as its approach to the problem is concerned, remains today one of the finest papers ever written on the subject. From March to August, 1920, Pot was in command of the 2nd Engineers at San Antonio, Texas. That fall he returned to West Point to coach football once more.

Ernest was retired from the Army for physical disability in 1921, on account of deafness. He expected at that time that civilian engineering practice would offer him more opportunities than remaining in the Army, and during the next six years he did hold lucrative consulting positions on several projects, including beach protection, factory reorganization and management, apartment house and office building construction, and foundation replacement. He also spent several weeks one fall at Princeton coaching football under Bill Roper. However, he welcomed the opportunity when the Chief of Engineers, General Edgar Jadwin, urged him to return to active duty in 1927 to study the Nicaraguan Canal route and, following the disastrous flood that spring, to prepare plans for flood control of the Mississippi River.

While he was soldiering, Pot showed very little interest, if any, in the ladies. After he retired, his brother Louis introduced him to an attractive widow, Lucy Birnie Horgan, with better results. Although he was smitten, Pot said he would not get married until he was earning \$10,000 a year. He did not adhere to this stand, however, and Lucy and he were married on June 8th, 1923. They had one son, Ernest, Jr., who was born July 6th, 1924, and has grown up to follow his father to West Point and the Corps of Engineers.

In 1928 Ernest was appointed Resident member of the Mississippi River Commission in Washington, a position he held until his death. He was appointed to the Inter-Oceanic Canal Board in 1929 and was chairman of this board in 1931 when its report was prepared and completed. Seven successive Chiefs of Engineers over a period of twenty-five years induced him to remain on active duty, so that before his final retirement on February 29th, 1952, he was the oldest officer on active duty.

During this period he was the genius behind most of the waterway and flood con-

rol planning which emanated from the Office of the Chief of Engineers, and which became, through Congressional legislation, the flood control policy of the nation. Of even greater significance were his brilliant efforts regarding continuance of civil works under the Corps of Engineers. Three Presidents seriously considered transferring these works to another department of the Government, but each time it proved to be the will of the Congress and of the people, as well as the best decision from the viewpoint of military preparedness, that these projects should be carried out under the Corps of Engineers.

In 1939 Ernest was honored by a special act of Congress, entitled "An act to give proper recognition to the distinguished services of Colonel Ernest Graves". It authorized him retired pay based on his rank and length of service on return to the retired list, rather than on his original retirement.

When the attack on Pearl Harbor came in 1941, Pot was already starting to fall physically, although his mind was as keen as ever. He had experienced some circulatory disorders, which made him remain in the background as an adviser, rather than accept offers of positions of more responsibility or assignments overseas. Many Engineer officers who rose to positions of great importance during the war had been his protégés, and he followed their activities with interest and pride. We get a penetrating glimpse of his philosophy of executive leadership from Pot's remark when it was reported to him that one of his close friends was having to work exceptionally long hours: "What's the matter? Is he losing his grip?"

Ernest suffered a severe heart attack in the fall of 1951 and was retired from active duty at the end of the following February. Although he rallied and was back on his feet for periods, his general condition declined steadily. He died on June 9th, 1953. That May, under the provisions of the Flood Control Act of 1940, he had been promoted to brigadier general on the retired list.

Most of this account has been devoted to stories about Ernest Graves such as his friends and associates still delight in telling. Each would have some words to add about Pot's fine human qualities, which endeared him to us all.

Although he was an introvert, with his own definite approach to the world and other people, he was a brilliant realist, with a keen appreciation of the different approaches of others and great respect for their individuality. Pot was sought by his friends as a counselor, not only for his wisdom, but also because he was sincere, frank and straightforward, without being needlessly blunt—and because he had no inclination whatsoever to interfere with others, but was generous with his time and energy when help was wanted.

Individualists like Ernest Graves lead lonely lives, in spite of admirers, friends and family. Although he had great charm and magnetism and could talk brilliantly, Ernest was usually quiet and reserved, and this inclination was accentuated by his deafness. His great reserve did not keep his abundant kindness and friendliness from his associates, but it often deprived him of pleasure from this source.

Two pleasures at least he enjoyed unrestrained: animals and children. He derived tremendous satisfaction from his accomplishments, with material success and formal recognition of secondary importance. This was the pattern of his contribution.

—Ernest Graves, Jr.

William Edgar Shedd

NO. 4547 CLASS OF 1907

DIED DECEMBER 2, 1953, AT BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AGED 68 YEARS.

"Podo" — "Pot" — "WINK." Few men go through the Academy and the Service with three affectionate nick-names. Each recalls the all-round character who bore them. Each recalls the genial spirit that could laugh and be serious in a twinkling—never overbearing, always keenly analytical. He had almost a gentle manner until someone tried to put over the impractical or imposing. Even then he would scarcely raise his voice, but the ruggedness of his decision was inescapable.

As a cadet he took everything in stride. If he felt things were rough, he gave no evidence, except occasionally a sickly grin. But complaint was not a characteristic. He gave the impression of taking his studies lightly. It seemed to be no effort to come



out 17 in a class of 111. Probably the most significant part of his character was his readiness to laugh at himself as well as others, the ability to laugh with, instead of at.

In his military career he went on his way taking everything in stride without show or swagger. He was the antithesis of the lordly colonel or general who becomes omniscient and omnipotent. Yet underneath was that sturdy stamen, neither brittle nor wavering. An adjutant general told me when Wink had reached his colonelcy that he had attained the most unbelievable and unbroken chain of efficiency reports he'd ever seen. In stride again he was selected without push by him or anyone as a B.G. in peacetime.

Even the two stars and three D.S.M.'s did not interrupt that stride and solid thinking—and more his modest demeanor and geniality. But his poise and self-mastery in crises which would have aroused others to jittery excitement, was a blessing to others, if not to himself.

At a time when most retired officers are relaxing and enjoying, it was his lot to have a beloved son swept into the shadows of Korean captivity. For three years he tried to pierce the darkness, conjecturing every possible calamity, even that the boy was among the murdered prisoners. Yet Winky's actions and expressions gave no

evidence of his inner tragedy. And it was that perfect self-control and refusal to impose his sorrow on others which ate into him. When news of the son's release finally came, that which had been suppressed vented itself in nervous spasms of the throat which often prevented eating. In discussing the ailment with him, I deplored the fact he had held in, that if he could have let out, he wouldn't be so afflicted. He looked at me with his characteristic twinkle. "Yes, and been an obnoxious beast to everyone around me." But he did have a few weeks with his son. He was alive to receive and rejoice. And it was in an evening of thanksgiving and happiness, that the harrowing of three years struck him down—from laughter to death in a minute. Winky, who was never hit by a bullet in all his service, was vicariously killed by battle—from beginning to end the acme of the soldier.

—W. A. G.

Robert Lincoln Gray

NO. 4980 CLASS OF 1911

DIED OCTOBER 22, 1953, AT WEST BROOKSVILLE, MAINE, AGED 66 YEARS.

ONCE again the Class of 1911 of the U.S. Military Academy mourns the passing of an esteemed classmate and associate.

Robert Lincoln Gray was born in Summit, New Jersey, April 12th, 1887 and entered West Point on June 15th, 1907. He was graduated on June 11th, 1911.

Bob served in the Coast Artillery from graduation until March 1915, at which time he entered the paper and envelope business in Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1923 he joined the Gray Envelope Company in the same city as Vice President and Sales Manager. The Gray Envelope Company had been organized and founded two years earlier by his older brother, William A. Gray. At the death of his brother in 1927, Bob took over the presidency of this company as well as guardianship over his brother's family. Bob's keen executive ability and his engineering talents were the keys to his successful steering of the young company through the difficult period of the depression in a very competitive field.

During the First World War, Bob was commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Field Artillery and served with that arm in the 92nd Division overseas. In March 1919, he was honorably discharged from the Service and re-entered his former business in civil life. During the time he was connected with the Gray Envelope Company he also served as President of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, New York.

In 1938 Bob left his company to take up Consulting Engineering, and, after several years of very successful results in that field, joined the Hoyer Products Company in Belleville, New Jersey, as Vice President and General Manager. During the Second World War he was one of the principals who organized and conducted the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant at La Porte, Indiana. After the war, at the expiration of a five-year contract with the Hoyer Company, Bob retired from active business and moved to his home in Maine.

Bob, from the day he entered West Point, displayed a wonderful disposition—he was always animated and in high spirits, and possessed a keen wit and sense of humor. The 1911 *Howitzer* quotes, in part, "he was always happy and smiling, but has the deplorable habit of getting off bum

grinds on his classmates." Because of his magnetic personality Bob made friends easily wherever he went. He was always a very charming host and chief entertainer, with his humorous and sparkling pleasantries.

Through all the years, in spite of the demands on his time, Bob always found time to be very active in West Point Alumni Association affairs, and he never lost track of his classmates and many friends of the Academy. He served two terms, from 1930 to 1936 as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A. For many years he was Secretary and Treasurer of his Class and in that position provided the inspiration and guiding spirit for practically all of his class reunions. He was one of the most loyal and devoted sons of his Alma Mater and by his daily conduct exemplified that straightforward honesty of thought and action that he learned so well at the Military Academy. His record of attendance at his class reunions — missing only two throughout the years—bears out his great interest and love for his Alma Mater.

Loyalty was a basic element in Bob's character. Loyalty to the principles of integrity, honor and kindness; loyalty to his friends, his Alma Mater, his country and its Constitution. He was a strict disciplinarian and had little patience for what he regarded as incompetence either in individuals or organizations.

Although having no children of his own, Bob received much personal satisfaction, not only in assisting two of his nephews, one through West Point and one through Annapolis, but also in following their subsequent military and naval careers. In addition, many sons of friends and associates,



aspiring to admission to the Service Academies, found Bob's assistance and advice very helpful in securing appointments and in preparation for their entrance examinations. He was always a sincere friend of any service man and his time was never so taken up that he was unable to lend valuable assistance to any West Point graduate or former cadet who needed help in any way.

In the early 30's Bob met Betty Smith, who was later to become his second wife and who was to provide him with so many things which Bob held most dear in his own ambition. Betty's kin folks, living on the coast of Maine, took Bob in immediately, and from that time forward he was a

very fond member of the family. Looking ahead to retirement, Bob established his home at West Brooksville, Maine, and spent much of his spare time preparing for his retiring years in that rugged rock-bound section of New England.

To those who were close to Bob, it has seemed, especially in his later years, that he concealed considerable nostalgia for the military service which he gave up early in his career for a life in civilian business. That his choice may not have been of his own free making became quite evident in recent years—perhaps a tragic keynote in an outwardly successful career. Those early shadows of his younger years, however, were erased by the constant companionship, love and devotion which Betty bestowed on him so unselfishly during the latter years of his life.

Bob always loved the outdoors and devoted much of his time to his favorite sport—golf. His retirement home in Maine provided him with a retreat from the rush and bustle of business life and afforded him the opportunity of enjoying the simplicity of rural existence so typical of the real "down-easters". Bob always enjoyed excellent physical health which he protected by wholesome living and moderate indulgence. The disease which caused his death came on suddenly and brought an untimely end to a life which was so deserving of a long and happy retirement.

In addition to his wife, Bertha Smith Gray, Bob is survived by one older brother, David Beggs Gray, residing in Montclair, New Jersey; and a sister, Lillian Young, residing in Florida. Among many nieces and nephews, the two closest to Bob through the years are Commander Charles B. Gray, U.S.N., Class of 1939, U.S.N.A., now stationed at the Boston Navy Yard; and Colonel Edward Gray, Class of 1935, U.S.M.A., now associated with the Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

—H. G. S.

James Vincent Walsh

NO. 6598 CLASS OF 1920

DIED SEPTEMBER 9, 1953, AT BLOOMFIELD, CONNECTICUT, AGED 57 YEARS.

JIM WALSH, as we all knew him, will always be remembered as one of the finest men ever graduated from the Military Academy.

Jim graduated from Wesleyan University in 1917. He was always a keen student and continued his studies after graduation and received his Master of Arts degree from Catholic University in 1918.

He had a very strong desire to go to West Point and was successful in securing an appointment. He entered in June 1918 and none of us will ever forget that day of days. In spite of the difficulties, Jim always took things as they came and wore a smile we will always remember.

On graduation he was assigned to Coast Artillery and became a student officer at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He subsequently resigned his commission to enter into business. He became associated with the Travelers Insurance Company in their main office in Hartford, Connecticut. He was a very popular individual in his new found field, and a few years later became President of the

Men's Club of the Travelers Insurance Company. He was always a leader and a good organizer.

He maintained his interest in military affairs and held a Reserve Commission. He was Commanding Officer of the 543rd Coast Artillery Regiment of the Third Military Area. He was President of the Army-Navy Club in Hartford, 1951-52.

Jim was recalled to active duty in October 1940, serving as Assistant Executive



Officer at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. After Pearl Harbor he joined the Office of the Provost Marshal General. He served as Chief of the Training Branch and became Director of all training of Military Police.

At the end of World War II he was placed on inactive status. He was very much sought after in the insurance field due to his keen mind, level-headed decisions and pleasant personality. He joined the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company. He was very well liked by his associates in his new company. The Board of Directors of this company recognized his ability and elected Jim an Officer.

Jim was a loyal family man. If his duties called him away from the family, there was always a telephone call to his wife and daughter. It made little difference where he was or what conference was being held, that phone call was made. Mary, his good wife, his daughter, Donna Lee, and Jim will always be remembered by our classmates and his many friends as one of the happiest families ever known.

We will never forget him but will always remember him as the Affable, Effervescent and Smiling Jim Walsh.

—John A. McNulty.

Theodore Frederick Straub

NO. 6861 CLASS OF 1922

DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1953, AT GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK, AGED 53 YEARS.

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel; but do not dull thy palm with entertainment of each new-hatched, unfledged comrade."

For the last 27 years of his life it was my very good fortune to be able to number Ted (Colonel Theodore F. Straub) among my close friends. He was a living re-

statement of the above quoted precepts which Shakespeare expressed in the advice Polonius gave his son, Laertes. Those who came into Ted's circle of friends soon realized that friendship to him meant an important and lasting relationship.

Ted and I met in Tampa, Florida during 1926, when we were getting our feet wet in the business of civilian life. We had some recollections of each other during our Cadet days, he being a member of the Class of 1922, which so ably discharged senior-class responsibilities for two years (my Plebe and Yearling years) following World War I. Not long after our Florida meeting, Ted concluded his real estate business there and came to New York City. I followed him a few months later, and for the next five years we maintained our bachelor quarters together while getting some foothold in business. Early in this period I began to have abundant evidence of the loyal and helping friend I had in Ted.

Soon after coming to New York Ted met Miss Katherine Trotter, who came originally from Helena, Arkansas. In September 1933 they were married, and began their home in the same apartment building in Brooklyn where one year earlier I had started mine. With the advent of children we all moved to the suburbs of northern New Jersey, and lived there until Ted and I returned to the Army early in 1942. For about a year just prior to that time Ted served with great distinction as commanding officer of a Company in the New Jersey State Guard, taking it out on two weeks active duty immediately following Pearl Harbor. During World War II he served with equal distinction on the Academic Staff at West Point, becoming Assistant Professor of Ordnance. When the war ended he chose



to remain in the Service, and after a tour of duty at Aberdeen Proving Ground, he saw nearly three years service in Japan. In 1951 he returned to the States and served with the Department of Ordnance, First Army, at Governors Island until his death.

Colonel Straub was a son of Colonel Oscar I. Straub, Class of 1887, and a grandson of Brigadier General E. Van A. Andruss, Class of 1864. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, their son, Teddy (aged 13 years), his mother, and his brother, Oscar A. Straub, Class of 1915.

In Ted's death his many friends have lost one of the truest friends a man can have. I shall always remember him and our long and happy associations together.

—P. F. McLamb.

Frederic Allison Henney

NO. 7256 CLASS OF 1924

DIED MAY 22, 1952. NEAR SMITHVILLE, TEXAS, AGED 53 YEARS.

"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."

II Timothy 4.

FREDERIC ALLISON HENNEY was born on July 8, 1898, the beloved son of Peter A. and Ethel Hintz Henney. At an early age Fred moved with his parents and brothers and sisters to Delta, Colorado. Here he passed his boyhood and grew to manhood. He lived in the outdoors in this western country and developed a lifelong love of riding, hunting and all outdoor sports, in all of which he excelled. He was a clear eyed Westerner, of the breed who but a few short decades before had hewn the strength and might of this nation out of the trackless plains and forests that had lain untouched since time began.

He passed his high school days in Colorado, in the years prior to World War I, where he and his brothers passed happy years, playing football and basketball, in addition to their other scholastic activities.

He was completing his freshman year at college when he enlisted in the Army in 1918 to fight in the First World War. However, his military service was cut short during training when he fell a victim of the influenza epidemic in the summer of that year. The Armistice found him in a convalescent hospital in Colorado. He was honorably discharged from the Army shortly thereafter.

Fred's interrupted military career commenced again in July 1920 when he entered West Point as a plebe. His strength, vigor and intelligence served him well as a cadet. He won the major "A"'s in football and lacrosse as well as the coveted stars for playing in the teams that beat Navy. His football career was interrupted during the Yale game in his Second Class year when he broke his leg. He stood high academically and his record was rewarded by his being made a Cadet Lieutenant in his First Class year. Graduating 36 out of a class of more than 400 in June 1924, Fred chose the Engineers.

Fred was first stationed at Fort Humphreys, now Fort Belvoir, after graduation. But his football background tagged him for yet another season, where he played on the 3rd Corps Area team. It was at such a game that I first met Fred, which began a cherished friendship that lasted till his death, over a quarter of a century later.

Fred stayed 4 years at Fort Belvoir, where he served as a company officer and attended the Engineer School. After attending a graduate course in Civil Engineering at the University of California, he won a scholarship to the Ecole Polytechnique at Zurich, Switzerland, which he attended in 1929-1930.

In the years before World War II, Fred rose in his chosen field. He served again with troops at Fort Dupont, as Assistant District Engineer in Pittsburgh, and with the 3rd Engineers at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

Fred was serving as PMS&T at Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute, Indiana, when the United States entered World War II. He was soon assigned as Division Engineer with the 9th Division, and made the North African Invasion with that Division.

Always a front line soldier, Fred was twice wounded in the North African campaign; the second time so severely that he was evacuated to the United States. He was decorated with the Bronze Star for his service in North Africa. But for his courage, and the will to recover the usefulness of a partially paralyzed arm, Fred would have been retired for physical disability resulting from war wounds. However, he did recover, and was thereby able to give



several years more of distinguished service to his country.

Fred was always a devoted family man, and was blessed with four children. His eldest son, Lieutenant Frederic Allison Henney, Jr., is a graduate of West Point, Class of 1951. He is survived by a second son, Alan Gilbert, and two young daughters, Marcia and Claire. It was while on an outing with his two young daughters that he was thrown from a horse, which accident resulted in his untimely death.

Fred was a true son of West Point; he accepted the ideals of the Corps, he lived by them, and he exemplified them. His passing has left a great void in my life, and in the lives of his family and many friends. I hope we shall meet again. But our burden of sorrow is made easier to bear in the sure knowledge that for him,

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

I Corinthians 15.

—Stuart G. Fries,
Class of 1935.

Lebbeus Bigelow Woods

NO. 7742 CLASS OF 1925

DIED MAY 22, 1953, AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO, AGED 53 YEARS.

EVEN leukemia, the most relentless and implacable foe, did not dismay him.

On my frequent visits to his bedside at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where he was serving with the Air Materiel Command, we discussed plans for his enforced retirement from the Service, when he would have to take his place in civilian life as plain Leb Woods. Not a passing thought was given to the possibility that he would not recover. I went away with the sickening feeling that we had been spinning a web of self-deception. But I also carried something much more valuable

and lasting, a profound and burning admiration for a stubborn courage that I knew I could never match.

From Thanksgiving 1952 to May 1953 is a long time to lie in a hospital bed. On May 22, 1953 the end came for Lebbeus B. Woods, Class of 1925, who never struck his colors. If, in the long reaches of the night, he was assailed by doubts, he never gave a



hint to his wife or his 13-year old son. There's only one fitting word for that—guts.

He had one quality all too rarely encountered in modern society, a capacity for indignation. Aroused by what he considered injustice, he would fight it with any weapon at his command, no matter who was hurt in the process, himself included. Small wonder that every person under his command admired and respected him, because he held the belief that loyalty begins at the top and works down; loyalty to one's superiors was axiomatic to him.

Leb Woods did not turn to his Maker in extremity; he was always a deeply reverent man. It was peculiarly fitting that he bore the name of one of the Twelve Apostles. He was good without self-conscious piety, clean without smugness, friendly without condescension.

How shall we measure success? The Woods Reservoir at the Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tullahoma, Tennessee, is testimony to his unstinting efforts. But besides achievement, public service, promotion, there is at least one other dependable standard of appraisal. If we consider the lives which have been brightened by him, the number of people who sincerely mourn his loss and feel richer for having known him, then he was resoundingly successful.

It was my privilege to know him well. I recognized his other virtues, but because I went through those final days of suffering with him, one characteristic will always remain most vivid in my mind. There are many kinds of courage, and they never come easily. Battlefield valor, usually displayed under the sustaining influence of white-hot excitement, is one type. The fortitude to face a slow, relentless killer alone, knowing the dice are loaded and yet determined to beat the odds, is something vastly different. In all humbleness of

spirit I salute Colonel Lebbeus B. Woods, the bravest man I have ever known.

—Jack Harding,
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF,
(Inactive)

Wilson Turner Douglas

NO. 8009 CLASS OF 1926

DIED NOVEMBER 11, 1953, AT WINTER PARK, FLORIDA. AGED 51 YEARS.

WILSON TURNER DOUGLAS, "Doug", as he was affectionately called by his classmates, was born August 21, 1902, at Mt. Hope, West Virginia. He was the son of Lemuel and Katherine Douglas. Upon his retirement from the Army in 1949, "Doug" made his home Winter Park, Florida. It was here, that on November 11, 1953, as he had lived his life, "Doug" passed away peacefully without show or affectation. His widow, Marion Corinne Douglas, paid him the greatest tribute in writing, "He always hated anything that was not true and to the point." "Doug" was a realist with a heart of gold and dispensed with all but the true values of life. He had no wasted effort or motion but you could depend upon him to come through with flying colors when it was important. He loved peace and acquired a calm and poise which was sometimes mistaken for indifference because he refused to fuss and worry as lesser souls so often do. He accepted life as it came and upon his retirement became a good citizen in Winter Park, Florida, and continued to contribute to the success of the community and happiness of those about him. From September 1, 1951, until the time of his death he was Secretary-Manager of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. At West Point, throughout his Army career, and during his retirement, he maintained a keen understanding and sympathy for others. His was a clear view with faith in his fellow man and a love for the simple things, particularly children, animals and life in the outdoors. As a man he was



quiet, modest, and sincere, in charity with the world. As a soldier you could depend upon his fairness and integrity; he never compromised to benefit his own personal interests. It was with regret and sorrow we learned of "Doug's" passing, but with

him goes the deep and abiding affection we feel only for a sincere and loyal friend.

—J. R. B.

Edward Stephen Bechtold

NO. 10244 CLASS OF 1935

DIED AUGUST 22, 1953, IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 40 YEARS.

THE story of Ed Bechtold is the story of West Point. Here again one of the Army's sons has risen through the routine of peacetime assignments to spectacular accomplishments in war and the difficult post-war period. Ed was born the son of Colonel and Mrs. Jacob E. Bechtold. He went to Stanton-on-the-Hudson before attending the United States Military Academy with the Class of 1935. He was one of the most popular and best adjusted men in his class. Two years after graduation he married Dee, to which union was born a daughter, Sandra. This was a carefree and happy family. The informality and evident deep affection and complete mutual understanding of its members charmed American and foreign friends alike around the world. Ed counted his family life as his major blessing.

Before the war Ed attended the Field Artillery School and the Marine Corps School. Afterwards he graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the French War College, L'Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, in Paris in 1950.

World War II found Ed in the fight from the first with the famous 1st Division. His commander during the entire war was Major General Clift Andrus, who wrote of him:

"Ed Bechtold was S-3 of the 32nd F.A. Battalion when I assumed command of 1st Division Artillery in May 1942. We served together from then until after the end of fighting in 1945.

"During the operations at Oran in November 1942, we had a severe fight—our first in World War II—in which the 18th Infantry had the main effort. The 32nd F.A. was supporting the 18th and I went around to see how things were progressing. Ed was running the Fire Direction Center where everything was as calm and functioning as though it were a drill in the gun park back home.

"In May 1945, the last hard fight occurred in Czechoslovakia and again it was the 18th Infantry that bore the brunt. This time Ed commanded the 32nd F.A. and visits to his area showed the same quiet smooth professional operations that characterized Ed and his manner of performing his duty.

"In between these battles, Ed demonstrated his worth and he was advanced from Battalion S-3 to Battalion Executive and from there I brought him up to Div Arty as my S-3. When a vacancy occurred he was given command of the 32nd F.A.

"As I write this the memories of over five hundred days of front line operations are passing in review and the face of Ed Bechtold appears time after time, usually in critical situations, but always with the satisfaction of knowing that he could be depended on for the skillful handling of artillery and the saving of priceless Infantry lives.

"He demonstrated that the respect and confidence of the 1st Division were

well placed and rightfully earned, and no higher compliment can be paid to any man."

(Signed) Cliff Andrus
Maj. Gen. U.S. Army
(Retired)

For his distinguished war service Ed was awarded the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy, and the Croix de Guerre 1940 avec Palme (Belgium). Pertinent extracts from typical citations follow:

In the vicinity of Gela, Sicily—"Although his battalion was not entirely on shore and organized for combat, Colonel Bechtold, despite attacking enemy tanks, supervised the placing of his guns, skillfully directed fire upon the advancing tanks, and succeeded in repelling the enemy."

In the vicinity of St. Laurent-sur-Mer, Normandy, France — "Despite intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine-gun fire, Colonel Bechtold fearlessly re-



connoitered strategic gun positions and guided his battalion across densely mined terrain to the selected positions. Colonel Bechtold's outstanding courage, initiative, and aggressive leadership facilitated effective artillery support for infantry units and contributed immeasurably to the success of the invasion."

In the vicinity of La Sauvagere, Normandy, France—"While engaged on a reconnaissance mission in enemy-held territory subjected to small-arms and mortar fire, Colonel Bechtold courageously proceeded over hazardous terrain to locate an advanced position for his battalion. Coming upon an enemy group, he ingeniously outwitted and captured a number of the foe. Colonel Bechtold's gallantry and initiative contributed immeasurably to the effectiveness of his organization."

In the vicinity of Marigny, Normandy, France—"With complete disregard for personal safety, Colonel Bechtold led a reconnaissance party across densely mined terrain and, while exposed to heavy enemy fire, selected strategic locations for his battalion's gun emplacements. Colonel Bechtold's fearless and aggressive action facilitated close artillery support for an infantry task force and contributed im-

measurably to capture of a regimental objective."

In the European Theater of Operations during period of 16-24 December 1944—"Skillfully maneuvering personnel and weapons into strategic defensive positions during the enemy's concerted attempts to break through the Butgenbach, Colonel Bechtold fearlessly reconnoitered hazardous terrain and with outstanding professional technique directed effective artillery support of the 1st U.S. Infantry Division. Colonel Bechtold's unwavering devotion to duty and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon the Army of the United States."

In the vicinity of Vicht and Gresenich, Germany—"Sacrificing personal safety to more effectively perform his duties as battalion commander, Colonel Bechtold repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire during the 1st U.S. Infantry Division's advance into Western Germany. Ascertaining the exact location of targets by personal reconnaissance of hostile territory, he placed batteries in the most advantageous positions and closely supervised the numerous missions fired in support of the infantry. Colonel Bechtold's professional skill, aggressiveness, and courage reflect great credit upon the Army of the United States."

With the end of the war and his graduation from L'Ecole Supérieure de Guerre, Ed demonstrated again the versatility and breadth of character that had marked his entire career. The excellence of his accomplishments in the difficult field of political-military affairs is attested to by his superiors and associates at SHAPE, the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe.

Brigadier Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, from the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, wrote:

"It was my privilege to have been associated with Ed Bechtold from the very first days of SHAPE's existence, until the time of my return to the United States in July 1953.

"During our service together, Ed proved himself an exceptionally capable officer. It was the task of our staff division to coordinate the national point of view with that of the planning of the integrated staff of SHAPE.

"In performing the delicate task to which he was assigned, Ed demonstrated marked objectivity, patience, good will, and comprehensive understanding of the different mentalities, backgrounds, and characteristics of representatives of the various nationalities with whom he constantly dealt. Moreover, his broad experience, natural ability and resourcefulness, together with his linguistic accomplishments, enabled him to solve the complicated problems which arose from day to day.

"He was held in the highest esteem and affection by his associates in Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe, and he contributed importantly towards the forwarding of SHAPE's mission.

"Ed's untimely end came as a real shock to me personally. I have lost a good friend, and the nation a highly representative American who, both in peacetime and in war, served his country with distinction, and whose valuable contribution towards building up Free World collective security reflects favorably upon the Army of the United States, as well as upon his own record."

The Supreme Commander, General Alfred M. Gruenther, upon learning of Ed's death, wrote:

"Ed Bechtold made a tremendous impression on his many friends at SHAPE. I can well remember in December of 1950 receiving a message from the head of our Advance Planning Group in Paris that this remarkably capable officer was already in France. A quick check in the Pentagon confirmed the estimate that he was an outstanding officer, and that he had a feel for solving complicated problems in the field of international relations. As soon as I learned that he was fluent in French, we immediately requested his assignment to our SHAPE Advance Planning Group.

"When General Eisenhower started his initial tour of the NATO nations in early 1951, Ed was loaned to General Biddle's office to organize and administer the delicate task of official relations with the national authorities until the return of the Eisenhower party. From the moment he assumed this assignment there was never any question of his being released for any other position.

"Ed Bechtold's contribution to the success of SHAPE during this formative period was a major one. His initial construction and refinement of the charter of National Military Representatives to SHAPE resulted in the procurement of the exceptionally high caliber of Allied officers assigned to the SHAPE Staff. Throughout all of his time in SHAPE his work was primarily in the field of human relations, in dealing with persons of many and different characteristics, nationalities and backgrounds, and in furthering the reconciliation of national interest with the heavy requirements of collective security.

"The news of Colonel Bechtold's death was a tragic shock to everyone here. His cheerful devotion to the tasks assigned him, his helpful and selfless disposition and his unchallengeable integrity set a high standard for everyone at SHAPE. The great admiration in which he was held by all nations at SHAPE is a present witness to this. I am confident that the memory of his outstanding service to the Free World will remain as an inspiration for all of us."

Ed died of cancer at Walter Reed on 22 August 1953, at the age of forty. The country lost a promising military leader. People of good heart the Free World over lost a great friend.

—George S. Eckhardt,
Colonel, USA,
Class of 1935.

Henry Thomas Cherry, Jr.

NO. 10362 CLASS OF 1935
DIED AUGUST 19, 1953, AT FORT SAM
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AGED 42 YEARS.

"HANK" CHERRY — soldier, philosopher, leader — has joined the Long Gray Line, leaving behind countless, sorrowing friends. It is still difficult for us to realize that this gallant son of '35 has answered the call of the last round-up.

Hank Cherry was a true son of the Old South. He was born and raised in Macon, Georgia—land of the honeysuckle, magnolias, and peach blossoms. Early in life he

began to manifest traits which later marked his career in the Army. The following comment from one of his high school classmates is revealing: "Henry was quite ready to put up his 'mits' when riled—and I might add to give an excellent account of himself. Yet one didn't see that side of him often. He was mild mannered, easy, and agreeable. His face would break into a winning smile on the least provocation. Perhaps that was the stuff that made him outstanding; an unusual combination, hardy, strong, ready to do battle at any time, but always carrying an almost gentle manner and with an easy sense of humor."

Another of Hank's high school classmates adds: "He had a very strong will and would not compromise his convictions. Several fist fights resulted from this character trait, but he was big enough to turn most of his enemies into warm friends."

This unusual combination of traits is indicated again in Hank's high school annual, where his nickname of "Battlin'" is shown just above the quotation: "What should a man be but cheery?"

In high school, Hank was a very prominent member of his class. He was editor-



in-chief of the school's monthly publication, a first string guard on the football team, a member of the leading social club, and a cadet captain in the ROTC battalion. Among his other honors, he was awarded the medal for the "Best Drilled Cadet".

On graduation, Hank's keen interest in the military led him naturally to Marion Institute in Marion, Alabama—where he prepped diligently and successfully for the West Point exams.

So, on the 1st of July 1931, a tall, square shouldered, sandy haired Georgian, with an infectious grin and an accent you could cut with a butter knife, sauntered through the sallyport into Central Area with three hundred odd other bewildered young men, to be greeted in the traditional manner and assigned to 6th Company. Before the end of Beast Barracks, Hank became well known, both to his classmates and the upper-classes. Who among us can ever forget the dialogue:

"Where are you from, Mister?"

"Maine, suh."

"Whatta' you mean, Maine, Mister?" (Accompanied by much neck-pulling and other minor harrassments.)

"Yes suh, the Maine part of Jawja, suh!"

After Beast Barracks, Hank was assigned

to L Company, where in the company of such stalwarts as Joe Anderson, Jack Roberts, Dave Wallace, Frank Murdoch, Jim Kimbrough, and Billy Baynes (true southern gentlemen all) he did more than his share to contribute to the amiability, good fellowship, and "Live and Let Live" philosophy of the "Lost Batt". Hank decided early to forego the quest for high honors, and to hold both the Academic and Tactical Departments at arm's length. He played a sterling guard on the "B" Squad football team, did his bit for Camp Illumination, and became one of Gyp Wofford's star pupils in the riding hall. His Academy "wife" aptly summed up the Mister Cherry of our cadet days as: "A carefree, fun-loving personality who will always be remembered by the Corps as a man who gets out of life much that others miss."

After graduation, Hank joined the Eighth Cavalry at old Fort Bliss. His bachelor apartment there was better furnished than most—due to the efforts of his doting mother and Hank's own natural love of comfort. Many an evening I forewent the stark simplicity of my QM cot and straight-backed, black cushioned chair to visit with Hank. He usually broke out his scuppernong wine and a bag of pecans from his native Georgia, and we philosophized about the ills of mankind far into the night.

Hank's four years at Bliss were marked by increasing competence in equestrian activities, growing stature as an officer, participation in a 150 mile horse race, and occasional forays into Juarez with his brother officers. His winning personality and courtly Southern manners made him a hit with the ladies of the post, and, after an intense courtship, he married his regimental commander's daughter—the much sought after Suzanne Swift.

In 1939, Hank took the Troop Officers' Course at the Cavalry School where he graduated at the top of his class. He was nominated for the Advanced Equitation Class in 1940, but by then the war clouds had begun to lower, the course was called off, and Hank was sent back to Bliss for a brief second tour with the 1st Cavalry Division. Later he returned to Riley for a pleasant twenty-month tour as CO of the Cavalry School Detachment.

In the Summer of 1942, Hank said farewell to his beloved horses and moved to Fort Benning to take over the 3rd Tank Battalion of the 10th Armored Division. Appropriately enough, this battalion was formed from the old 3rd Cavalry—the Brave Rifles, formerly commanded by Skinny Wainright, George Patton, and other distinguished leaders. Hank made much of the glorious past history of his battalion as he trained it at Sand Hill and on the Tennessee maneuvers for the exacting task that was to be its lot overseas. The comments of his commanding officer during this period indicate the seriousness with which Hank tackled his job:

"A level headed, rather stern and conscientious officer, with a pleasing personality and an outstanding sense of duty. Can be depended upon to accomplish any task thoroughly in minimum time."

In Europe, Hank proved himself as could have been predicted, "aggressive and courageous in combat and an outstandingly strong battalion commander" (again quoting his superiors). Instead of plain "Hank", he became known as "Task Force Cherry". Twice he was wounded in action at the head of his battalion; three times he was cited for gallantry and once for extraordinary heroism. Hank was a key figure in the historic defense of Bastogne. General Maxwell Taylor had this to say of him on that occasion: "Gathering up armored vehicles

in and about the town, Hank made up an effective armored command which, moving on interior lines within the perimeter, became a highly respected member of the great team of many units which defended Bastogne under the flag of the 101st Airborne Division."

I will not list Hank's many decorations; they are part and parcel of his official record. Suffice to say, he wore his ribbons proudly but modestly—and they, in no way, changed his sense of values nor his outlook on life.

After the war, Hank did a tour with Headquarters, Third Army, in Heidelberg and later with the Vienna Area Command, being joined by his family in 1946. In 1947 he returned to this country to take the course at the Armed Forces Staff College. Upon graduation from the College, at the personal request of General Taylor, Hank was assigned to command of the Armored Detachment at West Point. He became somewhat of a legend there as he sought to inculcate in the cadets some of the dash and esprit which had characterized his own career. He steadfastly maintained to the cadets that even the tortured, twisted terrain of our Rockbound Highland Home was "good tank country".

Thereafter, Hank attended the Army War College and served a tour on the Department of the Army General Staff, as Chief of the Special Weapons Section of Army War Plans Branch in G3. Here he became an expert in the newest of the Army's arsenal of weapons—guided missiles, atomic cannon, and the like. Hank never took his knowledge of these super weapons very seriously, however. He tacked a picture of himself, taking a five foot jump while riding in a horseshow in Vienna, on the wall of his office—and deprecatingly referred to himself as an "eyes, nostrils, and dock man."

He was under orders to Korea for a "red bordered assignment" as Chief of Staff of a US Division fighting there when he was stricken with his fatal illness. It is characteristic of Hank that, before the nature of his illness became fully apparent, his chief concern was that it not prevent him from serving his country for a second time on the field of battle.

Throughout his life, Hank was a devoted family man. On his last "change of station", he left behind his lovely, courageous wife, Suzanne; his handsome, strapping 14 year old son, Henry (already following in Hank's footsteps on the gridiron); his winsome, pixie 5 year daughter, Susie; and his adoring parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cherry of Macon, Georgia (Net and Dan to most of us).

It is significant that the commanders of the two U.S. Armies today defending the frontiers of the Free World joined with numerous others in paying tribute to Hank after his death. General McAuliffe stated: "I had nothing but the greatest admiration and respect for Hank Cherry, both as an officer and as a man". From far off Korea, General Maxwell Taylor wrote: "I join his family and countless friends in mourning the loss of this gallant and able soldier."

Brigadier General Edwin Piburn, his combat commander in World War II, adds this sentiment: "What was not written in Hank's numerous citations were the many human qualities as an individual which made him the outstanding armored leader he was. We former members of the 10th Armored Division regret the loss of a sincere friend and a gallant soldier. We know we are joined by others who 'stand to horse' in honor of his memory."

Major General Clyde Eddleman, Hank's boss while serving in the Pentagon, has

the following to say of him: "I considered Hank one of the outstanding young colonels of the Army. I am certain he would have received his star as soon as the selection of general officers reached his age bracket. In addition he had such a wonderful personality and was regarded highly by the people who worked with him." (This we think, is the true test of any officer.)

Major General Paul Harkins, former Commandant of Cadets and now a division commander in Korea, pays this personalized tribute to Hank: "He was a true son of the Military Academy—a leader among leaders—a man among men. Whether slugging it out in beleaguered Bastogne, smashing his way into Trier, instructing cadets, juggling Pentagon plans and jargon, or being a father, Hank was tops. Those who knew him will never forget the twinkle in his eye, his soft, warm voice and manner, his ever present chuckle, and his wonderful sense of humor. Never harsh, always helpful, Hank had no enemies other than those he picked on "BY COMMAND OF" The weather could be foul, foggy, dark, or dismal, but, when Hank appeared on the scene, it was always, 'Oh, what a beautiful morning'."

These sentiments of Paul Harkins aptly sum up the Hank Cherry we all knew and loved.

—R. E. H.

Fred Brinson Rountree

NO. 16068 CLASS OF 1946

MISSING IN ACTION SINCE JANUARY 14, 1951, IN KOREA. OFFICIALLY DECLARED DEAD AS OF JANUARY 31, 1954, AGED 31 YEARS.

FRED BRINSON ROUNTREE was mighty proud of his wrist watch. Graduation from Guyton High School entitled a lad to his own time-piece, did it not?

Could the watch possibly be slow? Saturday seemed an awful long time getting around when he was to get his real graduation present. Ever since Fred had been a little shaver, helping his Dad around his tenant farms in Egypt, Georgia, he had one great longing. Even the excitement of the annual cattle branding couldn't quite blot it out. Fred wanted to fly.

But just wait until Saturday. What a graduation present! His first flight! What a thrill!

Just to think that while going through grammar school in Egypt, he had thoughts of being a doctor. Fred was ever thoughtful of the other fellow's troubles and most likely he would have made a wonderful doctor. But always there was that old obsession—the thrill of flying.

Things began to break for Fred. It seemed natural when graduation from Georgia Military College led to West Point. The Academy was becoming more conscious of the importance of air power. Stewart Field, just a short distance from West Point, was the cadets' training field in aviation in those days, and it was there that Fred got his initiation in being master of the skies.

His "drag" at West Point, Dorothy Carnright of Newburgh, N. Y., never heard the end of the wonders of the airplane. Romantic it was too. On many a flight did Dorothy accompany Fred. In fancy of course, but nonetheless realistic.

After graduation from the Academy, Fred and Dorothy truly became pilot and copilot. They were married on July 31, 1946. Fred Brinson Rountree, Jr. signed aboard in El Paso, Texas, on September 3, 1947, and James Carnright Rountree completed

the crew on November 17, 1949, in Japan.

Fred was now stationed at Yakota Air Force Base in Japan. In between his plane flights, he didn't have too much time with his earthbound crew. Dorothy, Brince and Jim were mighty proud of Dad and were most happy that his tour of duty was about to terminate.

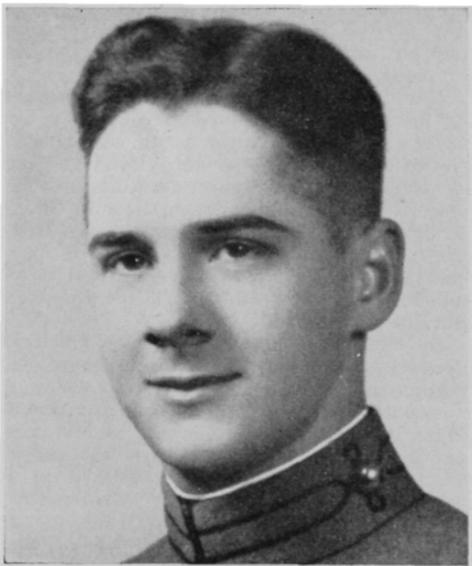
Then came the Chinese Communist invasion of South Korea. Volunteers were sought.

You guessed it. Fred was among those who passed up the opportunity to go home. He volunteered.

Forty missions had been accomplished and then just another routine flight. So thought Captain Fred B. Rountree, the pilot; so thought Captain Don Thomas, the navigator and so thought Sergeant Bernard Mitchell, the gunner.

The fighter bomber, a B26, made its usual graceful takeoff. Fred was in his element. He was airborne. Just another "milk run".

Headquarters had suggested reconnaissance and possible offensive action on the return trip. Consultation brought forth a decision to investigate an old thorn in the



side. An enemy airstrip, which had been responsible for casualties in the past, had been reported as abandoned.

"Let's take a look," was the unanimous decision.

At 200 feet Fred and his crew took that look. The field was not abandoned. Ground fire hit the plane. The plane was on fire. Momentum was sufficient to bring the plane over a nearby mountain.

A white chute opened. Navigator Thomas was on his way. The last he saw of the plane was someone bailing out, just as it passed over the mountain into enemy territory.

It was a sad visit for Captain Thomas. Fortunately he had been able to reach American territory by assistance from the Korean underground. From him, Dorothy Rountree learned that it was her husband who had bailed out. The gunner, Sergeant Bernard Mitchell was presumably caught in the flames of the plane.

Don Thomas had been able to make it. Any day, please God, Fred would be back in friendly hands. Such was the hopes of Fred's ground crew, his wife and two sons, now back in Newburgh, and also that of his parents and two brothers.

It was a long vigil. Prayers are powerful but they cannot resurrect the dead. Fred was gone. It was made official on February 1, 1954. "It can no longer be reasonably

assumed." read the message. This was the end of a long watch for Dorothy and Fred's folks in Georgia, but it was the beginning of a new career for the first of Fred's sons.

Fred, Jr., Brince to his friends, and all of six years of age, is now enrolled at Mt. St. Joseph's Military Academy just across the road from the entrance to Stewart Field. Jim will follow him.

How can oppressors ever win against such a heritage?

—F. G.

William Thomas O'Connell, Jr.

NO. 16727 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, JULY 28, 1950, NEAR KONJU, KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

"OKIE" was one of the pitifully small group of men in the dark beginning days of the Korean War to whose lot fell the task of holding the overwhelming tide sweeping down on South Korea until our full strength could be mustered against the enemy. The deeds of the brave men like Okie who bore the initial brunt in Korea make one of the finest chapters ever written of heroism, courage, and devotion to duty in the face of terrible odds. Those of us who carry on will ever be mindful of the supreme sacrifice made by those who failed to return; we can never forget that their sacrifices were made for us and for our loved ones.

Okie died just as all who were privileged to know him knew he would die—if such were God's will—fighting, all the way, and with every ounce of energy his mind and body could give until he had drawn his last breath.

On Sunday, 25 June 1950, Okie was on maneuvers with the 13th Bombardment Squadron of the Fifth Air Force in Japan. It is quite probable that he had just returned from church services that morning when he heard the first news flash of the North Korean invasion. Okie was always intensely religious and would not miss church merely because of maneuvers if he could possibly help it. As his chaplain in Japan wrote afterward: "Bill could remember the time and place for Sunday Mass; he never went AWOL on God."

Events moved rapidly in those first few days, and within hours after the first American troops were rushed to Korea, Okie flew his B-26 Invader Attack Bomber on its first support mission of the war. Several missions later, on the 5th of July, Okie's name was flashed across the country as the pilot of the plane that shot down the first Russian-built Yak fighter in Korea. Okie flew many missions in that first month of the war, blasting roads, bridges, supply dumps, and other military targets of opportunity to support the hard-pressed ground troops withdrawing toward the Pusan Perimeter. Who can guess how many lives were saved or how much valuable time and supplies were lost to the enemy in those critical days because of the efforts of pilots like Okie who flew their sorely needed missions around the clock?

On 28 July 1950, a Friday morning, Okie took off for another mission over enemy territory. It was to be his last, but he was to accomplish his mission and strike a final severe and defiant blow at the enemy before the end. On the way over, the four planes in his flight encountered bad weather and had to split up their formation to fly through the clouds. They broke through the weather and completed a successful bombing run over Taejon about noon. Be-

fore returning to their base, the planes were to go down to low altitudes and attack targets of opportunity. Okie headed north along the road out of Taejon. Just beyond the village of Kongju, twenty miles from Taejon, where the road crosses the Kum River, he spotted six enemy tanks on the north side of the bridge. The following account of the attack was written by an eyewitness crew member of another plane in the flight: "Okie had about 300 or 400 feet of altitude when he started his run on the tanks. He fired about eight rockets, and it looked as if all tanks received direct hits. Meanwhile, he was machine gunning the tanks too. The tanks made an exceptionally good target, as they were all grouped together in one spot. There were two straw huts that were set on fire, where the tank crew-men had run for cover. Just as Okie was over the north end of the bridge, I noticed his air speed slowing down. About one-half mile from the bridge his left engine caught fire, and he 'feathered' the engine. At the time over the bridge, he was approximately fifty to one hundred feet in the air. He managed to regain some alti-



tude, but then it looked as if he started to lose altitude again. He continued to lose altitude for about a mile or mile and a quarter. He was approaching three ridges. I could not tell how high the ridges were, nor how high Okie was, due to the fact that our ship was almost directly over Okie's now, and just a little behind. Okie cleared the first hump, but his left wing tip hit the second ridge, and the ship cartwheeled into the third ridge. The plane crashed at 1212 Tokyo Standard Time on July 28th."

Okie was officially listed as "missing in action" until 29 July 1951. During that tortuous year, his family and friends hoped, prayed, and searched for any thread of evidence that might indicate Okie had survived the crash. But long hours of pouring over enemy news releases and photographs, anxious nights of listening to radio broadcasts, and countless letters to persons across the Pacific as well as in the United States, all were in vain.

A solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Lieutenant William T. O'Connell, Jr., was offered on 8 September 1951, in Okie's own church, Saint Agnes in New York City, by the Right Reverend Monsignor George C. Murdock, who was Okie's chaplain and great friend during his cadet days at West Point. Okie's remains were recovered in the wreckage near Kongju in February 1952. The funeral was held in the Chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia, on 31

March 1952, and interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Okie was born in New York City where he attended Saint Agnes School and Regis High School. He entered West Point on 1 July 1944, only a few days after graduating from high school, and graduated in the Class of 1948. He flight-trained at Randolph Field, Texas, and Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, where he received his wings in September 1949. He sailed to Japan two months later and was assigned to the 13th Bombardment Squadron at Yakota Air Force Base near Tokyo. He served with the same squadron until his death eight months later in Korea. Okie was twenty-four years of age when he flew his last mission. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. O'Connell, Sr., two younger brothers, John and Arthur, and a younger sister, Therese.

Okie made a great many friends while he was at West Point. His classmates will always remember his ready store of Irish songs and tales which helped to while away the idle hours more pleasantly in barracks and summer camp. They will also remember his athletic prowess that sparked many a team victory in basketball, football, handball, and boxing. And, perhaps most outstanding, they will never forget Okie's dedication to a religious way of life and unflinching service to his church throughout his cadet career.

Okie loved West Point, he loved the service of his country, and he loved his country's ideals of justice, freedom, and personal dignity. He gave his life nobly in defense of those ideals. He was a loyal and true friend. His was an indomitable spirit that never failed to inspire those around him in times of trial as well as in times of good fortune—a spirit that first showed itself in Plebe Barracks and carried him through to the final hour in Korea. It may be said, "Okie, Well Done; Be thou at peace." Though God has willed that your course on earth is run, we will think of you often until we meet again.

—His Classmates.

Thomas Patrick Greene

NO. 17724 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION, FEBRUARY 10, 1951,
IN KOREA, AGED 22 YEARS.

THOMAS PATRICK, "Pat" as he was known to all, was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, January 10, 1929, the sixth son of then Major and Mrs. Douglass T. Greene. From there it was a succession of stations, as it is in all Army families. At each new station "Pat" rapidly made new friends but never forgot the old.

"Pat" started High School in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where his father was Commanding General of the 16th Armored Division. When transferred from Fort Smith, his father decided to establish a permanent home for his family in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. This was home to "Pat", the former places of living took on the aspect of pleasant tours of duty, but Drexel Hill is where he made his dearest friends and firmest ties. It was in Drexel Hill that "Pat" graduated from Upper Darby High School in the class of 1946.

It was only natural that "Pat" should go to West Point. Both of his grandfathers, his father and two of his brothers were graduates, and he directed all of his efforts to joining them in the Long Gray Line. He

won the appointment from the 7th Pennsylvania Congressional District and realized his ambition when he entered the Academy in July 1946. The following four years were happy ones. His easy-going manner made the routine of the Academy pass quickly and his inherent leadership abilities were brought out and matured so that he rapidly advanced toward his goal, a good officer. Underneath his easy-going and jovial attitude was a deeply serious man. "Pat" was one who put his service to GOD first and this seemed to be his inner drive and calm. His comradeship and sympathy were there for all. Graduation for "Pat" was a time of great happiness as well as sorrow. Happiness because he was joining the Service he loved and sorrow because of the many friends he was leaving.

His graduation assignment was with the 7th Infantry at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, in the company that both of his grandfathers had commanded years before. The regiment left the States for Korea in September 1950, landed first in Japan to receive its compliment of Korean fillers, then



proceeded to Wonsan, Korea, in November; thence inland to cover the left flank of the withdrawal of the Marines and the 7th Division from the Chongjin Reservoir, and finally covered the withdrawal through Hungnam, where Pat was the last officer off the beach. He was back into the line again in the drive up the peninsula during the middle of January. On February 10, 1951 while leading his platoon—a part of the leading elements of the regiment—against the Walled City of Korea, Son-Son-Ni, "Pat" went to the assistance of his lead scouts, who were pinned down by fire, and while covering their withdrawal was instantly killed.

He was awarded, posthumously, the Silver Star for his part in this action, with a citation which read: "During this bold action, as he fearlessly drew the enemy attention to him Lieutenant Greene was mortally wounded by a sniper's bullet. The conspicuous gallantry and steadfast bravery exhibited by Lieutenant Greene reflect the highest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the most esteemed traditions of the military service."

"Pat" has joined the ghostly assemblage; the Army has lost a fine young officer; his family a wonderful boy and his friends a marvelous comrade. "Well Done."

—A Classmate.



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