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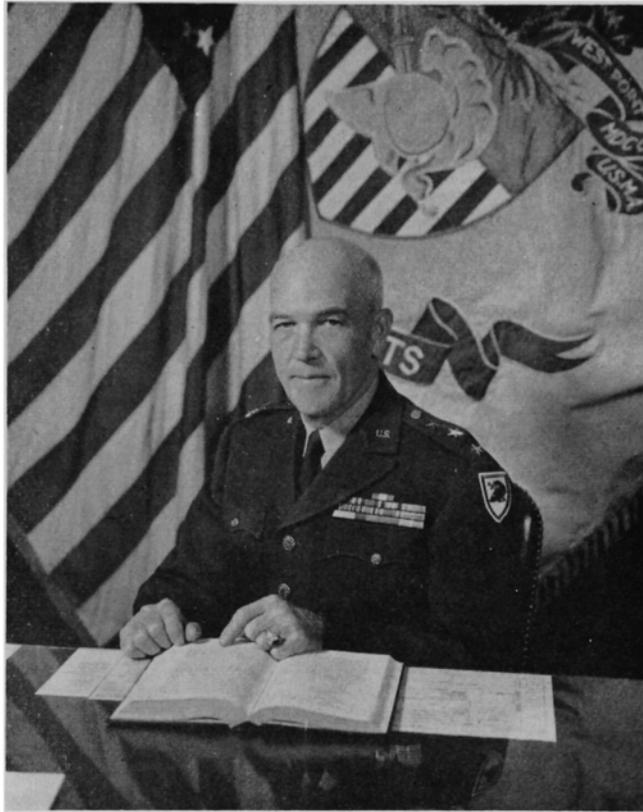
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# New Superintendent, U.S.M.A.



Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan

On 3 September 1954 Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan, Class of 14 June 1922, assumed command of West Point as Superintendent. He succeeded Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, who retired on 31 August.

General Bryan was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, on 8 February 1900. He attended the Virginia Military Institute before entering West Point on 8 November 1918. As a cadet he was well known for his performance on the gridiron. When he graduated from the Academy on 14 June 1922, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery, his first assignment being with the 15th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

From August 1924 to June 1928, he was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served with the 18th Field Artillery and was for a while Assistant Provost Marshal and commander of the Military Police Detachment. During this time he was detailed to West Point each football season to serve as an assistant coach.

In July 1928 he returned to West Point for a four-year tour of duty with the U.S.M.A. Detachment of Field Artillery. Thence he went to Fort Sill, where he graduated from the Field Artillery School in 1934. He again returned to West Point as battery commander, field artillery instructor and football coach until June 1935.

After leaving the Academy he attended the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, from which he grad-

uated in 1936. He then was assigned to the faculty of the Field Artillery School until the summer of 1939. Graduating from the Army War College in 1940, he was assigned to the War Department General Staff.

During and following World War II he served in the Office of the Provost Marshal General, first as Chief of the Aliens Division and later as Provost Marshal General. In June 1948 he went to Quarry Heights, Canal Zone, where he was Chief of Staff of the Caribbean Command.

During January 1951 General Bryan arrived in Korea and assumed command of the 24th Infantry Division, leading it through the heavy Korean fighting of 1951. He returned to Japan in December 1951 to become Deputy Chief of Staff, Far East Command and United Nations Command. He held this post until he assumed command of XVI Corps at Sendai in November 1952.

In June 1953 General Bryan was appointed senior member of the United Nations Military Armistice Commission. As senior member of the UNCMAC, he directed the implementation of the armistice, controlling the Prisoner of War Exchange and the activities of the Neutral Nations Supervisory Committee, and the Neutral Nations Repatriation Committee.

In latter part of October 1953, General Bryan assumed command of the United States I Corps.

In July 1954 he returned to the United

States and, after leave, assumed the Superintendency of the United States Military Academy.

When, shortly after his assumption of command, General Bryan was asked to give a preview of his policies for the benefit of the graduates, he replied that he hadn't finished his study of the Academy; but he thought that one of his impressions would be of interest. "It is apparent to me," he said, "and to the Army as a whole, that we may have forgotten the value of the spoken, as opposed to the written word; and this has carried over into the Corps of Cadets. There are too many poop sheets prescribing every act of a cadet—too many check lists, too many certificates for him to sign. The cadet shouldn't have to read so many mimeographed and printed directions. The number of them is self-defeating. Then too, his word should be accepted with the same validity as his signature on a certificate.

"I intend to simplify administration by insisting on oral instructions and reports whenever possible. I want to stop spelling out the details—to teach the cadet to think and act according to his best judgment, to develop his sense of responsibility and teamwork, to cut out quibbling over minutiae. He must learn to analyze his problems, to be actuated by principle, and to solve his problems on the basis of moral right and wrong. In short, I want the system to be simple, direct and straightforward, and to turn out good officers."

# General Beukema Retires

*"Consider that I laboured not for myself only,  
but for all them that seek learning."*

The Class of 1954 expressed the feelings with which all West Point graduates of the last quarter century will receive the announcement of Herman Beukema's retirement. They knew, as they listened to his closing lecture last June, that theirs was the last graduating class he would address. He finished speaking and dismissed them. Momentarily no one moved from his place. Then every man rose to give an ovation which finally sent him first from the hall, spontaneous recognition of the respect felt for him and the inspiration he has been to cadets. The senior colonel in the Army for several years before his retirement, one of the many outstanding graduates of the Class of 1915, he is familiar to thousands of graduates of the last quarter century. No West Point faculty member of recent decades is more widely known and highly respected in the military and civilian higher educational field.

His early career as an officer gave promise that he would one day attain high command and its accompanying responsibilities, but his scholarship, energy, and resourcefulness were to bring him as great achievement and recognition in the field of a soldier-educator. He dedicated himself to West Point and to its mission of preparing young men for a career in the Armed Forces. His twenty-six years of effort brought about enduring advances in the curriculum at West Point, changes that helped the thousands of cadets who now bear many of the responsibilities of our national security program, to acquire the knowledge and understanding necessary for their tasks.

Although he has donned civilian clothes, General Beukema still continues in a position of administrative and intellectual leadership to further education in the Armed Forces. On 1 September he became Director of the European branch of the Armed Forces Education Program, conducted by the University of Maryland. The "campus" covers the seventy-six centers of U.S. troop concentrations from Scotland to Saudi Arabia, and its approximately 5,000 students range from private to brigadier general. And so his dynamic energy and selfless dedication will remain on "active duty." General Alfred Gruenther has written this of him:

"I have known General Beukema for over thirty years, and it has always seemed to me that he grows younger every year. Certainly one gets that impression based on his buoyant enthusiasm and the vigor of his ideas.

"It is difficult to estimate the number of individuals who have been inspired by the Beukema Crusade but certainly it runs into the thousands. He has taught us the true nature of national power, and that effective U.S. leadership can only be exercised in world affairs if we have wisdom, patience, and perseverance. The contribution which he has made to the security of the United States and of the entire free world is a tremendous one. It is gratifying to know that he will be able to continue to contribute significantly to the achievement of that objective in his new position."

Herman Beukema came to West Point in 1911 from Muskegon, Michigan. His background included winning the Michigan State Oratorical Championship, a tour as a cub reporter on the Muskegon *Daily Chronicle* and the Muskegon *Morning News*, a year at the University of Chicago, and an enthusiasm for track. He graduated high in his class and was commissioned in the artillery. He returned to West Point within a year to marry Margaret (Peggy) Shaw, a graduate of Smith College and the daughter of the then USMA Chief Surgeon, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Alden Shaw.

The Beukemas spent two years on the Mexican border and Captain Beukema then



went to France as a battalion commander. Wounded in action once, he returned to combat duty from the hospital. After World War I he served as a Constructing Quartermaster in Panama, for six years as student and instructor at the Artillery School at Fort Sill, and as a student at the Command and General Staff School. In 1928 he returned to West Point as an instructor in the Department of Economics, Government, and History (now the Department of Social Sciences). Upon the unexpected resignation of Colonel Lucius Holt, well-known to many senior graduates, he was given twenty-four hours to choose between line service in the Army and Colonel Holt's professorship. The Academy was fortunate in his decision.

The president of one of America's great universities, expressing his regret at General Beukema's retirement, writes that:

"He has been more instrumental than any other man in his generation in pulling up Academy educational standards.

He has understood that, in these days when Army men so frequently become policymakers on matters which go far beyond the military and technical fields, they must be well and deeply educated or the entire nation may suffer."

The changes and advances in the social sciences taught at West Point under General Beukema's guidance have been many. At first they were made without additional curricular time, but after World War II ninety hours were transferred to his Department, enabling him to introduce courses in Economic and Industrial Geography, the Economics of National Security, and International Relations.

Into the basic social science disciplines of history, politics, economics, and geography, General Beukema has fitted an arrangement of subcourses to form an integrated composite of studies that are the equal, in the time available, of any to be found in undergraduate education in the United States. He has consistently pointed all the social science courses toward the related goals of education for citizenship and creation of an understanding of our country's national security problems.

In the nineteen thirties he instituted courses in Far Eastern history, comparative governments of the great powers, and the foundations of power of the great nations—subjects at that time little taught in civilian undergraduate schools, but now considered indispensable to any curriculum. The Far Eastern history course was the second such undergraduate course in American colleges. General Beukema, in the early nineteen thirties, recognized the need for knowledge concerning the threats to America's security rising in Europe and the Western Pacific—particularly the latter—and he stressed that need constantly in lectures and classroom discussions. By 1935 every new graduate was keenly aware of his warnings. Some of them spoke of him as the "sabre-rattler."

His span of interest and his definition of his responsibility have extended from the abstractions of political and economic principles to the financial problems of the junior officer. The insurance and personal finance courses he initiated have helped thousands.

Known widely as a geopolitician, General Beukema is the first to say that he suspects the term because of its obscure meaning. But he has continually demanded education about the facts and meaning of economic and political geography. The post-World War II geography course was a goal he had sought for West Point for fifteen years. So likewise was the course in Economics of National Security (instituted just as the Service Academy Board, with General Eisenhower a member, indicated the need for it). This last course, and the course in International Relations, both coming in the last semester of First Class Year, he designed as capstone courses utilizing all the cadet's previous instruction in the social sciences.

Recognizing that some cadets have studied certain of the Department's subjects in college before their entrance to USMA, he arranged that they might take alternate courses if they could pass examinations in

the regular courses. Accordingly, about ten per cent of each class now take courses in Russian History, Middle Eastern History, and Diplomatic History of the United States.

One of General Beukema's greatest contributions to the Academy has been his own writings, and perhaps even more, his encouragement of his Department personnel to write. The Department is now using as texts five books written by him and other department officers. The text (published in 1946) on contemporary foreign governments was the first in the field. All texts were prepared because of local need, but all are now also in demand in civilian institutions or, as is true of the insurance and personal finance books, in the Service at large. In addition, General Beukema is co-author of six books prepared in collaboration with civilian educators.

Many years before the Military Academy adopted the goal of having its instructors educated in graduate schools prior to assuming their tasks, Herman Beukema was pressing for such a policy in his department. Every member of his department now has at least a Master's degree from a leading university. This achievement has, among many other gains contributed to cross-fertilization with civilian higher education.

The Beukema contribution to West Point has extended beyond the fields of cadet education. General Beukema's gracious and charming wife has made their West Point home a place in which thousands of guests, ranging from cadets to the great men of the nation, have found intellectual stimulus and warm hospitality. And she will be remembered for her great efforts in post activities and for the consideration and help she has extended to the wives of the many officers who have served with her husband. His interests have always transcended the implications of his mission as Professor of Social Sciences. Many, for example, will remember him in part for his contributions for a decade as an officer of the West Point Horse Show Association, some may recall that he was one of the small group responsible for instituting West Point Round Pond Boys' Camp, others will recall the Beukema family activities in amateur dramatics and in music. Friends will long remember Hermie's enthusiasm for leading an informal gathering in the Mountain Artillery Song, and his deep interest in gardening. In 1953 after the doctors advised him to give up his hobby of cabinet making, he turned to his lifetime interest in art. His paintings have the dynamism characteristic of the man.

The characteristics of always being interested in people as individuals and of giving encouragement to initiative have contributed greatly to General Beukema's successful intellectual leadership of cadets and officers. This interest in, and support of, the activities and careers of other people has extended across the entire scope of Academy activities. He inspires dedicated effort in those who serve under him. The thousands who have sought his advice or aid on special projects and assignments, graduate study, or cadet activities, felt this inspiration and remember with gratitude his warm response.

Recognizing that character and educational advance can come from undertakings stemming from cadet initiative, and that such undertakings are often as rewarding as directed effort in the classroom, General Beukema has strongly supported extra-curricular educational projects. The Cadet Debate Council and Forum activities, that

include the National Debate Tournament, the Student Conference on United States Affairs, lecture programs, and voluntary discussion seminars—all have had his support and his vision to help in their development.

General Beukema accepted from Colonel Holt the premise that the department for which he became responsible could not be static, but must, in its field, meet changing forecasts of our national security needs. Continual association with civilian education and contact with Government agencies were consequently necessary. Colonel Holt had carried on much of this liaison at his own expense. Fortunately for General Beukema government funds were made available that enabled him to expand contacts with learned societies, educators, and the Government agencies concerned with the subject matter of the Social Science courses. He is a well-known lecturer at civilian institutions and the war colleges, and has lived to see the civilian disbelief and opposition of the 30's to many

attainments, and tact commanded the respect and admiration of the leading educators of the nation. Perhaps even more significant was the resolution of his Advisory Committee of ten college presidents on the occasion of his resignation. They testified to his professional efficiency, and to his insight as educator and citizen into the immediate problems as well as the long-range objectives of higher education.

Recognition of his achievements includes honorary degrees from Washington and Jefferson, Rutgers, and Norwich. And this tribute from the only cadet taught by General Beukema who has thus far reached four-star rank, General Norstadt:

"His contribution to the U.S. war effort deserve the label 'great.' He did not command armies or operate great logistics organizations. His success was due to the influence that he exerted on the lives of his associates and his standards of a lifetime in the Service. He opened up new fields of interest to many of us and instilled in us a curiosity in things other than technical military matters. Most of us contributed only ourselves and our own efforts, General Beukema has contributed to scores of officers whom he inspired."

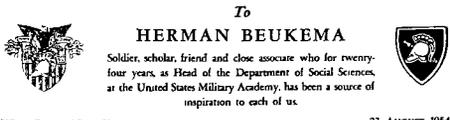
During the years following World War II, instead of a slower pace warranted by seniority, General Beukema continued his intensive efforts toward continual improvement in his department. In addition, he was in greatly increased demand for lectures, conferences, and as adviser, formal and informal, on many projects of military and civilian education. Examples of his activities are his conduct in 1949 of the first trip to Europe designed to orient a selected cadet group in military problems overseas, his work with the Brookings Institution on the teaching of International Relations, and his membership on the Board of Consultants to the New York State Board of Regents on Secondary School Courses in United States History.

General Beukema has had a firm conviction that the first line of USMA representation to education, government, and the public is by those at West Point, and that he alone could not carry the load of representation and exploration across the field of the social sciences. Hence he has implanted among the members of his Department the practice of consultation with government agencies and attendance at conferences and the meetings of learned societies where contacts with other educators can be made and developed. His department has thereby kept pace with the accelerating flow of developments in its field.

West Point has had few names that live in the history of our country's higher education. Herman Beukema's name will so live. He followed the great men of West Point before him in their vision of building an Academy that would serve our constantly changing national security problems. He led the minds of men in a way that caused them to advance with and in front of him, the highest achievement of an educator and of leadership. The future will record that he built well for his country. To the Academy's motto of "Duty, Honor, Country," he has been faithful. He has fought uncompromisingly and with foresight to maintain it. He leaves a monument more durable than stone: the department he has built and the thinking he has shaped in furthering our national security.

"The noble acts that he did, and his greatness, they are not written: for they were very many."

—G. A. L.



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- A list of names and signatures, including: W. A. ... Robert C. ... James ... John ...

of his theses change to respect and support in this period of perpetual crisis. Implementing a general program of maximum cadet participation in the widening intellectual contacts of the Military Academy, he encouraged representation of West Point by cadet attendance at conferences and institutes. In this and many other ways he did much to destroy the derogatory myth of the West Point "military mind."

Early in World War II the Army called on General Beukema to initiate two difficult and unprecedented programs. By direction of the Chief of Staff, he organized and was director of the Army Orientation Course from December 1941 to May 1942. Shortly thereafter he was made Director of the Army Specialized Training Program at its inception. The citation for the Distinguished Service Medal he received for this task mentions that the program extended to 230 colleges and universities and trained more than 150,000 enlisted men in critical specialties. And the same citation mentions that his personality, professional and scholarly

# Varsity Sports at West Point

By EARL "RED" BLAIK, '20

Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach

After many years of association with varsity sports at the Military Academy, I have come to the conclusion that among our graduates there is a strong interest but a hazy understanding of the over-all varsity athletic program at West Point. It is hoped, therefore, that this article will provide a background of information for our alumni and will prove interesting as well as informative.

The Army Athletic Association is a self-supporting, non-profit organization, with 12,000 members, each of whom pays annual dues of \$1.00. This fee, among other things, entitles the member to seniority ticket privileges. The Athletic Board, which is appointed by and is directly responsible to the Superintendent of the Military Academy, sets the policies for the intercollegiate sports program and approves all financial transactions. The present members of the Board are the Dean of the Academic Board, the Commandant of Cadets, the Heads of two Academic Departments, the Director of Athletics and the Graduate Manager of Athletics.

The Graduate Manager, presently Lieutenant Colonel James Schwenk, acts as the business executive. He is responsible for the many business activities of the Association and the operations in general. All money is deposited with the Treasurer of the Military Academy, and is withdrawn only over the Treasurer's signature upon proper authorization by the Graduate Manager of Athletics. The books of the Association are audited annually by one of the leading firms of public accountants in the East.

The Association's yearly income approximates \$500,000, 92 percent of which is derived from our varsity football games. *No money whatever* is appropriated by the Government for the activities of the Army Athletic Association. The sources of the receipts and a classification of expenditures are shown in accompanying charts.

The Association finances seventeen varsity sports, maintains the athletic plant, supplies equipment, and aids many cadet activities. For the recreational pleasure of the Corps, and other members of the garrison, the AAA maintains and operates Delafield Pond, Smith Rink, a number of tennis courts, and the West Point golf course—all at an annual cost of \$35,000. The modest yearly operating profit is placed in a reserve account from which from time to time permanent additions, valued at two and one-half million dollars, have been added to the athletic plant at West Point. These permanent projects include, among other installations, the following:

Addition to the Gymnasium	\$460,000
Michie Stadium	400,000
Hockey Rink	215,000
Field House	200,000
Golf Course	475,000
Delafield Pond	10,000
Tennis Courts	35,000

When the problem created by restricted parking facilities and lack of arterial roads is solved, it is planned to enlarge Michie Stadium to a seating capacity of 40,000. We are also greatly in need of a varsity sports house which will house visiting teams and serve other needed purposes. It is expected that over a period of years our reserve

will become large enough to finance such a building program.

This being the fall issue of *Assembly*, it has been suggested that this article include information regarding our varsity football program.

In order to carry out this program at West Point, it is necessary to have participants who are above average in athletic ability. Quite contrary to the understanding of most people in civil life, the average cadet, though physically sound, is not an athlete. As a matter of fact, the methods used by many Congressmen in selecting young men for West Point place a premium on high scholastic attainment, even at times to the exclusion of such important



Colonel Blaik

factors as leadership potential and previous physical activities. Without drastic changes in the method of appointment, there can be little hope of many young men of above average varsity ability being appointed to West Point unless, in some way, this desirable type of young man can be actively interested in a Service career.

The reason for this situation is obvious, as for many years the best universities and endowed colleges have recruited, among others, outstanding young men who combine high scholastic ability with good promise as varsity athletes. Explicitly, every effort is made by zealous alumni and representatives of these institutions to influence the student-athlete to come to their respective colleges. As a consequence, the type of boy in which we are very much interested is at a premium; and without a decided interest on the part of everybody concerned in selling the Service to this type of young man, it would be impossible for the Military Academy to field varsity teams which would be able to compete successfully against any but the very small college. That would be the case if our varsity athletes were to come from the run-of-the-mill appointees.

Let it be understood then that there has been a legitimate effort to influence the student-athlete to come to West Point. However, there are many obstacles that must be overcome in order to enter West Point which do not affect the prospective student entering other colleges. First, it is necessary that the young man be motivated to the Army or Air Force as a career; second, that the Congressman be thoroughly sold on the prospect; and, third, that the difficult entrance examinations be passed. Even with all this, in the end the young hopeful may find that some physical defect has barred his qualification.

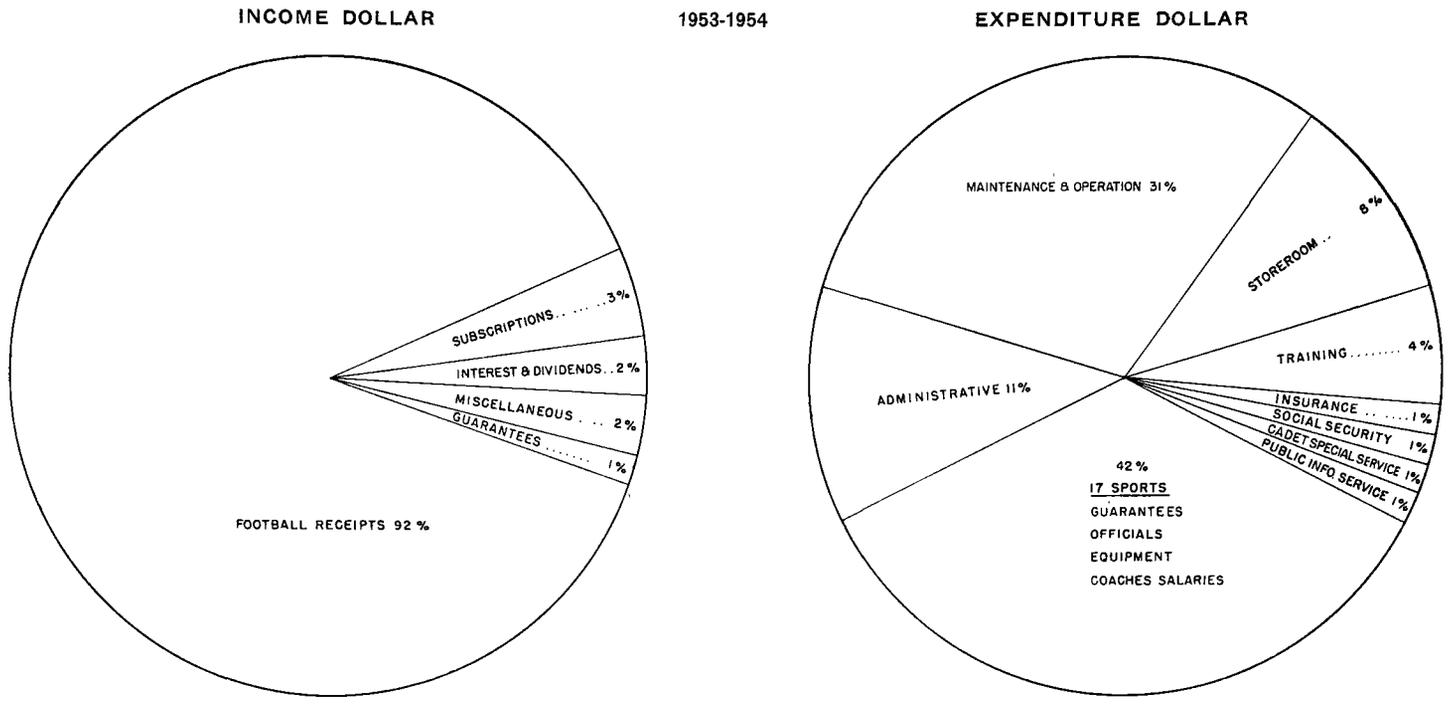
In the period prior to 1939, West Point football was largely dependent on the former college player. Many of our alumni recall the disastrous seasons of 1939 and 1940 that followed the change in the policy, when we lost 11 major games, tied 3, and won none. Since 1939, West Point has adhered to the 3-year varsity rule, and the former college player is a rarity. Now the Academy squad is made up preponderantly of high school youngsters averaging 18 years of age at entrance. This is particularly interesting when it is considered that well over half the men in the 1954 graduating class, a typical class, had some prior college attendance and that another 20 per cent received special preparation at cram schools before they entered.

Now for a look at the new plebes who make up our freshman squad. One had one year in college, 5 graduated from preparatory schools, while 32 came from high schools. The scholastic records of this group must of necessity be strong, as it will compete academically in a Corps made up largely of more mature cadets with much more academic background.

It has been my belief, and I feel this more strongly today than ever before, that the Corps of Cadets needs the balance which is brought to it by the commingling of all types of youngsters; and certainly in this respect the athlete has added much to the color of the Corps and the esprit of all. In brief, it should be understood that no longer does a good athlete normally gravitate to the Military Academy, because there are too many people trying to persuade him to go elsewhere. Without enthusiastic support on the part of the Corps and graduates, as well as a complete understanding of our problem by Members of Congress, there can be no successful varsity sports program at West Point.

Perhaps it may be well to include a few thoughts on the basic football philosophy, as I view it, in relation to the Military Academy. Football is incidental to the purpose of the participant's being at West Point, and in this there has never been a compromise. The mission of West Point is to graduate into the Service well-educated young officers who have a willing, fighting spirit, and are imbued with the ideals of West Point. We are not in competition with other institutions to develop scientists and specialists, which they alone can turn out. Ours is a definite mission, and the degree of success which is attained by our graduates in command positions measures the standing of West Point as an institution.

I would not want to make comparisons, for we are proud of all our young grad-



uates; but I am sure I will be excused for taking particular pride in the records made in Korea by the young men who were members of the football squad during their cadet days. We mourn the loss of 17 of our former football players, including the 1944 and 1949 captains. All of us take pride in the fact that one of our graduates was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Korean War; and I am particularly proud that he was a member of the 1945-48 football squads.

Football is a game which fosters in American youth the many qualities essential to success on the battlefield. The college game has been under strong fire for several years by many who condemn the whole because a minor part is bad. But just as long as the desire to win is not diluted, the game remains a "must" for American youth, and West Point should be a symbol of legitimate and rugged play.

There have been many questions asked about our future football schedules. The policy for a season's schedule was set eight years ago to provide for seven major and two minor games. At that time it was contemplated that two games away from West Point should from year to year include teams in all sections of the country. It was also agreed that the major part of our schedule should include teams from the "Ivy" colleges.

The recent formation of the Ivy League has presented scheduling problems to both Annapolis and West Point. With a set seven member game policy within the Ivy League, the Service Academies after 1956 will seldom play more than one Ivy team in a season. The result of this Ivy League policy is that the Service Academies are reluctantly forced to undertake schedules far more difficult than we normally wish to play. Perhaps within a few years the Air Academy will complete the "Military Three," or the "A-N-AF Conference," which may ease our scheduling problem but not the pressure.

At any rate, the cadet football player of today arises at 5:50 A.M., receives no special privileges or consideration, and carries a far heavier academic and military load than those of us in days gone by. These are the future schedules which he must contemplate:

	1955		1957
September	24—Furman at West Point	October	5—Penn State at West Point
October	1—Penn State at West Point		12—Notre Dame at South Bend
	8—Michigan at Ann Arbor		17—Pittsburgh at West Point
	15—Syracuse at West Point		26—Columbia at New York
	22—Columbia at West Point	November	2—Colgate at West Point
	29—Colgate at West Point		9—Utah at West Point
November	5—Yale at New Haven		16—Tulane at New Orleans
	12—Penn at Philadelphia		30—Navy at Philadelphia
	26—Navy at Philadelphia		
	1956		
September	29—Virginia Military Institute at West Point	September	27—South Carolina at West Point
October	6—Penn State at West Point	October	5—Penn State at West Point
	13—Michigan at Ann Arbor		11—Notre Dame at West Point
	20—Syracuse at West Point		18—Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh
	27—Columbia at New York		25—Columbia at West Point
November	3—Colgate at West Point	November	1—Colgate at West Point
	10—William & Mary at West Point		8—Rice at Houston
	17—Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh		15—Villanova at West Point
December	1—Navy at Philadelphia		29—Navy at Philadelphia

So much for the future; what of 1954? Seventeen lettermen gone; our great captain, Bob Farris, unable to play; no center with varsity experience; and no one who has ever backed up the line in a varsity game. In short, a complete rebuilding of the line, little depth throughout. However, before the season is finished, our backfield may provide more explosive scor-

ing punch than any since the days of "Mr. Inside" and "Mr. Outside."

It is my belief that our cadets will provide good action, regardless of record, to make the '54 season interesting enough that our graduates will have enthusiastic pride in the Corps team.

The '54 season is with us; I hope you will return this fall to the Plain, as every game is Homecoming to our graduates.

# BULLETIN BOARD



## GENERAL IRVING RETIRES

On 31 August 1954 Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April 1917, retired from active service and as Superintendent, U.S.M.A. A review of the Corps of Cadets and a reception in his honor—both attended by the Honorable Robert T. Stevens, Secretary of the Army, and General Matthew B. Ridgway, Class of April 1917, Chief of Staff, U.S.A.—were held at West Point on 30 August.

General Irving's tour of duty as Superintendent, beginning in January 1951, included some of the most difficult days in the long history of the Academy, with the unusually heavy responsibilities devolving upon him as its head.

His quiet acceptance of these responsibilities, and his great courage in adhering to the momentous decisions that had to be made by him in consequence, have been best characterized and summarized by an anonymous cadet of the Class of 1954, who wrote:

TO GENERAL IRVING  
*We who were watching  
 Saw honor upheld;  
 We who were listening  
 Heard panic dispelled;  
 We keep in memory  
 Greatness beheld.*

## New York Post, American Ordnance Association, Visits West Point

On 25 September the Military Academy was visited by members of the New York Post, American Ordnance Association, and their families, totaling 1,160. Tours of the Academy began at 10:30 A.M. and included visits to the Ordnance and Mechanics Laboratories, Cadet Chapel, Museum, Grant Hall, and other points of interest. Luncheon was served by the West Point Army Mess in Cullum Hall, after which the visitors were guests of the Superintendent at the review held for the presentation of stars to distinguished cadets. Their visit ended with attendance at the Army-South Carolina football game. Major General R. L. Maxwell, Class of 1912, is the President of the New York Post.

## New Commandant of Cadets

Brigadier General Edwin J. Messinger, '31, has succeeded Brigadier General John H. Michaelis, '36, as Commandant of Cadets.

Edwin John Messinger was born in Kingston, New York, March 1, 1907. He was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy June 11, 1931, commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry and assigned to the 28th Infantry, with which he served successively at Fort Niagara, New York; Camp Dix, New Jersey, and Plattsburg Barracks, New York.

In August 1935, General Messinger entered the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, graduated a year later, and was assigned to the 15th Infantry at the American Barracks, Tientsin, China. He returned with the 15th to Fort Lewis, Washington, in March 1938. A year later he became Assistant Master of the Sword at the U.S. Military Academy. He entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in November 1942,



Brigadier General Messinger.

graduated in March 1943, and became Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations of the 17th Airborne Division at Camp Mackall, North Carolina.

General Messinger, in August 1944, accompanied the 17th Airborne Division to Europe where he served as its Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations until the end of hostilities. In November 1945, he became a student in Latin American studies at the University of Michigan, and in July 1946 was named Chief of the U.S. Military Mission at San Jose, Costa Rica.

General Messinger entered the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, in January 1949, graduated the following July and assumed command of the Second Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment, Second Infantry Division, at Fort Lewis, Washington. In November 1949 he became Executive Officer of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, of which he assumed command in March 1950.

In July 1950, General Messinger was reappointed Executive Officer of the 23rd Infantry Regiment and later that month landed with it in Korea. He assumed command of the Ninth Infantry Regiment in Korea in December 1950.

General Messinger entered the National War College, Washington, D. C., in August 1951, graduated in June 1952 and became Field Service Liaison Officer in the Office of Military Assistance, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

In April 1953 General Messinger was named Assistant Commander of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan and promoted to Brigadier General the same month. He moved to Korea in July 1953 with the 24th Division. He returned to the States in July 1954 and in September assumed the post of Commandant of Cadets, United States Military Academy.

During World War II, General Messinger was awarded the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, and the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. While serving in Korea, he received the Distinguished Service Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the first and second Oak Leaf Clusters to the Legion of Merit, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star, and the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.

## SPEAKERS FROM WEST POINT

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

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

In the past few years several officers from West Point have addressed groups at Founders Day dinners in various parts of the country, and last March cadets of the West Point Debate Council, then on a debate tour, were able to speak to certain Founders Day assemblages. There are obvious limitations on the numbers of officers and cadets qualified for this type of mission and available at a certain time, as well as realistic restrictions on travel and expenses involved. Sometimes it is possible for an officer on an official trip to work in such a speaking arrangement as part of the trip. At any rate there is nothing to be lost by checking into the possibilities. Any group contemplating a West Point get-together is encouraged to contact the Adjutant General, U. S. Military Academy, concerning the possibilities of obtaining a speaker from West Point. While no advance guarantee can be made as to the availability of a speaker for any and all occasions, efforts will be made at West Point to fill all reasonable requests.

## A Message from the Nominating Committee

We of the Nominating Committee would like to tell the members of the Association of Graduates something about our activities.

The Nominating Committee for the year ending 30 June 1955 was selected by vote of the Trustees, as was the case last year. In previous years the Committee had been appointed by the President of the Association.

The Committee recommends to the Trustees nominations for President, Vice Presidents, and Trustees. In the past there were thirty Trustees, one third selected each year; but at the June meeting of the Association the number was increased to thirty-six, so as to provide for six regional Trustees. As provided by the constitution, individuals to fill these six new vacancies will be elected by the Trustees, probably at a fall meeting, as it is desired to utilize the services of the regional Trustees as soon as possible. Hereafter, one third (two) of the regional Trustees will be elected each year, as in the case of the other Trustees.

In a normal year the timetable for the nomination and election of officers and trustees is about as follows:

June: Nominating Committee elected by the Trustees.

February: Committee presents its recommendations to the Trustees.

March: Nominees selected by the Trustees—either those recommended by the Committee or others.

April: Publication in *Assembly* of the names of those nominated, so that the members of the Association can decide whether those nominated are acceptable or whether it is desired to put up other names at the annual meeting. Any member present at the annual meeting may, of course, propose a substitute for any nominee or substitutes for the entire slate.

June: Action by the Association at the annual meeting on the nominations of the Trustees and any nominations from the floor.

The present Nominating Committee proposes to proceed along the following lines:

1. For the past seven years we have had in General Fenton a man of vision, judgment and energy who has devoted practically his full time to his duties as President of the Association of Graduates. Much to their regret, he has informed the Trustees that he wishes to retire from office at the end of his present term. Hence the Nominating Committee has the important task of recommending who shall be the next President. We shall seek an able and distinguished alumnus who is familiar with, and interested in, the work of the Association and who is in a position to devote a reasonable amount of time to its affairs. A full-time Executive Vice President, together with the Secretary, will handle the day-to-day operations.

2. The position of Vice President, except for the Executive Vice President, has always been considered an honorary position. We propose to continue the custom of recommending that the five vacancies be filled from five of the reunion classes.

3. By the time this issue of *Assembly* is in the mails, the six regional Trustees will probably have been elected by the Board of Trustees, two for a one-year term, two for two years, and two for three years. The new provision of the constitution provides that there shall be one regional trustee

from each Army area, and we have requested the West Point Societies in each area to assist in the selection of the best man available. The following is an excerpt from our letter to the West Point Societies: "We ask now that you help us to select our strongest type of graduates from your area, to be considered along with other names submitted by other societies, for this important designation. You may have some such individual in mind—a community leader whose experience and relatively permanent residence in his area would make him a natural focus for West Point matters, and an adviser of value to the Association who reflects the reactions of his particular area."

4. Like the Board of Directors of any corporation, your Board of Trustees, having been elected at the annual meeting, is the governing body of the Association of Graduates. In recent times members of the younger classes have made known their interest in being represented on the Board. The Trustees have been happy to learn of this desire and are working toward the end of having a more balanced Board, with a larger number of representatives from the younger and middle age groups. A start was made two years ago, when one Trustee was selected from the Class of 1940 and another from the Class of 1944. A further step was taken last winter, when the policy was adopted of nominating each year a member of each of the three youngest reunion classes—five-, ten-, and fifteen-year classes. If this policy receives support at the annual meetings, within two more years at least nine of the thirty non-regional Trustees will have been out of the Academy no more than seventeen years. Adding those of this age group who may be nominated or renominated for other reasons, the number will probably be appreciably larger than nine. The policy also insures that over a period of time each class will have had at least three representatives on the Board of Trustees. In selecting the men from the three youngest classes that will hold reunions next June, we shall seek the assistance of members of those classes, as did last year's Nominating Committee.

Other considerations that will guide us in recommending Trustee nominees (other than regional Trustees) are these:

a. The Trustees meet several times a year, either at West Point or in New York City. Since, ordinarily, a Trustee's usefulness is somewhat restricted if he cannot attend a majority of the meetings, we should normally encourage the selection of those living within a reasonable distance from West Point.

b. The job of trustee is not exactly a "plum" that is eagerly sought after by numerous people. We should choose men who, in spite of personal preference, are willing to respond to the call to duty and who will then take an active part in the activities of the Association.

c. Four Trustees are needed for the Executive Committee, which acts for the Board of Trustees on matters that cannot be delayed. Since the Executive Committee occasionally has to be assembled at short notice, it is desirable that the members reside at or near West Point.

d. There are a few Trustees who for certain reasons are key men and who therefore bring special qualifications to the Board. One Trustee should be an investment expert, to handle the investment of our Endowment Fund. Another should be a lawyer, to take care

of legal work for the Association. Occasionally there will be a head of an important committee who should be renominated because his committee has not completed its work. And then there is the Superintendent, who by all means should be a Trustee. Many members would say the same for the Commandant of Cadets.

e. There should be a sizable replacement of the Trustees whose terms expire each year, although not necessarily a complete turnover. Experience in dealing with the problems of the Association makes for wisdom, and a small number of the experienced men should be retained from year to year.

f. In seeking balance for the various age groups in the Board of Trustees, we should try to accomplish it over a reasonable period of time, rather than all in one year. The 1954 list approached a fairly well balanced group as to age or class. Considering the ten-year class groups, two trustees were selected from the '40-'49 classes; three from '30-'39; two from '20-'29; three from '10-'19; and none from '00-'09. If the Association membership follows a similar policy and the next Committee does the same, the entire Board will be well balanced within two years. After that it will be an easy matter to maintain the balance.

Most, if not all, of the points mentioned above were observed by last year's Nominating Committee. Six of the ten nominees recommended and subsequently elected were new Trustees from the classes of '22 (the new Superintendent), '35, '36, '39, '45, and '49 (a man from '44 was already a Trustee). Of the four Trustees who were renominated, one is working closely with the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies; the second is the investment expert, already mentioned; the third heads the important Editorial Advisory Committee, which is just starting its work, and is a valuable member of the Executive Committee. The fourth is handling an important financial project for the Association. Considering the factor of age, it is interesting to note that the ten Trustees recommended by the 1954 Nominating Committee were on the average fifteen years younger than the ten whose terms expired.

The voting on two opposing slates, or partial slates, at the last annual meeting was an example of the long-standing privilege of any member to make nominations from the floor. The annual meeting was an indication that all members are working toward the end of bringing in more younger Trustees. This policy of last year's Nominating Committee is being carried out with equal consideration by the 1955 Nominating Committee.

With the above comments as a background of our proposed activities, we of the Nominating Committee would like to urge the members of the Association to give us, without delay, the benefit of their thoughts and recommendations, either as to Committee policies, or as to individuals to be considered for nomination. Letters may be addressed to the Secretary of the Nominating Committee (Colonel W. J. Renfroe, West Point) or to any other member of the Committee. We welcome any and all suggestions.

WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER, '13.  
*Chairman.*

THOMAS D. STAMPS, August '17,  
WILLIAM H. KYLE, '22,  
CHARLES P. NICHOLAS, '25,  
WALTER J. RENFROE, '34.

## Special Message from the President of the Association of Graduates Wanted: Alumni Representatives!

This is a message to individual alumni residing in or near civilian communities throughout the United States. Its purpose is to request your help in a nation-wide project of great importance to the Military Academy.

This project is closely related to the general program, also discussed on this page, of developing wide-spread interest in West Point among boys well qualified to become cadets, and encouraging those interested to seek appointments to West Point. As a means of facilitating this program, the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies (NPRC), at its annual meeting last June, recommended as a special project for 1954-55 that the West Point Societies seek the active assistance of alumni residing in widely separated communities throughout the United States.

The West Point Societies are located generally in the larger cities throughout the country. They have been notably success-

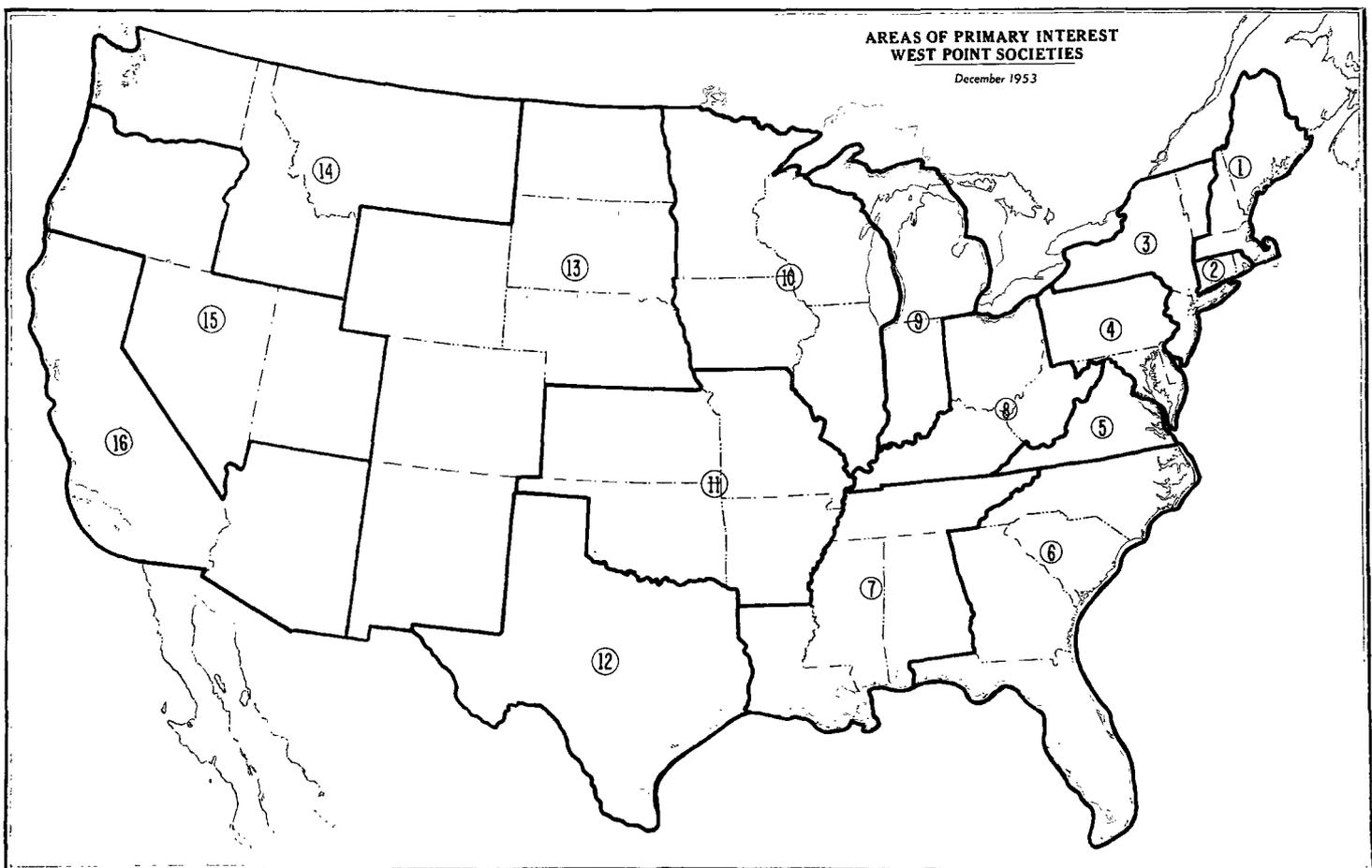
ful, in areas near the Societies' headquarters, in the program of bringing accurate information about West Point to the attention of well-qualified young men in secondary schools and colleges. In areas distant from the Societies, however, they face a real problem, since in most cases it is not practicable for their officers and members to travel to distant communities in order to make contacts with school officials and student-bodies. It was to help in the solution of this problem that the NPRC adopted the project referred to above, and recommended it to all the West Point Societies for accomplishment during 1954-55.

The West Point Societies will need the active help of alumni able to participate in this program. If you, the reader of this article, reside in a community at a considerable distance from a West Point Society, and if you can spare some of your time in the effort to see that the nation's most promising youth become interested in West Point, then your help is especially solicited. It may be that the President of the nearest West Point Society has already written to you, or will soon do so, offering an appointment as Alumni Representative in your community. But it will help the program materially if, instead of waiting to be asked, you will volunteer your services; for in this way you will assist the

President of the Society in the all-important problem of determining who is able and willing to assist.

In general, the function of an Alumni Representative will be to represent the West Point Society in those portions of the Society's area which are too distant from its headquarters to be visited conveniently by officers or members. More specifically, the Alumni Representative will be asked to make contacts with the school or schools in his immediate vicinity, and offer to give accurate information on West Point to the school principal, to the college preparatory advisers, and to the students themselves. Each Alumni Representative will be furnished necessary information and publicity aids, such as posters, pamphlets, and copies of the USMA Catalogue. He will also be furnished, on request, the documentary film "This Is West Point," which has been shown with great success to an ever-increasing audience throughout the United States. A new documentary film, in color, is now being made and should be ready for general use by summer, 1955.

This entire program has the active and vigorous support of the Military Academy. The individual alumni, who understand the Academy's ideals and methods, are in a position to exert enormous influence in be-



AREAS OF PRIMARY INTEREST, IDENTIFIED BY CIRCLED NUMERALS ON THE MAP, ARE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS:

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| AREA 1—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF BOSTON                                                                                                                     | AREA 10—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO                                                                                                                    |
| AREA 2—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT (HARTFORD)                                                                                                     | AREA 11—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS                                                                                                                  |
| AREA 3—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK CITY                                                                                                              | AREA 12—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS (DALLAS). (WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SOUTH TEXAS (FORT SAM HOUSTON) COLLABORATES WITH DALLAS.)                     |
| AREA 4—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA                                                                                                               | AREA 13—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF DENVER                                                                                                                     |
| AREA 5—VIRGINIA AND D. C. TO ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, USMA                                                                                             | AREA 14—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SEATTLE                                                                                                                    |
| AREA 6—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF MIAMI (WEST POINT SOCIETIES OF FLORIDA (ORLANDO), FLORIDA WEST COAST (TAMPA), AND SAVANNAH COLLABORATE WITH MIAMI SOCIETY) | AREA 15—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PORTLAND                                                                                                                   |
| AREA 7—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ALABAMA (BIRMINGHAM)                                                                                                       | AREA 16—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. (LOS ANGELES, MONTEREY PENINSULA, AND BAKERSFIELD COLLABORATE WITH SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA SOCIETY) |
| AREA 8—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS (CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI COLLABORATE WITH COLUMBUS)                                                              | (AREA 17 IS HAWAII—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF HAWAII)                                                                                                         |
| AREA 9—WEST POINT SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN (DETROIT)                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                          |

half of the future security of the United States by assuring that young men with outstanding aptitude for military leadership become interested in West Point. The West Point alumni are uniquely qualified to exert this influence, and upon reflection each alumnus will realize that no other group can adequately convey to the country's youth the full story of West Point and the opportunities it offers.

If your time and business commitments permit you to devote some measure of effort to this program, then you are urged to write to the President of the West Point Society in whose area you live, and offer your name to be entered on his list of Alumni Representatives. On the opposite page appears a map, showing the locations of the various West Point Societies and the areas assigned to them. The addresses to which volunteer letters should be sent are given in the July issue of *Assembly*.

If there is doubt in your mind as to where to address your letter, send it to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York. He will forward it to the West Point Society which has primary interest in your area.

—Chauncey L. Fenton, '04.

## Candidates for West Point

In January 1954 the President of the Association of Graduates, Brigadier General Fenton, wrote a letter to each alumnus of the Military Academy, urging that West Pointers encourage outstanding young men to seek entrance to the Academy. Since that time the annual entrance examinations have been held, and a new class of approximately 750 cadets entered the Academy in July. With Beast Barracks completed and the academic year beginning, the Class of 1958 has already started to look impressive; it gives every promise of contributing its full share to the accomplishments and the prestige of the "Long Gray Line"

Possibly a few of the present Fourth Classmen were influenced indirectly by General Fenton's letter in their final steps toward entrance. Certainly the great majority, however, had already sought their appointments and started their study preparation long before January. A more appropriate indication of the effectiveness of the letter should be found in the number and quality of candidates for entrance in 1955.

There is no question of not having sufficient candidates each year to fill the vacancies in the new Fourth Class. The question is, rather, one of filling those vacancies with the highest caliber young men in the country. In order to assure an outstanding entering class, it is necessary that there be a reasonably large number of outstanding candidates. The emphasis, therefore, is not on numbers alone, but on the quality of the candidates as a whole.

Each West Pointer has the privilege and the duty of seeking out well qualified young men and calling their attention to the opportunities for education and service to country offered by the Military Academy. Any discussion of the advantages offered by West Point should be accompanied by reference to the service career to which graduation from West Point normally leads. Despite the current lessened attractiveness of such a

career, as compared with pre-World War II years, it is felt by the authorities at the Military Academy that the concepts of the West Point education and the service career must remain inseparable; that the recurring up-and-down nature of service prestige is bound to lead to an upward swing, and that thoughtful and patriotic young men, of the type wanted at West Point, will understand this point and find a challenge in the situation. It would be unwise to arouse the interest of boys by stressing the benefits offered by West Point alone, without making it clear that the West Point education has as its objective turning out regular officers. As a matter of guidance in deciding whether a young man is well qualified for West Point, the following list of important characteristics is repeated from General Fenton's letter:

- (1) High moral standards.
- (2) Ambition, competitive instinct, eagerness to accept responsibility.
- (3) High scholastic aptitude.
- (4) High physical aptitude.
- (5) Pride in country and interest in military service.
- (6) Good physical appearance.
- (7) Habit of leadership, as in school activities, recreational enterprises, or actual military duties.

The need for a steady flow of "good men", and of even *better* men, is a continuing challenge, one which will be intensified by the establishment of the Air Force Academy. There is *no* planned reduction in the strength of the Corps of Cadets after the Air Force Academy is in operation. While it is logical and fair that the new Academy receive its proper share of outstanding candidates, West Pointers of past and present must be more than ever on the alert to assure the quality of West Pointers of the future.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A WEST POINT SOCIETY?

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

Then why not organize one?

Here is the way to do it:

(a) Visit (or write to) the Secretary of the West Point Society nearest you. Learn what his Society does, how it is organized, and what the benefits of membership are.

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

- (1) The addresses and names of officials of the West Point Society nearest you.
- (2) The names and addresses of some of the other West Pointers in the region near you.
- (3) Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of other West Point Societies.
- (4) Suggestions on how to get started.
- (5) Whenever practicable, the Association will arrange to have a graduate currently on duty at West Point, who knows the Academy of today, meet with your society to help you get started with your organization.

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



## New Chaplain, U.S.M.A.

The Reverend George Martin Bean has been appointed Chaplain, United States Military Academy. He fills the position left vacant by the departure of Chaplain Frank E. Pulley last June.

The Reverend Mr. Bean was graduated from the University of Virginia in 1939 with a B.S. degree, and in 1942 from the Virginia Theological Seminary with a B.D. degree (cum laude). During the war he was a Navy Chaplain for two and a half years. The last eighteen months of his service were spent as Chaplain of an attack transport in the Pacific.

After the war, he was selected as University Chaplain at Lehigh University, which position he filled very effectively for six years. He won the Robinson Award in 1951, presented to the outstanding young faculty member at Lehigh.

From 1951 to 1952, he was Vice President and Program Chairman of the National Association of College and University Chaplains. In addition, he has had recent parish experience in Richmond, Virginia, where, for the past two years, he has been Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

The new Chaplain, his wife and three children established their home in the Rectory of the Cadet Chapel during the first week of September.

## Where Are YOU Now?

Please include the Association of Graduates at West Point and your Class Secretary in your list—when next you send out your Change-of-Address cards. Help the Association and your Class to keep your whereabouts up-to-date.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT—

On 11 October 1859 the course of study at the United States Military Academy was changed from 5 to 4 years?

On 12 October 1802 Joseph G. Swift became the first graduate of West Point?

On 13 October 1898 the arms and seal of the United States Military Academy were adopted?

On 21 October 1919 the "Gold Tooth" was presented to the Academy by l'Ecole Polytechnique?

On 14 November 1945 the Tactical Training and Firing Center, U.S.M.A. was named "Camp Buckner", in honor to General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Class of 1908?

On 15 November 1924 Michie Stadium was formally opened?

On 19 November 1911 "Alma Mater" was first sung as a hymn?

On 24 November 1838 cadets were first provided with bedsteads?

On 29 November 1890 the first Army-Navy football game was played? (Score: Army 0, Navy 24)

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!!

## Academic Calendar—1954-1955

1954

- 22 December, Wednesday—First Term ends at 12:00 noon. Christmas leave begins for those in the three upper classes not taking term-end examinations.
- 23 December, Thursday—Term-end examinations begin.
- 30 December, Thursday—Term-end examinations completed. Ex-cadets report for admission.

1955

- 2 January, Sunday—Christmas leave for the three upper classes ends at 5:30 P.M.
- 3 January, Monday—Second Term begins.
- 1 March, Tuesday—Entrance examinations begin.
- 8 March, Tuesday—Re-examination of ex-cadets.
- 11-13 March, Friday-Sunday—100th Night Show.
- 17 March, Thursday—Spring Leave for the three upper classes begins at 3:15 P.M.
- 20 March, Sunday—Spring Leave for the three upper classes ends at 6:00 P.M.
- 2 June, Thursday—Second Term ends.
- 3 June, Friday—Term-end examinations begin. June Week begins.
- 5 June, Sunday—Baccalaureate Services.
- 6 June, Monday—Term-end examinations completed. Alumni Day.
- 7 June, Tuesday—Graduation.
- 14 June, Tuesday—June entrance examinations begin.
- 5 July, Tuesday—Class of 1959 enters.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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

### CLASS OF 1947

Brannon, Otis E., Jr.  
Callan, Paul C.  
Enos, James W.  
Frost, John  
Gould, Alan H.  
Haas, Robert M.  
Hill, Henry W.  
Hoffman, Robert E.  
McClure, Richard A.  
McKnight, Charles H., Jr.  
Stevens, Leslie R.  
Sullivan, John J.  
Taylor, Frank L.  
Veaudry, Wallace F.

### CLASS OF 1948

Adkins, Harry T., Jr.  
Bertram, Edward H., Jr.  
Bierer, Eugene S.

Capps, Jack L.  
Cook, William L., III  
Creed, John F.  
Gorrell, Joseph E.  
Harsh, Richard S.  
Hurt, Samuel F., Jr.  
Kavanagh, Donald D.  
Schalk, Louis W., Jr.  
Seymoe, J. P.  
Shively, James C., Jr.  
Skinner, Richard I.  
Travis, William H.  
Williamson, Odell W., Jr.

### CLASS OF 1949

Anderegg, Harold R.  
Black, Robert W.  
Boag, John R., Jr.  
Brown, Allan G.  
DeMuro, Theo. F.

Finley, Jack D.  
Gardner, William A.  
Helfrich, Gerard F.  
Levings, Nelson T., Jr.  
Mackenzie, Thomas R.  
Madison, John H., Jr.  
McCarthy, John N.  
McLean, Donald A.  
Murray, Louis P.  
Poore, James E.  
Schlosser, William L.  
Schoeneman, Richard H.  
Simpson, Jefferson A.  
Trautvetter, William J.  
Vogel, John O.  
Woodson, John D.

### CLASS OF 1950

Barry, Thomas M.  
Bastar, Richard G., Jr.

Dodge, Harry E.  
Kuyk, Charles F. G., Jr.  
Parks, Howard N.  
Tonningsen, Charles F.  
Tuttle, William H., Jr.  
Vanture, Paul S.  
Wagoner, John S.  
Zavitz, Paul R.

### CLASS OF 1951

Akens, Albert B.  
Barnett, William T.  
Boatner, James G.  
Dorton, John J.  
Glossbrenner, John L.  
Grant, Myles S.  
Lombard, Harry W.  
McLean, Richard P.

### CLASS OF 1952

Bulger, Joseph A., Jr.

Deiss, Herbert  
Duvall, Oscar M.  
Hilmo, Orin R.  
Hobbs, Thomas H.  
Horn, William N.  
Johnson, Lawrence D.  
Mallard, Terrell B.  
Moore, Richard D.  
Smyth, Robert T.

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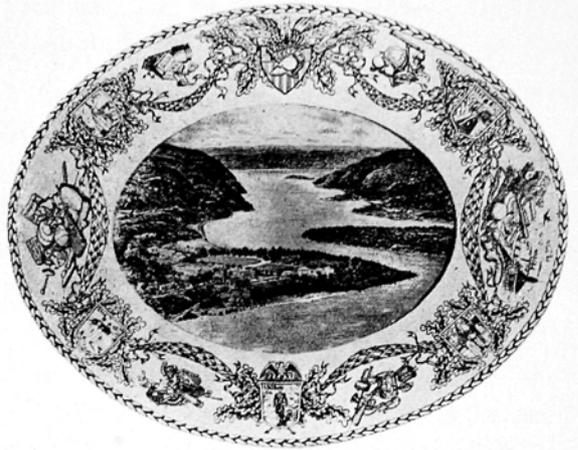
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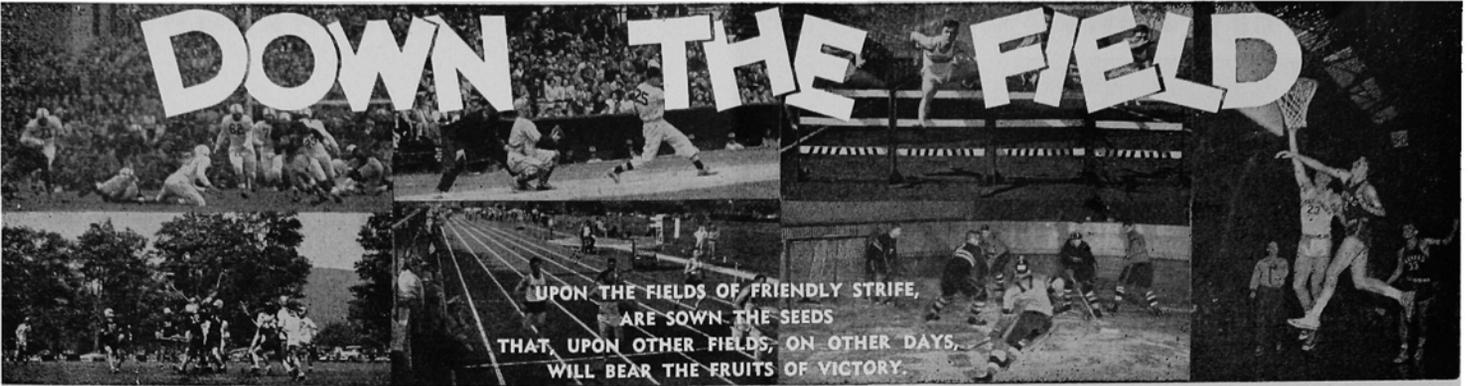
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By Joe Cahill

WEST POINT, 20 September 1954—Football is back in business on the Plain and business figures to be booming in this sixty-fifth season here.

The schedule is attractive, with talented squads from Ivy, Big Ten, Southeastern and Atlantic Conferences putting in appearances.

Some adjustment in dates, particularly in the opening segment of the season, could enhance Army's chances considerably of duplicating the tremendous surprise of last season. However, South Carolina and Michigan, the first two on the schedule, pose a tremendous burden on this squad, and it is believed at this writing that the breaks better fall our way if we are to cope

successfully with these powerhouses so early in the campaign.

Later on Duke, Yale, Pennsylvania and Navy appear to be the big ones. Dartmouth, Columbia and Virginia are all improved over '53, but too little is known of their sophomore personnel to rate them with the others.

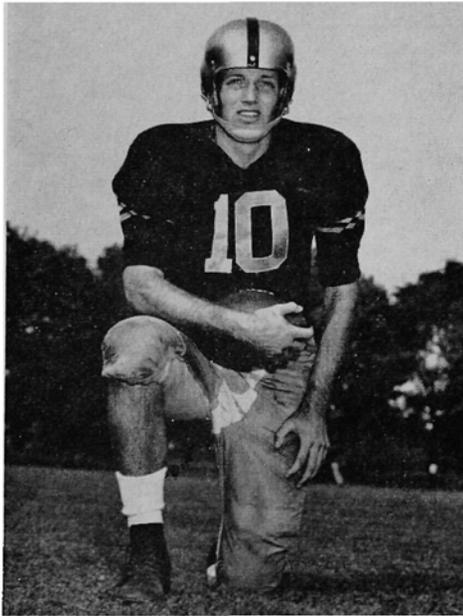
This cadet squad has some glaring shortcomings. It is woefully short of manpower beyond the starting eleven. So short, in fact, that Coach Red Blaik informed us that "no one on the second team has even a remote chance of cracking the regular eleven for at least another season."

Upon hearing this it seemed that the possibility then of defeating some of the power-

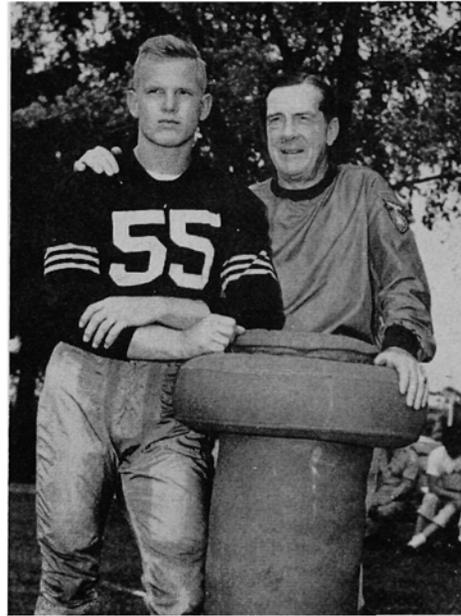
houses was impossible. "Not so," the veteran coach says. "I have never gone into any game not feeling that I had a good chance to win it."

The coach, then elaborated on the subject. "We are principally concerned with ends, linebackers and center, where we do not have a single man who has ever played a varsity game in the respective positions." "Of our first thirty-three, 15 are yearlings, which is an indication of our general lack of experience." There are four yearlings on the starting team: namely, Art Johnson, end; Dick Stephenson, center; Flay Goodwin, guard; and Bob Kyasky, half-back.

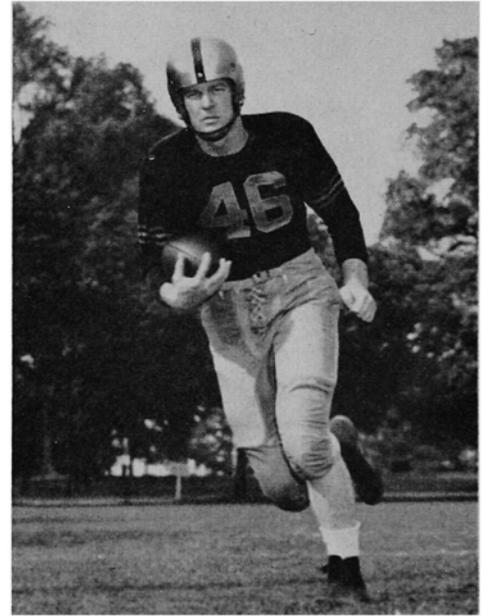
We then asked the coach to compare this



PETE VANN—Back.



CAPTAIN BOB FARRIS—COLONEL BLAIK.



TOMMY BELL—Back.

## U. S. M. A. FALL SPORTS 1954

(With Scores to Include 9 October)  
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

FOOTBALL		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
September 25	20	South Carolina
October 2	26	Michigan—at Ann Arbor
9	60	Dartmouth
16		Duke—at Durham
23		Columbia—at New York
30		Virginia
November 6		Yale—at New Haven
13		Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia
20		Permanently Open
27		Navy—at Philadelphia

SOCCER		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
September 24	2	Ithaca College
October 2	3	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.. 0
13		Connecticut

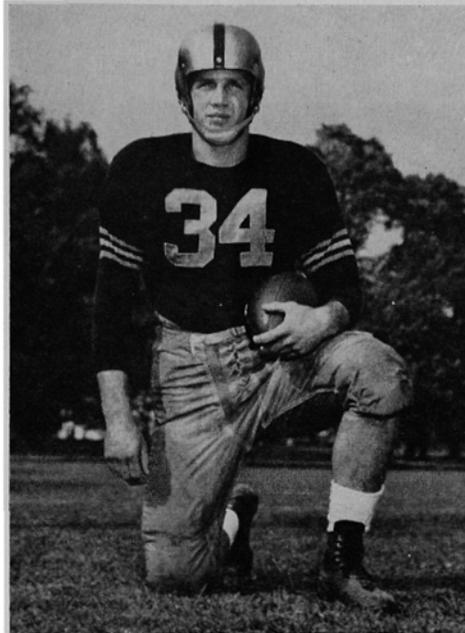
SOCCER (Continued)		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
16		Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia
22		West Chester State Teachers Col.
30		Penn State—at State College
November 6		Yale—at New Haven
11		City College of New York
12		Rider College
20		Navy

CROSS COUNTRY		
Date	Army Score*	Opponent and Score*
September 24	20	Providence College
October 8	26	Villanova
15		New York University
23		Triangular: Pittsburgh — Manhattan—at New York
30		Syracuse—at Syracuse
November 5		Heptagonal—at New York
15		IC4A—at New York

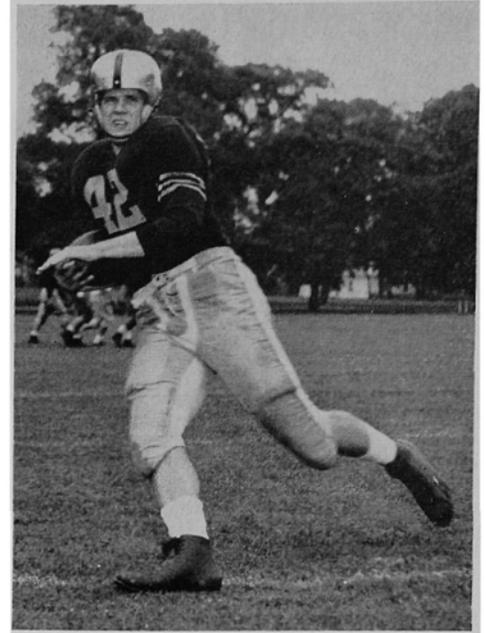
\*Low score wins.



RALPH CHESNAUSKAS—Guard. .



PAT UEHEL—Back. .



BOB KYASKY—Back.

squad with that of its predecessor. "We had far more depth a year ago. However, this backfield of Pete Vann, Tommy Bell, Bob Kyasky and Pat Uebel is potentially a high-scoring unit. Don Holleder at end is an outstanding receiver and Ralph Chesnauskas at guard is as good as you would want."

Holleder's absence for the first two games came as a distinct loss to the squad. Coming at this particular time, two weeks before the opening kickoff, it had much the same impact as the loss of Captain Bob Farris did when it was announced during the winter. "Without Holleder," Blaik says, "Vann's passing efficiency is reduced considerably. Holleder is that type of receiver."

In summing up the prospects, it is reasonably safe to predict that Army will depend on many sixty-minute performances such as the backfield turned in against Pennsylvania in '53. It is our considered opinion, too, that though Army will be outmanned in all but possibly two games, the cadets will prove difficult for most teams to handle provided the starting array can elude the injury jinx.

While football captivates the imagination of a majority of the fans there is considerable activity on both the soccer and cross country fronts on these early autumn afternoons.

First off, we would like to welcome soccer as the newest of our major sports. A minor sport since its inception here in 1921, it was marked as the only sport in which a cadet could not win a major letter. Then recently the rule was amended to provide major letters for those players named to the All-America team. Further study revealed that soccer was the only team sport which did not enjoy ranking as a major sport.

Everyone cannot help but be happy about the decision, especially in view of the recent success of the booters. Coach Joe Palone has been signally successful, bringing Army to the top echelon in the sport. Only a 5 to 2 defeat by Temple, the National champion, marred an undefeated season last fall.

As a matter of fact, Palone's teams have lost only twice in four years of competition involving the best teams extant.

This year, although he has lost six of his starters, Palone is optimistic. Led by Scotty Adams, a second team All-American a year ago, the cadets appear headed for another fine season. What has Palone smiling though is the three yearlings, Charles Heinze, Wally Summers, and Bob Allen, all of whom have had excellent high school experience and are ready to move into starting berths immediately. Heinze is the best of the crop.

Another reason for optimism, according to Palone, is Joe Cannon, a second classman at goalie. He is an excellent prospect and got the necessary seasoning with the Junior Varsity last fall.

The weak spot is fullback, where no one with any considerable experience is available. Temple has been dropped, but Joe still refused to predict an unbeaten season.

With little more than the initial training under their belts at this writing, little if anything can be said concerning the cross country harriers. Coach Carl Crowell, head man of the track team since 1951, has taken over the hill-and-dale tutoring. Captain Bob Ray figures to be a consistent scorer, with yearlings Ralph Stephenson, Luther Moore and Cliff Walton being counted on to add further scoring punch.

#### FOUR WEST POINTERS SELECTED FOR THE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

The United States Military Academy takes pride in the selection of four of its alumni for the Football Hall of Fame.

Colonels Charles D. Daly, '05; Lawrence McC. Jones, August '17; Edgar W. Garbisch, '25; and the late Christian K. Cagle, Ex-'30; compose the Army selections following the first two elections.

The foremost function of the Hall of Fame "shall be to honor these men, past and present, who by their deeds as players and coaches and by the example of their lives personify the great contributions of football to our way of life. Their names shall be enshrined forever in the Hall of Fame."

Colonel Daly became the first West Point nomination for the coveted award when he was named with a group of distinguished

players and coaches from other major colleges and universities last fall. Colonel Daly, it will be recalled, was one of the outstanding quarterbacks of his time. Playing originally at Harvard, where he was named to the All-America teams by Walter Camp in both 1898 and 1899, he later entered the Military Academy and continued his exploits on the gridiron, again making the All-America team in 1901. He also established an outstanding coaching record at West Point, bringing Army its first two undefeated seasons in 1914 and 1916. Now retired, Colonel Daly resides at Monterey, California.

Colonel Jones gained distinction not only on the playing field, where he was captain-elect and a star at West Point in 1916, but also as a coach and as an administrator. His outstanding success as a coach at West Point, at Louisiana State University and the University of Nebraska, brought him one of football's highest honors—nomination to the Hall of Fame. Some of his outstanding gridiron pupils include Blondy Saunders, Tom Trapnell, Harry Wilson, Moe Daly and the late Chris Cagle—who is also among those so honored. Now retired, Colonel Jones resides in Washington, D. C.

Colonel Garbisch, hailed as one of the finest kickers in the history of the game, distinguished himself on the gridiron, not only at West Point, but also at Washington and Jefferson. However, it was during his cadetship at the Military Academy that his talents drew the plaudits of the football world. He was acclaimed as the All-America center in 1922 and 1924. He is now out of the Service and has established himself in the business world with offices in New York City.

Chris Cagle, who met with an accidental death in New York City in 1942, is being honored posthumously. He was one of the three Army players ever to make the first All-America team three consecutive seasons, winning the acclaim in 1927, 1928 and 1929 as a halfback. Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, the fabulous "Mr. Inside" and "Mr. Outside", now share that distinction. Cagle was captain of the 1929 Army team. Prior to entering the Military Academy, he gained fame as a ball carrier at Southwest Louisiana Institute. Upon leaving West Point, he continued his interest in the game by playing alternately with the professional teams of the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers.



## New Members

We welcome to our membership 24 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,964.

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.

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### 1893

Walker, Kilbourne and Jamerson—after some brisk skirmishes with Father Time—have settled down for the present with a grim grip on octogenarian welfare.

In New Hampshire, Edwards, in his 84th year—with the aid of his cane and due caution—is active in civic, religious and patriotic affairs, and has been re-elected for the 14th successive year as Chaplain of his local post of the American Legion, which presented him a solid silver engraved life membership card.

The Class suffered great loss in the death of Brigadier General George H. McManus, at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, on August 27, 1954.

—L. F. K. and A. M. E.

### 1895

We regret to report the death of our beloved classmate, Casper Conrad at San Antonio in August. The sympathy of the class is extended to his widow.

Fine Smith was in a serious auto accident recently but came out with only bruises and scratches. Nice going, Fine!

Nissen is in Walter Reed Hospital, but reported doing well.

Watson is pleasantly located at Numa's headquarters in Germany, and Cavanaugh is leaving for winter quarters in Florida.

Good reports have been received from Darrah, Herron, Miles and Pritchard.

—L. M. N.

### 1897

There is little to submit for this issue.

Arnold reports under date of June 16, 1954, from 7036 N.E. 15th Avenue, Seattle,

Washington, that he has been slowed down considerably by arthritis, "placing me in the slow-motion class"

Fassett lives with his sister, Miss Alice Fassett, at his home, about six miles south-east of Orlando, Florida, on Lake Frederica, where he has a few acres of citrus trees. A friend of his writes he would like to hear from any of his classmates, and would also enjoy a visit if any classmate should be in that part of Florida.

—C. D. R.

### 1903

A letter, dated July 25th, from Mrs. Gaston to Pope, brought the sad news of Jesse Gaston's death from cancer. His illness had been discovered in a check-up on February 15th. He was buried in the Military Academy cemetery at West Point. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his widow and his son. At least we will carry with us the happy memory of his enjoyable company at our Fiftieth Reunion.

Our Class Committee, established and made responsible for the management of the affairs of the Class of 1903 at our Fiftieth Reunion, met at luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington on Tuesday, June 21st. Present were: W. H. Rose, Chairman; Marion W. Howze, Owen G. Collins and Clark Lynn; Farnum, Rodney and Grant could not get to Washington for the occasion. The Class Fund was reported to be \$813.74, and to have been deposited in the First National Bank of Highland Falls, in accord with the Committee's previous decision. It was noted that nine surviving members of the Class have yet to make the \$10.00 contribution requested two years ago.

The Committee is especially interested in making sure of what sons or grandsons are now cadets, and ascertaining which ones are likely to enter the Academy in the next few years. Those having any information on

the subject are requested to pass on this information to Rose or Grant.

Colonel Paul Stanley Bond (1900) called our attention to the fact that his Class had planted a "Golden Anniversary Tree" at West Point on December 20, 1950, just a few days before their 50th year ran out. So ours was not the first such tree planted, as we had in good faith and ignorance acclaimed at our Fiftieth Reunion.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

### 1904

The Class is indebted to Danford for the very excellent account of our fiftieth reunion that appeared in the last issue of *Assembly*.

Following the reunion, copies of the mimeograph entitled "Roll-call" and a message of remembrance were sent to all classmates who had not been present, and to all widows of classmates whose addresses were known. Also, to each classmate who attended the reunion dinner was sent a copy of the photograph taken at the entrance to the West Point Army Mess just before the dinner.

Since the reunion, 1904 apparently has been rather quiet, and about the only news at hand is sad news.

Thompson, C. F., died on 15 June 1954, just fifty years to a day after our graduation. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

Garges died on 21 June 1954, in Washington, D. C. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

Glass died on 10 July 1954 in California.

Owens died on 31 July 1954, in Phoenix, Arizona. Burial was at Evansville, Indiana.

It is gratifying to record that recent action by the Congress provided for the posthumous advancement to the well-deserved

grade of four-star general of two of our classmates: McNair and Richardson, R. C.

—W. B.

## 1905

The last post card from Clifford Early came from Bergen, Norway, which he and Harriet touched on their North Cape cruise. They are to spend a month in England and Scotland and expect to be back in Atlanta about the middle of October. They were quite surprised with the beautiful scenery in Norway, the perfect weather and the beautiful flowers resulting from twenty hours of sunshine per day in that northern latitude.

Sherman Miles was married to Boston society leader, Mrs. Edith Lawrence Coolidge, at Beverly, Massachusetts on May 28th, 1954. Sherman became a widower last year. Mrs. Coolidge's first husband died in 1936. She divorced her second husband, painter James Amory Sullivan, last year. Sherman and his wife each have two children for former marriages.

Leonard Arnold's trip to the southwest was marred by the illness of his son in Red River, Arkansas—which prevented his seeing other classmates he had expected to see.

Jimmie Walker is living at The Press and Union League Club, 555 Post Street, San Francisco, California.

Daddy Gibson thought he was indestructible but he found that the handling of a power lawn mower up and down his terrace steps too often, has resulted in an injury which requires correction by an operation. His home duties are so pressing he finds it difficult to spare the time in the hospital. Daddy's retirement did not bring him leisure but a greater stress of duties. Up to the present he has had the health and energy to meet the requirements.

—N. F. Ramsey.

## 1906

Color is coming to the mountain trees, golds and reds and browns; to the garden chrysanthemums, yellows and lavenders; and the wild goose is honking his call southward; the first Reunion bulletin is out and the replies are coming in.

Over the hill at High Hampton, George and Christine Morrow, over the next hill at Biltmore Forest, Johnny and Josephine Johnson have warmed their new home. Helen and Henry Finch tripped the Inland sea of Japan, sleeping on the floor and eating octopus seaweed soup and scenery. Jim and Gene Riley assembled that big fine Riley family at their Maine camp. Joe and Julie Green and Joe and Josephine King spent the hot months at Lake Okeboji in Iowa. Pot Lewis spent them at his Rockport resort on the Gulf of Mexico. Jack Henderson reports the swimming at his Seabright, New Jersey home just fine. Earl and Edith McFarland left hot Washington for a visit with daughter Mary Ann and her husband, Colonel Twitchell, at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and toured around, getting back before Hurricane "Carol". Charlie Rockwell attended his fiftieth reunion at Harvard, Jim Riley attended his at Citadel and I missed mine at Columbia. Mick Daley stayed all summer at the Fort Orange Club, Albany, reporting all three sons and their wives superior and well occupied. John Merrill reports son Robert finishing OCS

at Lakeland Air Force Base. Our own honorary Josephine King Hammer announced the arrival of Joseph King Hammer, June 7, at 7 lbs, 7 ozs, who terminated her fine military career as Lieutenant ANC. Christine Hoyle had a scare this summer, but has now recovered, and Red is back in the garden with his cabbages. Bill Akin has retreated eleven miles back into the tall timber at Kenwood, California, but still "deacons" at Sonoma. He and McKew Parr are still trying to handle the Gatewood papers about Geronimo and the Indian wars. Hally Fox is still in bad shape at Biloxi Veterans Hospital, and poor Don Robinson can no longer recognize his family at Tacoma Veterans Hospital. Priscilla Robinson has a farm near Puyallup, visits Don weekly, helps her youngest daughter with her children, operates her ceramic studio, runs a dovecote for squab production, has seven white turkeys, two peacocks, some geese and chickens, cuts her own wood, and is building herself a woodshed. Quite a record for an Army brat! That fine new movie "Caine Mutiny" was kept seaworthy by Jim Shaw, Commander U.S. Navy, Jim Riley's son-in-law. The movie and Shaw were given a fine spread in the Saturday Magazine of World papers.

Forrest Williford fell in his home at Blacksburg, Virginia about August 21, and was badly injured. His recovery was in doubt at this writing, September 10.

—Charles G. Mettler.

## 1907

Our most interesting bit of news is the announcement of the marriage of William Logan Martin to Mrs. Thelma C. Sloss of Birmingham, Alabama, at the home of Mr. James Arthur Smith of Birmingham at Chipley, Florida, on June 24. Mr. Smith, who is a relative of the bride, and Sunny Jim were schoolmates at a preparatory school in Virginia many years ago before Sunny came to West Point. Sunny remarked that "it was quite a surprise to our friends as there had been no hint of its probability. No one in Alabama knew anything about it until after the ceremony." Even Mr. Smith had no advance notice until they appeared for a license on June 21. We extend sincere congratulations and a warm welcome to the latest addition to the class.

News of quite a different nature was notice of the death of Pat Morrissey on Sunday, July 25, at the Veterans Hospital, Tucson, Arizona. Pat's later years could not have been very happy ones, but through it all he was amazingly cheerful and showed great courage and fortitude. He greatly appreciated the renewal of his contacts with the class and particularly the visits by those who stopped by to see him.

Hurricane "Carol" struck the Morrisons at Marblehead Neck, Massachusetts, and inflicted considerable damage. The roof of the garage was blown off, their car was damaged, the side of the piazza was knocked out and they were without electricity. The entire community suffered extensive damage and they have no desire to go through the likes of it again. When they return to Washington they expect to be permanently located at 2101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

Charley and Marion Wyman recently returned from a delightful trip to Alaska. They drove up from Glendale via Healdsburg, where they saw Tom and Jeanette Spencer, then through the Redwoods to Ashland, Oregon, for the Shakespearean Fes-

tival. They went up the inside passage to Skagway and the White Pass and Yukon Railway. Charley said they intended to drive home by way of the Olympic Peninsula and the Oregon coast and hoped to see Geoff Bartlett at Quilcene, Washington. He also sent a letter from Enrique White which confirmed the fact that Enrique has given up his home in Carmel, California. He plans to spend his winters with his brother in Austin, Texas, and the summers in the north where it is cool. He plans to leave Falmouth, Massachusetts, where he is at present, about November first, will spend a couple of weeks with his son in Washington and probably stop to see Warren Lott and the Logan Martins enroute to Austin.

Lucian Booth wrote that they were short on class news and that the only classmates who had dropped by recently were Cecilia and Paul Larned. He stated that he has really retired from all responsibilities except those pertaining to their living establishment, but Louisa has her hands in a little of everything. Lucian says you can't keep a Yankee down. They took a very pleasant trip to the North Carolina beaches and all their children and grandchildren, totaling twenty-three, have been with them at times this summer. Robert and his family have just returned from a tour in Athens, Greece, and goes to Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as PMS&T. Cornell has just finished the course at Leavenworth and is now Ordnance Officer of the 11th Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Captain James M. Morris, Jr., who married their daughter, Leila, is stationed at West Point.

Speaking of family reunions, our daughter, Betty, who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, her husband, John Knowlton, and three of the five little Knowltons, were with us for about three weeks in July and August, and Virginia and Duncan Somerville, with their four youngsters, came on from the Presidio of San Francisco for a month's visit. As our son, John, lives here in Newburgh, we had a family picnic with sixteen children and grandchildren. Not as many as the Booth tribe, but a very commendable showing.

Jumbo and Mrs. Watkins spent a weekend at the Hotel Thayer at West Point earlier in the summer on their way up to Ticonderoga. Roger Alexander came over from Goshen, and we drove down and had a most enjoyable visit. Jumbo never looked better in spite of the fact that he has had three rather serious major operations.

We received a post card from Ray Hill, who promised to give us a news report from San Antonio for the next issue of *Assembly*.

We wrote Bob Arthur in New Orleans for something about himself and received a reply mailed from Yorktown Heights, New York, about thirty miles from here, just back of Peekskill. Our note caught up with him during the course of his annual trip north and since he says he otherwise does nothing, he has little to report. They have their first granddaughter, born to their older son, Robert Jr.

We heard from Geoff and Alice Bartlett, who are still at Quilcene in the northwestern part of Washington and like it better than ever. They have not seen too many classmates as they are somewhat off the beaten track.

The Dusenburys dropped in a few months ago on their way to Victoria, B. C. Others whom they have seen are the Eastmans, the MacLachlans and Ben Castle. Geoff says that if the misguided souls who live in southern California really knew how good the climate, fishing and living conditions were up there, they would come more often.

Bob Glassburn reports that he has been sticking close to the farm and hasn't seen any of the class this year, although Paul and Cecilia Larned have a firm commitment to visit them as soon as cooler weather arrives.

Paul has been laid up and was unable to send in his usual quota of news of the Washington contingent. He did write that the George Daileys had to curtail their European trip on account of illness in the family, and that Mrs. Thurman H. Bane is living at 601 Colton Street, Monterey, California. We will expect a more complete report for the next issue.

—H. W. W.

## 1908

The monthly Class Luncheons, which are held at the Army-Navy Club in Washington on the second Friday of each month, have been attended during the past quarter by Bonesteel, Burns, Drennan, Edgerton, Fletcher, Hughes, Peterson, Schulz, and Sturdevant.

Since the last report was written the sad news has been received of the death of Gilbert M. Marshall, which occurred at West Point, New York, on June 6, 1954.

We also regret to have to report that Mrs. E. V. Cutrer died on June 11, 1954, while she was visiting her sister in New Jersey. The funeral was held at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, June 15.

Simon Bolivar Buckner, who was killed in action at Okinawa on June 18, 1945, received posthumous promotion to the rank of General in July pursuant to a special Act of Congress conferring that grade on Lieutenant Generals who commanded armies during World War II.

Rodney H. Smith is now living at 28 Badeau Avenue, Summit, New Jersey. He is Deputy Director of the New York State Civil Defense Commission, 124 East 28th Street, New York City. Rodney reports that this important job is as exacting as any of his assignments while he was on the active list of the Army.

L. W. McIntosh and his wife have been traveling in Europe since the middle of March 1953, and are expected back about the middle of September. They have been traveling by automobile and estimate their mileage at 40,000 miles or more. Following their return from Europe they intend to spend some time in New England and then to return to their home in Los Gatos, California.

Sanderford Jarman had a heart attack the latter part of July and was rushed to Walter Reed Hospital. He was seriously ill, in an oxygen tent for several days, but he has recovered nicely and is now recuperating at his home in Washington.

The C. L. Halls have been spending the summer at Kingston, Rhode Island, where they have been enjoying visits with their two daughters and their grandchildren. The Halls happily announce the arrival of their fourth grandchild, a boy, born on August 27th. Kingston was in the path of the hurricane which struck New England on August 31st, and Lacey states they were without water for 27 hours and without electricity for several days.

L. L. Pendleton, who was taking an extended Mediterranean cruise on the S.S. "Polaris," had to leave the cruise in France on account of a heart attack, and returned to the United States in July. After a short time in Walter Reed Hospital, he returned to his home in San Mateo, California, where

he is now convalescing satisfactorily. A. L. Loustalot is staying with Pendleton at his home for an indefinite time.

Loustalot reports that he called recently on J. W. Lyon, who has been confined to bed in Letterman General Hospital since late last June, with a broken leg. Loustalot reports also that he has seen E. L. Grisell several times and that he has heard from W. J. Fitzmaurice, who lives in Altadena, near Los Angeles. Both of them are in good health.

The H. C. K. Muhlenbergs report that their son, John, Class of '39, USNA, who is with the Creole Petroleum Corporation in Venezuela, will visit his parents at Rancho Nosgusta in Vista, California, this fall. Their other son, David, is a Lieutenant Colonel, Air Force, stationed at Hickam Field, Hawaii. The Muhlenbergs have acquired a piece of desert land at Joshua Tree, California, and Muhlenberg spends much of his time developing the property.

O. A. Dickinson writes from his home, "Dunrobyn," Southern Pines, North Carolina, that he is completely retired insofar as doing any hard work is concerned. However, he writes occasional articles for the "Charlotte Observer," which he describes as the best paper south of the Mason-Dixon Line, and occasionally for the "Southern Pines Pilot," which is probably the next best. He and Mrs. Dickinson are in good health and spirits. Their three daughters, Patricia, Diane, and Jeanne, live at Fayetteville, Charlotte, and Southern Pines.

J. F. Curry, who has been living in Denver since his retirement, is active in civic affairs in Colorado. He took an important part in the presentation of the merits of the location of the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and is given much credit for the decision to locate the Academy there. In July he gave an interesting radio address recounting work done by Colorado interests in behalf of the Colorado Springs site.

J. E. Chaney and Mrs. Chaney left Washington on July 7th for an extended trip to Denver, Colorado Springs, and the West Coast.

The E. S. Hughes have returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and they are again in their apartment at the Westchester in Washington.

—G. E. E.

## 1909

It is gratifying to note the recent legislation advancing Bill Simpson and Bob Eichelberger to four-star rank. Congratulations from their Class on this belated recognition of big jobs well done.

A long letter from Ray Smith dated Denver, August 26, tells of the lengthy auto trip which Inga and he took this year preliminary to changing their permanent address to Route 1, Box 1066, Carmel, California. It appears that they visited practically all points of interest west of Chicago. During their travels they saw the following '09 people: Slew and Ruth Beardslee at Chula Vista, California; Rodney and Elsa Roberts in Upland; Bob and Margot Sears in San Francisco (the Sears' have visited the Orient since their return from South America); Gramp Hunter, who was in Letterman, feeling OK but needing some eye adjustment; Duke and Bee Davis in Palo Alto; Eley and Flo Denson and Barney Oldfield in Seattle; and Fred Moss (Tony's brother) in Payette, Idaho.

Geo. Van Deusen has several prints of the Class photo taken at this year's reunion,

which belong to men who paid for same but didn't claim them.

—G. L. V. D.

## 1910

Snakey and Ruth Dunlop and Bob Dunlop, Jr. spent a most enjoyable week during August as the guests of Joe and Gwladys Leonard at their summer home, High Gables, at West Winfield, New York. Trips to nearby Cooperstown, Hamilton, Clinton, Utica, and Saratoga Springs for the horse races, were most pleasant. On September 7th, Joe and Gwladys celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. They will return to their apartment in Washington for the winter after casting their votes in the November elections.

Durward and Olive Wilson are expected back in Washington about mid-September after a four month odyssey in Europe visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. C. A. Kengla, and the four grandchildren, in Germany. Postcards from Durward and Olive indicate that they were having a wonderful time.

Pappy and Gertrude Selleck will probably get back to Washington sometime in October after a delightful stay at Lake Dunmore, Vermont, where they have been going each summer for a number of years.

Bo and Kay Lewis broke the Washington summer very pleasantly with motor trips to Cape Cod, to Atlantic Beach, near Jacksonville, Florida, and to Portland, Maine.

It was a great pleasure to have Carey Brown with us at the Class Luncheon in Washington on September 8th. He and Derryle still live at their attractive Rebel Hill Farm, Scotsville (near Rochester) New York. Carey is now in a retired status from the Eastman Kodak Company. He was in Washington for about a week as a member of an important task force of the Hoover Commission.

—R. H. D.

## 1911

News of the passing of G. R. Hicks on July 19th, of Olive Wheeler on August 5th, and of Fish McKinney on August 13th, has cast a grim shadow over the October class notes. As the class representative I extend to their families and other loved ones left behind our heartfelt sympathy. May the memories of the happy past be a source of consolation in the sad present.

There is not a great deal of class news available. Perhaps some is now following me around the country. Louise and I left home on August 14th for a two weeks visit with a friend at her camp on the Gunnison River in Colorado. There we had some very good trout fishing. The visit was most enjoyable. In addition to the trout fishing we took many tours among the Rockies, which have always had a great appeal to us both.

At the moment we are recalling fond memories of the past at Fort Riley, Kansas, where we have stopped on the way home for the specific purpose of seeing Dr. Fred O'Donnell and family of Junction City. All of the class who have had the good fortune of knowing "Doc" O'Donnell will be glad to learn that he is still in harness and administering to the ills of his fellowmen.

Nick reports that on June 30th the 1911 Western Contingent gathered with the Bag-

bys in Palo Alto at their attractive new home at 2070 Webster Street. With the seven classmates and their wives were young Fred Ladd and his wife Betty, and Marian Weaver. All present seemed to be in good health. The Shekerjians have left for Europe, where they plan extensive travel and some displaced persons' work. They will return to their Jackson Street apartment next April. The Baades are on a European trip for some four months. Paul went over on the invitation of the French Government to participate in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the invasion of Normandy.

In a letter to Dave Cowles, Fred Gilbreath said that he and Edna were staying in Austin through the summer, holing up in the air conditioned section of their house during the hot spells. Edna reports that Fred has lost 24 pounds. Don't get too thin, Fred!

A letter from Heffy states that he is spending two months this summer with his sister at her summer home at Sky Top in The Poconos of Pennsylvania, where he will be joined by his daughter, with her four small daughters. Her husband, Lieutenant Colonel James W. King, stationed at MATS Headquarters, Andrews Field, will visit from time to time.

Jim Mooney reports that son, Jim, and Marguerite Mary Hamilton were married on June 19th. She is the daughter of Captain James E. Hamilton, U.S.N. (Retired) and Mrs. Hamilton. Congratulations to both Jims from 1911.

—I. T. W.

## 1912

Ann Anderson (Swede's wife) recently returned by plane after a delightful visit of several months with her daughter Nancy and family in France, in time to welcome another grandchild into the Anderson clan, a son born in St. Louis to the John Andersons. Johnny is a medical student at St. Louis University. Grandpa "Swede" and daughter, Cornelia, (Mrs. Hal Hall of Houston, Texas) motored east to meet Ann for a short family reunion in Denver, and then the three of them motored back home together to Pebble Beach.

Alma Bailey reports all well with the growing Bailey clan on their plantation holdings at Tunica, Miss.

Margaret and Leonard Barrett are enjoying life in their lovely Menlo Park, California, ranch-type home, where gardening keeps Leonard fully occupied when not otherwise engaged in doing atomic equations; and Margaret, according to Phil Faymonville, is engaged in the staggering job of orchestrating the score of "Die Fledermaus" for their Palo Alto Symphonietta, which only a genius with the patience of Griselda would undertake.

Margaret Bingham and daughter, Margaret Ann, are happily settled back in Washington after spending several months in Honolulu, where the two boys of the family are now located.

Ed Boykin, responding to a note congratulating him on his 65th birthday and his recovery from a serious heart attack, indulges in a bit of sentiment: "Time marches on and the best we can do is to try and keep step with it until the Great First Sergeant reads off our names for the Last Parade. Often do I think of those lines of Omar: 'For some we loved, the loveliest and the best, That from his Vintage rolling Time has prest, Have drunk their Cup a Round of two before, and one

by one crept silently to rest.'"

Burfy and Jessie Brown, active in civic and social affairs in Asheville, North Carolina, are the neighbors of the Steve Chamberlins.

Our distinguished archaeologist classmate, Dr. Thorne Deuel, Director of the Illinois State Museum at Springfield, accompanied by his wife, Nora, attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Museums in Santa Barbara, California, last May.

Carl Dick left his Athens, New York, home to return to his native Ohio for his annual pilgrimage to reunite with old friends and relatives. On his return trip he enjoyed visits with the Bennions and the Maxwells in New York City.

Phil Faymonville, following recent surgery at Letterman, is now back to normal health and points with pride to a marked item in "The Black Kitten", the official weekly bulletin of the Press and Union League Club of San Francisco, reporting that "General William J. Morrissey's 'Golden Dunes' was the members' first choice of favorite paintings shown in the club's first art exhibition."

Ham Haislip reminds us that passing the age of 65 has its compensations; social security benefits and also an additional exemption on the Federal Income Tax. At the quarterly class luncheon in Washington on September 8th Ham put in a plug for the class organization's program of recruiting all eligible classmates into supporting Alumni activities—to include membership in the Association of Graduates and subscription to its publications (*Assembly* magazine and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*.)

In late August Heinie Hinemon writes a cheery letter as usual, this in spite of his physical handicaps, reporting that he and Mildred are enjoying having daughter Betty and her family (Colonel J. W. Grant, Signal Corps, and four grandchildren) stationed at Fort Monmouth, only two miles away, where Colonel Grant is the Inspector General of the Post.

Jeff Keyes finally bowed low to old man Time and on July 31st took leave for good from his important active duty role in the Pentagon as Director of the Defense Department's Weapons Systems Evaluation Group.

Martha and John Kelly celebrated John's 64th birthday by jumping into their new Buick and indulging in a second honeymoon through the Texas valley, across the border into Mexico, returning via the Gulf Coast to their home in San Antonio.

Jim Mooney reports that his son, James Longuemare, was married to Marguerite M. Hamilton, daughter of Captain James E. Hamilton, USN Retired, and Mrs. Hamilton of Washington, at the Blessed Sacrament Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland, on June 19th. Jim Junior is teaching at a Baltimore High School and the bridal couple live at Towson, Maryland.

Frank and Eunice Mallon had as their summer visitors Frank's two sisters, Ann and Elise, of Brooklyn, New York.

Maxie and Katherine Maxwell arrived back in New York on the S.S. "Independence" early in August after an extensive trip in Europe, covering seven countries from Scotland to Spain.

Bill and Lucy Nalle are enjoying raising Black Angus cattle on their Culpeper farm in Virginia. Their daughter Lillian and her husband (Brigadier General Bob Tyson, commanding the Artillery Brigade of the 2d Armored Div.) and their three children, are expected to return in September from

their tour in Germany. Gilbert, the oldest son, lives in Nelson County, Virginia, and, like his father, raises black cattle also. Major Richard Nalle, USMA '44, the youngest of the Nalles, with his wife Ann, and two children, is studying guided missiles at the Univ. of Southern California in Los Angeles.

P. D. and Lottie Paules send in favorable reports on their large and widely scattered family. Bill and his family are still in Europe, while son, John, after a year in Spain, has returned to West Point as an instructor. P. D. himself continues very active in the engineering profession and shows no signs of letting up.

Mary Riley is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the stork at her son Pat Jr.'s home in El Paso, Texas, late in the fall, where Pat and Sunny are stationed. Pat is a Lieutenant with an AA outfit at Fort Bliss.

Bill Wilbur continues as a most active man—author, lecturer, radio commentator, etc. While in Washington he saw Harry Malony, who is now affiliated with a company manufacturing fuses, and had interesting conferences with President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon, Dr. Syngman Rhee, Senator Dirksen, General Van Fleet, and other diplomatic and political figures. By all means read Bill's new book, "Guide Posts to the Future"

P. Wood's son, Lieutenant Colonel John S. Wood, Jr., Class of '43, after several years in Paris as aide to General Gruenther, is now back in the States and is stationed at Fort Bragg.

Bill Hauser, Class of '54, is a very dutiful son of 1912 in that he lost no time in writing your Class Officers to thank us for what is described as a gorgeous silver cigarette box suitably engraved and presented to him during Graduation Week.

—R. T. S. and W. H. H.

## 1914

Johnny Carruth writes "I got a postcard from Flip Lewis expressing his appreciation for the telegram the class sent him from West Point. Flip has planned to come to San Antonio in the early part of September, so I'm expecting him and Jessie to arrive any day. Flip has to break into Brooke Army Hospital for a second lung operation. I was mighty sorry to hear that shortly after returning to Greenville, South Carolina, from the Reunion, John Henry Woodberry suffered a heart attack which put him in the hospital for about a month. \* \* \* Irma Brooks wrote from Munich that her John had also had a coronary while traveling in Austria in July and is now in an Army hospital in Munich—Best wishes from the Class to both Johns and a sincere 'take it carefully!' \* \* \* Ike and Lillian Gill are still in Rhode Island where they have a summer cottage at Jamestown (P.O. Box 173) but no news from them since 'Carol' struck. Earl Carruth enjoyed a two months vacation with our daughter, May, at Virginia Beach, and I got up for two weeks of life on the ocean."

Bill and Pat wound up their West Point finances with a perfectly vouchered report showing a profit of some fifty-six dollars after all West Point expenses were paid. This sum was duly covered into the Class treasury. Again many thanks from 1914!

*Suggestions*—(a) From Jack Jouett—"Now, Fred, I am possessed of a *must* idea. We have two great generals, (4 star) in our class and we are most proud of them and the class that developed them. Full length

portraits of Bill and Toohy should be in Grant Hall or some other important spot at West Point. Each of them should now have such a portrait, and should donate it. I, for one, will be happy to pay my share to get these portraits to West Point, with proper brass plate, etc."

(b) From Gene Villaret—"I endeavored to determine with certainty whether or not we have a Class Tree at West Point, but could find no one who could affirm that we do. In case we do not have such a tree, I suggest that necessary action be taken to dedicate one and mark it with a small bronze tablet of the standard pattern adopted by other Classes." I am sure the above ring a bell with most of us. Will the Washington Group be good enough to look into Jouett's suggestion and send me a report for publication to the Class? Will Pat Hogan kindly do likewise concerning a Class Tree?—J. B. C.

Bruz Waddell writes: "Wasn't it truly a wonderful Reunion? John Carruth's description of it was fine, too. (So say we all!) Ralph Royce called me last week and then treated me to a lunch at the Statler. His recent exploits are particularly interesting. Tom Lanphier is our newest arrival in California. The nice part about it is that Tom says he is here for keeps. He chose La Jolla, our riviera and garden spot. Bill Somervell's promotional accomplishments will never be forgotten."

*News Flashes from Freddie H.*—Xenophon Price spends every summer in Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania, with his two children. Jim Bradley has returned to his boyhood home, Rolla, Missouri, where he will live with his mother and sister—address 608 W. 11th St. Dopey Harrison, Lodi, California, is in the grape raising business, and says it has been rather rugged the past few years, but looks brighter now. He still has his boat and gets lots of fun out of fishing. John Kennard says he is getting along all right in New Orleans, with the help of air conditioning, and is leading a quiet life. Goody Packard stopped in on his way back from the Reunion. Tom Monroe, after the Reunion, visited Ike Gill in Rhode Island, spent a few days on Cape Cod, and visited Pink and Edith Ward in the Colorado Rockies, before returning home to Eureka. Eleanor and Jim Cress also motored to Cape Cod and to Boston to see friends in his World War II regiment, thence via the Black Hills and the Yellowstone to Palo Alto. George Febiger says he sees them often in Palo Alto and also goes fishing with Dopey Harrison. Duke Milliken went from the Reunion to northern Maine where he had a wonderful trout fishing vacation and is back home now in Johnson City, Tennessee. Phil Thurber writes: "Muriel and I still get about but mainly where car, boat or bicycle takes us. This precludes Reunions where Muriel has to walk or stand. We have the whole family here (in Seattle) this summer. We use our waterfront place for our beach club."

From Ralph Royce—"Agnes and I enjoyed the Reunion very much. I hope that we have about ten more of them—all as well attended and as well arranged. We drove to San Clemente to see Bill Houghton and found him well situated doing nothing and Florence working hard in the garden. That is what I call good organizing."

Dad Kerr says—"We returned on the 'Liberté' of the French Line August 9 after a very crowded two months in Europe. We did most of our travel by rail, but even so we saw a good deal of Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and France. Best of all I think we liked

Bavaria and Italy. I really was disappointed not to have made the Reunion, so now I'll have to make the 45th."

—J. B. C.

## 1915

The President's Dinner . . . Of special importance not only in the lives of many of us in the Class of 1915, but also of interest to the Association of Graduates in general, is the news of the President's Dinner in the White House, given for the nearby members of the Class and for many of the widows of our deceased classmates who live so firmly fixed in our memories and still remain close in our thoughts.

On June 30, 1954 President Eisenhower and the First Lady, our "Mamie", were the gracious hosts to the largest dinner party ever arranged in the Executive Mansion. Ninety-three guests, including forty-two graduates and former classmates and their wives, were honored with all the magnificence of gold plate and service ordinarily reserved for visiting royalty. Such was our Honorary Class President's loyal tribute to his class and to his old friends on the eve of the Eisenhower's thirty-eighth wedding anniversary, and great indeed was the appreciation of those of us who were fortunate to attend. Following the formality of dinner a delightful song fest of old Army songs lasted until midnight. Harry Pendleton, deep in the heart of Texas, will be glad to know that Jake Meneely sang the Furlough Song.

Marking another step in our collective lives was the retirement, on August 31st, of the last of our class from active service in the Army—Brigadier General Herman Beukema. His occupancy of the Professorship of the Department of Social Sciences at the Military Academy will be difficult of replacement. Beukema, whose teaching and counsel inspired the respect of West Point classes from 1928 to the present day, is moving to an important assignment in Heidelberg, Germany, as the Director of the University of Maryland's vast European educational program abroad. Our Class has repeatedly expressed to this classmate its admiration and its great liking, and to this, now, it adds a message of Godspeed.

To all individuals, now scattered and established in retirement in twenty-nine States and Territories (with one abroad) we send the good news that Major General John B. Wogan, Cherry Lane, Asheville, North Carolina, will hereafter be our Scribe and Reporter to *Assembly*. To him, therefore, please send all bits of news of classmates for subsequent reporting to this publication. May your comments be many and lively, and may your news be good so that "Wog" can happily summarize and report on our lives and accomplishments in retirement.

Nineteen-fifteen laid aside its cadet gray and donned the Army blue, which it now has laid aside, with all the "doo-dads" and good conduct badges, after thirty-nine years of service. With certain notable exceptions we declare ourselves "has-beens". It is of interest to note that of the one hundred and sixty-four who graduated, ninety-six are retired, twenty-one have had places long since established in civil life, and forty-seven have passed to their reward.

Earlier in the summer a "First Call" to our fortieth Reunion was sent to all members and ex-members of the Class. From the immediate and enthusiastic response, promise is given that June of 1955 will witness the largest of our Class Reunions,

with eighty classmates agreed to attend—God wot! From the far reaches of Hawaii we expect our friend Henry Aurand, provided that as an ex-Lieutenant General he can pry himself loose from his importance as a News Commentator. From California's resident contingent of thirty, we expect the greater number to attend, piloted by Omar Bradley, the five star "Bulova Watch Man," and Joe McNarney, who is still grinding out airplanes for a consideration. From all parts of sun-drenched Florida George Stratemeyer will ride herd on the dozen who have chosen that climate for domicile. Banker Leland Hobbs, in New York City, will lay aside his interest tables to take command of the New York group for an appropriate trip up the Hudson, while "Honest John" Leonard, his combat terminated, will push aside the mesquite and desert sand and muster the Texas group. With his other duties and responsibilities permitting, the President and Mrs. Eisenhower will attend. Possibly Ike can again be persuaded to drive, perhaps ride, the same old mule at Gene Leone's famous Farm Party.

To the far away classmates we report that Joe Swing is now seen in regal style carrying out his responsibilities in Washington as the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, while Jesse Saylor, as the Collector of the Port of Savannah, keeps Henry in occupancy of a residence, and no doubt a business, in that Georgia town. Provided that the Commies can keep their fingers out of the grab bag our friend Van Fleet may be able to quit monitoring and attend to his orange plantation in Florida. Not only our Class but now the World appreciates Van as a forthright guy.

Far from being content in his retirement, Doodle Harmon has responded to a recall to accept appointment as the first Superintendent of the new Air Force Academy. Squire Taylor, a farmer in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, names his animals after his favorite classmates and his girl friends, and proudly announces progeny as they arrive in due course. St. Peter reached out a hand to grab Ed Wallington by the foot this summer but Ed successfully resisted and declined the call. Back from "That Place", Walter Reed, Wallington remains quite capable of counting our remaining dollars in the Class Treasury. Red Irwin, still strumming on his old guitar, has turned his hand to painting—and selling—his oils. Bob and Midge Strong, both looking youthful, proportion their time between Canada and Tucson, Arizona, while another ex-cavalryman, Jack Davis, is mixed up in magnesium products, which he assures us are different from "milk of" and have something to do with molecules.

The Class Secretary is working on a new roster of the Class with up-to-date addresses, to replace the one Jody Haw got out about three years ago. It is about ready to go but will be checked against the New Cadet Register which should be available early in October. Many changes have occurred in the past three years and nearly everyone has now decided upon his permanent address. We will try to keep you informed if you will report changes to the Class Secretary, (Hanley), to the *Assembly* Reporter (Wogan), or to the Association of Graduates.

—F. B.

## 1916

Stanley and Mary Scott's motor tour had reached Vancouver, British Columbia at last report. After visiting Mexico they re-

turned to San Antonio, then went west to El Paso, Albuquerque, Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon, southern California and up the west coast to San Francisco and Vancouver. Enroute they saw so many classmates that space prevents mentioning all. In Oregon they visited with Paul Kane at his new ranch near Corvallis. They will return to Washington, D. C. via Glacier National Park and then to Texas, to see their son and daughter-in-law and get acquainted with their grandchild.

Dixie and Peg Bonfils spent August on a fishing trip in the wilderness district of Montana on Flathead River about 100 miles south of Hungry Horse Dam—pack train for the last 35 miles but plenty of trout at the end of the trail.

The Gallaghers returned from an 8,000 mile trip early in July. In California they saw a number of classmates—Willie Wilson at Los Angeles, still in charge of high school military training; Lucien Berry at Santa Barbara, retired, with a beautiful home, avocado and fruit trees (Lucien had a serious operation last year and will have to undergo another when his condition permits); Roland Shugg, living in the Marina District of San Francisco, all pepped up over his entry into the real estate business; Dwight Johns, insurance man in Berkeley; and Woodward in Sacramento, still with California State Civil Defense. Returning east they saw the Merrells at their new home about 20 miles south of St. Louis, where Spence is running the Harbor Point Yacht Club, a swank resort for St. Louis millionaires. Gallagher was the first classmate to visit the Merrell's new domain and recommends it highly.

The Robbs cut their trip short and returned from Europe late in July to be with Marian's aged parents. Since last report from Spain they visited France, Switzerland, Hamburg and Copenhagen. Their present address is 119 South 17th Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where they expect to remain indefinitely. Stanley Reinhart writes from Hendersonville, North Carolina that he was visited by the Crampton Joneses last November and by the Scotts this spring. His son, Stanley, Jr., Class of 1950, after a real workout in Korea during 1950 and 1951 and a course at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, is now in the Electricity Department at West Point.

Eddie Shaifer nearly washed away in the Rio Grande flood at Laredo last spring. His house was one foot above high water but many buildings at Fort McIntosh had two feet of water on the lower floor. Joe Grant is in Spain, giving his new M.A. degree in Spanish a workout. Last heard of in Barcelona. Willie Shipp was relieved as Army Attache at Madrid and retired on August 31st. He has returned to this country and started house hunting. He hopes to locate in the Shenandoah Valley near Washington—a small house, no farm. In the meantime his address is c/o Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C.

Craigie Krayenbuhl, still with the Veterans Administration, has been transferred from Atlanta to the Central Office in Washington. He is living at 213 Tennessee Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. Calvin DeWitt was relieved as Commanding General, New York Port, and retired on August 31st. He plans to return to his home at 2928 Richmond Lane, Alexandria, Virginia. Louis Hibbs, who moved to Boston several years ago from Los Fresnos, Texas, is building a villa overlooking the lake at Chapala, Mexico. It is reported you can live there with two servants for \$300 a month.

Spike Maulsby was in Washington during the American Legion Convention in August, sponsoring Legion support for a cancer

preventive program. Murph Irvine also blew into Washington for a couple of days in the interest of an irrigation project near his ranch in Arizona. Both of them looked well. Tom Peyton writes from Sweet Chalybeate, Virginia, that his home is located close to White Sulphur Springs and hopes for a visit from any classmates who may be in the vicinity.

1916 has almost disappeared from the Active List. Bill Hoge is the only one remaining, and he retires next year.

—E. G. B.

## April 1917

Fred Irving retired August 31. He and Vivian had planned to sail immediately afterward for Europe to visit their son, Frederick (USMA '51) and his wife, who are stationed in Germany, but the trip was canceled when Fred accepted a position in New York.

On June 19, Elizabeth Dowe Irving, who graduated in 1953 from Vassar, was married in the Cadet Chapel to Major Alexander Maish (USMA '44), who is stationed at West Point.

Bill Harrison early this summer assumed his new duties as C-in-C of the Caribbean Command, with headquarters in Panama.

Catherine and Willis Teale left Washington in July for their new home at 973 Bruce Avenue, Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Captain H. O. Brennan, USAF (USMA '47), son of Mike and Mary Brennan, and now on duty as a "tac" at West Point, and Miss Mary Farabaugh, of Cornwall, New York, were married recently at West Point.

Willis Slaughter retired on June 30th. A farewell review was held for him at Aberdeen, where he had been on duty as deputy commanding general. He immediately started work with the W. L. Maxson Corporation, 460 W. 34th Street, New York, as Plans and Programs Adviser.

Present for June Week festivities at West Point were: the Bill Eleys, Jim Haydens, the Henley Friers (with all their many children, to attend the graduation of their son, Bill), Donovan Swanton, Matt Ridgway, and, of course, Fred and Prof.

Bill Daugherty writes from Tacoma, Washington, that his address now is 423 North D Street in that city. Bill had been in the hospital out there and while he was sick had a call from the ever-thoughtful Gladys and Joe Collins, who were in town for a brief stop.

Jeanette and Harold Jackson were in Florida in June. While there they saw Jean and Pat Stewart in Sarasota.

In July the class sent a contribution to the George Washington University Cancer Clinic in Memory of Harry Teets, husband of Leo Erler's daughter, Mary.

—S. H. S.

## August 1917

Jules Schaefer writes that Catherine has recovered so well from her operation she was able to accompany him on his two recent trips. On the latter they had a delightful experience as the guests of the Bobrinks in their new and attractive home in Palo Alto.

In their honor, Mary Louise and Bo invited the following classmates and wives for cocktails in their patio, followed by a buffet supper—Mickey and Peggy Kernan, Jack and Ellen Mallory, Taylor and Barbara deCamp, Bill and Toodles Chapman,

Bill (W. I.) and Inez Wilson, Spider and Sammy Maling.

He reports—"all were looking well—very well, in fact." However, he did find some of the men baldier than others, and, as the consequence of a remark about bald-headed people looking so old, feels he can never again show up in the Bay area until all of his hair is gone.

Mickey Kernan is practicing law in Atherton, California. His address is 18 Fair Oaks Lane. Ellen Mallory reports that Dent and Eleanor Sharp are now apparently permanently located in Maine.

The Malings and deCamps are still undecided about a permanent location.

On Wednesday, August 11, following the Bobrinks' party, the Wilsons (W. I.) had their first grandson.

Bob, the Bobrinks' remaining son at home, is "boning up" for the West Point entrance exams.

In the July-August issue of Ordnance Magazine there is a most interesting story of Tracey Dickson's father, written by Brigadier General Thomas K. Vincent.

Froggie Reed and his son, "Andy" spent a few days in New York recently, prior to their departure for a six-weeks tour of Europe. Catherine and I had a most enjoyable luncheon with them the day before they left. Froggie was in the best of spirits and thoroughly enjoying the freedom of a brisk consulting practice in California.

Ed and Ruth Leavey have just returned from a trip to Europe. They are now living in Montclair, New Jersey.

Six class sons are presently in the Corps. They are Hasbrouck and Warner, '55; Bob Bacon and Ernest Wilson, '56; Nicholas Wilson and Place, '57.

From West Point we hear—the two Reds, Warner and Durfee, passed through in August, having just returned from Germany; and that Jerry Counts visited points in Louisiana and Texas this past summer.

At the request of the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Jules Schaefer has agreed to serve as a member of the National Defense Committee of the Chamber. With his military and industrial background, it is his hope he may be able to help other business men to understand better the problems incident to our Armed Forces—particularly morale. I am sure you will agree with me that his willingness to devote his time to this cause will be appreciated by all of the Services.

—W. G. W.

## June 1918

Jim and Mildred spent their summer vacation in Victoria, British Columbia. There they visited with a Canadian family who had toured Europe with them two years ago. In the last notes I reported Roy Paterson in San Mateo, his address there is 2500 Dolores Avenue. Speaking of San Mateo, Hans and Alice Kramer took off on a Canadian jaunt last June where Hans would expound his wisdom on engineering projects (for a consideration) and dabble as an amateur in the fishing. So far no reports from that quarter.

Heinie and Adelaide Baish have settled in their house at 3429 Patterson Street, N.W., Washington 15, D. C. Heinie is with the Government Personnel Mutual Life Insurance Company as an underwriter. The local Army posts are in his area, so he is enjoying seeing his old Army friends. His daughter, Sheila, has just left Washington for Germany with her two-year old daughter to join her husband Major (Inf) R. L.

Johns. Heinie's son Frank (First Lieutenant Arty, '50) is working on his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Southern California. The family of their daughter Dollree (deceased) live in nearby Silver Spring, Maryland, with their father, Dr. Michael Oristian.

Pat and Jody (Heinie's sister) Tansey are in Arlington busily gardening and entertaining grandchildren. Their daughter Mary is in the Far East with her husband ('41) and four children. Pat, Jr. is with the Ordnance in Hawaii. Ted Tansey ('43) is in the Pentagon, and Bobby ('45) is in the Far East. Mike is the only one still at home.

Lloyd Mielenz, Bob Bishop and Andy Moore were honored at a retirement review at Fort Belvoir last August 28th. Andy and Marian have ideas of settling in California, North Carolina, or Washington. Whatever job Andy accepts will determine his coordinates. At present their address is 928 Dartmouth Drive, Bucknell Manor, Alexandria, Virginia. No dope on plans of Lloyd or Bob.

Lane and Lita Holman have been enjoying a visit from their first grandchild, lovely little red-headed Alita, and her mother Anne.

Fred Gerhard retired on 31 August at Edgewood Chemical Center, where he had been post commander. He and Helen will live in the house they built in Belle Aire, Maryland.

I had the pleasure of seeing lovely Mickey Barriger at a wedding in Washington. Bill was off on a field trip so I missed him. Bill wrote of an unusual coincidence. In a conversation with one of his neighbors shortly after the Barrigers moved into their house, a Mrs. Hanley was mentioned. It turned out that she was Claudia, the widow of John Hanley, who was Bill's roommate. Claudia came to Washington shortly after Bugs' death, determined that their children would be educated as had been planned. She invested in real estate and has been quite successful in her ventures. She lives at 2244 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia. Bill Barriger's address is 2246 North Pollard Street, Arlington.

Bud and Fenie Miley are at Fort Monroe, where Bud is Chief of Staff, Army Field Forces.

Hab and Mary Elliott, after a spell in Florida, headed for San Francisco. En route they stopped in La Jolla. Hab took sick and was hospitalized there for a while. In spite of that they liked La Jolla so much they are building at 1026 Newkirk Drive. (Until their house is ready their address is P.O. Box 767, La Jolla, California.) Their son, Bob, is guiding missiles at Fort Bliss.

Last July, Swede and Norma Axelson, having braved Sebring for a few years, ventured to California. They stopped at La Jolla and there, like Hab, Swede took sick and got into the clutches of the medics at the Naval Hospital. Now they are exploring the coast for a possible address. At last report they were at San Diego.

—C. P. T.

## November 1918

Johnnie and Marian Stokes gave a lovely informal party on the evening of the 10th of July at Fort Myer. Everybody had a grand time—the Schows just back from Paris; the Gillespies up from A. P. Hill; the Bryan Conrads from Highland Falls; the Bill Millers; the Pences; the Evans;

the Ericsons; the Colsons; the Barnes; and the Bennetts.

Howard Peckham has been relieved from command of the Quartermaster School and Fort Lee, and is now Chief, Army Air Force Post Exchange Service, 15 West 43rd Street, New York, New York. Art Pence is in command of Fort Belvoir.

"Tubby" Snow has finally finished his brewery at Los Angeles and turned it over to Budweiser to operate. After a vacation including the reunion of his class at Duke (1916), visiting members of his family in Durham, North Carolina, Athens, Georgia, and Birmingham, Alabama, looking at the mountains near Asheville, and the waves at Wrightsville Beach, where he was District Engineer in '46 and '47, he went to work on the 6th of July as Chief Engineer, Water Resources Division, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, North Carolina. His responsibilities seem to include practically everything to do with water except drinking it. Perhaps he will invite us all for a fishing trip some day.

The Pinkie Williamsons are back in Augusta after a trip to Florida, where they saw John Sherman. Helen returned from Europe in May, reporting that her grandchildren speak both French and German fluently.

Bill Wanamaker has just given up a fine opportunity with U. S. Steel in order to return to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority as its Executive Director. He has a proprietary interest in it, as he built it.

Jake Baker has returned from Alaska where he was Chief of Staff. I haven't heard his plans, but he may be found in the vicinity of Napoleonville, Louisiana.

Fred Pearson took a trip to the West Coast. He writes: "In San Francisco I saw Johnny Hughes and Bill Epes. Johnny is Vice President of the Capitol Co. and has charge of the construction of bank buildings in the western part of the country. He now has 35 under construction in California, Nevada and Arizona. He and his wife travel a lot inspecting the building program. I was fortunate to run into him. He hasn't changed much since he was a cadet. In his usual efficient engineering way he is already laying plans for his second retirement, which will be at 65. He has been with this company ever since he retired. Health is good and he looks fine.

"Count Gorlinski is at Sacramento and is connected with local governments as water expert. Vere Beers is at Lafayette, California. Bill Epes retires at the end of August and plans on staying in the San Francisco area. Fred Butler is now the Manager of the City Airport at San Francisco. He and his wife are fine and enjoying their retirement. Eddie Pope, who had been in the construction business in Caracas, Venezuela, was back recently. He plans to liquidate his business and return to California.

"I also talked to Morris Gilland over the phone. He was retired with a bad heart. He is on a rigid diet, but feels fine and keeps himself occupied by working with electronics. John Dietrich is living in South San Francisco and is connected with the highway department.

"At Oakland I contacted 'Dusty' Broome and had a nice visit with him. Dusty is head of the Federal Security Agency in Oakland, is married and has two sons and a daughter. Had lunch with Mac Monroe. Mac is down to 162 pounds so can still crawl into his cadet suits easily. I asked for the formula and he told me they had an acre of ground, had built a home and Helen kept him busy working. Their daughter, Barbara, and two children were visit-

ing them and they were thoroughly enjoying all of them.

"Duke Dunkelberg is commanding at Ord; Jack Winn is at Carmel.

"At Los Angeles, I got in touch with Bernard and Betty Slifer at Santa Monica and had a fine visit with them. Bernard was with Boeing as their personnel man for a number of years, but now has his own sales organization. Betty has been doing bit parts in the movies and on TV. She was in Milton Berle's first TV show and has been in a number of shows with Red Skelton. She has also had bit parts in many movies. She told me they were talking of a retake on 'Tugboat Annie' and she is scheduled for a screen test for Marie Dressler's old part. I spoke for the class and told her we would all be pulling for her. Her screen and TV name is 'Lizz' (note two z's) Slifer. If you see her and enjoy her acting, let's remember the old custom and send a card in to the sponsor. Let's give the 'little' girl a hand. Bernard says he sees a few of the classmates occasionally but doesn't see as many as he would like to.

"Stopped at Riverside to chat with Wiley Carter. He hasn't changed a bit since we were at the Academy. His youngest son graduated this past June and is now taking training at the Hondo, Texas, Air Base. Wiley says he sees Charley Morrison, Clarence Mendenhall, Charley Gildart, Al Riani, Pinky Lock, Howell Cocke, Drex Dana, and about a year ago saw Buck Goodin, who told him he was going back to Kentucky and thought he would stay there. He says occasionally they have a get together and have a golf game. Wiley was the only classmate that took Ben Chadwick up on his proposition to honor any bills at his Seven Oaks Club provided they signed 'Popolopen' and their name on it. Wiley spent a pleasant evening at the club, followed instructions, Ben wasn't there, but when the check was presented to him, it was honored. Don't anybody else pull that now as Ben has sold the Seven Oaks Club. Wiley also told me Bill Hesp is with the California Highway Department and is located in Los Angeles.

"I expect to go to school again this fall so may not get any notes in for the January issue. One thing I found on this trip was the eagerness of classmates to hear about others. Take a little time out and get off a note to Bryan Conrad, tell him about yourself and any other classmates."

Jim Christiansen was in New York the other day on his way to San Francisco and retirement. He reports that Ippy Swift is also contemplating turning in his suit.

Howard Peckham was in San Francisco in August and dined with Butler, Gilland, Epes and Dietrich at the Presidio. Howard has sent me a directory of all retired officers in the 6th Army area with addresses and telephone numbers. It has been a great help in correcting our class lists of addresses. I would appreciate contributions of similar directories from the other Army areas.

It is a very sad duty to report two deaths. Fred Platte died late last year. Billy Benton died this summer.

The Holbrooks have been up at West Point helping their daughter, Joanne Patton, get settled into new quarters.

Hill, J. H. C. recently wrote to Holbrook: "I want to thank you for writing Monk Dickson, also George Conrad. I stayed at the Hahnemann Hospital for one week and remained an additional week in Philadelphia for treatment. The doctor I went to was Dr. C. R. Bailey, who has had several write-ups in Time Magazine for his heart operations. He found an operation would not benefit me. I left Philadelphia to go

to the Battle Creek Sanitarium for four weeks, and to visit some of my Chicago friends. I was sorry that I did not feel strong enough to stop off in Washington and see you boys. I am getting stronger now and feel hopeful of almost complete recovery. If you see any of the boys whose health has failed, and they have not seen an advanced specialist in the last five years, tell them from me that they should definitely see one.

"I certainly appreciate you and Handsome Harry looking me up. I believe the fact that my old friends wanted to get in touch with me has been a definite contributory factor in my health starting to improve." (Hotel Goldsboro, Goldsboro, North Carolina.)

Monk Dickson writes: "I had a gravy trip to Europe June 2 to 14th with Pan-Am on 'Normandy Beaches Tenth Anniversary.' I saw Yoder at St. Laurent sur-mer. He has been finishing up the final war cemetery work. The St. Laurent job is most impressive. Back of the formal Greek theater is the draw from Omaha Beach to Colleville and many say 'This is where I came in.' I missed Al Morgan by two days in Germany; he just been paraded for his retirement (simplified syntax!). Harrison Shaler will be going through decomposition at Letterman in Frisco in August and looking for a job there. Dexter Shaler, grace au Board Academique, is now at Benning as a Second Classman and will either join us or his father for his furlough. Wise money says Frisco."

—Bryan Conrad.

## 1919

The sad news came in July of the death on the 13th of Brigadier General Tom Hedekin in Fitzsimons General Hospital, to which he had been sent for treatment from his assignment in Korea. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 16 July. There was a considerable representation of the class present, including a number of wives whose husbands could not be present. Honorary pallbearers were Alexander, Allan, Brannon, Cole, Crichlow, Ely, Hammond, Harbaugh, Hartness, Hayford, Jones, H. M., Martin, McGinley, Ovenshine, Palmer, Parsons, Speed, and Zimmerman. Mrs. Hedekin is Carl Molitor's sister. She and her two children expect to live at 2716 36th Place, N.W., Washington.

Word has just been received of the death of Ham Young's mother early in September. Flowers were sent in the name of the class for the funeral on 4 September, and Kyke Allan attended to represent the class.

The foregoing details were supplied by our efficient Washington correspondent Horace Speed. He also reports that Forrest Cookson, George Price, and Lofty Snodgrass have been at Walter Reed this summer being processed for retirement. Others assigned to offices in Washington prior to retirement have been Elton Hammond, Jack Vance, George Burgess, and Jazz Parsons. Wes and Phyllis Jervey have been spending the summer in Powhatan County, Virginia, and expect to return to Washington in the late fall. Congratulations go to Al Wedemeyer on his promotion to the grade of General on the retired list as a result of recent Congressional action. He has severed his connection with the Avco Manufacturing Company and has been appointed a Vice President of the Rheem Manufacturing Company. (Their executive offices are at 570 Lexington Avenue, New York City).

There have been a considerable number of retirements during July and August. Your scribe has undoubtedly missed some of them but has noted those of Byrne (31 August in Hawaii), Cookson (31 July), Frank Davis (at West Point 31 August), Hammond (at Fort Monmouth, 31 August), Harbaugh (31 August), Madison (31 July), Ovenshine (31 August), Pyle (31 July), Shaw (31 July), Scherer (31 August), Skelton (as a Brigadier General 31 August in Hawaii), Strohbehn (31 July), Wilson, L. C. (31 August), and Vance (31 July). Frank Davis has joined the faculty of Ohio State University as a Professor of Drawing. Charlie Pyle and his wife came through West Point late in August prior to driving to their home in Arizona. Charlie is as yet undecided as to his future plans. Jimmy Harbaugh and Mrs. Leroy M. Wolfe were married at Fort Myer on 23 August.

As most of you know there are to be a good many of the class retired on 30 September by operation of law. This issue goes to press in the middle of September so that September retirements cannot be noted at this time. To the best of my knowledge after the end of this month there will be only 29 of the class remaining on active duty, 26 general officers, Alex Kirby and Bob Hill (reserve officers on extended active duty), and your scribe, who is a Colonel—Professor at West Point. To keep the record straight, will any of you with additional or contrary information please send it to me.

Pewee Collier has recently been made a Lieutenant General and now commands a Corps in Korea. Nate Burnell is presently commanding the 56th AA Brigade at Fort Totten. Urban Niblo has become Deputy Commandant of the Army Industrial College. Doc Loper has recently been appointed Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission. Doc was retired as a Major General while he was Chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project a year or so ago. Herb Jones got his second star early this summer.

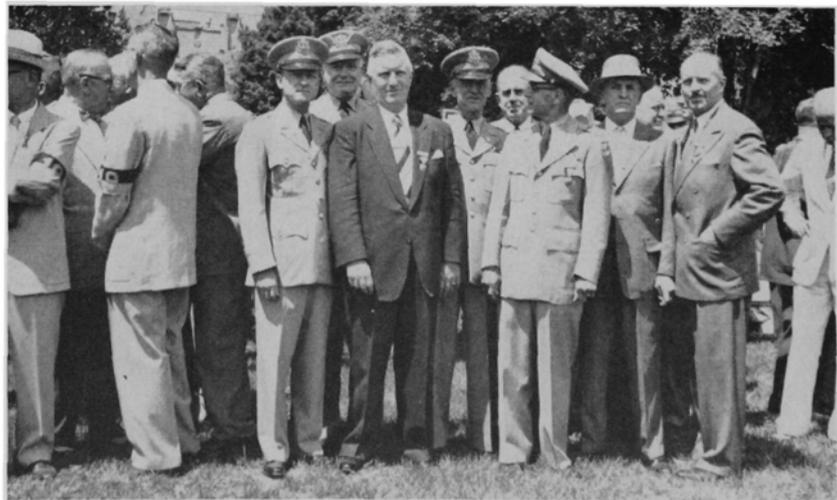
Bob Carter has moved from New York to Brunswick, Maine, where he is Sales Manager for the Snowflake Canning Company. He writes that he expects to buy a home in Topsham, Maine, just across the river from Brunswick. A note from Hilde Hildebrand states that his most recent check up gives promise that he will make a complete recovery from his series of cancer operations. He quips that if present improve-

ment continues for the next two years the medicos will be able to perform plastic surgery which will leave him handsomer than he was in the first place. Count Wilson is representing the investment firm of Wulf, Hansen and Company, Russ Building, San Francisco. George MacMillan's widow is living in Rochester, New York. Her address is Mrs. Louise MacMillan, Apartment 21, 1045 Lake Avenue. Horace Sampson is with the Boeing Aircraft Plant in Seattle, Washington. His address is 710 Belmont Place, Seattle.

For the information of those who participated in the 35th reunion, the reunion committee can now report that the operation finished in the black. Total receipts were \$1,866.90, expenditures \$1,673.41, leaving a net profit of \$193.49. According to precedent, this profit has been turned over to the class fund. The fund now totals \$1,095.29, deposited in checking and savings accounts in the First National Bank at Highland Falls. Over the past ten years the fund has been used for a memorial window for the Class of 1819, to defray our proportionate share of the Battle Deaths Plaque for World War II in Cullum Hall, and to cover the cost of wreaths and flowers at the funerals of classmates and their immediate kin when the burials took place at West Point or Arlington Cemetery. It also serves reunion committees with a financial anchor to windward against unforeseen contingencies.

The Washington group plans to be quite active this fall. New arrivals or transients in Washington should contact Kyke Allan (1304 30th St., N.W.) or Horace Speed (19 Fort Hunt Rd., Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia), for information about classmates and class activities. Horace writes that there are now 40 classmates and 5 widows living in the Washington area. Of the 40 only 10 are still on active duty. Horace will furnish an address list for the Washington area on request. There will be a class cocktail party at the Army-Navy Club (17th and I Sts.) on 30 October. Horace would like to learn of any of the class from out of the area who are sent to Walter Reed for treatment. In the case of the burial of a classmate or a member of his immediate family in Arlington Cemetery, Horace will arrange for class flowers and class representation at the service if he is informed in time.

For the benefit of those responsible, Helen and I would like to state that we were very much touched and delighted to receive a cigarette box with the class crest and an



1920 GROUP AT ALUMNI REVIEW, JUNE 1954

Left to Right: Johnston, E. C., Gillette, McNulty, Bessell, Collins (Ex-'20), Schick, Winslow, Sand, A. G.

appropriately engraved citation in appreciation of our services in connection with the 30th and 35th reunions of the class. Since we have no way of knowing what individuals to thank we take this opportunity to express publicly our gratitude to those responsible. We know that we do not really deserve such a generous token of appreciation. All I can do is to repeat what I have said in this column many times, namely that the Class of 1919 is a wonderful bunch of people to do business with.

—B. W. B.

## 1920

Since the notes for this column were written just prior to the last June Week, it would be well to mention at the outset the names of the members of 1920 who visited the Academy at that time. In addition to the regularly assigned members of the Class at West Point, those in attendance were John McNulty, Hugh Winslow, Jack Goff, Alex Sand, George DeGraaf, and J. G. Collins, Ex-'20.

Early in June this writer made an official trip to Fort Bliss, Texas, for the purpose of being brought up to date on the latest developments in Guided Missiles. Since the good wife had not been in that section of the country for a number of years, he took her along so that she could enjoy a vacation while he attended the classes and lectures. At Fort Bliss we enjoyed renewing our friendship with the Rosebaum's, whom we had not seen since "Rosy" and I were classmates at Fort Leavenworth in 1940. We spent a delightful evening in the Rosebaum quarters, on which occasion two other classmates, A. J. Hart and the L. W. Bartlett's, were present. The latter two classmates are retired and reside in El Paso.

On our journey back to West Point from El Paso, we spent several days in San Antonio, where we encountered Dick and Nena Singer, and Tom and Lucy Lewis, at a party. The Singer's and Lewis' are retired and live in San Antonio.

A few weeks ago I received a fine letter from Eddie McGaw, who commands the Korean Communications Zone in Korea. Eddie mentioned in particular the farewell party which he had given in the General's Mess at Taegu for Al Fulton on the eve of his departure for the U.S. and retirement. Guests at this dinner included the follow-

ing classmates: Newton Jacobs, Halley Maddox, Al Fulton, Fred Hayden, in addition to the host. Eddie mentioned that Korea had been visited during the summer months by Eddie Plank, who was there as the representative of Knappen, Tibbets, etc., the engineering firm which provides consultant service for the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. Jimmy Stratton, also one of the partners in the Knappen, Tibbets Company, spent two weeks in July in Korea. Other classmates in Korea on duty include Bob Durst, Coleman Romain and Art McCullough, of the Air Force. Durst is Assistant Inspector General at Headquarters, Army Forces, in Japan; Romain is Camp Commander of Fort Drew, Japan; and McCullough commands all MATS activities in that part of the world.

Major General Edward T. ("Molly") Williams, USA, former Deputy CG of the Third Army, assumed command of the Artillery Center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, early in July. "Molly" served previously at Fort Sill as an instructor and as Secretary of the Field Artillery School from June 1939 to April 1941. During World War II, in 1941, he was Military Adviser with the British in the Middle East during the Syrian and Libyan campaigns. Following this service he returned to Fort Sill as an instructor and Director of the Department of Tactics. Later "Molly" became Artillery Officer of X Corps and finally was made Artillery Officer of the Third Army. In January 1944 he went with the Third Army to Europe and served as General Patton's Artillery Officer until the end of the war. Since the war he has held many important posts, culminating in the assignment as Deputy Commanding General of the Third Army on 2 October 1953. He served in the latter capacity until he was ordered to Fort Sill to command the Artillery Center.

It has recently been announced that President Eisenhower has asked the Senate to confirm the appointment of Hank Hodes as a Lieutenant General to command VII Corps. Clovis Byers has been named to be the new Deputy Commandant of the National War College. Previously Byers was Chief of Staff to Admiral Fechteler, USN, Commander-in-Chief, Southern Europe.

Harold T. Miller, Brigadier General, Retired, has been appointed Deputy General Manager of the Port of Los Angeles, California. Miller had 35 years experience in the Corps of Engineers and Transporta-

tion Corps prior to his retirement. The Miller's have taken a house in Rolling Hills, overlooking San Pedro Harbor.

Four classmates who have retired recently as Brigadier Generals are Claude McQuarrie, John F. Cassidy, Terence Tully and Frank Henning.

The new Plebe Class of 1958 at the Military Academy includes the following sons of classmates: Charles M. Adams, William L. Henning, Richard T. Lynch, and George B. Mitchell (son of J. D. Mitchell).

—E. C. G., Jr.

## 1921 and 1922

The class has been saddened by news of the death of BB Leonard, which occurred on 7 August, and it extends its sympathy to Len in his bereavement.

With a flock of retirements taking effect at the end of the summer, it is to be hoped that we'll be receiving some new addresses and a bit of news about what those Orioles are doing. From a comparison of recent orders against a roster of the class it appears that some fifteen are remaining on active duty in the Army and the Air Force.

Here's what one man has to say about his civil life activities. Magee writes:

"I plan on retiring in 1957 as Senior Civil Engineer from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and as a vet of WW II will draw 65% of the highest salary received. With no family I plan on a prolonged trip around the world and then settling in Florida for some concentrated golf. Thought some of our Oriole friends might like to know what those of us who spent most of our lives as civilians are doing and plan. Please pass the word along, if they are in Boston or vicinity please plan on stopping over at my place. It is right downtown in Boston on Beacon Hill (310 Beacon Street), handy to the shopping center, and amusements are in walking distance."

A recent news report said that Giles Carpenter, leaving Hawaii, was to make his home in Williamsburg, Virginia. Perry Smith recently suffered a heart attack while actually in a hospital—lack of action was probably too much for Perry! He and Meps will live, for a while at least, in Highland Falls after Perry's retirement.

Ben Chidlaw has assumed additional responsibilities. His Continental Air Defense Command now includes his old ADC, and also the antiaircraft and naval air defenses of this country.

Jimmy Spry has moved from the staff of the European Command to become chief of the MAAG in London. Numa Watson has left Fourth Army to take over the Southern Area Command in Germany. Al Kastner moved into Mark McClure's Pentagon seat when Mark left G-2 for the Far East last April.

Of second-generation Orioles George Lawton and Tommy Taylor (Max' son) are members of the USMA class of 1958. Dennis O'Flaherty, a first-string pitcher when he was at Loyola University in Los Angeles, was pictured in the newspapers in August in a New York Giants uniform, working out at the Polo Grounds. He was at that time on a trip east, during which he made a special visit to West Point to see some of the scenes of his father's youth.

West Point has been host to many of the class lately. DJ and Madeleine Crawford made a September trip through New England and the Maritime Provinces of Canada, and managed to visit the Hudson



A 1920 GROUP IN KOREA, AUGUST 1954

Left to Right: Colonel Newton N. Jacobs, Major General H. G. Maddox, Colonel A. L. Fulton, Major General E. J. McGaw, and Brigadier General F. L. Hayden.

too. Bob Raynsford and family spent the Labor Day weekend with the Branhams in Highland Falls. Bill and Marge Lawton have been in a couple of times—have to keep a proud eye on George! Bob and Janet Taylor stopped over at West Point when they were returning from Germany, bound for the Texas Military District in Austin. They plan to stay on there when Bob retires, and their daughters will study at the University of Texas.

That sums up the news for now. Here's hoping the football season brings lots of us together.

—C. J. B.

## 1923

All of the Class on active duty, with the exception of a few general officers, will have retired under the 30 and 5-year rule by the end of September. Now seems the appropriate time for you to furnish your permanent addresses to the Association of Graduates, the Washington committee and your class representative at West Point. Information for the annual *Register of Graduates* and for the Class Notes in *Assembly* will also be appreciated.

Deke Stone retired at the end of August and left West Point, via Maryland, for California, where he plans to settle. Louise and the children left by plane a couple of weeks before. Deke's departure leaves a void at West Point. He did a splendid work for the Association of Graduates and made his influence felt at the Academy in many constructive ways beyond the precincts of his office. His loss is particularly felt by the writer, who enjoyed an intimate association with him.

The big news for the Class is the arrival of Babe Bryan to take over the Superintendency. He has been a very active and busy man, getting briefed on everything and seeing every activity first-hand, so we have had only fleeting contact with him. The Class has every reason to be gratified at the impression he has made on the personnel of the post.

Two class sons entered with the new plebe class. They are Robert R. Foster and Charles Woodruff. The Mortons had them around to their quarters, together with several other plebes, on the first Sunday afternoon when they were allowed walking privileges. They were in fine spirits and spent most of the time swapping yarns about Beast Barracks. They also stowed away an enormous quantity of boodle topped off with watermelon.

The Fosters came to visit their son Robert the last week-end in August and also called on both Deke Stone and Bill Morton. Roy owns one acre of land near Lake Helen, Florida, which entitles him to call himself a farmer. At any rate, he does a lot of gardening, which keeps him fit and full of ginger.

The following class sons were on the August make list: James E. Torrence, Captain; Allen D. Raymond and Paul J. Jefferies, Lieutenants; Alden R. Crawford and Philip H. Enslow, Jr., Sergeants; David R. Larr, Corporal.

Gene Harrison spent the week-end of 22 August with his yearling adopted son, Charles B. King, Jr.

John Chambers' article, "The Great Decision—Officer or Civilian?", which first appeared in the April 1954 issue of *Assembly*, made such a hit at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, that the Commandant, Major General Edward T. Williams, had it reprinted for distribution to all officers assigned there.

NATO's Air South celebrated its third anniversary on 4 August and Lieutenant General Lawrence C. Craigie addressed congratulations to all personnel. The Class can congratulate itself that Air South is a '23 creation. It was set up and commanded by Dave Schlatter, who was succeeded by Bill Craigie some months ago. Bill Craigie was co-director of the NATO joint exercise to test the defenses of Southern Europe, which was scheduled for 31 August.

Timberman now commands the 44th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. Guy Stubbs plans to settle in San Antonio. Phil Enslow is Commandant at Staunton Military Academy. Bill Longwell is now Professor of Civil Engineering and Head of Department at Merrimack College. His address is 20 Henderson Ave., Andover, Massachusetts. Gjelsteen is at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Donald Harris, 2223 Lincoln Wood Drive, Evanston, Illinois, received his A.M. degree from the University of Missouri on 12 June last. Charlie Myers is CG, Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Illinois.

Clyde Rich wrote on 25 August: "I retired in Tucson, and after a brief fling in Maine, where I almost froze, and did not see Woppy, I returned to Tucson.

"Needless to say, I am revelling in the warm sunshine, and together with Charlie Lawrence, we are brown and healthy. Charlie is still in the flying school business and I am associated with the Hamilton Aircraft Repair and Conversion Co.

"We have just moved into what I hope will be our permanent home for many years to come, so spread the word that the latch string is out at our new address: 3311 E. 4th St., Tucson, Arizona.

"I heard from Al Crawford in Lugano, Switzerland, recently. He and Virginia are having quite a life heading up Republic Aviation's European affairs."

Wendell Johnson writes from Spain that he may stay over there for a while after his retirement. Both sons have been spending their summer vacation from college with him.

According to the *Washington Post*, Ralph Tudor retired on August 1st as Undersecretary of the Interior. He will return to the management of the Tudor Engineering Co., San Francisco, which has had many big construction contracts, including the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge. The paper cred-

its him with having had a considerable part in molding Eisenhower's power policy.

—W. J. Morton.

## 1925

Following the pattern of recent Class of 1925 columns in *Assembly*, most of this edition has been plagiarized from Daddy Dunn's *Delightful Doings of the Elect*. In fact, Papa has set up such an efficient circle of correspondence that we feel it is high time Washington take over this quarterly chore.

We have received into the Corps as members of the Class of '58 five sons of 1925: Charles P. Cabell, David A. Clarke, Peter N. Fisher, Roderic E. Ordway and Charles Oxreider. It may interest you to know that Johnny Roosma of 1926 entered a pair; Garret G. and William A. Hope they are basketball minded.

The sometime author of this piece, "P." Nicholas of Math (almost sounds like P. Echols, doesn't it?) spent the summer with his family touring Europe. The other "P", one Mike Esposito, took his family to their summer home on the shore in lower Delaware. This was supposed to be rest and relaxation. Was it Mike?

There is a plan afoot for continuing a quarterly publication after June 1955, such as Daddy Dunn has furnished us the past few years. It will be put up to the voters in the forthcoming election.

Arturo Bliss, 4832 Kittyhawk Drive, N.W., Atlanta, is representative of a firm of Industrial and Management Consultants. "Parson" Kearns is now running Jeffersonville (Indiana) QM Depot. Don Dunford is on duty with UN as Deputy to U.S. Army Military Representative. John Dansby and his wife, from Corona Del Mar, recently visited in Alaska and the Pacific N.W. They saw Helen and Jack Depew in Palo Alto. John is in real estate.

"Swiss family" Bowers writes they enjoyed their European junket. Saw Benny Fowlkes at Westover, met Louis Riggins and family homeward bound in Frankfurt. Had nice visit with daughter in Barcelona and spent three delightful weeks in Switzerland.

Roberts, L. A. recently returned from a ten day junket to Paris where he found Hopkins in fine fettle and about to solve



REUNION IN KOREA, CLASS OF 1925

Pictured with the Acting Eighth Army Commander, Lieutenant General Bruce C. Clarke, during the 1954 Reunion, are left to right, Margeson, Howze, Johnson, E. L. Evans, Babcock, Peplow, Burbank, and Crombez.

the housing problem—Sophie and the girls sojourning at Berchtesgaden. Also mentioned the Freddie Powells, Freddie Munson ('26) and that Nicholas and family were vacationing there.

Tulley volunteered that his brother was now in cinema (see "Caine Mutiny"—Captain DeVrie) and someone mentioned Oxreider as having been runner-up at the champ golf match at Fort Meade (Foxy losing to Bob Chard with only one up on the 36th).

Frank Steer writes on Franklin Life Insurance stationery that he is permanently located in Hawaii and has three young daughters aged 9, 8 and 3. Included biographical sketch plus mention of Ron Shaw and Amos Akerman, whom he sees often. We expect (?) a crate of fresh pineapple by the next boat.

A Class (?) employment bureau, about which we know very little, is to be chaired by Seleen with first assistants, Chamberlain and Scherer. This triumvirate has an additional "key" list of some two dozen individuals already at large in industry upon whom to call. As a point of order, it was felt that *every member* of the class should put his shoulder to the wheel on this one—profiting by the experience of '24 (both A and N) this year.

John Beatty represents Metropolitan Life (shamefacedly admits duty with the Navy in WW II!) Jack Horner may be addressed at Texas Mil. Dist. 7th & Colorado Sts., Austin. Gould's address: Area Engr. A.P.O. 616, New York. Marcel Crombez spent August and September at West Point, with a delegation of four Korean Officers. Marcel is top adviser to the Korean Military Academy. Red Willing is Chief O/S Supply Agency. New York POE, Army Base, Brooklyn 50, New York. Bill Brackett's new address is No. 17 Sylvia Rd., Portland, Maine. Bill is with Central Maine Power Co. Don Bratton's address is 2536 W. Avalon Dr., Phoenix.

Robertson, D. H. lists one son, Gilber (Korean vet), a pre-med student at U. of Arizona, and son David about to enter same institution.

The Dunn's daughter Carol graduated from Geo. Washington U. Her many activities, including Sorority President, resulted in her inclusion in "Who's Who in American Universities"! Good going Carol. Pete Hurd's eldest daughter has likewise finished her studies at Bryn Mawr.

Ike Evans' bachelor son, First Lieutenant QM, Res., is aide to General Hickey. The Evans' daughter is the wife of a D. C. lawyer, and has twice made Ikey a granddad. Paul Weitfle's son—alas, poor lad—has gone Navy. And so did his daughter!

The following changes at West Point may come to your attention when you arrive for the 30th Reunion. A brand new Laundry is being erected just inside Washington Gate. (No doubt it will have built-in "laundry spikes" as efficient as those of yore.) On each of the 3 top floors of barracks a washroom has been installed! Behind Michie Stadium a parking lot—badly needed, is being built. It should accommodate nearly 300 cars.

#### WHERE ARE THEY?

Ole Sock Cole and Swede Underwood,  
Wayne Smith and "Jumpin" Joe  
Are concentrated for their good  
At Bragg—where jumpers go.

Dansby, Gardner and Wiley Moore  
Call California home  
While Liwski, Bird and Colby Myers  
Still over Europe roam.

Soapy, Hankins and Nutter, Bill  
Are doing much the same.  
As Powell, Mitchell and Hoppie  
Sojourn in France—they claim.

Martin's home is Oklahoma  
Jim Channon's at Monroe  
Strick's in Vermont, Renfro in Maine  
Gullette's in Méhicoe.

Morford, Kelley and Big Ed. "G",  
Senior, McManus and Kost,  
Will all be found in New York town  
With Charley S.—our boss.

Bruce "C" has Hood under control  
With Ernie Holmes' aid.  
Pop Harrold has Riley to himself?  
Don Bailey's got Leavenworth made.

Riggins at Jay, Pheris at Lee  
Heacock at San Antone  
Barlow and Hall in Georgia, sub—  
Van Brunt in Brussels alone!

Members not named elsewhere herein  
Have failed poor Daddy Dunn;  
They must be travelling somewhere else—  
Or in the Pentagon.

(author unknown)

—H. W. C.

#### 1926

The Class is happy to congratulate four new generals who have received their stars since this column was prepared for the last issue. They are: Harry Johnson, Bill Deyo, Jack Ryan, and Pinky Burns. This brings the Class total to 23 flag officers in the Army, and ten in the Air Force, for a very respectable total. At the same time, it is noted with regret that Tep Barbour, Harold Doud, and Paul Carroll have retired. We wish them every success in their well earned civilian life, and hope that they will still find time to keep us informed of their whereabouts and progress. This shrinks to 88, the number of the Class still on active duty, of whom 71 are in the Army and 17 in the Air Force.

Ben Thurston has moved from Fort Williams, Maine, where he was a very con-

tented home owner and farmer, to the New Mexico Military District at Albuquerque. Pick Collins is pulling up his stakes from the Pentagon and is about to go to Camp Gordon, Georgia. Mal Harwell has recently been named as Post Commander of Carlisle Barracks. Rod Smith has returned from SHAPE to take up his new job as Chief of Personnel for the Engineers.

In our Air establishment, Anky has been changed from Chief of Communications at SHAPE, to the Command of the Air Communications Service at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington. Herb Ehrgott is leaving the Capital to become Deputy Director of the Joint Construction Agency in the European Command.

The new plebe class at the Academy boasts the largest population of class sons ever to assemble in this manner. The new plebes are Baker, Bowen, Collins, Hutton, Linc Jones, the Roosma twins, Tony Smith (son of C. Rodney), and Jay Stanton. The last two named had older brothers graduate in the Classes of 1953 and 1950 respectively. The new influx raises to seventeen the total number of Class sons in the Corps. This is the highest mark to date as only three sons graduated last June (see cut). The fathers of several of the new plebes have been seen up here during the summer. It's too bad that it takes a cadet son to bring them back, but nevertheless we were glad to see Bill Baker, Rod Smith, Johnny Roosma, Stan Stanton, and Pic Collins at West Point in recent weeks. Maybe Mutt Bowen and Church Hutton will also find it expedient to pay a visit to their rock-bound Highland home.

This column is short because the news is meager. Don't forget that we still welcome a postcard or other bulletin from you members whose activities are not reported in the pages of the Journal. Drop a line to Vald Heiberg at West Point so that we may give the Class as a whole a word or two about what you are doing and where you are.

—E. R. H.

#### 1927

Jack Hines was unanimously elected President of the Washington Chapter, vice Blair



Sons of the Class of 1926 who graduated last June are pictured above at the Alumni Luncheon in Washington Hall. Cadet Grinder sits between President Kane and his dad; Cadets Norman (extreme right) and Judson Matthias are flanking their father.

Garland, who departed recently to be Chief of Communications, SHAPE, Paris.

We enjoyed having Ralph Zwicker with us at the weekly luncheon, Thursday 9 September. Ralph is slated for an assignment in Japan.

Our congratulations to Brigadier Generals Bert Holtzworth, G-4, Army Field Forces, Olie Kyster, 47th AAA Brigade, Los Angeles, Marty Morin, Eighth Army, and Ted Weyher, Rock Island Arsenal.

Stan Meloy is commanding the 1st Infantry Division and Willis Matthews is Assistant Division Commander of the 4th Infantry Division. Mone Asensio is Vice Commander, Continental Air Command, Mitchel Air Force Base.

Ted and Kathryn Brown returned to Washington from Europe in June. Ted is Special Assistant for Maintenance and Spare Parts to G-4, Department of the Army. Howell, Mona Jordan and daughter, Gladys Mona, returned in July from Naples. Howell is Senior Army Adviser, New York National Guard, 270 Broadway. Howell Jr. is a Third Classman.

Harry and Helen McKinney moved to Bloomington, Indiana, this summer, from Camp Stewart, Georgia. Harry is PMS&T at the University of Indiana. Joy and Jean Wrean, their daughter, Ann, and son, William, left Fort Bliss last summer for an assignment with Allied Land Forces, Izmir, Turkey. Bob Sink is President of the Joint Airborne Troop Board, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Chubby and Ruth Roth left Washington in August for McChord Air Force Base, Seattle. Chubby is Commanding Officer of the 31st AAA Brigade.

Stuart and Mary Wood are planning a trip from Fort Bragg to the Navy game. First Lieutenant Stuart Wood, Jr., CE, graduated from the Engineer Equipment and Maintenance Officer Course, The Engineer School, in July.

Ruby Hunter, on a visit from Clearwater in connection with the National Blood Bank, for which is Executive Director for Florida, attended the weekly class luncheon in the Pentagon on Thursday, 15 September. Ruby reported seeing Toni Luebermann, who has given up the life of a gentleman farmer in Virginia for real estate promotion in Sarasota.

Congratulations to Sid Parsell, G-3 Section, Sixth Army, on his promotion to Colonel.

Barbara Doan entered the College of William and Mary this fall. She returned from Europe with Norma Curtis, eldest daughter of Ray and Becky, who is a sophomore. Chubby, still commanding the 2d Armored Division, is home on TDY participating in the Armor Panel at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Ray and Becky, after a command tour with the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment, are now in France. Ray is commanding ADSEC. The Ray Bells also sent a daughter home from Europe to enter Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. Ray visited the Pentagon on 8 September, then on to West Point to visit his son.

Carl Graybeal has been Chief of Infantry Branch, Career Management Division, since August. Helen will move from San Antonio to Washington this fall. Jerry and Lucille Lillard and daughter, Jane, moved this summer from Frankfurt, Germany, to Paris, France. Jerry is J-2 of EUCOM.

Peggy McGown assisted recently as a volunteer nurse in the Pentagon blood donor campaign.

Charlie Hutchison, Deputy Chief of Staff of First Army, administered the oath of allegiance to his son Charles R. Hutchison, Jr., on his induction into the Army in August.

Katherine Lowe was married in June to Captain Theron Westcott Knapp, Jr., Armor, USMA '49.

Assignments not already reported in previous *Assembly* notes:

*Artillery:* Scoon Gardner, Deputy Post Commander, Fort Dix; Parmer Edwards, Deputy Chief, Florida Military District, Jacksonville; Freddie Day, Commandant AAA Specialist School, Far East Command; Jack Burdge, Post Commander, Camp Eta Jima, Far East Command; Harry Townsend, enroute to OCAFF, Fort Monroe, Virginia from Europe; Lewis Ham, ROTC Instructor Group, Fort Collins, Colorado; Felix Holst, PMS&T Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina; Hal Isaacson, Chief, U.S. Army Mission, Havana, Cuba; Cecil Land, PMS&T Ann Arbor, Michigan; Al Lepping, 1st Logistical Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Nathan McLamb, Civil Affairs and Military Government Officer, FECOM (Korea); Bill McNamee, Research and Development Coordinator for Army Field Forces, at Lincoln Laboratory M.I.T., Lexington, Massachusetts; Chris Nelson, Inspector General, IX Corps, Far East Command; Si Peirce, Deputy Commander, 68th AAA Group, USARL; Puss Welchel, PMS&T, Alabama Polytechnic, Auburn, Alabama; Alex Williams, Commanding Officer, 35th Field Artillery Group, USAREUR; Charlie Wesner, enroute to CONUS from USAREUR.

*Infantry:* Roy Axup, Assistant Inspector General, Headquarters Third Army; Bill Carlock, Chief, Oregon Military District, Vancouver Barracks, Washington; Mid Condon, recently Deputy Commander, Ryukyus Command, en route to CONUS; Ralph Doty, Deputy Post Commander, Fort Sheridan, Illinois; Ed Glavin, MAAAG, Spain; Tulio Segarra, Senior Army Instructor, Puerto Rico; Jim Smyly, Inspector General, XVI Corps; Bachel Watley, Civil Affairs Officer, Eighth Army; Cy Williams, Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Ray Stanton, Chief, Troop Training Division, G3 Section, Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

*Engineers:* Charlie McNutt, Engineer, Headquarters, Seventh Army; Ed Daly, Engineer, Headquarters, Fifth Army; Henry Douglas, Engineer Inspector West Coast, San Francisco; Hal Kurstedt, Engineer Supply Office, Memphis, Tennessee; George Derby, District Engineer, Huntington, West Virginia; Hermie Schull, District Engineer, Jacksonville, Florida; Harry Paxson, Lieutenant Governor, Panama Canal, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone.

*Ordnance:* Spike Webb, Commanding Officer, 53rd Ordnance Group, USAREUR; Jimmie Harron, Canadian Liaison Officer, Detroit Ordnance District; Benny Whitehouse, Chief, Automotive Branch, Industrial Division, Chief of Ordnance, Washington.

*Signal:* Brundy Brown, Signal Officer, Headquarters, First Army; George Richon, Signal Officer, Headquarters, Fourth Army.

*Quartermaster:* Paul Meredith, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

*Transportation:* Ben Gray, en route from Far East to CONUS in September.

Mucker Quinn, Ordnance, retired in February and Charlie Harrington, USAF, retired in July.

Please send news items to R. G. Lowe, Lemon Road, Falls Church, Virginia.

—R. G. L.

strongly on the subject that he is willing to donate enough to make this possible. His preference is a saber, and he would like the reaction of the class to this gift. The gift will be retroactive, so that the sons of the class who have graduated, as well as those in future classes, will receive the gift in the name of the class. While he prefers the saber he will go along with the majority for anything reasonable. This is a most generous offer and we would like an expression of opinion by members of the class, including suggestions as to the nature of a class gift. In order to have the gift ready for graduation in 1955 we would like to have your votes in before the 15th of December. Send your vote to Pete Calyer at West Point.

McGarr writes from the Canal Zone, where he is CG, that he has been joined there by Sievers, who is Army Transportation Officer, Pop Thayer, IG, and Hasting, who is Staff Judge Advocate.

While McGarr was in Korea he saw a good deal of Tom Nelson, 8th Army Signal Officer, and Jack Oakes, who commanded the 25th Div. Artillery, later commanded the 25th Division, then was DCS for Plans and is now Chief of Staff of the Eighth Army. Jack hopes to return to the States late this year. Dave Traub, who was G-4, Eighth Army, has his star and is going to Tokyo to be J-5 at FECOM Hq. Paul Breden, who was I Corps G-4, is Commander at Fort Myer now. Tommy Sherburne, who was C/S Eighth Army, now commands the Artillery Div. at Camp Carson.

Verdi Barnes has left the Army War College and is Chief Army Section MAG, Spain, and Dep. Chief of the MAG. Shute has left Washington for USAREUR. Bulger is leaving Mitchel Field to be AC of S Personnel for USAF Europe. Lamont has left Leavenworth for the New Cumberland Gen. Depot in Pennsylvania. Tommy Lane is Engineer Officer in the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe. Bill Hennig is now at Fort Wadsworth, New York with the 52nd AAA Brig. Smyser has left Washington for Dallas. Paul Mitchell is Infantry Center C of S at Fort Benning.

Hinrichs and G. F. Smith have received their second stars. Traub, Coverdale and Hennig have their first.

G. F. Smith has gone to Colorado Springs and D. B. Smith has taken over his job at Stewart Field.

McLemore had a son, born 15 August at Fort Myer. (No more news of grandparents for this issue.)

Blair, Moscatelli, Myers, Nadal, Raymond and Stritzinger have sons in the Plebe Class.

Doug Ludlam is now commanding Springfield Armory. Mathews is CO at Watervliet Arsenal. Bob Butler is C.G. Ammunition Command at Joliet, Illinois. Nadal is PMS&T at the University of Puerto Rico. Moscatelli has left Fort Lewis for USAFFE.

—P. D. C.

## 1929

Beast Barracks has come and gone and new Fourth Classmen Fagg, Mace and Partin are launched on the academic year. Fate threatens to visit son Bill with his four sisters—thereby presumably helping out the plebe social activity at Xmas. The classes of '55 and '58 collaborated in a fine summer training and orientation effort—perhaps one of the reasons why we have had relatively few plebes resign. I note that

## 1928

We have received a letter from a classmate, who wishes to remain anonymous, about gifts for the class sons. He feels so

three of the four members of the brigade staff are star men. The Corps evidently has. First Classman Wiegand is, by the way. Chairman of the Honor Committee.

Lefty Mace is now a BG and on last report was in the development and testing business at Army Field Forces. Tom Sands, Jim Quill, Fred Sladen, Red Calloway, and Herb Vanderheide have also become BG's, raising the number of generals in '29 to over fifty.

Jupe Lindsey furnishes the following which, with thanks to Jupe, I quote in toto except for his listing of participants:

"One of the most distinguished 'goat' committees in the history of the class, consisting of Chard, Lindsey, Whit Miller and Wes Wilson, planned, organized, arranged and executed a class picnic at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, on Sunday, 11 August 1954.

"Some seventy-'odd', mostly from the Washington contingent, journeyed by private cars to Fort Meade's delightful and ideal picnic site on the banks of Kelly Pool. Wives, children and pets were included and, after a light lunch, most participated in golf, swimming, boating and horseback riding. Some, however, never left the site of the field-bar.

"In the late afternoon, a most delicious and sumptuous charcoal steak dinner was served while an accordion player added musical airs to the already cool summer lake breezes.

"Bill and Ruth Hamlin came over for the affair from their new station at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

"Dudley Wiegand with wife, Betty, and daughter reported in at Fort Meade, Maryland for duty from Alaska. Their son, Bob (USMA '55) spent part of his first class furlough in August with them." In summary, a good time was had by all.

As might be expected, the new news is a bit thin. John Phillips is out of the MDAP business and happily commanding an Artillery Group. Roger Browne now commands the First Air Force from Mitchel and Pinky Wetzel commands the Atlantic Division of MATS from Westover. While mentioning Air Force classmates, you may have noted some of their pictures in the *Air Force* magazine. Hunt Bassett heads the Security Service; Pat O'Hara deals with MDAP; Tom McDonald with Program Control; Hal Huglin with Management Analysis; Bill Hall with Reserve affairs; and Don Zimmerman is Dean of the Air Force Academy. I am given to think that the military profession is a bit more of the desk and headache type than some of us programmed it twenty-five years ago. I have just undertaken the duties of Head of the Department of Social Sciences (with a consequent necessity for attendance at a lot of committee meetings) as a result of General Beukema's retirement.

Danny Walker wrote last spring that he was with the Christian Men's Fellowship of the Christian Churches of Kentucky as State Director of Men's Work. He has been in the Seminary for three years and hopes to receive his ordination shortly.

Phil Bennett is a roving representative of Bendix Aviation Corporation.

The Lincolns used an invitation to speak at the Naval War College as an excuse to visit the Herndons; both of us married gals named Freddie. Gus, head of the Army representation at the College, had his estate blown around a bit by hurricanes "Carol" and "Edna" early in September.

I should have reported in May that Joe McNerney is proud of his family, one at USMA, one at Annapolis, one (Maureen, age 11) as star halfback and pitcher on Aberdeen boys' teams, and one age 3½ in category of holy terror.

If you friends do not write me a few letters, as Jupe has done, I'll have to fall back on writing notes about cadet sons to fill up space. The reunion crop of news is now exhausted. Will someone please send me Jake Gilbert's address? He's in our local "unknown" file.

As these notes go to press Paul Caraway writes that Tom Taylor died at Walter Reed on 15 September.

Also the sad news has just come to me from Woody Hocker (Class '27), that Bruce Graham died in Morocco in August of a heart attack. He was with Headquarters 17 Air Force at Rabat. Barbara and the four children, three boys and a daughter, are now settled at 1329 Lakeside Drive, Brownsville, Texas, in the home where they had planned to live after retirement.

—Abe Lincoln.

## 1931

The Class of 1958 entered West Point 750 strong on 6 July 1954. There are eight sons of '31 in this new plebe class, who have just completed an unusually cool but typically strenuous Beast Barracks, and are now having their preliminary bouts with the Academic Departments. They are: Brown, Glenn A., Daley, John M., Densford, Charles, Guenther, Frank J., Haynes, Ashton M., Reidy, Richard F., Saint, Crosbie E. and Timberlake, Edward. In addition to these men we have 18 other sons in the Corps as follows: *First Class:* Buchwald, Donald M., Feagin, John H. and Fleeger, James E. *Second Class:* Danek, Robert B., Hunter, John R., Lash, Peter W., Little, Donald C., Jr., Quackenbush, Robert E., Ragland, Joseph E., Scholz, John C. (step son of Cooper), Skidmore, Wilbur M. and Saint, Charles P. *Third Class:* Buck, Champ-lin F., Hauck, Clarence, Houser, Houston P., Maloney, James E., McGowen, Charles D. and Moses, Charles C.

Ed Messinger reports a letter from Johnny Waters with the jovially snide remark that "Panama Joe" would turn over in his grave if he knew that Ed was Commandant of Cadets at West Point. Be that as it may, our class will be happy and proud to know that the new Com has tackled his assignment with enthusiasm, and determination to make the discipline and training of the Corps better than ever. We know he will do a grand job—may it ever be only a rumor that the Corps "Has".

George Speidel remitted his ten bucks for the Class Gift Fund with a note saying that with him in Korea are Joe Coolidge, Parks Houser, Grov Powell, Suds Sutherland, Bob Bard, Mac McConnel, Charlie Duff and Klemm Boyd.

Percy Lash, after jousting with Tyler, in verse, managed to extract the usual ten simoleons. O.Z. complained, in verse, of blackmail, saying that he was donating only to avoid being slandered and libeled.

Bob Hackett, Comptroller of USAREUR, also donated ten bucks to the "Cause" and expressed the wish that some of the class sons might meet his class daughters.

Speaking of daughters, Marvin Coyle dropped by West Point on his way to join our Mission in Turkey and proudly announced that he was the father of a *five-weeks* old daughter, Ann Douglas, born 17 July 1954!

Amby Hughes is with Pan-American Airways at San Salvador in the British West Indies. He writes of swimming and fishing on his island paradise—and of seeing Deke Roller (still busy adding to his splendid film documentary of our class), Fletch Cole, Al Gay and Don Yates, while on a steak fry at Patrick AFB, where they ate till "steers was up to their ears"

Incidentally Don Yates is a Major General in command of the Air Force Missile Test Center at Patrick (he is also President of the American Meteorological Society, a member of the American Geophysical Union, a member of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a member of the American Rocket Society and finally a member of the American *Polar Society!*).

Gordon Singles is in Paris, where he heads up the Training Branch of MAD in Hqs. EUCOM—he writes of enjoying the many beautiful sights, especially those along Pigalle, and enclosed a check for \$15.00!—conscience money, we guess.

George Elegar is in command of the Combat Team in the Canal Zone. We had the pleasure of seeing George and Jayne last winter in Panama. They have a beautiful place at Fort Kobbe, which he also commands. Charlie McNair writes from Heidelberg, where he is the Area Commander, of having seen Budge Howard, Quackenbush, Dick, W. W., Hercz, Schomburg, Cave, Inskeep, O. Z. Tyler, Jocko Malloy, Charlie Hoy and Bob Lee in the ETO. Freddie Warren has been appointed by the General Dynamics Corporation as Assistant to the Executive Vice-President—Atomic Energy.

Charlie Densford writes that he was quite disheartened to read the notice of Kinky Wilson's eighth child, and that he is throwing in the sponge with a broken back from raising six. He thinks however that maybe his three grandchildren give him a record in that department? Charlie is with Hq. AFROTC at Maxwell Field, an assignment which permits him to junket about the country and even to Hawaii—he tells about Doc Strother, who is Deputy Commander of the Air University, and of going to MO Perry's Promotion party, when he got his star recently—Congratulations MO! Also, Ted Decker and Tick Bonesteel had been to Maxwell on one of their lecture tours.

Glenn and Mary Farris stopped at West Point for a short visit—Glenn is on duty at the Pentagon with the JCS.

We see by the papers that Johnny Ruggles has gone to Alasaka, Mervyn Magee is in Stuttgart with Hqs. Seventh Army, Roger Moore is PAS at the University of Tennessee, Dick Wise is an engineer with an outfit in Moorestown, New Jersey, Johnny Hauck, a BG, is Army Director of Legislative Liaison, Julie Chappell has finally shaken loose from the Pentagon for the Far East, John Barclay is at Picatinny Arsenal, Leo Cather has gone to the Far East, Mac McCrimmon is home from Korea and now stationed at Belvoir, Dish Dishman is IG at Leavenworth, Louis Hightower is in G-3, DA (another BG for '31—Congratulations Tex!), W. J. Mahoney retired in August, Ham Peyton has orders for the Far East and BoBo Beishline is with the 10th Division at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Percy Hotspur gives some Class Gift Statistics as of 25 August:

Favorable, with cash .....	176
Favorable, cash later .....	12
Unfavorable, but will join majority .....	5
	— 193
Against .....	25
Very silent .....	42
	— 67
Total .....	260

See you at the Football Games!

—Bob Johnston.

1932

In an attempt to inspire an opening that will build up interest to a fever pitch and maintain reader interest deep into the second paragraph, have had the girls whistle Army football songs while I stare thoughtfully at an old picture of Chip Lavigne being quilled for spots on braid. I can't predict the success of the operation but it did evoke the thought that Bun Praband's recent promotion to B.G. in the Thai Army creates the interesting situation where we now have generals in three national armies and one air force, i.e., in every military establishment in which we are represented.

Nor does the list stagnate. New Major Generals are Frank Besson (first in the U.S. Army) and Joe Kelly, Director of the Air Force Legislative and Liaison Branch. Those promoted to B.G. since the last issue include Jim Woolnough, new Asst C.G. of the 5th Div. in Germany, Don Hardy, Chief of the MAAG Air Section for Japan, and Oley Hansen, our first in the Ordnance Corps. Another class first was set by Harvey Fisher who recently became the first B.G. to break an ankle in jump training.

Meanwhile, the Jeff Childs continue the move to improve both quality and quantity. With son Jefferson D III already at USMA they have added to the strain with a second daughter, Cynthia Lynnabeth, born at Huntsville, Alabama, on June 30th.

It was a pleasure too, to renew contact via Johnny Bowen, with a couple of guys who are far from being newcomers but who had been away from the club for a while. Paul Capron, who returned from the Yale game yearling year and told a startled Tac that he had committed marriage, is now in Korea with the Eighth Army P.I.O. Mike Munoz left West Point when P. Echols stubbornly refused to modernize his math theories to provide a more flexible set of solutions, and has joined the Eighth Army Psywar section. His lovely blonde wife is waiting it out for the time being near Fort Meade, their last station.

Other new jobs find Bob Scott on special assignment from Air Force Plans as technical adviser for "This is the Air Force", a comprehensive film for national TV coverage. It will include everything from Billy Mitchell to Steve Canyon and if Bob's previous literary and cinematic successes based on solid tactical personal experiences are any indication, they couldn't have made a better choice.

A recent transfer had Chris Dreyer originally set up to be in charge of construction for the new Air Force Academy, but it was changed to the more authoritative and demanding one of Chief of Installations for the Strategic Air Command, a

fairly comprehensive assignment these days. Young Freddy is at VMI and Mary with the other juniors are already installed with Chris in Omaha.

On the same trip, had occasion to ride in a rather interesting car which had started life years ago as an Oldsmobile sedan but whose worn torso was rescued from a junk yard by the SAC Deputy for Plans, one J. P. McConnell, who rebuilt it, automatic clutch and all, in the Base hobby shop. Not only was the exterior presentable, but without benefit of oatmeal in the transmission or sawdust in the differential, it purred like a housecat trapped in a cream separator.

Other routine changes have placed Rush Lincoln as C.O. of the Hampton Roads Sub-Port of Embarkation, Norfolk, Virginia; Big Bigelow as C.O. of Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; and Ray Cochran to command an Armored Regiment at Fort Knox.

Jim McCormack has advanced a file (from Vice Commander of the Air R. & D. Center) to become Director of R. & D., U.S.A.F. in the Pentagon, while Steve Mellnik has assumed command of the 18th AAA Group, whose mission is to defend Pittsburgh. Torg Wold has left for Oslo and I thought his orders—"to Flt C, 7470 Hq SUPPSQ, USAFE, APO 35, c/o PM, NY" were written in Norwegian until Ken Hobson's manpower peons indignantly told me that that was their way of making it crystal clear, and that the meaning was obvious to anyone who had half a brain. I was in no position to argue.

Other more translatable orders move Duke Ondrick, George Kumpke and Lou Coutts to FECOM. Reassignments of people already there have made Pete Allen C.O. of the Japanese Procurement Agency, Dwight Beach the Eighth Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Russ Nelson adviser at the Korean Military Academy, John Keating the Eighth Army G-3, Roland Bower 24th Div Arty Commander, Ed Shinkle his Exec, and Dave Davidson Chief of the Eighth Army T. I. & E. Div. The Washington Sunday Star featured a picture of Dave Schorr with two Chinese characters (on a blackboard) as he studied the language eight hours a day in preparation for his attache job on Formosa.

Explaining the unusual customs of the land to the reporter, Dave gave the following as an example of the perfect social form he intends to use in establishing future contacts.

"It's a pleasure to meet your honorable wife. May I present my stupid wife?"

If that's the way it is, that's the way it is, but something tells me they're all going to get to know Mary better — even Davey.

On the way back from overseas, we find Edie Simenson going from Guam to Hq 47th Air Div, Roswell, N. M.; Jack Weber to command the Red River Arsenal in Texarkana, Ab Meeks to the Rock Island Arsenal, Red Smith to the Massachusetts National Guard, and Danny Sundt and Eddie Farnsworth to Hq. Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe. Before he left Eddie turned over his well organized info net to Bill Huber, the Deputy J-5, who will continue the highly effective news coverage of our extensive membership in the area. Many thanks to Eddie and to John Bowen in Korea for developing it, and to Bill for continuing a widely appreciated service.

Within the Z. I., Buck Thielen has gone to the 52nd AAA Brigade on Staten Island,

and Rom Puryear to command the 25th Air Div at Takoma, Washington. Speaking of new assignments, incidentally, the first day I reported to my new job in the Asst Sec Def's office, saw a sign posted prominently in the area, "English II is cancelled because of insufficient enrollment." If that's not over confidence, I want to know what is.

From Fort Monroe comes news that Johnny Coughlin retired on July 31st but no other info as to where he and Betty will settle down. We all wish them best of luck and hope they will keep in just as close touch as when they were on the active list.

Up in Vermont Norm Ford lets no grass grow under his typewriter's feet, having edited a collection of short stories about West Point, authored a 125 page philosophical study and prepared a novel type of Christmas greeting consisting of a 25 page booklet entitled "Col. Thayer's Plebe Christmas." All are published by Norman Ford Publications, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

At West Point itself, Jim Woolnough helped his dad celebrate his 50th reunion last June week. Without going into extensive research, Jim's must be just about the oldest living class dad grad, and we should like to hear if there are any prior claims.

Incidentally, we were all delighted to hear that after a long stay in the hospital, Jackie Schucraft has been declared completely recovered and is home again. Her morale never was dented, but it wasn't pleasant and kept them pretty much out of circulation last season. Bob, incidentally, has the amusing little hobby of figuring out the Chinese Telegraph Code. It's hard to explain exactly how he goes about it, but taking the thing which is based upon the Chinese language in the first place, he finds it simpler to eliminate the Chinese text altogether and go directly from the code group to the English translation. For example, it's easier to remember that 4317 means bourbon on the rocks, than to remember the Chinese character and look up the code for it.

What with that pastime and daughter Terry studying Hungarian for her new job, the breakfast table chat in that house must be terrific.

And finally, can think of no better note on which to close out this column for another three months than to recount the remarkable exploits of a young gal who has gone far above and beyond the call of duty to reflect a little glory on us old goats. I refer to Jack and Vi Gavin's 17-year old daughter Joan, whom I have never seen, but who must be getting to look more like Vi every day.

In the Colgate-Palmolive contest during the summer to determine the most beautiful schoolgirl in the U.S., Canada and Hawaii, blond, blue-eyed Joan was selected as one of six finalists to appear on the nation-wide Bob Hope television show. In addition to an all expense trip to New York for the TV appearance which included a tour of the better clubs and shows, she received a \$1,000 wardrobe, which means that if her shoes were scuffed when she entered Kansas U. in September, it's because she likes them that way. The whole thing will be written up with color pix in McCall's magazine about November-December.

Only first place was chosen, and I regret to say that the myopic, color-blind, biased, opinionated, insensitive and inartistic judges did not select Joan as the big winner. You need nothing more profound than the math of Frank Ebey (with his shoes

off) however, to realize that even so, Joan is one person in approximately 29.3 million.

—Ken Zitzman.

## 1933

Just before leaving West Point to attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Harlow Miles tossed me the ball, hence your new Class Notes Editor is "Russ" to some, "Charlie" to others Broshous. The "Russ-Charlie" business is a long story. At some reunion, I will endeavor to explain it.

I promise I will do my best to make the Class Notes interesting, but I will need help. You are all therefore urged to send me information regarding classmates, so I can pass it on. Please give me the dope, for I assure you my fiction is not too hot.

I know all of you will be saddened to hear that Jewel Burch Shields passed away in San Antonio, Texas, on 6 June 1954 at the age of 44 years. I know I speak for the entire class when I extend our most sincere sympathy to Sue, his wife, and his son and daughter, Charles and Josie. Charles will be a Junior at Texas A&M this year; Josie finishes high school this coming semester. Mrs. Shields is now residing at 2301 W. Mulberry, San Antonio, Texas. Latest reports indicate she intends to continue her home in San Antonio.

Burch was forced to retire from the Army for physical disability in March 1940. Since that date, the Shields' have made their home in San Antonio where they took active parts in all activities of the community. I understand that two groups of his civilian associates in San Antonio are establishing memorials to him. More about that in later issues when I have more definite details.

I know you all are interested in seeing the blood-lines of '33 continuing here at West Point. A recent check with the Registrar, which I hope is entirely correct, shows the following sons in the Corps as of today: Class of 1955—Matteson, J. R. Class of 1956—Gates, C. S. and Speiser, R. G., Jr. Class of 1957—Bartlett, W. G., Edwards, R., Gibbs, D. P., Kaiser, J. B., Miller, A. E., Olson, H. L. and Webster, H. Class of 1958—Card, B. R., Evans, R. T., 3d, Julian, R. H., Meals, R. W. and Vansant, C. P. If this list is not completely correct, just let me know. I do not guarantee the correctness of any of the items appearing in this column. Sue me if you like. I assure you, it won't be worth your trouble.

On 13 July 1954, the Ab Huntsberry Jr's presented the Ab Huntsberry Sr's. with a grandson, christened William Howard Huntsberry. Needless to say, Grandma Connie and Grandpa Ab are highly pleased and exceptionally proud. Realizing this might be a highly significant event in the history of '33, I feel we should search carefully and see just who rightfully owns the title of Class of '33 Grandparent No. 1. I request anyone with knowledge as to a '33 grandfather pre-dating 13 July 54 to notify me. Should no one challenge the title within a reasonable length of time, I will ordain the Huntsberrys with the title and accord full rights and privileges accruing therefrom.

There are three members of '33 remaining on duty at West Point after Miles' departure—Huntsberry as Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (G-4), Buck Pohl, Assistant

Professor of Physics, and Broshous in M.T.&G. All West Point was sorry to see Miles leave, for many reasons. In addition to his efficiency, and his lovely family, his accomplishments in obtaining approvals for funds for the Academy will long be remembered. Undoubtedly I am biased, but I know I have many supporters with recent Academy assignments who will agree that Miles, Hurlbut, and Van Way accomplished more than their share of improvements and additions to the Academy during their recent tours here. Huntsberry is well on the road to join the triumvirate.

Recent visitors to West Point were the Hurlbuts and Van Ways, on leave en route to the Industrial College; the Honeycuts en route to the National War College; the Carvers en route to the Artillery Center at Fort Sill; and the Fran Hills en route to Puerto Rico, where the General will be Chief of Staff of the Antilles Command.

Carver, while here, mentioned that before leaving Europe, he visited with General Solomon, now commanding the 5th Division Artillery, and Colonel Joe Remus, commanding the 2nd Infantry Regiment.

In a note from Alabama, I find that Captain Joel L. Matthews (Joe), after declining in health for several years following retirement because of physical disability, has now about-faced, and is making steady progress up-hill in a long fight to regain his health. I know I speak for the entire class when I say, "Keep up the good work, Joe; '33 has only begun to fight". I know Joe would appreciate a note from any members of the class who have a few minutes. His address is: P.O. Box 246, Anniston, Alabama.

Received a very fine letter from Bob Arnette, Lieutenant Colonel—Retired, that he is now working for Holmes Ficklen, Civil Engineer, Class of '22, Retired, in San Antonio. In addition to giving the information about Shields, Arnette wrote that "Fuzz" Frentzel left on 31 August for FECOM. Mrs. Frentzel and two children are living in Fort Sam Houston, Village No. 1. Mac McClellan, forgetting his age, slipped a disc in his spine while lifting a trunk during packing for a vacation. The injury required several weeks for recuperation. Ed Dolman recently reported in to Fort Sam Houston where his first job will be Chief of Staff for "Exercise Cloverleaf". The Abe Lincolns with three children are now in the process of getting settled at Fort Sam. Abe will become 4th Army Engineer. Chet and Tommy Dahlen and two children are now at Fort Sam. Chet will take over as Assistant Chief of Staff, 4th Army. Rosie Grubbs is keeping himself busy getting his new business organized.

In a short note from Graydon Essman from Arlington, Virginia, I was told that approximately 125 members have joined the '33 organization with headquarters in Washington, and that there is in the vicinity of \$1,100 in the bank. Essman guaranteed me that he would send more details for the next issue of *Assembly*.

Once again, I urge the members of the class to drop me a line for future Class Notes. You can see that I have been scraping the barrel for this issue.

Additional news: Bob Hain, now G-3, the Army AA Command with Hq. in Colorado Springs, writes that there are three '33s there at the Springs. In addition to Hain, Ed Ashworth is Chief of Staff, Army AA Command, and Al Hoebeke commands a Regiment in the 8th Infantry Division at Camp Carson. Bob writes that there are no '33s in the Air Force in Colorado Springs. He recommends that some member of the

class get an assignment to Hq., Continental Air Defense Command to make the '33 Service representation complete. Bob said that the '33 wives—Edna Ashworth, Madeleine Hoebeke and Millicent Hain—highly recommend the weather and social activities in Colorado.

Information sent in by Tony Kleitz states that on 20 September, the U.S. Army, Europe, Intelligence Military Police School will be re-named "Hawkins Barracks" in honor of our classmate, Jesse M. Hawkins. In the remainder of his letter, Tony reported that Johnny Cleveland is now in Berlin heading up the U.S. Military Mission to the Soviet Army at Potsdam, Bill Calhoun is leaving the field and will soon be working in the Hq., U.S. Army Europe, Clyde Jones has left G-3, Hq., USAREUR to command the 36th FA Group in Europe, Bill Harrell is Chief of Staff USCOB, and Harry Bishop commands the Rhine Air Base. His letter ends with the statement that the woods in Europe are full of '33s.

—C. R. B.

## 1934

With the Reunion now a thing of the past, class news has slowed to a walk. The most important single item of note for this issue is at the same time cheering and depressing—an inevitable product of the passage of time signified by the 20th Reunion: On July 6th last, seven (7) sons of '34 passed through the sallyport of the West Academic Building, just as their unsuspecting fathers had done 24 years previously. These stalwart standard-bearers of the old class tradition are the sons of Betts, Brookhart, Davall, Finkenaur, Higgins, Hubbard, and Wilson. They all weathered Beast Barracks and at the time we go to press are still going strong. Their youthful appearance and "bounce" at this point, however, don't make us feel any younger.

Bob Finkenaur returned from Europe this past summer and is presently assigned to the G-4 Section at Fort Bliss. Also at Bliss is Willie Voehl, commanding the 33d AAA Battalion. Bill Penn left Fort Bliss recently for a new assignment at Fort Monroe.

The July issue of *Assembly* carried a picture of the "European edition" of the 20th Reunion of '34. Sis MacDonnell, one of the participants in the celebration there, wrote this about it: "We had a party at the Macogen Club which was a really howling success, and I mean howling. Many people from the floor below sauntered casually upstairs to see what the heck was causing all the commotion in the private dining room! Frank Kemble showed a bunch of old pictures with a projector, and after that Jean Finkenaur led "the boys" through the old songs, and they were so good people applauded as they went by the dining room. The Martins and Finkenaur have gone home since then, so now there's only Craig, Kemble, and MacDonnell representing '34 in Stuttgart."

During the summer Chick Andrews returned to the U.S. from Korea. He was originally ordered to Staff and Faculty at Fort Belvoir, but a change of orders sent him eventually to Fort McPherson, where he is Deputy G-2 of Third Army. Chick reports that Herb Andrae is G-4 there, and Ron Martin is Army Chemical Officer.

At the end of August Tom Wood was reported to be a student at the Army Lan-

guage School, Presidio of Monterey, California. He is taking the Portuguese course. Okie O'Connell took off from West Point for the Far East at the end of the summer. He was due to leave a month earlier, but Joanne unexpectedly landed in the local hospital in July, and Okie's transfer was postponed. After Joanne "returned to duty", Okie himself "broke in", just for good measure. When they finally did get under way, Joanne headed for her home town of Cincinnati, where she intends to "wait it out" with the children.

Travis Brown was transferred to Germany in June, where he has been assigned to USAREUR Headquarters at Heidelberg. Marge and the girls have been biding their time in a cottage in Fort Montgomery. Their port call was for September 20th, so by the time these lines appear, they should be settled in Heidelberg. The two older girls, both in college near New York, were due to remain in the U.S.

In the Reunion rush we forgot to report that Joe Miller was back East on a business trip during the spring and dropped by West Point briefly. Joe works for North American Aviation Co., in California, and his family included at that time two youngsters, Lucinda Margaret, age 5, and James F. III, age 3. His home address is 8255 Colima Road, Whittier, California.

Pete Peca and family passed through West Point in August, on their way to Fort Hamilton, where they were due to embark for Panama.

—W. J. R.

## 1935

The omission of a '35 entry in the July *Assembly* caused a ripple in some quarters lest class representation has lapsed into complete ineffectiveness. Not so! The degree of committee, or combined, effort hoped for has not been attained so class matters here in DC are still largely on an individual basis. With the advent of reunion year, we are rededicating ourselves to pouring out a flood of publicity and plans (the elusive "More Yet" No. 3 is a certainty!), the objective being a well planned and conducted 20th reunion at West Point in June of '55. At the time of the deadline for the last issue, your reporter was "roving" on official business in Europe, where I chanced across a number of our classmates serving in that arena.

Hank van Ormer is doing a bang-up job as General Bill Quinn's G-3, JUSMAGG in Athens, Greece; Seneca Foote had recently arrived there and was assigned as C/S; Bill Grieves was en route to the same station. Bob and Dahlis Booth were preparing to leave Athens for duty as PMS&T, Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh. Mac Peeke had just arrived at Ankara, Turkey, for a tour at USARMATT; Brad Means is still in Belgrade in a like capacity. I spent a most pleasant day with Milt and Irene Taylor in Paris. They were packing to move to Germany, where Milt assumed duties as C/S, 9th Division. Tommy Lang relieved Milt as Exec., MAAG, Paris. Somers Dick is at NATO War College, Paris, and Al duMoulin is at the French War College. We are happy to learn of Jack Roberts' elevation to the rank of Brigadier General and his assignment as C/S, 8th Air Force at Carswell AFB, Fort Worth. We are equally proud of Moose Stillman's appointment as the first commandant of the new USAF

Academy. We are sure the future fledglings will be in most capable hands and we will watch with avid anticipation for the first class son to be entrusted to Moose's care. In that vein, we are informed that Maynard Pedersen's son entered USMA with the class of 1958, the first to hold that distinction in the class. Congratulations to Ped and the lad, with the fond hope that many follow in the next few years. Maynard is presently located at Little Creek, Virginia, as US Army liaison officer to the staff of ComPhibTraLant. Still in the congratulatory field, Tommy and Rosemary Clarkin are receiving felicitations on the birth of a daughter, Ann Kristan, on 4 April 1954. The "tribe" (both class and Clarkin!) is still on the increase and "More Yet" will follow. Brick Reybold is now affiliated with the American Locomotive Co. as an assistant to the Vice President. We wish Brick the best of success in his new venture and we're sure he will come through.

Charlie Hoy has recently accepted an appointment to the staff of The Citadel, at Charleston, South Carolina. He and Sis are moving to the campus for permanent location. We are sure Charlie's association with that venerable institution will be of mutual benefit to both. Dave Stone has been transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland, but he and Isbell are remaining in their DC residence. Johnny Cole has a new assignment in the metropolitan area—in the Management Section at Fort Belvoir, Virginia—no change in residence. The DC roster has taken a real lift, chiefly owing to the large influx of assignees to NWC/ICAF at McNair, as follows: NWC—Dick Agnew, Mel Coburn, John Duffy, Hugh Exton, Harry Lemley, Phil Mock, Bud Russ, Tom Woodyard and Ossie Simons. At ICAF: Downs Ingram, Jim Lang, Hank Thayer, Glenn Thompson and Al Shower. Other recent DC additions: Break Breakfield, (Off Ch Ord), John Bristor (IGD), Noel Cox (G-2), Harry Critz (OSD), Ray Firehock, (G-3), Tom Gillis (G-2), Sandy Horstman, Bob McDonald, John Wright (G-3). The '54 grads, NWC/ICAF are distributed as follows: Ham Twitchell, CO 278 RCT, Fort Devens, Massachusetts; John Throckmorton, OSD; Curley Edwards, Allied Forces Sou Eur, Naples, Italy; Art Fickel, USAFE; Russ Hiner, OSD; Joe Russell, Off Dep C/S Opns, Hq, USAF; Tex Knowles, 3320 Tech-Tng Wing, Amarillo AFB, Texas; Pete Glassford, NYPE, Brooklyn, New York. Lee Davis is en route to take command of Holloman Air Developmental Center at Alamogordo, New Mexico. He and Gert have large quarters at the base and a hearty welcome awaits all who drop in. We are informed that Warren Everett has received the Legion of Merit for his outstanding contribution to the plans section of AFFE. He and his family are en route to DC for duty with the Chief of Engineers. Burnis Kelly is Chief of Procurement, Signal Corps Supply Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Address: 824 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, Pennsylvania; Don Bernier has departed the DC scene for duty as Deputy J-2 Hq USCINCAL, APO 942, PM, Seattle. Ben Heckemeyer has also left DC for duty as CO, 11th Armored Cav Regt, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Joe and Marge Stancock are still at Scott AFB with Hqs Air Tng Cmd, Joe being Dir of Finance; Ralph Haines and Jim Alger are at Fort Hood, Texas; Jack Howell, PM Div, USAREUR; Sid Spring is still with the Japan Construction Agency, APO 500, c/PM, SF; Gene Walter reports all well with the Arty Div, OCAFF, Fort Monroe, Virginia. It's Gene's fourth tour at that post and he further reserves space for the

'55 reunion; Ken Bergquist was in DC a couple weeks and we spent a few pleasant hours with him. He's still Depty C/S, Opns, ADC at Colorado Springs. All travelers through Hawaii report George and Margaret Eckhardt doing well as C/S USARPAC. It's a foregone conclusion that all are invited to stop over if itineraries include Honolulu. Assignments of the '54 class at AWC are: Jack Boyle, USAREUR; Walt Bryde, 57th FA Gp, Fort Lewis, Washington; Kelso Clow, Staff & Faculty, C&GS; Jimmy Frink, USARCARIB; Tom Gillis, G-2, DA, Washington; Bob Glass, 1st Armd Div, Fort Hood; Mac McGoldrick, JTF 7, Eniwetock; El Niles, Sandia Base, New Mexico; Al Robbins, AFSE, Naples, Italy; George Ruhlen, 1st Armd Div, Fort Hood; Norm Skinrod, 26th AAA Gp, Fort Lawton, Washington; Jim Totten, 47th Inf Div, Fort Benning, Georgia; Joe Weichman, USARCARIB; Jim Worthington, AFSE, Naples; John Wright, G-2, DA, Pentagon. Frank Murdock and Jim Kimbrough remain on the Staff and Faculty with Dave Wallace joining as a new member. New students at Carlisle this year are: Jim Adams, Mike Bowyer, Glen Cole, Ken Curtis, Jeff Ellerson, Al Foreman, Butch Morgan, Jack Rhoades and Jimmy Skells. Hoot Gibson has left DC for duty as Ordnance Procurement Officer, USAREUR; Rooney Rynearson reports from Oregon State College where he is Engineer Unit Director and Asst PMS&T. He sees Ducky Farnsworth, who is on duty with civilian components at Portland, Oregon.

All of us will be most interested to know Dee Bechtold's address: Mrs. Edward S. Bechtold, 1230 West Ash Avenue, Fullerton, California. She has established this address as a permanent location and her many friends will keep in touch with her there.

Column space is at a premium, so will close this issue. Please keep reunion in mind and plan to attend. Full details will be forthcoming. Keep the news coming.

—E. H. F.

## 1936

As the class notes become the charge of Phil Gage, the following comments are in order: Primarily, this is the first time that our class "scribing" has been done by a retired person, by a member away from West Point or Washington, and from a locality (Atlanta) widely separated from large military congregations. Bear these factors in mind because two years hence the subject of changing class secretaries will again be open for discussion. Secondly, having had time to look over the class files carefully, I want everyone to know that my predecessor, Sam Gooding, has kept our records in wonderful shape and did an excellent job recording class activities.

Going back "a piece" chronologically, ran into John and Dot Lynch at Benning last May. There was no time for an 18-year reunion, but he looked fine and happy.

The passing of Jack Kelly was a great personal loss to many of us, as well as to the class as a whole. Wally Barrett took charge during Jack's last sickness and in the weeks following death. His assistance was above and beyond the call of duty. On behalf of Bette Kelly and the class, "Thanks, Wally, for everything" The funeral services at Maxwell, were simple and fortifying. Among the pallbearers were

True and Monteith from Washington, Nazaro from Hunter AFB, Perkins and Barrett from the base and Gage from Atlanta. Two days later interment at West Point was attended by Michaelis, Gooding and Safford from W.P., Eddy Grove, Griffith and Sibert from Bragg, and Barrett, Perkins and Gage. Others of the class tried to get up, but couldn't. Bette Kelly was calm throughout, she was a little uncertain about future plans, but probably will go to Florida with the three children. A note can reach her in care of Maxwell AFB, Alabama. She is living in a small apartment in Montgomery for the next few months.

Mary, Buddy, and Orv Stokes were in Atlanta a few days en route to C of Ord Office, Pentagon, for permanent change of station. Orv "marched through Georgia" on his previous change of station too; this procedure is highly recommended—speaking purely selfishly.

Bob Safford at Columbia was cramming that last bit of knowledge before the "cows came home" and he had to return to Usmay to take up his new Tactics job. Bill Tetley, former "keeper of the buck-skin" ('36 class funds, to you), passed Bob going out. Tet reports from Wiesbaden that it is a plush spot but he has encountered problems anent arrival of wife and baggage, or both.

Another new faculty member of the class is Bill Connor, who has taken up residence at C&GS School, Fort Leavenworth. Have heard from Bill several times, but his letters are so full of matters of interest concerning the class affairs that I can't remember whether he said his personal reactions to his assignment were good or bad. Ken Dawalt is to be on the faculty there also.

Michaelis moved out for Italy (Hq. AFSE, Naples) on very short notice. Reports indicate that Mike did a bang-up job as Commandant. Mike also had some tough times from old wounds to contend with. "Congratulations and good luck; hope your next trip to the Academy will be as Supe!"

In addition to his other duties, Sam Gooding was class greeting officer at W.P. when Barrett, Perk and Gage dropped in. Barrett and Perk had not been back to H/H for many a year. Good old time reminiscing took place at the Club and at Freddie's Tavern in Fort Montgomery. Saw a girl called Frances McClurg, too. Men, the set-up hadn't changed much in almost a quarter century, and it was something to be able to relive "old times"

Monteith, Terrell and Austin seem to be running the Air part of the Joint Chiefs admirably, but who is protecting the Army's interests? One of these lads vouches that the Army is trying to go into the airplane business.

Sandy McCorkle rates a ruffle and flourish and an extra "F&D" "Congratulations, Sandy, and hope you have success as Deputy Ass't C/S for Guided Missiles."

One of the class considered most interested in '36ers—ever since the days of the great badger vs bloodhound spectacle—has let us down: whereas, he was back at the Point recently pulling his son's chin in, and whereas, he promised to deliver pictures of his son in time for this publication; F. R. (Bill) Sibert flubbed the dub by taking off to Mexico with Maureen and failing to provide a photograph of New Cadet George W. Sibert, the class godson who entered the Academy in July.

Speaking of godsons, it is a pleasure to announce the new statistic chez Westy. Their first boy, James Ripley, arrived to

Kitsy and Westy on 31 July. "Many happy returns"

Darrell Hiester entered Ladycliff College in Highland Falls in September.

Wright Hiatt passed through on Independence Day. He and Cece are just about to reach Ankara. As the story came into this news room, Wright arrived in New York in July preparatory to sailing. Then the same thing happened to him as 18 years earlier—the boat didn't leave on schedule, he found himself in a swank apartment (his sister's), and can you blame him for enjoying the situation? Anyway, not like 18 years ago—the Engineer Corps put Wright back to work temporarily before another sailing.

Bill Covington's and Dick Carmichael's Washington jobs are with Air Force Personnel. Buster and Polly Holton have just arrived in Atlanta. He will take up G-3 duties with Third Army Hq at McPherson. Jack E. Kelly is assigned to NATO Standing Group in Washington. Like Hay, Punsalan and Romlein, the Kellys have six offspring. Deacon Barlow is in Operations USAREUR. Roy Cole, Foreign Liaison, G-2 Army, Washington. Clyde Lane should be in new post at Fort Geo. Meade, Maryland. Streeters and Albro are at Fort Hood, Texas. Edgar Thompson at Fort Richardson, Alaska, after three years Pentagoning. Dick and Jimmy Ripple at Knox. Chuck Prosser going to University of Chicago to learn Industrial Management. Nearby, Josh Finkel going to Ordnance Automotive Center, Detroit. Claude Crawford sends a note—he is in Washington, D. C. area. Ted Clifton headed for troops in Germany. Rus Grohs just arrived at Stewart AFB as CO and Deputy Vice CO, Eastern Air Defense Comd. Tom Cooke is soon expected at AFF, Fort Monroe. Freddie Bell is at Kelly AFB. Bob Curran is Deputy C/S, International Affairs, Hq USAREUR. Deadeye Dickson is Director of Development, Hq ARDC, Baltimore. Goodwin should have taken up new duties in Army G-1, Pentagon. Jim Billy Leer is supposed to be in USAREUR also, but trust an ex-class secretary not to give out any information. Bob Quinn should be in AF Intelligence, Washington by now.

*"Phil ossifies"*

A few of us saw in July what has happened before—will happen much more to the class in the future. In memory of Jack Kelly and because there may not always be available to our widows the broad shouldered competence of a Wally Barrett, it might be wise to review our complete estate plans (the amount of insurance you own is but a small part of the intricacies involved).

Bud Clark hopes that a great number of '36ers will bring a number of '36 children to meet at this year's A-N game.

A difficult project in which your cooperation is elicited — please mail me a snapshot (recent) of yourself or yourself and family. For your benefit, as well as for class history, please break out the kodak. Incidentally, there are but a handful of class questionnaires that have not been delivered, yet there are those of you who have not mailed yours back. It would be appreciated.

The reports on Ben Davis are all good. If he is making like a general; I'd like to see him be a general.

Was glad to see several news items about Jack Arnold, but hope further news will concern action effecting his release from the Commies.

Don't let the lack of my address keep you from telling me what you know, or

what you don't like about our column in *Assembly* — write care of Association of Graduates, W.P.

—Phil.

## 1937

Following Scotty Hall's extremely comprehensive news round-up in the last issue of *Assembly*, new items about our class are rather scarce—so scarce, in fact, that I have been compelled to manufacture some in order to get out a report. This is my modest way of announcing the arrival on August 7 of GBS Jr., at long last. While on the personal subject, I would like to repeat Scotty Hall's invitation to all classmates to drop me a line with information for this column. The address: George Sloan, OSD, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. I will guarantee prompt transmittal to my successor.

Buddy Hines writes from Japan that he is with the First Cavalry Division at Chitose; that Pony Scherrer is Chief of Staff of the Division and that recently he (Buddy) saw Doc Leist in Tokyo. Doc will soon return to the States for duty at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

A news release from Korea announces the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Vic Sinclair.

Pete Hyzer is my source for the following: Ham Fish has been reassigned from Belvoir to Fort Knox to command a new Engineer Group. Bob Palmer goes from West Point to Fort Bragg to become Corps Engineer of the 18th Airborne Corps and Commander of the 406th Engineer Brigade! George Murray is back from Japan and will command the Engineer Procurement Office in Chicago.

Bud Underwood has joined Bill McKinley and Bert Connor on the faculty of the Army War College. Students in this year's class at Carlisle include: Bill Bailey, Harold Brown, Burton, Dodds, Eubank, Martin Green, Halleck, Bill Lewis, Marr, Overbeck, Smalley, George Walker, Whitesell and Wilhoyt. At the Air War College are Poopy Conner, Van Volkenburgh and Tom Holdiman. Attending the Industrial College are Kreiser, Scotty Hall and John Eriksen, while Al Russell, Bill McDonald and Ken Wade are at the National War College.

Jimmy Brierly, who resigned recently, now lives in Detroit, where he is employed by the Continental Motor Co. Bob Seedlock recently removed from Washington to North Africa, and Bill Chase is reported to be on his way to Israel. George McGee received word that Pop Metz has arrived in Peru and assumed his duties as Military Attaché, while from an anonymous source comes word that Dierks is with USAREUR at Heidelberg.

New arrivals in Washington include Surlis, Ressegieu, Register, M. H. Clark, Kelsey Reaves, Ingmire and Chabot. Delk Oden, who is Chief of Staff in Austria, was a recent visitor in the Pentagon. Also visiting here was Paul Scheidecker—whose assignment is Comptroller of the Far Eastern Air Forces in Japan.

Jack Donohew passed along the following: Clingerman is Deputy for Intelligence of the 13th Air Force at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. Sugar Cain, Render Denson, Walt Eckman and Dick Klocko are at Maxwell Air Force Base, with the latter departing soon for parts unknown. Barko has a position on the faculty of the



15TH REUNION IN KOREA—CLASS OF 1939

Front Row (left to right): Walter Higgins, Inf Regt 2nd Div; Jack Meyer, G-2 Section Eighth Army; Jay Dawley, Hq KCOMZ; O. E. "Woody" Wood, FA Bn I Corps; Bill Francisco (graduated with '40), G-3 Section IX Corps. Back Row (left to right): Joe Dietz, FA Bn I Corps; Bill George, Hq IX Corps; J. C. Bane, AA Group; Julian Ewell, G-3 Section Eighth Army.

new Air Force Academy. A. B. Robbins has returned from Korea and is now stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB. Mary Wright, widow of Hal, lives in Rome, where she is employed by the U.S. Embassy. McElroy is Deputy for Operations of the Third Air Force in England, and Sam Agee, who recently graduated from the National War College, is with the Air Defense Command at Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California.

The last issue of this column reported that Doug Quandt is the only surviving bachelor of our class. This report was erroneous, as George Maliszewski also remains in that select group. However, we now learn that Mal—in order to preserve our reputation for accuracy (and for other reasons, perhaps)—will wed Miss Kathleen Mulloy at the Post Chapel, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, on 13 November.

Jack Minor, who has a position with the Export Division of General Motors and has been living in Montevideo for the past three years, returns to New York this fall, accompanied by wife, Sherry.

The Washington contingent plans to meet at luncheons on the third Thursday of each month. Visitors in the Washington area will be welcome. Precise information concerning the time and place may be obtained by calling me, Fred Campbell or Joe Focht, all on duty in the Pentagon.

—George Sloan.

## 1938

The Washington contingent seems to be growing even larger with a recent influx. Ashworth has taken over Beverly's old slot in G-2; Warren Williams and Jim Henderson have joined G-3; Bob Love to Standing Group, NATO; Zohler and Vince Miles on the Air Staff; Bill Corbett in G-1; Lloyd Johnson at the Industrial College; Tracy Harrington in town. The only departees have been Beverly and O'Connor to the Army War College, Don Williams to Korea, and Bill Sussmann to Fort Hood, with an

incidental new baby girl. The Izenours also recently had a baby girl.

Congratulations are in order to Bert Harrison on getting his star and joining Blanchard and Ryan as the Class Generals.

Letter from Corley who just became G-1 of Seventh Army in Stuttgart, where Andy Lipscomb is G-3 Exec, and Hallinger is in the Ordnance Section.

In the interest of unification Ted Sawyer goes to the Air War College from Austria and Jimmy Taylor to the Naval War College.

Recent PCS: Bob Offer to PMS&T at Texas A&M. Durbin to AFSC. Mel Brown to Benning. Burke to Fort Huachuca (thought they gave that back to the Indians). Frank Miller to Panama. Guletsky to Formosa. Wright to Turkey.

Transients through Washington: Poodle Hayes from Sill, and Cornwall from Oklahoma.

That's all.

—A. B. S.

## 1939

Julian Ewell's information on the 15th Reunion in Korea arrived just too late for the July issue of *Assembly*. (For those in attendance see cut). Cocktails, steak dinner, and a big bull session occupied the celebrants on June 12. Others in Korea, who were not able to attend, are: "Sailor" Byrne, 24 Div Arty; Ralph Jordan, AA Group; Jim Shepherd, Hq IX Corps; "Beanie" Odum, AA Bn; "Sid" Martin, Engr Group; Bart Lane, KMAG; Bill Henry, FA Bn; Bill Preston, Inf Bn; "Danny" Tatum, Bomb Wing; Bob Sears, AACS Group; "Fagin" Phelan, Air Liaison with 7th Fleet; and "Bud" Newcomer, AAA AW Bn. This appears to be a real good run down of the people in Korea. Since the reunion Ewell has reported to West Point for duty (more later). Jay Dawley has moved to Hq AFFE, Bane has been ordered to OCAFF, Jim Shepherd left for AWC,

Preston moved to Eighth Army and rumor has it that Phelan has returned to the States. How about some detailed news like this from other parts of the world?

In June yours truly took off from USMA with 24 cadets for a visit to the Royal Military Academy in England, and a tour of Army, Navy and Air Force installations in France, Germany, and Austria. 39'ers encountered along the way were: Jim Collins, Dave Goodwin, Kenny Collins, Andy Goodpaster, "Louie" Kunzig, and George Zethren at SHAPE; Joe Bowman at USAFE; "Livvie" Taylor, Vern Gilbert, Harry McClelland and Bob Haffa at USAREUR. I just missed Charley Duke and Jack Schrader in Heidelberg. Duke left for Norfolk and Schrader for an AAA Hq at Fort MacArthur, California. "Billy" Hale was out when I visited Salzburg. I missed a lot of others. In fact when I returned the following information was available:

Ralph Hanchin was made G-3 of the 1st Div on about July 8th. Bob "Sleepy" Coleman informed us during June week that Chuck Parsons is G-3 and J. O. Dickerson is in the IG section of the Div.

"Bur" Showalter says he and "Pappy" Myers are the only classmates in Hq EUCOM, and that in addition to the SHAPE people listed above Don Beere, Bud Lasché and Bob Richardson are or were there. Showalter says also that Bill West is in Frankfurt. While in Europe I cut an item from the "Stars and Stripes" which said the following were on the way:

"Swede" Larsen to Turkey, Brad Smith to Naples, and Bob Spragins to Heidelberg. However, I recently heard that Larsen was in Norway.

Andy Good-P is now the District Engineer in San Francisco.

Here at West Point the class is well dug in—especially in the TD. Here is the run down: Asst Commandant—Bill McCaffrey (sometimes known among the cadets as McCrafty); CO 1st Regt.—Mike Davison; CO 2nd Regt.—Julian Ewell; Exec Officer TD—Marshall Wallach; and Director of Physical Education (formerly Master of the Sword)—Frankie Joe Kobes. Others on the old stamping ground are: "Whimpy" Walker in the Arts part (Military History) of the Dept of Military Art and Engineering; "Bull" Davis in the Dept of Ordnance; Jim Schwenk, Graduate Manager of Athletics; and Fraser in the Dept of Mechanics. At Stewart Field, "Jake" Jacoby is the only classmate. Mickey Laitman spends a couple days a week at USMA.

Summer visitors to USMA as reported to me were: Joe Coffey and family—on hand for General Beukema's retirement party. Joe is a PhD in International Relations and is in the International Branch, Plans Div, of G-3, Dept of Army; J. C. "Chesty" Evans and family—Chesty was brushing up on his legal knowledge in New York before returning to Nashville; "Bub" Brinker and family—fresh from C&GSC and on the way to SHAPE; R. A. "Dick" White, a recent graduate of Comptrollers School in Syracuse, and on his way to AFFE; and Jack Schrader (referred to above). Pete Clifford and LL Lee wrote they would be visiting, but no classmate seems to have seen them.

Joe Reynolds, presently Chief of Staff of the 44th Div, sends the following poop from Fort Lewis: Sterling Johnson, who commanded a FA Group at Lewis, has recently left for Europe. Bob Ploger, who commanded an Engr Group, is at the AWC. Danne-miller, returning from the French Armored School, is due to report to the 44th Div.

Ray Janowski has recently been transferred from Washington to an AAA Group in Pittsburgh.

A change of address card from Geo. Yount Jumper lists his address as the National War College. Ed Schmid's new address is the Industrial College. Neither of these H Co files indicated their status as student or staff and faculty.

"Armed Forces Talk," No. 474, carried a nice tribute to "Philo" Vance, one of our two posthumous winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The other was R. G. Cole—in case you didn't know.

Walt Winegar, Asst District Engr in Alaska, gives the following run down on 39ers in the north country: "Tiger" Royce detained in Alaska for the birth of their fifth, the first boy. Good to change the pattern now and then. Heinz Weisemann is in the POL part of the QM section Hq US Army, Alaska. Jack Norris, reporting from AWC, is in the J-3 section Hq CINCAL.

Stop the Press—A late dispatch from Carlisle, Pennsylvania indicates that the Class of '39 has all but taken over the AWC. Here is the list supplied from a poopsheet published by Jim Muir, a recent graduate of AWC and now an instructor: Billy Barnett, Jack Bowles, Sailor Byrne, Buzz Chapman, Pete Clifford, Hack Connor, Bill George, Mac McChristian, Bert McCollam, Bob McMahon, Don Miller, Dan Minahan, Bob Ploger, Art Poinier, Jim Shepherd, Dutch Schultz, Link Simon, Tommy Thomason, Peevee Tuttle, Johnny Watt, Wiley Wisdom and Ken Yarnall. This list eliminates some of the questions proposed in the above poop.

If you don't see your name in this column, send us some info on yourself and your classmates. We'll put it in next time.

—Harvey R. Fraser, Colonel, USA.

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## 1940

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Work is going ahead on the class fifteen year book. Orman, Wermuth and I are going to put it together and, with your help, we will have it ready for delivery by June Week 1955. We are doing our best to get your latest address so that we can send the information directly to you and letters are going out to you now. Salient facts: The book will contain pictures if you send them in, it will contain poop if you send it in, and it will cost you in the neighborhood of ten dollars if you send that in. Yours is the choice. Should you receive no letter, it is because we do not have your right address. Do not feel put upon, but write Lieutenant Colonel L. M. Orman, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and ask him for the information.

We are most anxious to get the present address of relatives of deceased classmates. If you know any of these addresses, please send them to Orman.

And now, as they say, for the news. Dick Abbey is still in Holland, but on his way home soon. Hank Adams a student at Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Addington at Fort Sill. Ahmajan is with the 6th Armd. Div. at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Urey Alexander is on his way to Warsaw, Poland. Aubrey has finished language schol at Monterey. Balthis is still with Chief of Information Office in the Pentagon. Milt Barnard last heard of in Wiesbaden, Germany. Barry with JAG in Japan. Ray Bates just left Fort Monmouth for the Far East. Don Baumer in Highland Falls, and Mike Bavaro with Seventh Army in Europe. Bayerle at USAREUR and Chuck Beaudry in the Pentagon.

Belt is on the staff at Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth. Bengston in London and Don Bennett at the Army War College. Bill Bennett also at Carlisle Barracks. Benson is with G-3 Section in Heidelberg and Bethune is with Air Force in the Pentagon. Budge Bingham with Psychological Warfare. Biswanger at SHAPE and Ed Black at Headquarters USARPAC in Hawaii. J. B. Bonham on staff at Leavenworth. Herb Bowlby, now a father, in the Pentagon. Bob Brewer is at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Briggs still with National Guard in Idaho. Beiser at West Point.

Lee Cagwin at Benning and Scott Case with G-1 in Heidelberg. Tom Chamberlain and Homer Chandler have neighboring desks in the G-3 Section of the Pentagon. Cibotti, now learned from Leavenworth, is at Fort Bliss. Clapsaddle in Europe. Bill Clark, recently recovered from eye trouble, back at work in the Pentagon. Ray Clock has been transferred from Colorado Springs to St. Louis, Missouri. Wendell Coates in Trieste. John Coontz still with National Guard in Reno. Ted Davis with G-4 in the Pentagon. Frank Devlin with ROTC at Creighton, Nebraska, after a long tour of duty in Europe. Jack Dibble in Career Management in the Pentagon and Dice is in London. Leo Dunham still at Belvoir, and my last communication from Dyke was from Newfoundland. Dill Ellis, a bank president in Dillon, South Carolina. Dale Epley at Fort Bliss teaching a special course. Fate also at Bliss and Floyd is with USAFFE. Larry Forbes in Washington, D. C. Chester Freudentorf at Edgewood Arsenal and Fuller, L. J., with JAG in the Pentagon.

Galbreath is the G-3 at USMA and Al Gee has resigned and is with the American Optical Company. Gildart with the Joint Chiefs of Staffs and Roland Glaszer is in Saudi Arabia. John Graf is Asst. to the District Engineer in Portland, Oregon. Gushurst at Leavenworth, Haessly in Korea and Hamelin is in Indo-China. Harnett, back from SHAPE (out of SHAPE doesn't seem the right thing to say), is with an Engineer Group in Seattle. Hazeltine's orders changed from Holland to Fort Monroe. Ed Hendrickson in Paris and Vic Hobson in Salzburg, Austria. Holm with G-1, USAREUR. Bill Kasper in FECOM and Mark Klunk in the Pentagon. Kolda and Clark, L. L. in civilian life in California. George Larkin in Europe and Larry Legere with G-3 in the Pentagon. Bill Lewis at the Army War College at Carlisle. Loewus with ROTC at the University of Nevada. Lotozo at Fort Monroe and Ed Lucas at Fort Bliss.

McCartan at Colorado Springs and Joe McCroskey in the Air Force in the Pentagon. MacDonald at USMA, McKenney in Paris, and Maedler with Q.M. in Heidelberg. Russ Manzolillo in G-1 in the Pentagon, while Marling still maintains Rough and Ready California as his base for his global travels. Lou Mendez now the father of eight (four boys and four girls) has been assigned as Donovan Yeuell's classmate at Georgetown University. Pat Merchant home from Portugal and a student at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Woodward still broods in Berlin. Millican is in FECOM and Ross Milton is in the Air Force Comptroller's Office in the Pentagon. Jim Moore now in G-3 section at the Pentagon. Muller at Benning and Munson at Army War College. O'Keefe a student at Leavenworth, and Len Orman is Chief of Fire Control Branch at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Mike Paulick is with the 82nd Airborne Division. Recently spent a month at Colorado Springs as technical adviser for a movie.

Howard Penney is with SHAPE and John Pidgeon is with AA Command on East Coast. Podufaly back from Okinawa and at Fort Monroe, Prann in Japan, and Bill Porte settling down in Colorado Springs. Raleigh is also in Colorado Springs and Quaid is in Washington. Renola now in FECOM, and Al Richards is studying at Leavenworth. Rimmer at Fort Sill when last post-carded. Yeager just home from Moscow. Johnny Townsend in Ethiopia, Tony Wermuth in Washington, Ralph Ross studying at Georgia Tech, Wendell Sell resigned and with Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Washington. Shoss, Witt, Winton and Strong in Washington. Symroski and East at Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Harry Stella in Europe.

If you do have two cents send me a post card to: 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton.

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## 1941

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Communiques from members of the class totaled ONE during the past three months. Joe Reed reports that he is in the research and development business on the Defense Staff of the UN mission to NATO—located in Paris at the Hotel Talleyrand. He will be glad to hear from any and all classmates who are lucky enough to manage a little TDY in Paris.

A recent visit to the Air War College found the following brethren learning the finer points of winning future wars: Clint Ball, Pooge Curtis, K. O. Desert, Don Heaton, Bill Mitchell, John Richards, Joe Silk, Bob Tuttle, and Dave Woods. The list of next year's class has just been announced and includes Tom Corbin, Eric de Jonckheere, Dick Kline, Fox Rhynard, Biggie Seamans, Bill Seawell, and Dick Travis.

Army home town news releases relate that Gib Niles has been recently named acting commander of the 350th Infantry Regiment in Austria. He and his wife, Ada, are living in Salzburg. Walt Mather has recently arrived in Okinawa for duty with the Ryukyus Comd.

A recent list of who and where shows Guy Goddard at Walters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells, Texas; Lou Elder at Holloman, New Mexico; George Hicks at 515th Air Defense Group, Duluth, Minnesota; George Brown commanding the Pilot Training Wing, Williams, Arizona; Floyd Cofer, Air Rescue Center, Clearfield, Utah; Jack Bidley, commanding 1608th Air Transport Group, Charleston AFB, South Carolina; and Al Snyder, Headquarters AACS, Andrews AFB.

I got a card from Ron O'Connor. He suggested that I come see him. This I would like to do since he is stationed in Spain.

If this poop seems to have a disproportionate amount of information on the Air Force troops it is only because my communications circuits, particularly with the U.S. Army, are not being overburdened with traffic.

—Andrus.

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## 1942

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The news coming in to the Association of Graduates and Box 42 was rather meager this quarter, however, this column looks

like a good opportunity to pass on information on the transfer of the class organization. Let's take the news first.

Jim Studer wrote on 30 June thanking the class for the messages of congratulations he received upon his ordination on 6 June. In addition to the messages, Johnny Murphy was able to be present in person. Jim's new title is the Reverend Francis, OSB; address, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota.

Bob Fritz announces a new member of the family of '42 in the person of the former Frankie Davis of Minneapolis, whom he married on 21 August. After a honeymoon in Bermuda (which Bob says he heard later is a very beautiful place) they have settled at 509 Garden Street, Iowa City, Iowa. An open invitation is out to all itinerant '42ers for blueberry pie, bourbon and an introduction to Frankie.

George Hughes writes that he is real pleased with his job as the Commander, 17 Bomb Group, in Korea. Later information received via the grapevine of Harve Shelton and Poncho Palfrey indicates that George has had the opportunity to run the entire 17th Wing.

Among the changes of address to come through since the last *Assembly* are: Miles Wachendorf and Phil Wyman from Korea to C&GS at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Bill Gernert from Albuquerque to Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia; Ben Hardaway from Fort Slocum, New York to USAFIT at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio; Walt Dillon from Armed Forces Staff College to Military Staff Committee, U.N., 2 Park Avenue, New York City 16; Paul Woodward from HQ FFAF to HQ Pacific AF, Hickam AFB, Territory of Hawaii; Fran Roberts from Korea to J-3 Div. HQ FEC APO 500, San Francisco, California; Don Deffke from Bartow, Florida, to Box 2, Mather AFB, California; Dick Wise from North Canton, Ohio, to Box 3202, Charleston, West Virginia; Hank Harmeling to HQ Ryukyus Command; and Rube Rubenstein from Hokkaido to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Departures from Washington include Bob Townsend to C&GS, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Dick House to Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia; Tom Rienzi to USMA West Point, New York; Floyd Robinson to Hunter AFB, Savannah, Georgia; and Howie Slaton to Havana, Cuba as Air Attache.

With the gradual decline of class representation at West Point and the concurrent build up in the Washington area, plans were made and have been carried out to shift the administration of class affairs to Washington. Box 42 continues to be available and that, together with the Association of Graduates, should be your channel for passing news to the Class Secretary. The West Point group provides the liaison. Naturally, there is no objection to writing direct to Washington, but even here personnel changes do occur. Your best bet for an address to remember in the Washington area is Ken Hanst at the Army Mutual Aid Association, Fort Myer, Virginia.

The class organization at present consists of Ken Hanst, Chairman; Poncho Palfrey, Vice Chairman; Jim Hayes, Treasurer; Mark Terrell, Ass't Treasurer; Andy Anderson, Secretary; Jim Bartholomees, Ass't. Secretary; Tom Furey, Historian; and Jake Cooperhouse, Ass't. Historian. Elections are to be held each January.

Roster of those now present for duty in the Washington area includes the following: George Allin, Andy Anderson, Jim Bartholomees, Bob Beers, Bob Blair, Don Bolton, Bob Bringham, Buddy Burke, Lu Clay, Jim Cockrell, Jake Cooperhouse, Ed

Corcoran, Jack Davies, Charley Fishburne, Garrard Foster, Wally Frank, Tom Furey, Duke Grimshaw, Bill Hamilton, Ken Hanst, Bill Harrell, Jim Hayes, Dick Hennessy, Dick Horridge, Doc Hyde, Grant Jones, Sam Koster, Bill Kraft, Ed Leavey, Ted Marks, Lee Marshall, John Mattina, Ted Michel, Ed Munns, Jim Obenchain, Ray O'Neal, Poncho Palfrey, Rabbit Rawls, Fotsie Rickman, Rube Rubenstein, Jack Ryan, Bill Seifert, John Sitterson, Roy Smith, Leon Stann, Mark Terrell, Fred Uhler, Bill Warren, Johnny Watson, Andy Weigel, and Rip Young.

Visitors to the Washington area have included the Hinkles, Garvins, Duffles, Hewitts, Wymans, Deffkes, Bill Zimmerman and Tom Hanley.

Last spring we lost two of our members from the active lists of the Service through resignation—Bill Snow and Ike Eisen-schmidt. Bill is in California, while Ike is with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In the course of transferring records, funds, poop sheets, and addressograph plates from West Point, we find that we still have some copies of "Threads of Grey" available. If you have lost yours, had the kids tear it up or would like to hand some out as presents to families, drop Box 42 a line. Price is \$2.50.

We hope to get cards into the mail by the end of September in order to put out the annual class news letter by the middle of November. Here's hoping we get 100% participation.

—J. M. A.

## January 1943

The West Point group gathered on Tuesday, 7 September, in the Red Room of the West Point Officers' Mess. A handsome group. At the upper end of the long table there was solemn Joe Conmy, the outgoing President, attended right and left by his able lieutenants of the past year, Treasurer Johnny Moses and Secretary Rex Dettre, both crew cutted, business-like, busy scratching out notes during the meeting—between beers. Coming down the table right and left one could see genial Vernon Sanders, smiling Walt Hogrefe, neither much changed from cadet days. Roy Bowlin was though—he wore a patch of gray across his forehead. Jim Frakes was still playing the game to the limit. Bill Wade (the new Treasurer) puffed on a pipe throughout the meeting, sometimes paying close attention, sometimes trying to figure a way to justify to the cadets Longstreet's actions at Gettysburg. The youthful Batson, circles under his eyes, dozed. Fred Waters was as friendly as ever, wanted to get things straight. Hensel insisted upon following Robert's Rules of Order. Starnes (the new President) and Richards (the new Secretary) acted with the business man's aplomb. Either could pass for corporation president. McD sat in an advisory capacity. He's soon to take over as Professor of Economics at the Air Academy.

Other news: Sal Whitlow is going to the Air Academy, too, as Director of Athletics. Glenn Turner, back from Labrador, is attending AC&SS at Maxwell AFB. Bill Neale returned to the States in June after a year in India and Pakistan investigating border incidents for the UN. He now commands the 198th FA Bn, Fort Benning. Bob Beightler and Hugh Mease have arrived at the Pentagon and are installed in G-1 and

G-4, respectively. George Young, having completed the airborne course at Fort Benning, has probably already arrived at the Pentagon, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Atomic Energy Application Section, Research and Development. Pete Grimm is assigned Hq Fifth Army, Chicago. Jimmy Changaris (U.S. Army, Europe—Secretariat, APO 403, c/o PM, New York, New York) had a son on 29 January, Bryan Philip. Mitch Goldenthal is in the G-3 Section at Fort Belvoir. Bill Pitts has a B47 Sq at Smoky Hill AFB.

Visitors at West Point: Swede Lundberg (from OCAFF, Fort Monroe) and Bill Knowlton en route to Fort Leavenworth. Out of the Service or getting out: Jack Shaffer, 18459 Dorset Avenue, Detroit 19, Michigan (a Lincoln-Mercury dealer); Jack Upchurch, to go into business with his father-in-law.

An important notice: Those who sent in photographs for the TENTH ANNIVERSARY HOWITZER and who want them back should write to Darry Richards at West Point.

A 17 March banquet in Frankfurt brought out Rebb, Pavick, J. McClure, Windsor (7th Army), Schlosberg (EUCOM), MacVeigh, Grimm, Frakes, Stewart, Kirby (12AF), Toth, Changaris, Burlin, Waters (EUCOM), and Upchurch.

The Raders are at Southern Pines, North Carolina, where he is an instructor in the Air-Ground Operations School. They are friendly hosts, and Butch has some Korea stories worth telling.

Hq AFFE, Zama, Japan has become a popular gathering place for classmates. Wray Page is there in the G-3 Section. Frank Shaw is in the G-2 Section. Les Harding, Bill Hahn, and Art Grace are in the Engineer Section. Ben Baber is in the Signal Section. Ralph Truex, who has transferred from Arty to Ord, is assigned the Tokyo Ordnance Depot. Roy Wilson has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Bill Wade's father.

—Howie.

## June 1943

We have received very little mail this summer, so we have very little to report. We shall throw together what we have and let it go at that.

First off, we must mention that the Alan Joneses are here at West Point. They are here now, have been here for the past year, and will be here for the next year. (This note has been brought about by the neglect of your scribe ("Malone, that is"—Wick). He failed to include the Joneses in the last column when listing those present at W.P. during June Week, and has not been allowed a moment's peace as the result.) In addition to the ALAN JONESES, the following classmates have clung to the crevices in the Rock: Jesse Fishback (Math), Clare Farley (Mil Engr), Bob McCanna (Soc Sci), Dave Galas (Physics), Bill Greenwalt (History), and Bill Malone and Wick Wickert (English). Bob and Florence Plett have joined the group here and Bob is busy teaching the plebes Math. Quite an experience! A surprise addition was John Moses, who has reported in as prexy of the W. P. Prep School at Stewart Field and who is residing on the "reservation" here with us. Apparently all present are accounted for. Needless to say, we

are looking forward to seeing a few strays up this way during the football season. By the time this column reaches the "field" much of the season will be over, so it is of little use to urge you to come up for a game. Perhaps this thought will precede the column.

We have had a few visitors through here the past summer. Harry and Anne Schroeder stopped by on their way to Leavenworth. Harry had just returned from a tour in Europe where he and Anne had spent the last year and a half on some sort of special deal with the Belgians.

Sandy and Chris Sembach, who have been living on Governors Island keeping a weather eye on the New York skyline for the past year and a half, are leaving (or have left) for foreign shores. Sandy was due to leave for Heidelberg about the 1st of September. Chris and the family will follow as soon as they can.

Bill Greenwalt reported that Bob Sontelle stopped at WP overnight sometime during July enroute to Europe, where he will be assigned to Comm Z at Orleans, France.

Quint Atkinson and family stopped a day or so en route to New York POE on his way to France for duty at the French Armored School at Saumur, France.

Don Dargue and family also stopped by for a few days the first part of September. Don was wandering around the East on leave from his station in SAC at Offutt AFB. He looked hale and hearty and his wife lovely as ever. Unfortunately their visit here was short.

Bill Malone, who was lend-leased from the English Dept to the TACs for a month this past summer, has been mumbling in his double-chin ever since. He spent the month of July in darkest Fort Benning with the present Second Class, USMA. He has not been able to decide whether the per diem he received while on the trip should be considered as overseas pay or hazardous duty pay. He did mention seeing several classmates while at Benning. Bill and Marie Calnan had a cocktail party for local classmates, departmental friends, etc., and very kindly included Bill. He reported seeing (before his third cocktail) the following: Bill and Marie Calnan (Notch!) who were shortly thereafter to depart for C&GS after a couple of years in the D. I.'s Office (sounds horrible); Bill and Ginny DeBrooke—Bill is Secy to AFF Board No. 3; Hal and Helen Head—Hal in the Tactics Department; Bud and Fran Boling—Bud does something with the 30th Inf Regt (school troops); Jim and Honor Darden—Jim is on the Weapons Committee; Warren Hecker—Exec Off of a Student Regt; Jim and Le Fredericks—Jim had just reported in from somewhere and was doing something with the 30th Inf also; and Hal Saine, who is also with AFF Board No. 3. If Bill missed anyone, he says to blame it on Calnan's drinks and not his eyesight, which is 20/200. Bill also reports having seen, for a few minutes, Jack K. McGregor, who flew over to Benning on some errand having to do with the cadets. Jack was the Project Officer for the AF on the AF part of the Second Class summer trip.

Bill also managed to "dead beat" a week at Fort Bliss attending the SW and GM Course. He claims that the course is "a splendid opportunity for the young officer to further his military education" and pick up some excellent buys in silver and rum in Juarez. He did see a few classmates: George Alexander, who was doing an excellent job as an instructor in the Spec Wpns Course; Rosie Rumph, working (?) over in the Guided Missiles Training Regiment; and Charlie Abel, who had just re-

ported in from the Advanced Course at Sill and who was starting out as an instructor in the Tactics Dept.

Back to the Rock again to note the departure of Bob deCamp from Stewart Field for C&GS, and the pending departure of P. J. Curtain and Gertie for Germany sometime this fall. Eddie Curcuru, who has been teaching in the Dept of MP&L, has returned to retired status and is working on his PhD at Columbia. Eddie and Pat will continue to live in Highland Falls, where they have built a house.

John Buyers has left Belvoir for AFSWP at Albuquerque. They are reported to have nice quarters, and at first glance things look rosy.

Hank Romanek, with wife, Betsy, and four year old Elizabeth, have returned from Cuba on the way to C&GS.

Del Perkins, now with G-1, AFFE, mentions the presence of classmates Sam Pinnell, Ed McCabe, Bill Herres, and Jim Phillips in Hq, AAFF. Understand that the McCabes have a new addition to the family, daughter number three, born in Japan.

It is reported that Tom Johnson has moved from Korea, where he was with an Engr Group in I Corps to Okinawa, where he will work with the Ryukyus Command Engineer Service.

At recent commencement exercises at the Univ of Pittsburgh, Jimmy Pugh received a Master of Letters degree. Also, at the Univ of Pennsylvania exercises, Ned Burr received a degree of Master of Science in Electrical Engineering.

A postcard from Zoo Gorelangton records some miscellaneous information. Joining Zoo at Savannah are Vern Turner, who had just reported in to be the Wing Exec, and Jack Davis, who has just reported for B-47 transition. Ernie Price is herding a KC-97 around the blue. Turner, who had just got back from Paris, told of having seen Gullion and wife in Paris on 2 weeks tdy from South Africa. Both are fine and enjoying air attaché work.

Wick saw, on his summer "Assembly Trip" (see how hard we work up here for all you readers?), Willy and Marie Calnan stopping in Washington on their way to Leavenworth; also, Carlos and Bart Young, vacationing in upstate New York after leaving Fort Meade. They too are headed for darkest Kansas and the cure.

Follows a long letter from Dutch Umlauf, heeding in distant (?) Korea our pleas for poop. Look at all these people he reported on: Rip Collins—2 Div—ran into him in 8th A Hq on way to Div—Bn Exec; Arch Hamblen—asgd 7th Div—hopes to get a Bn soon; Al Burdett—G-2—7th Div; Jim Phillips—Asst G-1, 7th Div; Bill Bibby—G-3 tng, 7th Div; Jim Lothrop—Exec Ord Bn, 25th Div; Harry Reeder—G-3 tng, 2d Div; Ray Blatt—Exec 38th FA Bn—Going to C&GS; Jim Miller—Exec, Ord Bn 24th Div—Going to C&GS; Herman Hunt—Exec Tank Bn, 2d Div; Joe Eastmead—Bn Exec 15th Inf, 3rd Div; Tom Tannler—dubious—probably 25th Div; John Vordermark—CO 64th FA Bn, 25th Div; Ed Hertel—Opns Off of a fighter outfit nearby; George Bugg and Hank Morgan—G-1 Sec, 8th Army; Ed Geaney—G-2 Sec, 8th Army; John Beach—Hysterical Section Deputy, 8th Army—since returned CONUS to school again; and Dutch Umlauf—Asst S-3, Army Arty—next stop—???? We appreciate such encyclopedic word. Dutch's address is Arty Sec, Hq 8th US Army, APO 301, c/o PM, SFC.

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We are sure that all members of the class join those here in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to Archie Hill on the

death of his lovely and charming wife, Mary Louise, on the sixth of September.

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That is all for now. Please help us out with your letters, so we have something new to print. Remember the address: P. O. Box 2, West Point, New York.

—Malone and Wickert.

## 1944

Al Norton is now back in the States with Lenore and the five children after a tour in Spain. While there Al got his Ph.D. at the University of Madrid and is going to teach somewhere here, but I do not know where.

Lew Norman and Joan are now in Madrid, where Lew is with the Air Force mission doing communications work.

George Tuttle recently received an Oak Leaf Cluster for his fourth Bronze Star Medal for outstanding service as Ordnance Supply Officer of the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. George is now Supply Officer at the 60th Ordnance Group Headquarters in Korea, while Margaret and the children are back home at Pemberville, Ohio.

Andy DeGraff is now at Fort Meade, Maryland, with the 3rd Armored Regiment, after a tour with the 67th Tank Bn. overseas.

Eleanor Carter and the three children have joined Don Carter in Japan. Don is assigned to Far East Army Forces Headquarters near Tokyo.

Ted Bartz retired February 28 and is now a senior Research Engineer with North American Aviation Corporation. Ted and Norma and the four children live at 10203 Belcher Street, Downey, California. The Al Walds live nearby, as Al is now with the Hughes Aircraft Company.

As you can see, the news this time is very scanty. The only way we have of keeping up with everyone is for each of you to write occasionally telling us what you have been doing and whom you have seen, so if you will please send any information in to either me or to *Assembly* at West Point it will be much appreciated.

—Buford Norman.

## 1945

By the time you read this you should have received Marty Brewer's second poop-sheet on the 10 Year Book. Please get your replies in as soon as you can. The response so far has been good.—Let's keep it up.

Bill Wolfe, who we reported as being en route to Okinawa, has now joined the 612th FA Bn of the 29th RCT. He last served with the 75th FA Bn in Korea. Sarah hopes to join him soon. Ernie Ferguson is also stationed on Okinawa with the 98th MP Bn. He was recently awarded the Commendation Ribbon by General Ogden. Dave Fink, who served with the 40th Inf Div, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He is now in the Operations Section of Headquarters IX Corps. A letter from S. Lessey, now stationed in Japan, contained a wealth of info on classmates in the Tokyo area. At the Annual West Point dinner he saw nine Army files: Fritz Archibald, doing PIO work in AFFE, Howie Baldwin, Al Doyle, Ray Miller, R. U. Pratt, G. H. Shumard, Pete Dager, C. W. Wakefield, and Ed Winthrop. Some of these are probably back in the States by now so let us

know your current address. Frank Mehner and Mrs. are in the Tokyo area. Don Biswell is flying C-119's out of Ashiya, and very recently participated in the Indo China air lift. Lessey wants all classmates to know that he is listed in the Tokyo directory and is located at Tokyo International Airport. If you are in the area he would enjoy seeing one and all. He plans to make it up here for the Reunion.

Bill Millman, who made the break to civilian life in July, is now residing in Moline, Illinois, and making the transition very well. His address is 1312 33d Ave., Moline, Illinois and he would enjoy keeping in touch with all his friends in and out of the Service.

In our last meeting of the class on 30 August we firmed up the 10-Year Reunion Committees to start the final preparations for this June.

Chairman	Bob Dingeman
Editor of the Ten-Year Book,	Marty Brewer
Business Manager	Bill Gardiner
Hospitality Committee,	Chairman Bill Jarrell
Publicity	Chairman George Adkisson
Reception	Chairman Hank Hughes
Housing	Chairman Jock McQuarrie
Entertainment	Chairman Hal Moore

By all means begin to firm up your plans for the Reunion and make arrangements for your own housing then advise Jock McQuarrie that you have firmed up reservations for yourself. Jock will check on the availability of housing, but all can realize that it is manifestly impossible for him to make all the billeting arrangements. Hal Moore is planning a diversified entertainment program for the period that should be as reasonable in cost as possible. Any classmate who can offer us food items, BYOL items from any source at cost or free gratis, please drop a line to Hal or me. We certainly would appreciate any efforts that you files in civilian life could make along these lines. It will help defray the cost of the entire period for all concerned. We will send out a complete breakdown of the June Week activities planned and the approximate cost after Christmas.

Recent arrivals here at Woo Poo are John Wood, Al Price, John Nichols, Axel Briggs, Jim Garrett, Dave Clymer, Frank Davies, and Del Fowler.

A recent letter from Jim Alfonte from Walter Reed states that he would like to take over the job of class reporter again. Jim was evacuated from Korea and has spent the last four months in Walter Reed. After a rather serious operation last month he is well on his way to recovery, and expects to be returned to full duty in October. Let's keep the news coming in to Jim. He is now stationed at Walter Reed. You can send any item to his permanent address: c/o Mrs. Earl Mitchell, 6202 Adelaide Drive, Bethesda, Maryland. As has been stated before the only way this column can be truly indicative of the thoughts and actions of the class as a whole, and not merely of selected individuals, is for all of you to send in the news, great and small. A post-card will do very nicely.

We need some ideas on a distinctive design, monogram, tie, cane, etc. for the Tenth Reunion. This would be for all the male and/or female personnel at the Reunion to wear. If you have a suggestion send a post card to George Adkisson, Dept of Elec, USMA, West Point, New York. Any and all ideas are solicited.

Jack Rhett writes from Europe that he is now S-3 of the 11th Engr Combat Group

and that he and Helen are the proud parents of boy, John T. III. Wally and Ginger Wittwer are in Heidelberg with USAREUR Hq—as is Van Hout, just arrived and expecting his wife and SIX children in about a month. George Forsell is in the Legal Business in the JA section, Velie in the Signal Section, and Carbonell in the Ordnance Section. Fay and Yolle Worthington are in Orleans, France, where Fay is assigned to Com Z Headquarters, Jim and Margie are in Gay Paree with the JCA—how plush can you get? Wow! Arch Arnold is still in Nurnberg and expecting Barbara to join him there this month. Jim and Peg Henshaw and three girls are at the Engineer School at Murnau which I hear is a mighty fine set-up for families and troops. Charlie and Dot Reynoldson also have a claim staked out there. Gene Love is S-3 of the 35th Engineer Battalion, but no news on his family. Wagonhurst and Day just arrived and are in Seventh Army. Steve has taken over a Battalion—from last reports.

Dottie and Frank Davies are the proud parents of baby boy Jack born at the West Point Station Hospital, on 28 August 1954.

Ren Fortier listed some further news on the classmates in the Naples area. Ren is the S-3 of the Naples Post, Ray Eckstrom and wife and three children, in the Post Engineer, AFSE Post, Jim O'Brien wife and two children, PIO, AFSE, and Ed Kellum wife and two children, with USAFE National Element, Headquarters Allied Air Force Southern Europe Staff.

All classmates who knew and admired Ken Scurr were saddened by the news of his death in a helicopter crash on the outskirts of Fort Sill, Oklahoma on 27 August 1954. Hank Starkey is interested in setting up some sort of a memorial for him. If you are interested please send your contributions to Captain H. M. M. Starkey, 2314 Denver Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma.

Rusty Heilbronner writes from the Washington area that the class there had a very ambitious picnic to which the children were invited. A grand and glorious time was had by all. The wives still are having their monthly luncheons, and Dick Groves is setting up a class function for this fall. Contact Dick or Rusty in the G-4 Section, DA—all who are in the Washington area. Rocky Haynes visited Washington in August en route to Europe. He had just completed Jump Training and he and family were going via concurrent travel to Heidelberg. Looks like one of these days we will get back to the pleasant way of traveling with our families.

A final reminder to get your housing reservations made early for the Tenth Reunion. Send Marty your poop sheet for the Ten-Year Book. It's going to be a good one and well worth the money.

—Bob Dingeman.

## 1946

"Mrs. Esther Rollum, of Oslo, Norway, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Kari, to Captain Bryce Poe II, Fighter Operations Officer of Allied Air Forces, Northern Europe." That is Bryce's direct quote from the paper. No date has been set, but it should be late March or early April '55. Bruce Shawe has promised to try and go over and be Poe's best man. Bryce, who arrived in June 1952, has extended his tour and may be there until

1956. Any visitors just dial 55 66 90 in Oslo and ask for Captain Poe. Poe's latest visitor was Wayne, who bailed out en route home, but we hope others will have better luck.

George Bailey and the former Anne Stevens of New York were married this past May in New York. They honeymooned in Bermuda and now live in New York. Ted and Cynthia Montague announce the birth of a son Ted III, their second child, on July 4. The Montagues live in Garden City, Long Island. Ted III's arrival made it necessary for the Montagues to miss a Long Island class picnic on July 31. Attending were Randy and Jennete Adams, Bob and Kay Dickson, Marty and Phyllis Feldman, Roscoe and Susan Patton, Sam and Ethel France, as well as John Daneman, visiting from Philadelphia, and George and Mary Jane Nelson, who were on leave from Shreveport, Louisiana. We all had an excellent time and plan another get-together soon.

After having completed a year's work for a master's degree in civil engineering at California Tech. in June, Dave Smith (Major), "Goose" Gosling and Bob Rufsvold shipped overseas, Dave to Panama with concurrent travel, to be assistant to the Military Governor, and Goose and Rob to the Far East. While in Pasadena this past year Liz and Rob were blessed in July '53 with a girl, Margaret Elizabeth. Robby, Jr., was born in Nagoya, Japan, in May '49. Dave and Gloria had a second little girl in December, Alice Ann.

Walter DeLong is taking an intensive 23-week course in Portuguese at the Army Language School in Monterey, California. John Thurman has been transferred from the Pentagon to the Artillery Officers Advanced Course No. 1 ('54-'55), Fort Sill, Oklahoma. As of June 7, Dee Burnham became a civilian and has started graduate work in Physics at the Univ. of Illinois. He has a teaching assistantship job lined up to keep him busy while he isn't studying. Dee, Anne, Dianne (4) and Ken (2) will be at 714 Dover Place, Champaign, Illinois, for the next four years. Lenny Edelstein is assigned at the Univ. of Illinois with the ROTC.

With Hqs. XVIII Abn Corps, as Aide-de-Camp to General Cleland, Commanding General, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is Dave Peters. Dave was originally assigned to the 82d Abn Div, but after reporting to the 82d taking leave and returning, he found himself with the Corps. Joan and Dave live in Wherry Housing, about 10 minutes from the Hqs. Recently Rawly Dessert was assigned from the Advanced Course, which he completed in July, and is now with the 325th Abn Inf. Regt. At the Psychological Warfare Center are Brick Bentz, George Webb and Dan Graham. Bill Humphries of the Arty is in the 82d Abn Div, as is Warner Lewis. Living in Fayetteville is Odele Huddleston, while Tom is in Korea. Marie Parmly arrived recently from Alaska and Lee is being assigned to Fort Bragg soon. Bob Channon is in the 505th Abn Inf. Regt. Dave recently heard from Jack Montague, who is a Company C.O., 12th Inf, 4th Inf Div. in Germany.

Ken Van Auken wrote recently to let us know of the most recent class gathering in May at Fort Belvoir. This dinner-dance was arranged by the wives of '46, a very active organization that has periodic luncheons and has arranged for all previous gatherings. Following is a list of those who attended with notations (unless otherwise stated the wife of each man was present): Bob Ahlers (to Camp Stewart, Georgia in July), Ferd Anderson, Cal Arnold, David Brown, Levi Brown, Charles Buckingham

(AF Major), Bob Crowley (stag), Mary Devens (George's wife), George Fink (to Far East from Belvoir), Elisha Fuller, Howard Fuller (Pentagon), William C. Fuller (Pentagon, but missed the party), John Geary, Alvan Hadley, Guy Hairston, Harrison Heiberg, Tykle Horowitz (Saul is in Korea), Jennie Jaco (Charles stationed at Eniwetok), Joe Jansen (Major and to West Point as instructor), Harrison Lobdell, Joe Lusk, Bob Malley, Lawrence Miller, Bob Montgomery, Bill Pence, Wilton Persons, Bill Roney, Lewis Rose, Bill Seeber, Blain Shattuck, John Sterling, John Stratis (stag), R. W. Streiff (a Whitehouse Aide), Charles Supplee, Roy Thurman (stag), Fred Thomas, Max Ulrich, Ken Van Auken, Al Victor, Al Wedemeyer, Charles Williamson (now a civilian studying law), Bob Williamson and Phil Farris.

Russ and Mary Vann Burn have a son, Dennis Mimms, born 25 May 54. Sam and Sonja Skemp have their first child, Samuel Charles V, born 12 May 54. Norm and Anne Stanfield have a second son, James Douglas born 16 May 54. Alex Perwich was married on 12 June to Hadid Pricilla de Jusino at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. John Bartholf just recently returned from Korea for assignment to Ethan Allen AF Base at Burlington, Vermont. Received word that the Al Leavitts were blessed with the arrival of their second child (first daughter) on 15 May in New York.

With the 29th RCT on Okinawa are George Devens (Commanding Officer 84th Engineer Company), Tom Pardue, and Bill Reeder, who was transferred from 7th Inf. Div. in Korea. Tom's wife Beatrice is living with his mother in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Also on Okinawa is Bob Steele with the 110th Chemical Batt. Patricia Steele is living in Asheville, North Carolina.

Ed McCue is with the Eighth Army QM section in Korea. His wife Esperanza lives at 209 S. Valley Ave., Colonial Heights, Virginia. Sam Title has been Assistant and Chief Personnel Officer of the 25th Inf. Div's 8th Fld Arty Batt. in Korea. Operations Officer Keith Zimmerman of the 2nd Div has been in Korea since July '53. His wife, Mary, and their three children live at 12-C Edge-wood Knoll, Asheville, North Carolina. Also with the Eighth Army QM section in Korea is Bill Webb. Bill's wife, Isabel, is living at 627 Sumner Dr, San Antonio, Texas. With the 8th Ftr. Wing in Korea is Louis Creveling, who has been there since March '54. John Bartholf was there when Lou arrived, but since then has left with the FEAF Gunnery Team to participate in the USAF meet at Nellis. Bob Eichenberg is across the field from Lou with the 51st Ftr. Wing. Jack Kimball is with the 4th Ftr. Wing at K-14, Kimpo. R. B. Stewart is at Nagoya, Japan with his wife and three children. Si Hunt is at FEAF Hq in Tokyo. Bill Evans is Aide to General Partridge, the Commander of FEAF. Lou has seen Moe Weinstein in Japan and Bob Isbell in Seoul with 8th Army Hq.

Jomi Castelli, Marc, and Joey joined Joe last May at Camp Wood, Beppu, Japan. Joe is Batt S-3, 187th Abn RCT. Since the Gills left in April, the Castelli's are the only classmates at Wood. Al Futrell is Company Commander of the Far East Command Tri-Service Honor Guard Company. Al has a platoon of marines and sailors with a Marine Captain as plr ldr, a platoon of airmen with two Air Force Captains as plr ldrs and two platoons of Army. Jack Clifford is the company Exec Off., just transferred from Korea. Recent visitors out that way have been Jim Gridley, Tom Pardue, Stan Mattox, Tom Reeder, Milt Hamilton, Herb Flather, and Dippy Dye.

Gridley and Mattox are now on Okinawa. Futrell expects to be leaving Japan this November for the Advanced Course at Benning.

—S. E. H. F.

## 1947

I suppose it is customary on such a solemn occasion as this to pass out a few bouquets and murmur a few seemly and modest cliches. All I can say is I "volunteered" because Bill Cooper, who was doing a perfectly satisfactory job, was about to leave the post. Bill is staying another year. We still speak but. . . Our little group at West Point (which I will mention later) has decided to pass these "good deals" around; my contract reads one year. So here goes number one. . .

News from the hinterlands: Joe D. Johnston reports seeing Bob Lilley at Maxwell AFB recently. Bob is stationed at Presque Isle, Maine. Joe D. also reports that John Guice and Ted Gregorie are at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. A note from Dick Sforzini, the stated purpose of which was to bring us up to date on Ordnance people, leaves many holes, but adds the following information to recent news from Ordnance: Don Burton and JJ Williams are at Picatinny Arsenal (JJ was recently married, but my information is incomplete), and the Richardsons are still at Purdue. Bill Williams reported by phone what he could remember of the assignments from Benning after the last advanced course (This information is supplemented in spots from other sources.): Wells Lange is CO of E Co, 12th Inf, 4th Div, in Germany; Jimmy Smith and Red Krause are in Germany somewhere; Bill Conger, Duke Duquemin, and Bill Nairn are in Austria (Nairn's address is Hq Co, 3d Bn, 350th Inf); Bob Haldane, Mel LeBlanc, and Norm Salisbury went to FECOM, as did, or will, Buzz Russell on completion of a helicopter course at Sill; Harry Ball, Erp Tavzel, and Tod Mallett remained at Benning; Bill Cronin and Al Lemberes went to the Presidio, Monterey, California; George Maloney headed for Iceland and the 3d Bn, 278th RCT; Ike Ickler went to Maine to a cold weather testing outfit; Bob Mahowald and Bernie Gardner are in Chicago on some kind of QM business; Bill Carpenter, John Naill, Bob Ozier, and John McCullough resigned. Bob Haldane's address is Det C, 8097th AU, APO 301 SFC.

A most welcome letter from Dick Allen arrived early in August. Dick is living at 18 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, attending MIT, and would like to get in touch with anyone in the area or passing through. He reports that Kasey Kaericher is in Albuquerque. Pat O'Connell is out of the Service; and he and Marilou are living at 27 Mott Street, Arlington, Massachusetts, while he attends Harvard Business School. A note from Cecil Fox mentions that he saw Humphrey Baer at the Fujiya Hotel and that Humphrey is at Camp Fuji with the 6th Tank Bn (He should also be a new papa for the 3d time by now). Cecil is flying F86's in the 51st Ftr (unreadable) Gp, APO 60. John Gerity, recently joined by Nancy and John, Jr., is with the G-3 Section, Halfsee, Izmir, Turkey. Woo Woo West is out of the Service, going to school and coaching football at Dartmouth. Joe and Laura Addison are still at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Missouri. Bing Perry recent-

ly arrived in EUCOM, according to Dick McAdoo. The Goose Gossetts greeted number four, Warren Robert, Jr., on the 20th of June. They are living at 1013 East Louisiana, Norman, Oklahoma, while Goose attends the University. A note from David Jarvis mentions his having seen Don Robb several times. Don is stationed at Wright-Patterson. Dave's address is 6705 Overbrook Street, Falls Church, Virginia; and he would be glad to have anyone passing through stop to see him. His job, by the way, is too involved to print; he's in the Ordnance Exchange Program between Air and Army folks and works at the Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories in the Guided Missile Fuze Branch (There's more). Bill and Mary Mahlum are living in Woodbury, Connecticut, P.O. Box 91. They are right on US 6 and welcoming visitors in their 200-year old house. Bill works for Benrus Watch Company. I have also heard that Stu Force is out of the Service, but do not know what he is doing. That is all I have from the four corners, and contains, I am sure, numerous errors, products of the devious methods I used to obtain information. For fast correction, or if you too would like to see your name in print, please drop me a line.

As for the local crowd, it has become a crowd; thirty-four officers and accouterments, as near as I can determine. To save space in the following list, we'll pretend that the wives have the same jobs as their husbands. Arnold and Pat Tucker, Jim and Kay Johnson, Bert and Mary Alice Brennan, Jim and Mary Lou Edington, Al and Pat Haig, and Hank Emerson are Company Tacs; Joe D. and Fran Johnston, MP&L; Bill and Ann Cooper, Special Service; Ike and Ruth Snyder, Kenny and Althea Hatch, John and Jane Mastin, Bob and Lenore Curtis, Forest and Tohe Crowe, and Bob Griffith, Mathematics; Doug and Barbara Weaver and Fred and Yvonne Knauss, Electricity; Wally Griffith and Brent and Jackie Scowcroft, Social Sciences; Don and Doris Litt and Locker and Peg Bentley, MT&G; Doc and Jody Blanchard, GMA; Bill and Sarah Williams, Prep School at Stewart Field; Jack and Jane Murphy, Law; Jean and June Burner, John and Jo Ann Paules, and Tom and Ruth Benson, Foreign Languages; Wayne and Dottie Hauck and Dick and Corinne Sforzini, Ordnance; Bob and Lois Babbitt and Dick and Barbara McAdoo, Mechanics; Hap and Jane Arnold, AF Detachment; and Jack and Jill Faith, English (That's me . . . or is it I?).

Recent events here included Bert and Mary Alice's wedding on the 23d of August, a large and beautiful affair. Ed Robertson and the O'Connells were the only off-the-post classmates here, I believe. The Crowes added Thomas Alexander to their list of exemptions on August 20th, and the Weavers added Lois Jean on September 5th. A Labor Day picnic on Constitution Island, well attended by the local classmates, completes the news here. We are now girding our loins for the football season; autumn is in the air (and on the land and sea). As every good host and hostess would say, "Come and see us."

This has been a long column, but I can see lean times ahead. We shall shortly face the problem of contacting all of you on 10-Year Book and other business, and we need to bring our card file up to date. Please drop me a post card (larger pieces of mail encouraged), and include thereon latest vital statistics, present address, and any sweet nothings you consider appropriate. Since there seem to be some who do not subscribe to this valuable piece of professional literature, please add the addresses of any others you know, or ask them to

write, too. I don't intend to bugle; if it ain't here, it don't go in.

P.S. Mike Mahoney is trying to arrange a gathering place for the class in Philadelphia for after the Navy game. If you plan to go to the game, contact Bill Cooper, Jim Johnson or me here at West Point for the details.

—Jack.

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## 1948

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Dave McNeely has let us know of his whereabouts and claims that he has been the sole representative of the Class at the Founders Day Dinner in Salzburg, Austria for the past two years. He is at present with the 4th F.A. Battery of the 510 FA Bn., and is almost lost as to the news of any others in the territory. Another long lost brother that has finally sent us news is Fred Chanatry. Fred is stationed at present at Sculthorpe RAF Station in Norfolk, England, with his wife, Teresa, and son Michael George. Ed Kritzer is at the same station, as is Hudgins of '47 and Bill Bumpus of '49. Mike Tashjian is in the Hague, Netherlands, with his family. Mort Mumma, with his family of Anne Clark, age 3½, Morton C. IV, born in June, and wife, Babs, is stationed at Williams AFB now, having moved from Foster AFB, Victoria, Texas just recently. He says that he doesn't see many classmates out there either, but did see Saul Resnick at Fort Sam Houston on his way to Lee at Petersburg, Virginia.

Lee Doyle has been assigned to the 3rd Armored over at Knox, Flick Fleming, J. D. Hamilton, and Ed Rudd are all still at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Bill Patch, John Wadsworth, and Tom Hazard took Jump Training at Benning after graduation from the Advanced Class, and are going to Europe at the end of September. Bob Petersen was graduated from the Advanced Class and is now on the way to Frankfurt, Germany. Dolly and the two children are to go to join him a little later. Punk Hartnell is on his way to Germany. Reese Jones is on his way to Carson, Colorado, from the Advanced Class in Benning. Wally Williams and family are in Oklahoma on ROTC duty. Les Carter has a ROTC tour at Westminster, Maryland. Ken Ruddy has been assigned to Alaska from the Advanced Class. Jack Osteen was graduated from the Advanced Class, married Patricia Hannum the same afternoon and is expecting Uncle Sam to send them all the way to Alaska for the honeymoon trip. Bill Caldwell is on assignment to Germany from the same Advanced Class. Don McGraw, Harry Buckley, Tom Hoffman, Howie Adams, and Dave Mallett are all in the present Advanced Class at Benning. Phil Day is with the 1st Division in Germany. Don Packard recently finished the Advanced Course at Fort Knox and at present is working on his Master's degree at Purdue. Jim Richardson is out of the Service and getting a law degree at LSU. He hopes for a career with the JAGC.

June Week at West Point produced a few returnees, and all present joined with them in two parties. On Saturday, 5 June, '47 invited the class to a joint dinner-dance in Cornwall. Kay and Dick Brill—now at Wright-Patterson AFB; Joan and Sam White; Mary and Frank MacInerney; Bill Bandeen—presently studying at NYU; Pat and Bill Burrows; Lyle Walter; Kitty and Jim Allen; Sally and Jim Macklin—now in NYC where Jim is studying Law at Col-

umbia; Dulce and Jim Dingeman—still in Philly at Drexel Institute; Russ Ball—living in Philadelphia; and Lowell Genebach gathered with our "seniors".

On Monday, 7 June, a picnic was held at White Oak Island, Lake Popolopen, with Jim Allen hosting the event. In addition to the above named (less Russ Ball who couldn't make it) Barbara and Ben Jacobellis—now at the Pentagon; Jack Miller and his mother—he is in G-4, DA; Audrey and Jack Kastris—up the river at Stewart AFB; and Ann Brennan—who was visiting West Point to see her brother, Bob Anthis, graduate—all highly enjoyed the steak dinner that Jim planned and executed. At the picnic those stationed at West Point enthusiastically endorsed a plan for a party after each home game with all present each Saturday participating. There was also general agreement for another gathering after the Navy game. Notification, if not already out, will reach you shortly.

Arrivals at West Point this year increased the group to sixteen. Distribution is as follows: Berry, Smith, Burrows and Whitson—Social Sciences; White, Quanbeck and Cormack—Mechanics; Allen—Tacs; Wagoner—1802nd Regt; Scott, WW and Walter—MT&G; MacInerney—Modern Languages; Burns—Electricity; and Weber, RG, Cushing and Genebach—Math.

On Sunday, 5 September, a Labor Day picnic was held at Round Pond by those at the Point. Cushing made the arrangements, and all from the Academy attended with the exception of Sid Berry, who has not yet returned from Beirut, Lebanon, where he has been studying this summer. In addition, the Dingemans, Bobby and Rog Conover—now living in Montclair, New Jersey, where Rog is with Bell Laboratories; the Kastris; Bandeen and Anita Fay of NYC; Betty and John Sternberg—John working for Whelan Drug Company and living in Tarrytown, New York; the Jacobellis; Cush's parents, sister and brother; Weber's mother and Susan Quanbeck's sister;—all joined in the festivities and singing led by Bandeen at the piano and Tom Cushing on the uke.

Barbara and Pierce Gaver are living on the heights overlooking El Paso (and Juarez) where Pierce is in Special Weapons at Fort Bliss. Their number of children (four) seems to be fast becoming the standard for the class.

Lou Haskell and Marian and Ash Foote are also at Bliss, both in the First Guided Missile Brigade as of this writing. George Edwards lives in El Paso now.

It is with pleasure that we report Ginger Nelson's recent wedding to Al Sylvester. Al will be remembered by the Army half of the class from Riley.

Joan and Jack Buckley passed through the Point on their way home from an extended honeymoon. Jack is studying guided missiles at the U of Michigan. Joan hails from Birmingham, Michigan.

Joan and Denny Patterson also stopped at the Point en route from the U of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, (Joan's home) on their way to Denny's new assignment in Washington in the Chief of Engineer's Office. They, too, were extending their honeymoon to the ultimate.

Jim Jones and family are now at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Rich Cooper has passed on the intelligence that he will be at Columbia this year. Signal, at least, seems to be concentrating in the East.

Joe Herberts and Sandra Tarsis were married at the old Cadet Chapel on 15 August. Cushing, Weber, Wagoner, Scottie, Cormack and Allen acted as ushers. From all reports it was a memorable occasion. The reception followed in the main ball

room at Cullum Hall, consisting of cocktails, dinner and dancing.

Jack and Ann Brennan are now in Washington, with Jack at the Army Map Service.

For me this is the last column that I will write. There has been a set-up working for sometime to get a central position made and a rotation of the job of writing the column done. Lowell Genebach is going to add the details to the end of this column, about which I know but little. We have appreciated the cooperation that you have given us in sending the letters and information, and hope that the situation will improve in the future. I do not anticipate many moves about the country and if any of you want to get in touch with me I will be located in Alderson, West Virginia, milking the same old cow twice a day, fishing a little in the Greenbrier River, hunting a few squirrels during the season, and having a rather good time trying to keep up with my family. It has been a pleasure doing the column and I hope I haven't been too boring with the news.

—Charley Nash.

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After more than six years Charley Nash is retiring from the class correspondent's position. The entire class owes a great deal to him for the fine and diligent job he has done in that time. He has always produced a column of interest to all. A vote of appreciation and praise from all Forty-Eighter's goes to him.

Henceforth, all news, data on weddings, births, assignments and parties should be sent to Captain Lowell B. Genebach, Jr., Dept. of Mathematics, West Point, New York. Since we can reasonably assume that some one of the class will be stationed at the Point for many future years, the column will be maintained here. As one scribe leaves, the column will be passed to another stationed at the Academy, and he should be able to continue the news with great facility. Most classes follow this procedure and report excellent results. So, get your letters in the mail.

—Genebach.

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## 1949

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Undoubtedly, most of you saw in the last *Assembly* that Dick Carvolth was killed in an airplane accident on July 10th near Oxnard AFB, California. I understand that Dick was buried at West Point and that the Class had a good delegation at his funeral. I believe we have lost one of our most promising classmates, as certainly Dick had a great future ahead of him. In case any of you wish to write his wife, her address is: Mrs. Richard Carvolth, 319 First Street, Olyphant, Pennsylvania.

Indirectly, I have received some news from Betty Wadsworth, who has been corresponding with Tom Mullen, Jr. Betty is now living in Gadsden, Alabama, and is teaching school there. Pete Petranck visited her recently, on his way to Fort Sill, where he is going to attend the Advanced Artillery Course. Terry Powers, who has been at Fort Eustis, has recently been transferred to the University of Michigan. The Suttons, Carrs, and Duane Smiths have all been attending the University of Tennessee and, I believe, have another year there.

Gerry Schultz recently was married to a nurse whom he met in Korea. I do not know where Gerry is now stationed. Ernie Denham has been at Fort Benning for the past three months, but again, I do not have his new station.

A note from June and Bob Estes reports that they have a son—born June 9th. This is their second.

Ray Battreall has written from Fort Knox that the Class of '49 has quite a contingent there. Bob Andreen, Ray Rasmussen and Ray Battreall are with the 11th Cavalry. Tom Stockton, Bob Noce and Charles Roebuck are with the 30th Tank. Ted Boland is with the 131st Tank and Jud Connors is with the CCA. Bill Hiestand is in the Third Armored and Dan Williamson is ADC to the CG, Third Armored. Bill Lichow and Charles Lehner are stationed at Knox, but I do not have a report on their present duties. Incidentally, a couple of weeks ago I ran into Ted Boland at the airport in Jamestown, New York. Ted had been visiting his girl over the weekend and was on his way back to Knox.

This is all the news I have collected since the Reunion, so I hope that in the next issue I will be able to report more about the class. Please drop us a note so that we can keep in touch with you.

I hope to see some of you at one of the football games this Fall. "Beat Navy!"

—John I. Saalfeld.

## 1950

Norwalk, Connecticut. (Home on Leave) 10 Sept. 1954. I just called the *Assembly* office at West Point to find out what happened to all of your letters that enable me to write this column every quarter. I was told that all mail had been forwarded to me so I checked my files and found only four (4); FOUR; fore; fo-er; I always get at least fifty—Wha Hoppen '50? I'll tell you what to do. Each May, Aug, Nov, and Feb, let's everyone take a post card, jot down the names of classmates you have run into during the preceding three months, along with any other information you'd like to have printed in our column, and send it to *Assembly*, the Association of Graduates, USMA. Identify it as the Class of '50 news and the *Assembly* staff will collect them all and send them to me so that I can make each issue (July, Oct, Jan, April). At any rate here's the poop, thanks to Al Breitweiser, KT Veley's wife, John Brinkerhoff, and Carolyn and Vic Cuneo. Vic is the unofficial class statistician on promotions, resignations, transfers, etc.—hey Vic, you write this one!

Al Breitweiser, Company Commander with the 3rd Engineers, has been in Korea since Feb. but has seen no other classmates. He did say, however, that he crossed a bridge named in honor of Pete Monfore.

The KT Veley's have arrived back in the States after a long tour in Europe. They are presently at Hanscom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts. Dick Drury, en route from France to Connally AFB, Texas, was a recent guest of theirs.

Fort Belvoir news was covered this time by John Brinkerhoff and Vic and Carolyn Cuneo. Attending the Engineer Advanced Course are Lee and Bob Werner, Ann and Jim Tormey, Dunc Joy (wife Patty should join him soon), Cyril and Denny Roush, Carolyn and Bob Hughes, Marylou and Jim Boylan, Bette and Al Griebbling, Shirley and Tom Barry, Trema and Bill Berry, Johanna and Ding Price, Beth and Sandy Oliver, Louise and Jack Wagner, Beverly



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and George Shaffer, Rowland and Emmett Lee, Patti and Jim Kelly (recently married), Carolyn and Dave Cameron, Marcy and Eddy West, Burke Lee (wife Lish should join him soon), John and Nancy Brinkerhoff, Vic and Carolyn Cuneo, Alma and Dave Carlisle, Pris and Russ Glenn and bachelors Andy Pick, Jack Hurst, Jim Lynch, and Jack Maxwell. Although the wives aren't attending the course as implied above, they're at least keeping the children quiet and perhaps typing solutions to problems etc., while the men are studying. At another class party at Belvoir, attending in addition to the above were Ruth and Keith Loucks (Keith is teaching at the Engineer School), Karl Weber, teaching Fixed Bridges to the 9th Advanced, Shorty Adams and date Shirley Young, Joe and Mary Pharr Love, West Point-bound as Aide to the new Supe. Visiting Belvoir recently were Bill and Robin DeGraf, now at West Point teaching Juice, and Bill Read, Dick Hunt, Bill Brandes, and Rene Wolf, attending a short course as a part of their work at the Univ. of Illinois. Brink sent word also that Art Porcher is with the 4th Engineers in Europe, Herb Underwood is at The Engineer School in Murnau, Germany, Tom Loper is with the District Engineer in Washington, D. C., Blair Ross is at Walter Reed for a check-up on his ears prior to a district assignment in the Deep South, and Toady Dreisenstock is with the 3rd Inf at Fort Myer.

Press releases from various sources stated that Bill McDowell is presently with the 3rd Armored Div. at Fort Knox; Dwight Adams is with the 16th Regt, 1st Div. in Germany (Dwight was wounded in Korea during the first year of fighting); and Paul Zavitz, apparently having transferred from the Army to the Air Force, is now at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, winding up flight training, and will receive his wings in October.

Vic Cuneo dug back into his old copies of the *Journal* and compiled the following list of classmates recently promoted to Captain: (In the last issue of *Assembly* we had the first big list) Chuck Butler, Jack Maxwell, Chuck Newcomb, Ding Price, Jim Tormey, Charlie Osterndorf, Turk Edwards, Mike Dowe, Jim Barnes, Jack Crittenberger, Frank Duggins, Hugh Holt, Mort Ray, Grayson Tate, Herb Underwood, Abe Allan, Jim Boylan, Claude Doughtie, Lauris Eek, Jack Hendry, Morris Herbert, George Klie, Carm Milla, Al Paulger, Andy Pick, Chuck Rhoads, Milo Rowell, George Scithers, Bill Tuttle, Jack Wagner, Bob Werner, Joe Elliot, Jack Koehler, Bob Morrison, Wally

Nutting, Paul Vanture, Bob Chambers, Jim Donovan, John Fox, Fred Haberman, George Oliver, Marv Rees, Denny Roush, Les Holcomb, Dick Steuart, Chuck Graham, Cloyce Mangas, Ed Crockett, Joe Griffin, Hersh Chapman (no mistake this time, Hersh), Jake Allen, Phil Bardos, Larry Birk, Bud Blank, Vance Brown, Andy Byers, Don Creuziger, Vic Cuneo, Charlie Cunningham, Jimmy Dunn, Ed Fox, Paul Gurnee, John Hall, Mark Hanna, Bill Knapp, Tom Loper, Lon Lumsden, Bill McDowell, Andy McFarland, Fred Nickerson, Tut Parmly, Tex Ritter, John Saalberg, Jack Scandling, Dean Schnoor, Bob Shade, Millard Singleton, Tom Strider, Marsh Talbott, Ralph Viskochil, John Wassenberg, and Leo Wegner. We now have approximately one hundred eighty Captains in the Class.

Only a few babies reported this time; Boys to Bill and Pat Lamdin, Dunc and Patty Joy, Jim and Mary Lou Boylan, the Jerry Waldors, and the KT Veleys. The only girl went to Mary and Gerry Monson.

Rose and I, with the three girls, are going up to West Point tomorrow for a visit, and while there I'll ask Bill and Robin DeGraf to be in charge of Fifth Reunion Affairs. We will keep you posted on the arrangements.

We'll chalk up this short column to many changes of station, but let's have lots of letters, post cards, and information, by any means of transmission, so that we can take up our full share of space next time. See ya!!

—Lou Genuario.

## 1951

Hardly seems possible that Summer has come and gone and it is time to assemble the news on '51 again, but in starting I note appreciatively that there seems to be a lot of it.

Let's start by wading into the vital statistics: by retracing our steps a little we note that John L. M. was a new arrival in Midge and DesI DesIslet's household on the 5th of May 1953 at Donaldson AFB, and that the Bob Snyders are the proud parents of two girls, Linda Sue on 20 Oct 1952 and Sheri Lynn on 24 Dec 1953, both born in Wiesbaden, Germany. Blessed events of this year seem to have begun with Nancy Reed's arrival at Phil and Ann's at Fort Knox on the 9th of April. I believe we overlooked in a past issue Kathleen Marcella's reporting to Marcie and Harry

Lombard. Also in May of this year Mary and Dan Foldberg received Salley in Tokyo. Bob and Dot Howes announced the production of the Howes Guided Missile, dubbed Robert Arthur, Jr. at Fort Bliss on 23 May. Michael Lawrence, a 1954 model, was the result of the Crocker Production Co., Larry and Pat, at Sagamihara, Japan. Rounding out this issue's births is Virginia Ann, received by Ruth and Bob McIlwain on 19 July at Camp Carson.

The last quarter didn't pass without marriages either. Dan and Marilyn Sharp said their vows in Boise, Idaho, on 13 Feb. Charley and Julia Witmer were married in Pennsylvania on the 23rd of May, shortly after his return from overseas. Marv and Jacqie Krupinsky picked Vermont for their marriage, with Dan Sharp driving up to do the honors. Lou Michaels was married in Washington, D. C. on the 31st of July and Shy Meyer at Fort Benning on the 18th of August, but the details are missing as of now. Welcome to the class, girls!

In addition to those mentioned in the last issue, fairly reliable sources indicate that the following have decided on civilian careers: Charley Bryant, Dick Allen, Dave Betts, Tony Delano, Mike Simpson, Bill Givens, Ted Griesinger, Paul Summers, Bob Massenburg, George Ritter, Lew Robinson, Chuck Satuloff, Russ Walthour, Bill Woodson, and Barney Zwerling. Talked to Del Ring recently on his way through Philadelphia and he mentioned that the U of Minnesota, as reported before, is out.

Bruce Robertson notes that he met both Jack Craigie's and Dave Schlatter's parents in Izmir, Turkey, and goes on to point out that it's hotter "than Central Area in July" Elsewhere in the Mediterranean we understand via Dick Wells that Pat and Stan Umstead are in Tripoli living a very pleasant life with servants, etc.

Quite an epistle from Tom Horgan, from the 4th Recon Bn, who mentions that Lee, Kay and Ellen Duke and Wally Steiger are with the outfit—all located in Linz. It appears that Tom is ready to bid bachelor days goodbye by marrying locally. Goes on to say that Don Van Matre and Pat Brian are still with the 510th FA Bn in Salzburg, and that Bruce and Helen Ackerson are still in Trieste, developing a young tackle. Bruce is with the 351st Inf-Tank Co. As a sidelight, Tom's CO for some time was Colonel Dobson, formerly with the Social Sciences Dept.

An interesting note from DesI DesIslets indicates he's with the 780th Troop Carrier Sqdn near Nancy, France. Although grounded for stomach ulcers in July of '53, he's remained the supply officer of the same squadron. Seth Scruggs, also in the same outfit, has been with DesI since August of '52. The DesIslets family now reside in a fortified chateau dating back to 1417, no less. The only gripe evident in the note was 19 days put in at Goose Bay, Labrador, over this past Christmas and New Years. Mentioned in DesI's travels are the Hills and Corrigans in Alaska, Joe Danforth, Pete Matthews, Dick Haggren and Hal Schultz.

Rollo Tausch notes seeing Joe Rawlings, aide to the CG Div Arty 2d Arm Div, and Tom Woodley, with the 66th Tank Bn, 2d Arm Div.

Quite a bit of news in the ZI so we'll start by filling in on that party at Herte's this past June Week before Graduation Parade. In attendance were the congenial host Roy, Rudy and Mary Jo Prince, Pat Ryan, Sam Dickens, the Bob Johnsons, Lew Buffington, George and Joan Pilchack, Pat Lynch, Hank and Jane Otten, and Sam Samuelson. Noted also during June Week was a life-size photo of Buzz Aldrin in FD at the Information Center.

There's quite a lineup at Benning these days. Dan Foldberg and Howie Steele have arrived in the Tactics Dept., TIS. Already with the School are Jim Guyer, Roscoe Robinson, Shy Meyer, Don Smith, Bob Orlikoff, George Gividen, Sandy Weyand, Joe Clemons, and Bill Richardson. Jim Cox is with the 47th Div and Charley Walker is with the 30th Inf. Jim Guyer recently got his Senior Jump Wings.

The contingent at Fort Belvoir has been sharply reduced, with only Dave Carter and Guy Jester remaining. Harry and Marcie Lombard have moved on to Fort Knox, where Harry has been assigned from the Louisville District.

A story comes via Europe of Fred Reichard and wife getting caught on a trip by a blizzard in Colorado. It seems they were marooned in a mountain pass and finally had to walk out, AWOL in the process.

Howie Peckham, recently aiding in Japan, writes from Shaw AFB with the 16th Tac Recon Sqdn that Sam Dickens and Charley Witmer are also there, both with the 20th Tac Recon Sqdn, flying F-80s, and both with new acquisitions: Sam a red MG and Charley with a lovely wife. Sam apparently has been from Mexico City to Wisconsin since his return. Howie is flying the RB-57, the American version of the British Canberra.

Recent returnees from Okinawa are Doug and Joy Michel to Fort Hood, Bob and Lydia Macklin to Fort Bragg, Bob and Nancy Prehn to Fort Campbell, and Kermit and Lynn Johnson.

From Fort Knox, Phil Reed notes a picnic of '51 with flies, on the occasion of the 4th of July, with some bridge thrown in. There, were Mel and Joan Snyder, Brooks and Mary Martin, Cynthia and Bill Scheumann, with Bill III, and Ann and Phil Reed with Frank and Nancy. Also at Knox but elsewhere on the 4th are Herman Vetort and Jim Bick. Mel is in G-2 Sec, 3rd Arm Div, Phil is in G-3, Bill has a training Co., Brooks is aid to Brigadier General Wood, Herman is with the 11th Cav Regt, and Jim was on TDY from the Div to Camp Pickett.

On other recent changes: Dick Wells is scheduled for the Post Engineer Sec at Camp Carson, and Bill Schooley, Tom Stumm and Al Esser will be in the St. Louis area—Bill and Tom at Granite City Engr Depot and Al at the St. Louis District.

A run down from Frank Hamilton in Japan shows Barry Harriss with the 53rd AAA Gun Bn on Kyushu, George Stannard commanding "D" Btry 97th AAA Gun Bn, near Tokyo, Don Leehey now with the Operations Detachment of the 138th AAA Gp, and Frank Forrest stationed at Yokota AFB awaiting the arrival of the family. Frank (Hamilton), after spending some time as an instructor in the Far East AAA Specialist School, is aiding the CG, 40th AAA Brigade, and anticipating a return to the ZI this Fall.

Arnim Brantley is now with the 41st Fighter Sqdn at Johnson AFB, and spending some time at Nugata for alert purposes. Murt Guild and Doc Pinkel are also at Johnson. Brant mentions seeing George Hardesty at Tachikawa, and Al Norton at Fuchu, on his travels.

News from Okinawa shows a departure of some of the old guard as indicated above. Glen McChristian, Al Frick and Joe LaFleur, all with the Okinawa Engineer District, are between them supervising about 12½ million dollars worth of government construction that includes storage magazines, warehouses, a fire station, and housing units. Paul Coughlin writes that Lynn McCrum is with "L" Co of the 29th RCT, and that Tom Hastings, the only bachelor of

'51 on the island, is with "I" Co of the 29th. Paul commands "C" Btry of the 612th FA Bn. In true keeping with the party spirit that seems to have prevailed there for some time, the picture (see cut) was taken at the Coughlin household on the departure of the Macklins and Michels. The picture, obviously taken at a time in the evening when some organization was possible, includes from left to right (on the floor) Joe LaFleur, Leonard Slugs '52; (seated) Joy Michel, Joan LaFleur, Sara Beth Coughlin, Lydia Macklin, Phyllis Fernan, Cathy McCrum, Tom Hastings; (standing) Glen McChristian, Nancy Prehn, Lynn McCrum, Bob Prehn, Carolyn Johnson, Paul Coughlin, Kermit Johnson, Jo McChristian, Bob Macklin, and Doug Michel.

The coming football season seems to be ripe for a lot of get-togethers, parties, reunions, etc. so don't fail to write down some of the details, and anything else of possible interest, and send them to the Editor of *Assembly* at West Point or to Lieutenant R. L. Harris, 9824th TSU, Engr Sec, Columbus Gen Depot, Columbus 15, Ohio.

—Buck.

## 1952

Again the quarterly news goes to the press and will be circulated and read by the Class in as many lands as it originated. It is not extensive, but it is good news for the most part. Many are returning from Korea, and wives and families have joined others since the last issue.

No doubt many awards and decorations have been made which we haven't received news of yet. To those from whom we have received the worthy reports the Class extends congratulations to each of you. Among those receiving recognition for exemplary service was Bob Kimmel. Bob was awarded the Bronze Star prior to returning to the States. Here's hoping your next assignment will be a pleasant one, Bob. Ed Horan also received the Bronze Star for service in Korea. Ed and Joan are now on Okinawa. Karl Koenig was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for distinguishing himself by heroism on 14 June 1953. Without regard for personal risk, Karl moved from position to position coordinating the action and encouraging the men of his battery. He was successful in establishing an impenetrable position by his action and leadership. We lost a fine officer and close friend on 18 July 1953 when Karl was killed. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy. Bill Harrison also received the Bronze Star for action in Korea. Bill, who wears the CIB, is now with the 29th RCT in Okinawa. Colleen has recently joined Bill there. Tom Rehm received the Commendation Ribbon. He is aide to General Seitz, and was with the 40th and 45th Divisions prior to joining the 2nd Division. Ed Brown was awarded the Commendation Ribbon for service with the Engineers of Headquarters Eighth Army.

We have received news of only one marriage since the last issue; however, births have shown no decline. Hearty congratulations to the proud parents, be it your first or second child. A second boy, John Richard, was born to the Kingsleys on 10 May 1954. Glen is a flight instructor at Williams AFB, Arizona. A second girl, Kathryn Lynn, was born on 30 June to Tom and Jan Ayers, who are in the Canal Zone. A second baby, this time a boy, Jeffrey Allen, was born to Barbara and me on 22 June '54. Bob Burke, CO of the 48th Radio Controlled

Airplane Target Detachment at Fort Richardson, Alaska, sends news of a daughter, Randi. Bob, you and Dottie should keep us posted. Don't wait until the first birthday. A son, Carl, Jr., was born on 20 January '54 to Carl and May Broadbent. Carl and May were married in Salzburg, Austria on 21 February '53. Congratulations on both news events, Carl and May. The McClungs have a baby girl, Cynthia Ann, born on 10 January 1954. Tom and Dottie are at Perrin AFB now, but will return to Larson AFB, Washington, soon.

Leo Lennon, Gene Stokes, and Dave Lyon shared transportation while returning to the States. Thanks for the letter, Leo, and we hope your assignment is one of your choice. Dave joins the 3rd Division in Virginia. By the way, Dave, our friend, Luther Thompson, tells me your bridge game is still up to par. Assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, are Lloyd Rhiddlehoover and Bill Reilly. Both have recently returned from Korea. Bill included the names of others returning with them. They are: Jack Burkheimer, Mike Boos, Frank Boyer, Bob Dunn, Marsden Earle, Bob Kimmel, Bob Korcchek, Herb Schandler, Bob Underhill, and Don Weinert. Bob and Jo Underhill have reported for their assignment to Fort Campbell. Sorry we missed seeing you and Jo, but you should have spent the night anyway; the keys were in the mailbox, Bob.

Ted Loeschner writes a good letter including news of many Air Force files. He, Marge, and son, David, are at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. John and El Knags are stationed at McGee Tyson AFB, Tennessee. John is in Florida, TDY at Tyndall Field. Bill and Ruth Shields are assigned to Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Bill is TDY at Tyndall too. John and Bill must be getting the "poop" from "Swede Sambo" Berry, who is instructing at Tyndall. Art and Jane Peters are assigned to O'Hare AFB, Illinois. Rip Rider is at O'Hare also. He is the COMO officer. Preston and Nancy Maddocks, and Hank Carter and his wife, are at Stewart Field, Newburgh, New York. Hank and Hanny West are at Rapid City AFB, Rapid City, South Dakota. Bill and Ann Linkenhoger and their daughter are at Sioux City Municipal Airport, Iowa. Suzie and daughter have joined Don Richardson in Japan. Judy Webster and son, Keith, are en route to join Sherm in Japan. Marie McCoy and Karen have joined Mac in Anchorage, Alaska. Joe Urschel is instructing at Greenville, Mississippi. Ken and Betty Simonet, and baby, Bob Tanguy and wife are still at Bryan AFB, Texas. Bert Freeman and Clint Winne are in Bangor, Maine. According to most recent reports, Dick Baker, still a bachelor, is at McGuire AFB, New Jersey. Larry and Delphine and son, Larry, are assigned to Great Falls AFB, Montana. Thanks for the lengthy letter, Ted.

At Fort Richardson, Alaska, are John Cooke, Jerry Brisman, Homer Kiefer, Ike Eisenhardt, West Jones, and Bob Pheil. John Aker, Chuck MacGarrigle, Bill Schroeder, and Daniel Boone are in Fairbanks. Reports indicate that Bill Schroeder is doing a fine job commanding the leadership school. Wazzy Scaman and family, and George Rule, are with those named earlier at Tyndall. J. D. Hogan is in California, at George AFB. Bill McClelland is another assigned to Williams AFB.

I see Jack Mauer is keeping trim by playing baseball for the 1st Cavalry Division. Joanne joined Jack in Japan last May. From Japan comes word from "Jelly" Jelinek that a few of the boys are with the 187th. In addition to Jelly, Pat, and daughter, Patty Ann, Bill and Donna Geatches and

daughter, Leslie, are in the 674 BA Bn at Camp Wood. In the Infantry nearby are Hank and Helen Mosley and daughter, Kathy; Paul and Ann Malone; Ken and Betty Good; and George Grayeb. Jelly said Bob Sears stopped in before returning to the States, and that Bob had recovered completely from his wound. Stu Patterson, aid to General Schwartz, has also returned to the States. Bill Mitchell, aide to General Hoy, is with the Tactical Command USAF. Benny Reaves and family have recently moved from Augsburg to Munich. Bill Ritter joined the 7th Division during July. He is a battery commander. Commanding companies in the 7th Division are Dick Stanier and Ray Espey. Frank Benedict is the Bn 1 for Dick and Ray. Instructing in the 7th Combat Leaders' School are Frank Smith and Milt Sullivan. Jim Dietz, Thor Sundt, and Clyde Ernest are commanding engineer companies with the 13th Engineers. John Misch was welcomed to the 10th Division during July. He was assigned to the Tank Bn. and left in August to spend a few weeks at Camp Irwin, California. This is John's first assignment since returning from Korea. Between John and myself we should have more news for the next issue. Be sure to let one of us hear the good word. My address is Hq., 10th Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.

—“Willy.”

## 1953

I have sorted through all the letters that I have received this time; the ole typewriter is warmed up; and it is a terrific Fall day in Connecticut, so guess I can settle down to paying my respects to the Class and my few "loyal" readers. You know, the more people that write in, the longer it takes me to write this article, and I am a glutton for misery. Why don't each of you—man, woman, child, or distant relative—that glances at this contribution for those who remember, take a few spare moments and drop me a line?

Without further reflections, I will say that "proud papa" Karns is busily making the arrangements to present the class cup to the Zipps, who are currently in Europe. His drawback was that he was trying to follow the poop sheet and contact Jim Donahue, but, alas, he was nowhere to be found. Jim, Jim! Speak to us, boy, where are you?

Received news from Bob Porter, who is at Moody AFB in Georgia. Bob went there from Williams AFB in Arizona to fly F-94 interceptors. Bob and wife stopped by Lowry AFB to see the Bill Jolins, who had a boy in Feb., but missed them since they were on leave prior to shipping out to Germany. He heard from Dick Benz that after a month's leave in August, he was going to Alaska with Armored Infantry. An extract of the orders from Williams showed that Ray Kotowski was going to Mather AFB in California for advanced multi-engine training. Russ Groshans went to Tyndall AFB, Florida to meet the F-86 interceptor. John Johnson went to Lake AFB, Arizona to fly F-84's. The following went to Nellis AFB, Nevada for F-86 training: Bill Campbell, Frank Drew, John Olsen, Denny Zander, Jim Elliott, Leo Morton, and Ray Schroder. Chuck Lavender is in Primary Pilot training at Bainbridge, Georgia, and is due to graduate and get married in Sept. Bob found Ed Davis, Jimmy Jones (whose wife had twins in August), and Wally Leland at Moody when

he arrived. Ed Davis set a new record in Ground School there.

Joan Coverdale wrote that she and Craig are the parents of a girl, Sharon. They are scheduled to fly to Austria together in late Sept. Other parent news follows: to Pat and Cary Hutchinson, a boy, Steven; Jayne and Bob Daly, girl, Christine; Doris and Doug Waters, a boy, Douglas Gordon; Don and Sarah Shaw, a girl; Rick and Joyce Gilmartin, a boy, Ralph Brian; Drew and Marlene Dowling, a girl, Laura Anne; the Dave Bests, a boy; Ed and Jan Andrews, a girl, Jana; Guy and Betty Waller, a girl, Suzanne Marie; a boy to Herb and Lee Friesen; a boy to Ed and Bobbie Talley; a girl to Jim and Ann McCluskey; a girl to John and Maureen Meglen; a child to Bill and Mary Ann Rawlinson (I do not know the gender); and to Bill and Bert Stuart, a 10 lb. boy, Mark Bradley.

Tom Jones dropped a line from Pittsburgh. He has heard from Max Murrell, who is presently training a battalion of ROK's. John and Edie Oblinger are with the 11th Airborne at Camp Campbell. Al and Joan Merritt are at Fort Bliss while Al attends Skysweeper school. Tom and wife, Martha, are with 74th AAA Bn. Tom ran into Bill Cole and Ed Smith. Bill was on orders to Europe, and Ed on his way to Alaska. Tom is a Battery Cmdr., so he will be around when his wife gives birth to a baby in Sept.

Joyce Friedersdorff wrote to criticize me quite strongly for not mentioning the Field Artillery. I am truly sorry, Joyce, but if you or Chad would let me hear, it would never happen. Anyway, she didn't fuss at me all the time because she told me that she and Chad were married in March and then went to Bragg for jump training. Chad sailed for Europe in August with Bob Breckenridge, Bob Smith, Dick Durham, M. O. Hayes, and Somebody Harris.

Patsy Fischer says that if her brother, Dick, will not be loyal to the class, she will. She wrote to tell me that Dick is now in Berlin and really enjoying it. She also heard that George Garey is at Nellis AFB flying F-86's. Guy Waller wrote from Luke AFB, Arizona. He was shipped from Greenville AFB, Mississippi, along with Fred Jones and Dick Geer, for F-84 training. Guy sent an extract of their orders from Greenville. Those going to Nellis AFB, Nevada for F-86's are: Lloyd Boothby, Bill Fio Rito, Bill Hosmer, Jack Meyers, Lawrence Tatum, and Marion Todd. John Calvert, Lee Gray, Jim Landreth, and Joe Walters will report there at a later date. Ben Battle and Bob Beaucond are at Perrin AFB, Texas. James Selbe reports there later. Joe Brown went to Tyndall AFB, Florida.

Joan Walters sent news from Fort Hood, Texas. She says that the only married people there now are: she and Monty, Bob and Millie Albert, Hal, Joy, and young Scott Rhyne, and Bob and Sal Zargan. The bachelors there are: Johnny Smythe, Monti Lowry, Fred Glauner, Dave Horner, and Gene Blastos. Joan said that they had a surprise visit from Jim Effer. He is stationed at Kelly Field in San Antonio. He reports that he was the only member of our class at June Week this year.

Earl Chambers let me know the latest from AAA. Don Fuqua and he went to Fort Bliss in March to attend the G.M. school. Along with them from the Los Angeles area came Al Merritt; from the Seattle area came Dave Best and Curt Brewer. They were all connected with the "Nike" program, and will soon go back to their respective areas for nice two to three year tours. Earl said that Ed Andrews has done an excellent job as B.C. Ed and fam-

ily are leaving Fort MacArthur shortly for Europe. Dick Miller wrote for the 10th Infantry Div. at Fort Riley, Kansas. The five of our class left in the division are pleased with their move from Camp Polk, Louisiana. Two of the group got married (maybe in celebration). Frank Snyder to Janet Trinly and "Sandy" Meloy to Harriet Grizzard. As for the bachelors, John Scoblick is Honor Guard Commander, and Rolfe Arnhy and Dick are aides.

I received a letter from Lou and Sandra Kaufman. After reading about how fast they met and were married, I almost got nervous (being a staunch bachelor myself!). They met on a blind date in the latter part of March and were married in early June. Sandra was a dancer in Earl Carroll's show "Moulin Rouge" She was in N.Y.C. while we were at the Point (Wish I had known it), but Lou had to travel to Camp Irwin, California before meeting her. They have received orders to Panama in October. Since being at Irwin they have seen Bob Rose, Mike Cousland, John Tumperi, and Bob Butler.

Now for the overseas news. Bill Horton sent word from Korea. Since leaving his desk job in Pusan, Bill has been assigned as platoon leader of a Bridge Plt. in the 2nd Engineers. Also in the group are: Al Grum, Wayne Alch, Rod Smith, Jim Appleton, and Mike Kallman. In August some of the boys got together in the Officer's Club of the 378th Engineer Bat. for a steak dinner. Bill saw Jerry Goetz and Rich Leonard. Bill and Al Grum spent their R&R in Tokyo together, and they testify for the night life of that city.

Dick Durham sent chatter from Germany. He was at Fort Lewis, Washington with Jim Bambery, Bill Harris and Al Lindholm. Bambery left for Alaska, and Lindholm has orders for the Far East. Harris, Bob Breckenridge, M. O. Hayes, Chad Friedersdorff, and Dick all shipped to Germany together. Dick ran into Joe McGovern there.

Spark Jones wrote a letter from Korea. He was in the middle of the rainy season living in a tent, so things weren't too plush for him. He is Co. Exec. Norm Delbridge is Bn. S-3, Bob Bartlett is Bn. S-2 and Fred Reynolds is Exec. of another company. I heard from Bill Stuart, who is at Wheelus Field, Tripoli. Bill volunteered for Germany last Dec., but someone decided he should be a desert hound, so he ended up in Tripoli in Jan. Bill's wife, Bert, joined him in March and gave him a 10 lb. boy, Mark Bradley, in June. He is the only one of the class in the area, but he did run into Brentnall, who is headed for England.

Now for some rapid fire poop: Henry Purcell married Judy Culp in July; Chuck Doryland is at Bryan AFB Texas; Bob Smith married Nancy Twiford in Brooklyn; Rick Gilmartin is in Korea; Lillian and Clifford Worthy are expecting an heir in Feb. and are now at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Walt Henderson is assigned to the Honor Company that guards the Unknown Soldier; Bill Wubbena, Bob Daly, and Douglas Waters are battery commanders; Don Shaw has orders for Europe, along with Chuck Tighe and Bill Snead; Snead will be married to Edith Hartwig by the time this article is published.

That does it for this time. I trust that I haven't forgotten anything, if so, just drop me another line and straighten me out. The football season is starting, and I plan to take in several of Army's games, so maybe I will see some of you at them. My address is still: Bill Jefferson, 48½ Union Street, Rockville, Connecticut. See you all next time.

—Jeff.

## 1954

With sincere regret I report the death of John Borgatta in pilot training at Bainbridge Air Force Base, Georgia, on September 13th. The Class of 1954 extends its deepest sympathy to his wife and parents.

"Few have done anything except just exist in the expected routine of marriage or bachelorhood." Bill Schulz wrote that, and then proceeded to describe that "expected routine" as one to be expected from '54 only. So, here are the bits of news that you write for '54.

At Fort Benning the troops are separated into two companies, the 18th and the 103rd. The expected, ensuing rivalry culminated in a softball game. John Westerveldt, Pete Manus, Jerry Van Valkenburg, Don Old, Mack Reese, Dick Ziegler, John Rogers, Don Nowak and Bill Odom represented the 18th, won the game and a keg of beer from Pete Johnson, Frank Hart, Dick Hobbs, Jim Henry, Bob Elton, Dick Boe, and John Eckhardt. The 103rd promises retribution in other sports. The 18th boasts a mascot: Perin Mawhinney's brand new pup, affectionately dubbed "Iron Mike"—female sex notwithstanding. The pet craze is flourishing among the married folks at Pine Terrace. George and Jane Calhoun, Doodles and Deme Weaver, Tom and Gail Watlington, and Wade and Nancy Thompson, own one dog per family. But Bill and Salli Barnes win the prize with two dogs, two fish, and a cat. John Gilboux claimed that life in the BOQ just couldn't compare to home cooking, and was married on September 4th. To follow John's example shortly are Lowell Sisson, George Olmstead, Tom Mayberry, and Dave Thoreson. Thanks to the wives, life at Benning has been made more pleasant by "get acquainted" social gatherings—luncheons, card parties, cocktail parties, or just a big home-cooked meal for a hungry bachelor. The Pine Terrace set includes Hap and Joan Lieber, Andy and Val Underwood, Dave and Pat Macklin, Dick and Maxine Littlefield, John and Vivian Rogers, Norm and Joan Mattmuller, Gene and Kathy Donnelly—Kathy won \$30 at bingo—Tiny and Dorothy Tomsen, Luke and Nancy Callaway, Art and Audrey McCarthy, and Bill and Mary Kirby. Dick and Cay Kavanaugh had a small party for the Lockners, Greens, Jesses, plus two sad stags—Bob Stewart and Pete Hall. Bob Preuitt is promoting a convoy to the Duke-Army football game. John Shelter does more flying than most of our fly-boys; John has his own airplane, and makes a round-trip to New Jersey on weekends. Three gay airmen—Joe Yeager, Larry McFarland, and Warren Alverson—drove from Bainbridge Air Base just to visit the Infantry. Bob Weeks, en route to Dave and Bea Harris' wedding tangled with a telephone pole; in spite of 23 stitches and 3 weeks in the hospital at Fort Meade, Bob joined the class on time at Benning. Tom Mayberry had a slighter catastrophe when he sped thru a stop sign on post, and was threatened with a 45-day license suspension. Bob Mischak kept in shape by playing in the College All-Star football game. That's all for Benning. A special note of thanks to the ones who wrote the news: Dave Thoreson, Hap and Joan Lieber, Andre and Madeline Lucas, Dick and Cay Kavanaugh, and Bill and Lelia Schulz.

Prop Walker writes from Fort Sill that '54 scored another "first"—the first class to receive special instructions in the art of exchanging salutes. This was so successful that it is now a formal part of the

course. Earlier classes at Sill were a pleasant affair for some—a repeat of First Class Automotives. There, too, the newlyweds are spreading the social light and keeping the bachelors fat and happy. A few are Ken and Joan Brant, George and Marion O'Brien, Don and Marie Panzer, John and Betty Lohman, and the George Chancellors. Freddie Attaya left the BOQ to marry Mary Binger of Dallas in late August. Contemplating the same are Shap Drisko, Tom Young, Skip Forman, and Wally Christensen. Still solid bachelors, however, are Jerry Vigeo, Doug Stuart, Paul Miller, Bill McKinney, Jim Sloan, Art Lykke, Sam Halliday and Prop Walker. Thanks for the news, Prop.

At Fort Bliss, '54 is enjoying the coolest and wettest in El Paso's history. Revisiting Juarez are the men of the BOQ—Tom Stark, Jim Gibson, Paul Erickson, Paul Reistrup, Ed McCloskey, Art Sirkis, Ike Coron, Tom DeSimone, Pete Pilet, Ken Stewart, Jim Surber, John D'Aura, Jim Slogar, Bill Royals, Don Geiger, and the one malcontent, Mark Ormsby, who finally found the girl from hometown Kokomo, Indiana, and will marry Marilyn Crawford in October. Thanks for the news, Don Geiger.

The Engineers found the first weeks at Belvoir a snap, except that last hour at 1600—conditioning for Airborne and Ranger training. The married folks have housing troubles and the bachelors complain about the female situation—not enough of either to go around. Ames Albro left the troops for brighter days at Oxford. Jerry Lodge is playing fullback for the Fort Belvoir football team, and will begin the Officer Basic Course on December 15th. Rumors say that Dave Dimick and Bob Sale are hearing wedding bells. Paul Driscoll, as the guidon bearer, is boosting his reputation as class clown. A thank-you for the news to Gene and Andre Broumas.

The men at Monmouth are too busy living it up to write letters. Nevertheless, I was able to corner John Marcus over a few beers and get some incoherent bits of news. The five-week officers course has been supplemented by four weeks of preparation for Airborne and Ranger training. In the classroom the ROTC boys with electrical engineering degrees are winning the stars. The men from USMA have only won Saturday afternoon study hall for going "D" in a writ. Ed Aguanno did 70 m.p.h. in the Bronx, and paid a \$50 fine.

Leon Bryant writes for the Air Force that all is well on the Hondo chicken farm except there aren't enough hens for the roosters. The six girls in the town have it made. Life is casual at Hondo, since the only permanent officers are the base commander, the staff, and 20 check pilots. A gigantic officers club is being built 100 yards from the BOQ. Jody and Ann Rude threw a real beer bust so the troops could get acquainted. Ken Haff and his wife boast a TV set. Lil and Gene Allred always have the door open and the refrigerator full of beef for any poor bachelor who drops in. Others in the married set are Al and Doris Hamblin, Ron and Jill Morris, the Halls, Murphys, Carters and Suggs. The bachelors are always welcome.

Now let's have some news from you people. Letters are scarce as gold. The '54 column will be larger yet in the January issue. The deadline will be about December 10th. So let's have plenty of news, with plenty of names.

The address is the same: James G. Plunkett, 2 Highland Lane, North Tarrytown, New York. Best wishes to all.

—Jim.

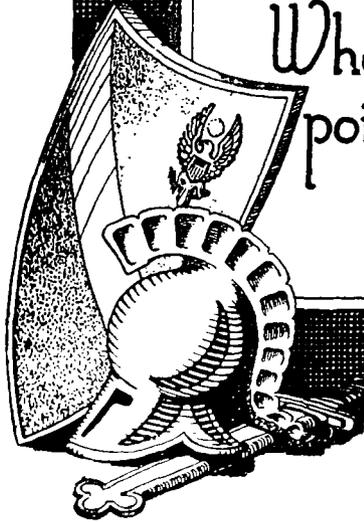
# LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the July 1954 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date	Place
William H. Anderson	1892	August 8, 1954	Reno, Nevada
George H. McManus	1893	August 27, 1954	Presidio of San Francisco, California
John R. Young	Ex-1897	June 14, 1954	Pasadena, California
Augustine McIntyre	1900	September 6, 1954	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Robert M. Campbell	1904	September 25, 1954	San Antonio, Texas
Ralph R. Glass	1904	July 10, 1954	Presidio of San Francisco, California
George Dillman	1905	July 26, 1954	El Paso, Texas
Patrick J. Morrissey	1907	July 25, 1954	Tucson, Arizona
Leonard H. Drennan	1908	September 30, 1954	Washington, D. C.
George R. Hicks	1911	July 19, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Carl F. McKinney	1911	August 13, 1954	San Antonio, Texas
Marcus R. Monsarrat	Ex-1916	September 10, 1954	Honolulu, T. H.
William C. Benton	November 1918	July 28, 1954	Denver, Colorado
Thomas B. Hedekin	1919	July 13, 1954	Denver, Colorado
Leo F. Kengla	1925	September 3, 1953	Flushing, New York
Forrest A. Hornisher	1927	September 17, 1954	Los Angeles, California
Robert J. Dwyer	1928	August 22, 1954	New York, New York
Luke B. Graham	1929	August 21, 1954	Casablanca, French Morocco
Thomas F. Taylor	1929	September 15, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Paul T. Carroll	1933	September 17, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Jewel B. Shields	1933	June 6, 1954	San Antonio, Texas
Kenneth R. Scurr	1945	August 25, 1954	Fort Sill, Oklahoma
John J. Halloran	1952	May 19, 1954	Near Keflavik Airport, Iceland
John R. Borgatta	1954	September 13, 1954	Near Bainbridge, Georgia

# *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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**Walter Augustus Bethel**

NO. 3295 CLASS OF 1889

DIED JANUARY 11, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 87 YEARS.

WALTER A. BETHEL was born in Freeport, Ohio, on November 25, 1866. He was the oldest of four children, two boys and two girls. His family was typical of the small community of that day, hard working and self reliant, but decidedly in moderate circumstances, financially speaking. His forefathers contributed their proportionate share to the military history of the country, but no member of his family had ever served in or shown any particular interest in the Regular Army or Navy.

As a schoolboy, though never an outstanding scholar, Bethel was definitely a better than average student; so much so that upon graduation from high school he was offered a position as a teacher in one of the local grade schools. While thus serving as a public school teacher, he happen-



ed to read a notice in a local newspaper to the effect that a competitive examination would shortly be held to select a candidate to fill a vacancy at West Point from his congressional district. This notice aroused his strong interest. The career of a Regular Army officer seemed attractive and he was especially impressed with the opportunity offered of obtaining an education at the college level, which until then had been beyond his reach. He took this examination along with about 20 other candidates, came out No. 2 in the final standing, and was appointed first alternate. At the last moment the principal was found to be five days over the maximum age limit for admission, and so Bethel was given the appointment.

While at West Point, Bethel continued to show ability as a student and graduated No. 14 in his class. Upon receiving his commission he was assigned to the Artillery. As a young officer, and for no particular reason, he became interested in the study of law. This interest developed to such an extent that while stationed at Fort McPherson, Georgia, he entered the Atlanta Law School as a student, in addition to his military duties, with the idea of becoming a Judge Advocate upon graduation. He was transferred from Fort McPherson before completing the course, but later

while on duty in Washington, D. C., he continued his law studies at Columbian (now George Washington) University and obtained the degree of L.L.M. in 1894. Many years later, and long after his retirement, Atlanta Law School, in 1940, conferred upon him the honorary degree of L.L.D.

After his graduation from Columbian he had to wait several years before a vacancy for him occurred in the Judge Advocate General's Department. Most of the time during this waiting period, however, he was assigned to duties of a legal nature. The vacancy finally occurred in 1903 and the remainder of his service was as a Judge Advocate.

In common with most Regular Army officers of his generation, his progress up the career ladder was rather slow and inconspicuous until World War I. Then he was selected by General Pershing to be Judge Advocate General of the A.E.F., and he held this position throughout the war, originally as a Lieutenant Colonel but shortly thereafter as Colonel and Brigadier General. After the war he reverted to the grade of Colonel but, in 1923, upon the retirement of General Crowder, he was appointed Judge Advocate General of the Army with the rank of Major General. A severe case of eye strain, from which he later largely recovered but which was thought to be permanent at the time, resulted in his retirement for physical disability in 1924.

After retirement he was appointed an attorney with the Mexican Claims Commission. His principal duty in this capacity was to represent various corporations and individuals who had suffered injuries or losses in Mexico during the revolutionary period of about 40 years ago, and to present their claims to the Commission for adjudication. He was engaged in this work for more than 20 years. He died at the age of 87 on January 11, 1954.

General Bethel considered his service as Judge Advocate General of the A.E.F. the peak of his military career, though he later attained even higher rank. He took great pains to maintain contact with his comrades and associates of those days, both American and Allied, and they in turn held him in the highest esteem. He was an enthusiastic member and supporter of the Baltic Society—the group of original members of Pershing's staff who accompanied him to Europe on the old S.S. *Baltic* in the spring of 1917. In his capacity as Judge Advocate General of the A.E.F. and later of the Army, General Bethel was eminently successful because he was both a good lawyer and a good executive.

His occupation with the Mexican Claims Commission was an ideal one for a retired officer with legal training. It was interesting work, but the compensation was largely contingent upon the successful adjudication and eventual settlement of the claims, and so the job could only with difficulty have been undertaken by other than a retired person. Another advantage of the job was that as General Bethel grew older the work decreased correspondingly as case after case was finally disposed of, but it did not cease entirely until 1947.

In 1904, while stationed at Vancouver Barracks just outside of Portland, Oregon, Bethel, then a Major, married Miss Elizabeth Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Strong of Portland. Three daughters were born of this marriage, of which the older two are twins. One of the twins, Miss Elizabeth Bethel, is employed at the National Archives, Washington, D. C.; the other is Frances Bethel Rowan,

wife of Brigadier General Hugh W. Rowan, U.S. Army, Retired, of Chevy Chase, Maryland. General and Mrs. Bethel owned a home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, where Mrs. Bethel still resides.

Bethel was a good athlete and interested in athletics generally. In his day, however, athletics at West Point were on an informal basis only, and there was but little opportunity for a cadet to win athletic distinction. Bethel's athletic reputation came later. As a young officer he took up tennis and developed marked proficiency in this sport. In 1903 he won the Pacific Northwest Championship in both singles and doubles, and for a number of years held a national ranking. He continued to play first class tennis until he was nearly 60 years of age, when impaired vision forced him to give it up.

Details of Bethel's life as a cadet are almost totally lacking to this writer—who is not a contemporary of his. His few still living classmates probably would not remember much about him as a youth in view of their advanced age. The story of how he got his nickname of "Peribo" might be of interest. Peribo was a poodle in a story the French class was reading. One day the instructor, calling upon Bethel to recite, said "Monsieur Peribo" instead of "Mr. Bethel", and his classmates thereafter always called him Peribo.

Bethel always had a deep affection for West Point and welcomed any assignment that would take him back there. He served two tours of duty on the academic staff. The first of these was as an instructor of Chemistry, History, and Law from 1895 to 1900. This tour was interrupted by a few months service in Puerto Rico during the Spanish American War and thereafter resumed. The second tour was as Professor of Law from 1909 to 1914. During this second tour he decided that he wished to be buried at West Point when his time came, so he obtained the allotment of a plot for himself and family in the Post Cemetery. He is buried there now, alone in his plot for the present, but surrounded on all sides by comrades who have marched with him through the years.

—H. W. R.

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**Paul Alexander Wolf**

NO. 3371 CLASS OF 1890

DIED JANUARY 12, 1954, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 85 YEARS.

THE services of Major General Paul A. Wolf in the United States Army extended from the Indian campaigns, in which he participated as a lieutenant, where the bow and arrow were the weapons used by the enemy, to World War I with its tanks and airplanes. A far cry indeed.

Early in his career General Wolf qualified himself as a Distinguished Marksman with the rifle. He was probably the best rifle shot in the Army for a number of years. It is believed he is the only general officer who ever tried out for a rifle team. At the conclusion of the American Expeditionary Force Rifle, Pistol and Musketry Competition at Le Mons, France, in 1919, General Wolf tried out for the American team which competed in the Inter-Allied games in Paris.

While in command of the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, after World War I, the General always coached his own reg-

imental rifle team. This writer's ears still burn from the remarks directed at him by the General when I almost missed getting off the 10th shot in rapid fire at 200 yards.

General Wolf was truly one of the greatest, if not the greatest sportsman in the Service. In addition to rifle shooting, he was an excellent tennis player, and, in his prime, a fine golfer. When not hunting or fishing he played nine holes of golf daily on the San Antonio Country Club course, almost to the day of his death. He enjoyed bowling, football and baseball. However, it is safe to say that his favorite sports were hunting and fishing. An expert with the shotgun, he loved to hunt quail, doves, ducks and geese, and he never came home without his share of the game. After his retirement he spent much time fishing at Tivoli, Texas.

His handsome head and face, finely chiseled features, military bearing, immaculate clothing, and his many campaign ribbons and decorations, made him stand out in any assembly. Loyalty to his unit, his officers and friends was one of the outstanding characteristics of the General. In him

story. He used the following story to illustrate the value of quick thinking:

When he was a lieutenant the General was the Mess Officer of an officer's mess. The rule in force was that any officer that complained about the mess automatically became mess officer. The General had been mess officer for several months and, try as he did, could get no one to complain about the meals. One morning as he was eating breakfast another lieutenant came in and sat down at the table, opposite the General. When his breakfast was brought to him he mumbled the following protest, just loud enough to be heard: "Coffee cold, eggs overdone and toast burnt". General Wolf was all ears and was listening intently for more of the complaint, thinking he would get rid of the job, when the officer looked at him, smiled sweetly and said, "But that is the way I like my breakfast"

In General Wolf's death the Army has lost a distinguished soldier of the old school, and all who knew him have lost a sincere friend.

—Harry M. Henderson,  
Colonel, USA, Retired.

and informal post life of that era. He had great charm and with his ability to play the violin in a delightful way, was a welcome member of the younger set. At this time he received his promotion to Captain and on November 4, 1901, he married Ethel Montgomery Kline, daughter of the Colonel of the 21st Infantry. Next came two years with the 21st Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Shortly afterwards he transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps. As a Captain he followed Army routine, and with his wife and two daughters moved to Fort Baker, Fort Moultrie and Fort Monroe, where he was a graduate of the regular and advanced class of the Coast Artillery School. He then moved to Fort Adams at Newport, Rhode Island. Life was pleasant in the old Coast Artillery forts, and in addition to his keen interest in his profession he enjoyed the opportunity for travel the Army afforded and the chance to know the people of the community in which he served.

In 1914, as a Major, he was ordered to the Philippine Department and was stationed in Tientsin, China. It was a long and



was embodied the nature of a diplomat as well as that of a commander who knew what he wanted. Wherever he was in command he prided himself on having a happy garrison.

Once having made a decision in a particular case, he never lost sight of the objective, come what might. He steered a straight course toward the goal, and allowed nothing to interfere with his course or put him on a side track.

The General was a good man, high principled, moral and honorable. Throughout his life he was an apostle of the motto of his beloved West Point: "Duty, Honor, Country"

Among General Wolf's decorations were the Distinguished Service Medal, awarded by his own government, the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre from France, and the Companion of the Bath from the British Empire.

As a young lieutenant he participated in the Indian campaigns, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the expedition to Vera Cruz, where he was appointed Governor of that city, and World War I. In World War I he commanded a brigade in the 33d Division.

The General was an entertaining and interesting host, and could tell a good

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**Thomas Francis Dwyer**

NO. 3654 CLASS OF 1895

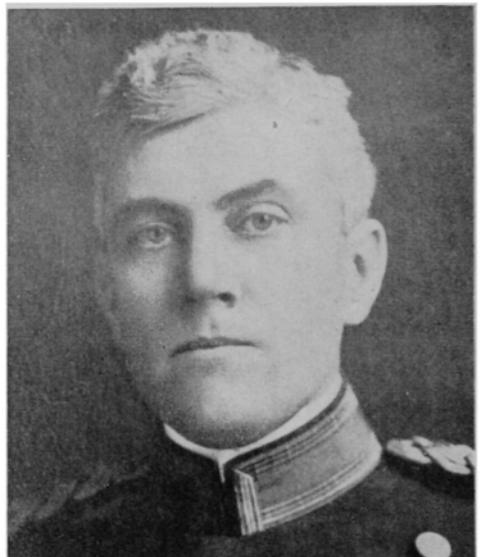
DIED OCTOBER 13, 1953, AT NEWPORT,  
RHODE ISLAND, AGED 79 YEARS.

THOMAS FRANCIS DWYER was born in Ireland, March 25, 1874, the son of John Dwyer and Elizabeth Nolan Dwyer. Soon afterwards John Dwyer, a teacher, brought his family to this Country for a visit, eager for the study and research offered here, but was drowned sailing on Long Island Sound. His family, at the insistence of friends, stayed on, and Tommy was educated at public schools in Stamford, Connecticut.

At sixteen he was offered an appointment to the Naval Academy but was dissuaded from acceptance on account of his youth, and the following year received an appointment from New York to West Point. There he entered with enthusiasm into the demanding academic work, the stiff drills and tactics, and hard play of those days. He often recalled the demerits received for being off limits while skating on the frozen Hudson. He graduated in June 1895—the youngest man in his class.

He was assigned to the 9th Infantry upon graduation, serving at Madison Barracks, New York, until the outbreak of the Spanish American War, where he went with his regiment, taking part in the siege and surrender of Santiago de Cuba, in June and July of 1898, and fighting in the battle of San Juan, on June 6th, 1898. Here he received the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

In 1899 the Philippine Insurrection took place, and after a brief tour at home at Madison Barracks he embarked for Manila. There, as a First Lieutenant in command of F Company, 9th U.S. Infantry during June, July, and August, he took part in numerous engagements in the vicinity of San Fernando and in the battle of Sindalon, August 9, 1899, and Angeles, October 11, 1899 in Luzon, and in the battle of Illoya in Panay, November 21, 1899. After peace came to the Islands he was stationed at Governors Island and Plattsburg Barracks, where he entered into the happy



varied trip and his children remember well how exciting and entertaining he made it for them in the colorful tropics and in the strange world of North China. They also have happy recollections of his ever present violin, as he played light opera, accompanied on the piano by his wife.

Shortly after his return to America we entered the First World War. In Boston he organized and was made Colonel of the 73rd Railway Artillery Regiment, C.A.C., and sailed for France. Later, he was transferred to the 53rd Railway Artillery Regiment, C.A.C., and commanded the 2nd Railway Subgrouping, 30th Artillery Brigade, at Charny, the unit being in action in support of operations of the First Army, including the 2nd and 13th French Corps, October and November 1918.

After the Armistice in 1918 he was in command at Fort Williams, Maine, then in rapid succession he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, the Army War College in Washington, and the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. While at the Naval War College the house at 92 Rhode Island Avenue was purchased, which later became home. A delightful three year tour in Panama followed, and then back to Rhode Island as Commanding Officer at Fort Adams. Not for long, however, as a differ-

ent type of assignment awaited him, and in 1927 he went to Santiago, Chile, as Military Attache, coming home to retire in 1929.

In the long years of retirement he found time to pursue the interests that meant so much to him. He had a great love for books and was extremely well read. He was blessed with a "green thumb" and his vegetable gardens were as well ordered as a flower garden. He took pleasure in the great outdoors and every aspect of nature. He also enjoyed motoring and drove the length and breadth of our Country, always filled with admiration for its splendid contrasts. But visits to West Point really meant more to him than anything else. He felt that the Corps of Cadets was unsurpassed anywhere and that West Point through the years had made an immeasurable contribution to our nation.

He and his wife drove to West Point to spend the day during June Week, 1953—his 58th reunion. It was his last parade, for on their return to Newport he was taken ill and died at the Naval Hospital in Newport on October 13th. Funeral services were at Arlington National Cemetery. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Frances, wife of Major General William P. Ennis, Jr., and Kathleen, wife of Vice Admiral Frank G. Fahrion; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Thomas F. Dwyer was an officer of the highest integrity and efficiency. He was a man of strong convictions and deep loyalty. He made no compromises and always gave the Army his best. No graduate was more devoted to his Alma Mater or lived more closely to the principles for which she stands, and from his youth to the end, it was always a source of the greatest happiness and pride that he was a part of the Long Gray Line.

—F. D. E.

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**Francis Amory Pope**

NO. 3946 CLASS OF 1900

DIED APRIL 29, 1953, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 77 YEARS.

FRANCIS AMORY POPE, kindly and faithful friend to his classmates, died at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C., on April 29, 1953. His death, happily, was not preceded by any lingering painful illness.

He was born in Monticello, Iowa, on July 2, 1875. Although a "Kansas farmer" at the time of his appointment to the Academy, Francis was descended from many distinguished families of New England, including fifty-three direct lines from the Pilgrims of the *Mayflower*. He was a direct descendant of Miles Standish, John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, William and Alice Mullins, Isaac and Mary Allerton, Francis Cooke, Francis Eaton, Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins, John and Elizabeth Howland, John and Elizabeth Tilley, Delgory Priest, Thomas Rogers, Henry Samson, George Soule and Richard Warren—all *Mayflower* passengers. He was also a direct descendant of Robert Cushman, who arranged in England for the historic voyage of the *Mayflower*, and of Kenelm Winslow, brother of Governor Edward Winslow. For ten years he served with distinction as Captain General of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Virtually all of his male ancestors

of those times fought in the Colonial and Revolutionary Wars.

In his quiet, modest way, Francis Pope reflected credit upon this distinguished lineage, than which there is none better. He was a man and a gentleman, with all the virtues those words imply; a kindly, companionable and faithful friend, and a helper to those in need. Possessed of a sound and keen intellect he easily stood near the top of his class always, rising even to the "stars"

Colonel Pope's service was in the Corps of Engineers, during which he participated actively in nearly all of the varied duties of the Corps: as a troop commander from company to regiment; a long tour of constructive service in the Militia (National Guard) Bureau; as Engineer of the Board of Road Commissioners of Alaska, in charge of all Federal engineering work in that territory; as Instructor of Engineering at West Point; early surveys in the mapping of the Philippine Islands; field work in connection with the raising of the Battleship *Maine* in Havana Harbor; as Record-



er of the Board of Engineers, U.S.A., and of the New York Harbor Line Board; River and Harbor and Fortification duties in many localities; as Chief of the Lake Survey; and as Department Engineer of the Philippine Department.

During World War I Colonel Pope served as Chief Engineer of the 90th Division A.E.F., and as commander of the 315th Engineers of that Division. He participated, in command of his regiment, in both the San Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne Offensives. Colonel Pope trained his new regiment in duty and loyalty by the force of his own example.

Colonel Pope was a member of many societies, including the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of American Military Engineers, the National Geographic Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C.

On September 30, 1934, he was retired for physical disability in line of duty; thereafter devoting his time to extended travel and genealogical research.

A splendid man has departed from our midst, but his memory will remain green in the hearts of those who knew him.

Colonel Pope was married in New York City July 14, 1925, to Dolly Barber, daughter of Judge Nathan Hampson Barber. They had no children.

No man may be known better than by his wife. Colonel and Mrs. Pope were an exceptionally congenial and happy couple. Here is what she has to say of him:

"It is my privilege to express from the intimacy of nearly three decades of a happily married life, my appreciation of a character of noble attributes, that of my dear husband, Francis Amory Pope. Ours was a rarely congenial companionship, not only because of mutual affection, but because of mutual literary and other interests.

"Colonel Pope left manuscripts representing his painstaking, accurate work over an extended period. This work related to lives of many of the founders of New England and will be printed in book form as soon as I shall have arranged for the publication. Colonel Pope's profound respect for Pilgrim ideals is noteworthy.

"Brought up on the Western Frontier, he was keenly aware and interested in the possibilities for development of the West.

"As he grew up on the family farm he was industrious and conscientious in the usual duties which fall to young boys and men on a farm. He acquired much of his early education through his own efforts, retreating to quiet places where he could study alone. He had a very fine appreciation of nature and of art, and an exceptionally broad outlook upon life, gained through a varied experience.

"Industrious by nature, Colonel Pope did not indulge much in ease, although he was very friendly, congenial and companionable. His generosity was so unbounded that he denied himself to give to many others; particularly was he interested in helping youth to gain an education.

"In his later years, Colonel Pope had a desire to visit his early home in Kansas. Had he lived longer, and had he been physically able, he would have made a pilgrimage to the place where he spent his earliest years, where he lived and worked when young, until he left to gain a West Point education. Revisiting his old home was a dream which, sadly, was not fulfilled. He talked very often of the people he had known in his early days. However, while there may have been dreams unfulfilled, his career proved a shining example of a destiny fulfilled. He lived a useful life and a happy one, and was laid away with military honors in beautiful Arlington Cemetery."

—P. S. Bond.

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**James Andrew Mars**

NO. 4155 CLASS OF 1903

DIED JANUARY 23, 1954, AT DENVER, COLORADO, AGED 75 YEARS.

COLONEL JAMES ANDREW MARS was born at Galesburg, Illinois, April 10, 1878, the son of Hiram M. Mars, a lumber merchant, and Elizabeth Smith Mars.

James attended grammar and high school and graduated at Knox College, at Galesburg, with the degree of Bachelor of

Arts, in 1899, just before he entered the Military Academy.

During the following four years, he led the usual life of a cadet. He was a cadet sergeant in his Second Class year, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, June 11, 1903, number 34 in a class of 93.

For the next fourteen years, he served in the Second, Eleventh, Sixth, and Tenth Cavalry Regiments, as a second lieutenant, first lieutenant, March 11, 1911, and captain July 1, 1916, performing the usual duties of a troop officer, with the exception of eight months from September 9, 1915 to May 4, 1916, at the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he completed the first year course.

He had two tours of duty in the Philippine Islands, February 18, 1904 to January 26, 1906, and January 5, 1909 to May 15, 1912. On the first tour he was stationed at Pasay Garrison and participated in the Cavite Campaign. On the second tour he was at Camp Overton, Mindanao, and Jolo,



and took part in the campaign against hostile Moros and the fight at Bud Dajo. His troop commander writes that he rated Mars as one of the most efficient, courageous and gallant officers he ever knew.

He also took part in the expedition into Mexico in 1916.

On November 3, 1906, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, he married Marion Elizabeth Burr, the daughter of William H. Burr, Professor of Engineering at Harvard and Columbia Universities, consultant on the Holland Tunnel and also distinguished as the author of many works on engineering.

Mars was appointed a temporary major in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps on November 28, 1917, a temporary lieutenant colonel, Signal Corps, February 26, 1918, and a temporary colonel, Air Service, May 24, 1919. He was promoted to the regular grade of major of Cavalry July 1, 1920, and transferred to the Air Corps, August 6, 1920, remaining in the Air Corps as a major and lieutenant colonel, March 9, 1927, until his retirement, as a colonel, for physical disability on October 31, 1934.

During these seventeen years, he was Director of Aircraft Production at Washington, D. C., Chairman of the Claims Board, Air Service, and Chief of the Liquidation Division, Air Service, from December

20, 1918 to October 10, 1919, and again in the offices of the Assistant Secretary of War and the Chief of the Air Service, from September 1, 1921, to September 1, 1925.

He was a graduate of the Army War College, June 1, 1921, the Balloon School at Ross Field, California, September 1, 1921, the Air Service Balloon and Airship School at Scott Field, Illinois, July 1, 1926, and the Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Observation Course, at Kelly Field, Texas, March 1, 1927.

He commanded the Aviation General Supply Depot at Middletown, Pa. October 9, 1919 to August 15, 1920, and the San Antonio, Texas Air Depot, June 1, 1927 to July 8, 1929.

He served a tour in Panama as Department Air Officer and commanding officer of France Field, the Panama Air Troops and the Panama Air Depot, July 20, 1929 to July 14, 1931.

At the time of his retirement he was stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois, as Post Commander and Commandant of the Air Corps Technical School.

Following his retirement he and his wife resided in San Antonio, Texas. He interested himself in several civic activities in association with the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, including considerable study of highway problems. He was President of the International Highway 87 Association for some time.

He and his wife were great lovers of the Southwest and the wide open spaces and, after leaving San Antonio, they divided most of their time between Colorado and Arizona, motoring many thousands of miles through the extreme Western and Northwestern part of the United States.

For the last five and one half years before his death, he had been in very poor health.

He died in the Veterans Hospital at Denver, Colorado, and according to his wishes, his ashes were scattered over the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

He is survived by his widow; his sister, Mrs. Warren O. Perkins of Williams, Arizona; and his son, James Andrew Mars, Jr., born October 12, 1907, and now residing at Denver, Colorado.

—O. G. Collins, '03.

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**Philip John Radcliffe Kiehl**

NO. 4381 CLASS OF 1905

DIED MARCH 30, 1954, AT McALLEN, TEXAS, AGED 72 YEARS.

PHIL KIEHL was born at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, December 2, 1881, the eldest child of Frederick and Mary Elizabeth Radcliffe Kiehl. He began his education at Waukesha, Wisconsin, and graduated from the Manitowoc, Wisconsin, High School. By the time he was twelve years old he had made up his mind to go to West Point. When he was about eighteen he read of a competitive examination being held that day in Madison, where he went at once without notifying his parents. He passed high enough to be designated as first alternate and when his principal failed physically, Phil entered the Military Academy on June 11, 1901. During his cadet days he applied himself to his academic and

military duties and he graduated No. 43 in a class of one hundred and fourteen in June 1905.

Phil sought and received assignment to the 13th Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas. Later, he was stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in the Philippines and at San Antonio, Texas, and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He was an instructor at the Military Academy in the Department of Modern Languages from 1912 to 1916. Despite his protests Phil spent the World War I years of 1916-1918 in Hawaii, and he returned to the States in 1918 for an eight month stay in Letterman General Hospital. From there he went to the Texas border in April 1919 and served with the Cavalry at Camp McAllen and Camp Mercedes until August 1920 when he transferred to the Ordnance Department as major. His first assignment in his new branch was in command of the Erie Ordnance Reserve Depot, La Carne, Ohio. Later he was Ordnance Officer of the 4th Corps Area, Fort McPherson, Georgia, of the 8th Corps Area at San Antonio, Texas, the 7th Corps Area at Omaha, Nebraska, and at the Field Artillery School.



His Ordnance assignments included command of San Antonio Arsenal and two tours in command at Benicia Arsenal.

Phil graduated from a two-year course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1932. He was then assigned to command the Benicia Arsenal and, in 1940, he was again assigned to that command after five years on the 7th Corps Area staff. He retired as a colonel on March 31, 1942, at his own request after more than forty years service. In all his assignments it was characteristic of him that all his duties were carefully and efficiently performed. His long service at Benicia Arsenal resulted in many friends in that vicinity, who provided an exceptionally fine floral tribute for the funeral services.

Phil was married to Grace Northall Burnett in New York City on June 14, 1905. This union ended in a divorce. A daughter, Mrs. Jane K. Philips, and a grandson, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, survive him. He is also survived by a brother, F. Emon Kiehl, of Forest Grove, Oregon, and by a sister, Mrs. W. W. Taylor, of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. On March 27, 1922 Phil married Mrs. Eva F. Hall at Fort McPherson, Georgia. She survives him and remains at the family residence, 1306 Jasmine, McAllen, Texas. Phil is also survived by her four children: Mrs. Herman

F. Meier, of Brownsville, Texas; Mr. Edward A. Hall, of Benicia, California; Mrs. George T. Nolan, also of Benicia, California; and Mr. Justin Hall, with the U. S. Engineers in Japan.

From 1942-1946 Phil and Eva, his wife, operated a citrus ranch near McAllen, Texas, but they had to give it up when Phil was unable to give it his full attention. In October 1952 he underwent an operation for a malignancy, which was the direct cause of his death on March 30, 1954 in the McAllen Municipal Hospital. Funeral services were conducted in McAllen by the Reverend Eugene Wood and interment was in the San Antonio National Cemetery on Thursday, April 1, 1954, with Chaplain George Conner officiating. Pallbearers included Major General Walter E. Prosser, '05; Major General Joseph A. Green, '06; Colonel Joseph C. King, '06; Colonel Charles A. Lewis, '06; Colonel Richard H. Jacob, '06; Colonel Kinzie B. Edmunds, '04 and Colonel Carter Reynolds.

Quiet and unassuming, Phil spoke little, but what he said meant much. He was serious about his work and he had a loyal following of young officers and civilian employees wherever he was stationed. He served his country well.

—A Classmate.

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**John Monroe Banister, IV**

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1911

KILLED IN ACTION, OCTOBER 30, 1917, AT  
PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, FLANDERS,  
BELGIUM, AGED 28 YEARS.

JOHN MONRO BANISTER, IV, the subject of this sketch, was a member of the Classes of 1911 and 1912, U.S.M.A. He was born at Fort Sherman, Idaho, (then known as Fort Coeur d'Alene) on February 11, 1889, the son of Captain (later Colonel) John Monroe Banister, III, Medical Corps, U. S. Army, and Maude Edmundson Banister.

He was appointed to the U.S.M.A. by senatorial appointment from Alabama, en-



tering West Point with the Class of 1911 on June 15, 1907, and, on account of illness was placed on sick leave from October 21, 1907, to March 15, 1908, at which time he joined the Class of 1912, which had just entered on March 2, 1908. Due to difficulty

with mathematics he was discharged on July 9, 1908, and then entered civilian life, following various pursuits until the outbreak of World War I, when he enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1916 and went overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Enlisting in an outfit which he supposed was slated for immediate overseas service he discovered that it was due for lengthy service in Canada. Such was his zeal for action that he stowed away on the transport carrying the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles, was forgiven all on account of his good intentions, and was accepted with a clean record in the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles. His first action as a Private in this regiment occurred on January 22, 1917. His organization was somewhat later shot to pieces; and prior to its reorganization Private Banister was transferred to the 15th Canadian Machine Gun Company, and served with it throughout the campaign of Vimy Ridge. When the Second Mounted Rifles was finally reorganized, Private Banister rejoined his original outfit. On October 30, 1917, at Passchendaele Ridge, in Flanders, Belgium, in the third battle of Ypres, he was seen to fall wounded under heavy enemy fire and before the objective had been gained. Shortly afterwards the enemy put down such a heavy barrage that on the following day when stretcher bearers searched that portion of the battlefield there was no trace of his body. Thus died a gallant and heroic classmate, in a foreign uniform and on foreign soil, serving the Allied cause and upholding the finest traditions of the military service.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row.

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If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields."

John Monroe Banister, IV, is survived by two brothers and two sisters: Percival B. Banister, Class of November 1918, U.S.M.A., now on the Investment Management Staff of the Calvin Bullock Company, New York; Dr. Edwin B. Banister, formerly Captain, 30th Infantry, 3rd Division, A.E.F., now serving on the staff of the U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital, Whipple, Arizona; Alice Banister, now Mrs. Herbert E. Buell, residing at 3190 Cliff Road, Birmingham, Alabama; and Maude Banister, the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Barnard, Field Artillery, USA, whose address is 1512 Mimosa Lane, Santa Barbara, California.

—R. T. S., '12

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**Lewis Andrews Nickerson**

NO. 5025 CLASS OF 1912

DIED FEBRUARY 18, 1954, AT SAN DIEGO,  
CALIFORNIA, AGED 63 YEARS.

COLONEL LEWIS ANDREWS NICKERSON died suddenly on February 18, 1954, at his home in San Diego, California, where he had lived since his retirement on July 31, 1950. It was sad and shocking news of the unexpected passing, as he enjoyed good health.

Any attempt at a word picture of the life of Lewis Nickerson would have to emphasize those magnificent spiritual characteristics that marked him especially as a man all along his course on this earth; genuine love for the world about him;

human understanding and good humor; unswerving loyalty and honesty, devotion to his family; his job as a soldier, and his fellow-man; modesty, humility and dignity; and kindly consideration for others. The West Point training, the West Point memories, and the West Point inspiration, formed the core and the directing and motivating force in his life. Everywhere he lived and served, he translated into every day terms of living the ideals embodied in the West Point motto: "Duty, Honor, Country". In brief, Lewis Nickerson stood out as a Christian gentleman and soldier of the highest type.

Lewis Nickerson was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, the son of Levi and Ida Simms Nickerson. He was graduated from the Sawyer School and Gloucester High School. He entered West Point in 1908 and graduated 8th in the Class of 1912. Lewis Nickerson was of the group that maintained an unbroken line of Gloucester West Pointers from 1896 through the early 1920's. An interesting fact also is that his son, Donald K. Nickerson, was appointed a cadet by the late Congressman A. Platt Andrew—the



only instance of a father and son appointed from the Sixth Massachusetts district.

After graduation Nickerson was assigned to the Coast Artillery, and in 1915 was assigned to the Ordnance Department. Upon retirement he participated in civic and veterans affairs; was a fishing enthusiast; and liked to travel.

Colonel Nickerson had four sons. Three sons served in the Second World War. He is survived by his widow and three sons. One son, David G. Nickerson, Class of 1938, United States Naval Academy, was killed in action on the Destroyer U.S.S. "Cushing" off Guadalcanal in November 1942. Donald K. Nickerson, Class of 1939, United States Military Academy, served in Germany, and Richard A. Nickerson, a graduate of the University of California, was an Ordnance Officer in Iran. Fred E., the youngest son, Class of 1950, United States Military Academy, served in Korea.

Those who served with Lewis Nickerson, and who knew and loved him, will forever miss the warmth of his affection, the breadth of his wisdom, and the depth of his convictions.

His remains rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

—A Friend.

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## John Nicholas Smith, Jr.

NO. 5078 CLASS OF 1912

DIED JUNE 13, 1953, AT NEW YORK CITY.

AGED 63 YEARS.

STRANGE are the destinies of man. It is safe to say that on our graduation day not a single member of the Class of 1912 dreamed that their popular and rugged classmate John Smith would become a humanitarian of note and great accomplishment. Such was to be the destiny of our beloved classmate.

John Smith was born in Elizabeth City County, Virginia, and grew up at Hampton by the sea. Thus, sailing and swimming were early interests in his life, and the natural result of being the son of a Nordic father who was a shipmaster at the early age of twenty-three. John was, in his younger years, a powerful swimmer, with a grace in the water that was a delight to see.

Young Smith's early ambition was to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. This ambition he gained only to the extent of acquiring an alternate appointment. He was, however, more successful in obtaining admission to West Point and entered on 2 March 1908. It is an interesting fact that the following year he was offered a principal appointment to Annapolis but elected to remain at West Point.

By graduation in 1912, Smitty was thoroughly known and well liked by his classmates. He was, that early, a man's man, and this remained a dominating characteristic all his life.

His branch was Infantry, a selection which took him, as a second lieutenant, to the 3rd Infantry at Madison Barracks and then to Plattsburg Barracks, New York; and in 1915 to the 1st Infantry at Schofield Barracks, T. H. In the latter regiment he gained his promotion to first lieutenant and captain. The outbreak of World War I occurred while he was in the Islands and with the 1st Infantry, a regiment destined to remain in the Islands for a large part of the War period. Smith made his bid in April 1918 for deeper involvement in the War by requesting transfer to another branch. In this he failed, but on his request for transfer he received a testimonial by his Commanding General, Major General H. C. Hodges, Jr., which stated in part, "I can say absolutely that he is a thoroughly competent officer and capable of filling the position to which he desires assignment"

In June 1918 John came back to the States with the 1st Infantry. While in the Islands, in addition to regimental duties, he served as Department Adjutant, Assistant Chief of Staff, Department Inspector, and Military Censor of Mails to and from the Orient. It was during these assignments that his unusual ability and capacity for administration became evident.

In June 1918 there was promotion to Major, N.A. and a detail in the Adjutant General's Department with station in Washington. With his administrative ability, it did not take him long to gain a position of prominence in The Adjutant General's Office. He was placed in charge of the World War Division of The Adjutant General's Office and later became the Executive to The Adjutant General for the complete administration of the Adjusted Compensation Act, commonly known as the Bonus Law. In his file there are two official commendations by The Adjutant General, Major

General Robert C. Davis, for "superior" work in both capacities. John was also the recipient of a letter of appreciation and commendation from the 1st Division Society and Memorial Association for the prompt and efficient manner in which the names of the war dead of the Division were compiled and checked.

On April 23rd, 1928, after twenty years of outstanding service, Smith resigned from the Regular Army to join with his former chief, General R. C. Davis, in a business venture. This was the end of his military service except in an inactive status as a colonel of the Adjutant General's Reserve. In 1942 he was called for active duty with The Adjutant General's Office. To this, response was promptly made, but John could not pass the physical examination, not even for limited duty.

Thus in 1928 started the civil side of our classmate's career. This crystalized in the thirties into the mission and purpose which inspired him until the day of his passing. In 1933 he became the Director of the Institute



for the Crippled and Disabled, 400 First Avenue, New York City.

In this capacity, he added to his great administrative ability a great understanding of the opportunity and the overall requirements of his position. His success in this final career is evidenced not only by the expansion of the Institute he directed, by the prominence he gained in the national effort to help and utilize the handicapped, but also by the love and respect in which he was held by those with whom and for whom he worked.

The following is an extract from a letter written after John's death by a classmate mourning his passing:

"Two years ago I called on him at the Institution for the Disabled and Crippled. He invited me to lunch and I stayed the afternoon there. John showed me over with much justifiable pride, and what had been accomplished with the most helpless of all individuals.

"It required heart of a rare sort to administer such an Institution. He possessed heart in a marked degree. He gave me the opportunity to observe the admiration and affection with which he was regarded by his staff, by his colleagues and by the afflicted"

John was a pioneer in the concept of total rehabilitation, which called for social adjustment and medical care for the victims of crippling accidents and disease, as well

as for vocational training. It was under his administration that the Institute was enlarged to include these services, coordinated by one management.

He also played an important role in bringing about the professional affiliation of the Institute with Columbia University and the Presbyterian Hospital, an event which formally took place in January 1952. This affiliation provided for a long range three-phase effort in the field of rehabilitation, to include teaching, research, and actual treatment and care of the handicapped.

Activities within his adopted field of endeavor extended beyond the bounds of his Institution. He was an adviser to government and private agencies concerned with the health, welfare and employment of the handicapped. At the time of his death, he was an executive committee member of the President's committee on the employment of the handicapped, and co-chairman of this group's sub-committee for the study of workman's compensation problems. He was also Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Sheltered Workshops to the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. He was a member of the National Rehabilitation Association and of the West Point Society of New York. He was cited for distinguished service by the President's Committee on National Employment of the Physically Handicapped Week.

Ill health caught up with John while he still felt that his mission in life was not fully accomplished. Hence he remained occupied in his great work until almost the day of his death. His death may even have been hastened by such zeal, for it was a trip in connection with his work, against doctor's orders, that resulted in his admission to Presbyterian Hospital in New York, very shortly before his death on the 13th of June 1953.

John Smith was buried in Arlington National Cemetery and there will rest with his military comrades. Twelve of his classmates were at his graveside as the final taps was sounded. The day before, his loyal staff and those of the Institute, with New York classmates gathered in a memorial service at St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City.

The memory of the man is well assured. In the National Cemetery at Arlington is his monument among the Country's illustrious dead. At the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, there has been recently dedicated a memorial plaque with the following significant inscription:

IN MEMORIAM  
Colonel John N. Smith, Jr.  
U.S.A. Retired.

Director  
Institute for the Crippled and Disabled  
1933-1953

"It is heartening to know how many of the seriously disabled can be rehabilitated through the skillful and interrelated application of the various professional processes—physical, mental, social, vocational and economic. . ."  
J. N. S., Jr.

This memorial is dedicated to his memory by his fellow members of the Executive Committee of the President's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

November 19, 1953

Added to such material evidence is the living memorial left in better methods and greater interest and capacity for the ever-

lasting benefit of mankind. Greatest of all however, and one which John would have most cherished, is the affection and gratitude in the hearts and souls of the host of those who were aided to face life better, through his help and guidance.

Thus did our beloved classmate, in his own individual way, work out the charge given him by his Alma Mater of "Duty, Honor, Country"

Colonel Smith is survived by his sister, Mrs. Joseph A. Jefferies of Washington, D. C.  
—E. C. R., '12

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**Wilson Gordon Saville**

NO. 6039 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918  
DIED FEBRUARY 14, 1954, AT HOUSTON,  
TEXAS, AGED 56 YEARS.

As picturesque as it is patriotic, the saga of Wilson Gordon Saville's career is one



to hold any listener's interest. Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was still an Indian Reservation when young Wilson was born there, December 9, 1897, to Cora Gordon and Mathew E. Saville. His father, then a second lieutenant in the Army, had charge of the Indian Reservation at that time, and Chief Geronimo, one of the mightiest of the Indian chieftains, stood as the young lad's godfather.

His childhood was spent in various Army posts in the U.S., Alaska, and Cuba until 1915, when he received his appointment to West Point. Here he distinguished himself as an honor student, graduating in 1918 near the top of his class, with his B.S. degree and a second lieutenant's commission in the Engineer Corps. He attended post graduate courses at the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, from 1918 to 1920.

Having missed out on World War I, early in 1920 he resigned from the Army and accepted an engineering position with the Phelps-Dodge Copper Co. in Bisbee, Arizona. After a few months he moved to Houston into the oil business. The following five years were scintillating in their productivity and in Mr. Saville's broad training in the oil business. He filled exacting engineering assignments, worked as a scout and landman and geologist, first

with Amerada Petroleum Co., and later with its affiliate, the Rycade Oil Co.

But all these well executed jobs were, after all, merely background, and a mind as original as Mr. Saville's naturally sought wider opportunities. Accordingly, in 1925, with the first appearance of geophysics, he recognized a very important new development in oil finding and he organized the Torsion Balance Exploration Co., the first American geophysical consulting company. So successful did this initial venture prove that he later organized the Texas-Louisiana Exploration Co., a seismograph company, and later the Gravity Meter Exploration Co. Mr. Saville became the Senior Partner in the Gravity Meter Exploration Company.

But Mr. Saville's career, apparently operating so splendidly, received a violent shock—like many another—when bombs crashed on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Saville immediately offered his services and was promptly given the post of District Engineer in Galveston, Texas, in charge of all military construction in South Texas and South Louisiana. He was directly responsible for the rapid and efficient construction of many air fields, ordnance plants, docks, etc., totalling some 200 million dollars in value. The War Department cited him for this work and gave him a military medal for his outstanding work in this field. By 1943 the then Colonel Saville had worked himself overseas, and was made Chief of the Operations Branch of the Engineering Division of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces — in General Eisenhower's top level staff. He was decorated several times by our government and by our allies for his important work on this staff. He requested his discharge shortly after VE Day and was returned home and given his honorable discharge in August 1945.

In 1922 Mr. Saville was married to Miss Floy Barnhardt, the daughter of General G. C. Barnhardt, a classmate of Mr. Saville's father. They were the parents of four children: Rodman, who was graduated from West Point and served 9 months in Korea, now out of the Service and living in Houston; David, now a Lieutenant in the Air Force in Korea; Floy, Mrs. A. H. Hedden, now living in Houston; and Rosalind, Mrs. Myles Morris, now in New York.

Among other activities, Mr. Saville served two terms as Chairman of the Houston Port Commission, as Chairman of the Port Terminal Railroad Association, and as Chairman of the Houston Port and Traffic Bureau. He twice served as Director of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. He was a member and past-president of the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club. He was a member of the River Oaks Country Club, Houston Club, Ramada Club, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, Society of Economic Geophysicists, American Geophysical Union and Houston Geological Society.

His favorite hobbies were hunting, fishing and tennis, and he took time to indulge in them. Primarily a man of action, Wilson Gordon Saville was likewise a man of thought, of unusual and original vision, and one of the truly creative minds of the oil industry.

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**Harold Edward Smyser**

NO. 6716 CLASS OF 1920  
DIED JANUARY 28, 1954, AT SAN ANTONIO,  
TEXAS, AGED 56 YEARS.

ON February 2, 1954, Colonel Harold E. Smyser was escorted to his grave in Arling-

ton National Cemetery by a fine company of his beloved Infantry.

Entering West Point in the summer of 1918, Harold graduated in 1920 and was commissioned in the Infantry. After graduation from the Basic Course at Benning he was assigned to the 14th Infantry in Panama. Shortly after his return to the States he was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he served with distinction for five years. He was appointed aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Perry L. Miles on a succession of brigade assignments in which his principal duty was that of training officer. This four year tour of duty culminated when General Miles assumed command of the First Division and Harold continued with his training mission. Thereafter he commanded a company in the 18th Infantry.

With the outbreak of World War II, a joint Service agreement was adopted which placed responsibility upon the Army for the landing force phases of amphibious operations in the Atlantic. Harold was one



of that small select group of Army officers ordered to the Quantico Marine Base to absorb the Marine philosophy of these difficult special operations and to modify their methods and procedures to fit Army needs. After a number of months on this assignment he was ordered to the newly formed Naval Command, Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet, as the G-4 of that force.

It was in this assignment that Harold's vision, dynamic force, and organizational ability really blossomed with magnificent results. The Marines, with little funds available, had trained primarily in battalion-sized landings with the manhandling of small packaged supplies across the beaches. Largely through Harold's efforts this beginning was converted to division, corps, and Army sized operations with mechanically operated supply handling equipment. After numerous training landings in the Chesapeake Bay area his first test came in the landings on the Atlantic Coast of French Morocco. Much was wrong, largely because modern equipment and the time to train therewith was not available.

The lessons of French Morocco were carefully derived, studied, and applied in training, again in Chesapeake Bay. As a result the 45th Infantry Division was well equipped and trained, its supporting troops adequate, and its landing at Scoglitti, Sicily,

from the logistics viewpoint, approached perfection.

Following this operation Harold became the Senior Army member of a joint research and development board testing amphibious devices and logistic techniques at Fort Pierce, Florida. He was the dominating personality on this board and through his aggressive energy much valuable work was accomplished. The pay-off came on the beaches of Normandy, Southern France, and throughout the Pacific.

Later in the war he observed operations in New Guinea, but was not too happy in this assignment because he failed to find the perfection he expected in the employment of his amphibious equipment.

Harold invented and perfected the amphibious sled pallet for rapid movement of troop supplies from factory to dock side, to ship's hold, and from ship to landing craft, and by tractor propulsion across the beach to initial dumps. He participated in the development of the organization of shore parties, the modification of fork-lift trucks, mobile cranes, bulldozers, and tractors for beach unloading and dump operations. By his boundless energy, vision, and judgment he was largely responsible for a highly effective concept of amphibious logistics that thoroughly revolutionized previous thought in this field.

After the war Harold served in Austria, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and at his final duty assignment, Commanding Officer of Delta Base, the testing station of the Army in cold weather warfare in Alaska. Again he was in his favorite field of devising new techniques and equipment and was supremely happy in this work. Unfortunately the illness that resulted in his death cut short this tour and he returned to the United States for hospitalization and retirement.

In accordance with the Army's customary concept of the anonymity of staff officers, many will never receive recognition for their contributions to the Service. Other than in this small tribute Harold Smyser will probably not be signalled out for the great importance of his efforts in World War II. Suffice it to say that but for his creative and energetic mind many of our major amphibious operations could not have been as brilliantly successful as they were. I know of no higher accolade that could be given Harold Smyser than the acknowledgment of a high standard of professional performance, seldom equalled, and never surpassed.

This is what General Miles, whose seven years of close observation of Harold E. Smyser as his immediate commanding officer, has to say of him: "I soon recognized in him a growing enthusiasm for his work. He set high standards of execution and was quick to recognize with commendation the near approach to those standards and with just criticism or other appropriate measures the avoidable failures to approximate those standards.

"He was forward looking, practical and had a good tactical sense. In his relations with me, he quickly acquired the outlook of the higher command, so I was not unprepared for his successes with the amphibious forces during World War II. I suspect that only his failure in health at a critical time prevented the promotion that his talents and service made logical and probable.

"His growth in military stature under my eyes gave promises that only ruined health could belie. His courageous fight against the vastly superior forces of the malady that finally took him from us proves how great a commander he would have made of a forlorn hope. His enduring con-

tributions to the means of operation of the amphibious force as well as his influence of others are the evidences that his services to his country have been worthy of his Alma Mater, another jewel in her crown."

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Smyser, of Redlands, California, and by his mother, Mrs. May Smyser, of Evanston, Illinois.

—Esher C. Burkart,  
in collaboration with  
Perry L. Miles.

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**Henry Kirk Williams, Jr**

NO. 6761 CLASS OF 1920

DIED FEBRUARY 19, 1954, AT DUNKIRK,  
NEW YORK, AGED 54 YEARS.

THE news of the death of Jack Williams came as a terrific shock to his classmates. Although Jack was retired from the Army in 1932, he had faithfully maintained close contact with many of his classmates and was a frequent visitor to his Alma Mater, never missing one of our big reunions, where he would renew old friendships and add zest to the gathering.

Any sketch of Jack's life should mention two of his outstanding characteristics: his love for his family, and his carefree, happy outlook on life.

Henry Kirk Williams, better known as Jack to his host of friends, was born October 17, 1899, in Dunkirk, New York, the son of the late Henry K. and Mary Willis Williams. He attended the Dunkirk grade school and was graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1917. That summer he received a Congressional appointment to the Academy and entered with our class on June 15, 1918. Upon graduation in 1920,



Jack was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps, reporting to the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe in September 1920 to pursue the basic course. It was my privilege to live with and to really know Jack at Fort Monroe, and during our nine months together I never saw Jack lose his sense of humor nor say an unkind word about anyone. His disposition was something to be emulated by all.

It was at Fort Monroe that he met and courted Milly Blassenham, of Newport News, and they were married in June 1921 upon the completion of his course. One of his first stations was Hawaii, where he

served in the Coast Artillery for three years, and where their only child, Henry K. Williams, III, known as Kirk, was born. He served a short while at Fort Scott, California; transferred in 1928 to the Ordnance, and was stationed at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, when retired for physical disability in 1932.

Upon retirement, Jack joined his father in the business management of The Dunkirk Printing Company and several years later was elected general manager and treasurer. At this time he also became affiliated with the leading Dunkirk newspaper, the *Dunkirk Evening Observer*, and at the time of his death was the Publisher of this paper as well as being President, Treasurer, and General Manager of The Lunkirk Printing Company.

Jack's hobbies were golf and bridge, in both of which he excelled. He was a member of the Shorewood golf team and on the board of directors of the Shorewood Country Club of Dunkirk. He was also a member of the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce, the New York State Publishers' Association, and was the immediate past president of the Associated Dailies of New York State.

Besides his wife, Milly, and son, Kirk, who resigned from the Air Force as a Major last January and joined his father in the publishing business, he leaves two grandchildren whom he adored, Candace and H. K. Williams, IV, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Hughes, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. George F. Shearwood, of Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Although Jack had been in ill health for three months, his sudden passing was a great shock to his many friends. To all of us who knew and loved Jack, his passing will leave a void that cannot be filled. We know that his entire life was lived as a true gentleman—warm hearted, generous, and thoughtful of everyone.

—L. S. Smith.

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**Aloysius Eugene O'Flaherty, Jr.**

NO. 6909 CLASS OF 1922

DIED MAY 15, 1954, AT WEST LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA, AGED 54 YEARS.

PERHAPS no characteristic of Pat's was so well known to so many people as that deep voice which was heard in the hall of cadet barracks for the first time on November 6, 1918. "Mr. O'Flaherty, sir" was a trademark that could have been imitated by no other voice, one that identified its owner beyond any possibility of confusion with another.

But that deep, confident tone concealed a sensitive nature, a kindly spirit, a soul to which honor and friendship and love of humanity were paramount. His was an Irish heart, with all the warmth and tenderness, the imagination and the fire, the understanding and the enthusiasms of which the Irish heart is capable. Everything inside him was made of gold.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 10, 1899, to Dr. and Mrs. Aloysius Eugene O'Flaherty, Pat had a boyhood typical of those times. While enrolled as a student in the University of Notre Dame in 1918, he received an appointment to West Point and entered the Military Academy for what was then expected to be a short, war-time course.

His cadet life was no bed of roses, but neither was it a crown of thorns. His academic standing was comfortable, his activities many, and the years took no toll. In 1922 he exchanged the Gray for the OD

and entered upon service with the Infantry at Fort Lawton, Washington. That was followed by foreign service in the Philippines, then a tour as instructor in Drawing at the Military Academy, and next Fort Benning. He went to Hawaii in 1936. Back in the States at the beginning of World War II he eventually joined the 28th Infantry Division, in which he rose to command the 328th Infantry, serving in the European Theater.

Following the war Pat was on duty with FIAT (Field Information Agency, Technical) in Hoechst and, later, in Karlsruhe, in which assignment he had opportunity to direct technical and scientific investigations into war-time science and industry in Germany. When that task was completed in mid-1947 he returned to the ZI and applied for retirement. He made his home in Santa Monica, California, where he joined the Plant Engineering Department of the Douglas Aircraft Company, remaining with that organization until two months before his death.

Pat loved people and particularly his family. Helen plans to continue to live in



Santa Monica. Their eldest son Pat — Aloysius Eugene III—held a regular commission in the Marine Corps following his graduation from the University of Washington in 1950. He was with the 1st Marine Division in Korea when Pat's serious illness was first diagnosed a year before his death; he resigned to be near his father during those last months. Dennis, the second son, was graduated from Loyola University in Los Angeles in 1954, where he was top pitcher on the baseball team. He is headed for active duty in the Air Force. Mike, "a musician no less!", has graduated from high school, while Monica, described by Pat as "BEAUTIFUL", is still in high school.

Helen wrote announcing Pat's death: "(Pat and I) really have been close these past few years. He has 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 wonderful—so it was hard for us, or anyone else, to realize that he had been given his life sentence. He was prepared to go—received the last rites of our church two weeks ago—and he died with a sweet smile on his lips.

"He had a magnificent funeral—a bishop and 30 monsignori and priests in the sanctuary—and, of course, his monsignor brother offered the Mass. He was buried in the Veterans Cemetery and all his wishes were

carried out. So, now, all I can say is, he was a great and interesting Irishman, as well as one of the most talented men I have ever met—a good father and above all, a loyal American."

Pat and Jack Dempsey shared a deep friendship and mutual respect. Dennis O'Flaherty married Dempsey's daughter, Joan, in September 1953 and Pat loved her as if she were his own. Jack Dempsey flew to Santa Monica from New York to pay tribute to Pat as an honorary pallbearer at his funeral.

Lieutenant General Willard Paul, Pat's division commander during World War II, has said of him: "I have known Aloysius for about 25 years. He was a man of great talent, particularly in the field of drawing and architecture. His flair for the arts evidently sprang from a very sensitive nature. While he had his faults, I am glad to be able to say that he was a brave man who did his duty while under my command. He was willing and cheerful and bubbled over with his Irish enthusiasm."

Of his work with FIAT, Brigadier General Ralph Osborne writes: "His (Pat's) was the onerous task of planning a visit (to German science and industry), obtaining clearances and transportation, and then keeping track of the investigator in the field. Needless to say, each of the few trips allowed behind the Iron Curtain required endless hours of haggling with the Soviet Military Government.

"With the regular officer reduction program effected, Pat found himself changing his eagles for silver leaves. This in no way influenced his effort to do his task in a superb manner; in fact, he applied himself more diligently toward the goal of successfully accomplishing his large portion in the FIAT program.

"After New Year's Day of 1947 Pat had to move with FIAT to Karlsruhe where his office became more elaborate. Here the booming, sonorous voice of Pat's could have free play in moving American scientists, industrialists and technicians across the checkerboard of Europe. Often when the going was tough Pat would personally join the group to insure smooth sailing."

The Plant Engineer at Douglas Aircraft Company has written: "Working with a group of engineers, mostly younger than himself, Pat was immediately accepted by them due to his humility, his sincerity, and his strong desire to be useful in any way he could.

"In my experience in this field, I have never seen a man in his position who was so quickly assimilated and so well liked. His attitude during his frequent and painful periods of illness has been an inspiration to us all.

"Having an opportunity to meet his fine family and observe the love and respect of all in this trying period has endeared him to us greatly in the relatively short time we have known him.

"As a West Point man you can indeed be proud of your fellow officer, for he has always been an officer and a gentleman."

A true West Pointer, a loyal American, a loving husband and father, a friend of man—could anyone be more? —C. J. Barrett.

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**Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg**

NO. 7199 CLASS OF 1923

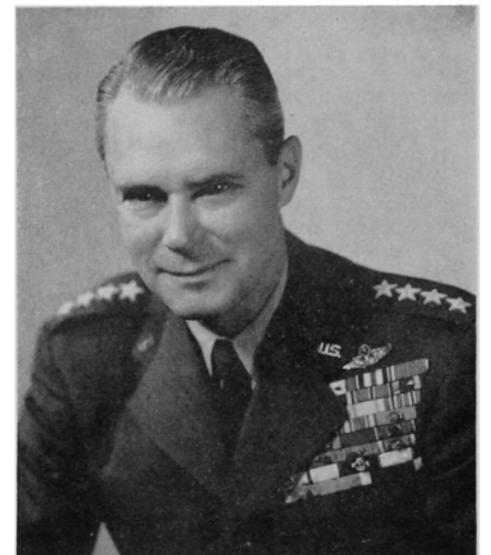
DIED APRIL 2, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
AGED 55 YEARS.

GENERAL HOYT S. VANDENBERG died on 2 April 1954 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C. Throughout his military

career he rendered distinguished service in positions of responsibility. His combat record during World War II was outstanding. During his long tour of duty as Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force he became one of the principal founders of American air power—which has stood between the free world and Communist domination.

He was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on January 24, 1899. A few years later he moved with his family to Lowell, Massachusetts. His early life, including his schooling, was divided between Massachusetts and Florida. He received his advanced education at the United States Military Academy and was graduated there in 1923. In the same year he entered flying training at San Antonio. His first assignment, the following year, was with the Third Attack Group. This unit moved to Galveston, Texas, in 1926. On this first assignment he demonstrated his extraordinary skill as a pilot, and became Commanding Officer of a squadron.

A short time later Lieutenant Vandenberg became a flying instructor in Calif-



ornia, a duty which he enjoyed above all others. Following this, from 1929 to 1931, he was Commander of a Pursuit Squadron in Hawaii. Here again he showed remarkable ability not only as a pilot but also as an aerial gunner. Although an enthusiastic pilot, his flying was marked by coolness and precision.

After service in Hawaii he served two more years as a flying instructor in the newly built school at Randolph Field, where he became flight commander and deputy stage commander. General Vandenberg often commented that his work as a flying instructor was the most satisfying of all because he had a chance to work closely with the finest and most capable of young Americans. He could, in a few months time, transform a bewildered and awkward young man into a self-confident and capable pilot. It was this opportunity to work with men of unusual ability and promise, and to contribute directly to their progress, that he enjoyed most.

Following his final duty as a flying instructor, Lieutenant Vandenberg began a long period of formal education in military schools. First, there was a famous Air Corps Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, where he participated in the development of doctrines concerning the employment of air power that proved valid in World War II. This period of education terminated with his graduation from

the War College in Washington in 1939.

After his graduation he became a Plans Officer in the Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, and at the beginning of World War II he became Operations and Training Officer for the Air Staff. His performance in these assignments during these difficult periods earned him the Distinguished Service Medal.

In 1942 he went to England and helped to organize the air forces that were used in the North African invasion. He became Chief of Staff of the 12th Air Force and later of the Northwest African Strategic Air Force. Here his combat flying earned the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

General Vandenberg flew numerous missions over North Africa and Italy during the Mediterranean campaign. His skill in planning and his courage in directing air missions during this campaign marked him as a leader of airmen. He was called back to the United States and made Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, and a short time later he was sent on an air mission to Russia for five months.

General Vandenberg's visit to Russia was one of the most enlightening experiences of his career. He was impressed by the restless energy of Red technicians and the importance attached to the building of Red air power, which was then in the earliest stages of development. He gained an understanding of Red progress which caused him to call attention repeatedly, both in high councils and in public statements, to the generally unrecognized threat of growing Russian power in the air.

In 1944 General Vandenberg went to Europe, where he assisted in planning the Normandy invasion and became Commander of the Tactical Air Force which led the way into Germany.

On his return to the United States after the war he became Assistant Chief of the Air Staff and later Director of Intelligence on the War Department General Staff.

His contribution to the post-war reorganization of these agencies led to his appointment as the Director of Central Intelligence Agency in 1946. After beginning the development of the C.I.A., which he insisted should be a truly independent agency, he returned to duty with the Air Staff, and became Vice Chief of Staff of the new independent Air Force in October 1947, with the rank of General.

On the retirement of General Carl Spaatz, he became the second Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, and continued in that office for more than five years, finally retiring in June 1953, after more than 30 years of faithful and heroic service.

General Vandenberg was outstanding in appearance and in manner, as well as in ability. His personality was so forceful that after a talk with him the listener always remembered his facial expression, his well chosen words, and the quiet way he emphasized those words.

Even in his few carefree hours he was thoughtful and reserved. While at work he concentrated so intensely that long periods of effort left him mentally exhausted. Since he loved the outdoors and sporting activities, particularly hunting and golf, he recuperated quickly, and until his last illness he was always in excellent physical condition as well as being mentally alert and aggressive. He was deeply aware of the lasting importance of many of his decisions regarding the new Air Force, and he wanted to be sure that all of them would prove sound through future years.

This was the reason why he often seemed cautious and conservative, despite the fact that he was imaginative and bold. He

studiously avoided claims or statements that could not be justified by cold facts. His steadily objective attitude, his self-control in public appearances, and particularly in Congressional Hearings, are already a tradition in the Air Force.

While he was firm in his attitudes and actions, General Vandenberg was sympathetic toward individuals, and he was particularly sensitive to the physical and mental suffering of others. It was difficult for him even to discuss injuries.

No man was more devoted to his family and to his close friends than was General Vandenberg. He placed a high value on his direct contacts and associations with men of integrity in all occupations.

While he never shrank from a fight either in peace or in war, he was convinced that his principal mission was to train, to educate, and to build.

General Vandenberg restrained and disciplined himself to carry out those missions successfully, and he channeled his energy into constructive activities. He grew steadily in public stature and in the respect of all who knew him and worked with him.

He was a true and sincere friend and a leader whose loyalties were always on the side of humanity and of progress. He was constantly concerned with the safety and welfare of the Nation.

None who knew him will ever forget the impression he made, both as a leader and as a man, and his influence will continue for many years into the future.

—Carl Spaatz,  
General, USAF, Retired.

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### Raymond Cecil Brittingham, Jr.

NO. 13260 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943  
DIED MARCH 25, 1953, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT  
AT FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE,  
MARYLAND. AGED 34 YEARS.

In reflecting on the person known to so many as Britt, one can't help but feel the inadequacy of words, no matter how beautifully written or expressed, to describe such a man. His quick, broad smile; his constant readiness to assist; his earnestness; his devotion to duty, wife and family; his love of fellow man—these are the characteristics by which we fondly recall him. We find it hard to believe that he has passed on to the Long Gray Line beyond life's horizon.

The day that shocked us all to despair and disbelief was March 25, 1953, when Britt and two other Air Force personnel were attempting a landing at rainy, wind-swept Friendship Airport. Exactly what went wrong we will never know, since all personnel were lost in the crash, reporting nothing abnormal during the landing procedure.

Britt was born June 15, 1918 in Hampton, Virginia, where he grew up to young manhood, attending one of the finest of military schools, Virginia Military Institute, graduating therefrom in June 1939. Then one of his fondest early ambitions was realized in his being admitted to West Point on 1 July 1939 as part of the class of 1943. At West Point his constant desire to improve and broaden his experience and to enjoy his fellow man was evident in his varied activities—track and lacrosse for sports, fishing club and company hop manager for relaxation and good fellowship, and Company *Howitzer* representative for useful experience. His leadership and popularity were attested by his being voted class vice pres-

ident in his Yearling year and in being designated a cadet lieutenant in his First Class year. Also, it should be noted that Britt was one who hugely enjoyed "bull sessions" his outstanding friendliness and earnestness for items of serious import won him many steadfast and admiring friends among his fellow cadets.

When the urgencies of war necessitated early flight training for Air Corps aspirants in the spring of 1942, Britt was among those who responded. After six months of intensive, arduous training Britt pinned on his pilot wings with 166 classmates.

Long before graduation Britt met the girl who was to become his bride, Eleanor Copeland of Cleveland, who was attending Stephens College at the time. They spent many a happy hour planning for the years following graduation—their shared dreams culminating in a beautiful wedding at the Cadet Chapel on 20 January 1943, the day following Britt's graduation.

There followed a series of many State-side stations, with other classmates and their wives, preparing for eventual overseas assignment. First there was Sebring,



Florida, for B-17 transition training, then Ephrata and Spokane, Washington, for combat crew training. Then Britt was sorely disappointed, when he had to give up his assigned crew which he had trained into a well-integrated combat unit. He was made a combat crew instructor, first at Ephrata, Washington, then at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Britt worked hard to indoctrinate and instruct the combat crews, deeply conscious of their destination after graduation. As was his constant inclination, Britt strove to improve his own qualifications, particularly, at that time, in operational flying, but not overlooking associated activities in personnel, intelligence and matériel. His devotion to duty and hard work was rewarded in May 1944, when he was promoted to Captain. Although gratifying, his promotion did, of course, delay his assignment to an overseas station.

Finally, in December 1944 he was sent overseas, joining a highly seasoned combat group, the 95th Bomb Group (Heavy) in East Anglia, England. Feeling that he was a relatively inexperienced combat crewman, Britt worked hard to become qualified as a combat leader. Personnel in the group soon learned Britt had the necessary courage, stamina and flying ability. After only a few missions he was made a squadron leader. Soon thereafter he was leading the Group on combat missions, working at other times in Group Operations—briefing crews and preparing oper-

ational instructions. In the space of only five months Britt was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and promoted to Major and Squadron Commander. In June 1945 he returned to the U.S. to be trained in B-29's for assignment in the Pacific. Cessation of the war against the final Axis partner, Japan, however permitted him to renew his married life with his lovely and devoted Ellie.

As a comparatively young Major, Britt wore his rank well—his quiet, but confident manner, and soldierly bearing giving the rank all the dignity it deserved. However, in the relaxed atmosphere of the post war period Britt wasn't content to take it easy for long. After a three-year tour at Wright-Patterson Field, where he served as executive to a general officer for most of his tour, Britt was accepted on application for the Harvard School of Business, graduating therefrom with a M.B.A. in 1950, thus completing a total of 22 years of academic schooling. He was then assigned to the new Air Research and Development Command Headquarters in Washington, D. C., transferring with that headquarters to Baltimore in June 1951. Here he held a key position as Assistant Chief of Staff — a further testimonial to his outstanding abilities. Here, as everywhere, Britt's friendliness, hard work, and devotion to duty, won him a host of admirers and friends. In nearby Severna Park, Maryland, Britt and Ellie led a quiet, happy life. Here they achieved a long shared desire—adopting a strapping, handsome four-month old baby boy, Craig, in July 1952.

Then with his life at its fullest, when he was well on his way to an outstanding USAF career, he met the untimely, shocking accident that ended his life. Why this should happen is the deepest of life's mysteries—known only to our Maker. God allowed him the measured portion and now has taken him for the life beyond. Those of us fortunate enough to have known Britt thank God for permitting the pleasure of that association. Now we do not forget, but strive on avowed to do better in our own lives, certain we gained much from knowing Britt. We find guidance and comfort in our Lord's Holy Scripture:

"For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love; for He does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men."  
—Lamentations 3:31-33.  
(Revised Standard Version)  
—A Classmate.

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**Albert Lossen Lane, Jr.**

NO. 13334 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943  
DIED MARCH 19, 1954, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, NEAR CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS, AGED 33 YEARS.

**HIGH FLIGHT**

"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter—silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hovering there

I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft thru footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew—  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God."

—Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Jr., RCAF.

THE above poem, written by an American who was killed while flying with the Royal Canadian Air Force, typically expresses how our "Jim" felt about flying. He read these lines some years ago in a newspaper and clipped the article to keep in his bill-fold so he could gain new inspiration from re-reading its eloquent impressions of flight. It was still in his wallet when he "touched the face of God" in his final flight on March 19, 1954 four miles from Chanutte Air Force Base. I know that he would like to



have these lines quoted here that they might give the same inspiration that he had found in them to anyone who loved flying as he did.

"Jimmie" was born at Iowa City, Iowa on May 23, 1920. He was the only son of Colonel and Mrs. Albert L. Lane, Sr. Although he was christened Albert, Jr., he was known to all by his nicknames, "Jim" or "Jimmie". Like most Service youngsters he spent his days dreaming and talking of the time when he could go to West Point. Most of his early education was attained in the Army Post Schools at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Fort Hancock, New Jersey and Fort Logan, Colorado. He graduated from Grant High School while we were stationed at Portland, Oregon.

After high school, Jim, in company with many of his future classmates, prepped for West Point at "Beanie" Millard's in Washington, D. C. His childhood dream became a reality when he entered the Academy in July 1939. Beneath his picture in the January 1943 *Howitzer* is written: "When the going gets difficult, then is the time to smile and pitch in all the harder. With this rule and the will to strive for the top, Jimmie spent four years at West Point commanding the respect of all. Whether dragging Delafeld or bearing down on his opponent in the ring, he always displayed the same eager enthusiasm. The courage that so often awed his classmates will carry him far in the Army."

The above lines express what were perhaps his most outstanding qualities. His intense desire to excel was evident early in his boyhood. It was demonstrated in one instance which occurred when he was eleven years old. I took him and his older sister for a climb to the top of Long's Peak in Colorado. After we returned he told us that he had been higher than anyone else and explained that while we had been resting at the top of the peak he had climbed atop the highest boulder. This same determination to excel was demonstrated in his work in the Boy Scouts. In two years he advanced from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout.

His West Point classmates tell of his true sportsmanship and his natural athletic ability while at the Academy. He started out in his plebe year on the swimming team and was doing fine in that sport when, because of the natural ability he displayed during Billy Cavanaugh's required plebe boxing classes, he was asked to transfer to the boxing team. Although he had had no previous boxing experience, he made the boxing team and represented the Academy for two years in the 165-pound weight class. His classmates state that no one who saw the bout will ever forget the courage and determination Jim showed, even though losing the decision, when he went out of his weight class and fought Syracuse's 175-pound intercollegiate champion.

The good humor, even disposition and determination which he always displayed when faced with adversity and hardship was perhaps best demonstrated during his sixteen months as a German prisoner of war. Jim's prison camp comrades invariably tell about his fine sense of humor, his good spirits and his fine leadership-qualities, which helped them immensely during their many dreary months of prison life. While in prison, he organized and taught calculus classes to those whose education had been interrupted by the war.

One of his characteristics which, as his father, I cherished most was his humility. He never to my memory told the family of any awards or decorations that he had received. During his recent tour in Germany, he had won a plaque for taking first place in the all around rifle and pistol matches at the Landstul Rod and Gun Club, and another plaque for taking first place in the pistol match. When he was a boy we had spent many happy hours hunting and shooting together and he had accompanied me to various Army matches and was intensely proud of any success that I had. He knew how proud I would have been of him for winning the plaques in Germany, but, in his characteristic humility, he never did tell me about them.

Jim summarized his Air Force career for the Tenth Anniversary *Howitzer* of his class as follows:

"Lane, Albert L., Jr., (Lt Col USAF). After convincing southern belle Ann Grimes it wasn't so "about the ways of the Air Force men", we joined forces Feb '43. Honeymooned Del Rio, Texas, while transitioning and later instructing in B-26's. Adopted 9 year old Chuck and we travelled to MacDill Field, then to Smyrna, Tennessee, for B-24 transition and then on to Boise, Pocatello and March Field in quick succession, then to England in the lumbering beast with the 453rd Bomb Group—shot down Feb. '44 over Brunswick, Germany, and became a 'Kriegie'. News of Ann 'Jr's' arrival in July '44 reached me in prison camp. Returned States June '45, assigned Office Air Inspector, HQ SAC. Finished Air Tac School May '47, then assigned 4th Fighter Group, Andrews Field. Tour-

ed the 5 sided house with A-4, 1948-49. Graduated Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell before going back to Germany with A-3, HQ 2nd Air Division, Landsberg. Next assigned 86th Fighter Group, Munich, where Ted was born January '52. Now commanding 525th Ftr Bomb Sq."

In September of 1953 Jim was transferred back to the U.S. for duty in the War Plans Division, HQ, USAF.

While Jim had a great variety of assignments in the Service, his great love was always to fly fighters. After the war, even though his wartime training had been in bombers, he requested and was assigned to the 4th Fighter Group, one of the first USAF fighter groups to get jets. The staff assignments which followed his service with the 4th Group were spent in anticipation of returning to jet fighters. In Germany, again upon his request, he was assigned to the 86th Fighter-Bomber Group, and his last assignment in the Group, Commanding Officer of the 525th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, was one of his happiest ones.

The esteem with which Jim was held in his more recent assignments and the contribution he made to his Service can perhaps best be described by some of his fellow workers and commanders.

His classmate, "B-Ball" Harrington, who worked with Jim during his 1948-49 Pentagon assignment wrote:

"Knowing Jimmy Lane has been the finest thing I have derived from the Service. His memory is locked in my heart where it shall make me ever mindful of the finest of qualities of human dignity, selflessness, humility, honesty and forbearance in the years that lie ahead. He was a genuine friend who shall never be replaced. I feel that he shall always be with me."

Lieutenant Colonel McLaughlin, under whom Jim served in the 86th Fighter-Bomber Wing, had this to say about his recent service in Germany:

"Jim was, without a doubt, the finest officer I have ever known. He was my operations officer when I commanded the 525th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, and we continued to work closely together after he took command of the squadron and I became group operations officer. He cherished his command and took to heart the problems of each and every man. From the first moment he joined this organization, he was admired by everyone and his leadership and influence were felt, not only in his own unit, but throughout the wing."

Brigadier General Harvey T. Alness, Chief of the War Plans Division, Headquarters USAF, under whom Jim served on his most recent assignment, said:

"Jim seemed to embody all the fine qualities that West Point tries to build into its graduates. His integrity, his bearing, and his fine code of ethics caused many of us older graduates to look to him with special pride. Those of us who worked closely with him know how good it was to have known him. He did so much to inspire and establish in us those things that are good, meaningful and enduring."

Although alert and sensitive to the demands of the military duty, Jim nevertheless made it a point and found time to be a good husband and loving father. He loved his family as they loved him. His devoted wife, Ann, shared almost his entire commissioned service with him. Ann's brother Chuck, whom they adopted, their daughter Ann, who was born while Jim was a prisoner of war, and their young son, Albert III, shared in a happy and companionable home life. Jim's family enjoyment was found in the little things—the simple pleasure of taking the family to the swimming pool, a trek through the woods, a game with

the children, or a camping trip—all these typify the days he so enjoyed with his family.

Our Jim is gone but he will not be forgotten. While his untimely death has left us filled with sadness, our sorrow is eased by the knowledge that he had lived his short span fully and well, and that he had fulfilled every ambition which we ever held for him. Also, his passing has given us new faith and inspiration and resolve to live by those principles to which he was so dedicated: "Duty, Honor, Country"

—A. L. L., Sr.

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## John Henry Nelson

NO. 13917 CLASS OF JUNE 1943  
KILLED IN ACTION, FEBRUARY 15, 1951, NEAR  
WONJU, KOREA, AGED 30 YEARS.

COMPANY "F", Thirty-eighth Infantry, Second U. S. Infantry Division, had fought hard throughout the fierce winter campaign of 1950-51, as a ruthless enemy poured senseless masses down from the north. On 15 February 1951, Company "F", still upholding the famous division motto, "Second to None," was again facing the Chinese communist enemy—this time at Wajon-ni, near Wonju, in central Korea.

In front of "Fox" Company, the communist foe held tenaciously to a critical hill mass and had repulsed three attacks. Captain John Henry Nelson, commanding "Fox," had the mission of seizing this hill. He ordered a fourth assault and personally led the company into the fight. With his example before them, "Fox" Company swarmed up and over the hill, dislodging the enemy and securing the objective. However, as the company reorganized, they found their victory dimmed by loss. Captain Nelson had fallen. The citation for his Distinguished Service Cross reads in part:

"Immediately after seizing the objective and while under intense enemy fire, Captain Nelson ran from man to man designating fields of fire and offering words of encouragement. Through his daring exploits, he continued to rouse his men to their maximum effort until he was killed by a burst of enemy mortar fire."

So came the "soldier's blow" to John Nelson, classmate and friend. Some of us called him "Ace." He fell with his mission accomplished. He ran his course; in life upholding the Academy's motto and in death amply deserving of our Alma Mater's accolade, "Well Done."

John was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, his mother's home, on 12 July 1920, and soon thereafter he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Nelson, returned to their large farm at Miami, Texas. John attended public schools in nearby Pampa and graduated from the Pampa High School in 1938, after demonstrating his all-around scholastic leadership by being awarded the Lion's Club Sportsmanship Award and the Student Council Citizenship Award. Until he entered the Academy, he attended prep school at the Meade School for Boys, San Marino, California.

After receiving a congressional appointment from the eighteenth district of Texas, John became a new cadet on 1 July 1940. He enjoyed cadet life, although he was a great distance from Texas, and made many friendships throughout his cadet activities. In academic as well as extra-curricular activities, Ace applied himself with unusual patience, perseverance, and a sincere, con-

scientious dedication to the accomplishment of his mission. In South Area he was best known for his form as a hard-driving guard on old "C" Company's championship football team.

Upon graduation, John was commissioned in the Infantry, assigned to the new Tank Destroyer branch, and attended his basic course at The Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, Texas. With him there, as new second lieutenants, were only ten of his classmates. Among them, he was best known for those same primary qualities he had always demonstrated so well as a cadet. In September 1943 John went to his first unit—the Reconnaissance Company of the 650th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Camp Bowie, Texas. He served with this unit in training at Camp Bowie and throughout the Louisiana Maneuvers of the winter of 1943.

When the 650th TD Bn was converted to Armored Field Artillery in March 1944, John was released to the Infantry and proceeded to qualify as a parachutist. He then joined the 515th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, and in January 1945 accompanied his unit to Europe. He fought with them in the



Central European Campaign and returned with this unit to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in August 1945. In February 1946, still at Fort Bragg, he was transferred to the 504th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, and remained with this unit until the date of his resignation, 1 June 1947.

After being away from the Service for almost three years, he apparently felt that his responsibility and the need for him at home had decreased, and he sensed a compelling obligation to resume his service to his country. The quickest way he could get back to immediate duty was to enlist, so that was his course of action. In April 1950 John enlisted in the US Army as a private, just ten years after the spring when he was preparing for his entrance and trip to the Academy. His first assignment was to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. By September 1950 he was a Corporal, and was at that time honorably discharged and transferred to the Active Reserve as a Captain, Infantry.

In October he joined the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Korea. While with this unit John met another United Nations officer, Lieutenant B. Serrano, of the Philippine Army, who was greatly impressed with John's character and leadership. Lieutenant Serrano wrote, "In all humility, I can say that a finer man never

lived than Captain Nelson. Here is my story about the 'Fighting Texan' as I knew him. It must have been the first week of November 1950 when I first met him. We were in the city of Simnak, North Korea, when he came to report to our battalion headquarters. The door opened and in came a giant of a man. He was beaming with smiles. As commanding officer of the I&R platoon of the 187th Airborne, he was sent to us to help us in our operations against guerrillas. During our first action he was always ahead of us and during the fight he would get out of some foxhole and move boldly out. His example really inspired my boys. He was a gentleman and gave the soldiers fair treatment. Above all, the boys liked him for his courage and coolness. And how he can climb mountains! As I saw him fighting I remembered the Alamo. He must have been imbued with the spirit of the Alamo.

"The Philippine troops at that time were not yet issued winter clothing so that most of us were shivering due to the extreme cold. Captain Nelson must have noticed my condition for he took off his overcoat and gave it to me. I refused to accept it on the ground that he needed it too. He pleaded with me to accept it. I didn't want to displease him so I accepted it as a present from him. I guess he did not have another coat. Such gesture of sympathy and understanding even to the point of self-sacrifice, endeared him to me and my boys. He was always willing to give a lending hand."

He remained with this unit until an urgent request for Infantry company commanders was sent out by the 2d Division after its severe operations in December 1950. John volunteered, and in January 1951 he joined the 38th Infantry Regiment. Two classmates were also serving in John's regiment—William P. DeBrocke and Albert C. Metts. This was indeed a great surprise and good fortune for John to be serving once again with Bill and Al, because they were all former members of old "C" Company. Undoubtedly, the few visits they had together before his death were sources of the greatest happiness to John.

Extracts of the letters from these classmates to John's father illustrate his service with the 28th Infantry. DeBrocke states that during their last visit—"He told me how he got out of the airborne unit to take straight Infantry duty and how anxious he was to really get in combat. He certainly was a fighting Texan and lived up to all the traditions of your state. On that fateful day the first report I received was that he was missing; then the next day they found Johnny farther forward than any man in the regiment. I guess he would have kept going all the way to the Yalu by himself if he could have. He was absolutely fearless."

Metts wrote, "I saw John a few days before the Wonju action. He was busy with his men. I know how hard he was fighting, what a brave example he was to his men. When I left him I told Bill DeBrocke—You know I don't believe John Henry will live through this war. He is fighting too hard for one man."

Colonel John G. Coughlin, his regimental commander stated: "It is difficult to express to you how deeply shocked the regiment is by John's loss. He was one of our best. As an officer and as a man John was respected and loved by all—and we shall miss him very much both as a soldier and as a friend."

General MacArthur in his letter began, "The untimely and tragic loss of your son, John, who met his death on the field of battle in Korea, had shocked us all deeply. Some measure of comfort may be de-

rived from the knowledge that he died in the service of his country and in the defense of a peace-loving people."

"Captain Nelson may have passed away," Lieutenant Serrano wrote in conclusion, "But his memory and the good that he has done will live in my heart and in the hearts of people who knew him as he was. He died for the most noble cause and for the most lofty ideals. He died for a way of life which your people and my people and all the free peoples of the world have come to love. His ways and memory have left a lasting impression in me.

"The footprints which Captain Nelson left on the sands of time, I will follow."

He is survived by his father, Mr. Harry A. Nelson, one brother, Harry Alfred Nelson, both of Miami, Texas; and by two sisters, Mrs. Lloyd R. Harvey of Pampa, Texas, and Mrs. P. Guilmette of Sendai, Japan. To them we extend our sincerest sympathy and the assurance that we who knew their loved one well, will long remember him, and cherish always his loyalty, courage, and friendship.

Let us hope that America will never be wanting in those who are prepared to follow the example of citizenship set by John Henry Nelson.

—W. W. C. and W. H. T.

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**Henry Shaw Beukema**

NO. 14015 CLASS OF 1944

DIED JANUARY 19, 1954, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, NEAR LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA, AGED 29 YEARS.

AN ancient Greek philosopher once said that a man's wealth is measured by the men who call him friend. With this measuring stick, Henry Shaw Beukema was one of the wealthiest men of all time. Hal loved people—his family, his classmates, the men with whom he served, and the people who were his friends; and people loved Hal.

This feeling was best expressed by a man who was associated with Hal while Hal was on duty in the Pentagon. This man wrote:

"... If ever I saw a young officer marked for success by his character as well as by his excellent mind, young Beukema was it. Idealistic, utterly non-superficial, brilliant, and charming, he was destined for great things and a thoroughly likeable human being in addition.

"In this proletarian age, his type is rarer than ever before. If you will forgive my using this old-fashioned and politically suspect word, Henry Beukema was an aristocrat throughout. He himself would reject this epithet, but I can not find any that, in my particular way of thinking, would characterize him better. . .

"It may seem illogical, since I saw him only a comparatively few times over the years, but the fact that he died moved me profoundly. I begin to feel somewhat lonely among the opportunists and among the technicians of this era. The very existence of this particular man made me hopeful and less pessimistic.

"He died, though not in combat, for his country; at a time when the very word 'sacrifice' is sneered at. We are in very great danger of losing the spirit that alone will enable us to withstand the onslaught from the gutter that will come as surely as night follows day. God may know why He willed this end for him. Being human, I find it very difficult to understand, and there are no words of cheap consolation that come to my mind, unless that his life and

death set an example for all of us who are less dedicated."

Hal was born at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on February 16, 1924, to Captain and Mrs. Herman Beukema. The Beukemas moved to West Point in 1928, when the then Major Beukema was assigned to the Department of Economics, Government, and History. Hal came to West Point for the first time as a boy of four. Growing up at the Academy gave Hal the first of many opportunities—opportunities which he always used to the best advantage. He developed an intense interest in outdoor life, spending much of his time hiking and camping. It was during his boyhood at West Point that he developed a love of skating which continued throughout his life. Hal attended the post school until 1936 when he entered the Highland Falls High School. Athletic activities continued to hold Hal's interest as he played football and hockey and devoted much of his time to the outdoors. Summers were often spent at his grandfather's camp, Nolangamoik on Moosehead Lake, Maine. Hal early showed great affection for good music, an affection and



love which grew with the years. Music was to him a means of relaxation and amusement equalled by few other things in life.

In 1937, Hal entered the Kent school at Kent, Connecticut. Four years were spent there, years in which he made a profound impression upon all who came to know him. His life at Kent was outstanding both for the variety of his interests and the competency with which he executed all that he undertook—a characteristic which followed him all of his life. It was at Kent that he first decided to follow an Army career. His closest friend of the Kent days said, "I recall clearly the soul searching undergone before he decided upon the Army as a career. It was never a question with him of following a preordained approach. It was a mature decision, ultimately resolved by adherence to the unselfish standard of service."

While at Kent, Hal continued his athletic efforts, playing two years of football in the "Midget League" as halfback. He played four years of hockey, two on the varsity as forward. Hal was co-holder of the "most valuable player" award in 1941. In addition, he played some tennis.

In June 1941, Hal came to West Point for the second time, this time to enter the Academy as a plebe with the then Class of 1945 (the Class was designated 1944 when the course was cut to three years

during the war). Beast Barracks, as one can well imagine, was not easy for him, for he encountered the difficulties found by every Army "Brat" who becomes a cadet. His plebe training was a challenge to him, a challenge which he accepted and overcame.

A rather humorous incident took place during Hal's Beast Barracks training. At the time that the plebes were being given instruction in guard duty, he was assigned to a post on the north side of old North Barracks. Midway through his "tour", Colonel Beukema came along en route to his office. Hal challenged his father, who answered with one of the improper and humorous replies the officers of the post were so delighted in giving to the new plebes in an effort to confuse them. Hal was unperplexed and directed his father to "advance yourself properly." Once this was done, Hal quickly informed Colonel Beukema that Beast Barracks was just Beast Barracks and that "my class is the best class since '15!'"

Hal quickly developed this deep affection for his class early in his cadet career and that affection was reciprocated by his classmates. In his yearling year, he was chosen Class Historian. Hal's cadet record was outstanding. He was a yearling corporal, and a cadet captain and regimental adjutant his First Class year. Academically, Hal stood well up in the class, graduating No. 55 in the class of 474. He won his numerals on the plebe track squad as a pole vaulter. Hockey, however, continued as his favorite sport. His three years of Corps squad hockey culminated his First Class year, when he captained the team. He was Activities Editor of his *Howitzer* and also sang with the Cadet Chapel Choir.

Yearling year, Hal decided that he would select the Air Corps as his branch. Consequently, under the cadet pilot training program, he spent his First Class summer at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and at Stewart Field—learning to fly. With the other "buzz boys", Hal returned to West Point in the fall. His First Class year was full for, in addition to the usual academics and tactics, he and his air cadet classmates were required to spend much time at Stewart Field flying. Graduation came all too soon—as the Class was graduated on D Day, June 6, 1944.

On June 8, Hal and Elizabeth Bradley were married in the Cadet Chapel. Hal delighted in saying that he didn't hurry into marriage by rushing for the Chapel immediately after graduation. Quite the contrary, he waited—all of two days. After three weeks at Cape Cod, Hal and Li reported to their first station, Lockbourne, Ohio, for transition training in B-17's, instructor training and instructing. The eighteen months that followed found Li and Hal at Lincoln, Nebraska; Roswell, New Mexico, where Hal received transition training in B-29's; Savannah, Georgia; McCook, Nebraska; and Bolling Field, D. C.

In March 1946, Hal was sent to Berlin. Li remained behind until August of that year when she joined Hal in time to pin his captain's bars on in September. They remained in Berlin in CID until April 1947, when Hal was transferred to the United States Section of the Allied Control Authority.

In 1948 the Beukemas were transferred to Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. Hal found that, almost to his horror, he was to be a tactical officer for the air cadets there. He undertook this duty with his usual vigor and, to quote Hal, he was soon "finding dust on dust."

Summer of 1949 brought orders to Washington and an assignment with the International Branch of the Directorate of Plans of the Air Force. Li and Hal spent four

happy years in Washington. Their home was always open to friends and classmates and many a late session kept them up far beyond their usual bedtime. Hal found many classmates hunting for him on their Pentagon visits, and he spent many lunch hours with them discussing problems of mankind in general—from international affairs to weather. Hal was promoted to Major in September 1951.

Hal left Washington in 1953 for training as a jet fighter-bomber pilot. The first transition training was undertaken at Craig AFB, Selma, Alabama, with additional training at Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia. At the conclusion of his transition training, Hal was assigned to Langley AFB, Virginia, where he reported to the 511th Fighter-Bomber Squadron of the 405th Fighter-Bomber Group. Hal died on a routine flight on January 19, 1954.

The death of Henry Shaw Beukema was a shock to all who knew him. However, when the intense shock of his passing had been softened by the passage of time, the feeling of sorrow merged into poignant regret that his great ability was lost to the nation and his warmth and friendship to the people who knew him and needed him.

Hal has returned to West Point where he spent so many years of this transitory life. He rests in the cemetery near many of his classmates—and near Bishop Walthour, whom he admired so greatly. All who love him know that he died, as he lived, doing what he wanted most to do in life: serving the country he loved so well.

—A Classmate.

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**Alexander Turner Cochran**

NO. 16120 CLASS OF 1946

DIED APRIL 21, 1952, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, NEAR OKINAWA, AGED 27 YEARS.

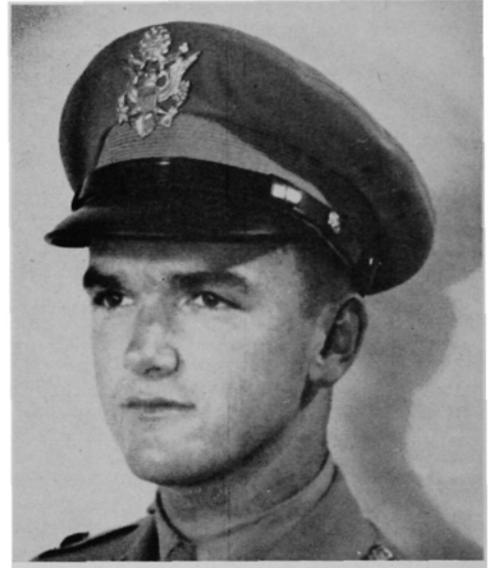
It was 1500 hours, Monday, 21 April 1952, on Okinawa. F-94 jet planes from the Fourth Fighter Squadron, Naha Air Base, were up in pairs practicing radar intercepts. The pilot of one of these planes, Robert B. Moore, Class of 1947, noticed a column of black smoke rising from the waters of the China Sea at a distance of several miles. Flying over to investigate, he discovered two oil slicks some 300 yards apart and a quantity of debris, among which he could identify parts of a fuselage and an earpiece from a headset. He immediately called the Naha Control Tower. Rescue planes and boats were dispatched to the scene and all planes known to be in the air were ordered to report. All reported but two; one piloted by Captain Glenn Hill and the other by our son, Captain Alexander Turner Cochran, better known as "Turner" to his classmates, and as "Al" to his later associates in the Air Force. There had apparently been a midair collision, cause unknown.

A puff of smoke in the sky; an oil slick on the water. It was as simple as that and our younger son had gone before his time to join the Long Gray Line. For us, his parents, it was the over-simplification of a lifetime.

Alex was born in the Cadet Hospital at West Point on his mother's birthday, May 2, 1924. His brother, now Major John H. Cochran, Jr., General Staff Corps (Artillery), Class of June 1943, was several years older. At no time during the first sixteen years of his life had Alex evinced any particular desire for a military career. Then, in 1940, he saw his first Army-Navy Game.

From the moment the Corps marched on the field West Point became with him an obsession. He walked the halls of Congress, got his own appointment and finally entered in 1943. Having attained his first objective, a second one became paramount. At that time, aviation training was being given concurrently to cadets in sufficient scope so that wings were awarded at the time of graduation. His second objective became then, primarily, the Air Corps and, secondarily, fighter aviation. Both portions of this second objective were also reached. A few months after graduation he married Jane Elliot, daughter of the late Colonel A. Dana Elliot, Ordnance Corps, and the following year a daughter, Marielyn Cochran, was born to them. In December 1950, Alex was shipped out to the Far East where he performed his quota of combat missions over Korea. In early March 1952, his little family was permitted to join him at Naha for what proved to be a final six weeks of their life together.

In writing a memorial article of this type, it would be wonderful to be gifted



to the extent of being able to voice a philosophy, or even to be able to coin a phrase adequately expressive of feeling. However, the writer and his wife can only say that they are deeply grateful for the privilege of having had Alex with them for the all-too-few years of his youth.

—J. H. Cochran,  
Class of 1915.

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**Richard Russell Galt**

NO. 15644 CLASS OF 1946

DIED OCTOBER 17, 1953, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, AT EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, AGED 29 YEARS.

Dick was born and brought up in Cairo, Egypt, where at an early age, he became a devoted American, an airplane enthusiast, and an accomplished swimmer. At Alexandria, Egypt, in 1936 he became National Junior champion in the 25 and 50 meters races.

Some of his most-loved playmates were British, Egyptian, and European. In this international group he learned early to defend his country and developed an almost fanatical patriotism.

Along with his love of country went his love of airplanes. From the age of ten, he

and his friends constructed and flew miniature planes from Dick's tree house in the garden. At times, even meals were missed in his absorption with these planes.

Because of his patriotism, it was not surprising that in 1939, while still in preparatory school, he asked his parents if they could get him a West Point appointment. This materialized in 1942.

In July 1943 Dick entered the Point, and with his usual casualness proceeded to make lifelong friends, do well in academics without undue study, and participate in athletics. His youthful swimming experience prepared him to become a member of the swimming teams in 1944, 1945, and 1946. In 1945 he captured fourth place on the All America Collegiate Swimming Team for the 440 yard event.

In his yearling year he chose a flying career, taking primary training at Lakeland, Florida, in the Spring of 1945. It was apparent early that Dick was a "cool" pilot, confident and capable. From Lakeland, he returned to Stewart Field with his classmates for basic training, and spent portions of his



First Class year there, where flying continued to be one of his main pleasures.

In 1944 Dick met Marjorie Carolin, then in her senior year at Vassar. By the Spring of 1945, they had decided to marry sometime after June Week.

In 1946, after his graduation, Dick joined many of his classmates who had chosen to fly fighters in Ajo, Arizona, for gunnery. When he moved from there to Williams Field in September for fighter transition to P-51s, he and Marjorie were married with the enthusiastic help of his numerous bachelor friends.

From Williams they went to Selfridge Field, Michigan, where as part of the 56th Fighter Group, Dick learned to fly the P-80. From then on jet aircraft replaced conventional planes in his affections.

In March 1948 he went alone to Okinawa for a 15 month tour. During his absence, his first daughter, Susan, was born. On his return, the family spent a year at Keesler Air Force Base, where Peggy joined the family. From there they went to the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for a year, and then to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

At Eglin, Dick became a project officer, testing new planes and equipment. There at last he found the kind of work which best put his experience to use. After two years, he was made head of the F84-F jet fighter bomber project, which challenged his

skill and would have established his career, had not engine failure on take-off on October 17th, 1953, abruptly ended his life—and prevented him from ever seeing his third child, due to arrive six months after his death.

While we can never reconcile the loss of a fine son, a loved brother, a devoted husband and father, we are comforted by the knowledge that Dick died doing precisely what he loved to do, and, as his commanding officer wrote, he crashed while on a highly technical mission, the results of which were important to the security of this country.

—His Wife, Sister and Parents.

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### Henry Tomlinson MacGill

NO. 16395 CLASS OF 1947

KILLED IN ACTION, JULY 16, 1950, IN KOREA,  
AGED 25 YEARS.

THE battlefields of Korea claimed the lives of three outstanding, deeply religious young men of Fayetteville, N. C., each a graduate of Fayetteville High School, each a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and each commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Army after successfully completing the course at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The first of them to fall was First Lieutenant Henry Tomlinson MacGill, last seen alive fighting a desperate rear guard action in the vicinity of Taejon, July 16, 1950, commanding what was left of "C" Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division.

Popular, clean-living, fun-loving "H.T.", as a youth in the Boy Scouts, in Sunday School and in High School, early demonstrated the qualities of leadership and loyalty, which later were to win him the admiration and respect of his men in peace and in combat.

After his graduation from high school he attended the University of North Carolina until he was appointed to the U. S. Military Academy. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity.

Upon graduation from "The Point" in 1947 he served briefly in the United States before being sent to Japan in 1948. It was in Japan in August 1949 that he was appointed commanding officer of "Charlie" Company.

His company was one of the first to fight in the Korean War, sent in to fight overwhelming odds until the reinforcements could arrive to turn the tide.

On July 12 he wrote his mother, Mrs. J. F. MacGill, 501 Rush Road, Fayetteville:

"I'm safe and happy but a little tired, but of course everyone is tired. I really feel very fortunate at the experience I'm getting over here. The thing every professional soldier dreams of doing is (if he has to go into combat) to take his own unit that he has trained and worked with into combat with him. I feel mighty lucky in this respect in that I had my company for a year before moving into combat. I still expect to see you all Christmas. Please remember that I'm a professional soldier and right now I'm only doing my job so please do not worry about me. . . If for some reason I happen to be killed please feel about it as I do that I was happy while alive and pray that I did something while on earth to make the world a better place in which to live."

A fellow-soldier Lieutenant R. B. Orr wrote Mrs. MacGill later:

"I have never been in a finer company or known a finer commander than your son. . . In our battle on the Kum River on the morning of July 16 your son displayed

calmness under fire that drew praise from his superiors and increased admiration from those of us who were serving under him. Early in the afternoon we were given the order to withdraw and I was given orders to lead the company away from the defensive position. When we left the positions there were about 100 of us and Lieutenant MacGill was bringing up the rear, helping to evacuate the wounded."

Lieutenant Orr was wounded in this action and did not see Lieutenant MacGill again.

Colonel (now Major General) G. S. Meloy, Jr., who commanded the 19th Regiment in the early fighting in Korea, wrote Mrs. MacGill:

"I knew your son well and thought most highly of him. He was one of my best company commanders. It was a hard fight we had on the Kum and Henry was a tower of strength of his company. . . I saw him frequently and he was full of courage and determination."

For this action Lieutenant MacGill was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.



After the action near Taejon Lieutenant MacGill was long carried as missing but his remains later were discovered, identified and sent home for burial by those he loved and who loved him.

On the occasion of his burial his hometown newspaper, *The Fayetteville Observer*, commented editorially:

"LIEUTENANT MACGILL: HE STOOD, FOUGHT, DIED—AND WON.

"After the Battle of Taejon in mid-July 1950, General MacArthur stated flatly that the Reds had 'lost their one great chance' for victory in Korea.

"Taejon was the bottle-neck through which the Communists had to pass to push the outnumbered, outgunned and outtanked Americans and South Koreans into the sea.

"It had to be held as long as possible by as few as possible to permit the establishment of a firmer defense line further south.

"The troops selected for the desperately important rear-guard action at Taejon were given a job whose predictable termination was death or capture.

"They were, to use an Army expression, 'expendable'.

"They were to stand, fight and die in order to win the last possible hour and minute of time for their comrades withdrawing to the south.

"They stood, fought, died—and won.  
"By giving their lives they made possible the successful defense of the Pusan peri-

meter and the military victory which followed in September when the task force stormed ashore at Inchon.

"One of them who stood and died was young H. T. MacGill of Fayetteville.

"He comes home for burial here tomorrow.

"There is no way of calculating the debt which the people of the United States and the people of the whole free world owe to young Lieutenant MacGill and the men who died with him at Taejon."

A brother, Jimmy MacGill, is currently a Yearling at West Point.

—Robert L. Gray,

Editor, *The Fayetteville Observer.*

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### Raymond Cameron Drury

NO. 16506 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, APRIL 12, 1951, NEAR CHALLI-NI, KOREA, AGED 25 YEARS.

RAY will always remain one of the outstanding examples of what a graduate of



West Point should be, both in the minds of all who knew him and also those who have heard about him from persons fortunate enough to have been among his many friends. His class and the Academy are better for his being a part of each.

Ray was born on 5 January 1926, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Drury. He attended Horace Mann Grammar School in that city. He also attended, for three summers, the very fine military school of Culver, located in northern Indiana.

Ray displayed his scholastic and athletic abilities even prior to entering West Point—while attending Oak Park High School. Baseball and football letters soon were awarded him for his success in these sports. In addition, Ray was gifted with high intelligence and innate qualities of leadership. These attributes aided him in winning the offices of vice-president of his student council and of the local Hi-Y Club — simultaneously. He added to these accomplishments as he progressed toward graduation and served as vice-president of his Senior Class—culminating a brilliant career.

After a year in the Marine Corps Reserve he entered West Point in 1944. While some of his classmates found adjustment to Academy life difficult, Ray was well prepared to fit smoothly into all phases of the

military routine. Academically he found himself always near the top of his class. Hence, four years after his entrance, he was able to select the Corps of Engineers as his branch, although the number of spaces in that branch allotted to his class was small.

Athletically, Ray found himself playing on the great Army teams of 1944-45-46 and 47. Week after week he opened the way for Blanchard, and held the opposing teams so Tucker could complete another pass. He was playing on the "A" squad when the "Big Rabble" earned its present nickname of the "Black Knights". By graduation his collection of Navy Stars, letters, monograms, and numerals gave visual confirmation to the great part he played in West Point athletics.

Fort Riley was his first assignment as an officer. Again he displayed all the attributes of a superior officer. His company was much sought after on social occasions, his presence completing any gathering. From Fort Riley he went to Fort Belvoir, meeting with equal success at that post.

Ray was assigned overseas to the 24th Division in Japan in the summer of 1949. His tour appeared to be one of rewarding service in pleasant surroundings. But, on 25 June 1950, South Korea was invaded and his division was soon moved to the defense of that nation. He was awarded the Bronze Star within a month after landing on the peninsula. The citation says in part: "His outstanding ability and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men." The award was applauded by all who knew him.

While in Japan he married Marie Pappas, a teacher in the Dependent's School Detachment there, having met her first in 1949. The wedding took place at the American Consulate in Kobe on 14 June 1950.

Ray returned to Japan in December 1950 to recuperate from an illness contracted in Korea, but soon returned to duty with his unit in combat. He was killed near Challi-Ni on 12 April 1951, while commanding A Company, 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 24th Infantry Division.

Ray's battalion commander echoed the citation he received with the Bronze Star saying in a letter to Ray's wife: "I considered him one of the most outstanding young officers with whom I have had the privilege to serve."

The outlook Ray had toward life and his fellow man was a truly Christian one. His regard for the Military Academy was of the highest order. He displayed always the qualities of an outstanding leader of men. It is difficult to express in words why Ray was so successful in his relationships with others. However, if all followed his example the world would be a far better place in which to live.

One of the greatest tributes paid Ray was by one who never met him—who said: "Ray must have been a wonderful person. I've never met an individual who knew Ray that didn't like him."

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### Richard James Seguin

NO. 16492 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, MAY 23, 1951, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

RICHARD JAMES SEGUIN, the youngest of three sons, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seguin, on his oldest brother's birthday, July 7, 1926 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

His father's business interests necessitated frequent moves in the midwestern area

during Dick's younger years; in 1932 to Des Moines, Iowa, back to Stevens Point fourteen months later, and in the following years to Minneapolis, Minnesota. However, in 1939 the family settled in Duluth, Minnesota.

In the fall of that year Dick entered Central High School and immediately became an active member in scouting, student and civic activities. During his four years in high school he was a member of the swimming team, Hi-Y, chess club, rifle club, student council, wrestling team, drama club, cross country team, senior class play and the National Honor Society. He was twice selected as a Junior Rotarian of the Duluth Rotary Club. His scouting activities were many and varied, including his attaining Eagle Scout in the shortest possible time.

Upon graduation from high school in June 1943 Dick participated in and successfully passed Congressman William A. Pittenger's competitive examination for appointment to the U. S. Military Academy. That fall he entered the Duluth Junior College in preparation for West Point and was



outstanding scholastically during his year there.

While at the Point Dick was active in the glee club, camera club, chapel choir, ring committee, press representative, a Rhodes Scholar Candidate, and a Cadet Lieutenant. In addition, he spent many an hour helping the less fortunate with their academic difficulties.

Graduating in June 1948 in the top seven per cent of his class Dick was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and ordered to San Antonio, Texas. In September of that year he and Dorothy Pittenger, his Congressman's daughter, were married in Duluth, Minnesota. After a week's honeymoon Dorothy returned to George Washington University, where she was a senior majoring in psychology, while Dick reported back to San Antonio. His wife joined him after her graduation in June 1949.

Dick earned his wings in September of that year in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was ordered to a jet squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A daughter, Winne Elizabeth, was born to them on March 12, 1950.

In April 1951 Dick was ordered to Korea. He was shot down by enemy ground fire on May 23rd while flying an armed reconnaissance flight in his P-51.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Kathryn Ann being born September 6, 1951, four months after his crash. They

now make their home in Albuquerque. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seguin, and one brother, Lieutenant Commander R. E. Seguin, USN, Retired (Annapolis 1942) reside in Duluth, and his oldest brother Charles Wayne Seguin, lives in Modesto, California.

—His father, Frank Seguin.

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**Samuel Streit Coursen**

NO. 17342 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, OCTOBER 12, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

*"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."*

SAM COURSEN, who fell in Korea, is not dead; he lives still, and will live, in the tender memories of countless friends whose heartbeats were quickened by his affection; in the admiration of all who knew his inspiring leadership and stalwart manhood;



in the gratitude of all who were enriched by his comradeship, inspired by his devotion to duty, and filled with gladness that so rare a spirit has triumphantly fulfilled its mission, that a life so full of joy and achievement has been gloriously lived.

Ah, but the pity of it, that a life so meaningful should be so brief! That is not what Dr. Joseph Warren thought when, on that June day in 1775, he rose from a sickbed, and exclaiming, "It is a beautiful and fitting thing to die for one's country," went out to Bunker Hill to fight and to die. That is not what Ben Jonson believed when he wrote, more than three hundred years ago,

"In short measures life may perfect be." That is not what the Captain of our salvation thought, when, facing death at the age of thirty-three, He reported to His Supreme Commander, "I have finished the work that thou gavest me to do."

The Latin proverb, "Nil nisi bonum de mortuis," implies that anything ill concerning the dead should remain unspoken. As I write in reminiscent vein about Lieutenant Samuel Streit Coursen out of an acquaintance of long years with him and his family, I know nothing except good that can be spoken about Sam Coursen, strong, lovable, valiant as he was for a sadly brief lifetime. If I have ever heard of an extreme independence manifested by him in his early childhood, it is somehow akin to the fearless and self-sacrificing spirit he

displayed when he died fighting in Korea, not only serving his country and mankind, but also seeking to save a fellow soldier, one of the men of his command, whose members affectionately called themselves "Coursen's boys."

Let me give weight to my testimony concerning the quality of Sam Coursen's manhood by attesting my competency as a witness. When in 1940 he became a pupil of Newark Academy, where I have taught for over half a century, he came from Madison Academy, of which I had been the first head nearly fifty years before. His father and his uncle were pupils of mine more than forty years ago in Newark Academy. When Sam came from Madison Academy to Newark Academy, it was natural that he should win my affection and admiration, which have increased with the passing years.

What his schoolmates at Newark thought of him is evidenced by their choice of him as president of his class, president of the athletic association, and captain of the football team. To quote from the POLYMN- IAN, the class yearbook of 1945: "N. A. students remember his spectacular pass-catching abilities on the football team, which he captained. . . Sam possesses a goodly share of brain and brawn, thus making the ideal schoolboy and man." When a football signal called for a forward pass to Sam, his six feet, four inches of alert and sturdy manhood made it almost impossible to pass the ball over his head.

One incident that stands out in my memory with especial distinctness, after nearly a decade, was a boxing bout in the gymnasium when Sam donned the gloves and stood up against Tony Minisi, about a year his senior. Tony, who later gained gridiron fame as a member of the University of Pennsylvania's eleven, could strike sledgehammer blows, but Sam had the nerve and courage to take the worst that Minisi could inflict. Somewhat later Sam won the title of amateur boxing heavy-weight champion of New Jersey. After losing to Sal Casale, a husky opponent, who won the Golden Gloves bout on a technical knock-out, Sam challenged again and this time won the event and the coveted title. The same courage that enabled him to face these stalwart combatants was manifested in his last fight in Korea, October 12, 1950.

Exactly a year after his death, Newark Academy athletic field was dedicated to all the school's valiant war dead and named Coursen Memorial Field. The guest speaker at the dedication ceremony was Major General Frederick A. Irving, Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. A bronze tablet affixed to the south wall of the school building, overlooking the field, perpetuates his memory and that of his fellows who died for their country and ours, in this eloquent inscription:

"COURSEN MEMORIAL FIELD  
"In honor of all sons of Newark Academy who gave their lives in the service of our country this athletic field is dedicated in the name of SAMUEL STREIT COURSEN Class of 1945 His heroism is a magnificent symbol of the valor and devotion of his fellow alumni who have made the complete sacrifice.

"Lieutenant Coursen fell in action in Korea October 12, 1950, in saving the life of a wounded man in his command. He was awarded posthumously a grateful nation's highest tribute, the Congressional Medal of Honor."

Let no one suppose that the recognition of Sam Coursen's sterling character and glorious career is confined to his teachers and associates at Newark Academy. At Fort Benning, Georgia, is a rifle range named in honor of Samuel Streit Coursen.

(The very next range bears the name of the redoubtable General Patton.) A plaque in Cullum Hall at West Point, honors him as a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Baltusrol Golf Club at Springfield, New Jersey, annually awards a silver cup, open to competition by its younger members, on the basis not only of skill in the game, but also on the possession of certain qualities that are reminiscent of Samuel Coursen, whose name the cup bears.

It is fitting that the closing words of this memorial tribute should come from the heart and pen of one of Sam's closest friends, one of his roommates at West Point. In a letter to Sam's parents Lieutenant Philip R. Feir wrote:—

"At West Point in the summer of 1945 I first made Sam's acquaintance, an acquaintance that was to grow into the finest of friendships. Sam and I became roommates, and thus I knew him intimately under many varying conditions.

"One of Sam's finest traits was his splendid sense of humor and his optimistic outlook on life. . . Coupled with his zest for life Sam had a tremendous loyalty and respect for his fellow men. As his roommate and close friend, I have felt the strength of his loyalty, and to this day have drawn inspiration from it.

"I don't know when Sam met Evie Sprague; it seems to me that it happened during our junior year. Never have I beheld a more complete happiness than theirs. My mind goes back to Sam coming down the ramp after receiving his diploma on graduation day—and there waiting for him at the bottom of that ramp was Evie—and I think that at that moment they were completely alone in that vast auditorium. Their subsequent marriage was in my estimation a perfect union. At Fort Benning Sam and Evie had their first child. I've never known a couple more deserving of this handiwork of God—and Sam I think was the proudest of the proud.

"What high tribute can I pay to this man whom I knew so well, now that he is gone? I can say that those who knew him are better men for having been so honored; that his quiet courage, his fine humor, his loyalty, his ability to find good in others, are of the stuff that makes our nation great; that I grieve his passing as I would that of a son."

Let Bayard Taylor sound taps for us over Sam Coursen's resting place:—

"Sleep, soldier! still in honored rest  
Thy truth and valor wearing;  
The bravest are the tenderest,—  
The loving are the daring."

—Albert T. Davis.

Dean of Students of Newark Academy.

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**Courtenay Leonard Barrett, Jr.**

NO. 17856 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION SEPTEMBER 27, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

Bo has been gone almost four years now. Because of his death there will always be a certain emptiness in the lives of those who knew and loved him. He left behind many wonderful memories of a boy and a man full of fun and life, but with high ideals which he not only lived up to himself, but which he instilled into many other people.

As a boy Bo showed the qualities which were so evident all through his life. He was a leader with a great imagination and the ability to carry out his ideas. He or-

ganized our childhood gangs, as well as many other activities, ranging from a neighborhood newspaper to a lemonade stand in the summer. He liked sports and regularly attended meetings at the YMCA, as well as playing baseball and football at school. He was a good student and always enjoyed reading. As he grew up he collected books until he had a good-sized library of Poe, Shakespeare, De Maupassant, and other authors. Besides all his activities, Bo had something he displayed throughout his life—a kind and loving personality. He enjoyed people—all people—and because he liked them he invariably brought out their good qualities. He seemed to gain something from each person he knew, and in turn gave part of himself to them. He was completely unselfish and would do almost anything for a friend. When we were small he took it upon himself to be my guardian—he walked with me to and from school, and many times gave up his own play to see that I was safe. As we grew up he was more than just a big brother—he was a confidante, adviser, teacher, and disciplinarian. Our grandparents, who raised us after our mother died, set an ex-



ample for Bo by their unselfish devotion and generosity. He loved them deeply and always tried to live up to the bright dreams they had for him. There were times of course when he required a little discipline, for he was a normal boy with ideas and inventions which once in awhile were very impractical. On the whole, however, our family was very close—each enjoying and loving the others very much.

Bo went away to Kentucky Military Institute for high school, and for the first time our group was broken up. However, these school years were filled with many letters and wonderful summer vacations. During high school Bo found that the combination of his uniform and what he called his "charming personality" made him popular with the girls. So throughout these years there was a succession of love affairs—each one being "IT", but only for a short while. After his graduation from KMI, as a Cadet Captain, he was drafted and soon was sent to France as a member of the Army of Occupation. After serving a year in France and Germany, he received his appointment to West Point.

The following fall he passed his entrance examinations after a hard preparatory course at Amherst. His first year was the usual difficult one. He spent many hours on his first vacation astounding his friends

and family, telling them of the hardships of a plebe. During this year however, a wonderful thing happened to Bo; he met Jacqueline Lowry, the daughter of Colonel Lowry, and this time he really fell in love. The next years went by swiftly and in his senior year he and Jackie became engaged. He made many good friends at the Point whom he regretted leaving, but at the same time he was anxious to be married and to start his career. On the evening of his graduation, he and Jackie were married in the chapel at Fort Hamilton, New York, where she lived. It was a lovely wedding and they were very very happy. They spent several weeks of their honeymoon with our family and several weeks with Jackie's family.

Just after graduation the Korean war broke out and orders came for Bo to leave immediately for Fort Lewis, Washington. When he left he was cheerful and determined. I'll always remember his telling us not to worry; that it was his job to help clear up the war quickly, and that he would be back soon. That was the middle of July. On September 27, 1950, he was killed in action. He spared us the terrible hardships in his letters, but we later learned that only two men from his company survived those battles.

After he was gone we were bitter for a long time. Why did he have to be killed when he had so much ahead of him? We asked ourselves this question a million times. We never received a direct answer, but somehow we've come to know deeply that his death was not in vain. Sometimes only through the sacrifices of great and wonderful people in the name of freedom do we at home realize how precious our liberty is. God must have taken Bo because his job here was done. He instilled his leadership, his wisdom and his kindness into many people. To him we can give the greatest tribute possible—there are many people who are better and happier because he lived.  
—His sister, Patricia.

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**Allan Parker Hunt, Jr.**

NO. 18321 CLASS OF 1951

DIED MARCH 30, 1953, AS RESULT OF AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT IN KOREA, AGED 22 YEARS.

ON March 31, 1953, I was unexpectedly called to the office of Mr. A. P. Hunt, Sr., a very faithful member of our church. Before I arrived I sensed that something tragic had happened. As I entered Mr. Hunt handed me a telegram which read:

"It is with deep regret that I officially inform you of the death of your son, First Lieutenant Allan P. Hunt, Jr. He died in Korea on 30 March 1953, as the result of an aircraft accident. A letter containing further details will be forwarded to you at the earliest possible date. Please accept my sincere sympathy in this hour of grief."  
Major General John H. McCormick  
Director of Military Personnel Headquarters  
United States Air Force."

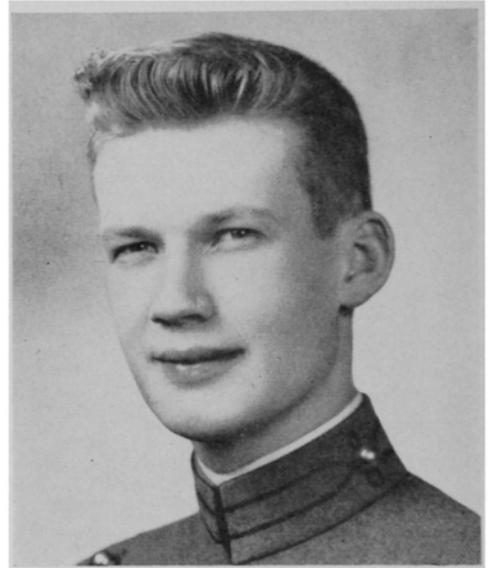
We were shocked beyond words. We could not believe what we read. The words were legible but somehow they sounded impossible. Allan, one of the finest young men I have ever known, had flown his last mission for his God, his country, and his family. He had given the full measure of his devotion. He died that we might be free from the dominion of communism.

That morning we talked about Christianity and the faith we must have in God. We

realized that Christian living ever and always gives us assurance for the future. We knew that goodness does not guarantee absence of tragedy. We prayed that God would strengthen us for the hours ahead when we would talk with Allan's wife; his mother, his brother, and his sister. Somehow as we thought of him, with his inspiring devotion to his country, his profound love for his family, his loyalty and high regard for West Point and the United States Air Force, his sterling qualities of leadership, his unassuming friendliness, his simple faith in God, we knew that such a life could not die. We believed with the poet,

"There is no death! The stars go down  
To rise upon some other shore,  
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine evermore."

Allan was born in Elberton, Georgia, July 16, 1930. He was among the leaders in all of his years in the Elberton schools. He graduated with honors from Riverside Military Academy. He entered West Point in 1947 and finished in 1951. After intensive training at Spence Field in Georgia,



at Williams Air Force Base at Chandler, Arizona, and at the Las Vegas Gunnery School in Nevada, Allan was ready for overseas duty.

It was on December 24, 1951 that Allan married Miss Janet McIntosh in Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. Hunt was able to be with her husband for the most part during the months of preparation in Georgia, Arizona, and Nevada. Nancy Carolyn Hunt was born January 15, 1953, while her father was in Korea. She never had the privilege of seeing her father alive. Almost three months after her birth, her Daddy gave his life in the cause of freedom.

Lieutenant Hunt went to Korea as the pilot of a Sabre Jet F86. He had flown 40 successful missions against the enemy when the fatal accident occurred. In Korea this young man blazed a path of glory. He has bequeathed unto us a noble heritage. It is our solemn obligation to be true to that enriching entrustment.

Someone has well written, "... Sometimes a man reaches such strength of character and mind, that he is ready to be taken into Heaven early in life. The rest of us have to live our lives full until we can attain our goal..." These words can truthfully be said about Allan. He was taken from us in accordance with the permissive will of an all wise Providence. Out of his going let us learn that lasting peace

is possible only as we let the Prince of Peace have His way in our hearts. To Allan we say,

"Thy day has come, not gone;  
Thy sun has risen, not set;  
Thy life is now beyond  
The reach of death or change,  
Not ended—but begun.  
O, noble soul! O, gentle heart!  
Hail, and farewell."

—Herman Ihley,  
Pastor of the First Baptist Church  
in Elberton, Georgia.

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**Samuel Ayer Lutterloh**

NO. 18359 CLASS OF 1951  
MISSING IN ACTION SINCE SEPTEMBER 2, 1952,  
IN KOREA. OFFICIALLY DECLARED DEAD AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 1953, AGED 26 YEARS.

MANY men, distinguishing themselves at the Academy, have left their marks in for-



gotten record books and fading pictures on the shelves and walls of West Point. But one of the biggest of them all left his mark indelibly stamped in the hearts of his classmates and friends. Largest in size, quickest in laughter, greatest in heart, "Big Sam" will always remain in our memories as a living manifestation of *Duty, Honor, Country*. He endured the hardships of combat far better than most of us and was always able to find a laugh to lift and encourage his men. Leading one patrol after another, always in front in every fight, Big Sam became a legend in King Company and was known throughout the 2d Division for his indomitable courage and steadfast devotion to his duty as a leader of soldiers.

Big Sam's home was in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Raised in the traditions of the South, he learned the gentle courtesy and deep attachment for the church that marked him throughout his life. Sports came easy to him and he was well known as an athlete before entering the Service during the war. The Army gave Sam the opportunity he wanted to serve his fellow men and his country, and he won an appointment to the Academy.

At West Point the stories of Sam's activities foretold the legends that were to come. Sam and Beast Barracks, Sam and football, Sam and the hamsters provided enough laughs to get us all through our

four years. We graduated and went our various ways, some to Korea.

In Korea, Big Sam easily passed the toughest test any of us ever met. Often cited and already decorated for bravery, he vigorously continued his aggressive, personal fight with the enemy that threatened his country and his church. On the night of September 2nd, 1952, he led the point of a large patrol forward from Arrowhead Ridge. When the firing began, Big Sam disappeared into the dark in an attempt to flank the enemy. What happened is unknown, but the men of King Company will tell you that if it was humanly possible, Big Sam completed his mission.

On January 20th, 1954, a communion service dedicated to Sam's memory was held in St. John's Church in Fayetteville. His friends and classmates, from Fayetteville and nearby military posts, filled the church to join the Reverend W. Tate Young, Sam's boyhood teacher and guide, and three other members of the clergy in paying last respects to a gallant soldier, a brave man, and a true friend. At this service nearly one hundred persons received the Holy Sacrament.

Big Sam is still with us. He has joined the Long Gray Line, yet every bugle call shall stir his memory. At every Retreat, we shall see our national colors flying because Big Sam and brave men like him understood their duty to their country and unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, went forward. Here in the hands of the Great Captain, we who knew him, leave him—soldier among soldiers, remembered with honor.

—John R. Byers, First Lieutenant,  
Class of 1951.

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**Edward John Mueller, Jr.**

NO. 18275 CLASS OF 1951  
KILLED IN ACTION, APRIL 2, 1953, IN KOREA,  
AGED 25 YEARS.

PERHAPS no one act in the life of Edward Mueller could better portray his personality, than his last.

On April 2, 1953, Edward was killed in action, by a direct mortar hit, while leading a battle patrol unit of the 15th Infantry Regiment, U.S. 3rd Division, in the Korean conflict. Edward volunteered for the patrol after telling a fellow officer, whose wife was an expectant mother, to "stay out" because it was too dangerous.

Such concern and regard for those about him could only result from the type of training and background that Edward had.

Born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Mueller, Edward received his elementary and secondary education in Sheboygan public schools. It was during this period of his training that he first distinguished himself, both on the athletic fields and in the class room. Numerous athletic and scholastic awards attest to his success, particularly during his years in High School.

Luster was added to his athletic and scholastic reputation at the University of Pennsylvania, Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin, and finally the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, from which he was graduated in 1951.

Perhaps it was the emphasis of athletics that gave him his great perception of the importance and dignity of people about him. Some might call this perception "team work", some, "brotherhood". To some of us such a quality is more an ideal than a reality. To Edward Mueller it was a natural and unquestioned part of his everyday

life, on the playing field, in the class room, in his home and, later, in the military service. Though he might have selected almost any field of endeavor as his life's work, the fact that he chose to devote his future to his country's service is indicative of his own selflessness and his self-dedication to the service of his fellow man.

If popularity and the admiration of friends and classmates are measures of a successful boyhood, Edward's record was outstanding. Testimonials are found in the pages of his High School annual, published the year he graduated. Literally hundreds of words of tribute and well-wishing are written across the fly leaves and pages of this annual by his classmates and friends. Typical of these notations is the following, written with all the sincerity of youth:

"Gee Eddie:

We're all thru now. I want to tell you what a swell athlete and fellow you are—It was wonderful to be your teammate this year in football—I suppose we



could have all tried harder, but every time I saw you I wondered how long you could keep on going like that. Always working and practicing—no fooling around—I expect plenty from you in the future. . ."

Neither creed nor color influenced his associations as a student and later as an officer in the military service. Lieutenant Mueller spent countless hours, while on Stateside assignment, instructing illiterates, most of them of a different color than his own. His letters to his family tell of the deep satisfaction this type of work gave to him because it gave a purpose to the excellent training he himself had been fortunate enough to receive.

Edward loved his family and had the deepest regard for them. A very close association existed between him, his younger brother and sister and mother and father. He earned the respect and love of his relatives because of his own courteous and respectful manner.

Immediately following his graduation from West Point, he was enrolled in the Airborne Course of the Infantry School. Serious leg and hip injuries, incurred as a result of a practice jump, while at the Airborne School, failed to dampen his enthusiasm for the arm of the Service he had chosen. In October 1952 he was transferred to Korea and assigned to the 15th Infantry Regiment of the U.S. 3rd Division.

Letters to his parents from the battle fronts recount instance after instance of

his courage and daring, while leading his battle patrol unit, in their frequent forays into enemy territory. That his name and his deeds were legend amongst his fellow officers and men is attested by their action a few months ago. On November 12, 1953, Lieutenant Mueller was signally honored when, with traditional ceremony, Camp Mueller, home of the 15th "Can Do" Infantry Regiment, U.S. 3rd Division, was dedicated to his memory.

In Scripture we read:

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

The book of life of Edward Mueller, though brief, is full and rich with detail of those things which are pleasing to the God who saw fit to take him into His own Kingdom.

—G. J. C.

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**George Alden Sundlie**

NO. 18245 CLASS OF 1951

DIED SEPTEMBER 26, 1952, IN SALEM, OREGON, AGED 24 YEARS.

OUR son would be the first to protest a tribute being written to him. He was modest and unpretentious, always shrinking from focussing attention upon himself. He was an outstanding individual in many ways, showing the ability of leadership while still very young. He was fun-loving, sympathetic and thoughtful of others. He possessed a rare talent for wit and humor.

Alden was born on February 14, 1928 in Minot, North Dakota. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Sundlie. When he was three years old the family moved to Moorhead, Minnesota, where he attended kindergarten and the first grade of school. At the age of six he moved with his parents to Salem, Oregon, where he received his education through high school.

Alden had a very happy, normal childhood, enjoying the sports that all boys do. His interests were many and varied: Sunday School, Scouting, earning the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout and earning the bronze palm. He was officer and charter member of the Order of the Arrow in Salem. Swimming for fun developed into a major sport for him. He was active in Y.M.C.A. work in its many phases—at the desk, and as a helper in carrying out the entertainment program which the Y regularly provided for the migrant workers in the hop yards. He was Aquatic Examiner and Red Cross Water Safety Instructor at the camp in the summer, and attended the pool afternoons and evenings while he was in school. He had the privilege of going out to other high schools in the surrounding country to speak to student groups in behalf of Hy-Y work. He served as president of the Stagecraft Club several terms while in High School. He headed a small group of Scouts that collected four tons of paper in the fall of '41. He volunteered his services as a projector operator to go around in Marion County showing pictures on National Defense, to help people to know what to do in cases of emergency. During the summers of 1943 and 1944 he was waterfront director at Camp "Pioneer" (a Boy Scout camp), and did a host of other things that an ambitious industrious boy could find to do.

The year that Alden was a senior in high school he, with a couple of other boys, was

instrumental in organizing Salem High School's first swimming team. He made arrangements for the team to use the Y.M.C.A. pool after nine in the evening, since the high school did not have a pool. Alden was chosen Captain of that team. It won the grand sweepstakes trophy of the State.

Alden loved good music, and had quite a collection of good records. He collected stamps as a hobby, and from the time he was eight years old through his entire life they were a source of education, enjoyment and comfort to him. He left quite a collection of fine stamps, and some day we hope that little Scott Alden may find the same pleasure in them that his father did.

Alden was granted a scholarship, based on scholastic ability, to the University of Oregon, when he graduated from high school. He attended Oregon University for two years. He was a member of the Var-



sity Swimming team, earning his letter in both years. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and the Lettermen's Club.

In January 1947 he received his appointment to West Point from Senator Cordon. It was a cherished dream come true. He entered West Point before ten o'clock on July 3, 1947. The four years he spent there were long and hard, yet deep and rich in many experiences. He was a member of the "A" swimming team at the Point in 1947 and 1948, and a member of the Water Polo team in the Spring of 1948. He coached an undefeated swimming team in intramural competition at Camp Buckner in the Summer of 1948. His weekly letters home were full of the life he lived there, sharing it as completely as possible with us; and we knew that he was still following the criterion he had set for himself years ago: "Whatever I do, I will do it the very best I can, then there will be a greater task for me." At an early age he had learned the peace and comfort of prayer. It was a source of pride with him that he could talk things over with God.

Graduation from West Point in June 1951 was a high point in all of our lives.

On June 16, 1951 Alden married Sally Ann Meyer of St. Petersburg, Florida. For more than a year he lived the full life of a happily married man. On May 7, 1952 a little son was born. He is his father in miniature.

Alden graduated from Reese Air Base at Lubbock, Texas, in August. He brought his little family home for the first time, be-

cause of his father's illness. He requested an extension of his leave, and received it.

Early on the morning of September 26, 1952, Alden, Sally Ann and baby Scott Alden left our home in their car, headed for Randolph Field, at San Antonio, Texas. A car came on the highway from a side road without stopping. With a huge freight truck bearing down from the opposite direction, there was a horrible accident. Our son passed to the great beyond in less than forty minutes; his wife and little son survived, for which we are grateful.

Alden's memory shall be a living monument to the finest in American manhood, and a constant and living influence for Christian life and character in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. We, his parents, shall always be grateful that we were allowed those precious twenty-four and one-half years of his life.

Alden was laid to rest on September 30, 1952 in the family plot at the Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem, Oregon.

"There is only a curtain between us. Between the beyond and here, They are not dead, only promoted, They have entered the order above. And there 'neath the smiles of the Master They will finish their labor of love."

—Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Sundlie.

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**John Richard Wasson**

NO. 18040 CLASS OF 1951

KILLED IN ACTION JUNE 25, 1953, NEAR SANGDONG-NI, NORTH KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

In March 1949 while yet a yearling at West Point, John Richard Wasson, affectionately known as "Dick", became aware of the challenge to serve God while serving his country. Under the guidance of the teachers of the Sunday afternoon Bible classes he accepted the promises of Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God", and fully dedicated his life to serve the Great Commander in Chief of Christian soldiers wherever God might see fit to lead him. The remaining two and one-half years at the Point were glorious days of service in the Academy and in the Post Sunday School. His new life radiated what Christ can do in a completely surrendered Christian. His humbleness and meekness won him friends wherever he went. At Benning, Fort Bragg, and then to the great test in Korea. While he lay wounded in a hospital during Christmas 1952 his comforting words and cheerful spirit dispelled his own suffering as he used this opportunity to bring many to the Lord who had never known Him as their personal Saviour. Returning to the front he led his men valiantly, always seeking Divine Guidance going from trench to trench. Even in the very face of danger he would talk to his men, urging them to turn to the Lord of Hosts before it was too late. Having a premonition that his work was almost finished and that soon he would hear the voice of his wonderful Saviour saying to Him "Well done thou good and faithful servant", and realizing he could not talk to each of them individually, he wrote a personal note on June 23, 1953 to each of his men.

He went as he had lived, serving God, his country and giving his life that those of us left here could continue to worship

and follow our Saviour wherever He sees fit to send us.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

His body lies at rest in Dublin, Indiana, and the tombstone bears his testimony as found in Phillippians 1:21. "For to me to live is Christ, but to die is gain."

"Office of the Commanding Officer—65th INFANTRY REGIMENT

My dear Mrs. Wasson:

"I extend my most profound sympathy to you in the recent loss of your husband, First Lieutenant John R. Wasson, who died in the service of his country on June 25, 1953 near Sangdong-ni, North Korea. He was killed in action by enemy artillery fire while on reconnaissance of a new area into which his company was moving.

"As a member of this command, John was admired and respected by all of his associates. He was an excellent officer, performing all tasks assigned to him in a cheer-



JOHN R. WASSON  
Company Commander"  
—His loving wife and son.

be personally understood and claimed to be yours.

First, God promises that we may have everlasting life by believing that Jesus is the Son of God and receiving Him as our Saviour from sin. (John 3:16, 1:12)

Second, God assures us that Christ Jesus has won the victory over death and the grave once and for all (I Corinthians 15:54-57, Romans 8:38-39).

Now God does not lie. His Word is true. I simply want to challenge you to seek to know Christ, for with Him there is eternal life and joy, but without Him there is only uncertainty and sorrow. Read your Bible, the Book of John, or ask the Chaplain about it. Be sure where you stand; let nothing sidetrack you. This is the most important matter in the world. Let God give you His solution. It works!

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18)

If you know Him already, I challenge you to live for Him daily.

JOHN R. WASSON  
Company Commander"  
—His loving wife and son.

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**Richard George Inman**

NO. 18919 CLASS OF 1952

KILLED IN ACTION JULY 7, 1953. IN KOREA,  
AGED 23 YEARS.

"His strength was of the strength of ten because his heart was pure."

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD G. INMAN was born March 30th, 1930, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He had his schooling in Vincennes, Indiana. As a boy in elementary school he showed evidence of excellent qualities of leadership, being a leader among his classmates and outstanding in scholarship and in extra-curricular activities.

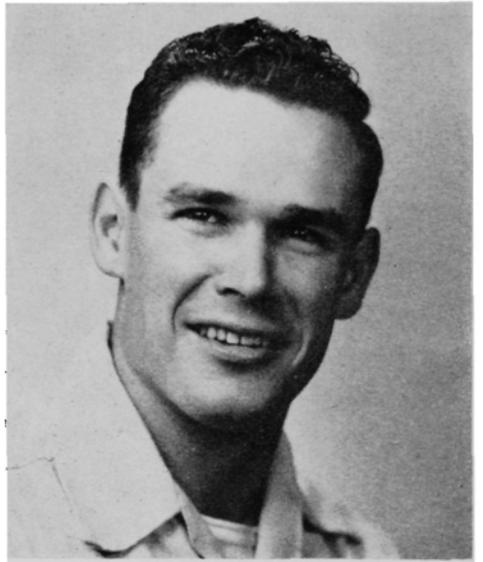
He gained many honors and awards in school, Y.M.C.A., and Church activities in his pre-high school days. Upon entering high school he was active in athletics, dramatics, and high in scholarship. He was selected as the outstanding freshman athlete; won the citizenship award given by the D.A.R.; won the American Legion football award as most valuable to his team; made All-State football selection, all-Southern Indiana Conference football team, and all-Wabash Valley football team. In track, he won fourth place in the high hurdles in the State meet as a Junior, and third place in the same event as a Senior. A new Indiana record was set in this meet. He was a member of the National Honor Society, which qualifies its members on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character, and citizenship. He was a member of the National Thespian Society through his outstanding participation in dramatics. He was without question one of the most respected students to ever come out of Vincennes High School. His ideals were extremely high for one so young. To him honor came above everything. He was honest, ambitious, and courageous. He always worked diligently at every task. He was an inspiration to those who worked with him. He never gave up. Pain or injury never stopped him—on the gridiron, or on the battlefield.

Richard loved life and the beautiful things that portrayed life. One spring day in his mother's flower garden, he made a comment that bespoke his whole heart and

soul: "I wish I could live a thousand years so I could fully enjoy the beauty of spring." He likewise abhorred misery, suffering and cruelty. It seems ironical that one with such love for life, such zest for beauty and happiness, and such sympathy for misery, should die by the hands of civilization's worst enemy—war.

In 1948 Dick was given a principal appointment to West Point by the Honorable Gerald P. Landis, Representative in Congress of the Seventh District of Indiana. Dick continued his high caliber of participation in West Point's activities. He enjoyed the discipline and laughed at its ruggedness. His rigid self-training adapted itself easily to "Beast Barracks." Again he became outstanding in athletics. He won his letter in track and football.

For his monograph as a First Classman, he wrote a treatise on World Government which was worthy enough to draw inquiries as to its source from the instructors. This paper is now up for publication, having gained noted attention from Norman



Cousins, author, editor, and proponent of good will throughout the world.

In this paper, Dick has set forth his ideas of how, through the creation of new national boundaries and a new system of world government, war would be impossible and humanity would be protected from so much suffering; and world progress, politically, economically, and culturally, would be given a greater impetus. As Mr. Cousins remarked, "Such a plan coming from a military man is certainly unique."

Lieutenant Inman died on Pork Chop Hill in Korea, July 7th, 1953, attempting to lead his platoon to safety. He had received the Purple Heart for an earlier wound; and also the Silver Star for bravery in his last battle. He died upholding the honor of West Point, his Country, his God and himself. His memory will always be cherished by those who knew him as associates; by his beloved wife Barbara; and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Inman; his brother Robert; his sisters, Mary Jo and Bonnie Ruth; and other loved ones. His "footprints on the sands of time" will be an inspiration for those who knew him. As humanitarian, scholar and soldier, his life, though short, was most worthwhile. May he rest in peace. And may his ideals of world peace, as set forth in his book "A Formula For Tomorrow", be furthered so that other boys may find security and happiness without sacrificing the life they love so much.

—His parents.

ful and efficient manner. As the company commander of Company 'I', he continually gave counsel and guidance to his men, each of whom he knew by name. I enclose a letter which he issued just prior to his death, giving moral direction and spiritual stimulus to members of his command. Please understand that news of his loss will be felt keenly in the organization.

"I sincerely hope that the knowledge that your husband was such a fine officer and died while serving his country, will afford you some consolation in your bereavement.

"Once again, personally and for the officers and men of this command, please accept my sincere sympathy.

Very sincerely,

CHESTER B. DE GAVRE

Colonel, Infantry, Commanding."

"MEN OF 'I' COMPANY:

"In the midst of this situation we are concerned about having trenches, bunkers and weapons, but I have something that I want to share with you that is more important than all of these and any others. As thinking men I challenge you to consider these facts seriously:

1) Life here on earth is very uncertain and short. We have seen this to be true many times.

2) Death seems to have no explanation or solution when we face it so vividly and brutally.

God has shown me the solution to these two puzzles in the promises of the Bible. I must share them with you, for they must

