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The U. S. Army Hospital, U. S. M. A.

By Colonel DOUGLAS B. KENDRICK, M.C., U.S.A., Surgeon, U.S.M.A.

For the past century and a half the hospital at West Point has discharged its mission of providing a "haven of refuge" for the sick in the United States Corps of Cadets. From the beginning of "beast barracks" until graduation day, the U. S. Army Hospital at the Military Academy and its activities play an important part in the life of the Cadet.

It is in this installation that the applicant for West Point receives his physical examination prior to admission, is immunized against the many diseases that would otherwise plague the Corps, is treated for injuries or ills that occur during his four years at West Point, and finally, it is the place where he receives his physical examination prior to being commissioned in the branch of the Service in which he has elected to serve. The hospital at West Point is primarily the Cadet's hospital, and every effort is made by the Army Medical Service to provide for the Cadet the finest type of medical service that is available.

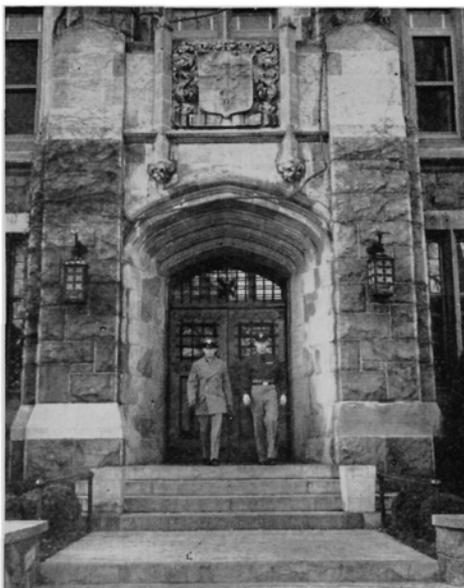
The story of the Army Medical Service at West Point is older than the United States Military Academy, and reflects the progress of medicine from the Revolutionary days to the harnessing of atomic energy for the good of humanity.

The early history of medical facilities at West Point is fragmentary, but a map of West Point by VILLE-FRANCHE, dated 1780, indicates that at this early date a hospital was available on the post. There is other evidence in Dr. Thatcher's journal written at West Point, dated 15 December 1782, which points to the fact that he (Dr. Thatcher) dined with his friends, Drs. Townsend, Eustis and Adams, in the hospital at West Point, in the company of Generals Gates and Howe. Dr. William Eustis, who had served throughout the entire Highlands as a military surgeon, was the first Post Surgeon at West Point. He was quartered on the post, in the area known as "New Boston." The first hospital serving the members of the garrison was probably the yellow frame building, which has been described in many diaries of that time, and stood northwest of the area occupied by the present Ordnance Laboratory. This small, inadequate building, constructed as a hospital for soldiers during Revolutionary times, continued to serve as a hospital for soldiers and cadets until 1824. The inadequacy of this hospital was apparent to the command, and as a result, one of the many improvements made by Colonel Sylvanus Thayer early in his superintendency was to develop the first hospital utilized primarily for Cadets. This was in the year 1824.

It was through the insistence of Colonel Thayer and the perennial recommendations of the Board of Visitors that the government finally purchased, in 1824, Gridley's Tavern and the tract of 3,100 acres upon which it stood. This structure, which had served as a hotel for many years, was modified and used as a hospital for the next six years. The harsh winter of 1826 and the high incidence of influenza and other diseases in the Corps at that time were convincing evidence of the need for adequate hospital facilities for the Cadets, and by the winter of 1830, appropriations had permitted the construction of a stone hospital building covering a ground area

131 x 40 feet. This hospital was located about 200 yards south of our present medical facilities, overlooking the Hudson river.

This small building, gradually improved by many alterations and additions, continued to provide hospital facilities for Cadets and other post personnel until 1851, when a separate, modern Soldiers' Hospital was completed. Although poorly ventilated, entirely too small for the purpose intended,



Entrance . .

and far from modern, the Cadet Hospital continued in existence until 1884, when, after ten years of efforts plagued by frustrations, a new Cadet Hospital was completed just south of what is now Grant Hall.

For the next 70 years, 1884 to 1954, additions and improvements were made in the Cadet Hospital to meet the ever-increasing demands of medical science and the expanding Corps. By 1908 the Cadet Hospital had been supplied with steam heat and wired throughout with electric lights, and as a result of these modern contrivances was considered to be a very modern edifice in which to treat the sick.

It remained for another influenza epidemic, the one which swept the nation in 1917-1918, to stimulate the Congress to approve the recommendations for additional hospital space. The new hospital building, plans for which were approved in 1919 and which is now called the *New Cadet Hospital*, was attached to the old structure and extended eastward toward Thayer Road. This *New Cadet Hospital*, completed in 1923, carried out the Gothic architectural design of the other buildings nearby. Although from 1916 on, all surgical and seriously ill medical cases from the Soldiers' Hospital were received and treated at the Cadet Hospital, it was not until 1932 that the Soldier's Hospital was finally closed and all medical facilities on the post were consolidated in the group of hospital buildings on Thayer Road.

In 1935 a second large building, referred to as the Annex, was added to the hospital.

It was constructed directly in the rear of the *New Cadet Hospital*, and was originally used to house the male medical detachment, medical supply and the hospital mess. Later the male medical detachment forfeited their quarters to the WAC Detachment. Eventually, in 1953, the WAC Detachment moved out to regulation barracks, leaving the space in the Annex available for use as a Professional Services Wing and Obstetrical Ward.

The most recent addition to the hospital was a fourth story to the *New Cadet Hospital*. This modification provided space for a new Dental Clinic, with ten dental chairs and a modern operating room suite that incorporated operating rooms for eye surgery, ear, nose and throat surgery, orthopedics, urological diagnostic room, general surgery, a cast room and a central, sterile supply work room. The physical plant making up the hospital now consists of three main buildings, the "Old" Cadet Hospital, completed in 1884, the "New" Cadet Hospital, opened in 1923, and the Annex, which was placed in operation in 1935. The "New" Cadet Hospital provides space for the Office of the Commanding Officer; the Outpatient Department; Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Sections; the Radiology Department; Emergency and Clinic Rooms; the office of the Hospital Registrar; Cadet Medical and Surgical Wards; Operating Rooms Suite; and the Dental Clinic. The "Old" Cadet Hospital houses the Artificer Shops; American Red Cross; and Enlisted Men's Wards. In the Annex are such facilities as Medical Supply; Patient and Detachment Mess; Contagious Diseases Ward; Obstetrics; Officer and Dependent Medical and Surgical Wards; Professional Services Wing; Library; and Conference Room. The various Services and Sections of the hospital are amply supplied with modern equipment to assure the highest caliber of medical service.

The present U. S. Army Hospital at West Point, although the outgrowth of more than twenty-two alterations and eleven separate additions over a period of 80 years, provides a medical facility which is capable of meeting the high standards of medical care which is expected today of any community hospital.

The fundamental mission of the U. S. Army Hospital at West Point has remained unchanged since the beginning of the Academy in 1802. However, the functions of the hospital have increased with the passing years, and the inherent responsibilities today are in sharp contrast to the needs for medical care imposed by the "Corps of Invalids" on duty at West Point in the 1790's and the handful of Cadets present at the Academy in the early 19th Century.

The present mission of the U. S. Army Hospital, West Point, is to provide hospital and outpatient medical care for the United States Corps of Cadets and military personnel and families assigned to the garrison of West Point. In addition to medical coverage for the post, evacuation and hospitalization are extended to military personnel of nine surrounding counties in New York State, First Army District No. 2, including Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Greene, Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Delaware and Westchester. Facilities are also extended to retired personnel and their dependents



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residing in close proximity to the post; to personnel at Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, New York; Eastern Army Anti-Aircraft Command; Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, New York; and Schenectady General Depot, Schenectady, New York. Emergency medical care is rendered to civilian personnel residing on the post.

In order to discharge the multiple duties imposed by the complex mission of this hospital for soldiers and cadets until 1824, nurses, dentists, Medical Service Corps officers, a dietitian, a physiotherapist, two WAC officers, enlisted specialists, WAC's and civilian employees have been assigned to the hospital. Although the officer and enlisted personnel of the staff are frequently changed by routine orders, a great many of the complement of Civil Service employees at the hospital remain faithful to their assigned jobs throughout the years. It is not unusual to find many of our civilian employees who have been serving loyally at the hospital for ten, and some for twenty, years. The old "Grads" are frequently amazed when they return to the hospital during June Week for the purpose of picking up a few aspirin tablets to see so many friends and familiar faces among the civilian employees who were well known to them in their Cadet days.

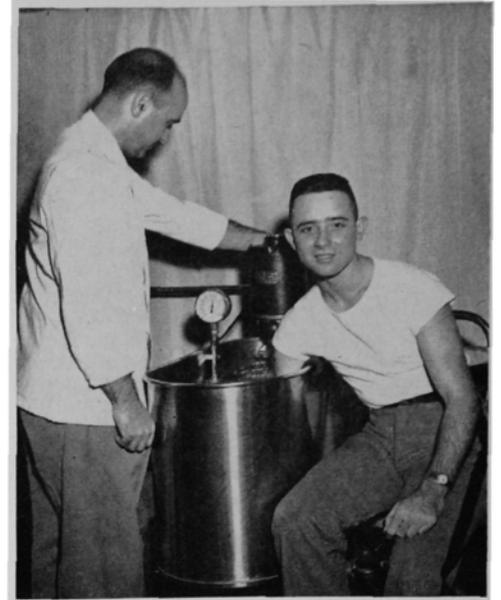
The breakdown of the patient load at the hospital is rather interesting. As might be expected, the cadet admissions routinely make up the largest part of our census of patients. It is surprising, though, that the second largest number of admissions is on the Obstetrical Service. It frequently appears to us that the wives of the "young grads" make a bee-line back to West Point to have their babies. This is very flattering to the hospital, and is just as it should be, for many of these little fellows are young cadets in the making, and it's only right that they get off to a proper start in familiar surroundings.

Although the inpatient load, cadet and enlisted sick calls, and intramural sick call in the afternoon keep most of our hospital staff busy, the largest number of patients are seen in the Outpatient Service. It is in this department that we examine patients and treat them for ills which do not require hospitalization. The Outpatient Service is also responsible for doing routine physical examinations, immunizations, and for taking care of emergencies which arise during normal working hours. It also supervises and operates, with the help of specialists on the staff, the various clinics,

such as the Orthopedic, Obstetrical and Pre- and Post-Natal Clinics. The Outpatient Service provides medical care for approximately 50,000 patients a year and renders about 70,000 treatments a year. As is true in most Army hospitals, the Outpatient Service at West Point is the busiest part of the entire hospital.

The hospital at West Point has long been a vibrant force and an essential phase of life at the Military Academy, and is inextricably associated with the Cadets' future service. To a few members of the Corps it has meant brief periods of unpleasantness, but to the vast majority it has implied respite, solace and a speedy return to health. There are few activities of the Corps that are not supported in some way by the hospital or members of its staff. Physical examinations of candidates for West Point and annual physicals of all classes bring all Cadets to the hospital sometime during the year. The Corps never moves from West Point without a small detachment of medical personnel and a physician as an integral part of the troop movement. No class attends an "away" football game without a "doc" along; no parade in New York City, Washington or Philadelphia gets underway without the "medics" being close by; no C.P. is established without its assigned physician being in a nearby tent; and no Plebe Hike has ever set out down the long, broad highway minus a physician, even though before the end of the hike his new combat boots did engender in him a great respect for the "doughboy."

Throughout the years the hospital at West Point has attempted to keep pace with the expanding horizons of medicine and surgery. Although the size of the physical plant has remained fairly constant for almost twenty years, the facilities and equipment of the hospital have changed perceptibly. The operating suite has been modernized so that any type of surgery, both emergency and elective, can be performed safely and efficiently in an air-conditioned atmosphere. The Dental Clinic has recently been equipped with the newest type of dental chairs, which contribute to better



Physiotherapy

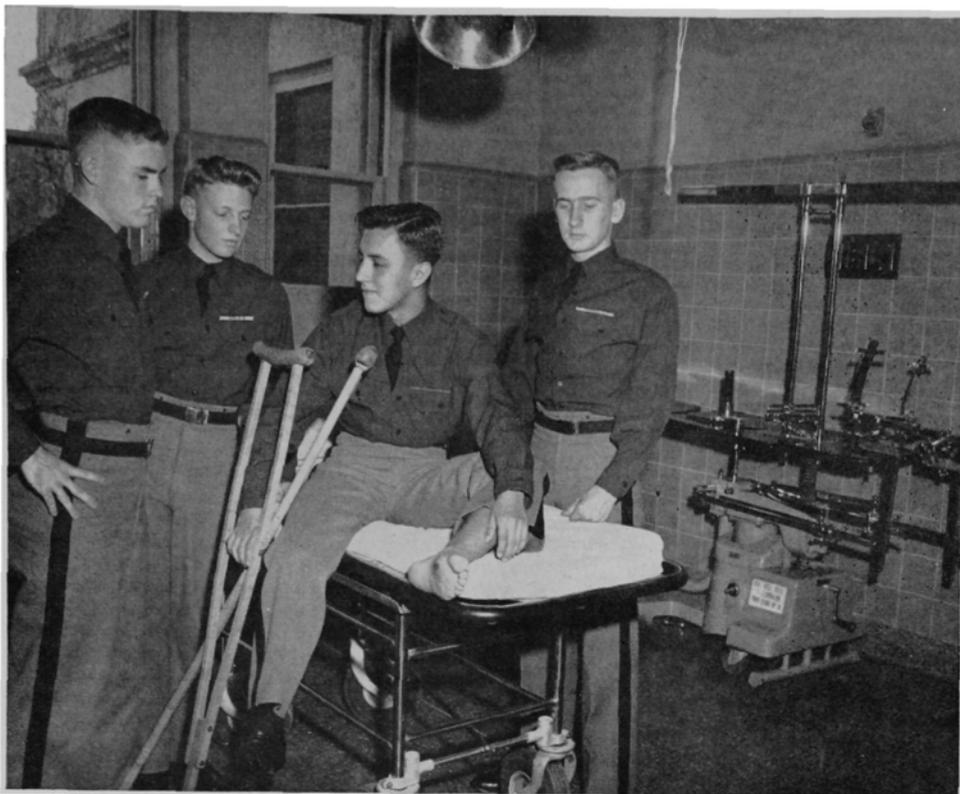
dentistry. In the Radiology Department, x-ray equipment has been added which increases the diagnostic acumen of the roentgenologist.

The patients' mess has been revamped into a cafeteria, so that the patients, members of the detachments, and the staff, a total of approximately 300 people, can be quickly served with hot food at each meal. Efficient diet kitchens on each ward provide hot food service to patients who are confined to their beds. For those who require them, special diets are prepared and served hot in special thermos-like containers called "meal packs." These niceties have contributed immeasurably to patients' well-being. Facilities have been added to keep hot foods "hot" and cold foods "cold". Every effort has been made to increase palatability of food for sick patients.

In keeping with the electronic age, communications within the hospital have im-



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Cast Room . . .

proved constantly. We now have a radio broadcasting station within the hospital which permits the broadcasting to patients of local releases, "canned" programs, or a rebroadcast of programs from outside. These broadcasts are transmitted either by loudspeakers controlled in each ward, or to individual patients by the use of "pillow speakers." Television sets are available in most of the large wards. In order to prevent interference with studies and preparation for recitations, TV sets and radio loudspeakers can be operated only during certain hours in the cadet wards.

To improve the coverage of rooms and wards by the nurses and to reduce the amount of unnecessary walking usually required of nurses, there has been installed an "audio-visual" nurses' call system which has been made possible by developments in electronics. A call box, at the bed of each patient, connected with a similar unit in the nurses' station permits the patient to talk directly to the nurse without her leaving the nurses' office. This saves the nurse many unwarranted visits to the patient and permits a single nurse to cover efficiently many more patients than was possible heretofore.

To aid in the rehabilitation of patients who have incurred fractures, injuries to muscles and peripheral nerves, and those who have residual temporary loss of function resulting from disease, there has been built and equipped a *Physiotherapy Section*. The Chief of this section, who is a graduate physiotherapist, has several trained medical technicians working with her. The equipment available permits the application of all approved forms of physical therapeutics. The addition of this section has added considerably to rapid recovery of Cadets and other patients who have been subject to trauma requiring the application of physical medicine.

It is hoped that within the near future the hospital may also be equipped with a remote dictation system. This will make it possible for the busy physician to dictate his operative reports, clinical records, pro-

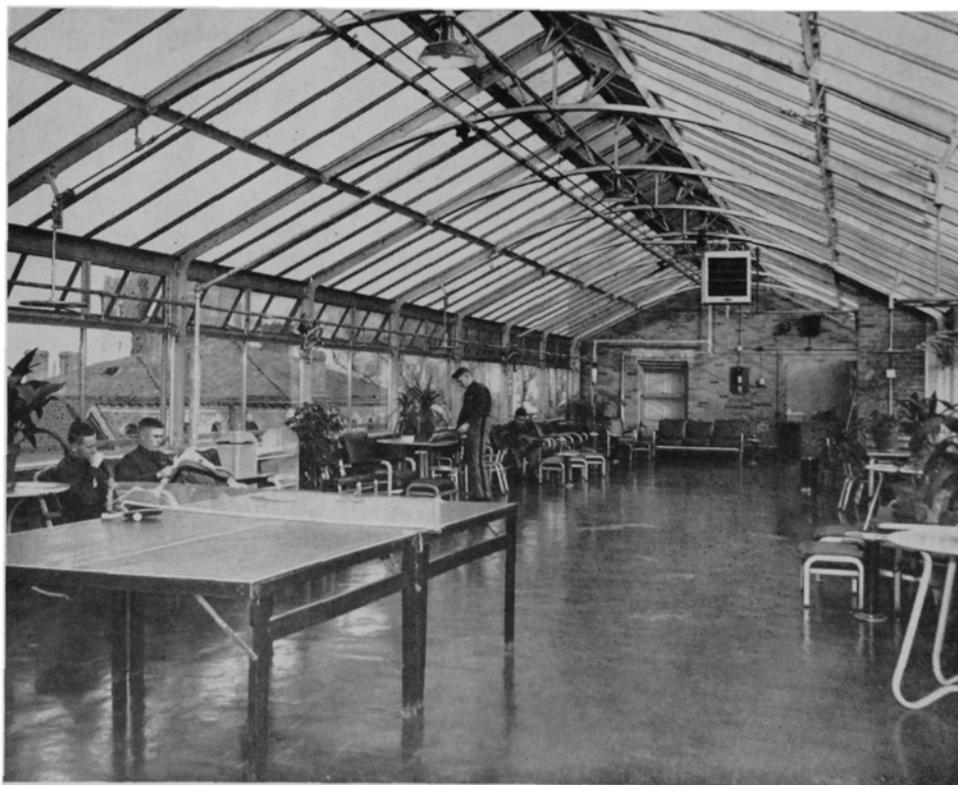
gress notes, etc., by telephone to a central switchboard, where the recordings will be promptly transcribed on the typewriter by a small group of stenographers. This calligraphic report will be of incalculable value to the individual and to the Army as a permanent health record.

Recent modifications have been made in the Annex of the hospital to provide a *Professional Services Wing*. This has made it possible to group together the Chief of the Medical Service, the Chief of the Surgical Service, the Chief of the Nursing Service,

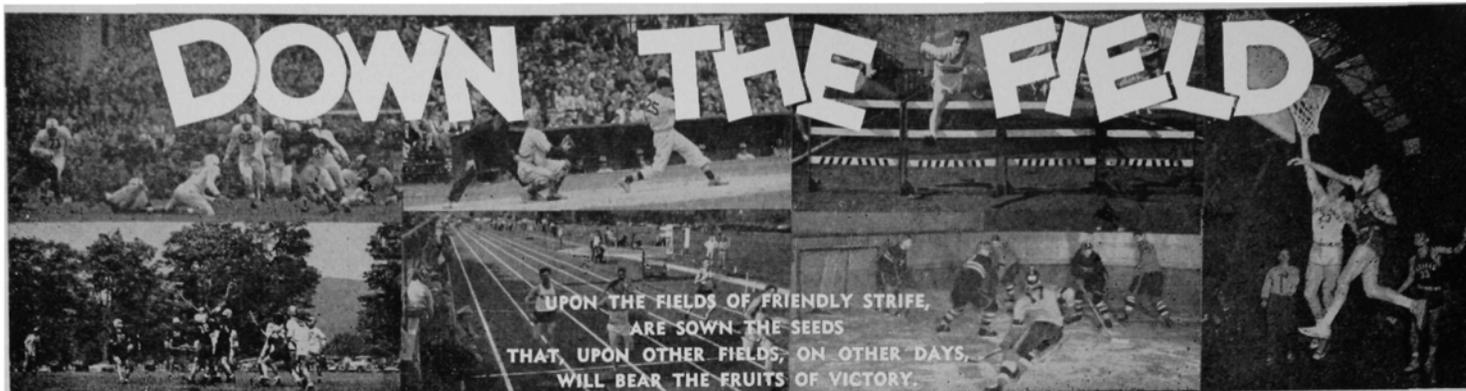
the Chief of Psychiatry, and the office of the Department of Military Hygiene. Adjoining these offices are the Library and the Conference Room, where all professional, educational and training programs are conducted.

The many changes and additions in the U. S. Army Hospital at West Point have been made with the basic idea of increasing the efficiency with which medicine is practiced and with the ultimate hope that the patient's recovery will be more rapid. Although this hospital with its many mutations has served the Academy well, it is hoped that a new, modernly constructed hospital may some day rise up to replace the old.

In preparing this article on the Army Medical Service at West Point, it has become quite apparent to the author that from the very inception of West Point as the site of the Military Academy, Army medicine has walked hand in hand with the Long Gray Line. This long continued association between members of the Army Medical Service and the United States Corps of Cadets has been fortuitous for both groups. It has inculcated in the doctors who have served here an abiding faith in the capabilities, integrity and devotion to duty of the graduates of this Academy, and, by the same token, there has been instilled in the minds of the officers who have completed their work at West Point a genuine respect for the type of medical care that the Army Medical Service can provide for all members of the Armed Services in peace or war. This mutual trust is a bulwark of strength in an organization such as the Army and contributes immeasurably to the high morale which is essential for a successful team. It is the purpose of the U. S. Army Hospital at West Point to continue to concentrate its efforts on providing at all times the very highest type of medical service to the U. S. Corps of Cadets with the hope that the interdependency of these two great professions, the profession of arms and the profession of military medicine, may always be recognized and perpetuated.



Solarium



By Joe Cahill

Though two full months have elapsed since the close of the football season, memories of the sixty-fifth campaign still linger. Therefore, before delving into the winter sports phase, it is deemed appropriate to record a few post mortems.

Despite the 27 to 20 loss to Navy in the finale, the season was stamped a success. The final audit shows that Army was accorded seventh position in the National ranking in both the press and coaches polls. Also, the team led the Nation in rushing and total offense.

Individual honors went to end Don Holleder and halfback Tommy Bell. Holleder was named on the *Collier's* All-America, and Bell was *Look's* selection. In addition, Bell ranked third in the Nation in scoring, with 13 touchdowns, and also finished third in rushing with a 10.6 yards average per carry. Ralph Chesnauskas, guard, gained recognition by leading the country in extra point kicking, making good 27 of 36.

Looking at the season in retrospect, the conclusion is drawn that Red Blaik turned in another monumental coaching job. A veteran of fourteen campaigns here, he was faced with one of his greatest challenges. At the outset of the season, it is recalled, there was not a linebacker, end or center

available who had ever played in a college game. This handicap proved too great in the opener with South Carolina, who romped to a comparatively easy 34 to 20 victory.

With the outlook about as dismal as it ever had been in recent years, Coach Blaik concentrated on the tremendous task of salvaging the season. He shifted personnel with the genius of a chess champion. He instilled faith and spirit into a demoralized squad. He labored night and day at a pace that eventually hospitalized him, forcing him to miss a game for the first time in his long coaching career.

He nevertheless accomplished his mission. Army's stock rose meteorically. The Cadets bounced back to win seven in a row, including important victories over Michigan, Duke, Virginia and Yale. This feat had columnists the country over singing the praises of this signally successful coach, whose astuteness, courage and flaming spirit once again prevailed in the face of great odds. Army football once again was hailed among the elite of the top ten teams.

Despite this truly fine coaching stint, the Coach refuses to accept the Navy defeat with anything but the deepest disappointment. The fact that this was the finest

Navy squad since 1944, and one of the best in all Navy history, matters not to him.

The game was played with almost reckless abandon by both teams, and from the beginning it appeared as though the last team to score would be the winner. There were several key breaks, but each about equalized the other. However, without pointing the finger, it can be said that Army did not enjoy one of its better days. Several questionable decisions without sanction from the bench proved costly to the cadet cause. Coach Blaik steadfastly refuses to be brought into such a discussion, preferring to begin the planning for 1955. But, in all fairness to the coaching staff, there were some flagrant departures from planned strategy which were as much of a surprise to the staff as to the critics.

And speaking of next year, the picture is not exactly rosy. Though only four regulars will be lost, namely: Godwin Ordway, tackle; Billy Chance, center; and Tommy Bell, back (by graduation); and Pete Vann (who has used up his eligibility); the situation is fairly chaotic, since a T-quarterback isn't within passing distance of the Plain. This position being the key, or heart, of a T-team, some vital decisions will keep business humming in the football office during the "Gloom Period."

The new schedule lists Furman, Penn State, Colgate and Syracuse in place of South Carolina, Dartmouth, Virginia and Duke. Remaining from the '54 slate are Michigan, Penn, Navy, Columbia and Yale.

Mike Zeigler, a halfback from Fairborn, Ohio, was elected captain succeeding Bob Farris. One of the finest running backs on the squad the past two seasons, the 5 foot 11, 175-pounder, had to shake off two major injuries to remain in football.

His comeback was termed remarkable by Coach Blaik. A back injury, sustained in a barracks accident all but ended his playing career. He was unable to compete in spring practice and did not turn out for football again until two weeks prior to the first game.

He was a regular halfback in the first four games until a double fracture of the jaw, suffered in the Duke game, kept him out of action for six weeks.

With his jaw wired and wearing a special protective mask, he played in the Navy game as an alternate halfback.

Though physically able to play in only four games, he nevertheless was one of Army's leading scorers with five touchdowns. His average gain per play rushing was better than five yards a carry.

The basketball quintet became the first of the winter sports teams to swing into action. Two starts before Christmas leave proved that the dribblers have a long way



Mike Zeigler, new Captain, and Bob Farris . . .



Don Holleder—End . . .

to go if they are to approximate the fine record achieved by their predecessors, who recorded a mark of 15 and 7. In pre-holiday activity, the team lost to Ithaca and Amherst.

A new coach in the person of Orvis Sigler is on hand. Sigler succeeds Bob Van-

atta, now at Bradley. Sigler came here from Missouri Valley College, where he coached basketball and Junior Varsity football. He has the same combined assignment at West Point.

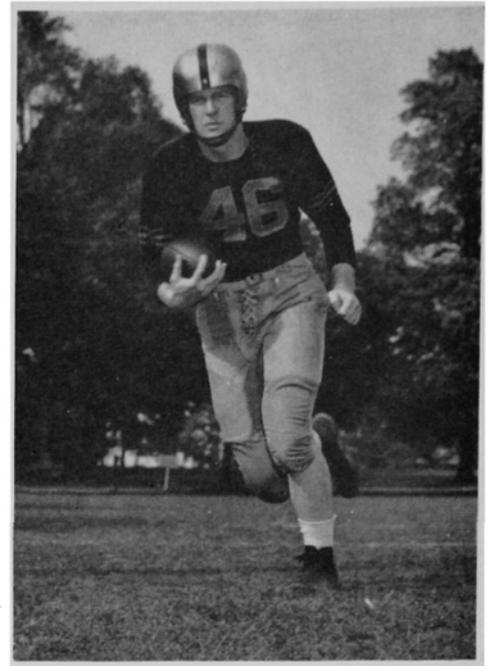
Five lettermen compose the nucleus of the '55 squad. Principal holdovers are Mark Binstein, high scoring guard from Jersey City, and Norris (Butch) Harbold. Rounding out the starting five are Don Holleder, the football end; Joe Thomer, a JV performer last year, and Bob McCoy, a yearling who did well with the Plebes.

Five lettermen were lost to the squad by graduation. Bill Hannon, Dick Littlefield and Ed Weaver have been hard to replace. Hannon was consistently one of the Nation's leading rebounders, while Littlefield and Weaver were starters most of the season.

Hockey and track, the two other major sports active in the winter, have not at this writing, gone into action, and likewise none of the minor sports have opened competition.

The soccer team, playing for the first time under the banner of a major sport, enjoyed a successful season. The record shows 6 victories against 2 ties and 2 defeats. In the feature of the season the Booters tied with Navy 1 to 1. The game was played in heavy rain and fog. Between the elements and poor condition of the field, no attempt was made to play overtime.

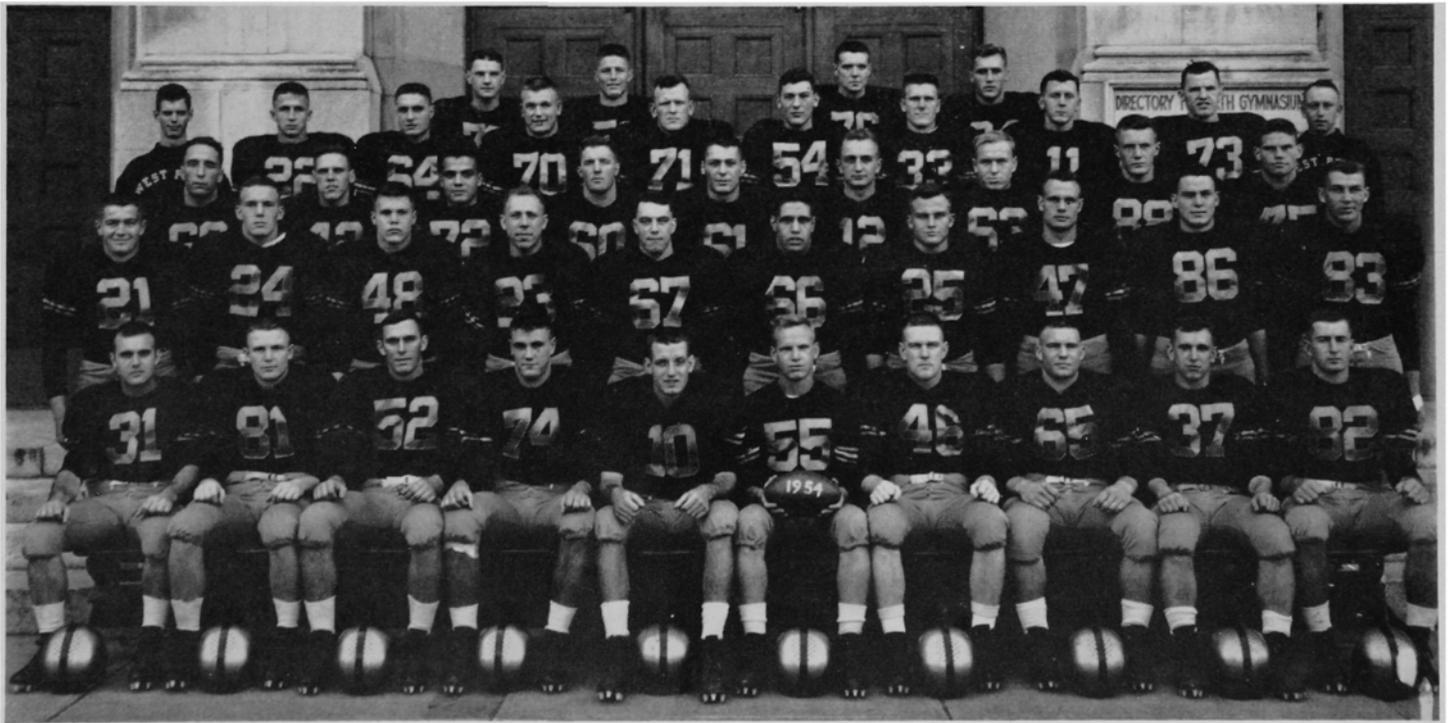
The season was memorable in that Coach Joe Palone's record of not having lost a home game since 1949 remained intact. Dick Johnson and Carl Bossert shared scoring honors with seven each. Scotty Adams and Ira Black are both candidates for



Tom Bell—Back . . .

the All-America. John Oakes was named captain-elect.

The cross country team had a mediocre season, winning three and losing two. The highlight of the hill-and-dale activity was the second place finish in the Heptagonal championships.



ARMY FOOTBALL SQUAD - 1954

First Row (left to right): John Wing, Jerry Hagan, Billy Chance, Godwin Ordway, Pete Vann, Bob Farris (Captain), Tom Bell, Joe Franklin, James Miller, Charles Bliss.

Second Row: Joe Cygler, Pete Lash, Richard Murtland, Robert Reynolds, Thomas Shuff, Nicholas Bruno, Glenn Allen, Donald Smith, Donald Satterfield, Art Johnson.

Third Row: Joe Bishop, Bob Kyasky, John Politis, Albert Oppel, Richard Fadel, Russell Mericle, Ralph Chesnauskas, Norris Harbold, Darrold Erickson.

Fourth Row: James Kinzer (Equipment Manager), Mike Zeigler, Flay Goodwin, Ronald Melnik, Howard Glock, Edward Szvetez, Frank Burd, William Cody, Donald Shannon, Donald Reid (Manager).

Fifth Row: Michael Petruno, Richard Stephenson, Paul Sullivan, Pat Uebel.

U. S. M. A. WINTER SPORTS 1954 - 1955

(With Scores to Include 15 January)
 (All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

BASKETBALL

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
December 11	76	Ithaca89
18	50	Amherst68
January 8	70	Boston University73
12	72	Colgate90
15	63	New York University59
19		Pennsylvania Military College ...
21		Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia....
22		Lehigh—at Bethlehem
26		St. Michael's
29		Columbia
February 2		Pittsburgh
5		Yale
9		Wagner
12		George Washington University— at Washington
16		Hartwick
19		Manhattan
22		Swarthmore
26		Navy—at Annapolis

BOXING

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 15	6	Catholic University 2
22		Marine Corps School (Quantico)
29		City College of New York
February 5		Syracuse
12		Virginia—at Charlottesville
19		Maryland
March 11-12		Intercollegiate—at College Park

GYMNASTICS

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 22		Georgia Tech
29		North Carolina
February 5		Syracuse—at Syracuse
12		Temple
19		Penn State—at State College ...
26		Navy
March 5		Duke
12		Intercollegiate—at Annapolis ..

SQUASH

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 8	9	Amherst 0
12	9	Dartmouth 0
15	7	Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia... 2
29		Fordham
February 5		Yale—at New Haven
12		Pittsburgh
16		Williams
19		Princeton
26		Navy
March 4-5-6		National Intercollegiate—at Middletown

PISTOL

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 29		U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
February 5		N.Y. State Maritime College....
12		U.S. Coast Guard Academy ...
19		M.I.T.—at Cambridge
26		Navy
March 5		Royal Military College

RIFLE

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
December 18	1420	City College of New York.....1385
January 8	1417	Triangular: Georgetown1403 Cornell.....1397
15	1408	New York University—at New York1382
22		St. John's (Brooklyn)
February 1		M.I.T.
5		Boston University
12		U.S. Coast Guard Academy—at New London
19		Maryland—at College Park ...
26		Navy—at Annapolis
March 11-12		Intercollegiate—at Kings Point

HOCKEY

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 8	3	Hamilton 1
12	1	Princeton 6
15	0	Yale—at New Haven 8
19		Amherst
22		Springfield
26		American International College...
29		Mass. Institute of Technology...
February 2		New Hampshire
5		Boston University
12		Middlebury
16		Williams
19		Dartmouth—at Hanover
25		Clarkson Tech—at Potsdam
26		St. Lawrence—at Canton
March 5		Royal Military College

SWIMMING

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 8	26	Harvard58
15	14	Yale—at New Haven70
22		Dartmouth
29		Columbia
31		Duke
February 2		Fordham
5		Pennsylvania—at Philadelphia...
9		Colgate
12		Cornell—at Ithaca
16		Lehigh
19		Princeton—at Princeton
26		Navy
March 17-19		Intercollegiate—at New Haven

TRACK

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 15	41	Manhattan68
29		St. John's (Brooklyn)
February 12		Princeton
19		Cornell—at Ithaca
26		IC4-A—at New York
March 6		Heptagonals—at Ithaca

WRESTLING

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
January 8	13	Springfield20
15	23	Virginia Military Institute13
22		Cornell—at Ithaca
29		Columbia—at New York
February 5		Syracuse
12		Yale
19		Penn State—at State College ...
March 2		Lehigh
11-12		Intercollegiate—at State College

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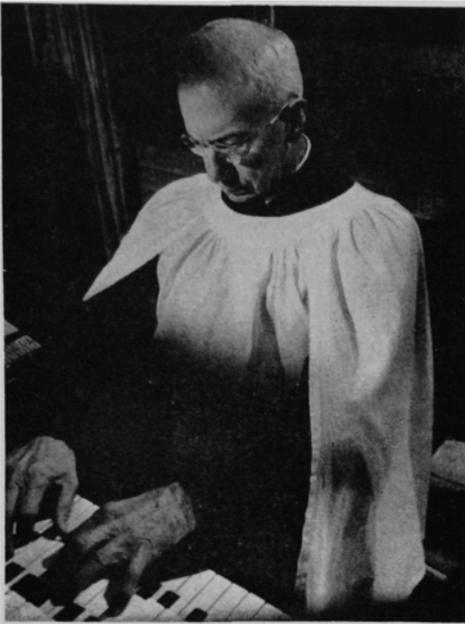
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GENERAL ORDERS
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In anticipation of the retirement on 31 December 1954 of Mr. Frederick C. Mayer, Organist and Choirmaster at the United States Military Academy, it is a pleasure to review his outstanding accomplishments and to invite attention to his splendid professional career.

A native of the State of Ohio, Mr. Mayer was born into an atmosphere of music, being the third of his family to become an accomplished organist and choral conductor. A graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, he also studied at the Stern Conservatory in Berlin, Germany, and at the French Conservatory of Music in Fontainebleau.

Mr. Mayer's close association with the United States Military Academy dates from the year 1911, when he entered upon his duties as Organist and Choirmaster at the Cadet Chapel. Throughout the ensuing forty-three years of constant devotion to his duties, Mr. Mayer has witnessed many progressive changes at the Military Academy. The Cadet Chapel Organ being a major interest, he was fortunate that soon after his arrival at West Point he was enabled to supervise the installation of that instrument, which has since become the largest church organ in the Western Hemisphere. Further, he has been most active and energetic in the accomplishment of additions and improvements to the Cadet Chapel Organ and its splendid development is a fine tribute to his great professional interest and enthusiasm. As organizer and conductor of the Cadet Chapel Choir he has further distinguished himself professionally in the best interests of the United States Military Academy.

Upon this noteworthy culmination of his

many years of devoted service, it is desired to congratulate Mr. Mayer and to commend him for his many splendid accomplishments in the interests of West Point and the United States Corps of Cadets. I know that I am joined by all members of the Corps, and by all officers and other personnel, in extending to Mr. Mayer our best good wishes and sincere appreciation of his fine accomplishments. We know that upon his retirement his great interest in the Military Academy shall not be lost and it is hoped that he shall be favored with many remaining years of fruitful activity. Upon his departure from West Point he is assured that he carries with him the respect and admiration of the United States Corps of Cadets and of all others who know him well. It has fittingly been said that he alone has "brought the sunlight of music" to the Corps.

It is directed that this announcement be published to the United States Corps of Cadets and to the entire command at a Brigade Review, in honor of the retirement of Mr. Frederick C. Mayer, to be held at West Point on Saturday, 18 December 1954.

B. M. BRYAN
Lieutenant General, USA
Superintendent

SCUSA VI

The Sixth Annual Student Conference on United States Affairs, convened here from December 1 through 4, was attended by 150 delegates from 65 American and Canadian universities who came to West Point to discuss the conference subject: *The National Security Policy of the USA.*

Of the 150 student participants, 74 were class officers or held responsible positions in the ROTC and other college organizations. Thirty-six were coeds. Included in the 65 colleges were the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, and six Canadian universities whose representatives had their expenses paid by contributions from Canadian business firms and paid a call on the Prime Minister of Canada before leaving for West Point. Texas A & M delegates included the cadet commander of its ROTC unit. The Texans, who were the delegates from the furthest distance, returned to their university with the intent of organizing a conference of their own, similar to the West Point model.

The conference was financed by the Cadet Debate Council and Forum and by contributions from private foundations. It, like the five previous conferences, depended for its success primarily on the administrative efficiency of the cadets charged with it, and on the 25-30 senior participants from higher education and government who contributed their talent and time as speakers and discussion leaders.

The conference was opened with a welcoming statement by Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan, Superintendent, USMA, who also introduced the first key-

note speaker, Major General James M. Gavin. General Gavin, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, USA, spoke on *Military Aspects of Our Security Policy*, pointing out that there are three alternatives concerning Communist expansion:

- 1) an isolationist policy on the part of the U.S.
- 2) preventive war.
- 3) a policy of co-existence.

Ruling out the first two as impractical, he discussed the third.

Other principal speakers were Mr. Paul H. Nitze, Director of the Policy Planning Staff of the State Department, 1950-1953, who spoke on *Political and Economic Aspects of National Security Policy*; and Mr. Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, who spoke on *The National Security Council in the Making of Policy*.

The student participants were divided into eight round table groups. Two round table groups were assigned to discuss each of the four areas of our security policy: 1) International Organization, 2) Western World, 3) Eastern World, and 4) Communist Orbit. The senior participants (including observers from five war colleges) attempted to guide the discussions to highlight and analyze our national security problem and ways to meet it. As might reasonably be expected, the Canadian point of view did not often diverge materially from that of U.S. students. The consensus of student view was of such a sane, sober, middle-of-the-road nature that the one reporter present complained over lack of extreme views. In addition to the keynote speakers the conference included a panel discussion with members speaking from the standpoints of the State Department (Mr. Edwin Wright), the Congress (Mr. A. Westphal), the Defense Department (Brigadier General Paul Caraway), and the Press and Public (Mr. Hanson Baldwin). The panel stressed that policymaking is complicated and difficult, that it sometimes involves conflicts among the agencies, and that it usually includes obscurities and compromises.

It may be that the student delegates tended to overstatement in expressing their thanks for USMA and cadet hospitality. But the sense of the following came from many delegates:

"I gained an appreciation of the Academy which I wish more Americans could share. The conference, I believe, is the most valuable student activity I am acquainted with. I could not possibly gain from any formal studies what I learned at the conference."

"SCUSA VI was certainly the most well organized and smoothly run conference that I have ever attended."

A civilian senior participant pointed out a value of the conference to the senior participants:

"It is an excellent method of knowing what students are thinking, how well they handle problems, how able they are to back their generalizations with what they are learning."

Another senior participant pointed out a gain to USMA beyond the educational and cadet extracurricular activity objectives:

"Public relations wise, West Point, has never had a better vehicle. On my return to New York City, riding on the bus with about six of the civilian conferees, I was much impressed with the enthusiasm they had generated in their stay at the Academy."

153rd Anniversary, U.S.M.A.

Traditionally the anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy on 16 March 1802 is celebrated by West Point Societies and other groups of graduates and former cadets throughout the world in March of each year. The Saturday evening nearest 16 March is often chosen for this annual "Founders Day Dinner", however the exact date is a matter of local option. Last year the Association of Graduates received reports from 88 dinners held world-wide in honor of Founders Day and these had a spread that reached from 5 to 29 March. This year the New York City Society's dinner, which will include graduates stationed at West Point, will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Saturday evening, 19 March.

The Association of Graduates acts merely as a coordinating agency for the dissemination of pertinent information regarding the dates and places of meetings on this occasion, and does not prescribe the scope or time of meeting of any group. It is felt that these matters are of a local character and are best determined by the groups themselves. It would greatly assist the Association in its exchange of information between groups which plan to celebrate the anniversary of the Academy if each group would furnish, as early as possible, the following information to the Association of Graduates: Date of meeting; place of meeting; approximate attendance expected; and the name and address of the individual representing the group. The Association of Graduates will compile this information and disseminate it to all known groups for their information and for any exchange of greetings between groups that may be desired.

Many inquiries are received at West Point each year concerning various items which may be made available to groups for their programs in connection with their dinners. To assist in the advance planning for these dinners, the following information is furnished:

PROGRAM: The pattern for the program to be followed by any group in its anniversary observance of the founding of the Military Academy is one of the group's election. Usually each group selects a toastmaster to officiate during the program, which may consist of the reading of greetings from other groups, songs rendered by the entire gathering, skits concerning the Academy or cadet life, and toasts and speeches given by selected graduates or distinguished guests. Appropriate films are sometimes shown during the program and recordings of West Point songs are often played at the beginning, during, or at the end of the program.

FILMS: Frequently motion picture films about West Point and the last Army Football Season, if available, are shown at these meetings. Copies of the Signal Corps motion picture, "This Is West Point", Miscellaneous No. 7726, are available at most Army posts throughout the country. In addition, the major command film libraries overseas and the six Army libraries in the U.S. have copies. These films may be reserved by contacting the nearest film library, either at Army posts or Army Headquarters. In addition, each of the various West Point Societies has one copy.

It is anticipated that a small number of copies of the film "Highlights of the 1954 Football Season" will be available for use during the time around Founders Day as follows:

The Association of Graduates will clear all requests for use of the film around Founders Day, keeping the

Army Athletic Association advised of such requests.

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

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

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS OF WEST POINT MUSIC: An album of records of typical West Point Music is available on order directly to the West Point Army Mess, West Point, N. Y. The standard-playing type costs \$3.95; the long-playing type costs \$2.95. Prices include insured postage.

INTERCHANGE OF GREETINGS: This is customarily carried out directly between the various groups.

WEST POINT SONG BOOK: This book, compiled by Fritz Mayer, the Cadet Chapel Organist, costs \$1.40 direct from the West Point Exchange, not including postage.

SKIN LISTS: No skin lists concerning any graduates are available at West Point for loan to local groups, and all applications therefor must of necessity be denied. These records are boxed and stored, and research in them for the information of local groups is quite beyond the capacity of any agency at West Point.

TV AND RADIO BROADCASTS: No data available at present. Plans are being made for radio programs on the major networks. Information may be obtained by watching your local newspaper during the week of 16 March.

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

A. A. C. Conference

District II of the American Alumni Council held its annual conference at the U.S. Hotel Thayer at West Point on 6-7-8 January 1955. Present at this conference were about 175 members of the Council, representing approximately 98 colleges and universities. Colonels Branham and Johnston attended the conference as representatives of USMA.

June Week 1955

The Superintendent's annual "Reunion Bulletin" will be sent out about the middle of April. This bulletin will go to all graduates and former cadets whose addresses are known in the office of the Association of Graduates. It will contain a greeting from the Superintendent, an invitation to visit West Point during June Week, some general information to help you plan your visit, a schedule of June Week events, and a RESERVATION CARD for those desiring accommodations in Old Grad Barracks or Cullum Hall. Older alumni, to include the Class of 1904, will be accommodated in Cullum Hall unless they specifically ask for Barracks. If you plan to be at West Point during Graduation Week, the RESERVATION CARD should be completed and returned to the Alumni Reception Committee not later than 27 May 1955. The completion and return of the Reservation Card is all that is necessary in order to secure

reservations in Cadet Barracks or Cullum Hall. Please do not try to get reservations through your Class Representative or from individual officers stationed at West Point.

Cadets Win Four Rhodes Scholarships

Four members of the Class of '55 were among the thirty-two U.S. college men winning Rhodes Scholarships in the annual competition which took place in December.

The four successful cadets were from sixteen accredited by the Academic Board to compete in their respective states and from the eight who were selected by their respective state committees for the final district competitions.

The winners included the top two men in the class in ranking, one of whom is the Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander. They are: Lee Olvey of Hinesville, Georgia; John T. Hamilton of Baltimore, Maryland; Martin McGuire of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Harvey A. Garn of Sugar City, Idaho. Hamilton will study Physics. The others plan to study Economics, Politics, and Philosophy.

The scholarship is for two years with the privilege of applying for a third year. The four members of the Class of '55 will join three members of the Class of '54 now at Oxford (one of whom was First Captain of his class), making a total of thirty-one graduates of West Point who have won Rhodes Scholarships since permission to compete for these scholarships was authorized thirty years ago.

"The Long Gray Line"

"The Long Gray Line", a Columbia Pictures production based on MARTY MAHER'S book, "Bringing Up the Brass", will be released nationwide during the month of February.

The world premiere will be held in Washington, D. C., at the RKO-Pathé Theater, the night of 9 February 1955. President Eisenhower is expected to attend this premiere in person, making his entrance to the strains of HAIL TO THE CHIEF, played by the United States Army Band. The entire proceeds of the world premiere will be given to the Soldiers', Sailors', and Air-men's Welfare Organization.

Later in the week, a New York City premiere will be held, following which there will be premieres in six or seven large cities in the United States. In late February or early March, Columbia Pictures Corporation expects to fan out on a large-scale basis, showing the picture throughout the nation.

From the reports of those who have seen the first official showings of "The Long Gray Line", it is a picture to make strong men weep. For anyone who has been associated with West Point, it will recall old memories and familiar scenes, in all the beauty of technicolor.

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.



New Members

We welcome to our membership 12 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,953.

OVER 92% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

The news of the various classes, as presented in the REPORT section of ASSEMBLY, is, for each class, the contribution of a member or members thereof. ASSEMBLY is glad to devote as much space to this news as practicable, but ASSEMBLY assumes no responsibility for its accuracy. Any reader who questions any detail of the news as presented by the contributor should communicate with the author of the news—not with the editor of the magazine. If the author's identity is not apparent from the signature at the end of the contribution for each class, the editor of the magazine will furnish the author's name on request.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE MARCH 20, 1955

1894

For many years Ladue devoted much time keeping track of members and former members of our Class; in making arrangements for our various Reunions; in caring for our Flower Fund; and in seeing that Class news appeared in the various issues of *Assembly*. The records that he left have been forwarded to Cocheu who will care for them until the Class designates some other member to take over.

Crain reports that he, Whitworth and Hamilton meet regularly at the University Club in Los Angeles for the monthly luncheon of the West Point Society of Southern California. In October Whitworth was hit by an automobile and was hospitalized at the Veterans' Hospital. Luckily no bones were broken and he is now up and about. Crain reports that he and Hamilton are now in good health, even though they must wear hearing aids.

Farnsworth of '87 is the only West Pointer in the Los Angeles area who is senior to the three members of our Class there.

The following letter was received in December from Governor Dewey of New York:

"I was deeply touched to find flowers from the West Point Class of 1894 at the funeral of my mother in Owosso and want you to know how much I appreciate your kind and generous act.

"My mother, as well as my father, would have been very proud to be remembered by his Class, which must indeed, by now, be a very small group.

"It gave me a good deal of satisfaction to find my father's sword at the house and I have brought it to New York with me where I will keep it in my library as a memento of a period in his life which he cherished greatly.

"With warm regards and repeated thanks for your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours,
Thomas E. Dewey."

George Dewey, a popular member of '94, stood well up in the Class, but left the Academy in his yearling year upon medical department recommendation. He was Rosey's roommate.

—F. S. C.

1895

We regret to report the death of our beloved classmate, Harry Cavanaugh, at Winter Park, Florida in September. Interment was in Arlington and the Class was represented by Miles and Nuttman. The sympathy of the Class is extended to his family.

Darrah and Nissen are home again after sojourns in hospitals.

Herron has been vacationing at Palm Springs and other resorts in California, and Smith, F. W. sent in a good report.

—L. M. N.

1897

Frederick E. ("Buck") Johnston died in Washington, D. C., after a long illness, on September 29, 1954. He was buried in Arlington, near his classmates, Bridges and Hughes, on October 1, 1954, with simple military ceremonies. His classmates, Conklin, Conley, Pope and Roberts, C. D., were present. It is understood that Buck's will leaves a sizable sum to the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A.

The heartfelt sympathy of the class is extended to "Cap" Fiske in the loss of his wife, who died in November 1954.

"Katy" Connor and wife are back in Washington from their summer in Massachusetts. They sat out two hurricanes there and got back in time for the third (Hazel) in Washington.

"Dinky" Roberts was in Walter Reed Hos-

pital for an operation, October 13-November 8. It was the first time he has been a patient in a hospital since he was a Second Classman at West Point.

"Bobby" Roberts sent in an interesting account of the Brown-Army football game of November 21, 1896, from which I quote:

"Capt. Leonard Wood, Medical Corps, was the head linesman, and his two assistants were John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for Brown, and Roberts, T. A., for West Point. We were pretty much crippled by injuries to half-back Nesbitt, and tackles Scales and Foy, so that Connor had to do most of the running for our side during the first half. Brown scored first, kicked the goal, and when the half ended we were down 6-0. Between halves Rockefeller and I walked along the sidelines and he was most complimentary about the fine 'defensive work' we were putting up. Of course I was polite and thanked him, but I knew—and he didn't—what was going on in our dressing room, as being manager, I was in on all the secrets."

"Well, the second half began; Brown kicked off and the ball landed in the arms of Sep Humphrey, our quarterback, and he ran with it; he looked like a cottontail rabbit in a bunch of wolf hounds, but wasn't downed until he passed the 50 yard stripe; our first play called for Foy to open a hole for Scales; and Scales went about 25 yards for a first down. Second play: Scales to open a hole for Foy; he did, and Foy went half way to the goal line. I forgot to say that the game was stopped while the man who tackled Scales was put back into action."

"Then Katy Connor went around the end for a touchdown and we failed to kick the goal, and the game stood Brown 6, West Point 4." * * * "A punt was made that Sep caught and took back to midfield from which we went on to a touchdown, again failing to kick the goal. When that happened I was near Dick Richardson, the tac of A Company, and if I had been the tac instead of him, he would have been skinned

for profanity. It didn't hurt us however, and the final of the game was West Point 8, Brown 6. I think it was the first time Brown had failed to beat us."

* * * "We graduated and my first station was Fort Riley, Kansas, and I was detailed on map making, in place of Tommy Howard who was taken sick." * * * "The night before I started back to the post was very cold and I woke up about midnight nearly frozen. Also I had just had a nightmare in which Brown had licked West Point 42-0." * * * "I got back to the post that afternoon and found a telegram waiting for me stating that *West Point* had won the game 42-0."

—C. D. R.

1903

Emma and George Cocheu celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 12, 1954, with a cocktail party at the Officers' Club, Fort Lesley McNair. Some 350 of their friends brought greetings and congratulations on this happy occasion.

Billy Nichols and wife visited New York and Washington on their annual trip east. He claims to have two GREAT GRAND-CHILDREN: Michael Atherton Phlager, son of Joan Casserly Phlager, who is the daughter of Billy's daughter Adelaide, born last May 20th; and Dean Keenan, daughter of another of Adelaide's daughters, born last August. This seems rather precocious on Billy's part. If any one else in the Class has great grandchildren, please report for the record.

Rodney reports that he had an opportunity to catch up with "Dad" Hawkins while in Maine last summer, and remembers with pleasure that he introduced Hawkins at a hop when a cadet to the girl he afterwards married. They too have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary during the past summer.

When the Loyal Legion held its annual meeting in Washington in 1950, the writer sat next to the guest of honor and principal speaker, Carl Sandburg, at dinner. Incidentally he mentioned that he had been a candidate at West Point in June 1899, but failed to pass the entrance examination in English grammar and one other equally erudite subject. Of course, I said, "That makes us classmates," which seemed to please him.—Just recently Sep Winfree got wind of the fact, wrote to Sandburg under the erroneous impression that he had meant to be a Sep too, and received back a courteous reply confirming his candidacy as having been in June, when the great biographer of Lincoln was our classmate for two weeks, to this he added, "Had it been in August, as with you, I would have had more time to 'bone' and may have made the grade."

"Bones" Tyler was at Walter Reed Hospital for a month from mid October on for a serious operation. However, he was sent home in apparently fine shape and with our heartiest wishes for no more trouble with his "innards"

It is with deep sorrow that I must report the passing of "Wilkie" Collins after a heart attack late Friday afternoon, November 5th. Funeral services with full military honors were held at 2 P.M., Tuesday, the 9th, in the Fort Myer Chapel with interment in Arlington Cemetery. Cocheu, Lynn, Preston and Schley acted as honorary pallbearers. Appropriate flowers were sent in the name of the Class.

We all remember John D. Burnett with affection and esteem. Those who knew his wife and widow, subsequently remarried to Colonel Carl L. Capton, one of John D.'s friends, and again widowed, will be

glad to know that she is comfortably settled in a country home with the inviting name of "Green Acres Haven" near Harrisburg, and seems well, except for a heart affliction that she does not take too seriously, and was interested in talking over her friends in 1903.

Schley and Mrs. Schley spent Thanksgiving with the Fred Smiths, and on his annual trip to the Canal Zone in January expect to linger in Haiti and the Caribbean sunshine on the return journey.

—U. S. Grant 3rd.

1904

Word has been received that the message of remembrance sent out from our fiftieth reunion dinner unfortunately did not reach Glass in time for him to read it before his death, but, in the case of Owens, the message was read and greatly appreciated by him before he passed on. The report of these deaths, which appeared in the October issue of *Assembly*, can now be made more complete by stating that Glass' burial was in the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco.

San Antonio, Texas, figures in our notes this time with a loss and a gain:—It is sad to record that Bob Campbell died on 25 September 1954. Brant, Edmunds and Koch were among the pallbearers at his funeral at the Fort Sam Houston cemetery.—After sixteen years in Columbus, Ohio, Nan and Bill Brunzell have moved to San Antonio, where their address is 206 Oakleaf Drive. Apparently they are well pleased with their house and conditions in general there. Bill says he never wants to see another storm window or snow shovel!

Other changes of address:

Mrs. J. L. Benedict is now at 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D.C.

The Corbins are now living in The Westchester at 4000 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., Washington 16, D.C.

Mrs. J. B. Richardson is spending the winter away from her home at Gibson Island, Maryland, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel at Connecticut Avenue and Woodley Road, Washington 8, D.C.

Effective in January 1955, when the West Point Alumni Foundation moves from New York City to West Point, Danford will retire from his duties as Editor of the annual Register of Graduates and Former Cadets. He is to be congratulated on the careful preparation and distribution of the nine issues of the Register thus far published, which all of us have found so informative and helpful. They will stand as a monument to John's efficient and tireless work and as a worthy model to his successor. Kit and John are expected to remain in New York.

—W. B.

1905

It is sad news that we bring you with this issue. Scotty (Charles L. Scott) greatly beloved and respected member of the Class, departed this life after a lingering illness. Like the good soldier that he was he put up a great fight for his life. He had a most colorful and distinguished career and he was well liked by all with whom he came in contact. A floral tribute was supplied by the Class for the funeral services at Fort Myer, and a letter of sympathy was sent to his widow.

Plans are in the making for the Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion next June and soon after this *Assembly* reaches you a letter will be coming your way giving an outline of the plans. We are hoping to have a

large attendance, and plan to have some attractions for the wives and families.

On November 13, 1954 Norman F. Ramsey, Jr. received a Doctor of Science Degree from Cambridge University, England. Norman is spending his sabbatical year from Harvard on a Guggenheim Fellowship in England. He has his family, wife and four daughters with him and he makes his headquarters near Oxford.

Charles Duell Kean, son of our own Otho, is now the rector of the Church of the Epiphany located on G Street in Washington.

Tom Doe was on television on WPIX before the Navy game as a salute to former All American players. He was good, as you know he would be.

A card from Calvin Titus tells me that our godson is seriously thinking of the time when he will have to retire. Doesn't that make you feel old?

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

Back to the sea via Augusta's Camp Gordon and its Hydrogen Bomb plant, past George Morrow's fishing grounds at night, and later down over the Keys by the Overseas Highway to Key West and back to Biscayne, already loading up for a big tourist season. Waiting to hear from more about the Golden Reunion of 1956. Hope you all get fountain pens for Christmas.

Frederika reports Forrest Williford coming back slowly under her tender care. May the New Year bring him all the way.

Jack Henderson complains from his "Malgre Tout" at Seabright about arthritis and asthma, etc., just like the rest of us, but he still has pleasure in his fine swimming hole on the Jersey Beaches.

Cort and Elizabeth Parker have been doing the new Art Galleries in New York and sent a gorgeous Vermeer on their postal;—met Jim Riley for a moment there.

McKew Parr has out a good pamphlet on small town and country libraries and their ills and needs for keeping literacy high and wide in this nation, a worthy project. He's still trying to get a creditable publication of Gate's Geronimo papers.

Our sympathy goes out to Jim and Gene Riley on the death of "Auntie Berthe", Mrs. G. F. Root, Gene's stepmother. The Riley's and the Hoyle's went together to the Army-Yale game and to that losing struggle in Phil'a too. But wasn't it great to watch on television!

I learned from Hap Pennell's nice letter to Dawson Olmstead, that he was over at Lake Lure this summer, not far from Dillard. We'll have to do something about that. And Dawson's still in Los Angeles.

Earl McFarland had his first ride in an ambulance last October—from his 4705 Quebec Street out to WRGH with pains in the appendix, stayed there while Hazel messed up Washington and then came home all okay. Earl and Edith went up to see Forrest Williford from Roanoke, where they were visiting the Lucian Booth's of 1907. He and Dick and Abe and Alex and Tubby postaled their regards from their October lunch at the A&N Club in Washington.

Bill Akin found that a neighbor in Sonoma, California, Colonel Fred Varney, of Philippine Guerilla fame during the last World War, has Skinny Wainwright's old Colt 45, Model 1871, that was standard for Moro campaigning in the early days, with quite a story about how it came to him. I told Bill to try to interest the West Point Museum.

Our Class Baby, Koehler Daley, has a son who got married last November to Agnes Patricia Smith; at Fort Dix, New Jersey,

since the wedding in Washington, D.C. How time do fly! Mick has another grandson in West Point in the plebe class.

Joe King tells me that I got too many Josephines in the King annals in the last *Assembly* and that he and Charlotte still get along fine. Apologies to Charlotte and congratulations on Joe King, the Second, whom Joe describes as the prize baby, *summa cum laude*.

The treasury added Bob White's check last month as a nest-egg for the reunion fund. Its a big nest. Bob is full of hope.

Answering questions about the Mettler Woods in October *Life* magazine, it isn't mine, but Tom Mettler, who owns it, is of the same family. And he's a fine member. Hope you all had a great Christmas.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Back in September Dan'l Boone sent word that he and Grace had sold their place in Claremont, California, and were leaving for Stamford, Connecticut, where they expected to make their future home. They traveled east in a leisurely manner, stopping at places of interest and looking up friends and relatives along the way. They spent the night with Lucian and Louisa Booth in Roanoke and had dinner with J. B. Rose in Warrenton. They telephoned Paul and Cecilia Larned from Warrenton, but did not get to see them as they by-passed Washington. In Stamford they have leased the home of a retired Army chaplain while the latter is in Florida for the winter, and in the meantime they are hunting for a place of their own. Their present address is 6 Howes Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut.

Clyde and Margaret Eastman left St. Petersburg, Florida, in August, flew to Minneapolis, where they remained for a couple of weeks, thence to Vancouver via Canadian Pacific; by boat to Victoria and Seattle and then to Portland for a ten days visit with Clyde's family. They went on to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Claremont, where a new granddaughter awaited them. They arrived home about the middle of October. They missed having their own car and consequently were unable to look up old friends and classmates. The Boones were about the only ones they saw. Clyde reported that Walter and Mildred Wheeler, who also live in St. Petersburg, called on them recently and both looked extremely well. They are bringing up two grandsons, six and eight years of age respectively, which keeps them busy.

We asked Ray Hill for a report and quote the following from his reply: "Toot and I live at 724 Morningside Drive, San Antonio, Texas. Chief Rice and Bob Cheney are near by but I do not see too much of them as I play bridge and they do not. Quite often we run down into Mexico for a few days, which gives us a change of scene at a modest price. Toot picks up a few little trinkets for the grandchildren and I always get a kick out of getting Bacardi rum at eighty cents a quart. We have four grandchildren in Denver and drive it in two days, so figure on a couple of trips up there each year. After many years of happy riding I am no longer the old man with the motorcycle. To please the family I disposed of my pet and to please me the family gave me a small German car for my seventy-third birthday. I love the little car but miss the thrill of opening up the old bike and throwing a scare into myself. Stiffy Thorpe's widow, my sister-in-law, has remained in Sacramento, California, since his death. We are hoping and expecting she will make us a visit in the near future. If any of the '07 boys or girls come this way,

drop in at 724 and Toot will say 'what will you have?'"

We spent a most enjoyable evening with Lucian and Louisa Booth, and their son-in-law and daughter, Leila, when the Booths visited them at West Point.

Sunny Jim Martin and a prominent attorney from Little Rock, Arkansas, have been selected by the American Bar Association to go to Germany for the month of March as guests of the West German government. The nature of their mission was not disclosed, but Sunny Jim's selection reflects the high esteem in which he is held by the Bar Association. He would like to have the names and addresses of any sons or daughters of 1907 who may be on duty there or elsewhere on the Continent, so that he may look them up if the opportunity presents itself.

We tried to glean some news of the Southern California contingent from Jerry Taylor but he had little to report. He had seen Charley Wyman a couple of weeks before and found him well, but had not seen any of the others for some time.

Roger Alexander spent the holidays with his daughter, Ruth, and her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Bradish Smith, Class of 1941, now stationed at the Pentagon. They are living on Cameron Road, Falls Church, Virginia.

Paul Larned disclaimed any serious indisposition which might have been inferred from our October notes and has come through with news of Washington in his usual fine style. A class luncheon was held in September with nine classmates present. They had as guest of honor Ben Castle's brother, who is in charge of the St. Lawrence water way on the United States side.

Sloan Doak is still confined to the house, convalescing from his recent case of shingles. The Morrisons are back in Washington and are comfortably settled again at the Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.

With the approval of Pat Morrissey's brother, Paul sent a check to the Army Relief Society, as a memorial for Pat in place of flowers.

Enrique White stayed with his son in Washington until after the first of the year then took off for Cuba for a month to see all the old places where he and Paul served with the 5th Infantry immediately after graduation. After that a week in Florida, then to Austin, Texas, to be with his brother, and finally to California to settle some business affairs.

The Watkins stayed with the Warren Lotts on their return from summer vacation. Warren reported that Jumbo looked better than he has for a long time. The Ganoes also stayed there on their return from the Army-Duke game, where they saw Jim Laubach, who looked fit as ever. Bob Glassburn was motoring to the Army-Duke game when Hurricane "Hazel" hit them in the middle of a long bridge. Bob said that visibility was zero and that at times the car was practically airborne. He wants no more of hurricanes.

—H. W. W.

1908

It is a sad duty to report the death of two of our classmates during the past quarter: Leonard H. Drennan on September 30th, and Sanderford Jarman on October 15th.

Leonard was found unconscious in his apartment at 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., in Washington on the morning of September 25th. He had evidently suffered a stroke in bed some time before. He was taken to Walter Reed Hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness. Fun-

eral services were held at Fort Myer Chapel on October 4th and he was buried in Arlington Cemetery. The following members of the Class were honorary pallbearers: Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Edgerton, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Hughes, Jarman, Schulz, and Sturdevant.

Sandy Jarman had apparently made a good recovery from the heart attack he suffered during the latter part of July. He had been back at work for several weeks and had undertaken a business trip to Boston. He suffered another heart attack in his hotel room on Friday morning, September 30th, and was taken promptly to the Veterans Hospital in Boston, where he passed away in a very short time without regaining consciousness. Funeral services were held at Fort Myer Chapel on Tuesday, October 5th, and burial was in Arlington Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers, all members of the Class, were: Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Edgerton, Fletcher, Garrison, Hobbey, Hughes, Kennedy, Schulz, and Sturdevant.

A. L. Loustalot returned to New Orleans late in October, after an extended visit with L. L. Pendleton in San Mateo, California. Loustalot reports that Pendleton is recovering slowly from the illness he suffered in July. During his stay in California and return, Loustalot saw E. L. Grisell in San Mateo; and T. K. Spencer and R. C. Rodgers in San Antonio; all of whom are in good health and spirits. He tried to get in touch with T. G. Gottschalk, but found he was away on a visit to Europe, where he has been for several months.

Spec Edgerton and his wife returned from France on the S.S. Queen Elizabeth on November 24th. On November 28th Spec flew to Rio de Janeiro to attend the Inter-American Economic Conference, and then to visit Argentina, Chile, and Peru on business of the Export-Import Bank, returning to Washington December 12th.

Monthly luncheons of the members of the Class in Washington are held at the Army-Navy Club on the second Friday of each month. During the past quarter the luncheons have been attended by Bonesteel, Burns, Drennan, Edgerton, Hall, Hughes, Jarman, Peterson, Schulz, and Sturdevant.

—Clarence L. Sturdevant.

1909

Caroline Scott, widow of our classmate Fred Hanna, died in St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, August 8, 1954, after a long illness. The interment was at West Point. Caroline was the hostess at the Hotel Thayer in West Point for several years and then made her home in White Plains, N. Y.

Louise Macheca, widow of our own Ralph ("Phoebe") Nix, died October 26, 1954, at the Hotel Dieu, New Orleans. She had made her home in that city since Phoebe's death in 1931. She is survived by five daughters. Their only son, Lieutenant (j.g.) Ralph Nix, Medical Department, U.S. Navy, was killed during World War II when his ship was destroyed by an explosion. Mrs. Nix was buried in the family plot at Arlington Cemetery, following a requiem mass at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel in New Orleans.

Franz Doniat tells of a very pleasant trip which he made to Europe from April to August of 1954. Going and returning by Naval transport he toured West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France, England, Belgium and Holland. "Rome was magnificent but what I enjoyed most of all in Italy was a motor tour through the lake country. In England I also took many enjoyable motor trips. The people of Holland were

particularly charming but I don't see what keeps their cities from sinking right down into the sea."

Seen at the Navy game in Philadelphia were Cliff and Elsie Bluemel and Cliff Lee with his son, Colonel John C. H., Jr.; also Dr. James Delano (son of Francis Greason) with his teen-age youngster.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

Sam Edelman writes interestingly about the big dinner and party for the Corps of Cadets at the Gimbel Brothers Store in Philadelphia after the Army-Navy game on November 27th. Sam managed the show and says that it was very successful. Dinner at Gimbel's was followed by dancing at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Sam reports that his wife has been seriously ill for the past nine weeks. We hope so much she will be better soon. It was good to have Martin Ray with us for the November Class Luncheon in Washington. He looked fit and healthy and full of quips for all of us.

Pappy Selleck has news of his children. His son, Pete—Lieutenant Clyde A., Jr.—arrived back from Korea last September and on October 15th was married to Miss Dolly Totten at the Fort Myer Chapel. A lovely wedding, despite Hurricane "Hazel", which had just blown itself out a short time before. Pete is assigned to the 307th Engineer Battalion at Fort Bragg. Pap's daughter, Jo Anne, was married in the late summer to Bob Woolsey, a member of the faculty of the Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut. Pap's other daughter, Mary Jane, and Per Hallekjaer have just been blessed with the arrival of their second child, Peter Knut.

A recent report from Louisville, Kentucky, tells of the illness of Daddy Byars. He underwent an operation and fortunately is now recovering rapidly and will soon be his old self again. Joe and Gwladys Leonard returned to their Washington apartment early in November from their summer home in West Winfield, New York. Jack Heard writes that he and Ella will have their base at 401 Terrell Road, San Antonio, for the winter. They are great travelers and may be out of the country for part of the winter. Their summer address is Silver Lake, New Hampshire. It was a great pleasure to have J. B. Coleman drop in for the December Class Luncheon in Washington.

In a letter from Box 44, Winfield, Alabama, Dexter Rumsey tells of his children: Dexter, Jr., Naval Air Commander at Montgomery; Rhoda Elizabeth, at Norfolk; Mary Sandra (12) and Gordon Dexter (10), both at home. The Rumseys have certainly gotten around in the last year or two, from Michigan to the oil fields of New Mexico, to the palms of Florida, to the hills and dales of Alabama. He says they hope soon for a rancho in California where they can stay put.

A good letter from Jock Waterman in Auburn, Alabama, says he can't get to the Reunion, that his ticker gets off beat once in a while. Jock's daughter is married to Colonel Edward G. Shinkle, USMA '32, stationed at Fort Sill. To keep occupied, Jock coaches veterans in freshman and sophomore math. He does it for pleasure—no charge—but will not be bothered with boys who don't study.

Joe Taulbee writes that he had a long illness last summer in San Antonio and in Mexico where he had gone to escape the heat. He is much improved now and says he is coming to the Reunion. In a good letter from San Antonio, where he says the sunshine spends the winter, Duck Reinhardt

tells of his activities as City Manager of Terrell Hills, a little town on the outskirts of San Antonio. Says he and Laura are very well, getting a lot of pleasure being near their daughter, Janey, and their two grandchildren. Their other daughter, Ann, and her family, live in Salt Lake City. Contacting them, Duck says, keeps the telephone company from going broke. Durward and Olive Wilson returned in late November from a six months' trip to Europe. They had a most enjoyable time, touring and visiting their daughter, Olive (Mrs. C. A. Kengla), and her family in Wiesbaden, Germany.

—R. H. D.

1911

In reviewing Samuel Eliot Morison's book, SICILY-SALERNO-ANZIO, Hanson Baldwin states, "The main points and principal judgment expressed in this book can be summarized as follows: * * * (6) The Anzio landing was a strategic abortion and the Anzio beachhead was doomed to a long stalemate, if not to failure when the Rapido River crossing failed. It is ironic that a naval historian should be one of the first to have done justice to the late Major General J. P. Lucas, our first commander at Anzio, who was made a scapegoat and relieved for a failure not his own. Mr. Morison concludes, quite correctly, that our forces at Anzio probably would have been destroyed but for General Lucas' much criticized caution." I know that everybody in the Class will be interested in the above and will feel that John Lucas has been clearly vindicated. I have reviewed the Anzio operation and I am convinced that if John had not possessed the unusual moral courage to conduct the operation as he did, his entire force would have been captured or pushed into the sea. John was one of our ablest soldiers. We are indebted to Spec Wheeler and Jim Mooney for the above review. The first five items of the summary are interesting but number six is the only one vital to our class notes.

Spec has recently returned from a month's sojourn in India. He was there as sort of a referee and arbitrator, in connection with a reclamation project, between India and Pakistan.

Joe Mehaffey, another of our globe trotters, returned on October twentieth from two and a half months in Rhodesia and South Africa, where he was checking on projects for the International Bank.

Jim reports that Bluntie has a new, bigger and better sail-boat, and that he is getting it in condition to meet all comers next summer.

Phil Fleming is making a nice recovery from a bout with the surgeons at Walter Reed.

Betch's post card campaign has brought replies from Psi Holland and Piggy Booton. (Some of the other area representatives better try it). Piggy reports "We have a comparatively new one-year old grandson, John Booton Titherington, presented by daughter Mary at Northwood, Litchfield, Connecticut. That brings her score to three, a son, a daughter and a son."

Psi apparently is very gleeful over the arrival of his first grandson and expresses a hope with some doubt that he will see the boy graduate from the Point. Ida May is back to normal after three years of hard times. We are delighted at this news.

Nick reports that Greg Hoisington seemed greatly improved when he saw Greg eleven days after a gall bladder operation at Letterman. We are hoping, Greg, that you are back home and completely well long before this is published.

Word comes from San Antonio, not from Johnny Hatch but from Ike Spalding, that he saw on the "The Talk of the Town" program a reference to the "Mask and Wig Club" of the University of Pennsylvania, and immediately wrote to dear old De-Grover Van de Boe.

Fred Dillman has come to life with a letter to the Class Representative, which he sent to West Point. The following extracts will be of interest to the Class: "You know I don't even know who you are since Stanton turned over the job to some one else. The Register carried me until I started work for the Corps of Engineers as a Civil Engineer February 8, 1929, and I have served continuously in the New Orleans District. On September 30, 1954 I go on the retired list." He is making his home in south Georgia. Address: P.O. Box 297, Arlington, Georgia.

—I. T. W.

1912

Since the last issue of *Assembly* two more classmates have joined the "Long Gray Line", to wit, "Robbie" Robertson and Harold Rayner, leaving a total of 98 living members still carrying on. Our "Robbie" died at Letterman Hospital, San Francisco, on November 22nd, and was buried at Arlington on December 1st with the following classmates serving as honorary pallbearers: Chamberlain, Crawford, R. C., Haislip, Littlejohn, Mooney, Snow, Spalding, S. P., and Thomas. As an indication of the great respect in which Robbie was held one of the mourners at the services was Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court, he having appointed Robbie to the post of Director of Civil Defense of the State of California following his retirement from active service in 1950.

Our most recent loss occurred on December 8th when Harold Rayner died at the Veterans Hospital near Peekskill, New York, after a lingering illness. We shall all miss our distinguished classmate, a one time Aide-de-Camp to General John J. Pershing, military aide to Presidents Wilson and Harding, and a member of three Olympic Teams of 1912, 1920 and 1928, besides being the Master of the Sword at West Point from 1930 to 1934. Burial with full military honors took place at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bob Hyatt writes from London, England, where he has been since last May, sending his best to all his classmates and wishing he could have been present at the recent Army-Navy game in Philadelphia. The game was attended by the following members of 1912: Hobson, Drake, Maxwell, Mrs. Johnnie Walker and Snow. Bill Morrissey's brother Bob and his attractive wife also sat in the 1912 area, immediately behind the Corps. Missing from the group was Littlejohn, who claims he is too old and cantankerous to go in person to see the game, preferring to watch it on television at the Army-Navy Club. "Jawn" says that the price of beef on the hoof is so low that he is trying to eat his steers rather than to give them away; also that he can guarantee a good beefsteak to all members of 1912 who pass near Romar Farms, Harwood, Maryland. He also reports that he went up to Pennsylvania in the early fall to buy some peaches, wearing his old farm clothes, and was run into the ditch by the police who informed him that the President and Mrs. Eisenhower wished Mary and Jawn to fall in line and to proceed to Camp David for lunch.

According to the National Bulletin of the Military Order of the World Wars our "Ike" Spalding, of San Antonio, was elected regional commander of the Eighth Region,

comprising Texas and the Canal Zone.

"Schnitz, Schneider report a visit from Bunny Hobson; also that Helen is recuperating from a recent heart attack. Schnitz himself is taking life easy and conserving his energies as a result of a heart condition.

"P" Wood's latest address is Apt. 17, 211 San Vincente Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. We shall hope for more news about him soon.

During his eight weeks stay at the Manresa Retreat House, Azusa, California, d'Alary Feché says that he took to the semi-religious life there like a duck to water and abandoned the project only because he had no living quarters available, nor could he build or buy a house anywhere near the religious community. He is now back in Santa Barbara where he intends to settle down again and is looking for a house to purchase. His new address is P.O. Box 792, Santa Barbara.

Harry McLean is still on the go and when last heard from was in San Francisco where he dined with Maxwell, Faymonville, and Hobson.

Frank Mallon from San Mateo, California, writes that activities in the Mallon household are confined to home work, reading, and a side trip now and then, but that time passes altogether too rapidly for them. According to Frank, San Mateo is tops as a place to live but it has one drawback—the population increases so rapidly that the city has to keep raising the taxes every year to build new schools.

From Miss Edna E. Wright, Lee's only sister, now living at 1629 Columbia Road, Washington, D.C., comes a heart warming acknowledgment of the receipt of the reproduction of pages 1 and 8 of the June 15, 1912, issue of the Army & Navy Register, which pleased her immensely.

The Secretary of the Association of Graduates reports that the following members of 1912 have been admitted to the Association as associate members: Crane, Fortner, and Larrabee, thereby adding to the list of the names of Chase, G. W., Day, Dunmore, Lefebvre, McDonnell and Pulford, who have been associate members for several years. We would like to see still more names added to the list.

Charlie Drake waxes enthusiastically over his two birthday dinners on November 2nd, the latter one being tendered him at the Shoreham Hotel, where he was wined and dined, the orchestra playing "Happy Birthday to You" and his favorite song "Girl of My Dreams", and young debonair Charlie dancing with all the "gals" at the table and the leading chorine of the floor show. Considering Charlie's experiences in Japanese prison camps and all the hardships he experienced he still looks handsome and distinguished, more so than many of his younger classmates!

From "Doctor" Hauser comes words of pride pertaining to his two sons: Charles N. (Chuck) Hauser, a B.A. in Journalism at the University of North Carolina last June, is now with the Chapel Hill, North Carolina *Weekly*, an old and highly regarded newspaper; while son Bill, graduated last June from the Military Academy, and now at Fort Sill for school, seems to be scheduled for jump training and assignment to the 82nd Airborne Division.

One of our most loyal and interested supporters is Mrs. Minnie Aber, sister of our late classmate Otto Schultz, who writes from Shrewsbury, New Jersey letters of deep appreciation for all the 1912 literature sent to her every year. A sizable check to defray postage costs always accompanies her letters. Her son, Lieutenant Colonel John E. Aber, Class of 1940, is now in Los Angeles

studying guided missiles at the University of Southern California.

In November Mildred and Buddy Rose took off from California for Japan, to visit their daughter Mary and her husband, Major John L. Briggs, AFFE Flight Det., APO 343, San Francisco. They expect to return in January.

Huck Flynn was kind enough to draw the masthead for the Annual Christmas Bulletin, which by this writing is in the mails. Were it not for "Huck" our 1912 Howitzer would not have had so many of his wonderful drawings.

Helen Youngs reports that Billy is still holding his own after pulling through a double pneumonia attack last summer. Betty and her family are happily located at Fort Leavenworth where Colonel Robbins is Chief of Staff. Our Class grand godson, Chandler P. Robbins, III, is now prepping at the Sullivan School in Washington, having recently received a principal's appointment to the USMA from Representative Howard S. Miller of Kansas.

Harry Malony is a working man again—this time with the U.S. Ordnance Company. With some misgivings he allowed himself to be persuaded to apply for Social Security when he recently passed his 65th milestone.

Oscar Gatchell spent several days in late November in San Francisco as a delegate to some kind of a conference relating to engineering research.

Tom Hayes writes: "On my 66th birthday it was my pleasure and my privilege, to the extent of standing as proxy for absent godfathers, to attend the christening of six 1912 sons and daughters as follows: Mary, Susan, Edith, Caroline and Sidney Parker, Jr., and Orlando Ward Spalding, the last just two weeks old, born September 5th at Walter Reed Hospital. The christening was at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, Virginia." To the uninitiated the above refers to the children of our own Sidney Parker Spalding, who now rates a salute by removing the headpiece instead of a hand salute.

Marge Bingham and her daughter, young Marge, are glad to be settled again in Washington at 3210 Wisconsin Avenue, after giving Honolulu another tryout last winter. Both of her sons are located there now—Ned, who lives there permanently, and Budge (Sidney V., Jr.) who, as a Colonel on the General Staff, is on the joint Army-Navy Planning set-up.

The Kuldell's visit to Washington in October was the occasion of a class gathering in their honor. Both Ethelyn and Kuddle, very busy people with their large family connections as well as many civic activities in Houston, Texas, were reported by Jim Mooney and Frances Cramer as looking "in the pink" as usual.

Steve Chamberlain seriously injured one of his eyes with a sliver of steel which flew off when he was pounding on steel. He underwent surgery at Walter Reed and at this writing he is still in Washington, hoping that another operation will remedy the loss of sight he has suffered in one eye.

A fitting last paragraph to these notes is contained in a recent letter from Howard Bennion, who writes as follows: "There have been forty-seven Christmases since we became a class, bound together with lasting ties. I recall the 1908 Christmas Eve of the 5th Division, "C" Company pebes. What we lacked in the activities of a Christmas Eve at home we made up in warm friendships for each other and a genuine effort to be sure that we were all having a good time. We stayed up till midnight on the chance but not with the expectation that Santa Claus might get lost

and show up in the fireplace. Memory of the occasion is strengthened by the realization that my roommate and other cherished friends have long ago answered the final sounding of 'taps'. As for the year just past, Marian and I spent a few days last spring in New Orleans, a few days in New Hampshire last summer, and a few more on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. We had brief visits here with Chen and Carl Dick. A brilliant article by Chen appeared in the September issue of the Military Engineer. He is referred to in Frazier Hunt's book on MacArthur as 'the gallant General Chynoweth'. Best wishes to all the Class, Sincerely, Bennion."

—R. T. S. and W. H. H.

1913

It is with much sadness that we had word that Dana Palmer died suddenly in the football stands at White Plains, New York, on Saturday, November 12th. He had his high school team down for a game. He was buried at Lowell, Massachusetts. "Bug" Oliver, Englehart and Viner attended for the Class.

"Monk" Lewis writes that he and his bride are going to the Far East for several months.

Falkner Heard was in New York for a few weeks seeing a few games, but has gone back to San Antonio for the winter. "Huff" Van Vliet was visited by Joe Viner in November at his delightful home at Toms River, New Jersey. "Van" appears fine—fishes all the time, and with luck, so he says—so let us take advantage of this wonderful place to fish next time any of us are in the area.

Minna Crutcher went to Europe this summer, so we saw her off, and again on her return. Minna looks like a cadet girl!

"Nell" Krapf — wife of "Dutch" writes that she is going to Venice, Florida, for the winter.

We found one of our lost classmates—Basil Stevens. Joe Viner will see him shortly. He lives in Montclair, New Jersey.

McBride of '15 says in a letter that he visited "Shorty" Williams at Daytona Beach, Florida, and found "Shorty" in fine fettle. Joe Viner will see him in February, on his trip to Florida.

At the Army & Navy game we saw "Moose" Ardrey. He appears splendid. His wife was with him. Doug Greene, Stewart Cramer, "Pinky" Crane, Fuller, "Tex" Davidson and son, and Viner made up the gang going to see the game. All had their wives with them.

Our Class Xmas letter will be in your hands by this time, thanks to the prodigious work of "Doug" Greene.

Those who read this please mail me dope for *Assembly*.

—Joe Viner.

1914

Ralph and Agnes Royce report from Florida, but give California news: "Agnes and I got back home a few days ago,—our first return after attending the great 1914 Reunion.

"On graduation morning we started west headed for Los Angeles where I helped a hustling young salesman who used to be in the Ninth Air Force to start a window selling office. I never worked so hard in all my life but the young man sold windows.

"In Los Angeles I had lunch with Waddell and drove down to San Clemente to see Bill Houghton. Later we dined at Victor Hugo's, overlooking the Pacific. Just

before leaving out there we drove to the Bay Area spending the night with Bill and Mary Ryan in their fine home at Pebble Beach. Then Tom Monroe and I met in San Francisco and spent an evening together. We drove straight home. Agnes and I are still talking of our great reunion."

Brus Waddell continues: "Florence and Bill Houghton provided the initiative, the setting, the good cheer and everything for a delightful affair. All the guests were '14-ers. We had cocktails and other good things at the Houghton's attractive home in beautiful San Clemente, halfway from here to San Diego. Many cadet-day experiences were recalled and enjoyed by all of us. Moze Brannan and Tom Lanphier came from La Jolla, Agnes and Ralph Royce from Whittier. Vera and I were delighted to see all of them again. We had a grand time. Later,—Victor Hugo's. It was the Royce's last day in California. We hope they will be back soon. Skimp Brand also appreciates California. He arrives December 5th and I am taking two days off.

"The other news that I am bursting to report is that we have joined the ranks of the grandparents. Mary and Bill Waddell have a son. Bill is West Point 1950. He has resigned and they are living in Los Angeles where he is endeavoring to snare a Master's Degree in Engineering from U.S.C. The young grandson, born October 7th, is named after his uncle who was killed in W.W. II and me, James Cooper Waddell, II."

This reminds us that Dorothy and Freddie Herman are planning a trip to Europe next spring, for the good and sufficient reason that a new granddaughter has arrived and must be seen. Freddie also writes—"Just heard from Bill Somervell; his heart went back on him and the doctor sent him to Florida for six months, and then he says he will have to go back to work in low gear. This leaves only 5 Army retired classmates who are still working full time, Waddell, Carruth, Milburn, Mathews, C. J. and Bull." * * * Here is sincere sympathy to Bill from all of us. Take it easy Bill, and be serious in looking out for yourself!

Henry Holcombe adds that, "The Washington group has missed Loomis who, though one of the regulars, has been in Europe since last summer with a return date set for Xmas. A joint postal card was received from him and Charlie Gross. Charlie and Ella are living on the Riviera between Nice and Monte Carlo. Maggie and Helen Harris are in Florida, where they expect to be until Spring. Their new winter home is at Hobe Sound. Dabney and Betty Elliott have recently moved to 3801 Connecticut Avenue in Washington."

Johnnie Carruth writes: "The San Antonio group saw the Army-Navy game here at our house. Present were Tim and Amy Rees, Ike and Lillian Gill, Peter and Evelyn Downs, and, of course, Earl and me. Jim Bradley was down from Rolla, Missouri for Thanksgiving. Ike Gill reports that both his cottage and his car successfully rode out the Rhode Island hurricane. There seems to be a rash of plans for trips to Europe next summer. Amy Rees—always the original one—talks of flying commercially to London to visit her daughter, Amy. Ike and Lillian Gill and Earl and I speak grandly of plans to hitch hike by transport to Europe.

"One of the paragraphs in my write-up on our 40th Reunion was badly garbled by the printer. Here is what I wrote: 'It seems to me that next only to the love of a contented man for his happy wife, there is nothing else in the world that can equal

the abiding and trustful affection that exists between West Point Classmates'. Perhaps that statement, which applies particularly to our class, will be a good note on which to close, except that I add: A Jolly Xmas and a Grand New Year to you and yours, Classmates, from the San Antonio brigade, and when you pass through San Antone (as you must) don't fail to drop in on us."

—J. B. C.

1915

Dear Classmates:

As announced in the October issue of *Assembly* by our distinguished president (Fritz—that is) yours truly has agreed to act as class amanuensis until such time as he may be relieved by proper authority.

I believe it is customary on such occasions for the new incumbent to deplore his shortcomings and praise the attainments of his distinguished predecessor. I shall do neither; in the first place because my shortcomings are already too well known to all my classmates, and in the second place because the splendid job Herman did as your recorder for so many patient years is deserving of tribute from a more eloquent pen than mine. I know I speak for the entire class when I say: "Well done, good and faithful Herman."

As your new recorder I offer this pledge:

1. To record faithfully and impartially such news of and activities about the members of our class as shall be brought to my attention.
2. To try to comply with the basic rules of rhetoric learned in our plebe year: "Unity, coherence and emphasis."
3. To eliminate from this column, as far as my ancestral blood will permit, all trace of barnyard manure.

With respect to pledge number 1, I feel constrained to remind you that I am not a cub reporter on the prowl, that I cover very much less territory than of yore and that in the mountain fastness of Western North Carolina the stream of news is rather sluggish. Consequently, I must ask your cooperation and assistance. Loosen up your arthritic fingers and drop me a line once in a while. Don't be bashful. This is a splendid opportunity for you to talk about yourself. You can always give your note an unselfish twist by mentioning other classmates. My address is Cherry Lane, Asheville, North Carolina.

Seriously, I am very proud to be the recorder of such a distinguished class. I consider it a privilege to serve you and shall do my best.

And now for news of 1915 in the general chronological order in which received: I hope all of you had a most enjoyable Christmas and a New Year with the minimum of bills. Doodle Harmon, the modern and prospective Sylvanus Thayer of the Air Force Academy writes: "You are so right that what our country needs is a regrass of ethical and spiritual values. We shall do our best. It will be a small voice crying in the wilderness but perhaps others will hear and take up the cry. Little do our people appreciate how much they owe in the preservation of standards to our dear old West Point. I have often thought of it as the last stronghold. Now, God willing, we shall have another. It's a great challenge and one in which you may rest assured I am putting my heart and soul. We are trying to carry over every thing good and fine from the Military Academy." To which we reply Amen, brother. More power to you, Doodle.

A post card from the P. J. Muellers from Amsterdam says that after a sight-seeing

tour of several European cities they will visit young Paul and wife Ann in Germany. Bon Voyage!

Tom Hanley, our efficient class secretary, under date of November 7, transmitted the following news items: Hubbard had a bout with surgery not long ago but is back in circulation. Walt and Betty Hess went up to West Point for the Virginia game and stayed with the Meneelys. No report on any new songs by Jake. Mason Young, the class youngster, was in Washington recently looking for a job. (Didn't you know the WPA is now defunct, Mason?) Jim Van Fleet was in Walter Reed to get some shrapnel picked out of his leg. W.W. I relic, I heard. A man of iron, that Van. John Robinson suffered a slight (his own description) heart attack. The membership in the Cardiac Club is increasing.

President Fritz, who is associated with the Organization and Operation of the United States Equestrian Teams for International and Olympic Competition (OAOUS-ETIOC—Whew!) seems to be carrying his heavy title with his usual light heart. He writes: "I found myself at the National Horse show in New York (were you lost, Fritz?) and was smart enough to get tickets to the Army-Yale game, where I saw Hyde, Small and Bill Boots. Bill is a gay bachelor who lives with his son in erratic fashion. He persuaded me to stop with him for the night and in the middle of the said night he decided to go to Florida. His plans for the future include almost anything." About the reunion, Fritz says that from present indications it seems as though we might tax the capacity of West Point this coming summer. A "second call" to the reunion will be in the mail shortly. Everybody, apparently, is going to be there. Harold Small is acting as liaison with West Point for details. He is the man on the ground emulating Beukema, who always relieved the class officers of the horrible, but necessary, details.

Hume has resigned his job with the A.F. Historical Foundation and expects to be back in Maryland before Christmas and revert to the status of a country gentleman. At any rate, a countryman. Hume says he saw Stringfellow quite often. String is raising cattle in a big way; three cows and two calves at last count. They are planning on the reunion next June. The Stringfellows—not the cows.

Lev Williams says to ask youse guys to please stop writing him at the old address. His new address is: Fishback, Williams, Davis and Dominick, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, 170 East Washington Street, Orlando, Florida. Short title: Lev. Williams.

Omar has been quite busy. In addition to his duties as chairman of the board, Bulova Research and Development Laboratories, he has served as National Chairman of the UDF and has traveled the length and breadth of the land for appearances at organizational meetings. He and Mary plan to attend the reunion.

George Stratemeyer sent me several petitions which he asked me to have filled and mail to "Ten Millions Americans". I wrote Strat that I was still a follower of the advice given the recruit by the old drill sergeant to "Keep your mouth shut, your bowels open, and don't volunteer."

Red Irwin placed second in the annual autumn exhibition of the Asheville Art Guild with a stunning water color, "Tirolean Cemetery" He sells these, by the way, and if any one is interested, write me and I'll try to get a commission from Red for the sale. Price to classmates is cost plus, plus, plus.

When asked what we retired generals in

Asheville did to while away the hours, Arthur Arnim White replied, "We rake leaves and wipe dishes." Doc is whiling away his hours building the most beautiful furniture. Presently, he is making a shell back corner cupboard.

Both Fritz and Tom Hanley would like the addresses of the class widows so they can be contacted prior to the reunion. Anyone having information about this please communicate with Secretary Hanley, 4704 Essex Avenue, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland. So long everyone—how about some news?

—Wog.

1916

When these notes appear in print we will be well embarked on the year 1955 and next year will bring our 40th reunion at West Point in June of '56. By that time there will be few of us who will be prevented from attending by the calls of duty. Now is the time to start planning to be there. This includes your wife. The Reunion Committee is making arrangements for the ladies. Let's start now to make this the best reunion ever. Now for the latest news!

Jack Nygaard writes from San Concordia, Lucca, Italy, sending his best to all the Class. Says he hopes to be back in the States in 1955. Paul Kane blew into Washington, D. C. in time for a Class luncheon late last summer. He is living at Forest Grove, Oregon, where he has a ranch. Jim Caperton and his wife left their farm in Amisville, Virginia, in October and went to San Antonio for the winter, where they are living at 1101 Garrity Road.

Stanley and Mary Scott have bought a home on the Potomac River between Alexandria and Mt. Vernon, Virginia. They are now settled and ready to receive classmates. Willie Shipp has also located himself in an old country home in the Valley of Virginia not far from Front Royal. It is about 60 miles from Washington and Willie attends Class luncheons in the city. Ferdie Gallagher and Helen sailed for Italy late in November where he will be in charge of the Battle Monuments Commission office in Rome. Ferdie is on additional active duty and expects to be overseas for at least a year but hopes to be able to be back in time for the reunion in '56.

Raphael Garcia and his wife are back in the Philippines, where they are living in Rizal Province on Luzon. Red O'Hare and his wife Bobby are still living temporarily in Washington. We would like to have them make it permanent but they will probably seek a warmer climate at Tucson, Arizona, when the eastern cold weather sets in. Last September we heard from Jack Fraser in Chicago. At that time he expected to be in Washington but his plans must have changed. He did not show up and by now he should be in Tucson. The Crampton Joneses, after spending more than a year traveling subsequent to his retirement, have settled in El Paso, Texas. Bob Neyland has left Knoxville, Tennessee, and is now living in Sarasota, Florida.

In 1942 the Class had to discontinue presenting a saber to each Class son who graduated from West Point. After the war, when it was found that they were still unavailable, a silver cigarette box was adopted as a substitute. This fall we completed sending out a cigarette box suitably marked to each boy who did not receive a saber.

Again we have a sad duty to perform in announcing the death of two more of our classmates. Monty Monsarrat died suddenly of a heart attack on September 10, 1954, while driving back from the Fort

Ruger Club to his home in Honolulu. He had been suffering from a heart condition for some time. He was buried in Nuana Cemetery in Honolulu in the plot of the Monsarrat family, of which he was the fourth generation in the islands. The Class has lost one of its most loyal members who, at the time of his death, was planning to return to the Mainland to drum up enthusiasm for the 40th Reunion.

On October 15th Ralph Sasse passed away in the hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, after a long illness. Ralph had never fully recovered from the major operation performed in Walter Reed a few years ago. His fighting spirit kept him going until late this summer when his health again took a turn for the worse. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery on October 20th with twelve of his classmates acting as pallbearers. A fighting soldier died when Ralph Sasse passed to the Great Beyond.

—E. G. B.

April 1917

Members of the class in the Washington area met at Fort McNair at noon, November 4th for the regular bi-monthly meeting. Present were: Morris Barroll, Ira Crump, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Leo Erler, Jack Jackson, Make Macon, Burnet Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Henry Schroeder, Steve Sherrill, Willis Slaughter, Cooper Smith, Sam Smith, Van Vander Hyden, and Kewp Yuill. The following could not come for the reasons given: Clark Fales left for Tucson, Arizona, for two months on 15 October, Dan Noce was in Europe on an inspection trip (he retired 31 October); George Wooley was in upstate New York on a hunting trip; Bill Cowgill was overseas and Joe Collins left for Viet Nam the day before the luncheon.

Dot and Steve Sherrill were at West Point October 27th and 28th. While there, Steve saw Roy Bowlin, who was visiting his son, Roy, Jr. (USMA, January 1943) who is on the Superintendent's staff. Roy said he had seen Leo Erler, Bill Heavey and Parson Parks at the Virginia game. Prof Jones said he has had several requests for advice from Pesca Sullivan, who is Dean at The Citadel.

Charlie Gerhardt, who is president of the Men's Club of All Saints Church at Winter Park, Florida, writes of Doc Johnson's candidacy on the Republican ticket for election to the House in the Florida State Legislature and his victory in a landslide on November 2. Doc lives in St. Petersburg. Nina and Charlie were in Baltimore in October visiting Nina, Jr., wife of Captain Donald J. Kennedy, at Fort Holabird, and their two grandchildren. En route home they stopped at Durham, North Carolina, to see Charles, Jr., a senior at Duke, and watch the Army in its victory over Duke. Later, they stopped in Macon for a visit with Nina's mother.

Louie Ford writes from RFD No. 1, Easton, Maryland that he is renting a place on the Miles River which offers plenty of fishing and hunting. He expects to buy a piece of land and build a house in that area.

Jim Hayden went to much trouble to get reports from the California contingent of the class. He and Laddie had been enjoying a visit from their son Buster (USMA '45) and wife. They had been fishing for steelhead on the North Umpqua and Jim later went on a fishing trip alone. The children now are on duty in Germany.

Milt Halsey is taking economics at University of California at Berkeley. Louis Martin had been visiting him. Louis and Elf live in the country not far away.

Doug Wahl writes that his principal activity has been making alterations in their house and the grounds at Monterey.

Spec Irwin is working at the Oakland Tribune and his two boys are at school out there. Bill is at Stanford—Ken at high school, where he is a star athlete.

Jack Code has returned home after a checkup at Letterman and Linc Daniels is still at San Jose State College, where he has been for eight years as Professor of Math, while Jean has been studying geology.

Eddie Kilburn wrote that Pete had attended the 11th Armored Division reunion in Kentucky, where the Governor gave him the key to the city and made him a Kentucky colonel. They have had a visit from their oldest daughter and her husband, who is stationed in Washington, D. C. The youngest daughter, Helene, has announced her engagement to Second Lieutenant Joseph Miller at Fort Sill.

Bill Daugherty's son, Bill, and family are on ROTC duty at Tennessee Polytechnic. Bill asked about the members of the class still on active duty. They are: Collins; Erler, who is director of the Air Force Academy Construction Agency in Washington; Harrison in Panama; Jones; Ridgway; and Smith, A. C., who is Chief of the Army Historical Section in Washington.

Virginia Heraty reports the arrival of their first grandson, to make four grandchildren, the others all being girls. She reports Mike is about the same as he has been for so long.

Dutch Keiser has settled in San Francisco (1928 Jefferson Street).

The Washington papers carried an editorial in November about Fred Irving's visit to the capital in connection with his new post as President of the newly organized American Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods (ACTION). President Eisenhower stated that the organization has a "magnificent objective." The Washington Post stated that the group "has an additional advantage of an able president in Major General Frederick Irving who, until his recent retirement, was Superintendent, U.S.M.A."

Dan Noce retired 31 October at Hanau, Germany, where the 4th Engineer Battalion passed in review in a retirement ceremony for him. That unit was Dan's first assignment after graduation. Mildred and Dan are settled now at their Rappahannock County farm in Laurel Mills, Virginia. Their daughter, Mildred, is married to Lieutenant Colonel P. B. Melody, and their son, Robert (USMA '49), is a Captain in the Army.

Kivas Tully has been a patient at Walter Reed for several weeks. We hope he'll soon be back for duty. Emily is in Washington, as Kivas was on an assignment here when he was taken sick.

Aaron Bradshaw is the Washington representative of the Yegen Corporation, an organization doing a nation-wide business in financing automobiles.

—S. H. S.

August 1917

The Frank Meades have become grandparents for the fourth time. Their daughter, wife of Major Robert Kadel, just recently had her third daughter. This addition brings the score to three girls and one boy. Frank and Mary, while East, attended the Penn-Army Game.

Bill Deeble retired from the Travelers Insurance Company and is now located at Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts.

Hal Barber recently suffered a heart attack and was taken to Walter Reed Hospital. He has now been released and has

gone to his home at Winter Park, Florida. The encouraging news is that he has made a fine recovery.

Clyde Morgan, who has just bought a home in Winter Park, Florida, becomes the latest August 1917 addition to join this haven in Florida.

Biff Jones is in Walter Reed, recovering from an eye operation.

Saw Wilson and Emily Bingham for just a brief time when recently in Los Angeles. Wilson is more than holding his own; has gained in weight and looks better than at any time I have seen him since his illness.

Jules Schaefer, on one of his frequent trips, gave a dinner to all of our classmates and their wives on his latest visit to Washington. Included by him also were Victoria Almquist, Marguerite Eyster, Loessa Coffey, May Heavey and Dorothy Matlack.

The announcement of Ed. Leavey's appointment as President of the foreign manufacturing operations of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company recently appeared in the New York papers.

—W. G. W.

June 1918

In the last notes, inadvertently, I omitted the surname when reporting on the Pichels. I apologize, yet I feel certain no one failed to identify who were meant—unless Jim was uncertain. Incidentally Jim PICHEL is keeping his golf gear in apple pie order in anticipation of giving Freddie Kimble (or any other classmate) some lessons in the fundamentals of the game.

Dick McKee has returned from the far east and has retired. His latest address is 1221 Diana Lane, Santa Barbara, California. I gather he is considering some academic activities in that vicinity.

Hans and Alice Kramer went down to Coronado for the bridge tournament, but so far have rendered no report of their activities.

Birdie and Hughie Hewitt have bought a home at 919 Kirbey Street, El Paso, Texas, where they "would be glad to see any of our class passing through." Hughie reports seeing Savvy Cruse, when Savvy was in El Paso for the Stamp Club's show. Incidentally he won the trophy for his exhibit. The Cruses are living at Las Cruces, New Mexico (Box 990).

Our class has suffered another tragic loss; T. Q. Donaldson died of a heart attack at Tucson on 24 November. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Since retiring Andy Moore has established himself in Florida. His address is c/o Radar Engineering Co., 111 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Miami 32, Florida.

This fall the football games at West Point brought some of us together. George Aigeltinger, Heinie Stenzel, the Chesty Wards, the Gruhns (a fine-looking cadet son), the Bellingers, and the Townsleys had seats all together. Eddie and Laura Sibert were there for the Dartmouth game; so were Sam and Fran Sturgis, but they had been relegated to the Supe's box. Jack and GG Grant chose the wettest day to make their only appearance.

Chesty and Bunny Ward have been on an extended auto trip to the West Coast. They stopped by Washington on the return leg of their journey.

Tom Nixon was given a review at Camp Roeder, Austria, upon his retirement. Tom has been assistant to the Commanding General of the U.S. Forces in Austria.

Norma and Swede Axelson have returned to Sebring, Florida (510 N. Lakeview Drive). They had a grand time in California and are hankering to get back there, but can't do that unless they can dispose

of their house in Sebring without sacrifice. On their return trip they visited their son Rudy (Major, Ordnance) and four grandchildren (50-50) at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Charlie and Eve Blanchard have bought a home at 216 Tuttle Road, San Antonio 9, Texas. Charlie is getting in lots of golf while Eve is bridging. They hope that any classmates going through that neck of the woods will drop in on them.

—C. P. T.

November 1918

Perhaps everyone has heard of the sad news of Art Pençe's death from a heart attack. At the time of his death he was C.G. of the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir.

That leaves only three Engineers (if you call Howard Peckham a Q.M.) on the active list, and all in the Far East. Dave Ogden is Commanding General of the Ryukyus Command and Deputy Governor of the Ryukyus Islands; Frank Bowman is Chief Engineer of F.E.E.C.; and Chorpensing is G-4. I am Corp's debtor for this information as well as a beautiful Christmas card with a photograph of his charming daughter, Anne, aged 5½ years, his little Caboosey.

Tom Brinkley writes that he retired 31 August and intends to live at 1915 Larch Street, Boise, Idaho.

Holbrook passed on an interesting item of news from Wendel Trower—"I (Trower) have been very remiss in not previously informing you that I have a daughter, Wendelyn, born on 20 September 1950. I believe this makes me eligible for some share in the Caboose Cup." Hunk also wrote, "I wrote to John Fonvielle, Mississippi State College, State College, Mississippi, regarding the Caboose Cup and have received a reply in which he states that they are busy packing and will sail for Europe about November 15th."

Johnny Elleman did not miss a single football game at West Point last fall. Several other classmates came to quite a few games. Except for the Virginia game when it poured rain during the entire first half plus the intermission, Michie Stadium is perhaps the pleasantest, most comfortable place to see a football game in the country. The A.A.A. tries to seat us all together.

Peckham, Vidal, Twichel and Bergman attended the lunch and business meeting of the West Point Society of New York at the Waldorf and no doubt voted the straight (right line pen) Crittenberger ticket.

Howard has just returned from Virginia where he was best man at the marriage of Howard L. Peckham, Junior, to Miss Jane Goodman of Petersburg. His bad news for the quarter is that Marian has been in the hospital with a broken ankle.

Fred Pearson writes from San Antonio: "Chris Knudsen is following his real estate work in his position with the highway department and is helping them on their titles. Getting along fine. The Willie Websters have been enjoying a visit from their son who has just returned from a teaching tour at Beirut. He will soon leave again for his tour with Uncle Sam. Andy March's nice home was written up with a whole page in the Sunday Light the middle of October. Jake and Henrietta Freeman toured the Valley but came back to San Antonio for another look. From here they went to Fort Sill to spend a few days with their son who is at the Field Artillery School. From there they plan on going to El Paso and look things over. Jake is going to give the whole area a good once-over before he decides on his Shangri-La. He has promised to let me know where he hangs up his hat. I will report that later. Babe Gullatt is

kept busy commuting back and forth between here and Houston. His business here has been quite good. He and Nell have been toying with the idea of leaving Houston, going to Mobile and settling there. Haven't seen Ben Chadwick, Charley Moore or Alex MacKenzie for sometime. No word about other classmates around this area. I told Freeman to look up Glasgow in El Paso. As for me, I am back in school. At present I am the only classmate in school around here. Still trying to learn something."

Fred and Marie Stevens visited West Point on their way home to Melrose, Massachusetts, from the Navy Game.

Mark and Esther Rhodes drove East from their home in Colorado during the Autumn, visiting such widely separated points as Daytona Beach, Florida, and Washington, D. C., where they dined with the Badgers.

Pinkie Williamson writes that he and Helen flourish in Augusta, Georgia. He promises to stop by The Squirrels on his next trip to Watertown.

Sam and Pansy Walker have settled in Florida at 3206 Beacon Street, Pompano Beach. Pompano Beach is near Fort Lauderdale, half way between Miami and Palm Beach. Sam has taken a job with Roman and Johnson, an investment company. He will specialize in Mutual Funds.

Beverly St. George Tucker dropped in on us at The Squirrels early in December. He was the same old handsome Bev, and to my disgust, looked like he could still wear his Cadet F.D. coat. Having ourselves just bought a farm of 202 acres in the Shenandoah Valley, where we plan to raise beef cattle, we questioned him closely on his operations, as he worries about over 12,000 acres in Texas. About all we could learn was that fences are expensive to build and the price of cattle always goes up just after you sell. I daresay both of these apply in Virginia too.

A committee of the class attended the wedding of the Groves' truly beautiful and charming daughter, Gwen, to Mr. John Alan Robinson in Darien, Connecticut, in December. We inspected The General very carefully to make certain that he had on black socks, that his shoes were properly polished, all equipment in order and that he was well drilled in his role. All in all, he did fairly well.

The November '18 Class Luncheons at the Fort McNair Club continue to be a great source of pleasure to classmates living in the Washington area and visitors from the provinces. Elmer Barnes is the spark-plug. Luncheons are held the second Wednesday in each month, until dog days.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

Now that 30 September 1954 has come and gone most of the news for this issue is the whereabouts of the many who are settling permanently into civilian life after their retirement. Bill Kean retired at his own request while CG of the Fifth Army, apparently plans to live in the Chicago area. Skelly Skelton reports his permanent address as 2903 Ethel Avenue, Columbus, Georgia. He also states that Don Fay (5 Commander Drive), Dick Emery (2211 Springdale Avenue), Lil Frederick (3821 Steam Mill Road), and Danny Buckland (3813 Mulberry Drive) comprise the rest of the Columbus group. All have bought homes except Dick Emery, who is still undecided as to future plans.

Frank Davis, now a professor of drawing at Ohio State University, is living at 263 Olentangy Street, Columbus 2, Ohio. Roly McNamee has taken root at 150 Wilder Ave-

nue, Los Gatos, California, after a couple of years at San Antonio. He notes having seen Wyman, Armstrong, Rockafellow and Barrick in the San Francisco area.

Wayne Zimmerman has succeeded Dan Noce as The Inspector General. Claude Ferenbaugh has his third star. Jack Murphy is now Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Personnel, Benny Hayford is Deputy Chief of Transportation, and Herb Jones is Deputy The Adjutant General.

Horace Speed writes in news of the annual class cocktail party at the Army and Navy Club in Washington on 30 October. Among those attending were Kyke and Emmy Allan, Mike and Marjorie Brannon, Jim and Betty Cole, Louis and Gladys May Ely, Les and Dot Flory, Bert and Irene Hayford, Ed and Mary Hopkins, Wes and Phyllis Jervey, Herb and Anabel Jones, Doc and Opie Loper, Doc and Patty Martin, Gene and Peggy McGinley, Jack and Irene Murphy, Dick and Emma Ovenshine, Harris and Gretchen Scherer, Horace and Minette Speed, Leroy and Dorothy Wilson, Al and Dade Wedemeyer, Ham Young, Wayne Zimmerman, Helen Bryan, Rosa Kerr, and Syd and Bea Gould. Syd was in Washington for a conference of botanists about his system of plant classification. Bea Gould wrote glowingly of the party, confirming Horace's impression that "a good time was had by all", as they say in my podunk paper.

New settlers in the Washington area include Stu and Helen Barden (7814 Exeter Road), Elton and Georgina Hammond (4733 N. Rock Spring Road, N. Arlington 7, Virginia), Jimmy and Edith Harbaugh (3133 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.), Harlan and Mamie Hartness (retired to Ophelia, Virginia), Harris and Gretchen Scherer (3507 Rodman Street, N.W.), Leroy and Dorothy Wilson (4713 Yuma Street, N.W.), and the Jack Vances (3 Alexandria Avenue, Tauxemont, Virginia).

Ham Young has taken the job of Secretary to the Board of Commissioners, Old Soldiers Home. John and Ann Crow are living at 95 Benedict Terrace, Longmeadow, Massachusetts (near Springfield). Fall visitors to the Washington area included the Joe Odells, the Paul Donnallys, and Mike Makinney.

At this writing (first week in December) your scribe is still technically a patient in the U.S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, Long Island, New York, having lost a vocal cord by surgery on 5 October 1954. My recovery has been excellent, the medics tell me, and I am hoping to get enough voice back to return to active duty. Only time can tell, but by the time this appears in print I should be back at West Point.

—B. W. B.

1920

The Class Committee, whose members are Bessell, Schick, West, Gillette, Blaik, and Johnston, E. C., has been constituted to handle the planning and arrangements for 1920's 35th Reunion next June.

The following tentative program has been drawn up for this event. The members of the Class will receive notices sent directly to them at appropriate times, which will contain further details and information. Be on the lookout for these notices, which will be sent to you by mail.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM 20's 35th REUNION

Friday, 3 June 1955:

Arrival, registration, 20's 35th Reunion Group.

Saturday, 4 June 1955:

Arrival, registration, 20's 35th Reunion Group.

1800 Dinner, stag, Cadet Dining Hall, followed by Bull Fest 1920 Area of Barracks, 20's 35th Reunion Men.

1800 Ladies Light Supper and Get-together, Quarters 104, 20's 35th Reunion Ladies.

Sunday, 5 June 1955:

1800 Picnic, drag, Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond, 20's 35th Reunion Group.

Monday, 6 June 1955:

1150 (Following Review of Corps by Alumni), Presentation of '20 sabers to Graduating Sons, Thayer Monument, 20's 35th Reunion Group.

Class Photo, reviewing stand near Thayer Monument, 20's 35th Reunion Group.

1215 Ladies Luncheon, West Point Army Mess, 20's 35th Reunion Ladies.

Alumni Luncheon, Washington Hall, 20's 35th Reunion Men at '20 tables.

1400 (following luncheons), Decoration of '20 Graves, West Point Cemetery, 20's 35th Reunion Men.

1800 Dinner, drag, Bear Mountain Inn, 35th Reunion Group.

"Art" McCullough, Brigadier General, USAF, has been relieved from duty as Commanding General of the 1503d Air Transport Wing and from active duty effective 31 December 1954, on which date he will revert to his permanent grade of Brigadier General, USAF, Reserve, and will be assigned to the headquarters of the Continental Air Command, Denver, Colorado.

"Crump" Garvin, Major General, USA, has been made Deputy Commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. Formerly, "Crump" was Chief of the Logistics Division at SHAPE. He was also head of the Second Logistical Command during the early months of the fighting in Korea.

Word has been received that "Clancy" McFadden was retired at Stillwell Field, Fort Douglas, on 30 September 1954. "Clancy's" service was somewhat unique in that 29 of his 34 years of commissioned service was on actual command duty with troops. During World War II he commanded the 69th Aircraft Regiment on Saipan. After the war McFadden organized, with his AA Group, the Western Pacific Personnel Center on Saipan, and was responsible during the following year for returning about 150,000 servicemen to the States. He continued as Commanding Officer of the Army Garrison Forces on Saipan until 1948. During 1950 he was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Utah State Agricultural College. In October 1951 he was made Chief of Staff of the Utah Military District, and in 1953 was placed in complete command of the District.

McFadden is married to Pauline Shepard, the daughter of Colonel Paul Shepard, Medical Corps, USA, Ret. They have two children. His only son, Captain Raymond I. McFadden, Signal Corps, USA, is a 1945 graduate of USMA and is presently stationed at the Academy as an instructor in the Department of Electricity.

The Army-Navy-Air Force Journal of 20 November 1954 carried the following two items:

"Miss Madeleine Chase, daughter of Major General and Mrs. Halley Gray Maddox of Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia, has announced her engagement to Mr. Grady Lavell Mitchum of Bernice, Louisiana and Hampton, Virginia. The marriage will take place in the early spring in Europe."

"Colonel Leland S. Smith, USA, Ret., for the past four years Commandant of the Adjutant General School, and who retired from active service on 30 September 1954,

has accepted a position as Administrator-Director to the American-Korean Foundation located at 345 E. 46th Street, New York 17, New York. The President of the American-Korean Foundation is Major General C. W. Christenberry, USA, Ret."

The entire Class will be saddened to learn that Colonel Paul E. Tombaugh, 57, who was on General Eisenhower's staff from July 1944 until the end of the war in Europe, died at Walter Reed Hospital on 29 September 1954.

Paul Tombaugh was assigned to the Legislative and Liaison Division of the War Department General Staff until his retirement in 1948. He held a law degree from Indiana University and practiced law in Indianapolis, Indiana for 11 years before returning to active duty in 1937.

Two visiting classmates from the deep south who came to West Point for the opening football game were "Eddie" Edmondson and Loper Lowry. "Eddie" is now retired, lives in Gainesville, Florida, and writes fiction for pastime. He was accompanied to West Point by his daughter, Carolyn, who is entering the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. Loper still conducts his insurance agency in Tampa, Florida, and he was accompanied to the game by his son, Jack, a former University of Alabama quarterback.

"Terry" Tully, Major General, Ret. has reported his address as 2800 Woodley Road, Washington, D. C.

Carl Duffner writes that he was retired from active service on 31 July 1953 and took up a temporary residence in Kansas City, Missouri, where he attended the University of Kansas City, taking postgraduate courses in Education. In June of 1954 he had completed enough of these studies to be entitled to a teacher's certificate issued by the State of Missouri. This certificate conveyed the authority to teach mathematics or physics in any secondary school in the State of Missouri. Duffner, however, wanted a doctor's degree and accordingly, with his wife Claudia, in July of this year, went to Munich, Germany, to study at the University of Munich. The Duffners found a place to live in a small apartment in Grosshesselohe, which is a small community on the southern edge of Munich. In due time Duffner was accepted at the University of Munich and hopes in three years to secure his doctor's degree in Education. He will undertake two minor subjects, German Literature and Psychology.

In Germany Duffner and his lovely wife Claudia are enjoying life. He has all the privileges of an officer on active duty save one—that of occupying public quarters.

After completing his education, Duffner plans to build a cottage in a community called Palmer Lake, situated about six miles from the site of the new United States Air Force Academy. He hopes to follow teaching as a career in some U.S. college or university.

The Class joins me, Duffner, in wishing you the greatest success and happiness in this fine endeavor.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

Retirement seems to furnish much of the news at this time, but don't let that make you think we're getting senile. We're never any older than we think!

Gus Nelson was elected in November, as a Republican, to the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida. As might have been expected in that customarily Democratic state, the vote was very close, with Gus receiving 4,920 ballots to his opponent's 4,859. Gus writes: "Haven't

seen any Orioles lately. The latch string is always out for them. Seriously speaking, this (Sarasota) is a grand place to spend retirement, and many of our class are retiring now."

Morris Marcus is with the Federal Services Finance Corporation in San Francisco, living at 90 Lunado Way, the same house he occupied when he was AG of Sixth Army. He hopes "that any of our classmates coming this way will come in to see us." He reports that he and Connie were at a luncheon in September which was attended by the Carpenters, the Ham Meyers, the Clarence Deans, George Taylor and Helen (Mrs. C. R.) Smith. The Carpenters then went on an extended tour through Southern California and Mexico prior to settling down in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Joe Grants have purchased a home in Sausalito, California, with a large yard for gardening. Joe is reported to be looking fine after his serious illness in Washington.

Ham Meyer is doing a lot of traveling, representing a firm which provides visual aids to schools. His traveling companion is a very young dachshund which Ham has trained to an almost unbelievable degree.

Kessler is still at Hamilton Field and is beginning to consider that general area as a potential retirement home.

Tommy Thomson passed through West Point in November, bound for the National Horse Show in New York. He and Lorraine were planning to travel about a bit and see if places like Florida might have a more attractive retirement climate than Ohio or Indiana.

McDavid wrote from South Carolina that he expected to be at the Navy Game, but no one has reported yet having seen him. The way the class was split up this year made it almost impossible to compile any sort of list of those present. Actually seen in the stadium were Albert, Barrett, Branham, Douglass, Haas, Johnson, R. H., Lawton, Stout, and Tyler, but the probability is just about 1.0 that there were others on hand.

It is noted from the newest annual *Register of Graduates* that none of the 1921 group remains on active duty and that twenty of the 1922 group are still on the active list. In those twenty are wearers of thirty-seven stars—what a concentrated responsibility!

Happy holidays to Orioles all over the world. And how about finding time for a postcard with just a bit of news about yourself?

—C. J. B.

1923

We regret to report an oversight in the last issue, in that we failed to include John Hardy's son, Wilfred, in the list of makes. Wilfred is Brigade Sergeant Major.

When Skinner retired as C.O. of the Utah General Depot on 30 September the Ogden Chamber of Commerce honored him with a dinner.

Since the last issue we have noted the following permanent promotions: to Major General—Earl Gruver; to Brigadier General—Hertford, Gjelsteen, Binns, Bromley and Harmony.

Paul Serff has taken up residence in Columbus, Georgia, since his retirement. George Smith, also retired, is General Manager of the National Safety Council in Chicago. Ken Sweaney, CG, U.S. Army Forces, Puerto Rico, is Director of "Shock Wave," an island defense maneuver to be conducted in December.

Ralph Tudor, having retired from his position as Deputy Secretary of the Interior, has written an article in the 27 Nov-

ember issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*, telling his impressions of government service in Washington. Speaking of writers—Pinkey Dorn and his cookbook continue to make the headlines. There is an article about him in the 7 November issue of *This Week Magazine*, complete with sample recipes and a handsome picture of Pinkey, looking handsome, as he concocts a delectable sauce from the contents of a decanter and several suspicious looking bottles. Pinkey is living in Carmel, California. He is quoted as saying, "You might be interested to know I had a one-man show of my paintings."

We reported about a year ago how Trooper Price bade farewell to the pulps. Now he writes, "I am county microfilm technician, filming the county clerk's, the recorder's, and other records. To enable me to live on my salary as a civil servant, I built up a sideline of processing, in spare time, microfilm for a couple of contractors. This extra work gives me that occasional extra dollar which I can regard with the contempt which it merits."

"My son returned from Korea early this year. Judging from the stories (even after discounting them heavily!), and from the kodachrome pix, which can not be discounted, I was forced to admit that his tour of Far East duty with the Marine Corps was far more colorful and comprehensive and luxurious than was my performance with the 15th Horse, in 1917."

Trooper, turning his attention to the Catalog, U.S.M.A., and the academic system, observes, "I can still run faster, shout louder, and drink more liquor than any man of my age in San Mateo County, but that schedule of requirements appalls me!"

Fritz and Rom Breidster made a flying visit to West Point on 18 November. Fritz addressed the First Class on the subject of the National Guard. Although they based themselves on my quarters, we were able to see little of them as they had to drive on to Cornell that evening to visit Rom's mother and see their son, Bill, who is a student there. Fritz was also booked for a business conference in that area. Both of them were in fine spirits and the pink of condition.

Bill Longwell's home address is 18 Wiley Court, North Andover, Massachusetts. He attended the October luncheon of the West Point Society of Boston and saw Chambers and Pamplin there.

Deke Stone's permanent address is 5943 Folsom Drive, La Jolla, California. He writes, "I'm studying as hard as when we were plebes—and much longer hours—trying to make the grade for a teacher's certificate (possibly an MA later) at San Diego State College, 20 miles from here."

"Drummond was elected a Justice of the Peace in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, at the November elections. Of course the old Texan ran on the Democratic ticket. He received 1,950 votes to 45 for his opponent. The ranchito owned by Kenner Hertford lies within our classmate's precinct—if that news is any comfort to Kenner!"

PD Weikert stayed at Charlie Barrett's over the Virginia Game weekend and then took off for a hunting trip in Maine. He and his party killed several deer. When PD pulled up in front of Charlie's quarters, on his way back, he had a big buck with eight points, covering the whole roof of his station wagon. Mary came up from Washington to join PD for the return trip. They have bought a house in Chevy Chase and have settled down to enjoy retirement.

—W. J. Morton.

1925

As usual, notes from the home front here at USMA are rather skimpy and most of what follows is repeated from Daddy Dunn's monthly poodsheets.

Our local contingent, three for a while, has again been reduced to two with the departure of Mutt Crandall. Formerly Treasurer, USMA, he is now Deputy Chief of Finance with a bright new star. Let's see if he can wrangle a modest increase in the shrunken pay check. Mutt's son-in-law, stationed at Stewart Field here, had a narrow squeak. With visibility near zero and navigation instruments of his jet out of order he was wandering over the Atlantic when a commercial air liner appeared through the mist and he followed it in, landing with only a few minutes fuel left.

We had a pleasant month-long visit by Marcel Crombez, senior adviser of the Korean Military Academy, in to see what goes on at USMA. The day after his departure we learned of his receipt of the highest Korean military decoration awarded to non-nationals, and of his promotion to BG. Wish these pleasant events had transpired a few days earlier so that we could have extracted from him at least a ten-cent nickel cigar.

We very proudly watched a ceremony during one of our home football games in which Ed Garbisch was elected to the Football Hall of Fame together with Biff Jones and Chris Cagle. This makes our contingent in the Hall four, Charlie Daly having been previously elected.

The general trend of Daddy's notes indicates that the monthly luncheons of the Washington contingent are well attended and pleasant affairs. Having attended several, I can recommend to anyone visiting Washington to time his visit so that he can attend the luncheon. The bunch is still the cheerful, pleasant lot of cadet days, the principle change being one of fundamental expansion.

A nice long letter from our old Com., General Danford, complimenting Daddy and the Class for their conscientious assistance in bringing the Annual West Point Register up to date. Swede Underwood again comfortably located at Fort Belvoir after a tour at Fort Bragg. The Tom Tulley in the "Caine Mutiny" movie is Dave's brother. Pheris again in the hospital at Fort Lee; we're all with you for a quick up and out, Bill. Carl Dutton now located at Havre De Grace, Maryland, P.O. Box 92. Bill Wood sitting on the gold at Fort Knox as Deputy C/S. Bruce Clarke, briefly in Fort Hood Hospital, now assigned to head the Army of the Pacific with station in Hawaii. Charlie Caldwell sends a fine long letter from the Pinckney Island Plantation reporting fine progress in wild life propagation, shellfish and crustaceans, not to mention little porkers. Makes dangerous promise of perpetual open house. Ike Evans, in for a visit from the Far East, reports seeing Howze, Johnnie, E. L., Burbach, Grayeb, Margeson and Peplow on visits in the area. Enough 25'ers out there for a plane load for the Reunion come June. From Bill Gillmore a two-pager about his doings in Bangkok. From Claude Black a real letter from a new address: 3708 Terrace View Drive, Knoxville 18, Tennessee. Wife, daughter, and son all enrolled in the Univ. of Tennessee. Jack Chamberlain permanently located in D.C. at 1513 34th Street, N.W. Lew Riggins, IG, First Army, brings us up to date on family: one daughter married, one son in Service, one daughter in high school; second crop—three Irishers Michael, Patrick, Richard, 7, 5, and 3 respectively. Mike Geraghty studying at

Maryland U. preparatory to taking up raising the finer and milder tobacco leaves in the spring on his new estate some 22 miles from Fort Meade. Strickland planning retirement home in D.C. with option of changing to Florida. Dave Bradford back on the job with Jefferson Life Co., (San Antonio); Dave Jr. in Korea with Marines. Joe McMahon now an attorney in Manchester, Tennessee; after retiring in '28 spent 20 years in State Service and now draws two retired pay checks. Bill Burbank now located with the Infantry School at Benning. McLaughlin preparing for his new assignment in Nigeria.

Plans proceeding well for the Reunion and the number expressing intention to attend (practically all dragging) exceeds our fondest expectation. There is more to arranging these affairs and making them successful than meets the eye, so a plea for prompt return of questionnaires and other information requested is made.

—V. J. E.

1926

Three more classmates have risen to flag rank since the last issue, namely: Bill Bayer, Bill House, and Johnny Elliott. The new BG's are in the Signal Corps, Ordnance Corps, and Air Force respectively. In addition, Sam Harris has received his second star. Our congratulations are extended to all of these recipients of the military badge of success.

Leon Johnson has written in as follows: "Both of my daughters have married West Point graduates. Our elder daughter Sue, was married in May of 1952 to Lieutenant Hoyt S. Vandenberg (Class of '51), of the Air Force, and they now have a son, Hoyt S. Vandenberg, III. Our younger daughter Salli, married Lieutenant Wilson C. Barnes (Class of '54), US Army, in August 1954."

Pick Collins has been assigned to the command of the Army Signal Corps Training Center at Camp Gordon, Georgia. He was formerly in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. Don Booth has returned from Germany to become Deputy G-1 in the Office of the Chief of Staff. From this height it is only a step to the top Army personnel spot. Bet he'll make it! Hal Forde, after a three-month tour in Washington, has gone to AFF Headquarters at Fort Monroe. This is an amazing reprieve which seldom comes so quickly to inmates of the Pentagon. Tommy White, after a somewhat longer sentence, has left the five-sided-madhouse to join the Continental Air Command at Mitchel Field. Herb Ehr Gott has also forsaken Washington to become Deputy Director of the Joint Construction Agency in Paris.

A report from Korea advises that Egon Tausch has received an OLC to his Legion of Merit for outstanding service as Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, in the Korean ComZ. We were amazed to learn that Egon had drifted that far away from spoken Spanish, but were not in the least surprised to hear of his outstanding work. Jack Ryan has been reassigned from Knox to the Far East, while Chuck Canham has returned from the Far East to serve in Washington on the SA Review Board Council.

The very willing but rather obscure vaudeville team of Reeder and Heiberg, recently participated on a nation-wide television program. They were seen on "Omni-bus" during a pre-Christmas presentation involving various kinds of children's toys. The Reeder-Heiberg combo was given an Erector set to play with and actually succeeded in constructing a bridge which safely withstood the load of a platoon of tin

soldiers. With an aggregate age of over a century, and a combined college experience of close to a dozen years, they demonstrated that you don't have to be a kid to enjoy childish pastimes.

Church Hutton has sent us a letter from Guayaquil, Ecuador, saying in part: "I am on a two year assignment at what we call a 'differential' post as Consul General—the first of its kind I have had after the relatively plush jobs in Mexico City, Istanbul, London, and other parts during most of my career as a Foreign Service Officer, but it has its advantages. I expect to be here for another year before going back to the Department of State in Washington or, perhaps, the UN in New York. Through the issues of *Assembly* I manage to keep up fairly well with my classmates and their doings even though I can't say I contribute much about myself—simply because the Army seems very far away and my own life is too full of too many other things. But now that I have a boy in the Academy with prospects of another one there next year, subscribe to the *Pointer*, etc., etc., perhaps I shall be able to keep up a little more with the old Alma Mater."

Admiral Sims threw a big party at the Taft Hotel before the Yale Game, at which Leon Johnson, Nellie Nelson, Boone Gross, Ray Maude, Roy Herte, and Vald Heiberg all put in an appearance with their wives. It was a good show and was surpassed only by Army's fine exhibition in the Bowl a while later.

Other familiar faces seen during the football season included: Bob Broadhurst (still a successful business man in Crowley, Louisiana), John Roosma, Don Booth, Bob Gaffney, Rod Smith, Red Corderman, Bill Baker, Ed Feather, and Harvey Kane. Post-season visitors included Hal Forde and Bill Hawthorne who, with their wives, paid West Point a very welcome visit.

We have received belated information that Jim Wheaton has been assigned to the Kentucky Military District, following a similar tour as Chief of the West Virginia Military District. Jim says that he enjoyed his West Virginia service "tremendously".

Hope you all have a wonderful New Year.

—E. R. H.

1927

The Class extends deepest sympathy to Marguerite Hornisher. Forrest Anthony Hornisher joined the Long Grey Line on September 17, 1954, with burial at West Point. Forrest retired in 1944 as a result of a tank accident at Pine Camp, New York, when he was Quartermaster of the 4th Armored Division. The old injuries were the cause of his death. Jim and Merritt Green represented the Class at the funeral.

Ruffles and flourishes for Ray Curtis, Bill Verbeck, Charlie Hutchison and Bill Pence on the occasion of that first star. Ray is commanding ADSEC, USAREUR, Com Z (APO 122); Bill Verbeck is Military District Commander of Pennsylvania at Indian-town Gap; Charlie is with the Budget Division, Office Comptroller General, Washington; Bill Pence is Signal Officer Seventh Army, USAREUR.

Jerry and Lucille Lillard are the proud parents of a daughter, born in September. Address: 17 w, Petit Beauguegard, Le Chisnay (Seine-y-Oise), France.

From Jimmie and Marian Collins comes an interesting Christmas letter of the new life in Alaska. If they don't come home as inveterate hunters and fishers, it will be because their kind friends keep their deep freeze full of those delicacies that most of us only read about. Jimmie is CG, USARAL, as well as 71st Div. (APO 949). Daughter

Pat is a senior at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Congratulations to Mariner Smith, Colonel, Chaplains Corps, USAR, on his assignment to Rome as Procurator General of the Dominican Order.

Howell Jordan was in from New York, attended the class luncheon. He and Mona have bought a home in Westchester County, New York. Bob White, Assistant Commandant, Army General School, here from Fort Riley, was the guest of Kathryn and Ted Brown. Bob and Peggy and their three daughters enjoy the Life of Riley. Barbara and Gretchen attend Kansas State College, Susan is a senior at Junction City High School. Woody Burgess spent a few days here on leave—object, maintenance on their house in Falls Church. Woody and Marianna live in Colorado Springs and love it. Woody is stationed at Ent AFB. George is a Lieutenant, USAF, at Mather AFB. Mary Liz attends University of Colorado at Boulder; Ann and Megrew (at 14, stands 6'1") are high school students in Colorado Springs. Spahi Bixel was here for several weeks on a promotion board.

Granny and Dot Granholm report that their daughter, Dorothy, is married to Captain William Hankins, Jr., USMA 1945 and have a daughter and son. Lynn, the younger daughter, attends Duke University. Granny is at Fort Riley, Chief of Staff for P.D. Ginder, who commands the whole show there, including the 10th Infantry Division. George Martin is Assistant CG. George and Jo arrived in Washington in October on a long overdue leave, reconnoitered for a homesite in Staunton, Virginia.

Nancy Shaw has completed her courses at Sarah Lawrence College and the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School, makes her home with Larry and Sue at 767 S. 26th Place, Arlington, Virginia. Janet attends the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg. The class is well represented there, Pat Collins, Norma Curtis, Barbara Doan, Janet Shaw.

Ed Daly, Deputy Chief of Staff, Fifth Army, writes that daughter, Marcia, was married at Fort Sheridan in June to Victor W. Gladstone. The Gladstones are presently in London where he has a Rotary Foundation Fellowship at the London School of Slavonic Studies; Marcia is studying Economics and will be in the educational field with her husband. Ed also reports that he lunches occasionally with George Vincent, who has been with Sears & Roebuck since 1928.

Hermie and Helen Schull extend a cordial invitation to all classmates, to look them up when in Florida. The address: 4111 Ortega Forest Drive, Jacksonville. Hermie has been District Engineer for the past two years. They have two sons, H. W., III, a junior in college; Gunner, a senior at Hotchkiss.

Betty Lovell, who is on the Staff of USAF Security Office, lives at 2012 26th Street, North, Arlington, Virginia.

Jack Griffith, formerly Executive of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project and Jack Kilgore, formerly Office, Secretary of Defense, were selected in October for the Staff and Faculty of the National War College.

Henry Douglas writes from 130 Sutter Street, San Francisco, on 5 October—"Paul Berrigan, presently Engineer South Pacific Division, has been alerted for shipment to the Far East in January—prospective assignment, Engineer Eighth Army. Carl and Tommy Lundquist and Duke and Dotty Gilbreath are recent arrivals here—Carl being Deputy Post Commander and Duke G2".

Dave Loughborough of Cornell Laboratories, Buffalo, visited Washington this fall—he has a son in the class of 1958.

Our ranks have been further thinned by the retirements of Harry Townsned, Pop Holmer and Ken Thiebaud. Ken has joined Jack Hopper's Export Company in Washington.

Brundy Brown is convalescing at home (Fort Jay, New York) after a minor operation at Walter Reed. Jim Smyly, home from the Far East, is assigned to Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland, and Charlie Wesner, home from Germany, is with Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Tulio Segarro visited the Pentagon in December. He is Senior Army Adviser to the National Guard, Puerto Rico, and is expecting a Stateside assignment come summer. Tulio and Evangeline live at Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico, with Evangeline, seventeen, a senior in high school, and Autulio, Jr., thirteen, junior high.

On 3 December members of the class in the Washington area assembled at Chuck and Ami Stones, at Bolling Air Force Base for a cocktail supper. Carl and Helen Graybeal, Jack and Grace Griffith, Jack and Ova Hines, John and Mary Kaylor, Jack and Elfriede Kilgore, Ethel Kuter, Betty Lovell, Bob and Katherine Lowe, Dana and Peggy McGown, Pat and Betty Pachynski, Ken Thiebaud, Lee and Annette Washbourne, Ben and Monte Whitehouse, attended. It was a delightful party and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our thanks to the Stones for making such a fine gathering possible.

Cocky Crume attended the class luncheon on 9 December. He and Rita are finishing their third year in Cleveland where Cocky is Professor of Air Science at Western Reserve University. Daughter Jane is a freshman at Holyoke College, and Joan a sophomore at Shaker Heights High.

Charlie and Ester Hutchison have rented Mone Asensio's Washington home at 2706 South Grant, Arlington. Charles Junior is attending USMA prep school at Stewart Air Force Base and Joseph is a senior at Washington and Lee High, Arlington. Hutch reports that Bernard Rose is Senior Air Adviser to the New York Reserves, also that Jack Sterling is Air Attache in London. Also Fay Upthegrove is due home from Okinawa this summer. Fay has a daughter in school in Washington and another teaching school in Pennsylvania.

Among those seen at the Army and Navy game were Cocky Crume, Ham Hunter, Bill McNamee, Bob Perrine, Dave Loughborough, Brooksie Trapnell, Pen Bixel, Jack Hopper and Bob Sink. Sorry complete list is not available. You must write if you want correct and complete news in this column, to R. G. Lowe, Lemon Road, Falls Church, Virginia. —R. G. L.

1929

We seem to have a flow of new generals: three in Ordinance, Joe Horridge, Joe Colby, Bill Ghormley; the QM, AG, and JAG get one each with Joe Ranck, Bruce Easley and Stan Jones. Add Ed Conley and the number in the class is over 50. In this same paragraph it is appropriate to report that the various printed official records on Bill Maulsby's retirement are an exaggeration. Bill says he is here to prove the Class of '29 are a tough bunch. He's hale and hearty and in the Pentagon business of managing Armored careers.

The available news includes a picture of Stan Jones looking like a visiting fireman and greeting Frank Sasse in his habitat as JAG of the 7th Division in Korea. Frank had a bout with a hospital after leaving USMA (not due to reunion activities he states). He reports that Lefty Mace was Acting Div. Cmdr and Jim Quill was Asst. Div. Cmdr.

Phil Draper has taken a swing around the army headquarters in continental U.S. and reports Red Cooper as C/S of First Army; Doug, Wiegand and Bob Chard on staff of 2nd Army and Jupe Lindsay as Post Commander of Fort Meade; Mac McNally as Chief of Staff of 4th Army; and the G-4 Division of Sixth Army is in the highly effective control of Newt. Hunter assisted by Larry Brownlee. Phil raises the point that there are likely to be sad occasions when flowers should be sent by the Class of '29—but the arrangements can't possibly be made, in the time available, by the custodian of the Class fund. I am that custodian. If a classmate present on such an occasion will arrange the flowers and send me the bill, I will take care of the matter. The class fund is not straining the vaults of the Highland Falls bank but will, I believe, cover any such needed arrangements for quite a while.

Paul Caraway is progressing on his mission, assigned by the class present at reunion, of producing recommendations on (1) a class present to graduating sons, and (2) a 25-year book. He will furnish a report for this column. Those classmates who have been beating him up with letters accusing him of raising the two subjects on his own might note that the July Assembly recorded that the class reunion gave him the job. He didn't volunteer.

Paul spoke at the USMA student conference, giving his view (as censored by the Department of the Army) of where the Defense Department enters the policy making business. Jim Gavin had talked on the previous afternoon to the upper two classes of the Corps and the student delegates from some 65 U.S. and Canadian colleges. Another Army G-3er, Paul Harkins, is dealing with the Army's international political-military problems which include the Latin American and Canadian committee meetings, cocktail parties, etc.

Glen Williamson issues an invitation to classmates to call at his home and to see his plant which is the Soreng Products Corporation in Schiller Park, a suburb of Chicago. His home is 5831 Morton Grove, Illinois, on Chicago's north side.

Bob Cook, back from Korea, has taken command of the 3rd Infantry at Fort McNair in D. C. He lives at Fort Myer.

John Coutlee is president of the USAF Evaluation Board at Walter Reed. Jimmy Ostrand is reported to be in Walter Reed. Ed Hempstead now commands an AAA Group in Alaska.

Chan Robbins is keeping Fort Leavenworth straight. He and Betty report that son Bus has a principal appointment and has been placed under Johnny Nesbitt's tutorial care. I have an Army press release saying that Jack Person is now engineer of the Ohio River Division of the Ohio Naval District. It is possible that Jack has not really joined the Navy and that he is really in the top level river and harbor business—where Renie Renshaw now is, in New York City. The Renshaws and the Herndons came to USMA to look at football games, accompanied by good looking daughters.

I gladly accept the charge of being repetitious—if you will only do something about addresses. Please send the Association of Graduates a change of address card when you move.

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

Apologies, brethren, for failure to meet the deadline for the October issue. We hope it will not happen again.

At this writing the list of class sons now

at the Academy and graduated therefrom has grown considerably, although the degree of accuracy and completeness is questionable. Please send in corrections or additions for the good of the cause. The existing list includes:

Class of '54—William N. Haskell, II, Maximiliano Janairo, Roy Muth, Jr.

Class of '55—James T. Darrah, Jr., Roy E. Gunderson, Gerald S. Lewis (son of Charles).

Class of '56—David T. Berry, Charles E. Eastburn, Roy E. Lindquist.

Class of '57—Dana S. Alexander, Neal E. Ausman, B. B. Beasley, Theodore Bogart.

Class of '58—Robert Lindquist.

Surely there must have been some in classes earlier than this year.

From Don Quinto in Korea comes word of the situation there as of last June. He reports meetings with Archie Stewart and Al Watson in Seoul; Ned Moore, who was IX Corps Chief of Staff; Roy Lindquist, commanding the 187th RCT (Abn); Sam Roth, post commander in Japan; Jimmy Curtis, member of the Far East Joint Staff following a six months hitch as Chief of Staff of the 40th Div; Sid Wooten, serving variously as D/CS X Corps and CO 17th Inf Regt. Don himself has been around, first as Deputy G-3, Eighth Army, then CO 179th Inf., and later CO 19th Inf.

Tommy Dunn left his job as Chief of the G-3 Organization and Training Division in the Pentagon and moved up to the Army War College this past summer. According to unreliable reports, such as DASO, Archie Stuart is supposedly at Fort Jackson, South Carolina with the 101st Airborne Division. Recent departures from Washington were Jack and Lillian Dudley, he going to the Engineer Section of VII Corps; and Paul and Julia Roy, who have just about taken over as attachés in Brussels, Belgium. The Washington contingent continues to dwindle. Last year the roster numbered 46. Back in '52 it was 64. Here, in December, we are down to 37.

News flashes from the Association of Graduates show Stu Crawford with I Corps in Korea; Ed Kumpe with V Corps Engineers in Germany; Sid Wooten, with his bright new star, being assistant division commander of the 25th Division; Max Janairo still with Eighth Army in Korea; and Ted Kimpton cooling his heels in La Rochelle, France.

Orchids to those of you who have sent in DD Form 415: notice of change of address. They cost nothing more than the effort. We would appreciate more of the same.

On the local scene, Pete King gathered those of the class who were able at his home on 17 October. Pete and Betty, in their palatial and swank new home out past Chevy Chase, couldn't conceivably have been more gracious.

Popping in and out of Washington has been Eli Stevens, who now wears a most impressive title: Deputy Vice Chairman in Charge of the Eastern United States of the National Citizens for Eisenhower Committee.

On 20 November a dinner dance was held at Fort McNair. Those attending were Bart and Marge Bartlett, Bill and Catherine Carter, Chris and Florence Clarke, Guy and Mary Emery, Alva and Carolyn Fitch, Wiley and Genevieve Ganey, George and Ann Gibbs, Fred and Berta Klinke, Herb and Fite Mitchell, Paul and Julia Roy, Ed and Marguerite Sachs, Eli Stevens, Bill and Dixie Whipple, Jimmy and Lena Wilson, Paul and Betsy Yount, Eleanor Bogart and Amalia Janairo. Magnificently staged by Chris and Florence Clarke, the party was the usual Wing Ding and hugely enjoyed by all.

Stopping in for a short visit enroute to his Sea Island hideaway, Bromby Bromberger was entertained at luncheon at the Pentagon on 1 December by a small group of the local classmates. Bromby looked remarkably well and was full of tales of classmates he had seen on a recent trip to Europe.

Gleanings are meager from the Air Force side of the clan. How's about giving out, you fly boys?

—R. C. B.

1931

The Washington-Area Group, consisting of some 60-70 of our classmates, have elected the following officers to serve for the coming year; President, Mansfield; Vice-President, E. A. Brown; Secretary, Ellis; Treasurer, Warren; Chairman Local Activities Committee, Little; Chairman Reunion Activities Committee, Leary; Chairman Class Sons Gift Committee, Hunter. These officers have assured us that they neither volunteered nor campaigned to be thus soireed, albeit consider themselves highly complimented to be the recipients of such an expression of confidence. On behalf of the Washington Group they expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Lash and Bonesteel in building "1 'Esprit de '31" and in developing the Washington-Area Group into a rallying point for the whole class.

A letter from Mansfield with a copy of a luncheon bulletin indicates that they hope that by broadcasting their intentions of having a scheduled luncheon each month that they may entice out of town classmates into making visits to Washington with a view to joining the luncheon. The bulletin says in part, "Your duly elected officers, acting in concert, and without due regard for democratic processes, have come up with the idea that what this outfit needs is a *class luncheon every month, on the first Wednesday of each month,* (for planning purposes), in the *General Officers' Lounge* on the 10th Corridor of the 3rd Floor of the Pentagon." So, all you junketing brass-hats please take note, and plan your visits to Washington at a time when you can attend the '31 Luncheon.

Ernie Easterbrook writes from Leavenworth, where he is Director of Department III, that there are two other members of '31 on duty with the Staff and Faculty—Don Webber and Pete Schmick. He also reported that among the official visitors who have recently contributed to the CGSC curriculum were Johnny Hauck, Mop Perry and Bill Train.

Ted Decker sent in twelve bucks for the Class Gift Fund with the pedantic remark, "Actually, I would have favored a gift set consisting of the Bible, The Manual for Courts-Martial, and The Serviceman and the Law. However, I can see virtue of a more dynamic quality in the one selected." Good ole Ted, always the Judge.

Jocko Molloy also sent in his contribution to the "Cause" with the complaint that in order to get the dough he had to rob both the IG slush fund and his kiddies' piggy bank.

Tom Stayton wrote regarding the Duke Game, "What a player!, you would have been beaming with pride to see the superior performance of Peter Lash. Needless to say we cheered lustily for a true son of '31. Pete was in there—all the way!" Incidentally Pete has another year to play. (Only four men will be missing from the first team next fall. These are Bell, Pete Vann, Godwin Ordway, and Billy Chance.)

R. Q. Brown is with X Corps, at Fort Riley; Bill Cassidy is the South Pacific Division Engineer; Callahan, Bogart, and

Beebe were promoted to Major General; Bowman now has his first star; Don Little, now with the General Staff, recently received the second oak leaf cluster to his Legion of Merit; Paul Mayo is with Hqs. Sixth Army. Irv Lehrfeld is on National Guard duty at Alameda, California; and George Wertz has gone to the Far East.

Charlie Densford wrote from Hawaii, where he was inspecting the facilities of Waikiki, about seeing Dutch Spangler, Westmeir, and Maggie McGee. Lorry Ayers spent a month fishing and loafing in Alaska, and reports seeing P-prime Carter, Deputy C.G. USARAL, and Johnny Ruggles, C.O. of the Combat Team at Ladd AFB.

Major General Mick Moore is C/S for MATS at Andrews AFB; Glen Rogers is with the 1st Arm'd Div., Fort Hood; Chet Landaker is I.G. of the Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir; Tricky Troxel is with the 1st Cavalry Division; Hector Truly is G-2 Fourth Army; and Dick Lawson is in Paris, where he is C.O. of the Seine Area Command.

A letter from Dick Harrison at Fort Sill, where he commands the 77th FA Group, in which he mentions that Warren Hoover, Walt Gallop, and Johnny Hansborough are also on duty at Fort Sill. Norm Tipton wrote from Fort Bragg, where he is C/S of XVIII Airborne Corps, saying that with him at Bragg are: Thompson with the 1st Logistical Command, developing D/A doctrine on logistics, and Ash Haynes who is a jumping Judge, and JA of the XVIII Airborne Corps.

Another note worthy of mention is that Alex Sutherland has recently reported to the Academy for duty as IG. That now gives '31 three members on duty at West Point.

Percy Lash, having turned over the affairs of the Class Gift Fund to Pat Hunter, made his final report:

Yea—with cash in hand	178
Yea—cash later	14
Nay—but will join majority	5
Nay	25
No reply	38
Total	260

—Bob Johnston,
Class Representative.

1932

Nothing is so certain, in these uncertain times, as death, taxes and the October Revolution which annually tosses the worn husks of our class officers into the discard, only to replace them with a new set of warm, vibrant, complaining bodies.

This year was no exception and in recognition of his outstanding job as Sec/Treas this past year, Bill Kunzig was rightfully made Chairman. In recognition of the fact that Vice Chairman is synonymous with anonymous, the curious name of Zitzman was inserted next. To do the work and pay the bills, two Bills, Powers and Call, were elected Sec/Treas and Assistant, respectively. In as Councilmen are Roy Moore, Hunt, Davis, Riley, Goodrich, Massello, John Steele, Scott, and the show is on the road. The votes were actually counted on October 9th, but such is the nature of our truly democratic secret ballot that the above account was written in its entirety on September 3rd when the ballots were first distributed.

The opening Buffet Supper at Fort McNair was right up to par with about 50 in attendance, and the gal's finery was finer than ever. To mention just a few, Viv Kunzig wore a Star of India hat (a 97 karat diamond or rhinestone in the middle of her

forehead), and Helen Manhart had a two feather job that by comparison would have made the pheasants in the Versailles shooting preserve look like skid row bums. Somehow, I don't think I'll ever be asked to report ladies fashions on the side, however, because when I complimented Frances Call on her ensemble, she told me she had slipped Bill Powers' fireman's-red vest on under her bolero jacket just for laughs. I still say it looked good.

Make a note of the schedule that remains, in case you find yourself in the vicinity of Washington on any of these days. Stag luncheons will start at 12:15 at the Army-Navy Country Club on 12 January, 16 March and 11 May; while evening affairs with the gals will be held on 19 February, 16 April and 11 June. Any number can play.

Moves were fairly plentiful during the period with By Paige going to the 31st Div at Camp Carson, Charlie Longanecker to the AAA Guided Missiles Center, Fort Bliss, and Click Rees taking over as Deputy for Operations, Central Air Defense Force at Grandview AFB, Missouri. (Young Ted is now attending Georgetown U.)

Dick Coiner has arrived in Washington as DCS/O for Atomic Energy, Hq USAF; and a correction places Red Smith on ROTC at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Tom Harvey is Treasurer, USMA; Ken Tiffany has gone to Hq AAA Replacement Training Center, Fort Bliss; and George Power to the 44th Div Arty at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Larry Babcock is the Executive for Programs, Transportation Training Command, Fort Eustis; and Al Stoltz, who has just received the French Legion of Honor for his work as Deputy Director of the Joint Construction Agency in Paris, is now the head of the Air Force Air Academy Construction Agency in Denver. Other recent decoratees, if there is such a word, are Frank Liwski, who received the Legion of Merit at KMAG, and Bill Davidson, who received an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Bronze Star. Bill also featured with a very well written and informative article "Quonset University" in the Army Information Digest which described the truly extensive Eighth Army School system.

During a football game at West Point, ran into Silver Dollar Schrader, who had just checked in as the USMA Comptroller, and Beatie Keating, who is now living at Carlisle. Beatie reported that Big John would be home from Korea before this is published.

Speaking of football games, one of the best affairs of the season was thrown by the Thinnies' at Annapolis before, during, and after the Navy-Columbia game. A bunch of us, including the Harris', Kellys, Davis', McCormacks, Bill Ryans ('33) and Mary Cain drove over from Washington and everyone had fun, including the two lucky middies who dragged Annie McCormack and Button Davis, two gals pretty enough to restore even my jaundiced faith in the institution known as dragging blind. The cocktail-supper after the game featured a goulash built according to a recipe sent especially from Vienna by Annamarie's mother, and which was well worth the trip. For this, the Austrian Ambassador and his wife dropped in as did several of our Navy classmates and wives, including the famous Sal of our own cadet days, now the wife of Captain Brooks Harrel, Navy '32.

Pete Hinshaw comes up with the interesting statistic that we now have 18 juniors in the Corps by classes as follows:

Class of 1956—Abell, Julian L., Childs, J. D., 3rd, Head, Richard H., Hewitt, Robert A., Liwski, John L., Skidmore, Herrol J.

Class of 1957—Hardy, Donald L., Keating, Michael, Ogden, Leigh M., Schorr, David E., Whalen, Donald P., Woolnough, James, Williams, C. L., 3rd.

Class of 1958—Burke, Edward J., Jr., Goodrich, Walker R., Harvey, Thomas H., Massey, James L., Jr., Moore, Charles S., Pryor, Paul.

Since the first group will graduate in about 16 months the question of presenting them with graduation gifts, as several other classes do already, has been raised. The officers ask you all to give this some serious thought and to be prepared for a class-wide vote by mail in the near future. Please write Bill Powers at any time to give him your ideas and if you are in favor of the project, what type of gift you think would be appropriate.

Making some news for the erstwhile small fry on the other side, was beauteous Dolly Totten who married First Lieutenant Clyde A. Selleck, C.E., USMA '52, at the Fort Myer Chapel on October 15th. Lieutenant Selleck had just returned from Korea and is now on duty at the Airborne Center at Fort Bragg.

Four more big stars were added during the last quarter, viz, one each to Johnny Bowen, Big Bigelow, Bugs Cairns, now C.G. of the Bordeaux Base Area, and Rush Lincoln, who became CG of Fort Eustis when Frank Besson went to SHAPE as Chief of the Logistics Division. Not to be outdone by Rush, Dot acquired a star of her own two weeks later, young Deborah Ann. The Dwight Beaches continued that admirable practice also, as did Bill and Olga Massello with the arrival of Neill Andrew on October 8th. Since this latter gent had the acumen to be born with the approval of the Washington Chapter, he received a silver cup from them for his trouble.

We seem to have had more than the normal amount of bad news in the past few months with the passing of Mike Riley's mother at her home in Arkansas last October, and of Al Graham's father. In December, Chuck Clark's dad, the late Colonel C. A. Clark, Sr., U.S.A. Ret., passed away at St. Petersburg. A few days later Chuck's mother died. Both were buried together in the same service at Arlington Cemetery. Several classmates attended. The Class expresses its deep regret and extends its sincerest sympathies to our three classmates and their families.

Recent retirements include Andy Meulenbergh at Robins AFB, and Maddy Garland, who is now a consultant with the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica. Johnny Coughlin's retired address, incidentally, is 1251 Seville Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Bob Scott, who is far and away our most famed author, has just had another full length book published, "Between the Elephant's Eyes". It has received good reviews as an exciting, true-life odyssey of South Africa, featuring Bob, Samburu the elephant, and other fauna even more reckless than that unlikely pair. Please don't deluge Bob with requests for complimentary copies, however, until I've got mine. For \$3.75 you can get a copy autographed by the author and for an additional 50 cents he will forge Samburu's signature on the title page.

The Washington Chapter is especially proud of one of its most solid members, Mary Cain, who has just received an Outstanding Performance Rating with a "Superior Accomplishment" pay increase. These awards require Department of the Air Force action involving a special Board of Review, and a quick check reveals that they are no more rare than the occurrence of ice floes in the Rio Grande.

Starting from scratch in a strange city four and a half years ago, our gal has gone steadily up the ladder. Eighteen year old Pat is a freshman at Mary Washington College (women's affiliate of the U. of Virginia) while young Jimmy junior cheer led St. John's, a military school of prep school grade, to the city parochial school football championship this past Fall.

That about closes out the news for this meeting. I note, however, that I am a member of the Editorial Advisory Board which was formed recently by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of assisting the Editors of *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* with their already superb publications. I am open to suggestions from all but please don't bother to send in such as "drop dead", "switch to another magazine", or "take the ribbon out of your typewriter", as I have duly noted, filed and cross-indexed all of those.

The purpose of the Board is to advise the President and Trustees of this Association of the reaction of grads in various regions to *Assembly* and the *Register*, to send in material for publication, and to suggest ways in which they may better serve the alumni. In this respect, I am not confined to 1932 only, but apparently cover the waterfront for this geographical area.

All class of 1932 correspondence, including items for *Assembly*, should be sent to the new secretary, Bill Powers, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Room 2336, Building T-7, Gravelly Point, Virginia. If you forget all of that, make it O.C.E., Washington 25, D.C. and you can't miss. Let your slogan for 1955 be

Poop to Powers.

Best as always,

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

I know all of you were saddened, as I was when I read of the untimely death of P. T. Carroll. Pete died of a heart attack on Friday, 17 September. At the time he was fatally stricken, he was on duty as Military Aide to President Eisenhower, in the grade of Brigadier General. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery on Monday, 20 September with many dignitaries present, including the Assistant Secretary of War; General Ridgway, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; General Parks, Second Army Commander; and Sherman Adams, Presidential Secretary, along with many others of distinction. The entire class extends its most sincere sympathy to Ruth, his wife, and his three sons, Peter, Bobby and David.

Received a nice letter from Pete and Harlow Miles passing on the news from the War College at Carlisle. Pete reported seeing Pick Vidal after the Columbia Game in New York. Pick has been out of the Army for some time, living in Detroit. He is a big wheel (Brigadier General) in the Reserves. He reports that business in Detroit is not too bad. At present, '33 has only one representative in the student body at Carlisle, i.e., Harlow Miles. But, we do have four representatives on the staff and faculty—Pete Clainos, Jimmy Polk, Bob Leslie and Bill Harris. I realize age is creeping up when we have more on the faculty than in the student body at AWC level.

Norm Marco with his wife, Ann, and daughter, Jo Anne, visited Carlisle recently en route to Athens, Greece, where he will be on General Bill Quinn's staff. Having just come from Fort Monroe, Marco brought the news of Pete Bellican's retirement from the Army to take a civilian position in Texas. Rumor has it that Johnny

Armitage is under orders en route to Carlisle to become a fifth representative of the class on the staff and faculty.

Harlow reported that last year's students from A.W.C. were assigned as follows: Clay Bridgewater to Ankara, Turkey; Freddie Coleman to Camp Rucker; Bing Downing to Fort Bragg; Bob Hain to AAA Cnd, Colorado Springs; Ed Herb to Office CE Washington; Fran Hill to Puerto Rico; Adrian Hoebeke to Camp Carson, Colorado; Moe Kaiser to SHAPE; Abe Lincoln to Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston. When Don Cubbison was ordered to Guatemala—came the Revolution!

Duncan Hallock's brother, Hal, (who is a student at A.W.C.), informed Harlow that Dunc has departed the wineries of Bordeaux for the bistros of Paris, where he will be working for a General Nold.

Guy Lathrop spent his leave vacationing in Carlisle after a 16-month tour in Formosa. He followed Damon into Formosa. Damon is now on duty in North Jersey with the ROTC. While in Formosa, Guy had a visit with Fritz Hartell, who chose to leave the island paradise of Hawaii to make a junket into the Far East to see that the Army was not throwing away its MDAP funds. Guy is due to report to Hartford, Connecticut this January for duty with the National Guard.

A late news flash reveals that Ethan Allen Chapman will be the sixth addition to the staff and faculty of the War College, reporting in the Spring.

I am forced to admit an error in the last Class Notes. The list of class sons now at West Point, which I double-checked with the Registrar before printing, failed to list David Paul Bernd, son of Peter P. Bernd, and a member of the Class of 1957. Sorry.

Received some information from Essman reference the class organization in Washington. At present they have slightly over one thousand bucks in the bank. So far, 123 classmates have joined and contributed to the organization. Twenty-six members contributed 25 bucks for life membership. Sixty-eight others took the two-dollar, one-year ticket. Twenty-eight contributed for from two to five-year memberships. Essman states that the two-dollar members already owe another year's contribution. If you haven't joined or owe money, why not get on the ball? Expenditures to date were mostly for flowers, for sickness, and deaths among classmates and their families, and for mailing and printing bulletins, notices, etc.

News items reported by Essman include: Pete Jackson's 20-year retirement—he is now very happy in his new job with the General Electric Co. at Schenectady, New York.—Shinberger's recuperation from a recent illness (back on the job)—7 members of '33 are at NWC and 2 at ICAF—Truesdale now a Brigadier General (I understand he has been recommended for M.G.) Cy Dolph is now a B.G. Essman further reported that Colonel John E. Watters (Soapy) and Colonel Duff W. Sudduth are still ill in Walter Reed General Hospital. Know that they would appreciate a note from any classmate who can spare a few moments.

According to my informants, the following slate of officers is now managing class affairs in the Washington area: President—Dick Park; 1st V.P.—Bill Ryan; 2nd V.P.—Doug Cairnes; Sec-Treas.—Paul Walters, with advisers, Pop Ridsen, Red Akres and Bob Totten. Further information states that as of 1 October there were approximately 54 classmates on active duty in the Washington area (too many to name), which includes students going to school, but does not include those retired. Members of '33 retired and living in the Washington

area according to my information include: E. E. Hackman, Prof. of Physics, Georgetown Univ.; Harry King at the Pentagon; Rev. Shinberger, Purcellville, Virginia, and L. R. (Red) White.

Richardson reports that he is doing well and enjoying life living at 4061 Narragansett Avenue, San Diego, California. He highly recommends San Diego for retirement, stating that the living is fine, service connections excellent and good jobs are available for those who want to work.

A note from Arnette states that Avery Cooper and family are now settled and are on duty at Fort Sam, and that Tommy Dahlen, Chester's better half was recently awarded the Most Sportsmanlike Conduct Trophy by the FSH Golf Club.

A note from Roy Corum stated he has recently retired and accepted a civilian job. He is living at 30 Cleveland Road, Caldwell, New Jersey.

Received word from Rosie Grubbs the other day in which he strongly denied any truth to the rumor that he might be going back into the Service. He is now general manager of the Armed Forces Medical Aid Society. As I understand it, the Society, for a small fee, takes care of medical services for families of Service people wherever they require it, world-wide. According to Rosie, we furnish Egyptian, Chinese or any nationality doctor required. The advantages of Armed Forces Medical over other medical aid insurance plans is that it gives world-wide coverage, while with other plans difficulties arise when the insured moves frequently from one address to another. Correct me if I am in error, Rosie. Rosie reported that the members of the new Society are increasing by leaps and bounds. I understand Rosie is interested in several other business ventures. As a quote, Rosie stated, "tell the classmates that I have found the outside world is not completely fireproof". Reports from San Antonio state that Rosie is doing very well.

Please excuse any errors or omissions. The job of gathering class notes is getting more difficult as the number of classmates here at West Point decreases. I have sent out letters to several classmates asking for information without reply. Letters from Miles, Essman, Arnette and Grubbs were greatly appreciated. Request more of you send some interesting information to the '33 Correspondent, West Point, New York, prior to 10 March 55, so I can make the next deadline.

—C. R. B.

1934

The recent Army-Navy encounter at Philadelphia was apparently the occasion for many a mournful shake of the head and much mutual consolation in West Point groups all over the world, including various assemblages of 1934. Terry Davall sends from Fort Leavenworth the first-hand account of one such gathering: that of the local 1934 contingent. The faithful assembled at the house of Joe and Phyllis Piram. Others present were: Don and Thelma Durfee; Johnny and Jean Franklin; Meade and Bernice Dugas; Dud Wilmeth; and Heck and Terry Davall. They organized a pool on the outcome of the game, and Thelma Durfee carried off the winnings. (We hope she didn't bet on Navy!!) In addition to this sort of activity, the Davalls report that they are also busy chaperoning meetings of the Fort Leavenworth Teen-Age Club.

Travis and Elizabeth Petty pulled up their stakes and departed from West Point early in November. Travis was transferred to Second Army Headquarters, at Fort

Meade, and he headed that way, while Elizabeth went back home to Rhode Island to await the availability of a roof over their collective heads at Fort Meade. This departure, following fairly soon after that of O'Connells last summer, leaves Renfroe as the sole 1934 representative presently stationed at USMA.

An article in the *New York Times* of 12 December recounts the arrival in the U.S. of the 351st Infantry Regiment, recently evacuated from Trieste. The ship bringing the outfit into New York was met by one Colonel Hallett D. Edson, regimental commander, who had flown home ahead of the regiment to line up things for their arrival. According to the article, the regiment will settle down soon at Camp Rucker, Alabama, so we assume that Hal and Faith will soon be ensconced in the Deep South.

An announcement from Joe and Billie Miller apprises us of the arrival of the third Miller child, William McNabb, who was born on September 28th in Whittier, California. Congratulations, Millers!

Although we've read nothing official on the subject, reliable reports have it that Tom Crystal will be one of the "Founding Fathers" of the Air Force Academy, and according to rumor Tom is already out in Colorado planning for the opening of the Academy next summer.

John Anderson returned to the U.S. last summer from Newfoundland, where he and Bill Wise had been together at Pepperrell Air Force Base. John is now assigned to the Office of the Division Engineer in Richmond, Virginia, but he reports that that office will close out in the spring and he will then head elsewhere.

A news report indicates that George Eatman was assigned as deputy comptroller, U.S. Army Forces, Far East, Camp Zama, Japan, in the early fall. George's wife, Catherine, was reported holding down the home front at 4319 Perlita Street, New Orleans. Charlie Brown returned to the U.S. from Germany last June and is presently assigned as commandant of the Army Information School at Fort Slocum, New York.

"Doc" Johnston is assigned to the Army Finance Office in Paris and reports that he is working away hard on his French. He was able to attend the European version of the 20th Reunion, in Stuttgart, last June, and he writes that it was a great success.

Jerry Higgins, presently stationed in Tokyo, made a flying trip to the U.S. during the fall and got by West Point briefly to check up on his plebe son, Bob.

—W. J. R.

1935

The mailbag has been light these past 90 days hence news is confined chiefly to changes in the Washington area. Joe Anderson has been designated to command an Infantry Regiment in the 10th Division. He and Nanie and the kids will leave early in '55 for Fort Riley to join the command, hence to Germany later in the summer via the unit rotation system. Congratulations, Joe, and we will miss you and yours in and about D.C. George and Helen Jones have reported in D.C. for duty with the Inter-American Defense Board. They are residing at 582 Oxford Street, Annandale, Virginia; Helen's mother, Mrs. Aanstoos, is living with them. Charlie and Betty Rich have joined the Pentagon contingent with G-1; local address: 2707 Bryan Place, Alexandria, Virginia. Bob Greenlee has returned from Cairo and is now Exec Officer, 35th AAA brigade at Fort Meade, Maryland. They have quarters on the post and friends are

urged to drop in when in the vicinity. Elsewhere, Hank VanOrmer has been ordered from his assignment as G-3, JUSMAGG, Athens, to take over the MDAP program at Baghdad, Iraq. George Eckhardt passed through D.C. (stayed for Army and Navy game) for a Commanders' conference. He's remaining on as C/S to the new CINCUSARPAC, General Bruce Clark. Milt Taylor has assumed duties as C/S, 9th Infantry Div. in Germany—APO 111, c/o PM, New York. Joe Weichman and Jimmy Frink were through on TDY from Panama. Twenty-one members of the class with "rear echelons", assembled at the Officers Mess, Naval Gun Factory, for a supper-dance on the 3rd of December. It was a gala evening with Pat Mente the chief out-of-town visitor. He remained after the Army-Navy game for that expressed purpose and all of us enjoyed his lively company. Pat is still in Cincinnati with the Bridgeport Brass Company, he and Jane living in Wyoming, Ohio with the three children. The D.C. element of the class is planning an enormous get-together over the weekend of the 22nd of February. It will take the nature of a supper-dance at one of the top notch Service Clubs in the Washington area. Out-of-towners please note this date as a "warning order" and if you can so arrange a leave or TDY period over that time, attempt to do so. Contact your local correspondent — better yet your reporter — for details. We'll not overlook anyone in the immediate vicinity (200-300 miles!). We are endeavoring to instill an early and lively interest in the 20th reunion in June at USMA and feel that this is a good time to "condition" a great majority of the eligibles. Details on the reunion will be forthcoming right after the first of the year but we can state at this time that it should be a great occasion, what with the large number of the class in the East and even, from what we can glean now, a great number Stateside. So — plan your official, family and personal affairs so that early June is clear and fatten the "Piggy Bank" more frequently for that purpose. All indications point to a real worthwhile occasion.

—E. H. F.

1936

All news of the class is overshadowed by the Peiping announcement of November 23rd, 1954, that Jack Arnold, among other Americans, has been imprisoned for ten years! To Mrs. Arnold—principally—go our deepest regards and sympathy.

Very gratifying news is that of the promotion to General of Ben Davis, whom we all respect and admire. Most hearty congratulations!

To Fred Gaston—our sympathy at the passing in November of his father, Colonel Fred Gaston, USA retired.

"Stork-tistics": Congratulations to the Willis' on the arrival of their second girl, Louise, born October 31st in Texas. Cece and Wright Hiatt are imaginably proud of their first son, Wright, Jr., born Armistice Day in Turkey.

Assignments around the world around the class: Bill Kimball is in command at Thule Air Base and Norm Spencer runs the field at Sondrestrom—both in Greenland. Wright Hiatt and family finally settled (?) in Ankara. Ralph Kings and Romleins comprise the foursome with Connors and Dawalts at C&GS College. Cecil Combs recently wrote from Lackland where he is commandant. Tom Cooke sends news from Fort Monroe and from McCabe, Johnny Heintges and Turnage. Bobby O'Brien has reported to Fort Knox and Ben Warfield is with an

AFF board at Fort Bliss. Charley Waters is in Military Government in Thailand. Cecil Spann should be taking up new duties in Oslo. T. Willy Morris recently stationed at Chambersburg, Pa. Jack Daly is Director of Materiel at Fort Sill. Rudy Ganns is Divarty Adviser for Georgia National Guard, living in Savannah. Clyde Layne commands the 3rd Cavalry at Fort Meade, Maryland and Don Christianson is C.O. of the 6th Cav Reg't in Germany. Don Bodine is with Office of Joint Chiefs. Inch Williams is G-3 Infantry Center, Benning. Similar "3-ing" is being performed for Third Army at Fort McPherson by Red Holton. Foster Furphy reports from Heidelberg that also there are Kerkering, Patterson, Punsalon and Barlow. He says Skippy Beard, Al Peck, Gene Lockhart and Kessler are in Seventh Army Hq. Ted Clifton is Divarty Exec for 2nd Armored Division. Louis Delesdernier is I.G. for Western Area Command and T. R. Davis is with Tank Training Center. Randy Dickens commands US Army Reserves in Hawaii. Rumors say that Billingsleas and Leers live in Paris. Bob Gapen is in Orlando, Florida. Henry Lind is Ass't C/S, G-4 for V Corps, Germany. Benny Benson still ADC to CinC Far East Command, Tokyo. Ben Whipple moved into new home in Bedford Village, New York, then learned he's soon to be transferred to South Africa—just like the Army (Ben's a civilian for those who don't know).

Of and from the ladies: Bee Kelly writes that things are beginning to settle down now and that she is looking forward to moving permanently to Florida next spring. Her present address: Mrs. J. R. Kelly, 2124C Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery, Alabama. She said Bill Kimball dropped into her set-up for a visit in November. Saw a picture release from Carlisle Barracks of a goodlooking 36er's wife—Vera Swain (you can see why our interest in pictures in both classmates *and wives*). Sally Tetley finally on her way to Wiesbaden to join Tet. Fran Willis and Doris Hiester keep secretary posted on current news. Fran says she believes Tim to be the only Army, Life Master (bridge honor).

School candidates for next year: Wally Barrett for National War College, Cec Combs for Industrial College and Ed Miles for Air War. School notes from present National War College class: Bill Steele reports all well with him and his classmates Bev Powell, Garland, Edwards, Evans, Gillespie, Shores and Twaddell.

Was glad to see Chuck Prosser got his permanent L/C.

"Phil-ossifies"

Have a picture of George Sibert and hear his grades are good. Don't know how you feel, but I hope many more of our sons can follow George's footsteps. Some of you have been making this job well worth any trouble on my part—I mean, by your letters and photos. Thanx.

"Untypical" meeting of long separated classmates: Ganns called on Gage—Gage has appointment at police station—so Ganns spends afternoon talking over old times while Gage awaits his turn before the traffic judge.

Reference class pictures: As a Leica user, Bill Connor is exceptionally qualified in other fields. Ken Dawalt should sue him for the picture Bill took of Ken and Karie. Foster Furphy, without Bill's courage, shelved his Leica and had the Army Signal Corps produce an 8 x 10. Bill Kimball wins the ice cream coated kodak; he sent in a post card with a picture of four eskimo dogs (no foolin').

—Phil.

1937

Congratulations to Don Ostrander, Sam Agee, Ed Broadhurst and Ken Sanborn, all of whom recently were promoted to the serene rank of Brigadier General. A total of twelve members of our class have now joined the magic circle.

Joe Focht has returned from a trip to Europe and North Africa bringing greetings from: Dick Fellows, C.O., Harmon AFB, Newfoundland; Ivan McElroy, DCS/Plans, 3rd Air Force; Ernie LaFlamme, at EUCOM Headquarters in Paris; Paul Whittemore, also in Paris; Woody Dunlop, DCS/Plans, 17th Air Force, Rabat, French Morocco.

A news clipping from the St. Louis Post Dispatch reported Tank Hardaway serving in Korea as C.O. of the 34th Regiment, 24th Division.

Scotty Hall advises that he and other students at the Industrial College recently visited Egin Field, where they encountered Moe Preston, also visiting. At Maxwell AFB they saw Spider Eckman and Tom Holdman, stationed there. Scotty also informs me that Al Russell, who was a student at the National War College, has a new assignment with the Allied Air Forces of Southern Europe.

Washington newspapers have announced the imminent departure of Hank Byroade from his position as Assistant Secretary of State. Hank, it is reported, will go to Egypt, where he will be Ambassador.

Stu O'Malley, who is on the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, submits the following: "Seen at the Army-Duke game were Carl and Carolyn Lyons, Giles and Claudine Evans, Bob and Jean Palmer, George Holcomb and family, Randy Hines and son, and Battle and Grace Barksdale. Lyons and Palmer were up from Bragg, Evans from Washington, while Hines, Barksdale and I came from the Norfolk area. In the Norfolk area, in addition to three of us mentioned above, are Monk Meyer, Harry Wilson, Jack Polk and Bob Gildart, with Army Field Forces and Elmer Blaha at Little Creek, Virginia, with the Joint Airborne-Amphibious Board. By way of note, a fourth child—third son—recently checked in with the Blaha's" Thanks, Stu, and may I add, gentlemen, that this is the sort of comprehensive reporting your correspondent likes to see.

Jimmy Scott is PMS&T at the State University of Iowa. Sandy Kirsten is at Aberdeen and Walt Conway commands an AAA Group at Selfridge AFB. Bud Major leaves for Iran in January and Bill Chase for Israel in March, both to be military attachés. Stan Connelly is in Cleveland, interested in civilian life as a career. Likewise "Beau" Brummel, who is connected with the airplane business on Long Island and who sends greetings to all through "Choppy" Brett, whom he (Beau) visited recently in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Bud Zehner reports that he and Bill Travis are stablemates at Headquarters, First Army, Governors Island, New York, in the G-3 and G-4 sections, respectively. Also, Bud is my source for the news that Bryan Arnold is Deputy C.O. at Fort Niagara, New York, while I am indebted to an anonymous source for word that Chester Johnson is still with the VII Corps Artillery in Stuttgart, but expects to come home next summer.

Hank and Betty Spengler have recently joined the group in Washington. Posheng Yen now lives in New York, where he is employed by the Broadway Maintenance Company, and is working on a research project having to do with plastic paints. A news release from overseas contains an an-

nouncement of the assignment of Jay Abercrombie as Commander of the Toul Engineer District, in France. Also, there is a report from Korea describing the award of the Legion of Merit to Eph Graham for outstanding services as Chief of Staff of the 3rd Infantry Division.

With Milt and Phyllis Clark, Giles and Claudine Evans, Lee and Dotty Martin in charge of arrangements, the Washington contingent held a very successful dinner dance at Fort McNair on the evening of 21 November. Attending, in addition to the Committee members mentioned above, were: Hank and Mary Byroade; Fred and Sunny Campbell; Joe and Bonnie Chabot; Bill and Anne Chase; Fred and Isabel Clarke; Jack and Dotty Donohew; John and Mary Erickson, John and Patricia Frazier; Scotty and Ann Hall; Randy and Marge Hines (from Fort Monroe); Pete Hyzer and Miss Olga Chapman; Ed and Dorothy Ingmire; Curt and Barbara Low; Roy and Louise Lutes; Jack and Jean Lynch; Bob and Amy Miller; Joe and Vivianne Mitchell; Jimmy and Manu Parker; Jim and Liz Posey; Ed and Merice Postlethwait; Charlie and Virginia Register; Fred and Ginny Ressigieu; George and Mary Sloan; Ed and Lorraine Spaulding; Hank and Betty Spengler; Bill and Peggy Strandberg; Jack and Margaret Tolson; Ken and Iona Wade, and Willie and Ingovard Williams.

Visitors seen in Washington since the last report include: Jack (Red) Minor from New York (Jack and Sherry return to Montevideo about 1 March 1955); Jimmy Brierly from Detroit; Bob Gildart and Battle Barksdale, from Monroe; Bert Connor and Bill McKinley from Carlisle Barracks; Bud Zehner from Governors Island, New York; and Tommy Compton, returned from Norway.

Representing thirty-seven at the Army-Navy game were: Battle Barksdale; Bill Dodds; Willie Williams; Arthur Overbeck; Hank Spengler; George Maliszewski; Bud Zehner; Curt Low; Bill Chase; Marty Green; Bill Lewis; Ed Spaulding; Moose Hackford; Bob Besson; Ed Wilhoit; Perry Eubank; Carl Lyons; Joe Chabot; Posheng Yen; Gene Stann; Sandy Kirsten; Carlin Whitsell; Howard Smalley; Mike Seamen; George Sloan; and Mrs. Jim (Betty) Norvell.

We have a letter from Doug Quandt protesting violently our report that he is 37's last surviving bachelor. Doug claims there are at least seven others (none of whom he named) and states the wide publicity associated with our repeated reference to his celibate state has produced pressure of such unbearable degree that he may be forced to give up the joys of single life. According to Doug, mothers of eligible daughters now literally besiege his door. Our comment: "Good hunting ladies."

We would be more than glad now to take leave of this bachelor subject but honesty (and the knowledge that sooner or later we will be exposed, anyhow) forces us to admit we have a letter from Duke Davis, in Leghorn, Italy, also challenging our statement that Quandt is the last bachelor. Duke boasts that he too has an unsullied matrimonial record and announces his determination to "make Doug's run for the remaining class bachelor a long one." Having clarified his amateur standing, as it were, Duke went on to report that he expects soon to be transferred to Vienna, where Delk Oden is Chief of Staff and Arthur Amos is with G-4. To get back to the bachelor business (for the last time, it is hoped if there are others who feel their reputations have been maligned, we submit our apologies. Also, we will be glad to print their protests, providing they

do as Duke did and send us a news item or two along with their squawks.

—G. B. S.

1938

The class in the Washington area got together for one of its periodic shindigs at Andrews Air Force Base on 19 November. We have now adopted a policy of making a company responsible for the arrangements and Gus Broberg and the A Cos ran this one. Thanks to Nick Chavasse, who has the Weather Wing at Andrews we got deluxe treatment. Twenty-seven couples got together and after two hours of cocktails there was no trouble convincing all of the "mackerel snappers" that the fine roast beef dinner was fish.

Jim Bassett was buried in Arlington on 23 November. He was killed in a helicopter crash near Fort Bragg on the evening of 20 November. The funeral was well-attended by the class and we extend our deepest sympathies to Cookie and Jim's parents. Cookie and her two boys will live in Florida near her retired parents.

Latest locations. Henry Huglin in town at the class luncheon in September on TDY from SHAPE. Nev Howell in Korea with I Corps Hq. Don Williams in Korea with KAAMAG. John Corley G-1 of Seventh Army in Stuttgart (John's decorations to date are 2 DSC's, 8 Silver Stars, 2 Legions of Merit, Soldier's Medal, 4 Bronze Stars, and Purple Heart). Anybody done better! Willy Langford now out of the Comptroller business and has the AAA Group around Philadelphia. Congratulations to Freddy Dean on his star.

Class statistics in the latest *Register*. Out of 301 graduated 158 Army and 64 Air Force still active, 19 retired, 14 in civil life, 45 dead. It appears that I Co has the highest casualty rate with 8 dead and 1 retired out of 28. On that morbid note I'll close.

—A. B. S.

1939

Thanks for sending in so much dope this time. Some of it may have been edited in the interests of consistency but keep it up.

You all have heard the sad part of the Navy game; however, you might be interested to know that '39 is getting *so senior* that our seats are now around the 0 to 13 yard line. Your correspondent tried to battle his way up there to check on attendance but didn't make the grade.

Andy Goodpaster and Riggs Sullivan hit the headlines for this roundup.

Andy writes (on White House stationery) that his actual duties are a combination of Staff Secretary to the President and Defense Liaison Officer, plus any other odd jobs that come up. He is still feeling his way but the job is most interesting and stimulating.

Riggs Sullivan, the Class's first general, got his star this fall for fine work as a wing commander.

George Jumper went by Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, in November to congratulate him and admire his new star and was considerably shocked to find him flat on his back in the hospital with rheumatic fever. Fortunately the fever did not affect his heart, but Riggs will have to stay in bed for several months. His address is Base Hospital, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio.

Jumper himself is at the National War College and sweating out a probable overseas assignment next summer (4 children). Other classmates in the NWC-ICAF area are Milt Adams, NWC, George Higginson,

ICAF, Sal Manzo, NWC, Ray Will, NWC, Pete VanDevanter, NWC, Ed Schmid, ICAF, Brombach, ICAF, and John McCoy, NWC. Jean and Milt Adams have four children and have just finished *four* years at the Air University. Bobbie and George Higginson have three girls and are working on their fifth year in Washington (some operators in the Class). Connie and Sal Manzo have two children. Sal came to the NWC after seven years in SAC, the last three as a wing commander. In recognition of this fine work Sal has been made Cubmaster of the local Cub Scout Pack. Mary and Ray Will have two children, both out of the baby sitting age, and are looking forward to an overseas tour (this is known as rationalization). The VanDevanters have two children and came from three years at MacDill. John McCoy was married in May of '54 to Barbara Moore under the auspices of Pete VanDevanter and Jim Wilson, and they now have a bouncing baby daughter.

Jack Dobson reports the usual Washington influx. A complete list of '39ers in and around the Pentagon would look like a Manhattan phone book but the newcomers are: Ed Geary—G-1, D/A; Earle Lerette—G-2, D/A; Dave Dillard—G-2, D/A; Gene Trahan—G-2, D/A; Bob Studer—G-3, D/A; Bill Van Harlingen—G-4, D/A; Lee Kirby—OCSA; Charlie Florance—OQM; Dave Matheson—OCE; Jack Merrell—AFPDP; George Howard—AFPDP; and Roger Phelan—JCS.

The Washington Steering Committee is Dobson, Keller, Jumper, and Habecker. The Class has a luncheon every other month beginning in November plus a Christmas party. If in Washington check with the committee relative to the luncheon plans.

The last issue of *Assembly* listed the twenty-three '39ers at the Army War College. Johnny Watt was married in August, leaving Dan Minahan as the sole '39 bachelor at Carlisle Barracks. Most of the group are overseas returnees, so will probably transfer en masse to Washington next summer.

Joe Bowman has returned from Europe to become acting Professor of Geography at the Air Academy. Between Harvey Fraser at USMA and Bowman the Class seems to be moving into the academic world.

Bill Buster was in a freak auto accident in October and lost his left arm. He would appreciate any letters at Midway, Kentucky.

Mac McFarland and family hit Naples in September, following Perry Hoisington by two months. Huey Long is at Tyndall, McDavid in Northeast Air Command, Jim Knapp in Greenland.

Ace Shephard writes from Korea that he has just arrived and taken over the 96th FA Bn, relieving Olie Wood, who is moving to Japan. He saw Chris Coyne and Frank Gilchrist at AFFE headquarters in Japan while en route. Bill Preston, Joe Dietz, and Bud Newcomer are bulwarking Eighth Army headquarters with Walt Higginson holding down the G-1 slot.

Walt Higgins also writes from Korea that Ray Allen is CA/MG officer I Corps, Bill McConnell G-3 I Corps, Bill Henry Artillery Adviser VROK Corps, Bart Lane G-2 KMAC, DUCKworth in G-3 KMAC, Jack Meyer Deputy G-2 Eighth Army, Charley Deitz in G-2 Eighth Army, Bill Preston and Bud Newcomer just left for AFFE and Okinawa respectively. In Japan he has heard of or seen Tom Smith DC/S Provisional Corps, Jay Dawley in G-4 AFFE, Hal Crawford in G-3 AFFE, Walter Grant C.O. 7th Cavalry Regiment, Dick Wolfe AFFE Engineer, and Atwell SAC Liaison to FEC.

Over on the other side of the world,

the EUCOM inmates haven't sent in any dope, except that Jim Richardson has the 485th Engineer Combat Battalion in Germany.

Bob Greer reports from SHAPE that he and Don Beere are in O & T, Walt Brinker and Louis Kunzig in the front office, and Bob Richardson works for General Norstad. Dave Goodwin has just been transferred out to COMZ.

Bel Evans (now in Chemical Corps) has just gone to Chicago for duty at the QM Food and Container Institute. He is a radiation hot shot and working on radiation problems. Ellsworth Jacoby left Stewart this fall for Selfridge or somewhere thereabouts.

That's about it. How about sending in some dope on classmates in Europe, Alaska, Caribbean, Maxwell Field, and all places North, East, South and West?

—Ewell.

1940

At the present time we are waiting to see whether or not we will publish a fifteen-year book. The Pentagon Squad has come through with a notable number of addresses, and Orman has mailed the good word about the book to all whose addresses we know. We wait only for financial approval in guise of a check to sign the contract with the publishers. We figure that if we have in the neighborhood of two hundred subscribers we can publish a good book. If you haven't received any information and should happen to read this you can get all the dope by writing to Orman, Qtrs. 56, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. So much for the commercial.

Jo and Mary Hardin added Janet Sue to their brood this fall. Ed and Dot Lynn started their family with a boy. Tony and Judy Wermuth announce the arrival of Tony Jr. last September. Multiplication continues to be the long suit of the class.

J. B. Bonham at Leavenworth is tackling the infinite and expects to take a two week orientation in atomics. Reports several class parties held at Leavenworth during the fall season. Ray Millican due to report to Leavenworth in February after finishing course at Norfolk. Sam Patten returns soon from Korea to Leavenworth as an instructor.

Ford Fuller is assigned to Third Army Headquarters, Fort MacPherson, Georgia, as the assistant chief, Artillery Branch. Walt Gunster received Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star Medal in Korea recently, and Bob O'Donnell received second Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star Medal in same theater. Lavell reports that Stan Smith is at Randolph Field and Art Frontczak is stationed with the Air Training Command at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Larry is comptroller for USAF Security Service at Kelly Field. Haessly received Bronze Star Medal while on duty in Korea. Woody Smith is serving with 5th Infantry Division in Germany as is George Bayerle. Ed Lucas is with the VII Corps in Germany.

The following members of the class are stationed at Fort Sill, according to a recent report: Jim Milner, Luther Arnold, Hank Arnold, Bidwell Moore, Paul Cullen and Jerry Addington.

Dick Abbey writes from Holland to say that the Abbeys will be home soon while Dick attends school at Fort McNair. Aber working for Master's Degree at University of California. Ahmajan at Fort Leonard Wood. Ray Bates is in the G-3 Section, Headquarters 8th Army. Mike Bavaro is in Europe.

Niles Bengston is in London and Sid Bing-

ham is stationed at Hdqtrs. CWCPAC in Honolulu. Biswanger in SHAPE and Herb Bowlby in the Pentagon. Brice is at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Burfening in Reno, Nevada, and Byrne at Hdqtrs. SACLANT in Norfolk. Scotty Case is a student at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. Dick Cassidy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Castillo, not mentioned in these pages for many a year, has turned up at Philippine Army Headquarters, Camp Murphy, Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Cibotti at Fort Bliss and Clapsaddle in Bremerhaven, Germany. Bill Clark in the Pentagon along with Chamberlain and Homer Chandler. Ray Clock with the District Engineer at St. Louis, Missouri. Have been reporting Wendell Coats in Trieste quite frequently. Has he moved? Coleman at March AFB in California. Vic Conley in the Pentagon. Julian Cook at Fort Benning. Cunningham at GM center at Fort Bliss.

Paul Deems is stationed at Air War College, Maxwell Field, Alabama, and Ben Delamater at Fort Bragg, and Frank de Latour in Paris, France. Frank Devlin is P.M.S.&T. at Creighton University in Nebraska. Dice stationed in London, England. Bryce Denno in the Pentagon. Leo Dunham still doing the "slump test" at Fort Belvoir. Dyke leaves Newfoundland for U.S. Embassy at Ottawa, Canada. Dodderidge living at 134 E. 64th Street, New York City. Jack East at Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Epley at Fort Bliss. Fairlamb in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Floyd at Camp Stoneman, California. Fritter in Korea and Gasperini's address is 415 Vulcan Street, Iron Mountain, Michigan. Alan Gee is with the American Optical Company in Rochester, New York. Red Gideon commands Air Force's biggest transport base at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. Gordon in Europe, A.P.O. 403, New York City. Haggards' address is 622 S. Serrana Avenue, No. 104, Los Angeles 5, California. Tom Hargis in Tucson, Arizona. Hobson is in Salzburg, Austria. Holm in Europe. Horton, F. W. at Headquarters NEAC, APO 862, New York City. Hough is Post Quartermaster at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

If you find yourself in Miami Beach pick up the telephone and call UN-6-6080 and Jim or Meeta Humphrey will answer. They have three boys and a girl. Their address is 501 Surfside Boulevard, and they would like to hear from the Tucks or the Yeagers. Big Jim is a stalwart member of the Lions Club and is with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Kenney is on the Staff and Faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. Dick Kent is at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan. Roy Kinsell is with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, New York City. Kintner in the Pentagon and Klar now stationed at U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada. Kolda's address is 6132 Village Road, Long Beach 8, California. Paul Krauss is Divisional Ordnance Officer in Hawaii. Mike Kuziv is at Fort Bliss. Bert Lane in Europe. LaRose's address is 1113 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey. You can reach Lederman by writing NAAGJ APO 500, New York City. Joe Leedom's address is 3851 San Marcos Avenue, Riverside, California. Larry Legere is back in the States and stationed in the Pentagon. Ev Light bringing up the class godson at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Jim Lotozo at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

McCartan last heard from at Colorado Springs. Joe McCroskey in the Pentagon. Stu McKenney in Paris and Woodward, stern, bluff and casual in Berlin. Dick Mabee is U.S. Attache in Helsinki, Finland. Mandell is in Korea. Marsh at Fort Amador, Canal Zone. Joe Mastran is with Al-

aska General Depot APO 949, Seattle, Washington. Merchant at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Tom Monroe is with Tactical Department at West Point. Steve Morrissett with KMAG in Korea. George Mueller's address is 62 The Highlands, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Tom Muller is with Board No. 3 at Fort Benning. Chuck Noble is with the New York District, Corps of Engineers, New York City. John A. O'Brien at Sandia Base and Robert A. O'Brien is with P.M.S.&T., Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pennsylvania. O'Donnell in Korea. Ralph Osborn in Culver, Indiana when last heard from. Oseth is at West Point with Inspector General's Department. Dave Parker reported to be with Portland District, Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oregon. Last heard from in Panama. Manley Perry at Camp Zama, Japan. Bob Pfeil with 9804th T.S.U. 200 East Street, Savannah, Georgia. Howard Penney in Paris, France. Paul Phillips at Armed Forces Staff College. John Pidgeon in Europe. Podufaly at Fortress Monroe. Bill Porte at Suite 401, Plaza Bldg., Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Colorado Springs. Jim McAfee with same company in New York City. Prann's address is Hq. JADF, Box 293, APO 710, San Francisco, California.

Karl Rauk with MATS at Andrews Field. Rimmer has F.A. Bn. in Europe. Salvo Rizza in Korea. Bill Roedy at Fort Lee, Virginia. Rogers at West Point. Ross a student at Georgia Tech. Graham Sanford's address is c/o General Delivery, Minden, Nevada. Ivan Sattem's new address is 201 Fernwood Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Saunders is in Europe. Schockner's latest address is 414 Ferris Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma. Dick Shagrin is with 7th Army in Europe. Shearer is at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. Sheetz in Germany. Steve Silvasey at Fort Bragg. Page Smith in Turkey. Tom Spencer lives at Huntington Towers, Alexandria, Virginia. Harry Stella is with VII Corps in Europe. Jodie Stewart in Far East. Strauss with MAAG, Formosa. Zeke Summers stationed at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. Swift at TIS Benning. Thommen's address is 1140 E. Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Tuck's address is Route 1, Box 313, Placerville, California. Wendt in SHAPE, Paris, France. Freddy White at Fort Bragg. Yeager just home from Russia. His address 278th CT Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Yates at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Merry Christmas to all and if you have a two cent stamp let me hear from you. My address is 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

My disposition, which was short kicked into a complete state of frustration last Saturday, is not improving as I sit before the TV screen and watch Notre Dame get off to a flying start against SMU. As I thumb through the mail, which I am happy to say has increased over last quarter's volume by a factor of four, I find a letter from one guy who got the Navy's goat. Of course, it was last year, and he crashed into Life Magazine by returning said goat to Annapolis after the cadets had kidnapped him. George McIntyre has since given up his job of PSing goats and is busy commanding the 81st Recon Bn, 1st AD, Fort Hood, Texas. George found himself in the company of Larry Greene, C/S, 1st AD and Tony Tonetti, commanding the 1st Armd Ord Bn. Paul Monson is on the III Corps staff. George Pickett and Hugh Foster visited recently as representatives of sundry higher eche-

lons. Elmer Yates departed last summer from nearby Killeen Base.

Before leaving the TD at WP, George was appointed Technical Adviser for the forthcoming movie, "The Long Gray Line." He assures us that Tyrone Power really does look like Marty Maher, that five weeks in Hollywood were "very enjoyable" (probably the understatement for '54), and that teaching 800 Cadets the old squad drill was "something else again."

Dick Travis dropped in on his way back to Langley, had lunch, and then wrote to needle me about SAC's security restrictions, particularly since they are planned and directed by Tom Corbin. He said he and his cohorts finally realized as they flew home that they had been escorted from office to office not alone out of a spirit of cordiality. Dick wound up by saying that if Tom and I would drop in to see him we would be permitted to play on the Langley golf course with or without an escort.

(ND just lucked onto another TD.)

From the Office of the Army Adviser, 110th Infantry, Pennsylvania NG, Ripper Collins reports that he is enjoying his first tour of Civ Comp duty, although somewhat isolated as far as classmates are concerned. Just back from 3½ years in Germany, he spent a year commanding an Inf Bn after a tour in G-1 at EUCOM. Rip casts a vote in favor of the 15-Year Book.

Curt Chapman writes that he resigned from the Service effective 29 May 54. "Not a sudden, capricious thought nor the result from anger or bitterness, but a sincere desire to settle in one spot for a while and spend our time spoiling our blonde African, Cindy, who arrived in February while we were at Nousasseur. Since we's not mad at the Service nor anyone in it, we would much appreciate seeing any and all classmates passing this way. Our address is Randolph Road, Middleton, Connecticut, phone DI 7-0867. We stayed with Paul and Marcie Ramee during separation processing; later at the Yale Game, listened to Tom Lawson of the Willamantic, Connecticut, High School Math Dept, extol the life of a teacher, while Norm Coker applied the same sales talk to the housing business. Julie and John Easton came through just before boarding the 'Callan' for Sidi Slimane (where John will be A-1 of the Seventh Air Division). Saw John Zott at the Dartmouth Game—he is President of a couple of businesses in New York City. Also, Tulah, old Pete's bride, spent one night with us; said Pete is homing in early December."

From George AFB California, came a TWX report from Fox Rhynard: "4th child, Bonnie Louise, born 9 Jul 54. Tally—1 boy, 3 girls, same wife. (and pretty as ever). Please count me in on 15-year book." Fox is Deputy Wing Commander of an F-86 outfit.

Tom O'Connell, Boston College, Dept of Mil Science and Tactics, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, writes with the account of the arrival of his third daughter and fourth child, Joan Carol, on 12 September, shortly after Hurricane "Edna" cut off all electrical power. He is teaching Military History, and volunteered to handle the write-up of the "Red Legs or Artillery Section in the XV Year Book."

(Looks like SMU has had it.)

Roger Lawson reports that "Malc Troup just arrived at Orleans, France, for duty with the QM Div, Hq USAREUR Com Z. Arnold Hoebeke with an Armored Inf Bn in southern Germany after a tour in G-4 Div, Hq USAREUR, Heidelberg, where I took his old job."

From the Army Home Town News Center, the ANAF Journal, and other sources: "Roy Kelley, whose wife, Catherine, lives at 142

Seventh Place, North Bay View Park, Monterey, California, recently arrived in Japan for duty with the Army Forces, Far East's engineer section. He was last stationed in Korea with the 44th Engineer Construction Group."

"Potter Campbell, whose wife, Elizabeth, lives at 4 Vernon Street, Concord, New Hampshire, is leaving Korea for Hawaii with the 25th Inf Div which is returning to its home at Schofield Barracks. In Korea since last June, he is commander of the 59th Tank Bn."

"Stephen Plume of Box 942, Scottsdale, Arizona, has enrolled as a member of the June 55 class of the American Institute of Foreign Trade at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix. Specializing in Latin America, Plume is taking the school's intensive training course in preparation for a career in American business or government abroad."

A. Wray White sent a copy of the Stars and Stripes featuring an article on Major Chuck Yeager and Fred Ascani, both of whom have recently joined the 12th Air Force in Germany. Fred is scheduled to take command of the 86th Fighter Wing.

Ralph Freese, after a rugged summer in the hospital with a heart condition, appears to have the retirement board at bay. Let's hope so. His address: 1322 Hancock Street, Bellevue, Nebraska.

George Hicks, being the head man of an Air Defense Group at Duluth, Minnesota, not only puts out his own newspaper but has sent me several issues with assorted pictures of him and his pretty wife—not much poop, however.

Air Force Times reported that Joe Gurfain was present at the dedication of a new water plant at Kindley AFB, Bermuda. John Henschke has just been announced as the new Deputy Wing Commander of the 40th Med Bomb Wing at Smoky Hill AFB, Kansas. John is the first in the Class to land a Deputy CO job in a B-47 outfit.

(Oh well, I'd rather be a muddy Texan than a clean Irishman.)

On the evening of 30 September, I had a wonderful experience. I met Mike Knowles. Despite his 17 days, he proved himself not only a very handsome young man, but the obvious possessor of his mother's great charm and his father's amiable disposition. It was fun seeing Carmen and Wendy again and to find them bearing up so well under the hectic pace of the nation's Capital. Wendell P. is running the training business for the Artillery.

In plugging the 15-year book, I'm not trying to talk myself nor anyone else into a job. I do feel that we owe it to ourselves, our wives and our kids to indulge in a little class activity to retard or transition into old fogginess. We don't have to yack it up and beat our breasts about how black we are; let's make it simple and sober, if you like. With a little work and about \$7 a throw, we can have what so many other classes have had, to renew old acquaintances and memories. There are 553 days.

Happy New Year and let's beat 'em in '55!
—Burt Andrus.

1942

Contrary to the last quarter when news was sparse, this time we are loaded. This is due primarily to the fine response given to the post cards which were dispatched about 15 October and several letters from Crittenberger, Bonasso, Cannon and Ivey. Almost fifty percent of the cards found their way back to Box 42 and, while not all contained news items, they were a big help in bringing the class address list up to date.

Inasmuch as the annual class news letter

was mailed to all (except six whose addresses are unknown—Atwood, Claggett, E. T., Hughes, W. R., Martell, Pendergrast, and Young, S. H.) on 6 December, no effort will be made to summarize that material here. Rather this column will be used to cover those contributions which arrived too late to make the news letter, press items sent to the Association of Graduates, and the activities of the Washington contingent.

First and foremost in the news is the recent logistic triumph of the Brugh family in their move from Fort Benning to Europe. (see cut)



Left to right: Catherine with Heidi (two months); James (1½); Mary (2½); Jane (2½); Susan (10) and Bob. Back Row: Robert G. III; Patrick (5); and Ann (6).

Although Bob, whose new assignment is as Executive Officer for the Support Command of U.S. Forces Austria, has to defer to Jay Jaynes as far as ownership of the Class Cup is concerned, it appears that he is well out in the lead otherwise. Any arguments? Fine looking family isn't it?

Other press items concerned the award of the Bronze Star Medal to John Short in Korea, the appointment of Hal Rice as Commander, 7771st Signal Procurement Center at Frankfurt, Germany, and the return of Turk Ryder to the U.S.A. Turk was selected to be part of the Honor Guard escorting the colors of the 2nd Infantry Division to Fort Lewis, Washington. Following this, he reported for duty at Hq, Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Ed Aileo's card indicates that he is using his facility with the French language, acquired, no doubt, as a result of two years instructing at USMA, as a liaison officer between the French Infantry School and ours. Apparently he really has to depend upon the language because, he writes, his closest American neighbors are sixty miles away.

Hank Harmeling now has his family, consisting of wife, Pat, and three boys and a girl, with him on Okinawa. He's in the G-1 section of Hq, RYCOM. Jim Vivian is also there (Okinawa) but with the Okinawa Engineer District. Mary and his two children have joined him and he says that all are enjoying their stay (even the typhoons) immensely.

Larry Vogel, serving as the Area Engineer at Sondrestrom Air Force Base in Greenland, recommends it over Thule or Navsarssuak—if you have to go to Greenland.

Marion Ladd sent in some information on Chet's activities in Korea and her plans. Since her message just missed the last issue, events have transpired to change her plans. She left about the first of the year

to join Chet, who is now at Chitose AFB on Hokkaido, Japan. She also mentioned that Charlie Hill, her brother-in-law, is now at Kaiserslautern, Germany, with his family. This last bit of intelligence show Charlie's address on the class list to be out of date, but until something more definite in the way of a military address is received, we'll have to rely on the Army Postal Service to forward.

Washington activities have included a very successful dinner-dance staged by Jack Davies at the Army-Navy Country Club in September. About 35 couples attended. In November, Foolsie Rickman ran a TV party at the Fort Myer Officers Club attended by the Horridges, Hansts, Terrels, Stanns, Andersons, Seiferts, Boltons, Bartholomees's, Watsons, Rickmans, Cockrells, Harrells, and Millie Marks (Ted was on TDY). The occasion? Oh, there was some football game on between Army and some team called Navy but everyone lost interest in that along about four o'clock. WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR! (P.S. Our contact man at USMAY, Dan Halpin, says the plebes looked red hot this year.)

The men have been having luncheons about once a month and the girls some get-together at similar intervals. If you are headed this way on business or pleasure, get in touch with one of us in order to take advantage of whatever is cooking.

Departures from the Service through resignation, that have come to our attention recently, are Bill Hughes, Ed Martell, and Yates Hill. Best of luck to them in their new ventures.

—J. M. A.

January 1943

The bulletins indicate more and more a gathering of the clan in Japan. For examples: September 9, George K. Maertens (from the 88th Inf Bn, Huanggyo-Go, Korea) "recently was assigned to the personnel section of the Army Forces Far East Headquarters, Camp Zama, Japan." November 2, James H. Schofield, Jr. "recently arrived in Japan for duty with Army Forces Far East . . . is assigned to the Technical Liaison Division of the signal section at Camp Zama." Indeed a rapid rundown of classmates in Japan would show something like this: In the Tokyo area, Barger (Hq FECOM), Weber (Hq FEAF), Truex, Grace, Shaw, Baber, Harding and Page, in addition to Maertens and Schofield, mentioned above; in Nagoya and South Japan, Seith (Hq 5 AF, Nagoya, APO 710), Edwards (see below), and Flanagan (see below); in Misawa, Wink and Divorak. Flanagan will not be in Nagoya long, for, after eighteen months in Korea and Japan as CO 674th FA Bn, he is headed for the February 1955 class at the AFSC, Norfolk. Ben Edwards, who commands the 9th Ftr Bomber Sqdn, APO 710, is still going strong, though while he has been going strong, wife Jane Anne has had some problems. These problems are of such a nature that all you who have not yet gathered with the clan in Japan may wish to hear about them in order that you may prepare for them:
"Greetings from Japan—

"The Clan, all six of us, is sitting here in the land of cherry blossoms and honey wagons fatter'n' the proverbial forty pound robin. Ben came here from Korea when his Group moved October 1953. I dragged Carol, Ruth, Anne and Murphy over last March.

"We spent the first six months in a Japanese house (7 bedrooms, 3 johns, 1 shower and no heat) in Nagoya, the city just ten miles down the ruts. 'Twas truly an

experience—bad last March and April when the thermometer seemed permanently stuck at 29 degrees and the only heat put out by Sears best kerosene portables, we had four of them. Wonderful all summer when we slid back the sides of the house to catch all the breeze and enjoy our lovely garden. Especially appreciated after seven years in the ZI are the house-boy and nurse who live in and are ours six days a week, twenty-four hours a day. No diapers to do and I've even washed the dishes twice, because I wanted to!

"Been in quarters on Komaki for a couple of months now. Ben is in walking distance of anything in his outfit, the kids have door to door service for school transportation, they go in to Nagoya. We have steam heat in the house and three nice neighbors."

Other random notes from the Far East show Griess on Okinawa, Bennett on Formosa, Meyer (leaving soon), Bullard, and Fiss in Korea.

But the news from the Far East is not all good. We have just learned of Bill Hardy's death, of a cerebral hemorrhage. Having taken over a Special Squadron at Ashiya, Japan, and having made it the outstanding squadron on the base, winning the respect and affection of his men in doing so (his officers and men had given him a matched shotgun and rifle as a going away present), he died suddenly as he was preparing to return to the States.

Mitch Goldenthal (Quarters 63-B, Fort Belvoir, Virginia) is assigned the Fort Belvoir Engineer Center as G-3 Executive Officer. Rog Bertram is at the Center, too. Jimmy James and George Watson (fresh from Germany) are ROTC instructors at Texas A and M, College Station, Texas. Robert L. Davis was a member of the All-Army pistol team which fired a few rounds at the 1954 National Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, last September. Joe Hamilton is getting married. Sonny Pitts and Bob Maloney soon leave the AFSC, Sonny to go to ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs; Bob, to the Far East. Hank Mazur is already at Ent AFB. Joe Gatewood has a B-47 Sqdn at Pinecastle AFB, Florida. Thompson, Lowe and Criss are in Washington. Joe Conmy says that Bill Neale commands the 23rd FA Bn at Fort Benning; Bob Peden is the Director of the Small Arms Testing Section, AFF Board 3; Bud Hood is Asst Comptroller for the Infantry Center. J. R. Russell is S-3 538th FA, Camp Carson, Colorado. Jack Upchurch lives at 80 Adams Avenue, Haworth, New Jersey. Will anyone having Mrs. E. C. Suor's (Ed's widow's) address send it to Lieutenant Colonel Jim Frakes, Dept. of Tactics, West Point? Fred Waters, at USMA (Dept. of MA and E) would like to get a line on Tom Ramsey.

THE SOCIAL LIFE: Wehrle's sister, Alice, and John Ross (now stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, 13 Inf 8 Div) were married at Fort Myer not long ago. Bill Dannacher was head usher; June Dannacher, matron of honor; Louise Fenili, an attendant; Flip Fenili, an usher. (Wehrle is now assigned the 4th Armored Div, Fort Hood, Texas).

On November 16 the Wives Club of the Washington area, with Mrs. Robert J. Walling and Mrs. Arthur P. Hurr as hostesses, met at Mrs. Walling's home to elect the following officers: President, Mrs. Robert Muldrow; Vice-President, Mrs. Hurr; Secretary, Mrs. Lee B. James; Treasurer, Mrs. Donald F. Powell; Recorder, Mrs. Donald W. Thompson.

—Howie.

June 1943

The pickings have been few these last few months but we here hope you have all got to wherever you were gettin' and can now sit down and write us where that is and how you are. Bill Daner wrote us 18 September from his law office in the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota (wherever that is). He's Reviser of Statutes and attorney for the Legislative Research Committee! While at Notre Dame Law, he used to see a lot of Bob Hanna, who "is now doing very well with Ford Motor Company's Engineering Division and raising a wonderful family on the side." So writes Bill, who is married to a daughter of the Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota, and who invites one and all to drop in on their way (?) through that frigid neighborhood.

Walter and Iyllis Hutchin sent us an announcement of the arrival of seven pound twelve ounces James Walter 14 October in Cuba. Hutch's address is ahem! I.A.G.U.S.—Cuba Project, c/o US Army Attache, American Embassy, Havana.

Bob Plett here, just himself recently the papa of a baby girl, Margaret Mary, got a phone call the other day from old Dick Orphan, who, in grand family convoy, was on his way from Alaska to Pentagonia, where he now is ensconced in the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission.

Heard from Tom Garrett, realtor and insuror, 4600 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas. He left the hard life in November '53 and is now 43's hacienda in Santone. He and Marceline ask us all by there for "a chunk of Texas steer and a cool one or two," and offer to rent or build anything we need in the way of billets. He recently saw Bill Brake on his way through there back to San Bernardino AFB after an emergency leave back East. Tom says Bill still has his schoolboy figure, but is graying a bit. The Garretts see much of "Prof" Ernie Hinds, who is a math P at the Texas Military Institute.

In September we received word of Johnnie Vordermark, who arrived thenabouts to advance-party the 25th Div into Schofield from Korea. Jeffie was then at 825 Lafayette Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico, but maybe she has linked up with Jonathan by now.

We have a letter from Ralph Scott, at Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tennessee. In June he resigned from the AF and he, Emmie Lou, and the twins are back there at his prep alma mater and really enjoying living on the campus, teaching, assistant commandanting, and coaching the baseball team. Before Scotty and Emmie left the Air Folks they had a royal sendoff from the following denizens of Maxwell AFB (this was last May): the Jack Davises, the Joe Huaus, the Ned Schramms, the Bill Kilpatrick's, the Bill Scotts, the Jack MacGregors, and the Bitter George Thompsons. Ralph says Bitter George isn't bitter any more, but we find that impossible to imagine. Besides, who ever saw a happy civilian?

Allen Jones here had a letter 28 November from Al Burdett writ at sea *en* his route home from darkest Korea. He and Archelaus Polonius Hamblen, ever inseparable, are on their way back to yet another school; this time to the AFSC, Norfolk, Virginia. Jock Barickman was on the boat with them on his way to France to assemble his global brood, whence he'll proceed to New York to do AAA work. Al had seen Del Perkins and family in Tokyo, where Del is at AFFE G-1. Also saw Jimmie Phillips, ADC to the British Deputy Chief of Staff UNC. Helen joined Jim

a month ago and they live at Washington Heights. Farther back on the MSR Al left Bill Bibby, Asst G-4, 45th Div., and, waving him goodbye on Inchon's fragrant strand, he left the faithful Ripper Collins, who's driving a battalion thereabouts.

Johann Klotz Brier writes us the glad-some news that the "Brier Patch has been augmented from three children to four—third boy. He is a fine redhead, named, in part, after our Lew Webster (KIA Korea)—Tandy Lewis Brier." John then incloses a most helpful poopsheet: a complete list with addresses of all the classmates in Washington. We'll list them here by name and anyone may write here or to the Assn of Grads for any addresses he may need: Paul J. Atkinson, Frank Ball, Clark Baldwin, John Brier, Ed Blount, O. B. Bucher, John Brady, C. W. Carson, Ed Cleary, Caleb Cole, Doug Deal, Hal Dunwoody, Bill Dudley, Dave Davenport, J. F. Deathrage, Ralph Hallenbeck, Lee Hogan, Lee Hudson, Jim Harrold, Teague Harris, Tony Hartman, Dale Hagen, Bob Hoffman, Gabby Ivan, Don Jalbert, E. A. Johnson, Fergie Knowles, W. C. Moore, W. W. Martin, Bill Milmore, George Moe, Frank McMullen, R. D. McClure, Jack Novak, Don Pence, L. D. Pavy, Bud Rundell, Bill Roos, Billy Ray, Dan Shea, Grumpy Steele, Al Shipstead, Al Shiely, Lindsay Silvester, Dick Snyder, Dale Sweat, Ted Tansey, J. C. Teller, Larry Watson, Joe Weyrick, Norm Williams, Mike Zubon, Charlie Jones, Buck Coursey, Mike Beckett, Jim Pugh, Bill Welsh, E. H. Connor, Dan'l Cullinane, Al Metts, Heber Brill; also, Arch Hill is up at Meade and Rex the Co-croft is in Baltimore. So now that you have seen this list of party boys infesting Washington, cease to marvel at how marvelous little gets done in that town! That was mighty nice of Br'er Brier, and we'll all post this in our orderly rooms with the permanent mucilage, for none of us ever knows when he shall need a Friend in Washington, does we?

Ay me, it hurts to bring this up, but 'at a recent ballet performance in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium that some of the boys here observed, the following faces were glimpsed among the crepe festoons: Danny Cullinane, Frank Smith, Frank Saul and frau, L. E. Blount, Harold Dunwoody, Jess Fishback, Dave Galas, Buck Coursey, John Brier, Doug Deal, Dunc Randall, Al Hagen, Al Orlian, Al Jones, Paul Atkinson (AF), Dick Hemsley, Dick Orphan, Archie Hill, and "Boris" Malone. Some, but not all, were there with their proey wives, but you know how it is; we couldn't make positive identifications, what with one thing and another.

Cometh a last-minute missive from De-Camp at Leavenworth. He lists the following old companions, whose numbers may explain why we here in civilized circles never see anyone around: Jim Betts, Ray Blatt, Mark Boatner, Baker Bond, Willy Calnan, George Cantlay, Hamfat Carter, Howie Coffman, Bob DeCamp, Bill Deekle, Jim Greene, Sonny Giffin, Warren Hecker, Don Jalbert, Ralph Jones, Bruce Koch, Bob Mathe, Jim Miller, John Morris, Stan Ott, Hal Parfitt, Doug Parham, Fred Proctor, Art Rasper, Snuffy Rhea, Bernie Rogers, Hank Romanek, Bill Roos, Harry Schroeder, Milt Steinbring, Art Surkamp, Duane Tenney, Arturo Van Schoick, Pappy Wilkinson, Cas Wilson, Pinky Winfield, Lucius Wright, Jughaid Young, and Carlos Young. Wally Magathan is also there as a P., and Leslie Boone Hardy was there for a nine-week cure, but has since departed. These hard-working goats have already held several wing-ding bacchanales in the best '43 tradition, and plan to have another soon if they all stay pro (HAH). They saw Dutch Um-

lauf at their first party. Bob tells us that there are three bachelors among the above listed; Koch, Miller, and Parfitt, and, on the other hand, The Wally Magathan's have just welcomed their fifth offspring, tiny Barbara. So followeth L-worth's scribe.

There you have it, all my poop, scrape though I try. Please send in the news wherever you are. You should see your Other Home this time of year—yellow windows blazing in the freezing moonlight, icicles, turnouts, and quill hanging all around. Write home here. Christmas cards are a prime source for us, and we'll hope to have much valuable poop by the spring issue. Until then a hearty cheer from all at The Rock, and whatever you do, send money!

—Wick.

1944

Since this is being written before Christmas and New Year's I have time to hope someone from '44 will send me a Christmas card with some news in it, and that a few New Year's resolutions will include a resolve to let me know where you are and what you are doing at least once a year. I'm about to become a novelist for lack of factual information. If you don't subscribe to *Assembly* why not write out a \$3 check and join up?

The red-headed Aldrich boy has moved again—he and Sugar now live at 420 McIntire Drive, Fairborn, Ohio. Red is with General Motors.

Saw Jim and Elaine Cowee at Langley AFB, Virginia this summer. From all reports Jim seems to be one of the fair-haired boys of the Air Force. I think they are now at Clovis AFB, New Mexico.

Patsy and I spent last weekend with John and Annette Sullivan in Nashville. John is with the Tennessee Military District now, but is planning to go to Leavenworth late this Spring—family now consists of one boy, one girl and one hound dog. John and I represented 1944 at an organizational meeting of the West Point Society of Tennessee. If you have a chance to join any W.P. Societies where you are stationed or living I would recommend it — they are working hard to interest young men in West Point and help keep alive interest in the Academy among graduates, both on active duty and retired.

Alex Maish was married to Elizabeth Irving, daughter of the former Superintendent, on June 19 in the Cadet Chapel. After a honeymoon in Bermuda they returned to WP where Alex is teaching Math. Jim Young was best man in the wedding and Bob Brundin, Bob Sellers, George Pappas and Dallas Knoll ushered.

Bob Kendall and Barbara should be back home by now, as they were to leave Germany early this Fall. Bob had been in Germany since late in 1951, last assigned as Exec Officer of 599th FA Bn. Home should look good, since seven of Bob's ten years since graduation have been spent overseas.

Hank Aurand called while passing through Memphis in October. Hank has resigned and is now working for Douglas Aircraft in Los Angeles.

The John Clevelands added another boy to the family in May, bringing the total to two boys and two girls. At last report they were in Germany, where John was with an Engineer Bn.

Willie Burr, Bob Murphy and Jim Douglas somehow managed to escape from Korea this summer and landed in Hawaii, where I'm sure life is more pleasant. Willie is the S-3 of the 14th Infantry and Ginger is with him at Schofield Barracks.

Murphy has been Deputy Chief of Staff of the 25th Division but by now should be a PMS&T at Notre Dame—what a spot for a bachelor! Douglas was a Bn. C.O. in the 27th but it seems a light colonel turned up about that time and Jim is now running an officers school for Division with his eyes out for another Bn. slot.

George Hayman took off for Europe during the summer and was last heard from in the Bayerisch (sp.) Alps congratulating himself on his new assignment—the locale seems to have gotten the better of him. Being a congenial sort of creature, I'm afraid the local beer drinking customs had taken hold of George but Barbara and the children should be there by now so I guess the Hayman will make out O.K. George is assigned as an instructor in 7712 AU APO 172.

I heard that Jim Giles is returning to Texas to live but have no confirmation on this report.

There is quite a crew now at Leavenworth: Cabaniss, Cushman, George Blanchard, Daniel, Eisenhower, Kinnard, Don Carter, Fred Smith, Mulkey, Nelson, Joe Shelton, Deeter, Jack Hennessey, Enos and George Tuttle. Tarpley is there as an instructor. It seems Senator Mulkey is still having to pull all the goats through the course. These Arkansas boys just naturally have it!

Let me hear from you at 1748 Vinton, Memphis.

—Buford Norman.

1945

Hello and How are ya!

Much as I would love to be returning to the column "by popular demand", there is more than one reason I cannot claim that as the situation, chief of which is that it just ain't so. It came about by my writing Bob a blunt letter asking if he were serious about turning it over to the first volunteer; if so, here he was. And there you are! (Thank you, George Gobel! Not a classmate.) If I may (and I don't know who'll

stop me short of the Ed.) take over the first paragraph for what Tallulah calls "the perpendicular pronoun", I'll do so. This may also serve to illustrate how the paths of those in this eight hundred and some odd (Some *mighty* odd) class seem to cross in the doggondest places. Last December I finished up at Fort Holabird, and was due at Fort Lewis on December 27th. First I made a last trip to home base at West Point to see the Vinsons, McQuarries and the others there. At that time I saw Hal Moore and enjoyed meeting Julie for the first time. We met simply as class members who had lots of mutual friends. Two weeks later at Fort Benning, Georgia, I attended the wedding of Tom McCunniff's sister. There I saw not only Tom and Nina, down from Scranton for the event, but also the Don Rattans, Jim Roots, and Bill Siberts. That was very pleasant but no surprise, for I had known they were at Benning. I was surprised, though, when Bill Sibert told me that Julie Moore's folks wanted to meet me. I couldn't imagine why they should know me from Joe Zilch. However it turned out that Julie's family and mine were old friends. You know, that other old "Army Game." From Benning I went on to El Paso to spend Christmas. There I saw Bruce Barnard, who had just become a papa for the third time. Reported to Lewis on schedule, and 1954 found me in Japan for a week after which, Korea. I was discouraged to find that place even worse than they said it was. Believe it or not, even worse than Oklahoma! However upon climbing off the C-124 there at Seoul, it was a happy note to run into Dipper Dallman, who was on his way on a TDY with the Navy. He told me who was where and doing what in Korea. At this point I'd like to have recorded for posterity the Dipper's appropriation of an immortal bit of Sir Winston's prose to the use of the Class. Recalling our previous tardy arrival in 1945, when the news of the Korean Truce reached the large numbers en route there in July of '53, Dipper commented, "Never before have so many been so late so often!"



1945 AT ARMY-NAVY GAME PARTY AT CARTER FIELD, TEXAS.
Left to Right (with): Bowen, W. J.; Schelter, L. J., Jr.; Saxby, E. S.; Gault, D.; and McNiell, T. H.

Digressing a moment, the Dallmans are now at Benning. In Korea I was assigned to the 3rd Division. There I used to see Bill Nichols nightly at the Division Club. Bill was with Division JAG Section. Bob Ives and Fred Kochli, also with the Division, I used to see less often. Bob was a Regimental 3 and Fred a Regimental 2. Shortly after my arrival I week-ended with Ted Adair at I Corps and there saw another Nichols, also with JAG Section, this one Tom. I spent February 22nd holiday up at the 25th Division with John Neff, who was then a Regt 2. He was then hoping for an intra-theater transfer so his fiancée could meet him in Japan to tie the knot. Wish I had some follow-up on this. A visitor in our area was Bill Ochs, who was then with 7th Div. We have recent word that he returned to the U.S. in October, but before leaving was awarded the Bronze Star for work as Secretary to General Staff, I Corps; he is now at Benning. Might back up to say that Ted Adair received the same award before his resignation went through and he returned to Larchmont, New York, to take a job in the Big City with a bank construction corporation!! (Tilt!) We always suspected he might be breaking into them, never building them! On a visit to the 5th RCT, I saw Charlie Greer. This brings me up to the first of April 1954 when I had completed only three months in Korea. On that date I had a routine chest X-ray taken which turned out to be no April Fool's joke. The next day found me in the hospital not to emerge finally until November. After a week being stuck, poked, and punched by sawbones in Korea, I spent a month in Japan before being flown to Walter Reed. I saw Sam Lessey at Haneeda Air Field in May just before leaving, though. At Walter Reed I found Bill Taylor in the ward just below me, and during the periods that I was ambulatory I saw a lot of him. When Bill's retirement became final at the end of August, he was accepted by Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, where he has been ever since. He expects to leave there just before Christmas and to be back at work early in 1955. Be it said for the engineers that they have more brains than we goats sometimes give them credit for. At least they know a good man when they see one, for Bill has been told that even though he's now civilianized, his old job in the Chief of Engineers' Office will be awaiting him. Back to old "Ich", my hospitalization was climaxed by an exploratory thorotomy in mid-August. Now here is the strangest coincidence of all. On August 18th I was in the recovery room, immediately following the surgery, for 24 hours during which period I was very rarely conscious, being kept doped and knocked out by various hypnos. However I remember swimming back to consciousness one time for a few moments, noting that there were two other patients in the room, and looking at one with the thought that he resembled Ken Kochel. I dismissed this thought as absurd and immediately went under again. Skip two or three days now, and I'm down in the ward taking my first steps down the hall on the arm of the nurse. Idly checking the name plates on the doors, I stopped cold when I read "Kochel, Kenneth G., Capt." So it was Ken. I went in; we compared operations to find that he had had almost the same operation immediately preceding me, on the very same table. His trouble had been discovered in exactly the same way, only on Formosa instead of Korea. So we continued to see a lot of each other during our convalescence, and when I last saw him he was expecting orders returning him overseas. Now if anyone has a stranger story than that, it must be a corker, so send it along! That

about finishes my story except to add that I'm now on duty in Washington and live at 1404 North 12th Street, in Arlington, Virginia.

Forgot to mention that en route through Benning last December, I had supper with Leila and Barney Broughton. Leila is now here in Washington while Barney is in Korea, where he has become our most reliable informant on the gang over there. He reported that, in late October, the class had sort of a reunion in Yongsan. Barney and Jim Munson represented Eighth Army G-2 Section, the former having walked into the job vacated by Ernie Ferguson when he went to Okinawa. Jim hopes for a transfer to Japan next summer, so that Nancy, now in Quincy, Massachusetts, and the five boys can join him. Harold Curry, Bob Stetekluh and Dick Hartline were also present, as was Dick DeKay, who was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Commendation Ribbon in September and in November the Bronze Star for his work as Eighth Army Schools and Special Projects Officer. Also reported as being in Korea are Burr Coldren doing JAG work in Pusan, Del Vecchio with Eighth Army G-2, Del Fowler at Kimpo, Paul Ugis with the Engineers, Ted Halligan with 7th Division, and Randy Preston and Bill Kratz who arrived in October. But 1955 looks brighter for Barbara Price and Eleonora Denz as well as for ML and Ernie, who were assigned to 25th Division in Korea and so went along with that division to Hawaii, where the gals should already have joined them.

As long as we're in FECOM, let's check in at Japan, and then Okinawa, before leaving. John Linden joined an airborne outfit over there in August, and we hear Elizabeth is now there too. We hear McGovern is also there, as is Bill McMurray; and Herb Price transferred from Korea to Tokyo QM Depot. On to Oki, where we not only have a large contingent but a social one. Tommy Maertens, whom I saw, incidentally, when I was in the hospital in Seoul, is our informant along with C.B. who joined him in August. Attending a Class of '45 party on 3rd September were Tommy and C.B. (Hqs Co, 29th RCT), Pete Dillard, Ernie and Fran Ferguson, Butch Foley, Bill Gilbert, Don and Ginnie Gross, Jack and Alice Harmeling (G-2 RYCOM), John Murphy (G-1, RYCOM), Jim Tanner (G-1 RYCOM), Bill and Sally Wolfe (29th RCT), and Howie and Virginia Bealmeare (110th Chem Bn). A final word from here is that Gifford Holden has just arrived.

Coming back home the long way, we'll give you the big news from Bee and Harle Damon; she is Lucinda, born on 17 October in Oslo. This summer while Bee was still able to travel, they picked up a new car in Frankfurt and went down to Wiesbaden, where they visited the Johnny Sherwoods and Bob Stickmans, whose marriage in August 1952 has not been reported. Young Mark William Stickman makes the third member of the family. Harle is due back, probably to Washington, in February, and Bob in March and Johnny is already on orders to the IG Office in San Bernardino, California. Until recently the Dick Wallstens were class representatives in The Hague; however they are now back here in Washington in G-2 Office. Also recent returnees are Jim and Merry Hunt, who were married in France last February. They were in Grenoble in the French Alps until late summer when Merry returned to the U.S. ahead of Jim, so that their baby, a pretty little girl, could see first light of day in Uncle Sam Land. Jim got back in late November and will be at Fort Belvoir until spring. Bill McGlynn should also have returned from England at about the same time. Going the other way were two class

wives. Joy Van Hout and the six kids should now be with Harold in Heidelberg; and Carmela Tierno, Rocco, and the two kids should be together in Augsburg where he is with the 5th Div G-2 Section. An attractive Christmas card just arrived from Rio showing the five Ayers. Les expects spring orders for Benning and definitely will try to make June Week en route there. After finishing 4 years as Air ROTC Instructor at Ohio State, Fred Thayer fell into a fat assignment with MATS in Bermuda. A stop at one last outpost finds Joe Stanowicz an October arrival in Alaska, where he is with Headquarters of 196th RCT. Anastasia is at present in North Hollywood.

Somebody may think we've forgotten Dick Gorder in the Korea notes, but we wanted to use him under "Boston". Have a feeling he wishes he were there. Instead he has an unique assignment in Korea where he was requested by name by General Crombez to help set up a Korean Military Academy. Previously he had had A Company of the 21st Inf. Wife Mary is in Boston with her folks and the kids. She wrote about a party of the West Point Society of Boston on 13 November. Said she took copious notes, then apologized for losing them, and thereupon reels off enough information to fill this paragraph; so we'd say her memory is as sharp as we'd expect it to be, Mary being pretty sharp on all counts. Most of the gang up there seem to be civilians: Cole Bacon is with Aeronautics Dept of Minneapolis-Honeywell; Claude Fingar is with Cadillac-Olds; Andy Favret works at Lincoln Labs; Jim Donovan is an engineer in Quincy; Ralph Ford is still in the Air Force; and Al Hero has previously been reported with World Peace Foundation, of which he is Executive Secretary. Hal Breen, who has his degree in nuclear physics, also resides in Boston, but did not attend the dinner.

From Fort Bliss, Don Kohler qualifies as a pretty good informant. He lists himself, Sylvan Salter, George Smith, Carl Steinhagen and Cornelius Wakefield as being with AAA and GM Branch of The Artillery School; whereas Joe Adams, Bob Fye, Jim Maris, Pat Powers, and John Tyler are with the 1st GM Brigade, which unit Buster Hayden just left, and is now en route to the 259th FA Missile Bn. in Europe. Bob Dingeman took off from West Point in October long enough to take Benning's Airborne Course and reported a party at the Patton House which was a huge success. Most of those present were reported in the April issue of *Assembly* as being at Benning. Some who either weren't or are recent arrivals are the Carl Nerdahls, the Bob St. Onges, the Ben Weirs, the John Wahls, Putt Monroes, Zoot Johnsons, and the Joe McCarthys. Arrivals since then are Bunny and Bob Hall. Bob Fye reports that when he was at the summer's jump school he saw Leroy Shoaff, who was there with ROTC from Oklahoma A and M, where he is now in his last year. We have three members reported at Leavenworth; George Benson, Bill Guthrie, and Lucian Truscott.

We've spoken of reunions in various parts of the globe, leading up to the biggest one of all which took place, as it does annually, in Philadelphia on Army-Navy day. This year's seemed to be the biggest one yet, and though we all wish the score had been different, no one there was sorry he went. Here are those we know were there: Adair, Bennet, Bennett, Blum, Burnell, Campbell, Casey, Catron, Dingeman, Driscoll, Findlay, Fridl, Garman, Haley, Hamilton, Holtze, Humphreys, Jones, L. M., Kane, Lawrence, Lessey, Mann, Mason, McCunniff, McNamee, Rehm, Rochfort, Rutledge, Smith, R. A., Snow, Spragins, Stewart, H. T., Stoer,

Stuckey, Vinson, Waddington, Wallace, G. M., Weaver, Whittington, Wood, Woods and Zeller. Here are a few added notes on some of the above. Frank Kane and Joan recently arrived in Washington, where he'll take the International Relations Course at Georgetown starting in February. George and Bev Wallace were up from the University of Virginia, where George is ROTC instructor. Jim and Susan Zeller are on a similar assignment at the University of Delaware. Paddy Driscoll is at Fort Monmouth. Johnny Stoer came down from Hansson AFB in Massachusetts. We saw him at an after the game party in Bill and Margaret Snow's Ben Franklin suite. Bill has recently transferred from Henderson to Sumter, South Carolina, but is still with Carolina Power and Light. Also there were Rocky Rochfort, up from Baltimore, and Andy Holtze, who came all the way from Nebraska, leaving behind the cares of the construction business for a short holiday. He and Julie now have two kids. They've been too long absent from this column. They hope also to make June Week. Prior to busting into this gathering, we had gone with Gerry and Bob Woods to a similar get-together, given by Jack Lawrence and the glamorous Reffe. Among those present were Rust and Lois Rutledge, down from Summit where Rut is with an air conditioning company. At this party chief topic of conversation was that Sam Lessey was going to bring that cool, screen beauty, Grace Kelly. Unfortunately he did not show while we were there; and not wishing to be the last to leave, we moved on after awhile to the Snows'. But we'll check this! Sam, incidentally, resigned from the AF this summer and is now attending Harvard Business School. Johnny McNamee's Christmas card reported a gay, after the game gathering at Frankford Arsenal which included herself and Bill, the Smiths, Haleys, Hamiltons, Stuckeys, and Woods. The McNamees were up from Aberdeen. Bob Mann was down from Bell Lab in Whippany, New Jersey.

That, as I said, was the big reunion of the Fall Season, but THE big one of all seasons will occur during June Week. Just in case you didn't receive the last poop-sheet, here is what Hal Moore's Entertainment Committee has set up: Picnic on Saturday; Cocktail-Supper at Thayer on Sunday; on Monday there is to be a wives' luncheon to occupy them while the men are at the Alumni affair in the Mess Hall; and that night as a climax, a semi-formal dinner dance at Stewart Field. Sounds good already yet, hey? Ya better be there too.

Now here goes an incoherent paragraph to pick up 45 all over the US. News about Johnny Coffey is bad and good at the same time; for though he is now recovered, he spent over a year, from May '53 to November '54 in Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver with T.B. Wish we had gotten this news long ago, but we are glad he is now well and lined up for an instructor's job at new Air Academy, where he'll teach Engineering and Navigation. He and Helen have one child as of now. John Coulahan and Chuck Moran are flying B-47s for SAC. As far as we know Boots Blasse is still at Nellis AFB in Nevada. Dick Crane and George Churchill are in school at USC. George Garman is management consultant with a company with headquarters in Camden, to which place he commutes twice weekly from Hicksville. Other days he works in New York. Bunny still doing TV work. Jean and Doug Kenna were to have come East for a visit here in D.C. with the John Bennetts prior to the Navy Game. However, just about that time Doug received an offer from Mississippi Power and Electricity right in the old home town of Jackson, so they

canceled all plans and headed South. Suh. Bart Kerr at Syracuse U. Bill Lilly at George AFB, California. Tom McNeil not only plans to make June Week but wants to set up an alternate headquarters in New York, probably at the Algonquin Hotel. Ky Murphy on ROTC duty in Chicago. Cliff Myers out of the AF and is now a banker in Phoenix, Arizona. Paul and Jane Nelson are now residents of Schenectady, where Paul, having resigned last July, is with Power Equipment Advertising Section of General Electric. They also plan to be you know where in June. Bob Parr is on a National Guard assignment in Modesto, California; and Will Rogers the same in San Francisco. George Schaffner got his majority down at McDill AFB, where he's also reported to have become an expert on water skis. Louis Schelter, who was married last year, is in Abilene, Texas, on ROTC duty. George C. Stewart, a civilian, with Oldsmobile dealership in Fayetteville, North Carolina. I wish I had space to list for you all of J. B. Townsend's awards and decorations sent me by his mother. They are topped by the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Bronze Star, all of which were awarded in a ceremony last fall at Shaw AFB, where he is with 363rd Tac Rcn Wing. Nancy and George Troxell are home owners in Oklahoma City, where George is on his way to the "Oil Tycoon" category. But *why* Oklahoma, George??

Income Tax Exemption Department. Summer arrivals were the baby girl of the Bill Gardiners at West Point; also a girl at the Walt Carters at McDill; and another to the Rolfe Hillmans on August 12th. The Ed Saxby's second child was a boy. They are in Arlington, Texas, on ROTC duty. October babies were the boy of the Ken Moores, and the girl of the Randy Heards at Shaw AFB. It was a baby boy to the Bill Besses in New York City, where Sir Stork then left to leave a similar masculine bundle on the Marty Brewers' doorstep the very next day.

I know the whole class joins in sincere sympathy to Maggie and Moose Hardy in the loss of their youngest.

In addition to the correspondents already mentioned, want to say thanks to Barbara Hughes, Lei Fye, Bob Stickman, Gerry Woods, and Paul Nelson for their information, which is scattered about this column. I have lots of addresses on file which I'll send out gladly IF you'll send me news of yourselves plus anything short of libel about your neighbors. All best wishes for that big TENTH year of 1955.

—Jim Alfonte.

1946

In an effort to finalize determination of our class godson I am beginning this column with all information gathered so far. In the July or October 1947 issue of *Assembly*, I announced the birth of J. J. Schmidt's son as 15 February '47, stating at that time that he appeared to be our class godson. No action was taken then and no other candidate has been brought to my attention since then. In the July 1954 issue of *Assembly* I submitted to the class Schmidt's son as our godson. I also requested that if anyone knew of another possible candidate please communicate with me. No one has contested the award as belonging to Schmidt. Therefore, I am formally submitting to the class Schmidt's son as the godson of 1946. This will positively be the last appeal in the official communication *Assembly*. If anyone has information pertaining to the class godson, please write me or Captain William C. Parker, 1802nd Special Regt, West Point, before March 1,

1955. If no letter is received by that time the issue will be ended. If there is another contender we will have time before June Week '55 to check dates and hours of birth; for this coming June at West Point the local class organization there wants to discuss the presentation of an appropriate award to our godson.

Frank Porter recently joined the European Communication Zone in La Rochelle, France. He is Assistant Staff Judge Advocate with the Base Section's Headquarters. Frank's wife, Juanita, and their three children are living at 19½ Pine Street, Gallipolis, Ohio. Rick Lamp was transferred to Europe with his squadron last June.

With the 2nd Armored Div's 66th Tank Bn in Germany is Malcolm MacDonald. He is at Baumholder. Mac's wife, Patricia, is living at 816 N. Eighth Avenue, Durant, Oklahoma.

Bob Bowen is enjoying the wilds of Alaska at Fort Richardson. He is with Headquarters, U.S. Army, Alaska. Valerie, Bob's wife, is living at 804 Whitaker Drive, Reno, Nevada, with Bob's parents.

Bob Patterson transferred from the 3rd Inf Div to the 25th Inf Div. Now the 25th is preparing to leave Korea for Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Jacqueline Patterson is living at 2010 Green Street, San Francisco. Bill Bigler has been in Korea for a year as Chief of the supply and distribution branch of the zone's sub-area petroleum office. Marilyn is living at 810 Third, Franklin, Louisiana. Leaving Korea after over a year of duty, Harold DeMoya returns to the States as part of the thousand-man honor guard escorting the 2nd Inf Div's colors to Fort Lewis, Washington. DeMoya is with the 9th Regt, and his wife, Shirley is living at 2608' Shaul Street, Columbus, Georgia.

Bob Berry is commanding Co. A, 56th Tank and Tractor Batt, Camp Yokohama, Japan. Bob is training in amphibious warfare. Helen lives at 1431-31st Street, Columbus, Georgia. From Selfridge AFB, Michigan comes word of the arrival of Annette Yancey on October 5, 1954. Phyllis and Bill now have two girls and one boy. I have received an announcement of the marriage last August of Virginia Stephenson Hughes, widow of Ken Hughes, to Mr. Richard Lashley.

Lloyd Adams reported that he has been associated with his father in the practice of law since July '52. His address: Adams and Adams, Merchants State Bank Bldg, Humboldt, Tennessee. The Adams' most recent child and first daughter, Elizabeth, was born June 2, 1954. Their two boys are Lloyd III—6 years and Mitchell—3 years.

Wes Posvar was transferred last September from Dept. of Social Sciences at USMA to the war planning division of the Air Force at the Pentagon. Mildred is still singing at the Metropolitan Opera, requiring a commuting trip from Alexandria, Virginia each time. The Posvars now have two children, Wesley William, age 3, and Margot Marina, born 17 July 54. Just before the Posvars moved into their home in Alexandria a water pipe broke causing a small flood in the living room. We hope by now that they are no longer flooded out.

Dick Gruenther, current class secretary for the West Point group of classmates, has kept me informed as to their activities there. On 27 September 54 the local annual class meeting was held to elect class officers for the coming year. Results: Jim Day as President, Ben Hill as V.P., Roger Nye as Treasurer, and Dick as Secretary. At this meeting Kibbey Horne, permanent class historian, outlined the progress he has made on the Ten-Year Book. Preliminary work for next June week was dis-

cussed and the question of the class cup was brought up.

The following day the first meeting of the new officers took place. The local entertainment committee was appointed as follows: Chairman: Vince Gannon; members: Ed Crowley and Charlie McCarty. Bill Parker was assigned the job of conducting an investigation to select the bonafide godson. Again on 18 November the local group of classmates attended a luncheon and business meeting. Roger Nye was elected as chairman of the ten-year reunion committee. Vince Gannon outlined the activities of the entertainment committee; December 11, '54—informal class party at Ice Rink and Paganos; early March—informal cocktail and buffet; late April—Costume Party; June Week—picnic and formal dance. A motion was introduced by George Miller to conduct a voluntary collection to establish a class fund for contributing flowers to sick classmates and their families at West Point. This motion was passed by a vote of 16-11. It was decided that the local class officers would set up a means of collecting and a policy for disbursing this money.

Just received Guy Troy's annual Armor poop sheet; I must condense it because of space conditions. Most of Armor men are at West Point. Dick Beckner and Steve Edwards, with MT&G, expect overseas assignments this year. Will and Beebe Joffrion and Jack and Jane Schram, with MT&G, have another year at USMA. The Joffrions have one son; the Schrams two. With the Social Sciences Dept. are Stan and Winelda Blum and son, Justine; Charlie and Joanne Simmons; Ed and Lucy Roxbury, son Mark, and daughter Susan; Sue and Nipper Knapp; John and Connie Treadwell; Oscar and Peggy Traber, and sons Biff and Robert. Others at USMA are Ben Hanson, Janie and Fee Hardin, George and Joanne Patton, and George and Mary Webb.

The next largest group of Armor is at Fort Knox. The Mussers had a daughter, Lynn, born last May. Jan was stricken with polio last year and is now reported to be recovering fully. Sally and Larry Elder, along with Gay, Bonnie, Andy and Candy, all are at Knox. Dick and Sue Fuller, with Tip and Page, at Knox after Psy. Warfare in Washington. Lou Tixier is in the Far East, while Phyllis and son, Mike, wait in Texas. Gilham, Rickter, and Sinclair are in the Far East as Gina, Bryan, Chris and Stephen wait in Syracuse. The Minter Wilsons are all on Formosa. Phil Rogers married Dodo Walker last August at Knox and is presently in Washington in G-2, although by now he may be overseas. Norm and Ann Stanfield are now overseas. Their second son, James, was born last May. Harlan and Dottie Koch are overseas. Wallis is in Europe at Leghorn now. Guy is at Hq. 29th Tk Bn, APO 34 New York, as S-4. Mattesen and wife, Barbara, and son are in the 2nd Armd Div at Mannheim.

Back here in the States are Art and Karma Lockrie in Atlanta, where Art is taking a course in Auto Engineering at Georgia Tech. Jake Burney is at Fort Bragg with AFF Board No. 1. Frank Conant wanted advanced at Knox, but is still at Edgewood Arsenal with Joy, Marcia, Susan and Donna. The Rumneys and McMasters are at the Univ. of Virginia. The Rumney's address: 1866 Field Road, Charlottesville, Virginia. Willy Persons, Christine, Charlotte Ann and Alice are in Washington. Willy was ass't defense counsel for Batchelor at the PW trial. Guy imagines Willy is now with JAG.

Recently resigned: Jack Cassidy in New York; Bob Duncan; Jack Kopold in Memphis; Bill and Elaine Kelty in New Jersey. Which reminds your reporter France that Ethel and I sat next to the Keltys at

the Columbia game. Russ Burn is now at home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, taking over his father's business. He and Mary Van had a new addition last August, giving them a total of two boys and one girl.

Bob Frantz is with JAG and Andy Lamar is back from Korea. Well that's it for now—any news will be gladly received at 47 Lewis Lane, Syosset, New York.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

The remnants of turkey have disappeared. The GAME has been fought and lost (about which more later). Snow is in the air; and a cold, biting wind blows down the Hudson Valley (colder and bitinger daily). Trophy Point—you remember how pleasant it is this time of year. This morning the temperature was fifteen above and my Dodge growled back at me. The kids have runny noses, and the talk around the academic buildings is about WGR's, turnouts, and occasionally Christmas trees. Ladies and gentlemen, it is winter here on the Rock. In fact, when you get this, it will be 1955 and another brave new year for us all. Enough—I have news scattered around my desk on odd bits of paper, letters, mimeos, and even a menu.

From Europe: PIO releases inform us that Bill Nairn (now a major) is S-3, 3d Battalion, 350th Infantry, and that Duke Duquemin has Company B, same Regiment (APO 541). Both have their families with them. Leslie Stevens writes that he is now stationed at Toul-Rosieres, France, as a Troop Carrier Pilot. He has three darlings, the last of whom, Lynne, was born June 2d. He would like to find out if there are any classmates still around. I received a card from (Major) Bill Webb and Muriel with the following information: Dick Dunlap has joined the S-3 Section, 16th AFA Battalion, 2d Armored Division. Bob Koch is aide to General Hart, CG, V Corps. Bill is S-3 of the 29th Tank Battalion (APO 34). From the other side of the world, an announcement from Bob and Ann Baer confirms the rumor in the last column: a third boy, Stephen Francis, born September 6th. And that is all the news from around the world.

Back here in the United States: John Rantz is studying Russian and John Mock is studying German at the Army Language School, Monterey, California. Another bachelor is no more: Jim Mattern married Nancy Margaret Jack on September 4th in Cambridge, Massachusetts. G.G. ("always a

bridesmaid . . .") Kent served as best man and, I feel certain, delivered a few stanzas of "Dangerous Dan" at some favorable time during the proceedings. Jim is starting his second year at the Harvard Business School and says that P. J. Curry and Bill Coghill are also there. Skipping clear across the country again, a note from George Dell contained some interesting news: J. J. Lowry is a major and is still at Rapid City; the Flattery's, residents of Los Angeles, have four children; George and Joy have one, Adrienne, born September 2d, and George is already talking about catching up with Tom—Have you told Joy yet, George? The Deills' address is 840 Hanley Avenue, West Los Angeles 49, California. We received a Christmas card from Bill and Ruth Clark. They are at White Sands (501 Wherry Drive, White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico) with the Bushnells, the Knipes, and the Bill Smiths. A good letter from Lou and Mary Lou Rachmeyer points out that an assignment at Stanford U "afforded us several pleasures, namely: 1. a daughter, Cathy, was born in December 1952, 2. a son, Richard Forrest, was born in March 1954, and 3. I received my Master's Degree in E.E. in June 1953." What is the old saw about sowing the wind. . .? Lou reports seeing Wally and Sylvia Lukens (presently finishing their third year at Stanford) at Gallup, New Mexico, where Wally's father runs the hotel, and Harold and Mary Eberle at Edwards Air Force Base, California. Hank Paul, who was at Stanford with Lou, is now at Aberdeen working with fire control equipment. Lou's last comment was that his present address is 204B Bufington Road, Huntsville, Alabama, and the door is open.

I had Bill West coaching and going to school at Dartmouth in the last column. That information was incorrect: Bill is a technical representative in the Tank Division of Chrysler Corporation. He lives in Colorado Springs and works out of Camp Carson, Colorado. His only complaint at this writing concerns the number of "peach cakes" available. If you can't find a gal there, Woo Woo, you'll never find one.

We have done little here at West Point since the last column except make like collegians every Saturday afternoon and have babies. New additions to the class here are as follows: to Kay and Jim Johnson, their second child, first son, a Junior, born September 24th; a day later to Frances and Joe D. Johnston, their third child, first son (whew!), Junior; to Jo Ann and John Paules, their second child, first daughter, Cristina Lynn, born November 3d; to Pat



1947 reunion after the Navy game, at the University Club in Philadelphia.

and Arnold Tucker, their first child, a boy, Arnold Thomas, born October 9th; to Peg and Locker Bentley, their fourth child, fourth son (some people get all the breaks), Jonathan Craig, born December 4th. And there are more on the way.

The Army-Navy game furnished an excuse for quite a gathering (see cut). Mike Maloney (the "h" was not my error) had reserved a large hunk of the University Club in Philadelphia for the evening. Most of the people in the following list were at the game and the party. Unfortunately Jill and I missed the party; if we hadn't, I am sure I could regale you with tales of adventure, romance, and other forms of frivolity. As it is, I will have to be content with presenting a bare, dry list. I should like to point out that a menu was passed at the party and that the only entries under the heading "News" concerned children and other possessions of the same general class of animals. At the party: Perry Gainey, 425 E. Pecan Street, San Antonio, Texas, owns a son and daughter. Jim and Pat Ellis, 5501 Trent Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, two boys. Mike and Marguerite Maloney, 209 Garth Road, Oreland, Pennsylvania, three boys. Alan and June Sapowith, 1902 Wynnefield Terrace, Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania, a daughter and a son. Jim and Kay Johnson, see above. Ike and Ruth Snyder, West Point, two sons and a daughter. (Major) Jim Edington, West Point, two daughters and a son, and expecting. John Novomesky, Jr., Room 1205, 90 Church Street, New York 7, Bachelor. Bud and Carol Voekel, 18 Zama (I think) Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, three sons and a daughter. Al Cretella, Middletown Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut, two sons, a daughter, and a dog. Bill and Anne Cooper, no change. Malcolm and Sue Wright, 452 Cedar Street, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, two children, and is in the last year of medical school. Brent and Jackie Scowcroft, no change. Bob and Lenore Curtis, no change. Al Lemberes, Hq. Sixth Army, San Francisco, California, one son. Todd Mallett with date, 120 Vance Gap Road, Asheville, North Carolina, bachelor. Hank Emerson, no change, but with date. Jim and Bobby Cosgrove, 160-63 27th Avenue, Flushing 58, New York, one son. Buford and Sue Biggs, Wright Air Development Center, Box 7532, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, two sons and a daughter. Herbert and Mary Brennan, not enough time yet. Hap and Janey Arnold, West Point, two sons and a daughter. Pat and Arnold Tucker, see above. The following were also at the game; Bob Beckelman, Goose and Mary Ann Gossett, Tom Hayes, John Hoover, John Miller, Tom Monahan, Blackie Crowe, Dick Allen, CC and Virginia Jacobsen, Jim and Ginny Frazier, and the Norm Roens. By the way, besides the majors mentioned previously in the column, Bob King and C. C. Jacobsen are also wearing leaves. Congratulations, all you field grade. Leave us hope the movement now afoot gathers momentum rapidly.

We were all surprised and very sorry to hear of the death of Major Park (Red) Herrick. According to the *Air Force Times* Red was killed in the crash of an RB-50 in California on 6 October 1954. He was at the time a member of a Strategic Reconnaissance Group and was stationed at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas. The whole class extends condolences and sympathy to Red's family.

—Jack

1948

Football season has come and gone again here, and with the weekly games a number

of the class have appeared with news. In addition, letters received from several of you have given me a good deal to report.

Novella and Ennis Whitehead passed through the Point early in September, returning from leave to the U. of Illinois, where he is studying in preparation for his assignment here next summer. Their daughter was with them.

As of September Benning was staffed by Smocky and Tom Hoffman and sons Timmy and Mike; the Ken Webbers; Willie Bertrams; Tom Wares; Charlie Crouches; and Phil Whitney, Monk Doty and Al Alfonso. In addition, Bill Patch, John Wadsworth and Tom Hazard were attending Jump School there. John Wadsworth and Tom Hazard have now departed for Germany. John has two sons now.

Ginny and Les Carter are reported to be at Western Maryland on ROTC duty.

In the Washington and Fort Belvoir area we have quite a group. At Belvoir attending the Advance Course are Louise and Joe Bratton and Joe, Jr., aged three; Nickie and Reuben Anderson; Gerry and Tom Jones; Carolyn and Norm Lovejoy; and Jerry Medsger. Sandy and John Egbert finished the Associated Advance Course, with Johnny leaving for FECOM in late September. Reuben Anderson, by the way, recently returned from an "aiding" job in Italy.

Walt Marciniac is instructing at Belvoir now. Lynn and Claron Robertson and Joanie and Denny Patterson are at the Chief of Engineer's Office, and Ann and Jack Brennan are with the Army Map Service.

Buck Borg is out of the Service and studying at Georgetown U., with his eye on a position with the State Dept. Jim Fry and family, four children, live in Washington, too.

At the Pentagon are George Thomas; Jack Miller—aide to Lieutenant General Palmer, Army G-4; Natalie and John Pickering—with Air Force Officer Assignment; and Barbara and Ben Jacobellis—Office of the Chief Signal Officer. The last named have three boys and a girl.

Irv Schoenberg, in his last year with the U. of Maryland ROTC, sent in a long and welcome letter with much info. He hosted a party at his place on 6 November, at which were Jay Josephs—now at Hq Air Research and Development Cmd, Box 1395, Baltimore; the Pattersons, Lovejoys, Jacobellis, and Bob Rosen, Mel Rosen and Jim Frazier from '47. Irv also provided data on Barbara and Saul Resnick—stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia; Joe Huey—flying out of Langley AFB, Virginia; Kit and Vin Lewando—now out and at the Harvard Business School with their two children; and Ken Barber—aide to Major General Crabb, CG of Central ADC, Grandview AFB, Kansas City, Missouri.

Irv also took a leave to Europe last summer and saw Larry Hoyt—aide to an unnamed Major General in Frankfurt, Germany; Carol and Bob Pomeroy—at Sembach, Germany; and Stan Harsh—who was on leave there from the New York Port, his present assignment. Irv had quite a time in Berlin and Paris, it appears. He adds, also, that he is one of the Air Force's White House aides. Congratulations, Irv. His address: 3405 Tulane Drive No. 31, W. Hyattsville, Maryland.

Intercepted a letter from Donn Starry, dated 6 September. At that time he was in G-2 Section, Hq 8th Army, APO 301, San Francisco, California. He reported that Tom Tyree and Ed Nelson were LNO's to the 5th Air Force, Tom at Pusan and Ed at Osan—both towns in Korea. Don Deehan was Recon Co Cmdr of the 2d Div. Donn's description of life in Korea wouldn't

please the local Chamber of Commerce, by the way.

Also from out that way Fred Tibbetts sends a later message three pages long. After two or three changes of assignment caused by the redeployment of units in FECOM, in which time he went to Japan, Korea and then to Hawaii, all in the space of about three months, Fred is now S-3 of the 89th Tank Bn, 25th Division, APO 25, San Francisco, California, at Schofield Barracks. He is the only member of the class in Hawaii at present. He reports that Don Deehan is now with the 7th Div Recon Co, Don's assignment being switched by redeployment, too.

Denny Patterson has located more of the class for us. Bill Byers, Jack Waggener and Al Whitley are in the Far East, and Bill Kaula is rumored to be in Sumatra, Indonesia, doing surveying work. Bob Graf is now in Greenland. Bobbie and Tom Clark are at Purdue U. and Pickle and Jim Barnett are at M.I.T. Joe Kiernan is still aide to the CG, 1st Army, having switched from General Burress to General Herren upon the former's retirement. Donna and Bill Cook are living in Tennessee, where Bill is studying medicine.

Denny also reports that at Ann and Jack Brennan's house-warming in September the Belvoir group was reinforced by the Egberts, Massie and Joe Dorsey—now growing apples in the Shenandoah Valley, and the Conovers. Bobby and Rog live at 24 Carolin Road, Upper Monclair, New Jersey, now.

Jack Withers writes that he and Blaine Butler are still at Randolph AFB, Texas. Jack's address is Apt 569, Bldg 2204, Third Avenue West, Randolph AFB. He reports that Marilyn and Tom Phillips are still in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with the Air Force. Tom has a boy aged one. Lucille and Hank Stelling are in Houston, Texas, where Hank is taking Observer training. They have three children aged four, three and two. Mary and Denny Long are in Shreveport, Louisiana, in civil life, where Denny is with an oil company. Jack saw Lew Chandler in Dallas, and Rod Saville in Houston—Rod is now building houses and liking it. Both have left the Service.

Bob Ward, aide to the CG, 2d Army, in his trips about the country has garnered some news. Ann and John Bellinger are with the General Subjects Section of the Armored School, Fort Knox. Johnsie and Lee Doyle are now assigned to G-3, 3rd Armored Div, same station. Katey and Walt Plummer are with the Weapons Section, TARS, Fort Knox. Whitey Emerson, having completed the two year nuclear physics course at the Navy Post Graduate School in California, is now assigned to the AFF Board at Knox. Imogene and Chloe Swearingen live at 4583 E. Jewel Avenue Denver, Colorado, and are looking forward to the Advanced Course at Benning in '55. Poppy and Stan Thevenet and four children are stationed at Sandia Base, New Mexico. Finally, Bob winds up with the names of those at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. They are Stu Young, Andy B. Anderson, Ivan Selig, Walt Bertoni, Bill Lynch, Walt Waller—Hq AMC there, Jim Muehlenweg and Dick Brill. Dick's address is 5416 Mitchell Drive, Dayton, Ohio.

Jim Blakeslee has left Knox for Europe. His address is Hq Co, 8th Inf Regt, APO 39, New York.

On 22 October Jack Chitty, Jack Doody, Harry Buckley, Frank Cancelliere, Tom Hoffman, Fran Schless, John Wadsworth and Bill Caldwell made major. Ken Ruddy was reported promoted to that rank prior to the above dates. Sincere congrats to all of you. Bill Caldwell is Asst Opns Officer of the 1st Inf Div, Germany. Ken Ruddy ar-

rived at the University of Alaska in September for ROTC duty.

As to the comings and goings here a few notes may be in order. The South Carolina game produced a cocktail party at the Officers Club hosted by Joan and Sam White and Susan and Al Quanbeck. Beside those assigned here attending were Sally and Jim Macklin, Bill Bandeen, Dulce and Jim Dingeman, Audrey and Jack Kastris—who have had a recent addition to their family, Ray Barton, Betty and John Sternburg, Rich Cooper, Bev and Jim Hall—Jim is out and living at 16 Ridge Road, Glen Rock, New Jersey, and working for ACF Industries, Inc. in New York City; and Stan Harsh.

Dartmouth produced a cocktail party at McInerney's with a dinner at Stewart AFB Club afterwards. Visitors included the Sternburgs; George Rutter—stationed at Waco, Texas; Irv Schoenberg; Jay Josephs and Rich Cooper. In addition, the Conovers, Stan Harsh and Frank McClafin were at the game, but couldn't stay for the festivities.

The Columbia game in New York City (it was SWEET to sit in Baker Field and watch Army wipe away that other game there in '47) was toasted by a post-game supper at the Macklin's. The Webers, Burrows, Bill Smith, Scotts, Whites, Lyle Walter, Cushings, Bill Burns, Quanbecks, McInerneys and we were most happy to see there Cathy and Walt Meinzen—he's ADC to the CG, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, Joe Kiernan, the Halls, the Sternburgs and Susan and Parry Sykes—he is now in the Import-Export business in New Jersey, I believe. Seen at the game were Gloria and John McCuen and Frank McClafin.

The Virginia game week-end was finished with a cocktail-dinner party given by the bachelors at the club. The Sternburgs, Dick Brill, Rich Cooper, Joe Kiernan, the Macklins and the Halls braved the elements to join the party.

The Yale game at New Haven produced Gwyn and Bill Lyon—now studying at the Republic Avn Corp, Long Island City, New York; Hugh Perry—recently returned from Europe with Barbara and their two children, a girl three and a boy one, and now assigned either to Benning or the Washington Military District pending his release from the Service; Dick Cudahy—presently studying Law at Yale; the Barnetts; Al Cerow—presently studying textile engineering in Lowell, Massachusetts, still in the Service; and Norm Lovejoy's father.

The last news is of the Navy game. The excellent party after the debacle was uninhibited in spite of the afternoon's entertainment. A heartfelt vote of thanks to Russ Ball and Dulce and Jim Dingeman who acted as hosts. In attendance were the Jacobellis—reporting that Sylma Hazard expects to join Tom this month; Bouchie and Wes Jones—now making flour and feeding chickens in Statesville, North Carolina, as civilians, and with the welcome mat always out; Clarence Elebash—who is stationed with Rhonny Morgan at Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Florida; George Leitner—at Otis AFB, Massachusetts, has three children, and reports that Bill Dougherty is ranching in California now; Jane and Bob Taylor—out of the Army and living in Hohokus, New Jersey, with their three sons, Bob being with IBM (their latch string is always out, too); Grim Locke—who left Sharon with his two daughters, aged five and two, at Hamilton AFB, California, in order to see the game, and he reports he is Maintenance Officer of an F-86D Sqdn; Betty and Gaylord MacCartney—assigned to the Air Force Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Florida, and presently on TDY to the Sperry Gyroscope Co., Great Neck, Long Island, New York, have one daughter aged

two, and have seen Wanda and Bruce Buechler at Suffolk County AFB, Long Island, recently; Jack Miller—who saw Sally and Bob Marshall, Louise and Bill Shuster, Connie and Wally Hubbard, Jack Kean, Phyllis and Bob Hallahan and Lake Churchill at Fort Sill this fall; Paul Weaver—flying B-36's at Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas; the Reuben Andersons; Jay Josephs; Irv Schoenberg—he always has room for transient classmates; Bill Bandeen; Ann and John Bellinger; Dulce and Jim Dingeman—still at Drexel, Philly, and have a boy and a girl; Bev and Jim Hall; the McCuens—teaching Armor at the Ordnance School, Aberdeen, Maryland, have one child, and they also have a spare room for visitors; the Wagoners—have one son, Randy, two and a half; Stan Harsh; Ken Barber; the Lyons; Cathy and Bill Meginess—teaching at Annapolis, and have one boy; Arnold Braswell—now at Luke Field, Arizona, and has one son, Jeff; the Allens—a boy, Jeff; the Burrows—a son, Billy; the Quanbecks—a boy, Al; Dottie and Charlie French—out and working for Battelle Institute, Columbus, Ohio, have Mike, five, Terri, two and a half, and Pat, one; the Brattons; Walt Waller; Lyle Walter, Charlie Sundar; Russ Ball and Bill Whitson. The Frenches also urge anyone traveling U.S. 40 to stop in Columbus and see them.

The names of wives and children have been requested by many of the class; hence the brief resumé after each person in the preceding paragraph.

Joan and Tom Cormack are the parents of a girl, Elizabeth Innes Cormack, born 29 November 1954, at West Point.

Thanks to all for your letters. If your news is missing this issue space requirements forced the publisher to cut it. Hope that never happens, however. Hope to hear from more of you in the near future.

—Lowell Genebach.

1949

I suppose many of you are disappointed with the outcome of the Navy Game, as I was, but certainly we cannot be ashamed of the way the team performed. As yet, I have had no report on the reunion which was to be held after the game, but imagine everyone had a very enjoyable time, and I hope that I will have some report for the next issue of *Assembly*.

As a matter of Class business, the following have been elected class officers at West Point: Lou Bayard, President; Lou Cassler, Secretary; and Bob Stender, Treasurer. As of September 1st, 1954, the Class Fund amounted to \$639.26.

A letter from Jim Schmidt, who is now out of the Service and associated with an investment banking firm in San Francisco, wants everybody to know that the front door is open at his house in San Jose. Jim just returned from Germany and is enjoying being out of the Service very much.

A few months ago, Jack Bender stopped at our house on his way to Europe for a three-year hitch. Jack is at Heidelberg stationed with the Comptrollers Division of the U.S.A.

Claire Suttle has written from Cambridge, Massachusetts, that the following are attending M.I.T.: Ben and Ep Ford, Dick Connell, Russ Lamp, Chuck Olentine, Gerhard Schulz, Dick Wagner, Ralph Raabe, Andy Lay, Avery Fullerton, Bernie Rosen (in civilian capacity). Bill Dederich is at M.I.T. as an Air Force ROTC instructor. Claire said that a gang went to the Yale Game in New Haven and they saw Fred Gallagher, who is now working in New York, and Ed Yellman. She also reported

that Bill Moore is now going to school at California Tech. with Harry Griffith.

Jack Cox's wife, Petey, reports from Texas A & M that the Coxes, Neils and Carswells are attending college for one year. Also, stationed at College Station, Texas, but based at Bryant Air Force Base, are Nancy and Hugh Mitchell, Pat and Jay Carey, Barbara and Make Steger and Jack Schultz. She also writes that the Mathews' are at Iowa State and that "Red Mac" MacKenzie is at Princeton.

Hugh Jenkins is at Fort Worth at the District Engineer's office doing some civil engineering for a year. The Bob Pursley's are at Connally AFB in Waco, Texas, and Bill Trieschmann is now living in San Antonio, having retired from the Service, and is quite busy in the construction and real estate business. Bill Brown is out of the Service and is at Houston going to the University. Bob Swantz is with the Air Force Research & Development Center in Baltimore, and Hugh Kinney is at Wright Patterson AFB. Gil Kirby should have returned from Iceland by now or by the first of the year.

Bob Orem has suggested that a notice be included in this issue as to how information may be submitted for the Class News. A note to the Association of Graduates at West Point will reach us, or you can send a note directly to me at my home: 700 Hyde Avenue, Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

Bob reports that he is now attending the University of Illinois and expects to complete his master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering next June. He now has two children, a boy and a girl. R. C. Nelson and Kuntz, both Engineers, are also attending the University. Jim Rice has just completed his master's degree in E.E. and is now stationed at Griffith AFB, Rome, New York. Dan Guyton is stationed at Georgia Tech and he, too, is working on his master's in Civil Engineering.

Johnny Saxon and Bill Workinger recently graduated from the U.S.A.F., Institute of Technology at Wright Field. Both of them, we understand, were top men in their class. Bob, also, would like to know where Ray Drummond is now located. He says a friend would like to correspond. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Ray, please let us know, as we have had no report on him recently.

I saw Tom Mullen in New York last week, and he wanted me to let everyone know that Thomas Gerald Mullen was born the latter part of July.

This is all the news I have to report for this issue, and again, I urge everyone to drop us a note.

We all wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday Season.

—John I. Saalfeld.

1950

4 December 1954. Received a fine response to my plea for letters and news, so now we can take up some of the space left over from the last issue of *Assembly*. Letters from the following supplied the information making this column possible: Jack Murphy, Bill DeGraf, Eddie Ramos, "Turk" Edwards, Mark Jones, Jim Wallace, Bill Mastoris, Winkie Mallett, Mrs. Carlos Wheaton (Warde's Ma), Elaine (Pat) Wilson, Florence (Herb) Underwood, Betty (KT) Veley, Hank Gilbert, Bill Yeoman, G. G. Thomas. Bill Slavins, Sally (Hal) Strickland, and Boe (Nate) Gallagher.

First, some general poop on 5th Reunion Plans, which are just getting under way. Jack Murphy is compiling some data regarding funds (Earnie Thomas' bailiwick),

cards to the class, entertainment, tributes to deceased classmates, meetings to discuss a 10th Anniversary or Reunion Book, etc. He has also obtained a promise from Ken and Mary Hall that they will be present to accept our "CUP"—son Walter Alfred Hall, born 8 January 1951, at Fort Richardson, Alaska, is the class godson, you know. Bill DeGraf has reserved the Stewart Field Club for Saturday, 4 June, for the party itself. More details will follow in the next issue of this column.

At West Point to aid in these plans are Bill and Robin DeGraf (who ask that everyone visiting W.P.—please stop by and see them), Joe and Mary Pharr Love, Stan and Sally Reinhart, Ray and Peggy Singer with their FOUR children, Charlie Eshelman, Hank Sachers, George Vlissides, Bill Schwoob, Will Howe and wife, Paul and Ruth Gorman, and Mac and Joyce Chandler. Recent visitors at the old school were Gene Etz, Tex Gilham, Pat McGill, Jim Horsley and Jim German.

Murph sent some info on the following: Holding down the Fort (Dix) are Paul Listro, Jack Fahey, and John Begley; Joe McCrane is General Manager of the Cherry Hills Inn, near Haddonfield, New Jersey; Bill and Woodie Aman, en route to Presque Isle, Maine, for duty; Bill and Louise Steinberg, on their way to Germany; Dud Fischer and Ray Maladowitz at Camp Kilmer; Jerry Waldor at McGuire AFB, and at the South Carolina game—Stud Heit, Ken Hall, Ty Tandler and Don Dunbar.

Eddie Ramos writes from the Philippines that he expects to be attending the Basic Course at Benning starting in February, and is very anxious to get back here for a visit.

"Turk" Edwards, presently in Salzburg, Austria, has seen Frank Duggins (at Linz) and Bob Chambers, Salzburg. Bob is planning to get married in January to Miss Troy Chansey. (Good News, Bob—Ben and I are happy to hear it). That's one way that two roommates can correspond with the third without actually writing a letter. "Turk" reported also that Charlie Gabriel is burning up the football league in England. Didn't he do the same thing last year, in Europe?

Mark Jones is at Fort Campbell with Jim Wheaton, Hale Hubbard, Mark Hanna, Joe Kappa, Ken Hall, Tom Strider and Roy Lounsbury. Mark observed that de-

spite the \$100 extra jump pay, the boys above are still averaging 1.9 in Economics.

Jim Wallace, recently married to Barbara Brooks, is at Wright-Patterson AFB attending the Air Force Institute of Technology and studying armament and weapons systems. There also are Seymour Fishbein and Bob Groseclose. At the Army-Michigan game were Bill McDowell, Roy Lounsbury, Jack Wagoner, Dave Mernan, Hal Nabhan, Sid Wright, Jack Laugheed and Abe Allan. Jim stated that Frank Thompson is flying for MATS out of Kelly AFB, Frank Zagorski is flying "tankers" (???) out of Tucson, and Bob Wilson is at Wright-Patterson on a Corps of Engineers District assignment.

Bill Mastoris is with the G-3 section Fifth Army, and living plush in the heart of Chicago. He and Pete Schira are sharing a 3½ room hotel suite. After Bill's promotion to captain, he lost his job as aide to Brigadier General Finn.

Winkey Mallett writes from Fort Bliss where '50 is still pretty well represented by Johnny Vanston, Austin Veatch, Pete Abbruzzese, Bob and Martha Morrison, Dan McDaniel, Grayson and Anne Tate, Phil Donahue, Pop Harrold and D. S. and Jane Wilson. Marshall Talbott is at Fort Campbell, Stan Fye in Los Angeles, Bobby Gard in Chicago, and Al Jennings and Bob and Cyn Eastman are at Fort Sill with a flock of classmates. Before leaving Germany, Wink ran into Jack Crittenberger in Mannheim and Lloyd Mielenz in Stuttgart.

I think it is very appropriate to reprint an article from Mrs. Wheaton's M-2 Newsletters pertaining to John Trent. This appeared originally in the 3rd Division's publication, "Rock of the Marne"

8th ARMY HOOP CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN NEWLY COMMEMORATED JOHN TRENT GYMNASIUM

"The Yong San Gymnasium was officially dedicated March 1 by General Maxwell D. Taylor, 8th Army Commander, in memory of the late Second Lieutenant John Trent, former 3rd Div. officer. The gym, located at the north post, 8th U.S. Army compound, will now be known as the JOHN TRENT GYMNASIUM.

"The ceremony was held just before the opening of the 1954 8th Army Basketball Tournament. Lieutenant Trent was a member of Co. B, 15th Inf. Regt, at the time

of his death in November 1950, near Wonsan, Korea, after only 3 days of action. A high ranking officer in the Corps of Cadets at West Point, he was one of the Point football greats. From his versatile football playing, performing equally well on both defense and offense, Lieutenant Trent was selected by Army's Earl 'Red' Blaik as a coaching aid and served on the staff at West Point before he received his Korean orders.

"Trent was selected by the football writers of America as Football's 'MAN OF THE YEAR' two years ago.

"General Taylor was Superintendent at West Point when Lieutenant Trent was a student there. Present at the ceremony were Major General Charles D. Canham, 3d Div. Commander, and Colonel Charles G. Rich, 15th Regiment Commander.

"I hope that the spirit Lieutenant Trent displayed on the football field and on the fields of battle remains with the gym", said General Taylor"

We concur, Mrs. Wheaton, a wonderful tribute.

Others mentioned in the Newsletter were, Bob Leary at the Army Comptroller School, Syracuse University; Dave and Shirley Campbell, Belleville, Illinois; Rex Jennings with the 3rd Div. in Korea, while wife Dannie and year-old son are presently residing in Forest Hills, New York.

From Boe (Nate) Gallagher at March AFB, California.—Nate is an aircraft commander on a KE 97; Bill Whitfield and Charlie Kuyk are at Salina, Kansas; Cully Mitchell and Earnie Thomas are at Mt. Home, Idaho; Ty Goodman, with SAC flying jets out of Great Falls, Montana; Frank Thompson is an aide (where Boe?) and Frank Watson is out of the Service and attending Ministry School at Princeton.

From Sally (Hal) Strickland—presently at Maxwell with Harry and Lois Steffanson and Pete Nibley; Briggs Jones at Fort Knox.

Combining letters from Elaine (Pat) Wilson in Aschaffenburg, Germany, Bob Reed in Wurzburg, and Lorel (Phil) Bolte in Hersfeld, is news of the following in that area: John and Jane Fox, Gail and Ardath Wilson; and Rufe and Nancy Smith. Tom Lobe recently transferred to Ordnance and is now in Frankfurt. Mike Dowe, whose picture appears with the Fort Benning group (see cut) is a new arrival in Ger-



Class of 1950 Party at the Officers' Mess at Fort Benning on 12 September 1954.

many. Hooper Adams, Paul Mueller, Bob Reed and Bob and Nancy Shaffer, Ed Mastaglio and Dave Monihan are in Wurzburg. Laurie and Joan Eek are in Hersfeld; Cloyce and Joan Mangas are in Bad Kreuznach; Jack Hendry, aiding General Eddleman; Al Paulger is in Augsburg; Carm and Barbara Milia are in Baumbholder; Al and Joan Fern are in Bad Nauheim; to the Southeast, Andy McFarland is a General's Aide in MAAG, Lisbon, Portugal.

Florence and Herb Underwood and Ruth and Art Porcher are organizing a Fifth Reunion Party in Germany, so those of you in that area please contact Art (Co. A. 4th Eng. Bn (c)) or Herb (USAREUR Engineer School). The Underwoods have seen Al Scholl, who is stationed at the Intelligence School in Oberammergau.

Betty and KT Veley, after a short tour at Bedford AFB, will be leaving shortly for Patrick AFB, Florida. Ted York is an ROTC Instructor at MIT; Dick Drury is at Connolly AFB and Steve Cameron is at Fort Holabird, Maryland.

The picture (see cut) was taken at Benning on 12 September. Received no details about the party, but judging from the happy grins (Al Flynn and John Ufner) it must have been very successful. Attending were: Bill and Caroline Baxley, Phil and Sandy Bardos, Chuck and Jo Butler, Bill and Diane Fitts, Lyman and Sarah Ann Hammond, Tug and Pattie Greer, Jim and June Irons, Jim and Jean Lee, Frank and Nancy Pierson, Bill and Lois Slavins, Graham and Nancy Sibbles, G. G. and Shirley Thomas, Al and Irene Flynn, Joe and Beth Griffin, Hersh and Evelyn Chapman, Andy and Kay Rutherford, John and Ann Howard, John and Marilyn Ufner, Chuck and Fay Waters, Tom and Myra Hughes, Tex and Marge Ritter, Mike and Delores Dowe, Dean and Diana Schnoor, Ed and Lee Pierce, Red and Helga Ruppel, Bob and Gloria McBride and Bob and Bobbie Grow.

From various and sundry press releases we learn that Sid Hinds was on the Army's European Pistol team which competed in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in September. Ralph Detherow was recently transferred from the 5th RCT to the 25th Div. which is preparing to move from Korea to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and Bob McCandlish is a student at the Army Aviation School's Tactics Course, Camp Rucker, Alabama.

Promotion poop is old hat by now, but congratulations to everyone anyway!

Wedding announcement—Andy Pick to Miss Frances Boddie on 19 December in Valdosta, Georgia.

Two open invitations to classmates passing through the respective areas: Bill and A. J. Yeoman—2061 Brentwood, East Lansing, Michigan; and Hank and Pattie Gilbert—45 Lakewood Place, Highland Park, Illinois.

Seen at the Navy game were Bob Werner, Russ Glenn, Andy Pick, Ding Price, Ken Hall, Ty Tandler, Frank Watson, Jim Kelly, Tom Barry, Al Fuller, Walt Adams, Dave Cameron, Harvey Prosser, Fred Haberman, Jack Hurst, Pat Tisdale, Emmett Lee, Bob Peltz, Hank Spielman, Bob Basil, Walt Baxter, Hal Gottesman, Jim Horsley, Stud Heit, Dave Hughes, John Brinkerhof, Warde Wheaton, and Mel Johnsrud.

Babies—Good turnout this quarter:

Blues: to Gerry and Helen Kelley (Pat and Mike now), Burke and Lish Lee, the Malcolm McMullens', Sherry and Kent Cooley, Gail and Ardath Wilson, Turk and Rhoda Edwards, Warde and Dode Wheaton, the Bob Leary's, Lois and Bill Slavins, Dave and Shirley Campbell, Nelson and Margaret Thompson, Wally and Jane Nutting (baby's name—John Trent); and Jack and Nancy Pigman, whose announcement

came out in banner headlines of hometown paper—"Eastern Shore Times", Ocean City, Maryland. The headline—"A Vote for Pigman is a Vote for Yourself". "Pigman Announces Presidential Candidacy" What's the story, you ask? Kris arrived on the birthday of the paper!

Pinks: Herb and Florence Underwood, George and Nancy Lear, John and Marie Watson, Hank and Patti Gilbert, Eddie and Ming Ramos, Mary and Doug Pogue, Lou and Peggy Prentiss, Nate and Boe Gallagher, and Bob and Gwyn Groseclose.

Blues are leading the Pinks again!! More yet '50—we've been unique in so many things we might as well have more children than any other class. Number 4 of the writer's family will arrive before Number 1 is 4. No record but still a good average!

See ya June week.

—Lou Genuario.

1951

Another Fall, another football season, another report—without the aid of "traveling music", let's start.

Born to Betty and Chuck Wallens, Jody Lynne on the 21st of July, their second girl. Reporting to Sally and Charlie Bryant a baby girl, Leslie, joining brother Chip. Over in Tokyo, Claudette and Reb Barber made room for their second girl, Saranne, on the 4th of October. Betty and Pete Thomas received Peter Cornell on the 7th of October at Walter Reed. Here in Columbus, some pink in the form of Sandra Jo was presented to Pat and me on the 14th of October. Still flying west, the stork left Rebecca Lynn for Bonnie and Chuck McLean at Fort Sill on the 25th of October. Still crowding the month, the 30th proved to be the day when Anita Lorene joined Mary Ann and John Powell at Mather Field.

Other events were taking place over the past months also. The 7th of August found Phyllis Lou Kline and George Bicher walking down the aisle in Martinsburg, West Virginia. John Cousins followed suit with Mary Edna Schaefer on the 14th of August in Chesapeake City, Maryland. Matt Collins said farewell to BOQs on the 10th of December in Needles, California, and Bruno Giordano decided it was a good idea on the 19th of December in New York City. Wedding bells were heard by Howie Peckham and Jane Goodman on the 11th of December in Petersburg, Virginia. Buzz Aldrin and Joan Archer said their vows on the 29th of December in Ridgewood, New Jersey. To all, congratulations and welcome.

It is with deep regret I report the loss recently sustained by Joan and Joe Lafleur on Okinawa, their second child, a son James Reid, born on the 3rd of May and died on the 12th of June. I know I speak for the class, Joan and Joe, when I say our warmest and wholehearted sympathy is yours.

To be added to the group whose resignations were listed in past issues of this column are the following: Eben Handy, Buck Farrington, Joe Albenda, Ralph Auer, Gabby Hartnett, Don Smith, Cappy Bernstein, Larry Mintz, Kermit Johnson, Jack Bohan, Bugs Sines, Ray Sargent, Jim Cox, Fred Sartin, Charlie McIntosh, Phil Gwynn, Carl Arnold, Phil Barth, Paul Niedringhaus, and Bill Schooley. My advance apologies if any of the above should not have been included.

News comes to us from Fort Bliss in the form of a fine letter from Dolly Bailey. Bruce is now with the 59th AAA Bn, which is attached to the school. Gunnery instructors at Bliss include Hank Evans, Miles Grant, and Bill Crouch, who recently arrived with B. J. Herb and Polly Albritton are also

settled nearby—Herb with Materiél. Bill Depew is in Guided Missiles, and Joe Luger is in TAS. Joe, I understand, recently acquired a wife.

Charlie Bryant, now a civilian since the 11th of June, notes that he and Sally are settled in Madison, Indiana where he is working for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in the Defense Research Div. as an engineer.

Dick Wells, who reported to Fort Carson recently, finds himself with the dubious distinction of being Post Engineer at Camp Hale this year. Passing through Carson Dick ran into Bucky Buckstead and Bob McIlwain, both aides, John Haumerson, commanding a tank company, and Dick Dawson, who although an infantryman, is commanding an engineer company.

News from the Air Force came to life with letters from Ted Post and Buzz Aldrin. Ted recently left Moody AFB (happily) and moved on to Norton AFB at San Bernardino, California where he's making acceptance flights of aircraft being released from the repair depot. The only unhappy note seems to be that he is considerably outranked on location, but feels that L.A. and the California Chamber of Commerce offset any of the possible disadvantages.

Buzz, who has been rooming with Matt Collins at Nellis AFB until their respective marriages tore them from the BOQ, recently passed through the Fighter Weapons School, but generally herds flying school graduates through air training, teaching gunnery. Buzz is presently at Maxwell AFB at the Squadron Officers Course. On a brief stop at Randolph, he ran into Tom McMullen, a maintenance and flight testing project officer at Kelly. Also at Nellis are Bruno Giordano and Ken and Margaret Hite.

Yours truly quaffed a few with Jack Gordon, who is here in Columbus with Harriet and family, representing the SAC contingent at Lockbourne AFB. Jack just returned from England and you'll remember that not too many issues of this column ago he was in Japan. Punjab Anderson and Bob Hechinger are at Lockbourne also, along with Frank and Nancy Fischl. Frank has currently got his teeth into this AIO business.

A note shows Dave and Ruth Carroll now enjoying, I presume, a tour at Michigan State College in East Lansing.

Pete Thomas, now CE, reports in from Fort Belvoir that he is with the Center Regiment. Pete, while recently attending the school, was in one of Guy Jester's classes in Field Fortifications.

George Mieghe caught Howie Steele and Dan Foldberg passing near Fort Jackson on their way to Benning. It was good for about 45 minutes of refighting the war.

In the intriguing Orient word comes that Charlie Crowe is with A Btry, 159th FA Bn, as Exec, in good old Chosen. Don Peifer, recently in Korea with the 25th Div, now finds himself at Schofield Barracks waving pineapples or something in welcome to other elements of the Division. Nort Parks garnered a Certificate of Achievement for his duty with Repl. Co. D at Camp Drake.

Also at Camp Drake is Reb Barber, who is A Co CO of the FEC Sig Serv Bn. Reb and Claudette saw Frank and Ann Sisson and Murt Guild at Yakota AFB in their travels.

Larry Crocker, who has been aide to the Engr, AFPE, and Pat are at long last on their way home from Japan to take up duties with the 231st Engr C Bn at Fort Lewis. Before leaving Larry notes seeing Don and Sarah Leehey, who have also returned to an ROTC assignment, and Frank Hamilton, who is aide for Brigadier General Card-

well. CG of the 40th AAA Brigade. Ev Parkins was still in Tokyo with the 29th Engr Topo Bn on Larry's departure.

On Okinawa Paul Coughlin became General Ogden's aide, vice Bob Prehn on his departure. Al and Doris Frick are back in the States as are Glenn and Jo McChristian. Otherwise the complement is unchanged. Tex Glossbrenner was over for a TDY stay with a flight of F-84s he commands. Frank Hodgkins, whom I don't believe was mentioned before, is on the Rock with the 20th AF.

Swinging across the world to the West, indirect word indicates Don Schwartz is an Exec Off with the 7th AAA Bn and was recently on the staff of the Seventh Army's Fall machine gun school at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Some very interesting notes and clippings on a couple of prominent classmates over that way. Sandy Vandenberg, on a routine flight, bailed out of a burning Sabrejet above Bauschheim, Germany, at about 8,000 feet, and, with the exception of face lacerations, is all right. Sandy is with the 527th Fighter Day Sq of the 86th Fighter Wing, Day.

Other very interesting clippings note Harlan Johnson, with B Co 118th Engr C Bn, making headlines at the Pentathlon world championships in Budapest. Harlan took first place in the pistol shooting event and fourth place in the 300 meter swim, finally taking ninth place for all events in the entire field. Nice goin'!

Although a trifle late, a very Happy New Year 1955 for all of '51 from all of '51.

Incidentally, post cards or change of address cards are always welcome. Whether in or out of the Service, don't put off sending in any news or the names of any classmates you come across. The address is still The Editor, *Assembly* or Lieutenant R. L. Harris, 9824th TSU-CE, Engr Sec, Columbus Gen Depot, Columbus 15, Ohio.

—Buck.

1952

Greetings and Happy New Year!!

We hope the New Year will be prosperous for all even to the point of stirring news letters from here and there. We are all grateful to you who have written and please keep up the good work.

We are very sorry to learn that Don and Nadia Lasher lost their nine-months old son on 3 October 54. Since Korea Don has been assigned with 9423 TU Command and Administrative Communications Agency, Pentagon. Don and Nadie live at 855 S. Frederick Street, Arlington 4, Virginia. Dave and Mary Lyon and son live up the street at 843 S. Frederick. Leo Lennon and his new bride live near also. Herb Hollander is in the Pentagon too, but I don't have Herb's and Adrian's address.

Champ Edwards, formerly with the First Corps, and Chuck Yarbrough, Jim Walters and Vince Bailey, all formerly with the Second Division, have joined the 25th Division for a tour at Schofield Barracks. Gray Parks also includes the following as being with the Lightning Division: Karl Woltersdorf, CC; Tom Fitzpatrick, CC; John Pelton, CC; Larry Mickel, Exec; George Bartel, Exec; Bob Durie, CC, 35th Inf.; Lew Henderson, Bn Mortar Off.; Jimmy Cain, Btry Com., A Btry.; Ed Eckert, B Btry CO; Jack Kleberg, C Btry CO; Paul Child, B

Btry CO; (Henderson through Child are all with the 65th FA Bn.); Harry Baird, Ass't S-3, 90th FA; Everett Richards, Opns Off, 25th Sig. Co.; John Driskell and Ed Wuthrich, both CO's in the 65th Engr Bn; Pete Haines, Exec. and Bob McGowan, CC in the 89th Tk. Bn. Bob Tickle is also an Exec in the 89th. Gray sends locations of many classmates he has seen or heard of recently. Gray, whose wife Betty and daughter Cathy are in Newburgh, is aide to Major General McGaw in the Korean "Com. Z." Thanks, Gray.

Bob Cottey, now assigned to the Armed Forces Far East Headquarters as aide to Chief of Staff, was previously assigned to the 3rd Division.

With the 5th Regimental Combat Team are Bill Snyder, Bn, Adj; Terry Allen, Weapons Co. Platoon Leader; Tom Brodinski, Mortar Co.; Joe Santilli, Bn, Ass't S-3; and Skip Wensyel, Co. Commander.

On Okinawa are Warren Spaulding, Luddy Harrison, and Dick Wiles with the 29th RCT.

Listed with the AAA in Korea are Gene Flanagan, Btry Cmdr; Kermit Bell, Bn, Adj; Dave Eachus Btry Cmdr; Rocky Gleason, Bn, Mtr. Off; Jim Pettit, Btry Cmdr; Ash Speir, Btry Cmdr; Glenn Cordell, Btry Cmdr; Ed Jelen, Btry Exec; Jim Lynch, Btry Cmdr; and Joe Hendrickson, Btry Radar Off, AAA, Japan.

Ace Burkhard is aide to the Commanding General of the 187th, and sends the following names as being with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team: Herb Deiss, Ralph Girdner, Warren Hayford, Don Hegberg, John Kenny, Dick Miller, Dick Ray, John Shy, Dick Stanier, Bill Harrison, Howie Jelinek, Ken Good, Paul Malone, Hank Moseley, George Grayeb, and Sam Hubbard. Thanks for the news, Ace.

Steve Nichols sends news from Fort Bragg: Don Ross is aide to the Commanding General; Mike Boos is with the 325th Airborne Infantry; Mike Juvenal assigned to Hqs. G-3; and Frank Boyer to Reconnaissance Company.

Fred Stevens returned to the States on 7 October 54. He and Betsy will go to Fort Bliss, Texas, after their second honeymoon. Fred saw Joe Gray and Stu Patterson while at Fort Lewis. Stu is aide to the Commanding General, Division Artillery, and Joe is in one of the battalions. Joe and Stu share a bungalow off post—bachelors!!

Carl Guess is Executive Officer in Able Battery, 56th FA, at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Bob Carlone received his silver wings at Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

C. V. Jackson is with Signal on Taegu. Lou Tomasetti is aide to Major General Canham, Commanding General, 3rd Division. Bob Russell is aide to Brigadier General Thompson, Adviser to ROK Army. Ken Keating is aide to Brigadier General Johnson, Ass't Division Commander of the 24th. Bill Raiford is aide to Major General Paul Harkins. Jim Rodrigues has returned to Fort Hood. Bill Spencer is aide to a Major General, and is returning to Fort Benning.

Dick Ray is with the 187th RCT. Doug Slingerland is with Signal at AAFE, Bob Wheeler is aide to Major General Mead, 1st Cav. Dick Lane is in Hq. Camp Zama. Bob Hulley is still with the Honor Guard, AFFE.

Constance Harrison, of El Paso, Texas, and Jim Dietz were married in El Paso. Don Williams and Bill Horn were members of the wedding party. Jim and the bride

are in Demopolis, Alabama, where Jim is Assistant Resident Engineer at the Demopolis Lock and Dam. Pinto Holt and Dorothy Cooper were married in July at Camp Crawford. Announcement has been made of the engagement of Winnie Allen, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel O. L. Allen, to Bub Lichtenwatter.

Ace and Marie Burkhard became the parents of a daughter, Mary Lourdes, born 28 September 54. Jack and Nancy Robinson had their second girl, Nancy Helen, born 18 September 54 at Travis AFB, California. A son was born to Harry and Diane Van Trees on 18 June 54—Stephen Patrick—in Baumholder, Germany. Patti Marie was born 2 July 54 to John and Patti Bart in Germany. George Tronsrue and Florence Kubicki were married on 22 January 54 in the Chapel at Camp Crawford, Sappora, Japan. Pinto Holt was George's best man; Harvey Perritt and Doug Butler were ushers. On 17 November at Tokyo Army Hospital George and Florence welcomed Barbara Lea into the family. George also sends news that Charlie Hoenstine has joined the 1st Cav. Div. Arty, and John Hermann was last seen at Station Complement at Eta Jima.

Ken Simonet will be looking for volunteers—one to take over as Class Representative! If you are interested, please drop Ken a note. I will write, collect and forward the news for the April issue of *Assembly* and we should have the address of the newly appointed representative by then. Until then, continue to write to 3006 Cody Road, Columbus, Georgia, or Co. C, 87th Inf. Regt. 10th Div., Fort Riley, Kansas.

Best wishes to all—

—“Willy.”

1953

Here it is the Christmas season, but I will stop my usual last minute rushing to pay respects to the Class. I did not see many of you at the football games this year. I took in the Columbia, Virginia and Yale games, but the only classmate that I ran into was Rog Ellman, who suffered through the Columbia game with me on a back row at Baker Field. Rog was on leave prior to shipping over.

The Class Secretary, Robert Karns, reported that the Cup has been sent to the Zips, who are currently in Europe. It will be presented by some of our classmates who are in the area. I received an informative letter from Margaret Zipp a short while ago. She and Charlie are at Nurnberg, where he is a pl. ldr. in an Armored Infantry Battalion. Also in the same outfit is John Bringham. His wife, Betty (Byron Tatum's sister), presented him with a 7½ lb. boy in November. In Furth are Bob and Susie Fernandez and Tom McKenna. The Zips saw Glenn Schweitzer, who is at Bohlingen with a Loudspeaker and Leaflet Co. Glenn said that he, Ed Dinges, Jim Effer, and Bob Connor are the only bachelors left from K-2. Margaret says that way back in March John Smythe and Bob Blastos were the first of the Class to view the godson. She also reports that Andy and Susie Simko are in Austria along with the Bruce Hardys, and that Dick and Gloria Flather are over somewhere.

Steve Vogel wrote from Connally AFB at Waco. He and Irma have been there since August, and he will graduate as a Radar Observer in December. He says that

John Hammond and Tex Schneider are there flying T-29's. Bob and Helen Dean and Stan and Nicky Sovern are there also. The following are at Charleston, South Carolina with MATS: Dyke and Patty McCarty and John Krobock and wife. Steve said that John's wife has been very ill, but we are glad to report that she is well now. Tom Rote married Tinka Fautleroy in August and they are now at Mather AFB along with Frank and Dee Marinaro (Dee had a boy, Frank, Jr., in October).

I am sorry that I am going to cut this article short, but maybe after I explain, you will understand. I am in the middle of changing jobs, and all of the packing and related trouble involved in moving are taking all of my time. I am working for a consulting firm in Chicago and will be living in Evanston, so if anyone is in the area, let me know because I am sure I will be lonesome for awhile. I have loads of information to pass on, but maybe I can include it in this column next time. My address will be: Bill Jefferson, 1819 Wesley Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. Thank you for all of the mail that I have been receiving. I hope that it continues, and I will see you all next issue, at which time I will have some interesting news.

—Jeff.

1954

Greetings: thanks to all for the grand replies. With 20-odd letters, even though 50% were delightfully unprintable, there's still plenty of news fit to print.

Corrections and Apologies: through grievous error, it was stated in the last issue of this column that Mark Ormsby was married in October; the correct version is that Mark and Marilyn Crawford were engaged at Christmas. Paul Miller was reported a foot-loose bachelor; his OAO writes that Paul is hooked "but definitely."

Special Requests: BIDWELL! Bruce just had to see it in print.

Special Thanks: to those of '54 who heeded the plea for news, and cheerfully volunteered their services: Joan Bullock, Nancy Skibbie, Barbara Short, John and Irene Klein, Jack and Jo Kincaid, Bob and Liz Morris, Jan and Janie Le Croy, Dick Hoy, John Tilley, Ben Schemmer, Doug Dwyre, Bill Hauser, and John Bard.

The Letter-an-Issue-Club: a monument shall be erected to thank these dependable reporters: Andre and Gene Broumas, Bob and Terry Garwood, Dick and Cay Kavanaugh, Bill and Lelia Schulz, John and Rosemary Weiler, Leon Bryant, Jack Dennis, Don Geiger, Paul Lansky, Prop Walker, and John Marcus.

Celebrities: Skip Combs and Pete Leone, of All-America lacrosse fame, were feted at a banquet for the '54 All-America team at the Hotel Statler in New York City on December 11th.

Appreciation: The Class presented miniature class rings to the parents of our classmates who died in the Arizona crash in 1951. John Tilley reports that all these families have expressed their deep appreciation, and wished all of '54 happy and successful careers. Contact John for any of their addresses.

Class Party: on December 4th at Benning, 200-plus ladies and lieutenants of '54,

representing Signal Corps, Engineers, Air Force from Bainbridge and Spence, and Infantry, gathered for a thoroughly successful party. Joan Lieber proposed, organized, and did a great deal for the party. This included a huge Xmas tree, tables decorated with candles and greenery, a ceiling hung with spun glass balls, colored bulbs and crepe paper. A four-piece combo played, and all had a grand time.

"The Cup"—Rules: all contestants for this honor will submit full name, weight, date, hour and place of arrival to this correspondent at the address below. This data will forthwith be forwarded to the Class President. Final decision will be made by the Class Officers.

"The Cup" — Registered Contestants: these are the contenders; this writer accepts no responsibility for omission or error. Engineers: Glen and Mary Creath, Frank and Nancy Meador, Don and Elaine Newnham. Signal Corps: Bill and Sally Paul. Field Artillery: "Everyone—almost." Thank you, Bill Hauser. AAA: Bill and Joan Allan, Tom and Kathie Flaherty, and the George Milligans. Air Force at Bartow: Jim and Mary Fraher, Don and Joan Larson, Bob and Margaret Linton. Air Force at Hondo: Gene and Lil Allred, and the Pat Murphys. Then there is the Infantry: Don and Helene Alameda, Bob and Janette Blaisdell, Don and Sandra Bradbury, Bud and Nancy Boose, Bill and Carolyn Carroll, George and Jane Calhoun, Sam and Dolores Greer, Wade and Nancy Hampton, Bill and Edice Jessee, Luke and Nancy Callaway, John and Dottie Farrar, Wes and Dolores Gheen, Bill and Mary Kirby, Jim and Joan Moore, the Lee Levenskys, Jack and Francis Munsey, Joe and Gretchen Peisinger, Quay and Joan Snyder, Jim and Marlene Scovel, Tiny and Dorothy Tomsen, Jug and Barbara Teberg, Bill and Lauretta Winston, and Don and Johanna York.

Newlyweds: here's all the news available about the first of the bachelors to abandon life at the BOQ. From Bainbridge: Bill Boucher and Shirley Ann Oelsner on September 25; Al White and Helen Wilson on November 24; Wayne Cantrell and Patricia Fay Webb at Franklinton, Louisiana, on December 19. From AAA: Dick Grinder and Peggy Fletcher at Birmingham, Alabama, on November 27. From Infantry: Bob Morris and Liz Armstrong at Miami on November 27; Dick Hoy and Jane Todd at Scarsdale, New York, on December 21; Robert R. Stewart and Jean Teague at East Northport, Long Island, on December 26. But the Artillery leads the list with the following stepping to the altar on Xmas leave: Wally Christensen, Shap Drisko, Chuck Stodter, Doug Stuart, Lowell Toreson, and Tom Van Natta.

Engagements: making official plans are: Ben Schemmer and Cynthia Blythe Sweatt of Orlando, Florida; Leon Bryant and Bobbie Stanley of Newburgh, New York. The bachelors at Bliss were restless too; Jim Slogar, Paul Jenkins, Jim Surber, Paul Reistrup, and Bob Badger all presented rings to OAOs.

Branch Comparison: here are some interesting direct quotes from your letters; the authors' identities will not be revealed. Artillery: "No PE, No SI, almost no homework—a horrible deadbeat." Armor: "The AOBC is extremely thorough—every phase of Armor Commo, Maintenance, Gunnery, and small unit tactics. The work is extremely simple tho, requiring a minimum (if any) out of class study." Infantry: "It's those 15-hour days again only three night problems next week only

14 days to go wouldn't trade this life for anything!"

Oxfordians: John Bard, Ames Albro, and Dale Vesser have completed their first term of Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics at Oxford. John explained the Oxford system: "The three eight-week terms, and the two six-week vacations at Christmas and Easter, with three and a half months free in the summer, combine to give a year that seems well-balanced—unless one doesn't like school at all." Ames stays in shape by rowing, Dale is on the pistol team and travels all over Europe playing lacrosse, while John throws the hammer and plays "jolly rugby." Incidentally, "the name has changed from 'the jolly rugger team,' to 'the humpties' here—the influence of West Point, I guess."

Society: "on December 14th all the ladies of '54 at Sill had a Christmas Tea Party at Seley Fuller's. Seley, aided by Thelma Goodwin, Virginia Sugg and Barbara Short, served cranberry punch over a table of red and green, decorated with candles of tapered sizes and mistletoe." Another development at Sill was the progressive dinner—each course of a meal is served at a different house. Enjoying this were the John Lohmans, Dick Suggs, Bob Goodwins, Lennie Fullers, Don Panzers, and Audrey Shorts.

Putting One Word After Another: at Hondo: Jody Rude is the self-appointed Morale Officer; he and Ann threw another beer bust; the new Officers Club was broken in with a great Halloween Party; Bill Thomas spent Thanksgiving weekend at Houston's famous Shamrock Hotel, and returned with a satisfied smirk on his face. At Bartow: married folks live in Winter Haven; on weekends many dash to Miami or Daytona; bachelors are all enjoying single bliss. At Marana: Phil and Anne Vollman boast a house with patio and barbecue pit; with U. of Arizona nearby at Tucson, the bachelors are quite happy; Barron Fredericks had an appendectomy, but made up the lost time; Bob Muns is said to be so happy with life in his native Arizona that new fuzz is sprouting on that shiny pate. At Benning: orders for Panama and the Antilles were the big surprise; a majority of the infantrymen volunteered for Ranger and Airborne; Ben Schemmer and Paul Schweikert dash 177 miles to Florida State U. at Tallahassee every weekend, and even on a weekday night at times; Tex Bacon set a Benning record on the PT test with a score of 488.

Civilians: now a word about those of '54 living in that other world. Johnny Klein's wife, Irene, writes that his eye troubles increased, and in October Johnny was operated on by one of the top doctors in the East. The class hopes that this finds Johnny with sight completely restored, and back to work in his father's real estate and insurance agency at Long Island City. Among the others: Neil Chamberlin works for Standard Oil; he and Ruth are home-making at Irvington, New Jersey. Rog and Susan Kolker live in White Plains; Rog is an assistant to a vice-president of Avco Manufacturing in New York City. Your correspondent, a somewhat weakened bachelor, struggles for survival in the Foul City for Western Electric.

Bon Voyage: to all as they head for their first permanent posts. Sorry, not enough room to print all the orders you sent. Let's hear from you all soon. Next deadline is March 1st. Same address: James G. Plunkett, 2 Highland Lane, North Tarrytown, New York.

—Jim.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the October 1954 ASSEMBLY

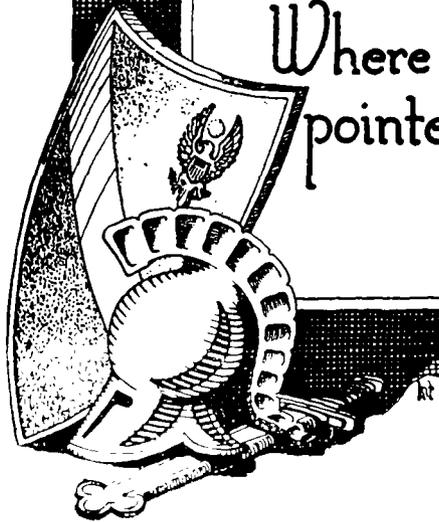
Name	Class	Date	Place
Edgar S. Walker	1883	January 1, 1955	Gainesville, Florida
Thomas H. Slavens	1887	December 24, 1954	San Antonio, Texas
Butler Ames	1894	November 7, 1954	Tewksbury, Massachusetts
William B. Ladue	1894	October 21, 1954	West Point, New York
Casper H. Conrad, Jr.	1895	August 12, 1954	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
James F. Brady	1897	December 10, 1954	St. Petersburg, Florida
Frederick E. Johnston	1897	September 29, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Paul S. Bond	1900	January 9, 1955	Washington, D. C.
Owen G. Collins	1903	November 5, 1954	Arlington, Virginia
Robert M. Campbell	1904	September 25, 1954	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Felix W. Motlow	1905	November 9, 1954	Tullahoma, Tennessee
Charles L. Scott	1905	November 27, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Sanderford Jarman	1908	October 15, 1954	Boston, Massachusetts
Raymond F. Topper	Ex-1908	December 14, 1954	West Chester, Pennsylvania
Harold M. Rayner	1912	December 8, 1954	Peekskill, New York
Walter M. Robertson	1912	November 22, 1954	San Francisco, California
Gilbert S. Brownell	1915	December 26, 1954	New Rochelle, New York
John H. C. Williams	1915	December 24, 1954	New York, New York
Ralph I. Sasse	1916	October 15, 1954	Lewes, Delaware
Arthur W. Pence	November 1918	November 8, 1954	Fort Belvoir, Virginia
Paul E. Tombaugh	1920	September 29, 1954	Washington, D. C.
Samuel Roth	1930	January 3, 1955	Washington, D. C.
W. Bruce Logan	1933	December 20, 1954	Germany
John F. Mangan	1944	December 3, 1954	Germany
William J. Glunz	1945	*MIA November 26, 1950 DED December 31, 1953	Korea
Mahlon A. Smith, II	1949	November 11, 1954	Ethan Allen AFB, Vermont
Terrell B. Mallard	1952	February 17, 1954	Korea
Eugene F. Wirth	1954	January 11, 1955	Bainbridge AFB, Georgia

EDITOR'S NOTE: The date of death of George Dillman, Class of 1905, published in the LAST ROLL CALL in the October 1954 issue of ASSEMBLY as July 26, 1954, was in error. The correct date of his death is July 24, 1954. The place of death of Thomas F. Taylor, Class of 1929, published in the LAST ROLL CALL in the October 1954 issue of ASSEMBLY as Washington, D. C. was in error. The correct place of death is Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

*MIA—Missing in Action; DED—Officially Declared Dead.

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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“Be Thou At Peace”

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CLEARY, M. H.	1924	JUNE 15, 1954	51
CRESS, G. O.	1884	MAY 8, 1954	43
DILLMAN, G.	1905	JULY 24, 1954	45
FORD, L. P.	1909	OCTOBER 22, 1953	46
FOSTER, G. E.	1950	DECEMBER 31, 1953	56
HALLORAN, J. J.	1952	MAY 19, 1954	57
HENN, J. S.	1925	JUNE 26, 1954	51
HORAN, R. M.	1945	OCTOBER 17, 1950	53
KRAPF, G. W.	1913	NOVEMBER 16, 1953	49
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George Oscar Cress

NO. 3047 CLASS OF 1884

DIED MAY 8, 1954, IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AGED 91 YEARS.

GEORGE OSCAR CRESS was taken suddenly, after a fall. He remained young to the last. After the first shock of his passing, those who knew and therefore loved him feel that his life was triumphant proof that "Old soldiers never die!" We can never lose him.

Graduating youngest in the class of 1884, Lieutenant Cress was assigned to the old Seventh Cavalry, Custer's regiment in the Dakotas. There followed a distinguished cavalry career, culminating in the organization of a cavalry regiment for service in World War I. Cavalry assignments were interspersed with staff and school details. In 1899 he transported horses by sailing



ship to Manila. He then won distinction as an indomitable fighter under General Lawton in Luzon. In 1911 he went to the Army War College. In 1916 he was Inspector General for General Pershing in Mexico. In World War I he was made Brigadier General. He was commended by the Chief of Field Artillery for special and unusual zeal in learning artillery technique. He was retired in 1926 and his farewell message was written personally by the Chief of Staff of the Army, who knew and loved him.

After World War I General Cress was asked by the Adjutant General of the Army to administer the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, which needed special attention. It is characteristic that he cheerfully accepted this assignment which drew him away from the pathways of ambition; and won not only the profuse gratitude of the Adjutant General but also a nation-wide acclaim of civilian prison authorities. One of these exclaimed that he had expected to find an Army prison rather grim, whereas under General Cress, the Leavenworth institution was an example for American prisons, because of wise humanitarianism. As a result, when he retired, General Cress was offered positions such as Warden of Massachusetts State Prison, and Superintendent, House of Refuge New York. His subsequent interest in the problems of the human delinquent never ceased, and he contributed significant articles on

the related subject of character-building for youth. He could never resist sympathizing with the down-trodden.

From cadet days onward General Cress had outstanding records. There is overwhelming evidence that his commanders saw in him a man who was never self-seeking, and always self-giving. He was superior in devotion and sacrifice; preeminently a man of character, with a character second to none. His life could be summed up in the words of one who served under him:—"Whatever an officer, gentleman, Christian, and friend should be, he was!"

In 1886 Lieutenant Cress married Dora Dean, who rode west to his frontier station in a two-horse carriage, and was his faithful partner for sixty-eight years. He is survived by his beloved wife; their son, Major General James B. Cress, Class of 1914; their daughter Cornelia Cress, prominent horsewoman in California; and by a host of friends and admirers.

True son of West Point we salute thee!

—Bradford Grethen Chynoweth, Class of 1912.

George Henry McManus

NO. 3520 CLASS OF 1893

DIED AUGUST 27, 1954, IN LETTERMAN ARMY HOSPITAL, PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. AGED 86 YEARS.

GEORGE HENRY MCMANUS was born in Lincoln Township, Iowa, December 23, 1867, the son of Thomas P. and Sarah McManus, and sixth generation descendant of John McManus, who came from Ireland, and settled in Indiana.

His father Thomas P. McManus served in the Illinois Volunteers during the Civil War for three years, was three times wounded and was finally discharged as a First Lieutenant. He was an admirer of General Grant, and attributed Grant's success to his training at West Point. On this account he encouraged his son to take a competitive examination for congressional appointment. George won the appointment over forty-one competitors, and entered the Military Academy in June 1889.

He was very popular with his class, admired for his superior mind and well liked for his genial, friendly manner.

MILITARY HISTORY.—Cadet at the U.S.M.A., from June 15, 1889 to June 12, 1893, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to

(ADD. SECOND LIEUT. OF ARTILLERY, 5TH ARTILLERY, JUNE 12, 1893)

(SECOND LIEUT. OF ARTILLERY, 3D ARTILLERY, JUNE 30, 1893)

Served: At Fort McPherson, Ga., Sept. 30 to Nov. 15, 1893; Fort Barrancas, Fla., to Sept., 1896.—U. S. Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va., to May 13, 1898 (Graduate, 1898).—Fort Point, Cal., to Aug. 20, 1898; Circle City, Alaska, to June 17, 1899; Fort Egbert, Alaska, to Aug. 4, 1899.—(In command of Battery A, 3d Artillery, since June 4, 1898.)

(FIRST LIEUT. OF ARTILLERY, 3D ARTILLERY, MARCH 2, 1899)—Angel Island, San Francisco, Cal., to April, 1900; Fort Point, Cal., to July 29, 1900; China Relief Expedition, China, to Nov. 20, 1900; Binan, Laguna Province, P. I., to Sept. 4, 1901.

(CAPTAIN, ARTILLERY CORPS, JULY 1, 1901)

Commanding 104th Company, Coast Artillery, and Constructing Quartermaster, Fort Washington, Md., to Dec. 30, 1902.

(CAPTAIN, QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, BY DETAIL, FROM DEC. 30, 1902 TO DEC. 29, 1906)—Constructing Quartermaster, Fort Washington, Md., to May 18, 1903; Constructing Quartermaster (rebuilding post), Fort Totten, N. Y., to Dec. 29, 1906; (to duty with the Coast Artillery Corps, Dec. 30, 1906); at Fort Totten, N. Y., to Sept. 1, 1907; Student Officer, School of Submarine Defense, Fort Totten, N. Y., to Aug. 1, 1908 (Graduate, 1908). Artillery Engineer, Coast Defenses of Boston, Mass., August, 1908, to April, 1910; commanding Coast Defenses of San Diego, Cal., June, 1910, to

(MAJOR, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS, JULY 1, 1910)

May, 1912; at San Francisco, Cal., in Inspector General's Department, May 1912, to March, 1916; at Fort Worden, Wash., Fort Commander, June, 1916, to



(LIEUT.-COLONEL, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS, JULY 1, 1916)

(COLONEL, TEMPORARY, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS, AUG. 5, 1917)

October, 1917; at Hoboken, N. J., Troop Movement Officer, Port of Embarkation, November, 1917, to

(BRIGADIER-GENERAL, TEMPORARY, U. S. A., OCT. 1, 1918)

(COLONEL, COAST ARTILLERY CORPS, AUG. 22, 1919.)

Sept., 1919; at Army Base, Norfolk, Va., commanding Army Base and Port of Embarkation, Newport News, Va., Sept., 1919, to—

RETURNED TO GRADE OF COLONEL, OCT. 31, 1919.

Initial General Staff Corps list, 1920;

(DETAILED IN THE GENERAL STAFF CORPS, AUG. 25, 1920.)

Aug. 25, 1920; en route to Philippine Islands, Sept., 1920, to Dec., 1920; at Headquarters, Philippine Department, Manila, P. I., Assistant Chief of Staff, Dec., 1920, to Nov., 1922; en route to U. S. Nov., 1922, to Jan., 1923; at Atlanta, Ga., Headquarters, Fourth Corps Area, Chief of Staff, Jan., 1923, to

(RELIEVED FROM DETAIL, GENERAL STAFF CORPS, JULY 1, 1924.)

July 1, 1924; at Fort Eustis, Va., commanding post, Aug., 1924, to Aug., 1926;

(DETAILED IN THE GENERAL STAFF CORPS, SEPT. 1, 1926.)
at Fort Amador, Canal Zone, Chief of Staff, P. C. Division, Sept., 1926, to Oct., 1927; at Quarry Heights, C. Z., Chief of Staff, P. C., Dept., Oct., 1927, to July, 1929.

(RELIEVED FROM DETAIL, GENERAL STAFF CORPS, JULY 24, 1929.)
at Headquarters, First Corps Area, Boston, Mass., Executive for Organized Reserves, First Coast Artillery District and Commanding First Coast Artillery District, Dec. 1, 1929 to Dec. 31, 1931.

(BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S.A., RETIRED, DECEMBER 31, 1931)

BY OPERATION OF LAW.

Awarded

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

"For exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service as Executive Officer and Troop Movement Officer, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N. J. Through his very able organization and administration of these important offices the transport of troops and supplies overseas was materially aided."

Awarded

NAVY CROSS.

"The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting to you the Navy Cross for distinguished service in the line of your profession in charge of troop movements at the Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N. J. Your successful administration of troop movements and close co-operation with the Navy resulted in the rapid loading of troops at Hoboken and consequent quick turn-arounds made by troop transports, during the prosecution of the war against the Central Empires."

As an example of how General McManus was looked upon by his subordinates the following is quoted from a letter to Colonel G. H. McManus from Colonel E. S. Turner:

"I first knew your father in 1907 when as a young recruit I reported to him when he commanded the 87th Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Totten, New York. Later in the mid twenties I served under him when he commanded Fort Eustis, Virginia. I was his Sergeant Major there.

"Thru the years I learned to love and respect him. Long before it appeared in the regulations he ruled and governed his command 'with kindness, firmness and justice'. His forbearance was remarkable, for I have seen him calm and quiet under the most difficult conditions.

"During the years I had the good fortune to serve under him I tried to learn as much as I could of his principles and policies, and this knowledge helped me immeasurably in later years when I became a commanding officer. Frequently when problems would arise I would ask myself—how would Colonel McManus handle this?— and I seemed to always come up with the right answer."

Services were held in the Chapel of the Presidio of San Francisco, August 30, 1954, and interment was in the Cemetery of the Presidio.

At the ceremony, the following hymn, composed by Lieutenant Colonel Arthur M. Edwards, was rendered by Corporal Robert Whitley:

"My Savior, my Savior, I come to Thee for all eternity;

Thy glories shine in this heart of mine
for heavenly life above;
And Thy saving grace brings me face
to face with love."

General McManus' survivors are his daughters: Mrs. H. W. McCarthy and Miss Mary Alice McManus; and two sons, Colonel G. H. McManus and Colonel T. K. McManus.

—L. F. Kilbourne.

Herbert Arthur White

NO. 3624 CLASS OF 1895

DIED DECEMBER 7, 1947, AT FORT SAM
HOUSTON, TEXAS, AGED 77 YEARS.

WHEN Herbert Arthur White went to West Point in June 1891 for his entrance examinations, it was with a justified con-



fidence that he would pass the tests. Two of his brothers had preceded him at the Point, each of them graduating in the upper fifth of his class. "Artie", as he soon became known to his classmates, knew from the first just what he was getting into. Almost at once, he became one of the leaders of his class, recognized not only for his scholarship, which was even superior to that of his brothers, but for his sound judgments and genuine comradeship.

Two things, which occurred during his life at the Point, stand out in my memory: the spill from his horse during a cavalry charge and his Fourth of July oration in our First Class year. I don't remember now how the spill happened. Artie was one of our best riders and had his eye on the Cavalry, the arm selected by both of his brothers for their Army service. The Cavalry Parade was of hard-packed gravel. Artie lit on his face and the doctors at the hospital, over a period of several days, had a time extracting particles of the Parade from this prominent feature of his body.

Artie had been selected to deliver the customary address on the Fourth of July of our First Class year. This oration, as it proved to be, revealed to his classmates and others his facility and power of expression.

In recognition of his character and leadership, he was selected by the Commandant as the senior cadet instructor in charge of the Class of 1898 at the time of its

initiation into the Service and the trying period of what was termed then as "beast barracks". Artie showed that even in that early period of his military career he had that high quality of leadership that inspires confidence, admiration and an unalterable and zealous desire amongst those commanded to follow, if called upon, even into the worst of infernos.

As evidence of this, I quote the following from a letter of Major General Amos A. Fries, writing of White: "His military achievements, standing and bearing throughout his military career and since have been such as to make the Class of 1898 feel that their first great admiration for him was well founded, and the survivors today (nearly 50 percent) of the class feel the same devotion to his memory that they did in those last weeks in June 1894"

Following graduation, Artie received the assignments of his choice to the arm and to the post with the 6th Cavalry at Fort Myer, Va. While he was at this station, he took a course in law during his spare time and at nights, in due time receiving his degree. Whether or not he was looking far ahead with the foresight natural to him, to a profession to be followed after retirement from active service or even then to eventual service in the Judge Advocate General's Department, or possibly, and what would be surprising to his classmates, to resignation from the Army to practice law, I do not know; but just about then the Spanish-American War, followed by the Philippine Insurrection and the Chinese Boxer Rebellion, occurred, all of these turning his soldier's mind and inclinations towards what he had gone to West Point for, and filling his life with the pursuits of a Cavalry officer, much of it in campaign.

Probably, the most unique and interesting service he had in the Cavalry was the campaign against the Chinese Boxers in 1900 during the relief of the legations in Peking. This was the first war in our history where our Army fought alongside those of other European and Asiatic nations in virtual alliance on the battlefield.

A few years later, Artie, then a captain, was at the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth as an instructor in law and equitation. In addition at this time, he edited the Cavalry Journal.

One of the student officers there at that time, who afterwards became prominent in the Service, had this to say about Artie: "I joined his class in equitation soon after my arrival and very promptly began to admire and respect him greatly both as an officer and as an instructor. **Like every other officer in my class and those on duty at the School, I considered Arthur one of the most likeable and efficient officers on the School staff.** Yes, I knew Herbert A. White and revered him".

Artie took the Army War College course in 1912. By that time our horizon was again free from war clouds. As the years of his war experiences receded and the outlook for his chosen arm to continue as the most glamorous service in the Army became less and less inviting, it seems that Artie's thoughts and ambitions turned again towards the law. The next year he was transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Department.

Shortly after our entry into World War I, I found Artie as the senior officer of his department on the staff of the Commanding General of the Panama Canal Zone, where I happened to be serving also for about three months. Although our duties had nothing in common, I did learn then,

in this only service we ever had together since leaving West Point, that he was held in the same esteem and his ability and character had the same high estimate there by officers generally as it appears was the case everywhere he ever served.

Duty there and in the War Department in Washington claimed him until after the armistice following World War I, and he was not sent to Europe in spite of his needling desire, until after hostilities ceased. As it was then, it was more likely that conditions during the military government made a greater demand upon his lawyer's talents within the unmarked deserts of no precedents than would have been required of him at any place during the period of active hostilities. His award of the Distinguished Service Medal recognized the exceptional ability with which this test of legal knowledge, tact and common sense was met.

After returning to the United States Artie had one year as Professor of Law at West Point. He had to leave on his new assignment before his successor arrived at West Point. Artie's consideration for others and his way of doing business, volunteering unrequired work in helpfulness to others and in betterment of the job, are exemplified by the statement of this relieving officer, who afterwards became the Assistant Judge Advocate General, that before leaving West Point, White left a long memorandum covering the job and that it was found to be quite useful.

To find out what a well-rounded and dependable reputation of an officer is, one should get the opinions of three classes: first, that of his superiors in command; second, that of his juniors in the command hierarchy; and third, that of his contemporaries. Representative opinion of the first two classes respecting Herbert A. White has already been given in this sketch. An example of the third class, the opinion of his contemporaries, is evidenced in a letter from an officer who became the Judge Advocate General of the Army before he retired. Writing of White, he said: "I shared the admiration of all the officers of the J.A.G. Dep't. as to his sterling character as a man and as a lawyer"

In the early nineteen twenties, an event occurred which probably profoundly affected the military career of Artie White: General Billy Mitchell, who had been our senior air officer in the A.E.F. during World War I, was then publicly advocating revolutionary advancements in the role of the Air Force in war, with so much conviction, enthusiasm and contrariness to the established policies of the War Department that he ran afoul of that policy-making agency and was charged by court-martial with insubordination.

Mitchell, then in command of the only assembled signal company in our Army, had met Artie at Fort Leavenworth in 1904 when he was an instructor in law there at the Infantry and Cavalry School. Knowing of Artie's reputation then and since, it was natural for Mitchell to desire Artie as his counsel in his court-martial and to apply for him. White, then a colonel, was duly assigned as Mitchell's counsel.

Artie gave to this duty his best efforts, as he did to all his duties. Several of the senior generals of the Army were members of this court. Believing that two of these generals were prejudiced, White challenged them, one peremptorily and the other for cause, resulting in their being excused from further attendance. Nevertheless, in spite of this and of the other proper measures taken in Mitchell's behalf by his counsel,

Billy was found guilty, and his spectacular Army service came to an end.

Many Army officers, especially those in the Air Service, believed that Mitchell was a symbol of the coming air might of our country. These officers and great numbers of newspaper men and other leaders and formers of public opinion throughout the country straightway made a martyr of Billy Mitchell, and that is the sacrificial and heroic place he holds now in the hearts and minds of millions of our people.

Repercussions from this conviction were felt by members of the court, who resented the criticism and widely-held unfavorable opinions of so many of our people. Although Artie, of course, had nothing to do with the creation of this martyrdom nor with the multiplication of these unfavorable opinions of the court, many of his friends, and perhaps he himself, believed that the resentment of some members of the court extended even to Colonel White.

Whether their beliefs were justified or not, many of Artie's friends believed that his vigorous defense of Billy Mitchell and the aftermath of long continued resentments affected Artie's subsequent career. It is likely that no one except those in the War Department directly concerned with the recommendations and with the appointments of the several Judge Advocate Generals of the Army, made between the Mitchell court-martial and White's retirement, will ever know whether or not these aftermaths of the trial had anything to do with Artie's failure to reach the position of head of his department, a natural ambition for one so well fitted.

Ever since his retirement many officers, and perhaps Artie himself, have believed that this trial, more than anything else, was the cause of this thwarting of ambition. If a martyr must emerge from this unfortunate court-martial, it would seem more just that it should have been White rather than Mitchell, because Artie acted always within the lawful bounds of required duty, while Billy was found by the court to have acted outside the law.

After Artie's retirement, he became Attorney-in-fact for the United Services Automobile Association, and afterwards Secretary-Treasurer of that organization. He gave to this Association, during an extended period of its expansion, the same kind of level headed and experienced advice and devotion to duty that he always had done in the service of his country.

At the time of his death, he was a thirty-third degree Mason and one of the organizers of the Army lodge in the Panama Canal Zone. He was Master of that lodge and First District Grand Master of the Canal Zone Masonic District. He was a member of the National Sojourners and a trustee of that order.

Artie was an understanding and good mixer with men, who in whatever sort of society they might be, recognized in him, ability, kindness and leadership. The Northwood Anchor, the newspaper of the Worth County, Iowa, town near which Artie was born and lived his young boyhood, characterized Herbert Arthur White as "Worth County's most distinguished soldier"

If our West Point class in 1895 had followed the present practice of many universities and college senior classes of voting upon the member of their classes most likely, in their opinion, to succeed in after life, I would have expected Artie White to be very high in the running. If the measure of success were determined altogether

by the number of stars a West Point graduate eventually wears on his shoulders, Artie's career might have been disappointing; but, of course, success in the Army, as in every other honorable walk in life, is not determined by any such flimsy criterion. Better criteria are the ways one meets the crises of life, the quality of his every-day sense of duty, one's own satisfaction in his total output, and, perhaps the most decisive of all, the informed opinion of his contemporaries, the men who have lived with him under the varied conditions of long service.

By these tests, Herbert Arthur White's service was an exemplary success. His Alma Mater can point out with justified pride his number 3624 in the Long Gray Line and say: "There stands a man, who seems to be fading into a shadowy mist but who actually lives in tradition and by example to point the way to the West Point men of tomorrow".

—P. L. M.

George Dillman

NO. 4370 CLASS OF 1905

DIED JULY 24, 1954, AT EL PASO, TEXAS,
AGED 72 YEARS.

WITH the passing of "Bill" Dillman we have lost one more from the thinning ranks



of the old riders and horsemen, an outdoor man skilled in polo, hunting and fishing and, at the same time, a student versed in the theory and art of war with experience both in command and staff duty, one calm in action and never frustrated by emergency, a devoted husband and father, loyal to the Army, his arm, his regiment and his many friends, an officer and a gentleman.

A native of Wyoming, Bill graduated from West Point with the class of 1905 and joined the 6th Cavalry, a famous organization whose regimental standard carries as many ribbons as a maypole. Much of his service was with this regiment which he loved and finally commanded.

He served on the Border, in the Philippines and in France during World War I. He was a student and instructor at the Field Artillery School, a student at the General Staff College at Langres, a distinguished graduate and instructor at the Command and General Staff School, and a grad-

uate of the Army War College. He served also on the War Department General Staff in Washington and on the staff of the Eighth Corps Area. At the time of his retirement he was in command of Fort Brown, Texas, a border post where he supervised the training of a combat unit and did much to establish and maintain cordial relations with our neighbors in Mexico.

He married Catharine, "Kitty", Porter, a Texan, and, like himself, a Westerner; who survives him and is now living in El Paso. It was a long and happy marriage to a wife who shared his friends, assisted him socially and presided over a happy household noted for its hospitality. His two sons served in World War II and are now well established in civil life.

Bill's last years were clouded by a long and painful illness, borne with the greatest fortitude and cheerfulness. To the end he was uncomplaining, considerate, good-natured and helpful to his friends.

—Kinzie Edmunds.

Emil Pehr Pierson

NO. 4592 CLASS OF 1907

DIED NOVEMBER 3, 1951, AT PRINCETON,
ILLINOIS, AGED 68 YEARS.

BRINGING to this country the reflectiveness and calm that have been so needed in recent years, Emil Pehr Pierson was born in Malmö, Sweden, on May 25, 1883, the son of Carl and Bengta Pierson. With them he came to this country as a child. His education was in the Princeton, Illinois, schools and he graduated from high school the same year that he received a Congressional appointment to the Military Academy. To his friends—and they included everyone who knew him—he was known as "Pang"

Pang chose the Cavalry upon graduation in 1907 and served in the Philippines from 1909 to 1912, marrying Miss Hannah Adelia Peterson in April of 1909. On his return to the States he was on duty with the 14th Cavalry along the Mexican Border, his regiment forming part of the Sibley-Langhorne Expedition into Mexico in May 1916.

Being an excellent rifle shot he was assigned as instructor at the School of Musketry at Fort Sill in August 1916. With the World War coming on, he was promoted Major of Infantry, National Army, and assigned as Division Ordnance Officer of the 87th Division at Camp Pike in August 1917. In May 1918 he was ordered to duty at the Machine Gun Training Center at Camp Hancock, Georgia, where he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry in October 1918.

After the armistice Pang was called for duty with the General Staff Corps, where he was Chief of Foreign Relations, an office that was transferred to the office of the Assistant Secretary of War in 1920. In May 1921 Pang was ordered to France to settle claims of foreign nations that arose during World War I. Accompanied by his wife, he visited various countries and it was a great pleasure to me to meet them then—the first time since graduation. At the end of his tour he was given three months' leave, visiting Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Holland, the British Isles, as well as seeing the battlefields.

On being relieved from duty in the office of the Assistant Secretary of War he was detailed as a student at the Command and General Staff School, graduating in 1925;

this was followed by two years in command of the 2d Squadron of the 14th Cavalry at Fort Des Moines. On leaving the 14th Cavalry he became Inspector General of the then Eighth Corps Area at Fort Sam Houston.

His tour at Fort Sam Houston was interrupted in 1929 by his designation as Military Attaché to the Scandinavian Countries with station at Stockholm, Sweden, where he spent four years. Given leave at the end of his tour of duty, he and his wife motored through Europe again, including Poland, Austria, Germany and Holland. This was followed by a Mediterranean cruise, during which they visited Sicily, Africa, Gibraltar and Portugal.

Returning to the States in 1934, he was assigned as Assistant Commandant of the Atlantic Branch of the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks. He remained on this duty until 1936, when he was made Chief of Staff of the 87th Division, Organized Reserves. In 1939 he became Chief of Staff of the 3d Military Area.



Visiting Mayo General Hospital at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1945, I found Pang seriously ill. He improved under treatment and we enjoyed reviewing experiences since meeting overseas and the days at Leavenworth. He told me many stories of his experiences in the three capitals of Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

As a hobby after being retired, Pang established a workshop in the basement of his house, devoting himself to repairing electrical devices and clocks—particularly electrical and "Grandfather" clocks—or anything else that his friends had that needed repair. Fond of good books, he spent much of his spare time in reading. He was a member of the Army and Navy Club of Washington, also a member of the local posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an active member of the First Lutheran Church of Princeton, Illinois, in which city he died on November 3, 1951.

His service brought him the Mexican Campaign Medal, World War I Victory Medal, American Defense Medal, American Service Medal and the Victory Medal of World War II. He was, also, an Officer of the Order of Leopold II, Belgium.

Pang's attitude toward life and his friends was manifested particularly during his illness at Mayo General Hospital. At that time he had to have frequent oxygen treatments. He was patient in the extreme and highly appreciative of what the med-

ical officers and nurses were doing for him. He told me one story of an experience of his boyhood days that showed the tolerance and gentle kindness that were among his characteristics. One of his classmates who knew Pang probably better than anyone during cadet days relates that he was truly a great soul, for while endowed with a nature that was charming in its simplicity and warmth, he had an indomitable moral fibre that always was completely unyielding to anything that did not measure up to his high ideals of what was true or right.

As is true of all who are naturally cheerful, Pang always lifted those around him with his cheer and buoyant good humor. No matter how trying conditions were, or how petulant others might be, Pang always rose to the pinnacle of forbearance and helpful service. This, no doubt, was due to his deeply religious character.

As proven by the fine ability he displayed during his entire life, Pang was gifted with a splendid intelligence which he used for the benefit of his country, his friends, his associates and himself.

He was always doing things for others, and we shall remember him as a good and true friend as well as an able soldier of outstanding credit to the Military Academy.

—A Classmate.

Louis Philip Ford

NO. 4843 CLASS OF 1909

DIED OCTOBER 22, 1953, AT BROOKE ARMY
HOSPITAL, FORT SAM HOUSTON,
TEXAS, AGED 69 YEARS.

CERTAINLY none of the survivors of the Class of 1909 failed to feel a deep pang of sorrow on learning of the death of Louie Ford. The solid, substantial qualities of the man as a cadet and as an officer had left an indelible impression on all who were so fortunate as to know him.

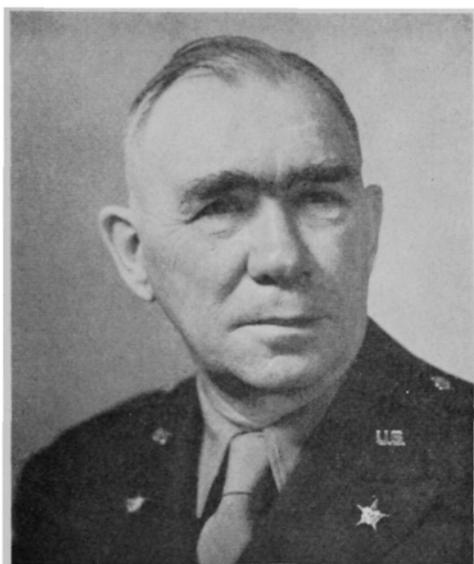
Louie was born in 1884 in Sevier County, Tennessee. After passing through the public schools of his home county he entered the University of Tennessee. At the close of his sophomore year there he received a Congressional appointment to the Military Academy and was sworn in with the rest of the class on June 15, 1905. As a cadet he participated in intramural football and was intensely interested in all athletics, especially baseball and football. It is safe to say that there was no more loyal or enthusiastic Army rooter, and many were the "bull sessions" in Louie's room to the neglect of such inconsequential subjects as math and languages.

Graduating with his class in June 1909, Louie was commissioned in the 18th Infantry, which he joined at Fort Mackenzie, Wyoming. During World War I he served as an aide to Major General John F. Morrison and later at several training centers in the United States. Receiving a temporary lieutenant colonelcy in October 1918, he was then stationed in Germany with the Army of Occupation. During this period he met and married Lillian Saulsbury. Between wars he attended the usual Army schools and in 1933 went to the Canal Zone. Of this phase of his career General Jake Devers says: "Louie was on the staff of General Ben Lear, who commanded the Ground Forces. Louie was in charge of the planning for the defense of the Canal Zone and was the best informed of all the command on how this difficult terrain should

be protected. Later he was given command of the 5th Infantry Regiment, which arrived at half strength from the United States. He built up the morale and training of this regiment in a very short time so that it was one of the best. ***Always a hard, useful worker, Ford let nothing deter him from his objective to make the most of the tools at hand."

Returning to the States in 1941, Louie again served on the staff of General Lear, who was then commanding the Second Army. However, the bugaboo of "over age in grade" prevented his assignment to a tactical command, for which he was so well fitted.

Retiring from active service in May 1944, the Fords made their home in New Braunsfels, Texas, for a few years, and then moved to Clermont, Florida. In 1951 they established their residence in the St. Petersburg area. In each of these locations Louie was active in the Rotary or Kiwanis Clubs and took a prominent part in American Legion affairs and in Red Cross drives. In the



fall of 1953 he was stricken with cancer of the pancreas. Flown to Fort Sam Houston in a hospital plane, he was admitted to Brooke Army Hospital where he died about ten days later. His devoted wife, Lillian, though in poor physical condition herself, accompanied him to Brooke Hospital. She has since sold their Florida home and intends to remain in San Antonio.

One daughter, Jane, was born to the Fords in 1922. She is married to H. L. Williams, of Clermont, Florida, and they have one son, Richard Philip, born in 1952.

In looking back on Louie's military career, one is impressed at every step by his sound common sense, his devotion to duty and his unswerving loyalty to his country, his superiors and to all who served under his command. Here was a true man and soldier—not a politician!

—G. L. V. D.

Louie Arnold Beard

NO. 4879 CLASS OF 1910

DIED APRIL 13, 1954, AT THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, AGED 65 YEARS.

MAJOR LOUIE ARNOLD BEARD, class of 1910, died at Thomasville, Georgia, April 13, 1954. He was born at Montgomery, Texas,

on the 20th of June 1888. His father, Samuel Nicholas Beard, was a native of Edge-water, South Carolina. His mother, Laura Simonton, was a native of Montgomery, Texas.

After a year at Texas A&M he entered West Point in June 1906. As a cadet Louie was one of the most popular men in his class. Not only was he admired by his classmates, but by the entire Corps, during his cadet days.

Beard's first assignment after graduation was in the Field Artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas. Thereafter he was stationed at Camp Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands, for a brief period. Transferred to Schofield Barracks, T. H., he remained there for the next four years, where he was recognized as an outstanding officer. On July 6, 1917 he left Schofield Barracks for the United States and was given various Field Artillery assignments, including a tour as instructor of the School of Fire, Field Artillery, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

During World War I he was given an emergency commission as colonel. Post war demobilization and reorganization resulted in his reduction to his permanent grade of captain. In 1920 he was promoted to the grade of major, which rank he held until resigning his commission in 1925.

His interest in the improvement of horse breeding led to his accepting a transfer to the Quartermaster Corps in the spring of 1919 to take command of the Front Royal Remount Depot. In 1923 Beard was a member of the Army team that won the International Military Polo Championship at Meadowbrook from the British. General of the Armies John J. Pershing, congratulated each member of the team—Majors A. H. Wilson, J. K. Herr, W. W. Irwin, and Louie as follows:

"I extend my sincere thanks for the satisfactory part played by each, and particularly for an exhibition of those pronouncedly soldierly qualifications: quick decision, rapid execution, energetic effort, and self sacrifice."

During the summer of 1924 Beard was placed in charge of the Army polo team to develop players and plans for competition with the British Army in 1925. The victory of the team at Hurlingham under Beard's captaincy in June 1925 brought forth further congratulations from General Pershing. As evidence of Beard's outstanding work on this occasion, a partial quotation from a letter to the War Department from the Military Attaché in London follows:

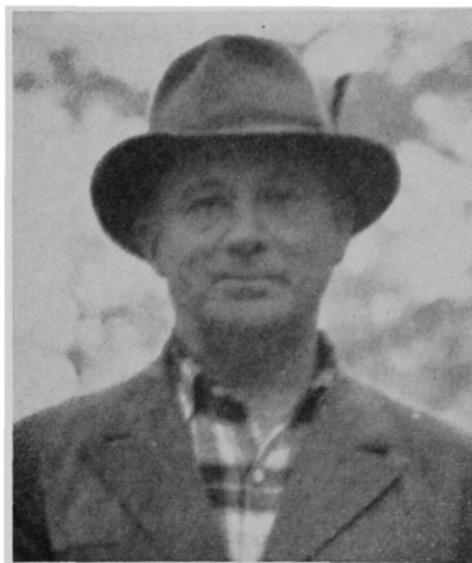
"The highest commendation is due to Major Louie A. Beard, Quartermaster Corps, for the efficient and outstanding leadership he displayed in training his team and during the playing on the field, and too much praise cannot be given this fine officer for the fine impression he created as the spokesman for the team at the many functions given them following the series."

During the matches Louie played throughout the final game with a sprained ankle. This injury left him with a stiff ankle for the rest of his life.

Shortly after returning with the victorious team, Beard submitted his resignation from the Service, to accept a position with Harry Payne Whitney in charge of the breeding of thoroughbreds. Mr. Whitney had come to know Major Beard's outstanding qualities as an executive as well

as a gentleman and horseman. He persuaded Louie to resign from the Army and take over the managing of the Whitney farm at Lexington, Kentucky. Upon resigning his commission as a major in the Regular Service, Beard accepted a reserve commission as a colonel in the Quartermaster Corps (Remount Service). Two years later, after the death of Harry Payne Whitney's brother, he also became manager of Green Tree Farm, also in Lexington. After Harry Payne Whitney's death in 1930 he continued as manager for C. V. Whitney until 1939. Until Beard's death he continued as an executive for Green Tree Stud, Inc., now owned by John Hay Whitney and Mrs. C. S. Payson, his sister.

Beard was among the organizers in 1934 of the American Breeders Association. To that organization he and his friend, Hal Price Headley, first proposed a so-called 25% claiming rule, which quickly gained general acceptance. He was among the founders of Keeneland, the first non-profit race



track. In association with Walter Jeffords and others he organized the Grayson Foundation, an outgrowth of the American Thoroughbred Breeders Association, designed to aid research in diseases of the horse.

Beard was one of the most progressive leaders in racing. Among the boards on which he served were: The Thoroughbred Racing Associations, Belmont Park, Jamaica, The Saratoga Association, the American Remount Association, and Churchill Downs. He was also a member of the Jockey Club. Beard was a superb horseman and rider, the kind that is born, not made. At the end of his polo playing, which commenced at West Point, he was ranked at 8 goals in national polo.

In his later years he devoted all of his energies to the Greenwood Plantation at Thomasville, Georgia. This he developed into one of the finest shooting preserves in the United States. But in addition he placed Greenwood Plantation in the forefront in the development of hybrid seed corn, which resulted in a tremendous addition to the agricultural wealth of Georgia. One of his contributions is the famous Greenwood Dixie 18.

In 1913 he married Harriet Ashton Clarkson. Surviving him are Harriet and two children: Clarkson Beard, who now manages the Greentree Farm at Lexington, and Evelyn Beard Terrill. There are four

grandchildren: Sherry and Louis Beard, and Ellen and Harriet Terrill.

Louie is buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Thomasville, Ga.

We have lost one of the outstanding men of a passing era, wherein integrity, honor, and a love for the horse, were meeting the impact of a ruthless machine age.

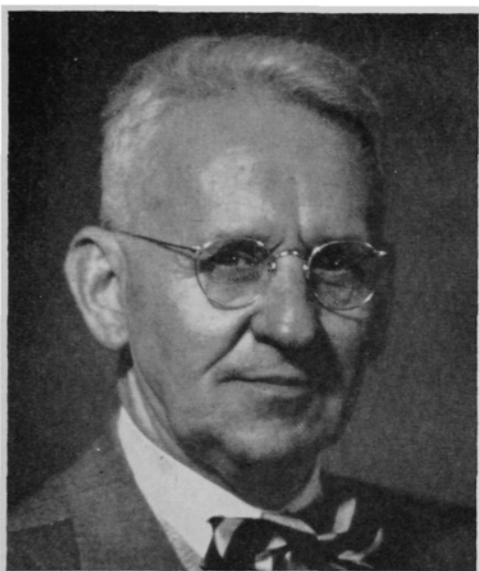
—Carl Spatz,
General, USAF, Retired.

John Frederick Landis

NO. 4919 CLASS OF 1910

DIED SEPTEMBER 7, 1952, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 63 YEARS.

On September 7th, 1952, John Landis died in Washington, D. C. at the Walter Reed General Hospital.



He was born at Delphi, Indiana, on September 27th, 1888, which made his age just twenty days less than sixty-four years at his death.

John was descended from sterling ancestors. Two of them will be mentioned. His father—Charles Beary Landis—was sent to Congress from Indiana. It is well known that he was one of the outstanding Congressmen of his time. His uncle, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, was a legal man of great ability and integrity. He will always be remembered by sport lovers, for his honest and able service as Commissioner of Baseball. The Congressman and Judge were different personalities: the former was calm, deliberate and logical; the latter impulsive, energetic and quick to decide. But both possessed three things in common—ability, honesty and courage.

It seemed to John's friends that he inherited some of the virtues of both men, certainly that of courage, for he was absolutely fearless when he believed he was right.

John was appointed a cadet to West Point in June 1906, and graduated four years later in 1910. He was one of the youngest men in his class.

His very first assignment was a tough one in the Philippines with the 7th Infantry. In 1910 the Islands were not as com-

fortable as they later became and a lot of John's time was spent in the jungle in pioneer mapping.

His next service as a Second Lieutenant was with the famous 18th Infantry on the Mexican Border. He served in this regiment for four years with other able and outstanding officers. Many of these officers did not fight with the 18th, but there is little doubt that it was this group who, during those four years, created the 18th Infantry "state of mind." It was a "spirit," that made this regiment one of the finest fighting organizations in our history.

When he left the 18th in 1916, John was detailed to recruiting service. When World War I occurred, although he tried very hard to be assigned to a combat unit, he spent most of the war training troops for overseas. After the war he was assigned to the General Staff in Washington, D. C.

From April 1919 until August 1921, he served as Military Attaché to Venezuela, with station in the capital at Caracas. It was here that he met attractive Edith Courteen. This was the most lucky event in his life, for on September 9th, 1922 they were married, and he was not only blessed with a fine wife, but also with three splendid children.

After leaving Venezuela, he was assigned to the Military Intelligence Division in Washington. Then he was sent as a student to both the Infantry School and the Command and Staff School, graduating from the latter in 1925. He then was detailed as an instructor at the Infantry School for four years.

Prior to his retirement he also graduated at the Tank School, served with tank units and served on R.O.T.C. duty as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Indiana, in his own home state.

John's service was varied and useful. For example, he was the creator of the Infantry School's correspondence course, which has done so much for our civilian components. He was always original and creative.

He retired in 1947, and established residence in Washington, D. C. with his wife until his untimely death in 1952. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and three children: Mr. Charles Landis of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mrs. Patrick McVey and Miss Lorna Landis, both of New York City.

Notwithstanding his fine service, there is no doubt in the minds of his classmates and friends, that he would have given his right arm to have served in combat. He continually fought during both wars to have himself assigned to combat units; but like so many other officers well qualified for such assignment, he tried in vain. He did succeed in getting away from the rear area in Africa in World War II, and worked his way forward so far that he was wounded. He was always pointing in the right direction, even though he failed to be detailed to a combat command.

John Landis was a very positive character. He did not believe in "straddling" or in "appeasement." In fact he never had any respect for those who did. Therefore, as all strong men do, he made enemies as well as friends. But if his lack of "tact" irritated his enemies, his "honesty and courage" won his friends.

In the words of the fighting Matabeles of Africa, who admired courage above all the sterling virtues:

"Here was a man, whose father was a man."

—J. D. Patch,
Major General, U.S.A. Retired.

Lawrence Denis R. McDermott

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1912

DIED MARCH 20, 1953, AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, AGED 63 YEARS.

CONSPICUOUS among the 132 members of the Class of New Cadets entering the Military Academy on that cold morning of March 2, 1908, was a curly-haired youth from Brooklyn—one Lawrence D. R. McDermott, he of the infectious smile which rested easily on his clean-cut features. He was then eighteen years of age.

Lawrence was born February 18, 1890, in Brooklyn, New York. His father, Denis



McDermott, was a native of Ireland; his mother, Ellen FitzSimons, was from Brooklyn. His early schooling was at the feet of the Franciscan Brothers of St. Patrick's Academy in Brooklyn. He then graduated from Saint Francis Xavier's High School, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, in Manhattan. Shortly afterwards he was appointed to the Military Academy from the then 6th Congressional District of New York by Congressman William Calder, serving as a cadet in "B" Company and rooming with James H. (Harve) Johnson until March 16, 1910, when he was discharged on account of difficulty with the "Math" Department, then presided over by "P" Echols.

He then became associated with the office of the District Attorney of Brooklyn, and began the study of law. This was interrupted by World War I, at which time he re-entered the military service and was commissioned as a Lieutenant of Field Artillery at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. Following his discharge from the Service in 1919 he returned to Brooklyn, resumed his position in the District Attorney's office, and returned to Law School. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1920 and shortly afterward opened his own law office at 120 Broadway, New York City. Here he practiced with great success, becoming an authority on land titles. Later he became an Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, the largest Law Department in the world. He re-

mained here until his retirement in 1945 at the age of 55 years.

Lawrence was a serious student of languages, particularly French, Spanish, Latin and Greek. He was an unusually well-informed amateur in the field of astronomy, and he much preferred to quietly contemplate the heavens through his powerful telescopes during the long winter evenings than to attend the many social gatherings always eager for his charming personality. He possessed an excellent library, and many of his books were devoted to astronomy.

Travel afforded him much pleasure and he undertook extensive trips throughout America, which he passionately loved. Mexico was a favorite country with him and he continued to enrich his fine mind with his travels there, and in other lands, until his final illness. Another of his hobbies was coin collecting; the gold coins of every country and every age which he gathered in his travels form one of the best collections in the country. But while his hobbies seem to indicate that he remained aloof from society, such was not the case. Perhaps his outstanding characteristic was his genuine love for his fellow men, especially those in distress. For years he devoted much of his time in helping to solve the legal problems of the poor, at no expense whatever to them. Out of sheer kindness he made himself a true friend of the friendless, and many nights were spent with sick and neglected souls who looked forward eagerly to his visits. He was a Christian of the finest type. Therefore most of his goodness is known only to God.

He never married. His death occurred at his home at 130 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, where he was born. He is survived by his sister, Miss May K. McDermott, of Lynbrook, Long Island, and by two brothers, Leo and Joseph.

"They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind."

—R. T. S.

George Washington Krapf

NO. 5190 CLASS OF 1913

DIED NOVEMBER 16, 1953, AT DALTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 65 YEARS.

So long as any 1913'er lives, we will agree that we were influenced by that dynamic personality, "Dutch" Krapf. No meeting of us was ever held—whether it be "two" or the whole Class—that George did not finally take over with his sage advice and, in his inimitable witty way, spread the warmth of his fatherly advice and the aura of his personality and his experience.

George, or "Dutch" as we all loved to call him, was a native of South Norwalk, Conn.—born on June 27, 1888. He worked as a street car conductor in New York City for a time, and also was an employee of General Electric at the Pittsfield Works of that company for a while. He attended Williams College for one year, from which he entered the Point with the Class of 1913.

As a cadet "Dutch" maintained a good academic standing in his studies, and went out for football and did well. But in the "tactical" phase of his cadet days "Dutch" was something we talk about at all our gatherings. He tried to cast gloom on the "tacs" He thought up more things with

which to haze the tactical department than any other cadet in my memory.

A wonderful classmate and cadet, "Dutch's" military service was extended over a wide field. He served on the Mexican border after graduation in the Infantry, but soon the Air Corps fever got him, and he went to Kelly Field and became a Junior Military Aviator—one of the "first 100" fliers in the Army. He commanded the U. S. School of Military Aeronautics at Urbana, Illinois, and was Commanding Officer, or Officer in Charge of Flying, at Call Field, Wichita Falls, Texas; Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois; Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, Florida, and Kelly Field, Texas.

Flying became an obsession with him—but he had to go the whole gamut—therefore he transferred, at his own request, to the Balloon Corps, so he could study dirigibles. In that Corps he escaped from a close call of death when one of the balloons exploded in mid air. He was saved for greater work!

After World War I "Dutch" resigned,



on April 24, 1919, to go into engineering, to make some money, to go into politics, and to do the things near his home town that he had always wanted to do. His history as a civilian was as active and as prominent as was that of his Army days.

He worked with the General Electric Co. at Pittsfield from 1920 to 1929. "Dutch", however, began giving that "service" to his fellow men, and with as much distinction as he had done in the Army.

He became a major in the Massachusetts National Guard, commanding the 104th Infantry; also, he became Lieutenant Colonel of the 419th Infantry Reserve Corps, U.S.A.

George joined the American Legion, and was at once made Post Commander. He entered politics and served two terms in the Massachusetts State Senate.

Among other offices he held were Vice President of the Massachusetts U. S. Reserve Corps, and Executive Officer of the American Legion of that State.

At the outbreak of World War II "Dutch" sought active service at once. He was given the job of organizing and training the 707th M. P. Battalion, which he took to Europe. His record was superb—but the doctors caught up with him in 1944, and shipped him back to the United States, due to his health.

George married Marjorie Crane Paddock on July 15, 1915. They had one child,

Geoffrey Barlow Krapf, who died in 1948, and is buried at Dalton, Massachusetts.

"Dutch" remarried in 1940. His widow, Amelia S. Krapf, of 42 Ann Drive, Pittsfield, survives him.

It is with much feeling that we all salute this resolute and fine classmate who was summoned to join that "Long Line of Gray"—a soldier and a gentleman who did his duty with honor and glory to his native land and to his fellow man.

—Joe Viner.

Henry Pratt Perrine

NO. 5176 CLASS OF 1913

DIED DECEMBER 20, 1953, AT PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 62 YEARS.

HENRY PRATT PERRINE, "Hen", the son of Captain and Mrs. Henry P. Perrine, was born at Trenton, New Jersey, on 22 July 1891. His early education was received in the schools of his native city. Receiving his appointment to the Military Academy from the United States at Large, he entered the National Preparatory School, at Highland Falls, New York to prepare for the examination. Being successful in his quest he entered the Academy on March 1, 1909, with the Class of 1913.

As a cadet Henry was much admired for his fine mind as well as for his easy going ways. He was the fount of all knowledge regarding baseball, the scores, the players, as well as the standings of the teams. This faculty carried over into other sports. He never had any serious difficulties with the Academic Departments and was content to be around the middle of the Class, academically.

On graduation in June 1913 he was assigned to the 14th Infantry at Fort George Wright, Washington, accompanied that regiment to Alaska in June 1914, and arrived back in the States in October 1917. In March 1918 he was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as an instructor in the School of Arms, and from there went to Fort Benning when the school was transferred in October. Then followed tours of duty at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and with the National Guard of New Jersey. This latter post he held until 1929, when he was ordered to the Harvard Graduate School of Business, from which he was graduated in 1931. Then followed another tour with the National Guard and duty as Commanding Officer of the 34th Infantry, at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

In World War II Henry was identified with the rapid expansion and growth of Fort Benning. He was Secretary and, later, Executive Officer of that great school until 1943, when he took command of the Brigade of School Troops and received his star. It appears from reading the records of his many commendations by his superiors that he was given much credit for the fine Infantry officers who were graduated from that great school, and who were such important factors in winning battles on many fronts in World War II. The school, under him, grew from under 1,000 to 17,000 officers and men.

After hostilities had ceased Henry was able to get away from his training assignments and went to Europe with the Third Army, then on occupation duty, in which he commanded the U. S. Constabulary in 1946 and 1947. In 1947 he took command of the Military Post of Heidelberg. For his out-

standing services he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

The official comments of his superior officers were all of the highest. Often were found such remarks as "fine judgment; quick; self-contained; zealous; very stable officer; widely informed officer; painstaking in his work; plans well in advance; industrious; able to take any job; great physical endurance" etc., etc.

On returning to the U. S. he served as Deputy Post C.O. of Fort Totten, New York, until his retirement for physical disability in 1951. He decided to make Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, his home, and bought a house there. Then began a series of bouts with the doctors, which ended with his death at Valley Forge Hospital on December 20, 1953.

His wife, Florence, survives him, as do his children: Mrs. C. R. Dauker of Towson, Maryland; Henry P., Jr., a senior at Virginia Military Institute; and David P.,



now a Second Classman at the U. S. Military Academy.

We know this—his race "was well run"—that, as the sun got low in the West, Henry could look back on his years of service as having kept faith with himself, the Corps, and his Class. We shall miss him, until we join him. He loved West Point and his classmates—he did honor to all.

—Joe Viner and Doug Greene.

Otis Keilholtz Sadtler

NO. 5171 CLASS OF 1913

DIED JUNE 5, 1954, IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 65 YEARS.

OTIS KEILHOLTZ SADTLER, "Wop" to all of his many friends, the son of Herbert and Adele Sadtler, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 4, 1888. Growing up, he attended Public School 19 and on graduation therefrom entered Boys Latin School. Here he acquired his great love for baseball. Graduating from Boys Latin School, he was appointed a Cadet from the 2nd District of Maryland by Congressman J. Fred Talbot, and entered the Academy with the Class of 1913 on March 1, 1909.

As a Cadet "Wop" soon endeared himself to all by his sunny nature and love of life.

His fiery disposition, however, caused him many bouts with the Tactical Department.

"Wop" loved baseball, and under Sammy Strang he developed rapidly, but it was not until our Second Class year that his great talent as a second baseman and bunter par excellence developed to the full. As a First Classman he was elected Captain of the team. So fine was his work that McGraw of the New York Giants made him an offer to play with them during graduation leave, provided he could get the War Department to extend his leave one month so that he could play in the World Series in the event the Giants won the championship. This the War Department refused to do and "Wop" lost his chance to demonstrate his great ability in the major leagues.

After graduation he was assigned to the 1st Infantry, then stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He joined his regiment in the middle of October 1913. Almost immediately he was detailed, in addition to his other duties, to coach the regimental baseball team and play 2nd base thereon, which he did with success, until, in 1915, because of his great sense of justice, he got into trouble with the powers that be and was relieved. He returned to the States early in 1917, when World War I was very imminent.

After returning to the mainland "Wop" transferred to the Signal Corps, in which Corps he served until his retirement in 1948. Soon after his transfer to the Signal Corps he headed overseas, only to have his ship sunk by the Germans. Surviving this sinking, he was placed in command of the Signal Corps Advance Supply Depot in France, serving with distinction during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, in which he was awarded the Purple Heart for meritorious service. He was one of the first of his Class to receive his silver leaves. For his distinguished services he was awarded the Legion of Honor, rank of Officer, and the Croix de Guerre by France, the Greek Croix de Guerre, and the Star of Abdon Calderon by Ecuador.

On his return to the United States he spent nearly a year undergoing special training with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York. On September 1, 1920 he married Helen Hubner, the daughter of John and Mary Hubner, at Cumberland, Maryland, who survives him. After graduating from the Signal School, "Wop" spent four years in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in Washington, and then went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1928 for his higher education at the Command and General Staff School, graduating in 1930. Then he returned to Washington to attend the Army Industrial College and the Army War College. Then followed tours at Fort Sam Houston and Wilmington as the Signal Officer, II Corps, then back to Washington, where the outbreak of World War II found him the Deputy Chief Signal Officer in Charge of Codes and Ciphers.

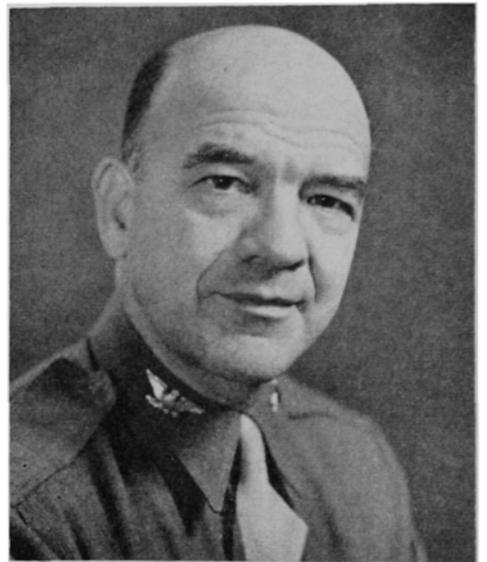
Sadtler received his colonelcy in June 1941, and served as the Assistant Signal Officer of the First Army, and then as Signal Officer of the Second Army at Memphis in 1942, which position he held until 1944. For his outstanding performance of duty in this capacity he was awarded the Legion of Merit. In 1944 he became the Chief Signal Officer, Army Ground Forces, and remained as such until 1945. For his steadfast attention to duty he was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit. He was one of the first to recognize the potentialities of ultra high frequency radio in combat communications, and while in charge of the War Department Message Center he reorganized and expanded the

military radio network so that it included some 71 stations.

After World War II he spent the last two years of his service in Washington, where he headed the Signal Corps Plans and Operations Division. "Wop" retired for physical disability in 1948. Retirement did not lessen his intense interest in life. His winter home in Washington and his summer home at Senora, Virginia, kept him occupied, as did his great interest in philately.

On May 29th the condition for which he was retired got considerably worse and failing to improve he was admitted to Doctor's Hospital on June 2nd where he suffered a complete stroke and passed away on June 5, 1954. "Wop" was laid to rest in Arlington. He is survived by his beloved wife, Helen, "Dolly" to most, who resides at 5124 Loughboro Road, Washington, 16, D. C.

With his passing the Class of 1913 has lost one of its most beloved members, who



will always be remembered for his great vitality, intense honesty and sure integrity, and of him it can well be said: "Well done, Be thou at peace."

—D. T. G.

William Covington Benton

NO. 6155 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918
DIED JULY 28, 1954, AT DENVER, COLORADO,
AGED 57 YEARS.

WHEN you come right down to it—how do you judge a man? There are his physical features—Bill Benton was superb so far as they were concerned—big, broad shoulders, a friendly smile, a handsome man.

Then, there are the mental qualifications—Bill was endowed with all the mental equipment that an outstanding lawyer and gentleman would have use for and still have some left over. There are the intangible qualities which go into the personality, such as the ability to see the problems of others and do something about them—Bill always was the one to whom his friends came for counsel and advice. Those friends included not only the personages of our town, but the folks who had worked for him and Mrs. Benton. He had that sterling

quality which made you want to tell him your troubles or confide in him about the good things in life which were coming your way. He really had that fine con-



Michael Henry Cleary

NO. 7582 CLASS OF 1924

DIED JUNE 15, 1954, AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AGED 52 YEARS.

To all of you who knew and loved Mike Cleary—the magic of the music he wrote and played, his unpredictable wit and humor, his great sensitive capacity for loving life and people, and his very serious interest in everything *Army*—his loss is tremendous and not quite believable. Some men rise to the heights of great heroism under stress of battle. Michael Cleary rose to such heights fighting unconquerable illness at home in Westport, Connecticut, with me and our two small daughters, Mary Kate and Micaela. He was vanquished after a brief week in Memorial Hospital, New York, where a heart attack turned the tide against him. He never gave up fighting, he was one of the very bravest. He rests now at West Point near the old Catholic Chapel, where he played the organ as a cadet in the Class of 1924.

Mike's life at the Academy was something special to him,—the *Howitzers* were always handy on our shelves. Though I know few of you personally, I have heard loved tales of many, stories about the Old Cadet Orchestra, Hundredth Night Shows—about the men, some of whom were destined to great fame, who were the boys and teachers my husband loved. We spent a beautiful day at the Point last May—and saw the filming of the parade for the "Long Gray Line."

Michael's really great genius for creating music was always struggling with his Army interest. He went into the world of music really, when he did the Hundredth Night Shows, where he attracted the attention and encouragement of Irving Berlin. After a brief tour of duty following graduation, he finally landed in New York City, where he, "took a room at the Astor and started to write music!"—which re-

Publishers. He went on to write music for motion pictures in Hollywood, show music in New York, London, Paris and Monte Carlo. He worked with Rudy Vallee, Guy Lombardo, Warner Brothers, Heywood Brown, Helen Kane, Danny Healy, Dorothy Stone, Loretta Young, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Earl Carrol, Bea Lillie, Dwight Wiman, and many of the artists making their fame at this time.

He was on the threshold of a great career in musical comedy when World War II brought him back to the Army—and to the Air Force this time. He worked on a special team, consisting of Mike Cleary, Pete DePaolo and John Erihe, for Major General Walter Weaver. This team toured the country, boosting the morale of men with music and speeches at posts all over the country. Later Mike was Special Service Officer at the Weather School in Grand Rapids, Michigan, (where he put on an Army show), and where also we met and were married. At McClellan Field in Sacramento, California, under General C. W. "Jan" Howard, Mike worked with the Inspector General's Department.

About coincidental with the first atomic blast, a heart attack forced his retirement from active service. We lived quietly in Old Lyme and Westport, Connecticut. Michael returned to his composing and was again on the very threshold of bringing his really great, mature music to the hearing it deserved, when abruptly,—the curtain descended. He had been told many times by leaders in the music world that he belonged with the very top composers. Some of you *know* this, who have heard his recent work. I know it absolutely. Now my great responsibility is to get his music *heard*,—and to have his daughters know what a wonderful man Mike Cleary was,—as you, his friends, do.

—His wife, Lora B. Cleary.

tact with people which made you feel he was a protector and guide, yet, at the same time, was down on your level. He was a real person, believe me! He knew people, both big and little, and was able to get things done solely on the basis of his sincerity, friendliness and personal integrity. He was the type you listened to, for you knew his insight and perspective offered you something worthwhile, and he knew whereof he spoke about the goings on in this world.

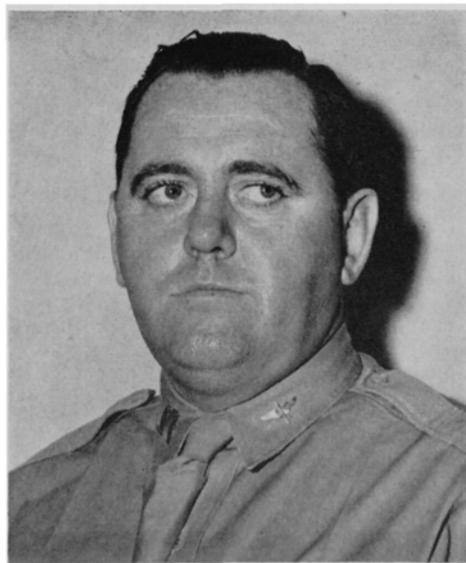
Bill's middle name was "Covington" and that may have caused early gibes and taunts, but it still conjures up in the mind the perfection of a Kentucky gentleman. Bill did not belie the image—he was a gentleman.

Bill has a fine family—a lovely wife, Katherine Belle Clay Benton, and three children, Lieutenant Field Clay Benton, Elinor Katherine Benton and James Milton Benton II. Their names even show how much he was wrapped up in his family, and that he was. He was always on the lookout for each of them. They might be independent, but their separate welfare was his prime concern.

Winchester, Kentucky, can claim the birthplace of Bill Benton, but having been in Colorado since 1924 we consider him as being more of a Coloradoan than a Kentuckian. Bill started to practice law here that year with his father-in-law, Mr. Christopher Field Clay, a distinguished member of the Colorado Bar. It was soon the law firm of Clay and Benton, and again a great family team, for there was a lot of mutual respect and affection between Mr. Clay and Bill.

He was a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College, the United States Military Academy at West Point and the University of Kentucky, where he obtained his law degree. He served a year in the Army following his graduation from West Point in 1918, before attending law school. During World War II Bill served as a member of Denver's auxiliary police force; was also a member of the Public Library Commission from 1936 to 1948, a Mason, a member of the Episcopal Church, the Denver Country Club and the Denver Athletic Club.

—William F. Robinson, Jr., Esq.



John Stephan Henn

NO. 7720 CLASS OF 1925

DIED JUNE 26, 1954, AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 56 YEARS.

"CHICK", as he was known by all his friends, was born December 10, 1897 at Hamilton, Ohio. He attended public schools in his home town and was graduated from Hamilton High School in 1915. The Army spirit took hold of Chick early in life. He enlisted during World War I, was sent to France, and earned two battle stars on his service ribbon even before we all knew him. After his muster out at the end of World War I, Chick went to the University of Cincinnati. At U. of C. he became affiliated with Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He remained active in his fraternity affairs throughout his life. While attending U. of C. Chick obtained a congressional appointment to West Point.

"Kaydet" life was a natural transition for Chick. His first year at the Academy was eased in some respects due to his prior service. He brought with him a foundation of basic military subjects, and had already acquired habits of neatness and orderliness that most of his classmates had to learn the hard way. Chick was older than most of us, which, together with his prior Army service, had a stabilizing influence on his personality. Due to his more mature outlook on life, his assistance was often sought for advice and counsel. This he willingly provided with unerring judgment.

Upon graduation, Chick went into the

mark always seemed typical of Mike to me.

He wrote many top musical hits including, "Singing in the Bath-Tub," "Is There Anything Wrong In That?," "Here It is Monday," "When A Lady Meets A Gentleman Down South," "Hello Baby"—and so on, at this early period. He was elected to the American Society of Authors and

Coast Artillery Corps. True to the OAO from the home town, Chick married "Pat" during his graduation leave and took her along to his first duty assignment. He served at many stations both at home and abroad, including tours of duty in Hawaii and the Philippines. During World War II he commanded an Antiaircraft Battalion throughout the African Campaign. Upon his return from overseas, Chick was assigned to Orlando, Florida, which was his last active duty station.

During service in Africa, Chick began getting the works from the Medics. He was developing a heart condition that was making it increasingly difficult for him to pass his physical examinations. Finally, he was retired for physical disability on January 31, 1946. Chick and Pat moved to California and, after sampling around, finally settled in Coronado, California.

Chick enjoyed life right up to the end. He was active in West Point Society and fraternity social and business affairs in



Southern California. He died of a heart attack on June 26, 1954. Fort Rosecrans, California, where Chick was laid to rest, was one of his duty stations during his active career. His wife, Pat, will continue to live in the family home in Coronado.

All who have had the pleasure of knowing Chick will mourn his loss. He will be remembered as a gentleman of highest integrity with extreme loyalty to the Army and devotion for the Military Academy, his Alma Mater.

—Colonel C. W. Holcomb, '25.

Allan Duard MacLean

NO. 8998 CLASS OF 1930

MISSING IN ACTION SINCE NOVEMBER 29, 1950,
IN KOREA. OFFICIALLY DECLARED DEAD AS OF
MARCH 17, 1954, AGED 46 YEARS.

It was 29 November 1950 at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea.

"Down on the road, Colonel Faith's column suddenly received fire from the vicinity of friendly units across the finger of ice. Believing that the fire was coming from his own troops, Colonel MacLean started across the ice to make contact with them and halt the fire. He was hit four times by enemy fire—the men watching could see his body jerk with each impact—

but he continued and reached the other side. There he disappeared and was not seen again." (*Combat Actions in Korea*, Captain Russell A. Gugeler, Copyright 1954 by Association of the U.S. Army.)

Mac's last known official action as described above, resulting in his tragic and untimely death, was nevertheless typical and illustrative of this gallant soldier. Mac possessed ceaseless energy, dynamic personality, and an uncompromising will to get things done; his entire military career was one of accomplishment. To his many friends and associates, Mac represented and lived the example of immediate execution of necessary tasks. He never undertook a job with reserve. Every job that required action, significant or trivial, brought forth every ounce of his ready and full energies.

And so, on that bleak November day, when part of his command came under fire and was apparently cut off from friendly supporting troops, Mac set out to do something about it. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he immediately moved forward into the critical part of the battlefield to save his command. On that day he made the supreme sacrifice for his men and his country. The test of the truly great soldier and leader had been met and there was no hesitation—no compromise.

One must remember, also, Mac's direct lineage through the bravest and boldest of Scottish clans, the MacLean of Duard (whence his name). Mac died in the great tradition of the clan: fighting to save others. The clan's double motto, "Life or Death" and "Another for Hector," stems from this noble tradition and its finest hour at Inverkeithing in 1651 as the clan engaged Oliver Cromwell. During the battle, seven brothers (another, and another, et. seq.) came in turn to defend their chief's person, only to fight and perish by his side.

In Mac's passing, the Clan MacLean shares with us our great pride in this courageous soldier. Shortly after the official announcement of Mac's death, his family received a touching message of tribute and condolence from Major Sir Charles Hector Fitzroy MacLean of Duard, present and 27th Hereditary Chief of his clan, who dwells as did his forebears in the cliff-top castle overlooking the ancient battlegrounds.

Mac was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on 20 July 1907, the son of Robert John MacLean. Before he was of school age, his family had moved to Spokane, Washington, later to Atlanta, Georgia, and finally settled in Detroit, Michigan, where Mac started school. In 1922 he entered Georgia Military Academy. He graduated with the highest honors of his class, for which he was awarded a Diamond Medal.

Mac was the first student of Georgia Military Academy to win an Honor School appointment to the United States Military Academy; he entered West Point on 1 July 1926 and graduated in 1930. While a cadet, his friends began to appreciate his sincerity and friendliness, as well as his intense interest in all of his undertakings. Mac was affable and made friends quickly with those around him. Friendship was seldom a passing thing with him, because the intense nature of his personality forbade such.

It was only natural that Mac's energies should carry him to the football field, where he won a position as a tackle on the great Army teams of 1926-1930, with such football immortals as Red Cagle, Light Horse Harry Wilson, Blondy Saunders, Buster Perry, and many others.

After graduation from the Academy, Mac served in the usual peacetime Army assignments, beginning his career with the 11th Infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison,

Indiana. While stationed in the Philippines, in 1936, he fell in love with Dora (Dodie) Brandreth. They were married in Manila on 2 March 1936, while Mac was serving with the 31st Infantry Regiment. It was not until after World War II, however, that their only child, Catherine Anne, was born on 30 September 1947. Cathy brought to Mac and Dodie a happiness they had never known before, and she continues to bring great comfort and help to Dodie in bridging the gap left in her life. Like her father in many ways, Catherine Anne reflects much of his great energy and enthusiasm.

Mac is also survived by a sister, Lola MacLean of Detroit. Mac's father passed away on 2 March 1954, only two weeks before the Department's message that Mac must be presumed to be dead.

After returning to the United States in 1937, Mac attended the Infantry School and later the Tank School at Fort Benning. After two years with the 66th Infantry



(Light Tanks) at Fort Benning and Fort Meade, he became a member of the Reorganization Board under General Lesley J. McNair; he later served with Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, playing an active and important role in training the huge American ground army being prepared for the invasions of Europe, the Philippines, and Japan. While on this duty he attended and graduated from the Command and General Staff School, 5th General Staff Class, in 1941. Following a brief tour of duty with the 7th Armored Division at Camp Polk in 1944, Mac went to England where he attended the British Staff College at Camberley. From Camberley he was assigned to the Operations Section, G3, of Headquarters, ETOUSA, where he was primarily responsible for the coordination of movements of Ground Force units from the United States to their final battlefield assignments in one of the field armies of General Bradley's 12th Army Group.

Upon cessation of hostilities, Mac's duties, instead of decreasing, were greatly intensified. Redeployment of troops to the Far East for the planned invasion of Japan, and to the United States for demobilization, was immediately begun. Through both cycles, Mac's driving energy and great capacity played a vital role in the Army's operations.

After World War II, Mac returned to the United States and attended the first class of the Armed Forces Staff College at Nor-

folk, Virginia, later serving in the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Department of the Army, as Executive Officer of the Intelligence Group.

In early 1949 he was ordered to the Far East Command and was assigned command of the 32d Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division, with station at Camp Haugen, Honshu. It was during this assignment that Mac's tireless energy and exceptional leadership reached its greatest peak. At the time of assuming command, the regiment was being reactivated from elements of the 11th Airborne Division and the 12th Cavalry Regiment. At the same time, the Eighth Army under General Walker was intensifying efforts to bring all combat troops in the Far East Command to the maximum combat effectiveness. It is a great tribute to Mac's leadership, resourcefulness, imagination, and initiative, that within the short period of a few months, the newly reactivated 32d Infantry, of all regimental and group units in the Eighth Army, received the highest combat effectiveness rating given by Eighth Army Headquarters. By his drive and perseverance this training was maintained through the entire year. To a great degree, he alone was responsible for the magnificent accomplishments of this famous regiment of the 7th Division in such early battles of the Korean War as the Inchon Landing and the Capture of Seoul, the Iwon Landing and Advance to the Yalu River, the Successful Defense and Evacuation of X Corps at Hungnam, and the counteroffensive operations against the Chinese Communists in the winter, spring, and summer of 1951.

Early in July 1950, shortly before the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, Mac was assigned to the G3 Section, Headquarters Eighth Army, and moved to Korea with General Walker as part of his advance headquarters. In the initial operation in Korea, Mac served as the roving representative of the army commander, an assignment which entailed continuous visits to the critical areas of the battlefield.

To those battalion, regimental, and division commanders fighting the initial delaying action of the first two months of the Korean War, Mac was a familiar and welcome visitor. He became known as "The Eyes of the Army Commander", and many of the important decisions made during those early operations can be attributed to his accurate and personal knowledge of the situation, and to the sound reports and recommendations he made to General Walker. In late September of that year he was given command of the 31st Infantry—the same regiment with which he had served in the Philippines. At the time of his disappearance he was commanding all units east of Chosin Reservoir, which included the attached 1st Battalion of the 32d Infantry commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Don C. Faith and accounts for his being with this unit on the night of 29 November.

Mac's outstanding services in World War II and Korea were recognized by awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star (2), Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2), Air Medal (4), and the Purple Heart.

The worldly part of Mac, that part which we knew, is somewhere in Korea. On 29 November 1950 at the Chosin Reservoir his military career dedicated to loyalty, duty, and country came to an end. Mac has joined the Long Gray Line of distinguished sons of West Point, and like so many before him, he has found a "soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow." Of

him it may truly be said, "Well done, be thou at peace."

—Charles E. Beauchamp, '30.

Robert Marshall Horan
 NO. 15102 CLASS OF 1945
 KILLED IN ACTION, OCTOBER 17, 1950, IN
 KOREA, AGED 27 YEARS.

BOB HORAN'S death was a shock to all who knew him as a loyal friend and a very fine officer.

Bob's life after graduation from West Point seems to have revolved around Korea. While Bob was still a cadet he often spoke of his intense desire to be with the first troops to enter Korea. His reason was his father, Colonel J. P. Horan, who was being held prisoner by the Japanese in Korea. Colonel Horan had escaped capture at Bataan, but, after leading guerrilla forces of an Igorot Filipino tribe through three



months of action, was captured by the Japanese. Colonel Horan was liberated shortly after VJ Day, but Bob's destiny was to be in the country of the "morning calm", and he was assigned to the 7th Division in Korea.

It was in this country that Bob met Pat, his wife to be. She was an Army nurse. They were married in Ewha College Chapel in Seoul on December 1, 1946. The world situation was quickly assuming a false facade of peace, and in October 1947 Pat and Bob returned to the U.S. Their first son, Terry, was born at Fort Hood, Texas, on January 19, 1948, while Bob was with the 45th Armored Infantry Battalion.

Bob loved the bliss of family life and it wasn't disturbing to him to learn in July 1948 that he was going to Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, for there his family could be with him. The next two years were happy ones for Pat and Bob. A second son, Bruce, was born on November 5, 1949, and their glow of happiness could be felt by all who knew them.

Bob was not dismayed when the small black cloud a long way off in Korea exploded into war. He was not dismayed when the 65th Infantry, to which he was assigned, was alerted for Korea. Bob was a soldier to the marrow, with duty uppermost in his mind. He had studied and trained hard to prepare himself for the

final test of an officer—battle. His duty was clear.

Bob landed in Korea with the 65th Infantry in August 1950. On the morning of October 17, 1950, Bob led elements of Company B to assist units of the 1st Battalion, who were engaged with the enemy and had become hard pressed. Company B turned the tide and the enemy withdrew. Bob was leading the pursuit when he was mortally wounded by a sniper. Although badly hurt, he was conscious and cheerful. His last words were of love for his family.

Bob's Battalion Commander said of him, "He carried the respect of all the officers and men that were with him, for his ability and his bravery, not only physically but mentally. He showed great mental courage in his action against the enemy after he was wounded".

Bob's promotion to Captain came on the day he was killed, October 17, 1950.

His loss was eased to some extent by General MacArthur's letter to Pat in which he said, "Our faith enables us to withstand the shock and grief of death we know that no life is really lost for those who have faith in God".

—A. P. Hanket.

Thomas Corbett Langstaff
 NO. 15855 CLASS OF 1946
 DIED NOVEMBER 13, 1953, IN AN AIRCRAFT
 ACCIDENT, NEAR EPPING, ESSEX, ENGLAND,
 AGED 28 YEARS.

TOM CORBETT LANGSTAFF was born on a cold, stormy, windy, violent night of Friday, 13 March. He died in an unexplained air crash on Friday, 13 November 1953. Violent, stormy, temperamental, Tom was exactly the opposite—calm, cool and unexcitable.

Tom Langstaff was a man who, according to "The Philosophy of Langstaff, T. C.", was here on earth " . . . to use whatever talents he has to make the world a more beautiful, agreeable and ordered environment for the following generations." In this he succeeded admirably.

Not all of us have the patience, the determination or the ability to put into words our purpose in life, our goals, our reason for being. Tom did, and more than put his ideals into words, he suited his actions to these ideals.

Few men of my acquaintance have had the sense of responsibility that Tom had. Responsibility to God, his country and his family. The first is reflected in verses from the Bible which he used as practicable applications in living this life. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free . . . for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." His wife said, "I think he had attained perfection—as near as any mortal can."

Responsibility to his country, and to following generations, is evident in his decision to fight the enemies of our country wherever they could be found. To this end he continually volunteered for the roughest missions and overseas assignments. Of six and a half years commissioned service, he spent over four years overseas.

There are many pilots, Air Force, civilian, troop-carrier, transport, fighter and glider. Seldom is one person all of these. Tom was. Even more unusual is superior skill in all the various aircraft. Tom had the skill.

In Alaska in 1948, I met a somewhat flight colonel from Elmendorf Air Base. "Langstaff," he said reflectively, "We had a transport pilot here named Langstaff; best pilot

in Alaska." Later the colonel's adjutant looked me up to say that he hadn't known Tom but that was the first time in two years he'd ever heard the colonel say anybody was good, and that Tom must have been a pilot par excellence.

On Tom's being selected as aide to Lieutenant General G. E. Stratemeyer, Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, General Stratemeyer wrote, "He was picked by his Wing Commander solely on his capabilities and demonstrated operational efficiency as an F-80C pilot fighting in Korea."

To say that Tom was reticent and unassuming is to evade the point. I know that he put his faith and trust in God and that he kept these words before him, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord." Hence he believed that his accomplishments were not his alone. Promotions, awards, the DFC, Air Medals, Oak Leaf Clusters, Tom never mentioned them. You'd read of the exploits



for which the medals were given in the newspaper or notice the promotion on the return address of a letter.

He was an accomplished, courageous pilot with two tours in Korea, in which he flew interception, escort and attack missions, patrol and reconnaissance flights in F-51s, F-80s, F-84s and unarmed C-54s and C-199s. His war record included a long list of Communist targets destroyed as well as various decorations and commendations. But of far greater value, and of far more lasting impact, was the impression of Tom's character and integrity upon all who knew him.

In his written "Philosophy . . .", he says in part ". . . (Tom) believes in the essential dignity of Man, and especially the essential dignity of Langstaff, T. C." This is the man that gave the lie to the words "Familiarity breeds contempt." Association with Tom gave a person profound respect for integrity, loyalty, and honor, and an everlasting belief in the inherent goodness of man. Captain E. Lloyd Powers said, "His was the quiet, resolute 'will to do' that inspires the meek to greatness and maintains the imperishable standard, 'Duty, Honor, Country'"

He was a hard man to fool, even though he seemed the most naive and innocent person in the world. Rather than naivete, I believe it was a frank and candid attitude that exposed sham and pretense the moment they appeared.

If they are to grow, man's mental, moral and physical faculties must continually be exercised. Here Tom suited tests and games

to conform to this need for practice. Mentally the power of concentration was very evident. When Tom got wrapped up in a book or some problem, you might as well "bar the door Nellie", because Tom wouldn't know if the house burned down. Sports were vehicles used to maintain the body in top physical shape. Even the more or less leisurely games took on added significance and enjoyment when viewed in this light. Exercise of the moral faculties was accomplished through self-denial. He continued to strive, not for personal deeds, but rather for personal faith, and was constantly bettering himself inwardly, which is far more soul-satisfying than outward things more clearly visible to others.

One of his friends has said that Tom was the model that he wanted his sons to follow as they grew up. A Soldier, Gentleman and a Man of God, Tom's life is a challenge to the best in each of us. And may his wife, Anna Gail and daughter, Celeste Adine, born February 1954, remember that,

"E'en as he trod that day to God, so walked he from this birth—

In simpleness, and gentleness, and honor and clean mirth."

—James D. Langstaff.

Richard Theron Carvolth, III

NO. 16773 CLASS OF 1949

DIED JULY 10, 1954, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT NEAR ONNARD AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, AGED 28 YEARS.

THE Air Force and the nation suffered a real loss on July 10th, 1954, when Captain Richard R. Carvolth, III crashed while making a night instrument take-off at Onnard Air Force Base, California. There is no doubt that had he lived Dick would have made a large mark on the military service and very probably the nation. But there is no necessity to dwell on what he might have achieved: in twenty-eight years he lived a fuller and more worthwhile life than most do in sixty or seventy years.

Born in Blakely, Pennsylvania, on June 24th, 1926, Dick was brought up and went to school there. With both his parents in prominent positions in the school system, a lot was expected of him, both in class and out. He never disappointed anyone and graduated from Blakely High School as valedictorian, his closest competitor for academic honors being a Miss Margaret Dudley, who both envied and disliked him for his grades and the ease with which he attained them. Five years later, Margy and Dick were married on his graduation from the Military Academy.

From Blakely Dick volunteered for the Navy V-5 program and was sent to Brown University. By the end of his first year he had won an appointment to West Point as a qualified alternate and joined the Class of '49. By the end of Plebe year, Dick had such high grades that the only question was not who would rank first in the class, but who would rank next after Carvolth. He devoted fully as much time to such activities as Sunday School teaching, the *Howitzer*, and the Honor Committee as he did to academics, but by First Class year his outstanding record made him a Corps myth while still a cadet. Who in the class of '49 will forget standing during the Awards Parade while Dick received his "wheelbarrow" full of trophies? To no one's surprise he also won a Rhodes Scholarship, which he took up after his graduation and marriage. At Oxford he again

distinguished himself academically, and managed to visit and observe almost all of Western Europe in his spare time.

On his return from England nothing would do but that he must be a pilot, and preferably a jet pilot. Dick didn't embark on his pilot training lightly, or just from a love of flying. As in everything else he did, he considered all sides, and then decided that as a career officer in the Air Force, knowledge and experience in the primary field of Air Force service was an obligation as well as an advantage. He never regretted that decision.

But Dick was more than just a "brain"; in fact one had to know him well or hear of his record to discover it. Nobody who knew him could ever dislike him, and his cheerful outlook and mature dignity naturally won him many close friends. He loved an argument and would take either side in most subjects; he enjoyed the little things of life as well as the big, and entered wholeheartedly into whatever he did. His re-



ligion was a part of his life, and he was one of those unusual Christians who lived his beliefs daily. One couldn't pick a quarrel with Dick; he had too much of a sense of humor to let you or himself become angered.

It is impossible for anyone who knew Dick after graduation to think of him without thinking of his wife, Margy. Dick and Margy were a pair who complemented each other in every way, and the appearance of a son, Ricky, made Dick a complete family man. His relationship to both his old family and his new one was the warm and sincere kind for which everyone strives. There are not many people about whom all his friends can sincerely say, "I am a better person for having known him". Dick was one of them.

—D. L. M.

Herbert Edgar Marshburn, Jr.

NO. 17337 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, DECEMBER 3, 1950, NEAR HAGARU-RI, CHOSIN RESERVOIR, KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

SOME idea as to the brave spirit which characterized Herbert's last few days of action in Korea, and also an insight into the traits that made him so beloved and admired by all his friends, can be obtained

by reading some of the letters received by his family after he was reported missing in action on 2 December 1950 and also after word came in 1953 that he had been killed in action. Recorded memories of a few close loved ones will help complete the picture.

Lieutenant Barnes, one of the last people to see Herbert, wrote:

"You probably do not know who I am so permit me a brief introduction. I was a good friend of Herb's in Korea. We were in the same division and I served in his company as Artillery Forward Observer.

"In late November, as you know, a company was deployed in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir and received the full brunt of the initial Chinese attack. Further, our battalion was immediately surrounded and subjected to furious bombardments and assaults for three days.

"Miraculously both Herb and I were unscathed during this period although casualties in the battalion were frightful. At the time the possibility of anyone's getting out was remote indeed.

"Our commanding officer, Colonel Faith, decided after the third day, that we would break out of the encirclement and attempt to reach the Marine Base at Hagaru-ri, ten miles to our rear.

"The night before our breakout was to be attempted, the Chinese stepped up their attack and made the mistake of trying to overrun Herb's machine guns. Herb put on a one-man show and proceeded to make a human parapet of oriental bodies in front of his guns.

"On the morning of December second as Herb and I split a box of C Rations, we discussed the seemingly hopeless situation. Later that morning we got the order to move out. Herb and I started down a ditch together. We were scarcely 100 yards out when we were swept with grenades and small arms fire. In the confusion and terror that followed, we became separated. I reached Hagaru-ri that night with ten men and I immediately checked the aid stations for Herb. He was not to be found. I thoroughly questioned the survivors who had been with us but none of them had seen him after we left the perimeter.

"I sincerely regret that I cannot tell you more. I cannot speculate with any degree of accuracy whether or not your husband is alive, Mrs. Marshburn. The chances are fifty-fifty."

On hearing that Herbert was missing, Dave Freeman sent the following message in 1951:

"I have known Herbie for almost seven years and in those seven years I have admired him as a man and a soldier . . . I hope that one of these days in the very near future we will get word from him. You tell me where he is and I will parachute to help him out."

Charlie Byrne wrote also from Korea:

"Your letter came today, Portia, telling me of the report of Herby's being missing in action. . . The report means only one thing to me—that Herby is a prisoner. This is my firm belief, and I hope that he will soon be among those the enemy releases from time to time."

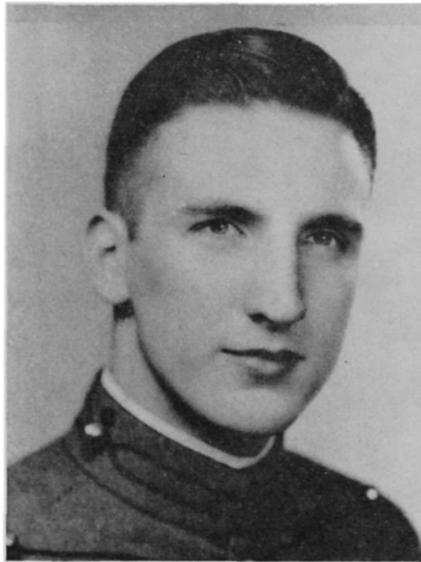
By expressing her thoughts on their happy life together, Herbert's Edna captures some of the devotion and sacrifice of an Army wife:

"I was a lucky young lady in that I grew up and married the 'boy across the street'. This meant we shared our happy high school days together and the eventual four years from Plebe Christmas to June Week. When we were married soon after graduation our devotion to one another was founded on a friendship and deep love that had

grown as we ourselves went from our teens to our twenties.

After a short assignment at Fort Riley, we had our first real home at Fort Benning. Together with classmates and their brides, we had a wonderful six months. Here the class babies began to arrive; little Sambo Coursen was the first baby at our Infantry post. We made new friends and former 'drags' were thrilled by the role of being helpmates to new officer husbands. The feeling of friendliness and happiness that was abundant at Fort Benning can never be forgotten.

"Many of us carry sorrow in our hearts from the death of loved ones but we also shall always share a joyous way of life through the spirit of friendship and unity that we once knew. This spirit was personified in Herbert Marshburn, and he will always remain in the hearts and souls of those who knew him. To have shared his growing-up years and then to have been



his devoted wife leaves me with a wealth of happy memories.

"Because of having my life touched by his spirit, the urge is ever present to develop the ideals by which he lived."

The genuine interest that Herb always showed in others was perhaps most noticeable in the way he welcomed them into his home. In this regard, Nancy Fellers wrote:

"As I was sorrowfully reading the tragic news about your son, a New Year's Eve Party came to my mind. I remember what a warm and beautiful home you had for him and the cordiality with which you greeted his friends. And, because of the love you had, your grief will indeed be great.

"His name seemed like a magic word of good will among his friends. Being with him was a most happy experience."

Herbert's four years at West Point were characterized by the type of activity mentioned in letters from Manuel Asensio and Dan Guyton:

"Herb is well remembered by his friends and classmates for the enthusiasm that guided the Spanish Club in his years as member and president. Having been stationed in Mexico on attache duty, the Marshburns had collected many products of native culture from the Latin-American countries, which Herb used to create vivid displays. The Marshburns' home in D.C. served as headquarters for many of the club's trips; the Spanish dances and club gatherings there were highlights of the itineraries arranged by Herb, which included visits to embassies and the Pan-American

Union. With the phenomenal increase in club membership brought about by Herb's efforts, he and his family became the last-
ing friends of many."

"Those of us close to Herbert during his cadet days remember the time he was locked in the library where, as usual, he was deeply engrossed reading about the problems of the world, both past and present. Herb's avid reading habits more or less characterized him, for he was always 'up' on what was going on in this world of ours, although maybe a little 'down' on tomorrow's calculus problems. And thus prepared, he set forth as a young Infantry officer fully capable of both leading his men in battle and telling them 'why' they were fighting in Korea. His passing away on the field of battle, therefore, constitutes not only the personal loss of a son, a husband, and a beloved friend, but even a greater loss to our nation, which, in this time in its history, needs the foresight and leadership of such young men."

Of course, the most important memory for us and the one that will inspire us for the remainder of our lives was Herbert's deeply generous spirit. The following letters serve to crystalize this aspect of his character:

"On the bleak battlefields of Korea where the Herbert whom we knew and loved gave his life for his fellow comrades-in-arms he exemplified the way he had always lived—for others.

"Unselfishness and generosity were the cornerstones in Herbert's philosophy of life. These two virtues embody the fundamentals of active Christian living. It is not difficult for one to profess love of fellow men, but few have the strength of character to live that conviction. This Herbert did—not just that winter night in Korea, but throughout the whole time I knew him as a friend and fellow soldier.

"Along with these attributes, Herbert was a gracious man, one who had within himself the peace of heart and human understanding that we in this troubled world are constantly seeking."

—Ralph Dougherty.

"In the summer of 1945 I found, along with the meaning of 'Beast Barracks', plebes, and 'firsties', a friendship which I shall remember and cherish the remainder of my life. Herbert was that rare individual who saw only good in everyone and who never harbored the suspicion that anyone could intentionally do wrong.

"Herb was a living personification of altruism, and though he was often heavily burdened by the slings and arrows of the 'Tacs' and 'P's', Herbert could always lighten the load of his unfortunate classmates with a cheerful quip or smile.

"We, his classmates, loved Herbert, enjoyed his fellowship, and by laughing with him absorbed a little of the sunshine and good spirit he radiated. Life in those past cadet days was more than evading 'Tacs', because we had a lesson of duty, honor, country to learn. Herbert learned this lesson well and set a standard for us all when he rallied a group of stragglers, breathed his life into them, and forged the resistance which allowed the bulk of his unit to escape the Chinese trap."

—Martin D. Howell.

"Herby Marshburn possessed West Point's spirit with a disarming ease and grace, yet he possessed it as fully as any man who ever graduated. The poise with which Herby bore the West Pointer's stamp clearly showed how deeply he understood his Alma Mater. But this quality of Herbert's was not nonchalance nor charm alone. It was a product of his distinct and distinguished individuality, a serenity that re-

vealed authority. This was the timbre of Herby's leadership.

"Only those who were with him in December 1950 in the cold and combat of Chosin Reservoir can know how desperately his leadership was needed and how priceless it was."

—Charlie Byrne.

"On December 2, 1950, Herby Marshburn was killed leading his men in a delaying action in the vicinity of Chosin Reservoir, Korea. Just two days before, he had received the Silver Star for gallantry in action. By his unselfish and heroic conduct Herby enabled many of his comrades to retreat successfully from the Chinese onslaught when he himself might have escaped.

"The unselfishness and interest in the welfare of others which made Herby a fine Infantry leader and a hero in battle are the same traits that made him a wonderful friend. I have never known a more truly generous person. It is not surprising that, having contributed so much to the happiness of others, Herby was, himself, a very happy person, and it is a source of satisfaction to those who loved him to know that his short life was a full and happy one. His native kindness and optimistic outlook drew to him many loyal friends with whom he shared his life.

"Graduation from West Point in '49 was for Herb the realization of a boyhood ambition to follow in his father's footsteps. The courage which he was to show so soon after graduation is a great credit to his family, his Alma Mater, and his country.

"It seems strange to speak of our friendship with Herby as something that is in the past. He imparted such a large portion of his happy and generous spirit to each of us who was fortunate enough to know him that he will remain with us throughout our lives, not as a memory, but as an ever-present and inspiring friend."

—Richie Cooper '48.

Floyd Albert Stephenson, Jr.

NO. 16973 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, DECEMBER 13, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 22 YEARS.

I FEEL privileged to write this brief memorial for my brother, Lieutenant Stephenson, for I knew him well; knew him not only as a sister but also as a friend and companion who watched him grow and develop into the outstanding young American that he was at the time of his death.

He was known to his family and intimates as "Bo" Just why, I never knew, but somehow or other the name seemed to fit him and stuck to him. It is by that name that we think of him today.

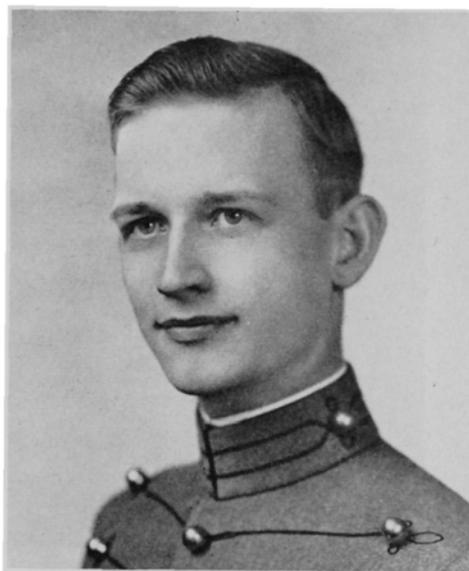
Bo was born to the Service. His father was an officer of the United States Marines; his youth was passed in Marine Corps posts, at naval stations and at one Army post, Fortress Monroe, where his father attended an Army artillery school. He was an unusually bright youngster. One time when he was a little boy of six or so, he was brought into a social gathering where there were many Army, Navy and Marine Corps officers present. Bo was presented to the officers and their wives, he clicked his heels, acknowledged each introduction and never missed the rank or service of any of the officers to whom he was presented.

Bo had great ability as a linguist. When he was a very small boy, we spent two years on Guam, where our father had been

ordered to duty. Upon his return to the Mainland, Bo chattered in Guamanian like a true Chamorro. Later he studied Spanish and Russian. Señor Sanchez Gavito, at that time Charge d'Affaires at the Mexican Embassy, told me that Bo's Spanish was letter perfect, the best that he had ever heard from any person whose native tongue was English. Bo's extra curricular activities were not limited to the study of languages, however. He was a talented musician and an astute chess player.

The action in which Bo met his death was not the first aircraft tragedy in which he was involved. At the age of 12, while in transit in a commercial plane, he crashed and for some time suffered as the result of the physical injuries he received at this time.

Despite the handicap of jumping from one school to another as the result of transfers of his father due to orders, Bo's scholastic record was outstanding. He graduated from Western High School in Washington, D. C., the youngest boy in his class,



during the latter's visit to the Military Academy. This association ripened into a true friendship, and, following his graduation, Bo visited young Señor Aleman in Mexico City.

I feel quite sure that if Bo had been able to have chosen the manner in which he should die, it would have been as he did, as an officer of the Air Force, making the supreme sacrifice for his country and those things in which he believed.

—Violet Jane Stephenson.

George Everett Foster

NO. 17446 CLASS OF 1950

MISSING IN ACTION SINCE DECEMBER 2, 1950, AT CHONJIN (CHOSIN) RESERVOIR, KOREA, OFFICIALLY DECLARED DEAD AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953, AGED 25 YEARS.

GEORGE, "Georgie" as he was generally known, and as "Porgie" among his childhood mates, was born at Cayey, Puerto Rico, March 4, 1928, the son of then Lieutenant and Mrs. Roy M. Foster. Practically all of his boyhood was spent at Army stations, where he always was one of the gang, making new friends, whom he never forgot. From the time that he was old enough to walk, when his mother or father would have to rescue him from out in front of the 20th Infantry Band, at marching practice, where he was beating on a cooking pan with a spoon, the environment and atmosphere of Army life was ever complete to him.

Throughout his Elementary School days and into High School, George was an outstanding student. He was quick to grasp and keen at organizing his thoughts, enabling him to make the honor roll of his Class, except for his last two years of High School, at Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland, where he seemed to lose interest. However, at Chevy Chase, Georgie made his closest and lasting friendships, with boys who later remained as close to him as his classmates at West Point. From his childhood, Georgie had a devoted love and respect for the Almighty, his parents, sister and brother, and toward all people, that made him admired and loved by all. He was always ready to accept responsibility and no task was too small or too big for him.

From the time Georgie was old enough to know of West Point, he had the desire to be a West Pointer. When a principal appointment to Annapolis or 2nd alternate appointment to West Point was tendered him, his decision was West Point. Upon graduation from High School, Georgie entered Sullivan's Preparatory School, and under Sully he really found himself. He stood very high on the Presidential List, and through West Point, no one meant more to George than Sully. Georgie, in his devoted love for West Point, and toward his brother, Bob, hoped that Bob would be able to prepare under Sully and make the Point. With Bob's entering in the Class of '58, through Congressman Herlong of Florida, after the briefest of preparation under Sully, it seemed a miracle through earnest prayers. Georgie was able to take the Point in stride and beyond doubt lived it as the four greatest years of his life, graduating with a very fine record. His Class standing enabled him his choice of branch, and with his roommate, Larry Birk, who stood very high in the Class, they chose the Cavalry (Armor).

Graduation leave was a heavily occupied and delightful period for George, attend-

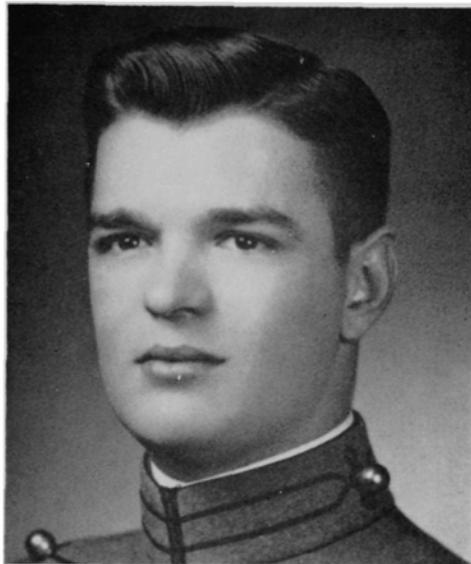
and although he entered Western during the second semester of the senior year, he graduated third from the top of the class and was designated as Sergeant-at-Arms in recognition of his position as an outstanding cadet.

Bo was too young to be drafted, but he was a big boy and sensitive about his youth. He wanted desperately to get into the Service. After graduating from high school, he spent one year at the Virginia Military Institute. He then took the competitive examination for presidential appointment to West Point with very little preparation and felt that he had failed to achieve his goal; however, being determined to enter the Armed Services, he enlisted in the Marine Corps with the hope of being commissioned as a Marine officer. He had been at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, less than one week when his presidential appointment to West Point came through and he was discharged from the Marine Corps to enter the Military Academy. I well recall his humorous comment regarding his three days in the Marine Corps as result of which he officially rated two ribbons. He said to me, "Three days in the Marine Corps and two ribbons—I never knew anyone to do any better than that."

While a cadet at the Military Academy, Bo was honored by being appointed at the request of the Mexican Embassy, to be an aide to the son of the President of Mexico

ing classmates' weddings, helping his mother and Bob to settle near Washington, D. C., after their sailing orders to Japan had been canceled, and visiting at San Antonio with his roommate, Falkner Heard, and Falkner's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Falkner Heard. During his cadet life, Georgie really felt that his second home was with Colonel and Mrs. Heard. George's original assignment orders upon graduation were to Europe, but, with his father being stationed in Japan, his orders were changed to the Far East. This had pleased him, as he planned to accompany his mother and Bob to the West Coast and then hoped to sail concurrently with them to Japan, stopping over to visit with his other roommate, Larry Birk, and Larry's parents at Klamath Falls, Oregon. With the war breaking in Korea, the planned voyage to Japan was canceled, and George, with classmates, was flown from Camp Stoneman via Alaska into Japan.

Upon reaching Japan, George was assigned to the 7th Division, then in the em-



barking phase for the Inchon Landing. At this time he was assigned to Company C, 32nd Infantry. Although he regretted having to replace the sabers with crossed rifles, he felt that basically he was better qualified for combat duty in the Infantry than with Armor.

Letters to his parents from officers of his unit—from his Regimental Commander, Company Commander and others—said that Georgie performed remarkably as a leader in combat, that he represented the true ideals and traditions of West Point, and that his father and mother could be proud to call him "Son." Among classmates, who knew of him in combat, it was said that he was liked and admired to the highest by all. At the battle of Seoul, he was given a platoon and, after one month of duty, was recommended for promotion by his Company Commander, but the promotion was held up, in accordance with the policy requiring completion of six months' commissioned service before the promotion could be made. Georgie's last letter to his father, written on the 28th of November 1950, at the Chonjin (Chosin) Reservoir, seemed to reveal him as in high spirits, and he said was counting the days, until he could be back in Japan with his mother, Bob and father.

Other than the report of his M.I.A. status as of 2 December 1950, no information has been found, except that he had been wound-

ed in an arm on 1 December 1950, and, on 2 December 1950, had led his platoon down a steep cliff into a valley or canyon to break a road block.

With the Department of the Army notifying his parents of his presumed death as of 31 December 1953, it may be said, true to the traditions of West Point, that George's duty and honor in battle are worthy of the highest tribute, "Well Done".

—R. M. F.

John Joseph Halloran

NO. 18652 CLASS OF 1952

DIED MAY 19, 1954, NEAR KEFLAVIK AIRPORT, ICELAND, AGED 24 YEARS.

It is a sad and difficult task to write the memorial about a friend as close as Jack Halloran. Those of us who knew Jack well shall never forget his friendly nature nor his driving spirit that made him a hard worker and a hard player. Every task set before him he handled with consummate skill. We will always feel that God called Jack to Him for duty on earth well performed.

From his day of birth, August 9, 1929, Jack was an intensely active and curious boy. Everything that went on about him attracted his attention. As he grew older he acquired an easy, friendly manner that made the transition from early youth to school days a simple one for him. All of Jack's classmates found him to be a pleasant associate with a keen sense of humor. His flair for the practical joke occasionally got him into mischief, but he never carried it beyond the point of a hearty laugh. After a joke he found that he usually had more friends than before.

Jack's many talents just began with his ability to make friends. He was an honor student and a skillful athlete from his first days in school. Every academic class found him standing high among the top students, and on the fields of sport he was a leader in both football and baseball. His keen competitive spirit and eye for perfection made him the choice for a leader in any field.

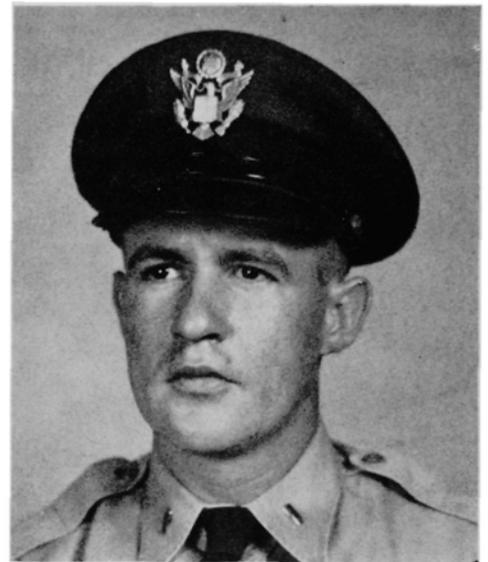
Jack's choice of West Point came as no surprise to his parents, as he was always interested in military life. July 1948 found him among the men entering the Military Academy in the Class of 1952. As in every new undertaking, he adapted himself easily to life as a cadet. During "Beast Barracks", when every plebe was forced to the limits of his endurance, Jack displayed the great drive and sustaining power that consistently carried him to the top.

While at the Academy, he worked hard and played hard. An honor student, Jack showed greatest interest in science, mathematics and in military arts and science. In recognition of his ability in mathematics, he was elected President of the Mathematics Forum. Many cadets went to Jack for assistance in their studies. He willingly solved the many academic problems brought to him by his classmates.

Athletics filled a large part of Jack's program at the Academy. He led Company B-2 in football, softball, lacrosse and water polo. Jack had never played the latter two sports before entering West Point. Learning fast, he soon became the outstanding player on each team. His aggressive spirit carried the teams to many victories that might otherwise have been lost. Jack's contribution to intramural sports in B-2 helped the company move from a low rank-

ing position of twenty-two to a place among the top three companies in the Corps.

At graduation the Air Force was Jack's choice of service. As a cadet he always spoke of the need and the importance of a strong Air Force. He wanted to be a part of it. His first assignment was at James Connally AFB, Waco, Texas, where he received basic flight training. Learning fast, he soon became the leading pilot in his class. Instructors were astounded at the rapidity with which he grasped every new subject and drill. From Connally AFB, Jack went to Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia, for advanced training. When he graduated, Jack was considered one of the finest junior pilots in the Air Force. After completing training at Moody AFB, Jack was sent to the Air Defense Command at Keflavik, Iceland. He became a member of the 82d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron and piloted an all-weather fighter, the F94C. In a short time, Jack gained the reputation of being one of the finest pilots in the squadron. Officers and men alike admired him



for the ease and dexterity with which he handled his plane.

On the evening of May 19, 1954, Jack was called to fly a routine flight over the sea off the coast of Keflavik. At 2125 he radioed in that his jet had flamed out. This was the last message from him.

It was a terrible shock to receive the fateful news that Jack had been killed in a crash on May 19, 1954, due to engine and other material failure, while returning from a mission near Keflavik, Iceland. A great man was lost on that day. If any consolation can be gained from this tragedy, it must come from our knowledge of the manner in which Jack lived. He was unselfish and untiring in his devotion to God, to country, to his family and friends. Let us feel that Jack had learned the lessons which God had put before him here on earth and was recalled to heaven for duty well performed.

As a tribute to a fine pilot, the senior officers of the 82d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron flew a mission over the last path that Jack had flown. When they flew across the airfield in a formation the shape of the Cross, the last plane rolled over and soared up out of sight into the sun signifying the ascent of a hero's soul into Heaven.

Though Jack has gone, the splendid example he set shall remain as the goal for the young pilots of the future.

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