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The Department of Tactics, U. S. M. A.

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MISSION

The mission of the United States Military Academy is to provide instruction, experience, and motivation for each cadet in order that he will graduate with the knowledge and qualities of leadership required of a junior officer and with a basis for continued development, throughout a lifetime of service to his country, leading to readiness for responsibilities of the highest order in the Department of Defense. In accord with the overall objectives of the Military Academy, the Commandant of Cadets, as Commander of the United States Corps of Cadets and Head of the Department of Tactics has a five-fold mission:

1. The development of character as exemplified by a high sense of duty, honor, and integrity.
2. The development of the qualities and attributes of leadership.
3. The providing of a broad basic military education.
4. The development of a high standard of physical fitness.
5. The administration and discipline of the Corps of Cadets.

The primary mission of the Department is the development of character, and all efforts are designed to further this objective. Character development is an integral part of the life of a cadet and is accomplished concurrently with all training. In addition, his associations and his environment serve to develop to the highest degree his integrity, his sense of honor, and his sense of duty to his country.

The theories and techniques of leadership are taught in the classroom, whereas the opportunity to apply these procedures are afforded the cadets by assignments to positions of leadership within the command structure of the Corps as well as by temporary assignment to positions of leadership during the summer training periods.

Since leadership must be developed upon a foundation of self-discipline and acceptance of authority, the emphasis during Fourth Class Year is to teach the Plebe to obey orders and to maintain self-discipline. Thereafter, as the cadet proceeds through his four years at the Military Academy, he is progressively accorded more responsibilities and is assigned to higher positions of leadership. The first command assignment that a cadet receives is that of squad leader during his Third Class summer training. The next opportunity for a position of leadership comes the following summer when, as a Second Classman, he departs West Point for a training trip lasting two months. Throughout this entire trip, Second Classmen are assigned to all command positions within their group. Throughout the following academic year, selected Second Classmen are appointed Corporals. During his First Class summer, the cadet is assigned a variety of command assignments. He may be given a position of leadership during the three week training trip, or, following this trip, he may be assigned a leadership position in either the New Cadet Detail, which supervises the new Fourth Class, or the Camp Buckner Detail, which supervises the Third Class. If not assigned to the latter details, he will report to a

Replacement Training Division where he will be assigned the duties of a platoon leader. Throughout the following academic year, his class mans all positions in the cadet chain of command above the rank of corporal. Finally, it must be emphasized that throughout the entire four year course of instruction, leadership and command are stressed in all tactics instruction, physical education, and, to the maximum extent practicable, in all other appropriate activities.

In order to provide the cadet with a broad basic military education, his military instruction is primarily devoted to the fundamental concepts of the science of tactics. This instruction provides for the study of the methods, techniques, and materiel of the various arms and services of the Armed Forces of the United States, with an emphasis on practical application in the field. As a result of this training, the graduate possesses the foundation for continued development of his military knowledge throughout a lifetime of service.

The development of physical fitness is a continuing objective throughout his four years as a cadet at West Point. It begins the day he arrives as a candidate and does not end until he graduates.

To assist the Commandant in the accomplishment of his mission, the Department of Tactics is organized into two regiments, each commanded by a Regimental Commander and each consisting of twelve companies commanded by Tactical Officers. In addition, the Commandant has under his direct supervision the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership and the Office of Physical Education. Paralleling the organization of the Department of Tactics, the Corps of Cadets is organized into a brigade of two regiments. Each regiment has three battalions, each consisting of four rifle companies. There now follows a brief outline of the training program currently provided the cadet each year at the Military Academy followed by a discussion of the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership and the Office of Physical Education.

FOURTH CLASS YEAR

The military training of the cadet begins immediately upon his arrival at the Military Academy during the first week in July. By evening of the first day, the new cadets have received sufficient rudimentary training to move in a formation in their initial issue uniforms to Trophy Point for the Swearing-In Ceremony. For the next eight weeks, the new cadets have an extremely full training period, with instruction from Reveille at 0600 hours until Taps at 2130 hours. This instruction is devoted primarily to basic individual military training. Other instruction consists of an indoctrination in the history and ideals of West Point, courses in ethics and military courtesy, and a thorough orientation in the concepts of duty and honor. In addition, there are periods devoted to physical training exercises and sports. The summer training of the new cadet culminates with a six-day hike which provides opportunities for the practical field application of the basic individual training he has received during the summer. Upon the completion of the summer training and the return of the up-

per classes to West Point, the new cadets are formally presented to the Corps at a ceremony known as Presentation Parade. During this ceremony the Fourth Classmen are incorporated into each of the 24 cadet companies.

Throughout the academic year, September until June, the Department of Tactics conducts two hours of military instruction each week. In early Fall and late Spring, these two hours are devoted to dismounted drill. In addition, as long as the weather will permit, two regimental parades and one brigade parade are held weekly. During the remainder of the year, these two hours each week are devoted to classroom instruction conducted primarily by officers and non-commissioned officers of the Combat Arms Detachment, 1802d Special Regiment. Throughout the entire academic year, a brigade review and inspection are held each Saturday.

For the Fourth Classman, the classroom training consists of a continuation of his basic military training in the tactics and techniques of small units. Among the courses presented are map reading, terrain appreciation, military courtesy and discipline, basic infantry weapons, infantry squad tactics, an introduction to armor, and the basic techniques of the conduct of artillery fire.

THIRD CLASS YEAR

Immediately after graduation, the new Third Class depart on their first leave since entering the Military Academy. Returning to West Point in early July, the Third Classmen report to a field training area at Camp Buckner, which is located on the reservation about seven miles southwest of the main post. The Third Class is then organized into a battalion of six companies under the command of the First Class; however, each Third Classman is assigned the position of squad leader of a short period during the summer. The emphasis of training at Camp Buckner is on the firing of weapons and on squad-level field training. All cadets are required to qualify with the M1 rifle and fire familiarization courses with all weapons found in a regimental combat team. A considerable amount of time is devoted to infantry, armor, and artillery small unit tactics. The Third Class also receives orientation training in certain of the technical services, which includes practical work in basic signal communications, basic military engineer operations such as mine laying, bridging and demolitions, and basic instruction in the techniques of motor transportation, Military Police, and Quartermaster field units. In addition, there is a three-day field exercise wherein the cadets have an opportunity to employ the tactics and techniques they have learned against an Aggressor Force. The final weekend is devoted to the "Buckner Stakes" which is a practical, competitive examination summarizing the summer's training.

Upon completion of the eight weeks' summer training period, the Third Classmen return to West Point and rejoin their regularly assigned cadet companies for the academic year. The classroom military instruction during the Third Class year is primarily devoted to a study of the tactics and techniques of the platoon. Toward



CADETS OF SECOND CLASS LEAVING FOR MANEUVERS

the end of the classroom courses, the Third Class begins the study of the Air Force, organization and missions.

SECOND CLASS YEAR

Immediately following graduation, the Second Class departs from West Point for an eight weeks' summer training trip. The trip begins when the class embarks at West Point on a Navy APA for Norfolk, Virginia. Upon arrival at Norfolk, the cadets transfer to aircraft carriers, battleships, and cruisers for five days of naval instruction. This instruction consists primarily of studies and demonstrations of the organization tactics and capabilities of the Navy task force. The naval phase of training ends with amphibious instruction and a demonstration amphibious landing at Little Creek, Virginia. Upon completion of this training, the class receives an orientation from the Transportation Corps at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and from the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Lee, Virginia. The class then departs via air transportation from Langley Air Force Base for The Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Georgia. The three weeks of training at The Infantry Center is devoted to Combined Arms training on the company level and consists primarily of practical field work. Also while at Fort Benning, the Army Aviation School provides instruction for cadets on the roles, missions, and capabilities of army aviation. Following this training, the class is divided into two groups—one group is airlifted to Maxwell Air Force Base and the second group is airlifted to Eglin Air Force Base. After one week the groups interchange. The instruction presented by the Air Force emphasizes the roles, missions and capabilities of the Air Force and provides the cadets with orientation flights in several types of propeller driven and jet aircraft. While at Eglin Air Force Base, the cadets witness a demonstration of Air Force attack and bombing operations. Upon completion of the Air Force training, the Second Classmen depart on their summer leave.

Throughout the following academic year, classroom instruction is presented on the

company level of tactics, anti-aircraft artillery and the medical service.

At the beginning of the academic year, selected Second Classmen are appointed cadet corporals and many are assigned to assist and understudy the First Class members of the Honor Committee, Class Committees, etc., in preparation for the particular responsibility which they will be assigned the following year.

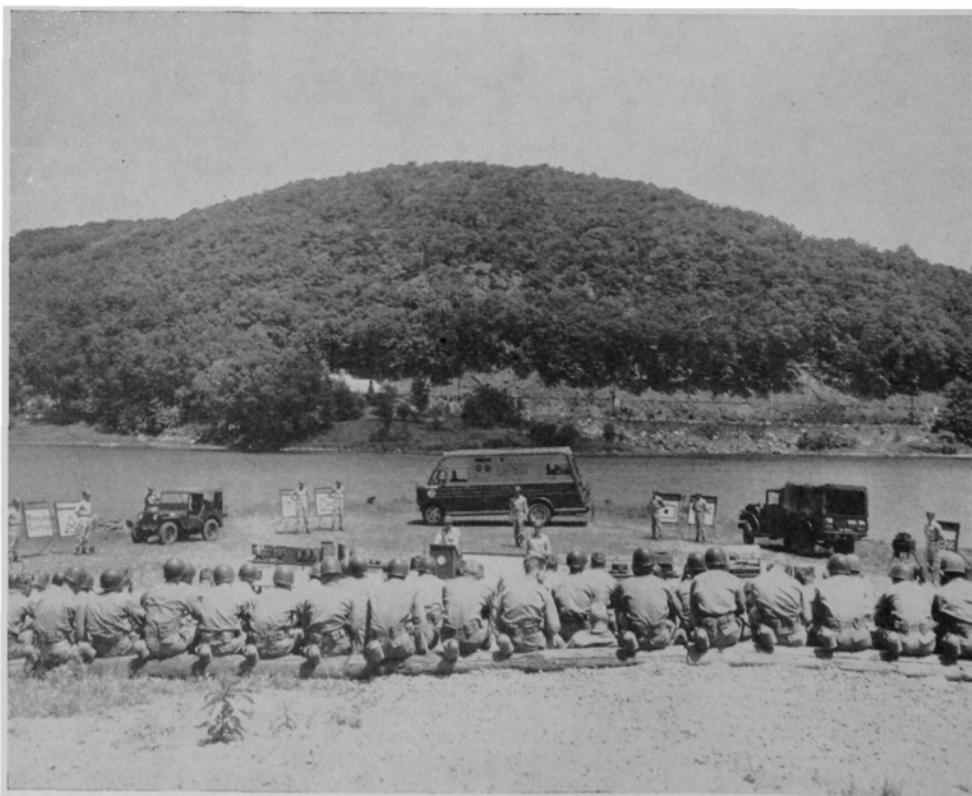
FIRST CLASS YEAR

Immediately following graduation, the new First Classmen depart from West Point via air transportation on a three week train-

ing trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; and to a Guided Missile site. The purpose of this trip is to demonstrate to the First Class the latest developments in the tactics and techniques of the combat arms, as well as the latest advances in materiel and techniques developed by the Air Force and the technical branches. After returning to West Point, one half of the class departs on a month's summer leave. The other half is divided into three groups—one group is designated as the New Cadet Detail and serves as commanders and instructors for the incoming class; the second group is designated as the command echelon for the Third Class during their Camp Buckner training; and the third group act in the capacity of junior officers and instructors for recruits at a Replacement Training Division. At the end of the month, these groups depart on leave and their duties are assumed by those cadets who return from leave. It is during this period that the First Classmen receive the most profitable leadership training while cadets.

At the beginning of the academic year, First Classmen are appointed as cadet officers and noncommissioned officers, to fill positions in the permanent cadet chain of command. Although these appointments are held throughout the year, there is a rotation of command duties within the companies to provide all First Classmen an opportunity to function in a command capacity for at least four weeks.

The tactics instruction presented during the academic year is on the battalion level, with major emphasis on the duties of junior officers. In addition, the First Class studies Air Force tactics and company administration. Upon the completion of the four years as a cadet the newly commissioned officer has received some 2,700 hours of military instruction presented under the supervision of the Commandant of Cadets and has achieved a broad basic military education upon which he can expand his knowledge during his career as an officer.



YEARLINGS WATCH DEMONSTRATION OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

OFFICE OF MILITARY PSYCHOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP

The Office of Military Psychology and Leadership operates as part of the Department of Tactics under the Commandant of Cadets. This office originated as a result of a letter written by General Eisenhower to the Superintendent in January 1946. Pertinent extracts of the letter are as follows:

"A feature that I should like very much to see included in the curriculum is a course in practical or applied psychology. . . Too frequently we find young officers trying to use empirical and ritualistic methods in the handling of individuals—I think that both theoretical and practical instruction along this line could, at the very least, awaken the majority of cadets to the necessity for handling human problems on a human basis and do much to improve leadership and personnel handling in the Army at large."

The Office of Military Psychology and Leadership has two primary missions. The first mission is to conduct a course of instruction designed to carry out the desires of General Eisenhower; the second mission is to administer the Aptitude for the Service System. In connection with the first mission three courses are presented. First, a 27-hour course in Basic Psychology is given to the Third Class early in the academic year. This course is mainly theoretical and is designed to provide the cadets with a better understanding of human behavior. Examples of the topics that are covered are personality, individual differences, intelligence, motivation, thinking and learning. The second course, instruction in Military Instructor Training, is given to the Second Class toward the end of the academic year. The cadets are given a nine-hour introductory course and spend the remaining 36 hours on practical application. Each cadet is required to present a lecture, a military lesson, critiques, and impromptu presentations. This course is completed just prior to the time when this class will assume their duties of instructing



CADETS RETURN FROM MANEUVERS WITH MIDSHIPMEN

the new Plebes, the Yearlings at Camp Buckner, or recruits in Training Divisions.

The third and final course is presented to the First Class during the last half of the academic year. This course is designed to acquaint the cadets with the principles of management and with proven leadership techniques within the service in order to facilitate their preparation for their forthcoming assignments as Second Lieutenants in the Army or Air Force. Entitled "Leadership in the Service", this course consists of three sub-courses: Mil-

itary Management, 12 hours; Military Personnel Management, 15 hours; and Principles and Techniques of Leadership, 24 hours. Much of the instruction takes the form of role playing in which the cadet takes the part of an officer and is required to present his solution to problems which are presented based on actual experience. In addition, the cadets attend a series of lectures by outstanding military and civilian leaders. They are also afforded an opportunity to discuss leadership situations with one panel composed of outstanding junior officers, and a second panel composed of outstanding noncommissioned officers. All texts used in the First Class Course are prepared by the instructors.

The Aptitude for the Service System is a program for individual evaluation and guidance in the Corps of Cadets. It provides: a rating function, comprised of semi-annual ratings designed to determine how cadets in any one class compare with each other in leadership ability and potential; a counseling and guidance function by the Tactical Officer and the Staff Psychologist in an effort to improve the leadership ability of all cadets and to assist those who are low in leadership potential; and finally, the function of eliminating those cadets who are unable to meet the standards of the Corps of Cadets or who are misplaced in the military profession. In addition, the program identifies those cadets who possess outstanding leadership ability and who are best qualified for positions of responsibility in the Corps of Cadets.

The Office of Military Psychology also has several lesser missions. These include the administration of the Fourth Class Sponsor Program and the First Class Advisory Program, as well as the monitoring of the Cadet Public Relations Council. In the Fourth Class Sponsor Program officers of the post, other than Company Tactical Officers, volunteer to sponsor three or four Fourth Classmen. The objective is to associate each Plebe with an officer, with whom he has no official relationship, who can afford him, in the more relaxed atmos-



CADETS AND MARINES BOARD LANDING CRAFT IN OPERATION CAMID



YEARLINGS FIRING MORTAR AT CAMP BUCKNER

phere of a social relationship, any advice and information he may desire. The First Class Advisory program is voluntary on the part of both the cadet and the officer and operates only between the branch drawings, in March, and graduation. The purpose of this program is to make available to each cadet an officer of his selected branch to whom he may go informally for advice or information on any matter pertaining to service life. The Cadet Public Relations Council was originated several years ago at the initiative of a group of cadets who felt that there were many Americans who know little if anything about West Point. The cadets of the Council deliver addresses concerning West Point in the vicinity of their homes, largely to high school audiences. These talks are made primarily during their leave periods.

During the summer, the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership is responsible for the Replacement Training Division Details. Those First Classmen not required for the Plebe Detail nor for the summer training at Camp Buckner, are assigned to one of the Training Divisions, such as the 69th Division at Fort Dix, for a period of one month during July and August. Approximately 25 to 50 cadets, under the supervision of an officer, are assigned at any one time to one Division. While the cadets are required to abide by certain regulations of the Corps of Cadets, they are for all other purposes treated as second lieutenants during this period. Their duties are rotated between assignment to a training company and assignment to a training committee. Emphasis is placed on the daily presentation of instruction, with the range covering most of the subjects taught during the first eight weeks of basic training. Knowledge of the advantages of this on-the-spot training makes this detail one of the most desired of summer assignments.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The aim of the four year Physical Education course can be stated simply as "Physical Education for Military Leader-

ership through instructor training classes and coaching clinics. Finally, the First Classman is afforded ample opportunity to put into practice the athletic instruction he has received by teaching, officiating, and coaching. Throughout the four years, the cadet is introduced to sports of carry-over recreational value to assist him in keeping physically fit and active throughout his military career.

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS PROGRAM

When New Cadets reach West Point in July, they undergo a special program of physical training and sports designed to develop a standard of physical condition adequate for the requirements of cadet life. Members of the First Class detail serve as cadet instructors for this program under close supervision of the instructors of the Office of Physical Education. In preparation for their duties in this program, First Classmen are given a brief refresher course during the last week in June consisting of a review of the techniques of conducting conditioning exercises and various sports activities.

The conditioning phase of the summer program consists of seventeen vigorous half-hour periods during the morning hours in July. In these classes, each new cadet is taught basic Army conditioning exercises. The first twelve periods are devoted to the "Army Dozen", and the last five periods consist of exercises with the rifle. These periods are rugged and rapidly build strength and endurance in the new cadets.

The new cadet also participates in a sports program consisting of twenty-eight one-hour afternoon attendances in various athletic activities including softball, speedball, touch football, volleyball, swimming and water polo. The ever-present conditioning objective is first satisfied at each attendance with ten minutes of grass drills or guerrilla exercises, which serve as warm-ups; thereafter teams are organized and play begins.

With the start of the academic year, Fourth Classmen are assigned to Physical



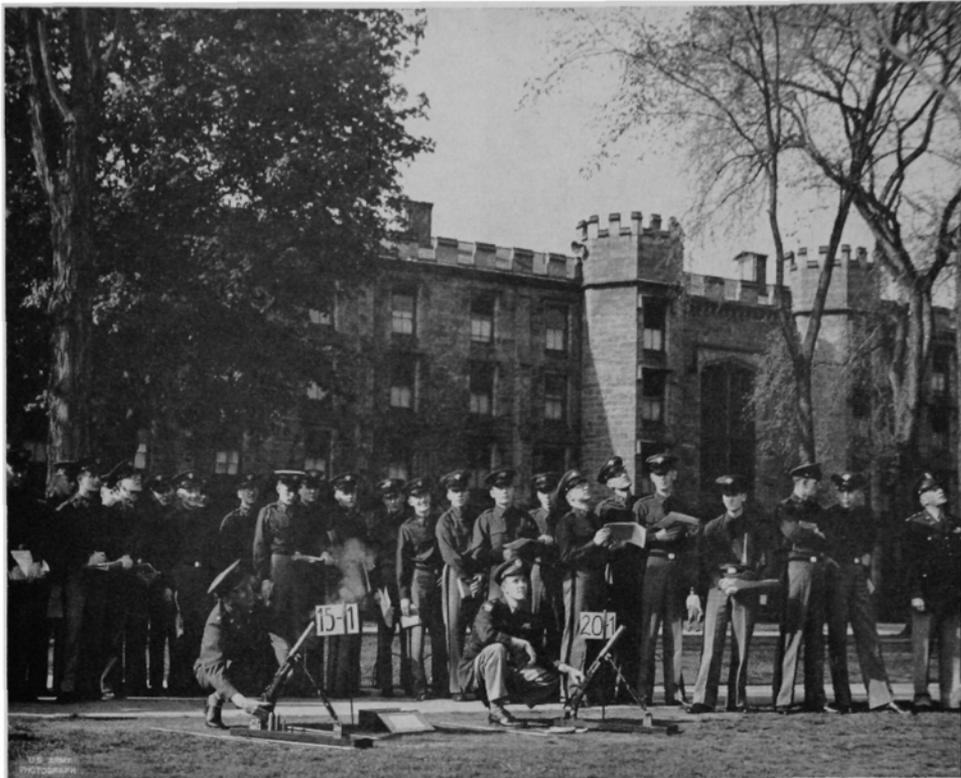
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Education sections according to their weight and relative physical abilities as determined by tests taken at the time of their entrance into the Academy. Each Fourth Classman attends a forty-five minute Physical Education class every other day and every Saturday during the entire academic year.

The greater part of the Fourth Class Course is devoted to boxing, wrestling, apparatus, and swimming. These subjects contribute to basic physical skills which build the confidence, courage, and bodily control essential for an effective officer. High standards of instruction coupled with small sections, fifteen cadets to a section, insure excellent results in this important phase of training. During the following spring, nine attendances each are devoted to golf and tennis. These popular sports are among the available means by which a cadet can keep active and maintain physical fitness later during his career as an officer.

The Third Classman participates in rigorous training during the summer months at Camp Buckner with morning runs, conditioning exercises, and a physical fitness test as part of the requirements. The Third Class program of sports training during the academic year is based on continuous studies made of team sports most generally played in service programs. Attendance is twice weekly in the afternoon from December through March. Volleyball, basketball, unarmed combat, and either badminton, handball, or squash are taught to all members of this class.

Beginning with the Second Class year, the emphasis shifts to more formal leadership training. The objective is to bridge the gap between personal performance and leadership of others. A practical course of Instructor Training, which includes the conduct of conditioning exercises, command voice techniques, and the conduct of informal soldier games, has been designed to prepare the cadet for the actual physical training leadership assignments which he will receive during the following summer while on the New Cadet Detail or



CADETS FIRING A KENT BATTERY

the Replacement Training Detail. In preparation for his duties as an intramural coach or an official during his First Class year, each Second Classman receives additionally a brief course in Coaching Techniques in one sport.

During their last summer at the Academy, First Classmen conduct the physical training of the new cadets. During the following academic year only seven hours of class instruction are available to the First Classmen. These hours are devoted entirely to preparing the cadet to organize and administer a Service physical training pro-

gram and a Service athletic program. First Class year is the year of practical leadership experience. Every possible opportunity to assume leadership responsibilities is provided to First Classmen. In addition, each member of the First Class spends two consecutive days as an assistant gym instructor. Finally, most First Classmen receive coaching or officiating assignments during the intramural seasons. Throughout the year, emphasis is placed on physical fitness to insure their capability of meeting Airborne and Ranger physical requirements. All First Classmen take the Army Physical Fitness Test in March.

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

Our Motto—"Every cadet an athlete"

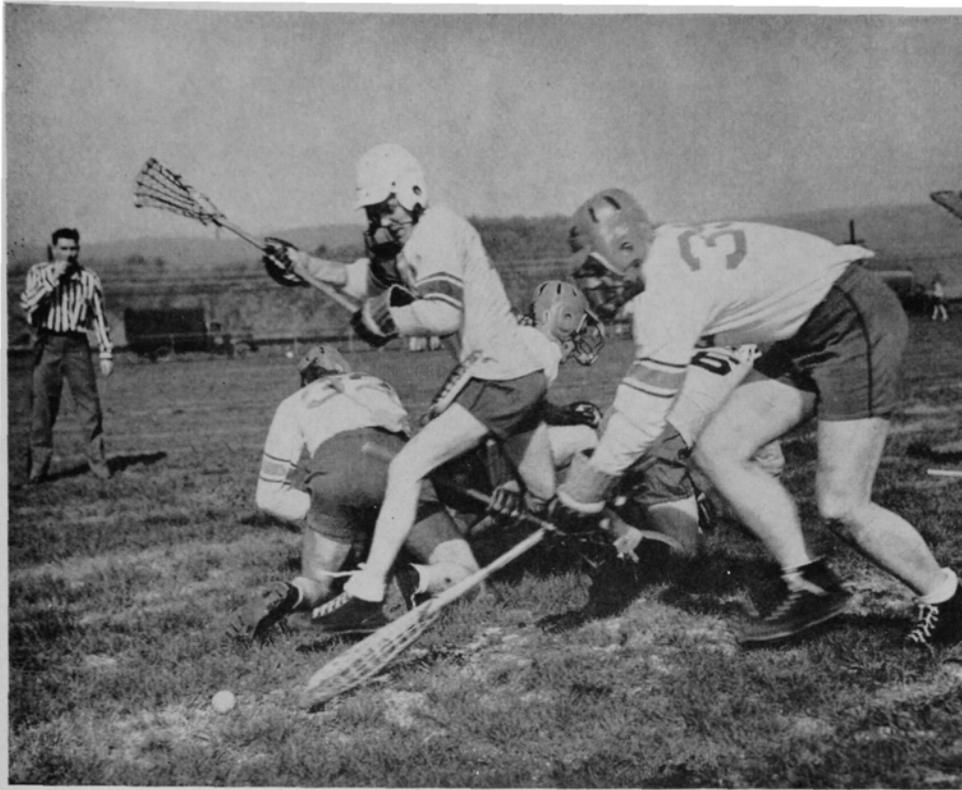
Intramural athletics are organized and directed by the Office of Physical Education, but are administered entirely by cadets. There are three intramural seasons and competition is scheduled in sixteen different sports. Each cadet receives a broad sports education in both team and individual competition, while learning self confidence, courage, poise, aggressiveness, and many other attributes necessary for a leader. By the time he graduates, the average non-Corps Squad cadet will have acquired playing experience in approximately ten different sports. The program provides both recreation and relaxation while developing the many traits of character that are required in vigorous athletic competition. In addition, intramural athletics prepare the cadet for his commissioned duties by providing experience in playing, coaching teams, officiating contests, and administering athletic programs.

During the fall program, cadets play football, lacrosse, track, and tennis. The winter program consists of basketball, boxing, handball, squash, swimming, volleyball, wrestling, and rifle. In the spring, cadets compete in cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis and water polo.

In most sports, competition consists of a round robin tournament with each regiment. All companies field a team in each sport



INTRAMURAL CROSS COUNTRY



INTRAMURAL LACROSSE

and a brigade champion in each sport is determined at the end of the season by a playoff between regimental champions. All companies attend intramurals twice weekly by regiments.

During the academic year, one First Classman from each company is appointed as Company Athletic Representative to direct the intramural athletics in his company. He has many duties, including the appointment of coaches and assistants, the assignment of cadets to squads, the supervision of team organization and practices, and the assignment of selected Second Classmen to appropriate coaching technique courses in order that they may be qualified to organize the Company intramural program for the following year.

First Classmen are coaches for the intramural teams. They are assisted by Second Classmen who normally succeed to the coaching positions the following year.

Attendance during the fall and spring seasons is compulsory for each cadet, but optional during the winter season. During the compulsory seasons, only those cadets designated by the Surgeon and those members of current intercollegiate athletic squads are excused from intramurals. All other company members are assigned as players in various sports within the limits of their eligibility. Each team member, except the coach, must play a prescribed minimum time in each record contest to insure that all cadets have an opportunity to acquire a well-rounded sports experience.

A point system is used to determine the intramural championship company each year. Contests are assigned a point value approximately equal to the minimum number of players on a team in each sport. The points are then apportioned according to the actual score of the contest. At the end of the academic year, the company earning the greatest total number of points in all sports during the year is awarded the Bankers Trophy, symbolic of the intramural championship of the Corps.

INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION

In addition to the Instructional and Intramural programs which concern all cadets, a number of other classes are conducted for those individuals falling below accepted standards. A Corrective Exercise program is operated for cadets having severe postural trouble and for those who are overweight or underweight. Cadets who have been injured or who have spent some time in the hospital attend Reconditioning Classes instead of their scheduled physical education instruction. A specially trained instructor supervises reconditioning and provides cadets with adapted exercises, restoring them to top physical condition before returning them to regular classes. In addition, any cadet unable to swim 160 yards in five minutes, must attend a Special Swimming class conducted by experienced

swimming instructors until he passes the test.

GRADING AND TESTING

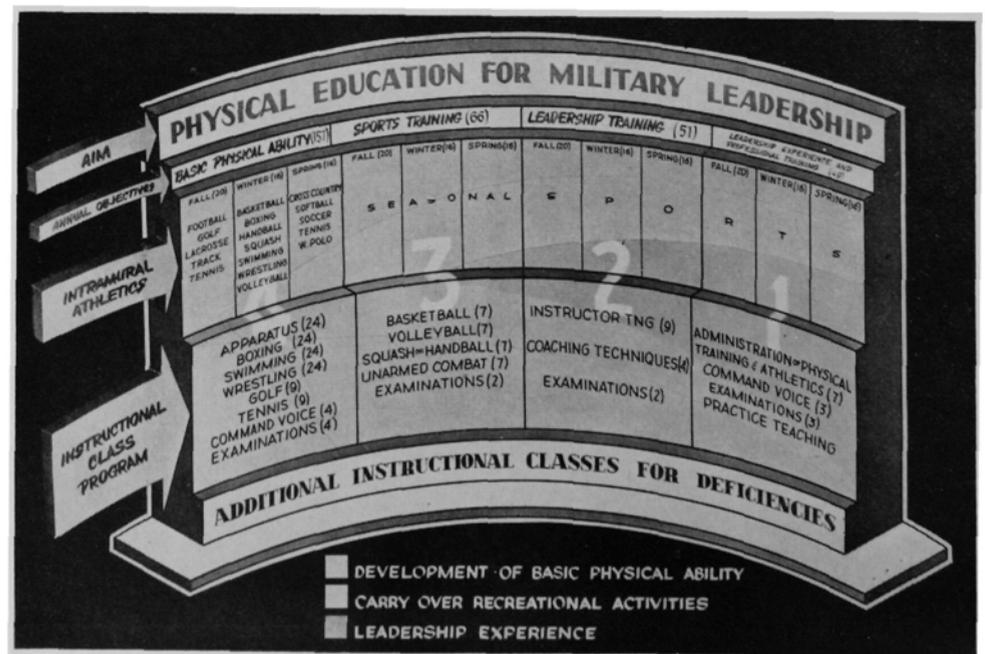
On the first of March, a testing period for all cadets commences. The Second, Third, and Fourth Classmen must run through an obstacle course and, in addition, must pass a five-item Physical Ability Test. The First Class must also undergo the obstacle course and in addition, are given the Army Physical Fitness Test. A minimum performance requirement is set for each item of the Physical Ability Test and the Physical Fitness Test. First Classmen failing to meet minimum requirements in the Physical Fitness Test are required to retake the test at monthly intervals until they can successfully complete it.

Cadets receive an annual Physical Education grade for each of their four years at the Academy. Not only does this grade determine their Physical Education standing, but it indicates the allotment of proportional parts in this subject which are considered in establishing a cadet's General Order of Merit at graduation. Many elements such as athletic participation (either Corps Squads or Intramurals) instructional classes, physical ability test scores, obstacle course test scores, etc., make up the yearly physical education grade.

Those cadets who are deficient in Physical Education at the end of each year are recommended to the Academic Board for discharge. In some cases, deficient cadets are placed in a conditioned status and allowed to continue their course at the Academy, pending a re-examination six months later.

The old motto "Every Cadet an athlete", applies more than ever to the present day West Point graduate. To keep the Physical Education program abreast of its mission, frequent staff visits are made to Service schools and units in training.

In addition to preparing the new cadet by means of a rigorous physical program for success in the Academy and for subsequent success as an active leader in the Army, procedures have been established in recent years to eliminate those candidates seeking entrance to West Point who fail to meet certain physical performance standards as indicated by a physical ability test required for admission.



JUNE WEEK PROGRAM - 1955

FRIDAY, 3 JUNE

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

SATURDAY, 4 JUNE

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

SUNDAY, 5 JUNE

Religious Services:	
Battle Monument:	
Service for Second, Third and Fourth Classes**	8:00 A.M.
Cadet Chapel for First Class:	
Baccalaureate Services and Dedication of Memorial Windows****	
First Regiment	8:30 A.M.
Second Regiment	11:00 A.M.
Catholic Chapel:	
Military Mass and Baccalaureate Service, First Class****	8:00 A.M.
Mass for Second, Third and Fourth Classes	10:30 A.M.
Masses	7:00, 9:30 & 11:30 A.M.

Old Cadet Chapel:

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

MONDAY, 6 JUNE

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

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE

Graduation Exercises, <i>The Field House</i> ****	10:00 A.M.
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* To be held in the Army Theater in event of inclement weather.
 ** To be held in the East Gymnasium in event of inclement weather.
 *** To be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.
 **** Admission by ticket.

U. S. M. A. SPRING SPORTS - 1955

(With scores to include 11 April)
 (All contests at West Point unless otherwise indicated)

BASEBALL

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 2	4	Maine14
4	*	Wesleyan
6	*	Ithaca
9	3	Swarthmore 0
11	1	New York Giants14
13		Villanova
16		Columbia—at New York
19		New York University
22		Harvard
23		Cornell
26		Manhattan
29		Brown
30		Pennsylvania
MAY 4		Syracuse
6		Princeton—at Princeton
7		Yale—at New Haven
11		Colgate
13		Williams—at Williamstown
14		Dartmouth—at Hanover
18		Amherst
20		CCNY
21		St. John's
23		Lafayette
28		Navy
JUNE 4		Fordham

*Canceled.

TRACK

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 16		Boston University
23		Pennsylvania
29-30		Penn Relays—at Philadelphia
MAY 14		Heptagonals—at Princeton
21		Manhattan
28		Navy

GOLF

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 9	5	Swarthmore 2
16		Colgate
23		Yale—at New Haven
30		New York University
MAY 7		Manhattan
14-16		Intercollegiate—at New Haven
21		Princeton
28		Navy

LACROSSE

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
MARCH 26	5	Mt. Washington Club12
APRIL 2	7	Rutgers—at New Brunswick11
9	8	Hofstra—at Hempstead 7
16		Yale
23		R.P.I.
30		Princeton
MAY 7		Maryland
14		Duke
21		Syracuse
28		Navy—at Annapolis
JUNE 4		Maryland Lacrosse Club (Exhib)

TENNIS

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 9	0	Swarthmore 9
16		Princeton
20		New York University
23		Harvard—at Cambridge
27		Columbia
30		Fordham
MAY 4		Williams
6		Pennsylvania
11		Yale
14		Cornell—at Ithaca
18		Manhattan
21		Dartmouth—at Hanover
25		Colgate
28		Navy—at Annapolis

A New Wing Added to the Library

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

Construction of a new wing to the Library was completed in December 1954. The addition is located behind the Library and occupies most of the courtyard inside the East Academic Building. The eastern side is an upward, one-story extension of the wall of the Mechanics Laboratory and is faced with granite to match. Further architectural unity has been achieved by connecting the new wall with the Academic Building by an arch and by arranging the casemented windows to correspond to those below. The other walls, which are not visible from the courtyard, are of buff brick. A small ell, housing offices, extends along the south side of the original Library Building, but terminates short of the windows of the Main Room. There is a ten-foot space between the addition and the windows of the East Academic Building. This arrangement, combined with the low height of the roof, insures adequate light and air to the classrooms.

The new addition will be known as The Bryant E. Moore Wing, and a memorial bronze plaque will bear the inscription, "Named for Major General Bryant Edward Moore, Superintendent, U.S.M.A., 1949-1951, killed in Korea while commanding the IX Corps in operations against the enemy. He conceived this addition to the Library and initiated the planning for its construction."

It is probable that the project would have been deferred for many years, if General Moore had not perceived the urgent need for more stack space and larger reading rooms to keep pace with the growing book collection and the increasing use of the

Library by cadets. From the beginning of his superintendency, he interested himself in the Library and gave his personal attention to its improvement. He substantially increased the allotment of funds for book purchases, installed fluorescent lighting in the reading rooms, had the walls painted, and procured a large number of additional easy chairs. He made the Library accessible to cadets of all classes at all times during the day and for two hours in the evening. An avid reader himself, he stimulated officers and cadets to make the fullest use of the Library's resources. He was ever present with advice and encouragement to the Librarian. The Bryant E. Moore wing is therefore a fitting memorial to him.

The main room of the Moore Wing will be used entirely for book stacks. It is 54 feet wide and its longest dimension is 112 feet. Its area is approximately 6,000 square feet. Its estimated capacity is at least 80,000 volumes.

Off this room are two washrooms, a janitor's closet, a fan room and a room for the microfilm viewers. An automatic elevator, which occupies the southwest tower of the old building, will serve both the new wing and the main library. Access to the wing will be by doors from the present Periodical Room and the History Room. The offices of the Librarian and his secretary are in the adjoining ell.

Occupancy of the new building will involve a radical reorganization of the whole library. Practically all of the books will be moved to new locations so as to permit

shelf space for expansion of the present collections, which are overcrowded. Reading rooms will be improved by clearing out the stacks that have encroached on them. The main office will be moved downstairs so as to be convenient to the catalog; and the present office space will be devoted to West Pointiana, rare books and manuscripts.

A salient feature of the new plan is the conversion of the present Literature Room (the old Geological Museum) into a large browsing room. At its western end, in the corners, will be two rooms, contrived by the placement of stacks. These will accommodate special collections for the Departments of English and Social Sciences, and will provide a combined study and seminar area for each.

The wide passageway, which connects the Library with the East Academic Building, will be equipped for the temporary display of art and historical exhibits. The West Point Museum will furnish the services of its Curator of Fine Arts, who will select and hang the pictures. It is expected that the attractiveness of the Library will be enhanced; and at the same time, the cadets will develop in a pleasant way some knowledge of West Point's history and also some appreciation of the arts.

The Moore Wing represents the first major physical change in the Library since the old building was remodeled inside by Major George Goethals, of Panama Canal fame, about 1900. He was at that time in command of the U.S.M.A. Engineer Detachment.



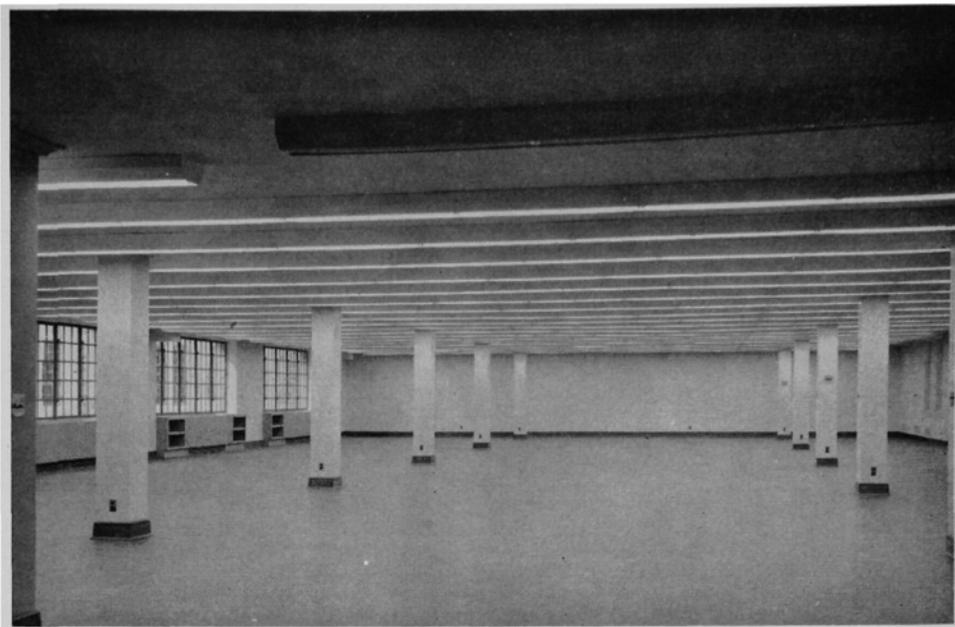
MAIN ROOM OF OLD LIBRARY

The Library was originally designed and built by Major Richard Delafield during his superintendency in 1841. From then until the remodeling, it served many purposes. The three towers had domes which housed the astronomical instruments of the West Point Observatory. The first story contained the offices of the Superintendent and his staff. On the second floor at the west end was the lecture room of the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. The Library occupied the room in the east end, which extended to two-story height, as does the present Main Room.

Very few graduates realize that the Library antedates the Military Academy. When the Continental Congress concentrated the Corps of Invalids at West Point and gave its members the task of instructing recruits, it also decreed that each officer should contribute one day's pay a month for the purchase of books. An old map of 1780 shows the library that housed the resulting collection, which was transferred to the Military Academy upon its founding.

The first Superintendent, Colonel Jonathan Williams, inherited the library of his great-uncle, Benjamin Franklin. It is known that he brought these books to West Point with him and allowed the cadets to have free access to them. Subsequent librarians have kept on eye open in the hope that Williams may have forgotten to pack at least one volume, but so far the quest has been fruitless.

When Secretary of War James Monroe sent Major Thayer to Europe in 1815 he commissioned him to buy military, scientific and engineering works for the U.S.M.A. Library. Thayer made an admirable selection of some 1,000 volumes, most of which may still be identified by their handsome calf bindings stamped with the name of the Academy. Professor Mahan and others likewise bought books for the Academy on their official trips abroad. In this manner the Library became preeminent in the scientific and engineering fields until well after the Civil War, when the wealthy and heavily endowed libraries of the great universities and technical schools began to surpass it. Today its leadership is confined to the realm of the military, though it still



THE NEW BRYANT MOORE WING

has other collections of considerable importance.

The use now made of the Library by cadets is in striking contrast to that of earlier days. Until the end of the nineteenth century the librarianship was an extra duty of a professor or a staff officer. The adjutant unlocked the bookcases for a couple of hours twice a week and permitted cadets to draw a book at a time by signing for it in a register. They were expressly forbidden to draw any but books of a serious nature, calculated to improve their minds and morals or to broaden their professional knowledge. Novels were anathema. Assignment of work in the Library by the academic departments was virtually unheard of.

Cadets now come to the Library at any time during the day when they have no scheduled formations. They may go there in the evenings, and many of them prefer to study there rather than in their rooms.

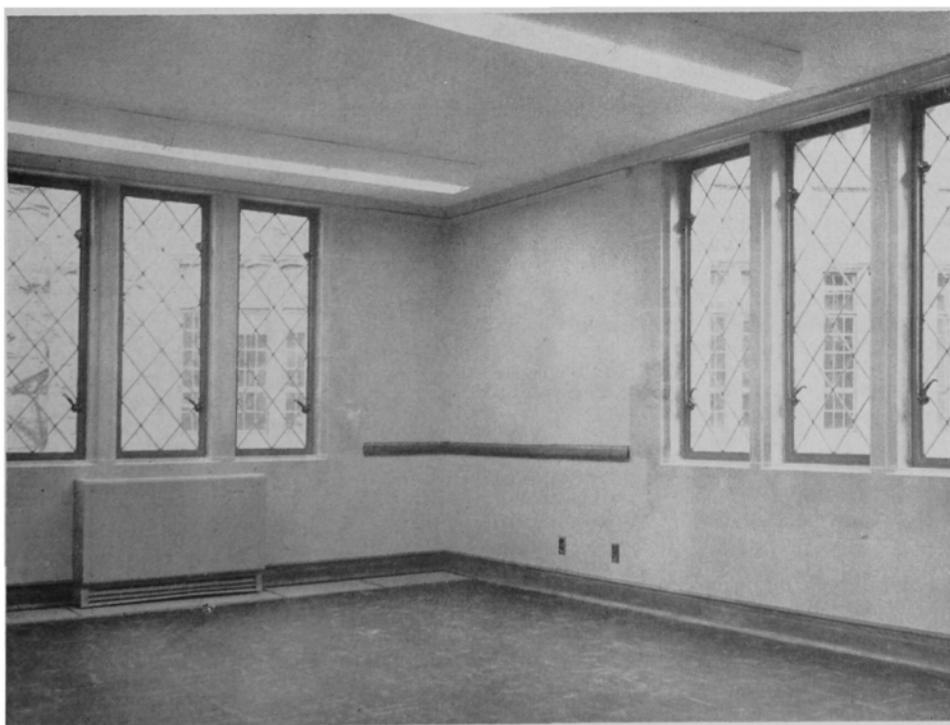
All of the stacks are open to them so that they may browse freely. There is something to appeal to every taste—from mysteries and science fiction, hobbies, art and literature, to technical and military subjects.

The beginning of the modern conception of the Library should be credited to Dr. Edward G. Holden, Class of 1870, who served as Librarian from 1902 to 1914. An eminent scholar and astronomer, he had been President of the University of California and Director of the Lick Observatory. As Librarian he was indefatigable. He selected the books, did the cataloguing, wrote articles on a variety of subjects for the encyclopedias and learned quarterlies, and was a leader in every intellectual enterprise at West Point. He sought and found opportunities to stimulate the minds of cadets and officers. As if that were not enough, he directed and supervised the reading of several teen-agers on the post. Those who were privileged to know him still come to the Library to extol his memory. He was one of the select company of graduates who made a lasting contribution to the Academy.

During the fourteen years following Dr. Holden's death, the Library went through many vicissitudes. At times there was no librarian at all, and it was in a caretaker status. At other times it was barely alive. Acquisition of books suffered, and their availability was limited by the scarcity or incompetence of personnel.

The renaissance came with the appointment of Major Elbert E. Farman, Jr., Class of 1909. A retired cavalry officer of broad culture and executive ability, he brought to the Library in 1928, a reviving spirit and an energetic progressiveness. He soon engaged an associate, Miss Mary L. Samson, a graduate of Vassar and a trained professional librarian. Her qualities were admirably matched to his own. Together they wrought a complete transformation. They made good the arrears in the book collection, modernized the procedures, selected a competent staff and made the Library an important adjunct to the academic system. Since then the use of the Library by the departments has grown by leaps and bounds.

Colonel Farman resigned his position in 1942 in order to undertake a more active war assignment. He was succeeded soon after by Colonel William J. Morton, Jr., Class of 1923, who is the present incumbent.



OFFICE SPACE IN NEW WING

BULLETIN BOARD

Nominations of Officers and Trustees for 1955-56

By T. DODSON STAMPS, August '17
Executive Vice President of the
Association of Graduates

The Trustees of the Association of Graduates have directed me to write this article in order to give the members of the Association the names of the nominees, their qualifications, and some of the reasons for their selection by the Trustees. I am using a by-line so that informalities and deficiencies in expression can be charged to me, and not to the Editor of *Assembly*.

At their meeting on 19 March the Trustees made the following nominations; these to be presented at the annual meeting of the Association, which will be held in the Cadet Mess Hall on 6 June:

For Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees:

Chauncey L. Fenton, '04

For President:

Willis D. Crittenberger, '13

For Vice Presidents:

Thomas B. Doe, '05
Robert H. Dunlop, '10
Walter W. Hess, Jr., '15
Eugene C. Johnston, '20
Vincent J. Esposito, '25

For Trustees for the period 1955-58:

Russell L. Maxwell, '12
Leslie R. Groves, Nov. '18
Howard L. Peckham, Nov. '18
William H. Kyle, '22
Gerard W. Kelley, '25
Edwin J. Messinger, '31
Walter J. Renfro, Jr., '34
George E. Wear, '44
John W. McEneary, '48
LeRoy W. Henderson, '50

For Trustee for the period 1955-56:

John S. Roosma, '26

(Nominated to replace Crittenberger)

For Regional Trustees for the period 1955-58:

Robert E. Wood, '00
Jacob L. Devers, '09

The following, after long and faithful service, will become Honorary Trustees under the provisions of the by-laws of the Association, their total years of service as officers and Trustees being shown after their names:

Chauncey L. Fenton, '04 (23 years)
Allan M. Pope, '03 (21 years)
Edmund B. Bellinger, June '18 (21 years)
James W. Riley, '06 (18 years)
We earnestly hope that these distinguished Trustees will continue to be active in the work of the Board.

In its message to the members that was published in the October 1954 issue of *Assembly*, the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees outlined the policies that would guide it in its work. These policies were followed with only minor exceptions. In selecting those to be recommended as nominees, the Nominating Committee sought advice and assistance from many different sources: from each of the present Trustees; from reunion classes; from several of the younger classes; and from the membership at large, through the article in the October *Assembly*. The Committee held seven rather

lengthy meetings, at which all recommendations received were very carefully considered.

Thus, the recommendations on which the Board of Trustees based its selection of nominees represent the views of many alumni in widely differing age groups. The nominations have the unanimous approval of the Trustees present at the March meeting, and the names will be presented at the annual meeting of the Association as the nominees of the entire Board.

I trust that the comments made below will be of interest to the members.

Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees:

This is not the place to review General Fenton's many accomplishments. After serving as President for eight years, during which he has given his full time to the work of the Association, he notified the Trustees of his desire to retire from office at the end of his present term. The Board of Trustees feels that it would be a fitting recognition of his long and distinguished service for the members of the Association to elect him Honorary Chairman of the Board.

President:

In General Crittenberger the Trustees have nominated one of our most distinguished alumni. Commander of the IV Corps in Italy during World War II, Commander in Chief of the Caribbean Theater, Commanding General of the First Army—these are but a few of the important military positions he has filled. Since his retirement he has continued to lead an active life, being, among other things, President of the Greater New York Fund (New York City's Community Chest) and advisor to the Mayor on Civil Defense. Since locating in the New York area, he has taken a keen interest in the work of the Association. At the moment he is President of the West Point Society of New York and a Trustee of the Association. As the original Chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, Crittenberger did his best to have the Committee present one of several other names to the Board of Trustees, but at the insistence of all other members of the Committee, and in response to the overwhelming desire of the Trustees, he finally yielded and agreed to serve as President if elected. In spite of many other commitments he could not resist the call to serve his Alma Mater. His resignation as a member of the Nominating Committee was accepted before his selection by the Committee and his nomination by the Trustees.

Vice Presidents:

The Trustees have continued the custom of selecting the nominees for these honorary positions from five of the reunion classes. The men named were recommended by their classes.

Trustees:

After thirty-four years of commissioned service, which included duty as Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces in the Middle East, and G-4 of the War Department, General Maxwell retired and settled in New York City, where he is a Vice President of the American Machine and Foundry Company. As will be brought out later, the Trustees are proposing a large turnover in the membership of the Board, but they recognize the importance of continuing in service some of the wheelhorses whose work and counsel have been of so

much benefit to the Association. One of these wheelhorses is Russell Maxwell, who by the end of his present term will have been a Trustee for 7 years.

Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves and Major General Howard L. Peckham are nominees who, if elected, will be new to the Board. There is probably no graduate who doesn't know that Groves developed the atomic bomb during World War II. Since his retirement he has been a Vice President of Remington Rand, with station just outside of New York City. Peckham, who is still on the active list, was recently assigned to duty in New York as the head of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. During World War II he had a number of important assignments, one of which was as Deputy Quartermaster General. It happens that these two extremely able men are members of the same class, but it is not always possible to select the kind of men we need as Trustees and avoid having more than one member of a class.

William H. Kyle is one of our graduates who has made his mark in civil life. He has risen fast in the banking world and is a Vice President of a large New York bank and the head of its Fifth Avenue branch. He has been a Trustee for six years and is another of the wheelhorses that the Board would like to retain. Kyle is a very, very busy man, but he is never too busy to serve on important committees and do other work for the Association.

Brigadier General Gerard W. Kelley, the able Chief of Staff of the New York National Guard, is another nominee who has never been a Trustee. He has shown a keen interest in the affairs of the Association and was particularly helpful in connection with the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

I could say a lot about Brigadier General Ed Messinger's athletic record as a cadet (it will be recalled that he was an All-American end) and his great combat record as an officer. But it is sufficient to state that he came to West Point as Commandant of Cadets in the early fall and that he was elected a Trustee to succeed General Michaelis. The Trustees feel that it is fitting that the "Com" should be one of their number. Having served only a few months prior to his renomination, Messinger may properly be classed as a new Trustee.

Colonel Walter J. Renfro of the Department of Foreign Languages is one of the younger professors at the Academy. He is completing his first term as a Trustee. There are many chores that the professors are called upon to do for the Association of Graduates, and the Trustees consider it advisable to keep a few of us on the Board—not that any of us ever seek the job. Renfro does so much work for the Association that I sometimes wonder how he finds time for his departmental duties. As Secretary of the Nominating Committee this year, he spent countless hours digging up information and writing reports. Both he and Kyle, another member of that Committee, asked that their names not be considered for renomination, but the other members of the Committee and the Trustees denied their request.

It will be recalled that it is the policy of the Trustees to nominate one man from each of the three youngest reunion classes. These will be, of course, '50, '45, and '40. But since '45 and '40 already have members on the Board, the Trustees have selected

'44 and '48 men in their stead. Murphy, '50's President, canvassed that class and recommended that Henderson, a resident of the New York area, be nominated. A group of '48 (all that we could readily contact) recommended McEnergy, who will come to West Point next summer and will be here for three years. A '44 group recommended Wear, who is now at the Academy as a "Tac" and who is due to remain until 1957, at least. We believe that all three of these graduates will make excellent Trustees. They will provide three more members to give us the viewpoint of the younger classes, although the members of '44 may not consider themselves young anymore.

Colonel John S. Roosma, the famous basketball player, is Deputy Post Commander at Governors Island. He is most active in the affairs of the New York Society, having done a large part of the work in arranging for the Society's last two annual dinners. He will be at Governors Island long enough to complete Crittenberger's term.

Regional Trustees:

Generals Wood and Devers, whose outstanding records are known to all, were short-term nominees when the six Regional Trustee positions were filled last fall. They were recommended by the West Point Societies of the Fifth and Second Army areas. As they have served only a few months, they have been renominated for a full (three year) term. General Devers attended the March meeting of the Trustees, and we hope to have General Wood with us at the June meeting, when his class holds its 50th reunion.

As stated, I have given the above information at the instance of the Board of Trustees. I should now like to make some comments of my own. Eleven Trustees are nominated, of whom only three have served as much as one three-year term. Assuming that a man's class indicates his age, the average age of the eleven Trustees nominated is ten years less than that of the group they will succeed, if elected. Considering five ten-year class groups ('40-'50, '30-'39, '20-'29, '10-'19, '00-'09), three nominees for Trustees are in the '40-'50 group, two in '30-'39, three in '20-'29, three in '10-'19, and none in the oldest group, '00-'09. There is an equally good age distribution among the Trustees elected in 1954 to serve until 1957. The distribution among the ten Trustees whose terms expire in 1956 is not quite so good, there being fewer of the younger men; but under the present policy of the Board, this will be taken care of next year. By the summer of 1956 the entire Board will be well balanced as regards age.

I should like to remind our members that, except for the Regional Trustees, we cannot have a geographical distribution of Trustees. They must, in general, be chosen from those who live reasonably near New York and West Point, where the meetings of the Board are held.

In the past there has been some criticism of the make-up of the Board of Trustees, the principal points being that the younger classes were not sufficiently represented and that there was not enough turnover each year. It seems clear that both points have been well taken care of this year, although as a matter of fact the turnover in past years averaged 50 per cent. I hope that we have done such a good job that there will be no dissatisfaction with the slate recommended, but I should like to emphasize that at the June meeting any member of the Association will have the right to make nominations from the floor.

Professor of Social Sciences Appointed

By CAPTAIN D. L. MCGURK

Captain A. A. Jordan has been appointed Professor of Social Sciences effective 1 March 1955, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Brigadier General Herman Beukema.

Lieutenant Colonel Jordan, who served as an enlisted man during World War II, was appointed to the Military Academy from Idaho. As a cadet he was Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing champion in his weight, was First Captain and Brigade Commander, and in 1946 graduated third in a class of 875. After one year of duty with the Artillery, he won a Rhodes Scholarship



and studied for three years at Oxford University; graduating from there with honors in 1950, he received B.A. and M.A. degrees.

As a member of the Department of Social Sciences from 1950 to 1953, he contributed to three textbooks still used in cadet instruction. Upon finishing this normal tour as an instructor, and having already attended airborne training and the Battery Officers Course, he was assigned to the Artillery School at Fort Bliss. After completing the Artillery Officers Advanced Course he commanded a unit of the Seventh Infantry Division in Korea until his recent assignment as a special assistant to the Head of the Office of Economic Cooperation in Seoul, Korea.

Lieutenant Colonel Jordan's wife and five children are presently living in Pocatello, Idaho. He will take up his duties at the Military Academy in the autumn after spending several more months in service and travel in the Far East.

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.

EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

By COLONEL B. W. BARTLETT, '19

The Board of Trustees has established a standing committee of the Association of Graduates known as the Editorial Advisory Board. Members of this board are appointed from the Association of Graduates at large, except for the Chairman, who is a Trustee of the Association. The mission of the Board is to advise the President and Trustees of the Association as to ways in which *Assembly* may better serve the graduates of West Point. In carrying out this mission it is expected that members of the Board will consult with their contemporaries and with graduates in their geographical vicinities. The initial membership of the Editorial Advisory Board is listed below. The Board will welcome suggestions from all graduates, either orally or in writing. Communications may be addressed to individual members of the Board, or to the Chairman, care of the Department of Electricity, West Point, New York.

Stephen S. Sherrill, April 1917

3015 45th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Luther L. Hill, 1919,

2801 Park Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

George R. Stephens,

Prof. of English, West Point, New York.

Kenneth F. Zitzman, 1932,

1700 Surrey Lane, N.W., Washington 7, D. C.

William H. Baumer, 1933,

61 St. Marks Ave., Westfield, New Jersey.

Edwin W. Richardson, 1937,

Public Information Officer, West Point, New York.

Edward W. Jacunski, 1938,

3002 University Station, Gainesville, Florida.

Oliver B. Patton, 1944,

Dept. of English, West Point, New York.

Paul F. Gorman, Jr., 1950,

Dept. of Social Sciences, West Point, New York.

Boyd W. Barlett, 1919, Chairman,

Prof. of Electricity, West Point, New York.

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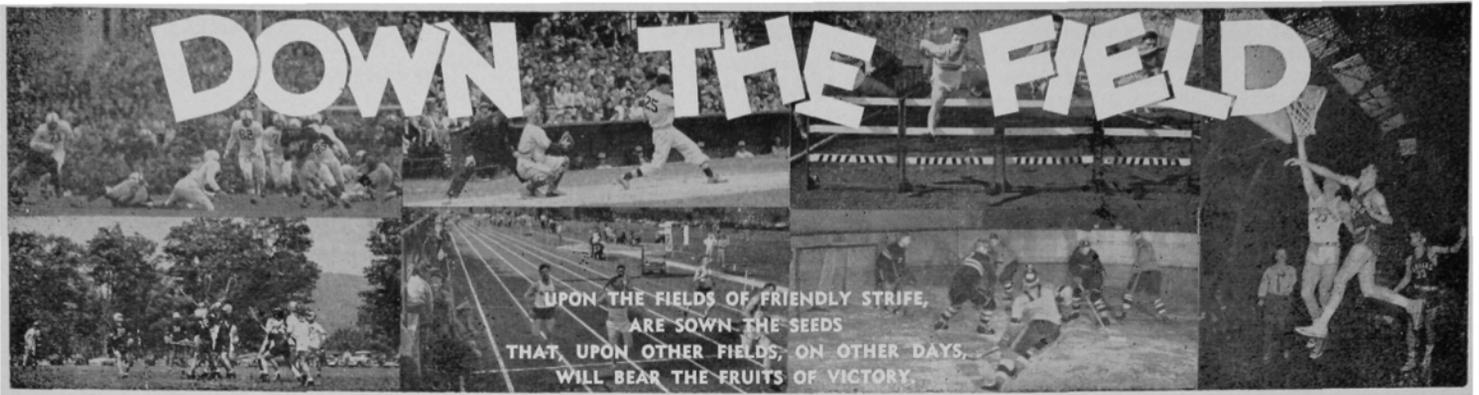
By KENNETH F. ZITZMAN, '32

Officers who come to Washington for duty usually do so with varied emotions but on one point there can be no argument. There is a greater concentration of graduates and former cadets in this vicinity than in any other place in the world.

It was inevitable, therefore, that just as has been done in thirty other localities, action would be taken to establish a West Point Society in Washington. The movement has been firmly launched by a group of local graduates under the leadership of Colonel Benjamin F. Castle, '07, father of Freddy Castle, '30, who got the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for a job he did leading a wing of B-17's on Christmas Eve 1944 to take the pressure off the Battered Battlers of Bastogne.

To date, 90% of the replies have been in favor of organizing a society, with 145 individuals registered complete with checks for membership, a modest two dollars per annum. The acceptances so far span a neat 60 years from Major General Henry D. Todd, Class of 1890, who was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart in World

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By Joe Cahill

WINTER REVIEW

Some standout individual feats removed the tag of mediocrity from the winter sports program. Though the ten varsity teams finished the 99 game campaign with a respectful .689, the three major sports, namely; basketball, track and hockey barely bettered the .500 mark.

The basketball squad never was able to win with any consistency. Four successive losses at the outset of the season placed a heavy burden on the squad already handicapped both in experience and depth. Coach Orvis Sigler in his first season did a creditable job of rallying his forces to gain an even split over the 18 game route. The three peak performances collectively speaking were against Pittsburgh, Yale and New York University. Most disappointing outing was against Navy at Annapolis. Ahead at halftime, the Cadets collapsed in the stretch as the Middies romped with comparative ease to a 67 to 45 decision. Only individual to excel over the season was Mark Binstein. The Jersey City second classman paced the squad in scoring and playmaking. Binstein netted 359 points, a tenth under 20 per game. His 776 combined total for two seasons places him within reach of Bill Hannon's all-time career total of 1,155 points amassed during the three year period from 1952-54.

In track and field Army forged to the

front in three of five starts. A fourth place (36 points) finish in the Heptagonals was considered satisfactory in view of the three sterling championship performances by Bob Kyasky, Mike Keating, and Bob Wray. Kyasky, a brilliant football prospect, is potentially the finest all around track and field man ever to compete here. His 24 feet 2 inch leap in the Heps set a new Academy indoor standard and tied the outdoor mark set by another halfback, Winfield Scott, in the spring of 1947. Kyasky is also a consistent scorer in the dashes, high jump, javelin and discus. Keating copped the pole vault competition clearing 13 feet 7 inches, a new meet standard. Wray's time for the double mile was 9:43.8. Captain Lew Olive, Hep mile champion the past two years, was declared ineligible under the five year rule, which cost another title.

Four straight defeats at the end of the season wrecked the hockey sextet's bid for an outstanding record. Instead, the pucksters had to settle for a sub-par finish of 7 and 8. In the most exciting game of the season, if not the entire history of the series, the Royal Military College of Canada came from behind to win 3 to 2 in overtime at Smith Rink. With goals in the first and second periods by Todd Graham and Jim O'Connor, the cadets appeared to have too much for their neighbors from across the border. But the young Canadians put on a two goal flourish in the third period to send the game into overtime. The tying goal came on an unbelievably long shot from 100 feet out, which bounced off Dirk Leuders skates and glided into the nets. RMC crowned their gallant uphill effort by stroking the winning goal after seven minutes of heated action in overtime. The agreement to call penalties for rules infractions was well received. The "no foul" precedent, therefore, has been abandoned.

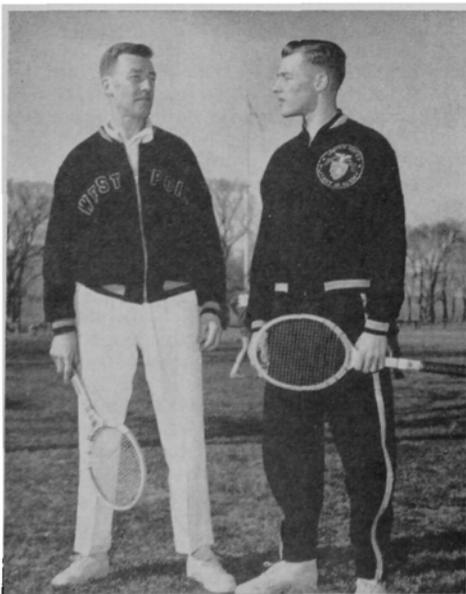
Generally speaking the minor sports performed with credit. Only wrestling (2-6) and swimming (5-8) had losing seasons. Pistol went undefeated (5-0) and won the National championship in telegraphic competition. John E. Myers, a first classman, posted the best score and was accorded the individual championship. Rife won eight in a row before bowing to Navy in the season's finale. Gymnastics came within four points of winning the Eastern Intercollegiate championship. Penn State edged the tumblers 50 to 46 in their only setback. A decisive 55 to 41 victory over Navy stamped another great season for Coach Tom Maloney. Army has not lost to Navy in tumbling since 1949. One individual champ-

ion was developed in John Funkhouser, who became the fourth cadet in the last five years to win the rope climb diadem. Boxing, a part of the intercollegiate program since 1921, was placed in moth balls following the intercollegiate. Inability to compose a full schedule was the reason given for dropping the mitmen. Penn State led the parade last year with Army, Virginia, and Maryland following suit. Though it was the first time that Coach Herb Kroeten was unable to come up with an individual champion, the over-all season's record was a successful 4 and 1. The only loss, incidentally, was suffered at the hands of a star-studded Quantico Marine Corps unit. With a key victory over Navy, the squash racquets team called its season a success, finishing with a mark of 7 and 4.

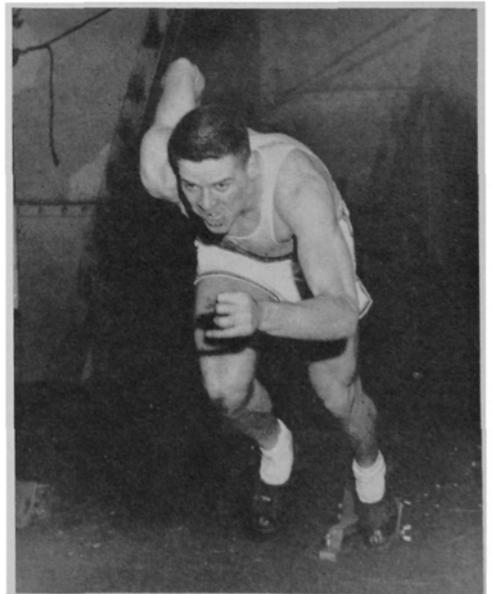
SPRING PREVIEW

Key factor to spring sports activity thus far has been weather. The unusual cold, interspersed with rain and snow, has played havoc with the pre-season conditioning. The teams have been unable to get outdoors with any regularity.

Baseball and lacrosse, the only two teams to swing into action at this writing, got off on the wrong foot. Showing the effects of indoor confinement, the baseball team was poor in the field and weak on the pitch-



Leif Nordlie, Tennis Coach, and son, Roland Nordlie, Captain.



Bob Kyasky, Heptagonal Broad Jump Champion.

ing mound in losing 14 to 4 to Maine. Coach Joe Palone, who succeeded Paul Amen this spring, has much to do in the way of developing a competent infield this season. A good baseball mind, Palone has been associated with the game in either the capacity of player, coach, or umpire for more than a quarter of a century. All of his savvy will have to be utilized to solve this diamond riddle. Inexperience, to begin with, appears to be a key factor. At least six yearlings figure prominently in Palone's plans. Gene Fisher and Bill Shepherd, pitchers; Al Martina, infield; and Dana Mead, outfield; are the best of the new crop. Principal holdovers are hard hitting outfielder Ralph Chesnauskas, a three-year letterman who also plays football and hockey; Captain Dick Cardillo, catcher; and Bill Cody, third base.

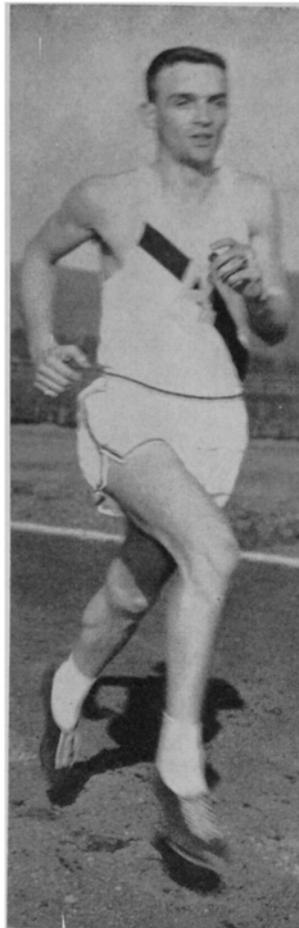
Not since 1921 when the sport was formalized here on an intercollegiate basis has lacrosse lost its first two games. But that's what happened this year with both the Mt. Washington Lacrosse Club and Rutgers turning in one-sided triumphs. Coach Morris Touchstone, now in his twenty-sixth season, predicted the loss of six regulars from '54 would play havoc with the squad. Attack was the hardest hit, with all three starters gone. Best of what's left are Goalie Jim Torrence, and midfielders John Giddings and Captain Alex MacDonald. Giddings is a key man, having played three years of varsity ball prior to this season. Bruck Turnbull, who played on the Johns Hopkins varsity, is expected to help alleviate some of the strain on attack.

The highlight of the outdoor track season is the scheduled trip to England in June, when the cadets combine their talents with Yale University to compete against the Oxford-Cambridge team. The meet marks the first time that the Cadet thin-clads have participated abroad. Indoor Heptagonal titlists Kyasky, Wray and Keating form the nucleus of the squad. Others being counted on to pile up important points are Carl Bossert, hurdles; Larry Fitzgerald, mile; and Dave Patton, shotput.

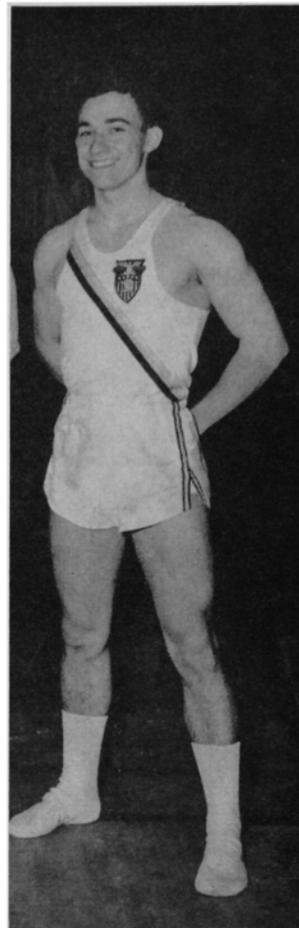
Golf and tennis do not boast any championship potentiality. However, both figure to do well against all but the Ivy set, who seem to make a habit of turning out strong teams in both sports. Jim Stroope, a big, rangy Texan, is the mainstay of the golf squad. Winner of a Texas Amateur title during leave last summer. Stroope is the only cadet rated an outside chance to score in the Easterns. Coach Leif Nordlie and son Roland combined to form the first father-son, coach-captain, tandem in the annals of West Point sports. Roland, a first classman, ranks No. 1 on both the varsity squash and tennis ladders. Better squad balance is in the offing this year in the opinion of the coach with three yearlings adding to the over-all strength. Art Ellison, who played on the Harvard frosh team two years ago, and George Bailey are the best of the lot. Bailey was a Junior Davis Cup prospect at home in Laguna Beach, California.

SPRING FOOTBALL

It has been a hectic spring for Coach Earl (Red) Blaik, who is embarking on his 30th season in college football and his fifteenth at West Point. The veteran mentor has been taxed with the problem of securing, and breaking in, a new staff. Paul Dietzel went to LSU, George Blackburn to Cincinnati, and Bobby Dobbs to Tulsa, bringing to 11 the number of head coaches developed by Blaik. Two replacements have been appointed in the persons of Dick Voris,



Bob Wray, Heptagonal 2 Mile Run Champion.



John Funkhouser, Eastern Intercollegiate Rope Climb Champion.



Mike Keating, Heptagonal Pole Vault Champion.

former LA Rams line coach, and Roger Anaya, who coached the Bolling Field Air Force team.

The principal problem rests at quarterback. Vann's passing and faking, in particular, will be hard to replace. There is not a passer of Vann's potential on the squad. Russ Mericle, who ran the team well in relief last fall, is not an adequate passer and appears to be a bit too slow to shoulder starting responsibility. However, should the inexperience of Captain Mike Zeigler prove too much of a handicap, the cadets may have to go with Mericle.

The combined loss of Vann and Bell, leading passer and runner, will have a considerable impact on the offense. It is unlikely that the cadets can maintain their national No. 1 ranking in both rushing and total offense without the services of these two leading backs.

The schedule places a heavy early season burden on the cadets. After the opener with Furman, Penn State, Michigan and Syracuse will be met on successive Saturdays. Michigan is rated near the top of the Big Ten. Penn State and Syracuse are among the elite of the East. In addition, Navy, Yale, Colgate, and Pennsylvania are geared for successful seasons.

The following is a list of winter sports captains for 1956: Basketball, Norris B. Harbold; Gymnastics, William C. Haponiski; Hockey, Ralph J. Chesnauskas; Pistol, Anthony J. Ortner; Rifle, Conrad C. Ege; Squash, Garrett V. Sidler; Swimming, Robert E. Quackenbush; Wrestling, John W. Nicholson.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON

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War I; to First Lieutenant Thomas F. Dreisonstok, Class of 1950, who collected a Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart in the Korean War. Within those brackets are General M. B. Ridgway, April '17, and D. D. Eisenhower, 1915, the outstanding alumnus of (why be reticent?) any institution, who was offered and has accepted an honorary membership.

With a substantial listing assured, the temporary committee has scheduled a general meeting for about May 5th to elect a Board of Governors, and to vote on the proposed charter which will definitely establish the Washington Society. The temporary committee members realize that addresses of officers on active duty change rapidly and because of that, have not been able to contact many in the area. We want any graduate or former cadet in the Washington vicinity who reads this, however, to consider himself personally invited to join the Washington Society. In order to assist us in contacting the more than 700 graduates and former cadets in this vicinity, we ask the *Assembly* correspondent of each class to send us the name and address of his Washington representative. Until the permanent officers and Board of Governors are established, the point of contact for the Washington Society is:

Colonel B. F. Castle,
1625 Eye St., N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Future progress will be duly reported here. In the meantime we wish to thank the home office of the Association of Graduates and the *Assembly* Staff for the considerable assistance they have given us in launching this new society.



New Members

We welcome to our membership 16 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 12,941.

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 JUNE 20, 1955

1895

Nissen seems to be well and reports that he is trying to keep well and watch the parade go by. He wishes the class a happy and healthy new year. The class wishes the same to him.

Fine Smith reports he is in good health and is leading a very quiet life in the vicinity of all the members of his immediate family at 2258 Bluebird Street, in San Diego, California. He does a little gardening for exercise. This iron man of ours says he is not as active as he used to be. His son is broadcasting, on KNXT accounts of athletic events. Fine sends his best wishes to all '95.

Miles has been confined to his home due to a fall and will be delayed starting his contemplated trip to Florida and California. His many friends and classmates will be looking forward to his visits. He writes that Watson expects to come from Germany for the '95 reunion in June. The class gratefully acknowledges the receipt, from Mrs. Conrad, of a copy of '95's holiday greeting card of 1894-5, which Casper cherished all these years.

From Munich, Germany, Watson sends greetings from Bavaria, and writes that he has accepted an invitation from Major General R. C. Partridge, Commanding Fifth Inf. Div., in behalf of the West Pointers in Bavaria, to attend their annual West Point Founders Day dinner, in Augsburg Officers' Club, on Saturday, 19 March 1955. He says he is in the very best hands, in Numa's and Mildred's home, in Munich.

The class was shocked and grieved over the loss of beloved Tommy Darrah. He had been expecting to take his turn as class reporter. The sympathies of the class go out to the bereaved widow.

Nuttman is well, but is handicapped by his lame leg. The class wishes him a speedy recovery of his usual activity and a happy New Year.

Herron is brushing up on his French and Spanish. His young niece, Frances, keeps a motherly eye on him. Her daughter, Dolores, is attending school in Switzerland.

Dixon's son and daughter are looking out for him at their home in Moscow, Idaho. They and Dad Dixon vacation in the mountains, lakes, rivers, canyons, beaches, and Indian reservations of beautiful Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

The class would like the *Assembly* to bring it up to date on the status of equation "E," which was such an important item in the curriculum more than sixty years ago. Lately, some writers, in public prints, seem to be giving the impression that it was evolved by a very much later scientist than the great scholar, Professor Michie.

Fewer than one hundred days to June, when each can say a silent prayer for all our classmates. The class has cherished, as a sacred trust, the memories not only of our departed classmates but their surviving families as well. Thanks chiefly to Nuttman and Miles, the list following gives the addresses, so far as it has been possible to obtain them.

Mrs. Louis H. Bash, 514 Santa Rita Ave., Palo Alto, California.
 Mrs. Mortimer O. Bigelow, 788-3d, Imperial Beach, San Diego, California.
 Mrs. Oscar J. Charles, 1739 Summit Ave., Seattle 22, Washington.
 Mrs. Casper H. Conrad, 477 Burr Road, San Antonio, Texas.
 Mrs. Thomas F. Dwyer, 92 Rhode Island Ave., Newport, Rhode Island.
 Mrs. Milton L. McGrew, 711 Juniper St., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.
 Mrs. Thomas A. Pearce, 335 W. Mistletoe St., San Antonio, Texas.
 Mrs. Lorrain T. Richardson, 1004 The Alameda, Berkeley 7, California.
 Mrs. Edward H. Schulz, 204 El Camino Real, Berkeley 5, California.
 Mrs. Benjamin J. Simmons, 2400-16th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Girard Sturtevant, 2205 LaCallecita, San Diego 3, California.
 Mrs. Harry Cavanaugh,
 November 1-May 10—516 Henkel Circle,
 Winter Park, Florida.
 June 1-November 1—32 S. Main St., Essex, Connecticut.
 Mrs. Thomas W. Darrah, 122 E. 82nd St., New York 28, New York.

—J. S. H.

1902

Abbot writes from his home in northeast Utah that he is surrounded by oil and gas wells on the northern edge of the Uranium Plateau.

Amerine says "My wife is with me and we are happy down here in Montgomery, Alabama. I'll try to make 80."

Frankie Bell and his wife have been visiting extensively among relatives during the past year. When at home in the Army and Navy Club in Washington, he attends the monthly class luncheon with Edwards and Valliant.

Hiram Cooper in Birmingham, Alabama, reports that he has been inactive for many months and is only able to take a short walk each day.

Dinsmore writes that he often attends the West Point Society luncheon in Los Angeles but deplores the fact that he never sees any '02 men there.

Sep Edwards gives us a fine description of his home in Washington, D. C. and begs us to come to see him while in the nation's capital.

Pat Foley reports that he was confined to the hospital in Tacoma, Washington for several months last year due to severe burns on his face and neck. He managed, however, to get in his annual fall bird hunt.

Frankenberger says Ole Man Arthritis is pretty rough on him sometimes but he considers himself in pretty good health. He

thinks there is no place like San Diego, California.

Griffith writes that his family stuck pretty close to home in Louisville, Kentucky last year except for a very delightful visit to the Longleys at their fine new home on Cape Cod.

Runt Harnum, still in 'Frisco, tells us of seeing Aleshire in Letterman General Hospital just a short time before he died.

Longley and Dolly are living the ideal life—spring, summer and autumn in their new home on Cape Cod and winter in Orlando, Florida. Among their friends in Orlando are the widows of Katie Morrison and Schnitz Gruber and Virginia Brewster, daughter of Katie Morrison.

Beef Miller writes that he and his wife stick pretty close to Richmond, Virginia, but occasionally take a trip up to his farm in the Blue Ridge.

Troup Miller reports a very delightful trip that he and Rosa made from their home in Atlanta, Georgia, to New York and Washington in November. They called on Helen Herr who told them all about Johnnie's serious and prolonged illness in Walter Reed Hospital. As these notes are being written, Johnnie has now gone to join the long gray line on the other side of the river. He was a much-beloved member of the class and our tenderest sympathy goes out to his family.

Johnnie Pegram and Gwen are on the go again and this time have been visiting Canada, Mallorca, Palma, Malaya and Spain in the spring of this year. Johnnie reports a fine luncheon with the gang in Washington.

Fat Rodney spent last summer in Maine. He is rejoicing over having his daughter, the wife of Colonel L. E. Schlanzer, and her two children with him at his home in East Lansing, Michigan, while her husband is on duty in Korea. He keeps in shape by riding horseback two or three times a week.

Razzle Dazzle Rozelle, at home in Boerne, Texas, says he is now 77, the time that all good chilluns go to heaben, but not being so good, he hopes to stick around for a few more years.

Smith, T. B. F., sends his best wishes to the survivors of 1902 from his home in Carbondale, Illinois.

Stewart says he can get around slowly without canes now after a long siege with surgeons and hospitals and that the future looks more hopeful to him. His home is in West Orange, New Jersey. He boasts of a ninth grandchild.

Fatty Terrell and his wife, from their home in Los Altos, California, have made many photographic trips to Death Valley, California, Monument Valley, Arizona, and the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, and have added many excellent color slides to his collection. They also had a fine fishing trip to Canada. Marley Linton, the daughter of Babe Linton, accompanied them on the Monument Valley trip.

Rigby Valliant, at his home in Vienna, Virginia, reports two visits from the elements — lightning striking his basement wall, and Hurricane Hazel flooding his place but no serious damage was done.

—T. M.

1904

On 7 December 1954, at a ceremony at the Pentagon, Mrs. Lesley J. McNair was presented with a general's flag by vice chief of staff, General C. L. Bolte, following McNair's recent posthumous promotion to four-star rank. A similar flag in the case of Richardson, R. C., has been

forwarded to Italy for delivery to Colonel R. C. Richardson, III, USAF.

A note from McIlroy in January indicates that for the moment they were snowed in at their home in Gahanna, Ohio, but Mac says that any classmate would be a most welcome guest at any time.

At present Harry Reilly is in the Veteran's Administration Hospital at 1st Ave. and 23d St., New York City 16, where he is improving after having suffered a stroke some time in January.

After spending considerable time in a succession of hospitals in Baltimore and Washington, White, A. J., died on 20 February 1955. Burial was at the Arlington National Cemetery where several classmates met at the graveside services to mourn his passing.

According to the 1903 Notes in the last issue of *Assembly*, that class has discovered a great grandfather in their midst. Congratulations! With the seniority which 1903 possesses over 1904, it is realized that any competition along that line would be hopeless from the viewpoint of 1904; however, just for the record let it be set down that:

Moody's great granddaughter, Lynn Sayre Egbert, was born 20 July 1953,

Dickinson's great granddaughter, Victoria AttKisson Rennie, was born 12 November 1953,

Woolnough's great granddaughter, Deborah Louise Mull, was born 13 July 1954, and doubtless there are others.

—W. B.

1905

The January *Assembly* carried a biographical sketch of George Dillman written by Kinzie Edmunds, '04. George suffered from a lingering illness for ten years but was always hopeful of complete recovery. Catherine Dillman has been extended the sympathy of the Class in her great loss—and ours.

Felix Motlow, after a four day illness, died November 9, 1954 at Tullahoma, Tennessee where he had made his home since his retirement for disability in 1913. His widow has been assured of the sympathy of the Class in Felix' passing and has been given some assistance in pension matters.

This is the year we survivors celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of our graduation. Plans are being made for many activities during June Week and there is every indication that there will be a goodly attendance of graduates, former members of the Class and our wives, to participate in the activities. Before this is printed each member of the Class should have received a letter indicating in detail where our activities will fit into the June Week program.

As an example of what the reunion means to the Wilbys, Francois has written from Spanish Morocco that ever since he and Olive took off from New York November 20, 1953, on their world girdling trip, their schedule has had only one definite date—to reach home in time for our Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion at West Point in June 1955! We will welcome you, Francois and Olive, with open arms and we hope to hear much about your experiences.

In rounding up classmates for the reunion it develops that three members of the Class are presently in Mexico. Mike O'Donnell is at Acapulco, Sep Maddox at Chapalita Jalisco and Joe Barzynski at Mexico City. The latter expects to be at

the reunion but Mike and Sep are doubtful about being able to make it.

Burns Magruder was a patient for minor surgery in Veterans Administration Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey for about two weeks but went home early in March. The Manager at that institution, a former Army medical officer, was a classmate of our Otho Kean at V.M.I. Last January in Fairfield, Connecticut, Burns and Blue Magruder became the grandparents of Andrew Alexander Magruder.

On his Christmas card Towhead Broadhurst reported that he and Frances had just returned from an air flight around the world, stopping in Paris, Rome, Cairo, Delhi, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo (where they spent twelve days with Hugh, Jr.), Honolulu, Los Angeles, and Andalusia, Alabama. Towhead can tell you the number of bronze curls on the head of a large Buddha near Yokohama.

Bloxham Ward's address is c/o Commander R. V. Donohue, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida. He expects to be at the reunion if his wife's health permits.

Mary and Rolland Case are now living in The Westchester, Washington 16, D. C. Both expect to be at the reunion.

Leon Landry, New Iberia, Louisiana reports that he used one walking cane for a while but feeling that was too slow, got another one. He has no regrets as he feels that he has had a full and happy life. In February he celebrated his seventy-second birthday with a family reunion with 95 persons in attendance. Congratulations Leon! Sorry you cannot be with us in June. He asks any classmate passing through New Iberia to be sure to stop and see him.

Seward and Mary Weeks made a trip to Florida and Cuba in February and March. Both expect to be at the Point during June Week.

Ned Hanford has terminated his three year employment with the Research Department of the American Locomotive Company in connection with their atomic energy program.

Roger Powell went to South Africa in December 1953 and saw a great deal of that continent from the air, from railroad trains and from a steamer. One year ago he was in Cuba and Florida and last summer he was in the northern Michigan peninsula. This winter he has been in Florida and when he wrote he was weighing the advantages of the Washington Army and Navy Club against a trip to Panama, Samoa and the South Seas. He expects to attend the reunion in June.

Fred Moser and wife from Seattle, Washington and Rex Gardner from Portland, Oregon are planning to be at the reunion in June.

Here's hoping that each and every member of the Class will make a strenuous effort to get back to the Point for the reunion in June and renew our association of many years ago. Please let me have the addresses of former members of the class which are not shown in the 1954 edition of *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets* so that they may join with us in celebrating our graduation fifty years ago.

—Norman F. Ramsey.

1906

How fast this season has gone, Christmas passed with its beautiful cards and its cheering messages; the cards are listed and sent away; the sun is high again; the mocking birds and the cardinals are fighting at the bird bath and singing in the

bougainvillea; Hialeah is over; the peak of the season is passed; and we are glad.

William MacMillan, beloved classmate, passed away at Boston on March 1, after a brief and not painful illness, from tumor of the pancreas. Services were held at the Trinity Church in Boston and at the graveside in Arlington. Cort Parker assisted Katharine at Boston, Jim Riley in New York and Earl McFarland sent flowers for the class and assembled Abraham, Gillespie, Loughry, Burleson of the class and Morrison and Bonesteel of 1907 as honorary pall bearers. This leaves 36 of the graduating class. Of these, Forrest Williford, Don Robinson and Hally Fox are seriously impaired and are not likely to return to active effort. The rest of us just groan a bit with the aches and pains of the seventies.

These nice things happened here; Charlie Rockwell called me on the phone promising a visit, got lost in Miami and failed to arrive, but it was great to hear his cheery voice; Nanie Riley (Jim and Gene's oldest) with husband Joe, spent a lovely too short visit here; Barrett of 1922 was with us at the Bath Club, one Sunday in March, (now Professor of Languages) Bill Akin sent a lovely poem about the new home in the California Oaks; and we chat with Johnny Andrews, (Frank's widow), every Sunday at the Bath Club. And we hear that the Dick Burlesons went through San Antonio toward Mexico last Fall; that Abe Abraham is wondering what would happen to these modern football stars, if they had to play seventy minutes like we did; that Alex and Mildred Gillespie have their third grandchild in the house and that daughter (wife of son of G. G. and Elsie Bartlett) will be there till her husband gets the Far Eastern situation in hand; that Plupy and Marjorie Shute spent Christmas with their two daughters in Washington and found sil. Chase studying Hebrew for his next job in Palestine; Clara Lane has Bill back on his feet after an illness, and Bill wrote me a cheery letter; that Tige and Connie Huntley had their children at Trevis Way in Carmel, California for Christmas and that Jim Riley, with sils Joe Anderson and Jim Shaw, wallowed with the Carabao in Washington last February. The sketch was written and played in by Kilbourn Gordon, Elizabeth's cousin. Hap Green agrees that the Golden Reunion will be all right with him, no matter where, when, or how its held, just so it is a golden hued celebration. And George Morrow stopped Charlie Rockwell on his trip south and had him catch a couple nice big bass, then George went over to Sarasota to see Bill Ganoe and had many good laughs over Bill's army stories. Well, 1956 graduates a year from June. Let's be there to start it off with affection and enthusiasm. It's our Golden year.

As I finish this letter to meet deadline of March 20, telegram from Frederika Williford arrived, saying that beloved classmate Forrest had passed away quietly at his home in Blacksburg after a long illness. He was buried at Blacksburg on March 19. The sympathy and love go out to Frederika and their daughter, who were with him at the last.

—C. G. M.

1907

Roger Alexander visited his daughter, Ruth, and her family in Falls Church, Virginia over the Christmas holidays. A cocktail party which was given for him was attended by six classmates and their wives,

Enrique White, Edith Lang and Mrs. E-Square Lewis. Later the class group held a luncheon in his honor at the Army-Navy Club with twelve members present. Roger also attended a luncheon for Babe Chilton who with Myra had come on from New Mexico to visit their son, Major Alexander W. Chilton, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, now stationed in Washington. Roger reported that at that time Enrique White was about to leave for Cuba and Paul Larned reported later that he was in Florida and was planning a ten day trip to Puerto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica and the Virgin Islands before going to Austin, Texas. When Roger came back from Washington he reported that Warren Lott was quite ill with a heart condition but it was hoped that with rest and care he would make a satisfactory recovery. A letter from Warren's daughter to Paul Larned indicated that he was progressing satisfactorily but we later received word that he passed away suddenly on the first of February. Jumbo and Mrs. Watkins drove over from Jacksonville for the funeral services and later in the month Paul and Cecilia Larned stopped for a couple of days affording Paul an opportunity to help Ernestine with matters connected with Warren's death. Warren was one of the most devoted members of the class and we will miss him.

Due to the press of other affairs and a severe attack of bronchitis just prior to his contemplated departure for Germany, Sunny Jim Martin was forced to cancel his plans for the trip. The proposed study tour was intended to enable the participants to acquaint themselves with conditions in the new Germany. Sunny Jim was to have been in the Legal Affairs group and upon arrival was to have gone immediately to Bonn. The first three days were to have been devoted to an official program comprising the official welcome by the Federal Government and a round table conference with representatives of the relevant federal ministries for the purpose of informing the guest about the present situation in Germany. After three days in Bonn the group was to have started on its own trip through the federal republic and West Berlin. It would have been an interesting trip.

Sunny Jim has been active in the affairs of the West Point Society of Alabama since it was organized four years ago and during that period has served on the Board of Governors, was Secretary and more recently President of the Society.

Paul Larned and Ben Castle with three other graduates have just completed drafting a constitution and by-laws for a proposed West Point Society for Greater Washington. This project has been discussed off and on for a long time and we are pleased that two of our classmates are going to do something about it.

Skinny MacLachlan wrote that he and Mildred have been leading a very quiet life and the only news worthy of note is that they have a new home at 2196 Amherst Street, Palo Alto, California.

The engagement of Miss Katrina Kipp to Mr. Throop M. Wilder, Jr., was announced in the New York Herald Tribune on January 22. Miss Kipp is a graduate of Spence School and Vassar College. Throop, Jr., graduated from Milton Academy and Harvard University. They plan to be married in June.

We received a most interesting letter from Dick Park with a complete report on his family since our last reunion. We only regret that space does not permit including more than a few brief extracts in these notes. With two sons and a daughter in the service Dick and Winifred have been

doing a great deal of traveling during that time. At Christmas time Winifred wrote that it looks as though they were about to have another tour at West Point. Their grandson, John Simpson Guthrie, has an appointment and will report with the new plebe class in July. As far as we know he will be the first class grandson to enter the Military Academy. Their daughter, Isabel, wife of Brigadier General John S. Guthrie flew back from Frankfurt to spend Christmas with them and her two boys, both of whom have been attending Phillips Andover Academy. Dick and Winifred were in Washington for Christmas visiting Colonel Richard Park, Jr. who is on duty in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. While there they dropped in on the Larneds and saw the McNeils and Morrisons. They had planned to drive to the west coast and fly to Alaska to see their other son, Captain Joseph D. Park who is stationed at Fort Richardson, but returned to Park Place instead and hope to make the trip to Alaska later in the spring.

On Washington's Birthday we departed for our annual visit with our daughter, Betty, and her family in St. Petersburg, Florida. At about the same time the Larneds left Arlington for Florida and we arrived in St. Petersburg on the same day. Shortly thereafter a class luncheon was arranged at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club with Clyde and Margaret Eastman, Walter and Mildred Wheeler, Paul and Cecilia Larned, Hans and Betty Wagner from St. Petersburg, Bill and Rosie Ganoe and Mabel Pfeil from Sarasota. John and Betty Knowlton and our granddaughter, Katrina, were also guests. Bill Ganoe had invited us all to come over to Sarasota but due to the difficulty of so many getting away at the same time, they compromised and came over to St. Petersburg instead. Mabel Pfeil's home is at Shelter Harbor, Westerly, Rhode Island but she has been spending the winter in Sarasota. Jim Steese visited St. Petersburg enroute to Texas shortly before we arrived and Chief Rice stopped overnight with the Eastmans while on a tour of Florida. We are home now and hope that any classmates who may come this way will stop and see us.

—H. W. W.

1908

Raymond F. Topper, a member of the Class in Plebe Year, passed away at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on December 14, 1954, at the age of 69. He practiced law in Gettysburg for more than 40 years and was a very distinguished citizen of his community. He is survived by his wife, the former Frances McClean, who lives at 126 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and two brothers.

The annual class dinner was held at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, on February 19. The following were present: Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Dougherty, Edgerton, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Hayes, Holey, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Peterson, Schulz, and Terry. All of those interviewed by your reporter testified to a highly successful event. One classmate notes progressive improvement in the dignity and decorum of these annual gatherings. Sturdevant was elected President and Schulz was elected Vice President for the year ending with the class dinner to be held in mid-February 1956. They will be pleased to receive any information from members of the Class for inclusion in this quarterly newsletter. Their addresses are: Major General C. L. Sturdevant, 12817 Georgia

Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, and Brigadier General John W. N. Schulz, 3900 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 11, D. C.

Another class party was held on the West Coast on February 15 at the home of Renee and John Brown. Other signatures to the cordial telegram received by the Washington gathering were Josephine and Bill Bailey, Ruth and Ted Barker, Sally Cotton, Georgia and Spec Deans, Olive Dixon and Jean Cox, Fitzmaurice, and Alice and Bill Garey. This event may perhaps suggest something to other areas, such as San Antonio and nearby San Francisco.

The following notes are extracted from replies to Edgerton's circular letter announcing the Washington dinner: Jimmy Lyon had the misfortune of spending many weeks in the hospital with a broken femur, now fully repaired. The engagement of Miss Susan Dwan to Slaughter's son, Lawrence, has been announced. Bob Fletcher's daughter, with her two sons, has recently joined her husband, Captain Wm. A. Patch, Class of '48, at Frankfurt, Germany. Grisell reports seven grandchildren, Wilbourn six. There must be better records. Let us know and we shall compile.

Other responses were received from Coulter, Crea, Cunningham, Curry, Desobry, Dickinson, Glover, Goethals, Higley, Kelley, Meredith, Miller, Paulsen, Pendleton, Peyton, Ricker, Rodney Smith, and Sneed. Several of the above are enjoying physical defects of a non-disabling nature, two report rather unsatisfactory conditions, but the majority appears to be holding up well.

—C. L. S.

1909

Our faithful West Coast classmate, Rodney Roberts, has furnished some interesting notes from that area. He and Elsa made their annual pilgrimage to San Francisco during the opera season. While there they saw Bob and Margo Sears, both still playing excellent golf. Gramp Hunter was undergoing treatment in the Eye Clinic at Letterman. Lee and Bea Davis were enjoying life in their Palo Alto home. The Roberts' had a nice visit with Dorothy Godfrey at her new home. She is very busy with the peasant costumes. The Marks' and Partridges were out of town on extended trips.

E. R. Van Deusen ("Smooth") reports that he and Kay plan to sail in April to Beirut to visit their son Edwin (Captain, Artillery) who is on a three year detail studying the Arabic languages.

George Van Deusen spent a week undergoing repairs at Walter Reed. The local '09 contingent threw a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club; those coming were Ord, Hughes, Catron, Wen, Mountford, Johnson, Thummel, Ahern, Milling, Chase and Baehr. Carl and Emilie are back to duty after a period of illness.

Henry Munnikhuyzen died at Walter Reed Hospital on March 22, after an illness of several months. Our sympathy is extended to his widow, Dorothy Evans Munnikhuyzen, of Bel Air, Maryland, and his son and daughter. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

Every naughty-niner is urged to send in some news about himself, his family and classmates.

—GLVD.

1910

We are pleased to report that Warb Beach is recovering very satisfactorily from

a severe heart attack occurring early in February. He expects to leave the Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Hospital in a couple of weeks. At a beautiful wedding at the Fort Myer Chapel on December 30, 1954, young Bo Lewis was married to Miss Dorothy Crane, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Richard Crane of Clearwater, Florida. A delightful reception followed the ceremony at the Fort Myer Officers Club. Bo is stationed in Germany and Dorothy will join him there soon.

We just received a good letter from Jane Drake, Frank's widow, who lives at 5239 California Street, San Francisco 18, California. She is planning to be at the Reunion next June. She tells us of her fine sons. Captain Robert, Class of '44, has been the senior aide of Lieutenant General I. D. White for a number of years and has a fine record of service in Korea and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston. Lieutenant Colonel Leland R. Drake, Class of '36, who is on duty at the Pentagon, was recently Military Attache at Bogota, Colombia, and next year expects to go to Chile in the same capacity. His wife is an accomplished pianist and will give a concert in Washington on March 28th. Her other son, Frank, Class of '37 died on duty in Los Angeles some time ago. A great loss and a great sorrow.

Fred Carrithers has reported a very interesting trip he made to Europe last summer and fall, going by air from his home in Manitou Springs, Colorado to England, thence to Frankfurt and Heidelberg, thence to Denmark and Sweden, back to Berlin and then to Paris, renewing his memories there of 1918-1919. He then visited Switzerland, Italy, Germany again, Luxemburg, Belgium and the Netherlands. He came home by transport in December. A fine trip with many interesting sidelights. Fred and his wife plan to be at the Reunion. They have three sons. The oldest, Bob, lives near them in Colorado Springs. The other two are in the Air Force. William is flying B-47's at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the youngest son, Richard, is director of flight safety with the Air Force in Japan.

Betty and Oscar Griswold are coming to the Reunion. Their daughter, Matile, and Bill Porte, her husband, have built a home out there in Colorado Springs. They have two girls and a boy. The son, Colonel George Griswold and family are stationed at the University of Delaware. They have three children also.

Hortense Chapman, Chappy's widow, writes of a trip she is taking to Thailand to visit her son, Captain Erwin R. Brigham and his wife, Phyllis Kathryn, Rex Cocroft's daughter, and their two sons. They will all return home in the spring. Hortense expects to be at the Reunion. Mike Dawley out in Carmel Valley, California, comes east periodically to visit his two daughters and their three children each. Had a nice note from him and also one from Jim Muir over in Easton, Maryland. Mike regrets he can't be with us in June. Jim says he will be there.

Early information indicates that our 45th Reunion will be very well attended so we have the prospect of a grand get-together and a wonderful time.

—R. H. D.

1911

I have been hoping that I could be able to submit the April notes without the sad duty of reporting a loss from our ranks, but it was not to be. At the last moment I received the sad news of Bethel Simpson's

passing on February 16th, 1955. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington Cemetery. At the funeral were members of the family and classmates in the vicinity. The latter acted as honorary pallbearers. Class flowers were sent. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mae and the children. Bethel's son, Colonel Charles Simpson now stationed at White Sands, New Mexico, wrote the members of the Washington group a note of thanks which is worthy of quoting. "I wish to thank you for the wonderful feeling shown by the group. I shall remember as long as I live Dad's classmates standing by. I can not adequately express my deeply felt appreciation for your presence and for your floral remembrance. It was very comforting and inspiring. Please let me speak also for those of my family who are not here but know of your kindness."

As representative of the class I wish to express the sincere thanks of the other members of the class who were not present, to those who attended the funeral, and were responsible for the above expression of appreciation.

Betch's note for April is a little discouraging. His post card brought no replies and while in Albany working on his income tax he called upon Jim Burt and he was out.

Nick reports that the last get together of the Pacific contingent was with the Ladds in Palo Alto. All were there except the Cowles and Molly Weaver. Dave was a bit indisposed and Bug was just getting over a broken wrist. Molly had a church committee on her hands. Last news of the SHEKS was when they were leaving Copenhagen for Stuttgart. They were to leave the latter place on February 15—no further word.

Jim Mooney reports as follows: "Speck Wheeler represented the International Bank at the formal dedication in January of the Paulo Alfonso hydroelectric project in Northeastern Brazil. Being a restless person he took off February 17th by plane for India and Pakistan, where he is working out a distribution of the waters of the Indus River that will be satisfactory to the two countries.

"Phil Fleming has recovered from his recent bout with the doctors at Walter Reed Hospital and is a regular attendant at '3rd Wednesday' lunches at the Army and Navy Club.

"Joe Mehaffey, our perennial bachelor, is beginning to feel the weight of never having had any cares or worries. Joe is considering a check-up at Walter Reed Hospital; the first one since retirement."

I hope that nothing untoward has happened to the other class representatives, Frank Kemble, Tod Larned and John Hatch. This concern is caused by the great lapse of time since I have had any word from them.

—I. T. W.

1912

Since the publication of the January issue of the *Assembly* the following items of news pertaining to the members of the famous Class of 1912 have been gathered by our news reporters:

Allen, T. M.—"Terry", the colorful combat commander of the famous First Infantry Division in W.W. II, was recently elected President of the newly organized West Point Society of the El Paso, Texas, area. He recently house guested with Producer Sammy Fuller in Hollywood to confer on the projective picture entitled "The Big Red

One", the first movie about an actual Division to carry through the entire war. It ought to be a good show.

Arnold: Arch and Marge took off for a month's tour of Florida and Cuba in January where they enjoyed fishing, golf and visiting with Schnitz Schneider and Helen. Their itinerary included Palmetto, Naples, Miami, Key West, Havana, Veradero Beach, Matanzas, Cienfuegos, and return to Southern Pines, North Carolina. Arch reports that the Spanish he learned under Mr. Asensio in Cadet days came in quite handy and that Marge supplied all the gestures.

Barbur: Herb reports that he has been for the past 49 years Secretary of the Woodmen of the World Fraternal Life Insurance Ass'n and that he has moved into a new office building at 1847 S.E. Clinton St., Portland, Oregon.

Chamberlin: Steve reports that the vision in his injured eye is, contrary to all predictions, improving, and that he hopes for useful vision eventually.

Chase: Lieutenant Colonel Wm. B. McClellan Chase, son of our own late George McC. Chase, is being sent to Israel as Military Attaché, according to his Aunts, the Misses Emily and Nannie Chase, who recently moved to their new address at 3814 Woodley Road, Washington 16, D. C.

Chynoweth: Chen, in keeping with his expressed philosophy that "a little learning is a dangerous thing", recently took on a big assignment as the chairman of the International Committee of the famous Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, where he discussed and analyzed the book "Close Contact" written by Brigadier C. H. Dewhurst, former head of the British Mission in East Germany. Chen also was booked by Swede Anderson to give a couple of lectures to his (Swede's) High School students on his experiences as a prisoner of war under the Japs for three and a half years. Chen also reported that the following 1912'ers met at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco on March 4th for a three hour "bull" session: Barrett, Chynoweth, Mallon, McLean, Morrissey, Rose, Sullivan, Thomas and Whiteside.

Cook: Doc is reported hard at work as a consultant with Rand & Company of Santa Monica doing research work and planning studies.

Crawford, D. M.: The Crawfords left their Mifflin, Pennsylvania, home recently for a three months Mediterranean cruise.

Cutts: Virgil writes that he travels in Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania for a costume jewelry manufacturer, the Lang Jewelry Co. of Providence, Rhode Island, tossing his sample cases about with the ease of men twenty years younger.

Day: The Warner Days sailed for Europe in March to be gone for about two months visiting in France and England.

Devore: Genevieve, Big Devore's widow, writes that her son Leland, Jr., is now an instructor at the new Command Management School at Belvoir, Virginia.

Delamater: Ben is now reported whiling away his time as Executive Director of the Caldwell (Texas) Housing Project.

DuBois: According to Bun Hobson who visited Three Arch Bay recently Bird and Pauline have a show place as a result of their painstaking labors in landscaping their attractive surroundings and have no desire to travel far from their freside.

Fortner: Jake recently joined the Association of Graduates as an associate member, of which he is proud, and is becoming a very active member of the 1912 group. He at last owned up to the fact that during WW I he served as a Captain in the 320th F.A. of the 82nd Division and that he

suffered no wounds, got no decorations, but had lots of fun and action.

Fechét: d'Alary, having returned once more to Santa Barbara, is now engaged in writing the memorial article on the late Robbie Robertson and reports a restoration to health and contentment in his new surroundings with his pair of cocker spaniels to keep him company.

Gillespie: Jimmie Gillespie, son of our James A., is now located in Spartansburg, South Carolina, as an industrial engineer with Lockwood-Greene Engrs., Inc., an architectural engineering firm, and is also a First Lieutenant in the F.A. Bn. of the South Carolina National Guard. During WW II he served under Arch Arnold in the 7th Division as did the sons of Snow and Thomas.

Hauser: Our recent 1954 graduate Bill Hauser, having completed the courses at Fort Sill and at Fort Benning is now at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne.

Henry: Lyde, "Goat" Henry's widow, is back in her home town Chattanooga rather indefinitely because of her mother's poor health. She will be missed by her many Washington friends at the Kennedy-Warren Apartments.

Hobson: Bunny and Frances took a two weeks motor trip from their Pebble Beach home in California down the coast into Mexico, thence back home via Palm Springs and Las Vegas, visiting en route with Feché, Wood, Paules, Burton Read, DuBois and Doc Cook. Bun says that "P" Wood can still wear his cadet uniform and plays tennis regularly. Bunny was en route to San Francisco to attend the annual Founders Day dinner when he received the sad news that his 92 year old Mother had passed away at her Memphis home and that he will be in Memphis for a few days on family affairs. We of 1912 sympathize with Bun in his bereavement.

Hochwalt: P.B.'s new address is changed from Route 3, Box 3444, Edmonds, Washington, to 22030-98th Street, West, Edmonds, Washington; new address but the same house. P.B. and Mary are busy collecting and repairing antiques and enjoying life in the delightful northwest country.

Hocker: Dick has given up his home at 29 Palms, California, and is now settled at 3955 Calle de Jardin, Tucson, Arizona, where he hopes that classmates passing by will drop in to pay their respects.

Hyatt: Bob's latest address is 31 Nottingham Place, London, W.I., England, from which he may migrate soon to escape the eternal fog.

Jernigan: Runt, who started out with us and who graduated in 1914, writes that his old ticker has had him close to home in Tampa, Florida, for over a year now.

Keyes: Geoff and Leila, recently reported residing in Jamestown, Rhode Island, have taken up residence in Tucson, Arizona, street address as yet not known.

Kuldell: For the first time in thirty years he reports having no secretary! Instead he is doing his own work in a "studio" office and enjoys it. Each October the Kuldells travel to Washington, New York, and New England to see members of the family and Army friends and when not on the move enjoy relaxing in their comfortable home in Houston.

Lewis, H. B.: The "Monk" Lewises returned to their San Francisco home in February after a tour of the Orient, enthusiastic over the wonderful time they had in Hong Kong especially. They also visited Manila, Ilo Ilo, Singapore, Australia and Japan.

Lindt: Johnnie writes that he was planning a short fishing trip to Mexico and that he has been keeping busy at his River-

side home trying to get some "padres" interested in purchasing some of his blue dress capes.

McLean: "Gypsy Harry" at this writing is back in San Francisco after a visit to New York around the Christmas holidays. He reports chaperoning "Doc" Cook around the hot spots down in Mexico before meandering northward and visiting classmates along the way. During the summer months he plans to return to Europe.

Morrissey: Bill made the front page in "Scoop", the annual publication of the San Francisco Press Club, of which he is a member. Bill is now in improved health after a few bouts with the medicos at Letterman last year and is proving to be quite an artist, which, with his hobby of picture framing, keeps him busy when not otherwise socially engaged with his wide circle of friends.

Nalle: Bill and Lucy are still raising Black Angus cattle at their Fox Hill estate near Culpeper, Virginia, and were glad to greet classmate Sid Spalding not long ago when the latter was en route to Herndon, Virginia, following his attendance at a cattle auction.

Paules: In Los Angeles "P.D." is still at it working hard as an industrial engineer, with no indication on his program of a let-up. His son John, whom we saw graduate from West Point in 1947, is now an instructor in Spanish at the Point, while son Earl, a Colonel of Engineers, is now on duty in Germany.

Rayner: Josephine, Harold's widow, the last to join the ranks of the widows of 1912, by her demonstrated devotion to Harold during his long and tragic final illness, has elicited the admiration of all of us who have observed her during the ordeal she endured with great courage. She is now engaged in the usual estate problems that confront all widows and has been given counsel and assistance by our Good Samaritan Bun Hobson.

Read: Burton and Nell in Santa Monica carry on gracefully in their lovely home there. Burton is having some difficulty with his eyes which naturally limit his activities, such as driving his car, but he enjoys full days in his beautiful flower garden.

Robertson: Lorene arrived back at her Sacramento home recently and now faces the trying task of settling her affairs there and deciding upon where she will make her permanent home — perhaps in San Francisco Bay area or in Washington, D. C. In both places she has many good friends.

Rose: Buddy and Mildred returned home late in January from a trip to the Orient where they visited daughter Mary and her family in Japan. They are now house hunting in the San Francisco Bay area and hope to settle somewhere near their son Elliott and his family near Orinda, California. Incidentally, Buddy is ready to receive your 1955 dues of \$2.00 at your convenience at his address 9 Las Vegas, Orinda, California.

Sibert: The Siberts are back at their Destin, Florida, home (near Pensacola) after visiting their daughter Kay in Germany. Son Franklin, Jr., recently reported for duty at Fort Ord, California, where he assumed command of the 20th U.S. Infantry.

Spalding, I.: The Ike Spaldings report a delightful visit with daughter Ansley and her husband (Colonel Francis Hill, Art'y) at their new station at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Walker: After a pleasant visit with her son, Captain Sam Sims Walker, at Fort Kobbé, Canal Zone, Caroline Walker returned to Washington where she is doing yeoman service with a group of service

widows lobbying for better conditions for service widows.

Youngs: From her home in Kerrville, Texas, Helen announces with pride that her grandson Buster Robbins, has been appointed as principal by a Kansas Congressman and that Buster is now at Sullivan's Prep School in Washington hoping to enter West Point in June with the Class of 1959. Her report on Billy is that after five years in the Waco, Texas V.A. Hospital, his condition remains the same, this despite pneumonia and a few light strokes.

—R. T. S. and W. H. H.

1914

We deeply grieve over the loss of three classmates. Friends and associates of forty-five years, they have joined The Long Grey Line of yesterday. Snowden Skinner, seriously ill in 1950 passed away June 20; Bill Somervell recuperating in Florida since last fall, was taken February 13 by a heart attack as he was preparing to return to work; Allen Cowgill, victim of a cerebral hemorrhage, died suddenly February 27. All three were among the fifteen assigned to the Corps of Engineers, a group that had lost but one man, Bud Miller, since graduation. Much can and much will be written of these dear friends. All of them gave their best to the Country which trained them and to which they were dedicated. We extend heart-felt sympathy to their families and join them in their grief.

John Carruth reports that Shrimp Milburn and Libby passed through San Antonio in February. The Gills gave a cocktail party for them and the class had them to a dinner party at "La Lousiane" They went on to Mexico. Amy Reese leaves June 1 for a three months tour through England, the Scandinavian countries, Austria, and to visit their daughter Amy, who is in London. We Carruths were favored recently by visits from two of our daughters. We enjoyed a trip with them to Monterey, Mexico, with side trips to Saltillo, and Horsetail Falls. Elmer and Bebe Adler are planning a trip to Hawaii, this summer. Johnny Markoe writes he recently enjoyed seeing Toohey and Ruth Spaatz who passed through St. Louis on a trip West.

Goody Packard from El Paso: "The Byroms lately returned from Europe, passed through on their way to San Francisco. We (Swannanoa and I) enjoyed lunching with them. No need to dwell on how we were all hit by the death of my Beast Barracks roommate, Bill Somervell. I had a letter from him from Ocala dated January 3. He thought then he was on the up grade."

Pink Ward to John Carruth: "I was very glad to get your note and hasten to reply as the yearly letter is a fine idea. Carlton Griffith, who is located in Denver has been most hospitable to us and it has been fine seeing him again and a privilege to meet his attractive wife. Tom and Clara Monroe stopped with us on the way back from the Class Reunion, and we enjoyed their visit no end. Tom left us with a pile of kindling against the winter and went off to be present when the earthquake split open Eureka, California and broke his water system. I hear from Jack Thompson from time to time and all seems well with them. I also heard from Jens Doe, whose daughter expects to attend the University of Colorado next fall. The sixth of the Sid Spalding and Edith Ward grandchildren is named after me, which is hard on the kid but very flattering. The address here is Grand Lake, and please don't any of you go through without looking us up."

From Ralph Royce: "I just returned from a quick trip to France at the invitation of our Air Secretary where I attended the tenth anniversary of the Liberation of the City of Colmar. There was much talk during the ceremonies of the part played by the U.S. 21st Corps under the command of General Meelburn. Had lunch yesterday with Puss Milligan. He complains of hardening of the arteries and has given up smoking and firewater but still looks O.K. Hurriedly—that's the news. Best regards."

Dorothy and Fred Herman are sailing from Quebec, April 23 for their promised European trip; returning September 22. John Brooks in Florida, sent them advice and reported himself O.K. on a quiet life diet.

Toohey reports a successful trip last fall to the Rogue River, Oregon with plenty of salmon. The undersigned and Doc Waldron (1915) also visited the Rogue last fall and had to leave early because we had taken our limit.

Gene Villaret wrote: "Loomie will soon be under your jurisdiction again but I still have a bit of liberty ahead." Skimp says "I can't read the postmark but the picture on the card is entitled 'Paris la Nuit: L'arc de Triomphe'. I guess it came from Paris." Skimp has ably represented the Class in connection with the deaths of our three Classmates.

The March 2 Class dinner in Washington was attended by the following "Celebrities": Anderson, J. B., Brand, Bull, Elliott, Hannum, Holcombe, Ingles, Paschal, Price, Spaatz, Stanford, Loomis.

Bruz Waddell says "the only classmate that I have seen or heard about since my last report, is Skimp. He looks fine and peppier than ever. He suggests a 1914 California reunion when he comes out next year, November 28 and 29!" This sounds fine and all desiring reservations are requested to notify Bruz, or the undersigned. The Cress family hopes to be present.

George Febiger wrote that he and Helen planned a trip to Jamaica, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, March 8th. Said Jack Jouett had been a great help and claimed to make the best Planters Punch in those parts. He and Helen had already had a week's trip to the west coast of Florida, saw some fine sights and had a fine time.

Since Jack Jouett was appointed from the Palo Alto District, he settled in the Virgin Islands, but Jack Code (1917) his plebe showed better judgment, as did his son who is now stationed in Palo Alto. He attends Stanford where he is taking the second leg of a Chinese Area Specialty course that will land him and his attractive family in Formosa next summer. He will enroll in the University of Taiwan. Jack and Gus are due here (Palo Alto) in June for graduation.

A committee consisting of Brand, Chairman, Ingles, Jouett, and Hogan has been asked to represent the Class in all matters pertaining to hanging the pictures of Classmates at West Point. It is understood that the present regulations permit the acceptance of pictures of Lieutenant Generals and higher.

—J. B. C.

1915

Thanks for the fan mail, Men—I thoroughly enjoyed both letters.

Principal news for this copy of *Assembly* is our 40th reunion. Tom admits he pulled a boner on the second call post cards as to dates. Small accuses Tom of making his own calendars. Maybe as class secre-

tary he has that right. Anyhow, the BIG days for the reunion, says Tom, are the Saturday, Sunday and Monday before graduation regardless of Tom's calendar. "After all," pontificates our secretary, "everyone should receive a notice from the 'Supe' making the date official." I say if you multiply by four, add two and divide by the number of letters in your first name you'll probably get a solution but miss the reunion. Therefore, in order to set everything straight for my reading public, I have it from the highest authority; viz: Babe Bryan himself, that graduation will be on Tuesday, June 7, so the big days will be Saturday, June 4, Sunday, June 5 and Monday June 6—Y—a—t'il des questions? Allez aux tableaux!

Tenth Ellis, who is pinch hitting as class secretary while Tom is sun bathing and scratching chiggers in Florida, and Harold Small, who is class representative at West Point, say that the reunion is shaping up fine. Herewith the schedule:

1. Saturday night, June 4, there will be a steak roast picnic at Round Pond followed by movies of the highlights of the 1954 Football Season. We may be fortunate enough to see also the new colored documentary film on West Point which is due for release that afternoon. One hundred sixty-four have signed up for the picnic.

2. Sunday, June 5 will be the big party at Gene Leone's. If you have never been to Gene's party, you have missed one of the grandest treats of your life. If you have been to one, I certainly don't have to tell you what is in store for you—174 have signed up for Gene's party.

3. Monday noon, June 6, while the men are attending the annual luncheon meeting of the Association of Graduates, Small has arranged a special luncheon for the ladies in one of the upstairs rooms of the West Point Army Mess; Cost: one buck and a half. Seventy-five ladies have signed up. More are expected.

4. Monday evening, more high doings consisting of the class dinner at the "Old Stone-on-the-Hudson" Inn. Small says the Shah of Iran and his Queen had lunch there when they visited West Point. One hundred forty-two have signed up for the class dinner. You'll be interested to know that in addition to classmates, classmates' wives and ex '15, there will be at the reunion eight '15 widows, assorted sons and daughters, and Cadet Harmon, U.S.M.A., 1957, son of the one and only Doodle.

Sour note No. 1: Ladies will have to pay in advance for four nights' accommodations whether they use them or not—that's the Union rule in the vicinity apparently—(why not break it off in 'em and stay a week!)

Sour note No. 2: Grads will have to make their own reservations for rooms in cadet barracks—see page 9 January *Assembly*.

It is my sad duty to announce the death of J. H. C. "Chew" Williams on December 24 in New York and of Gilbert "Doc" Brownell on December 27. Laura, Doc's wife, wrote the following note. "To the members of the class of 1915 U.S.M.A. I wish to express my deep appreciation for the very beautiful flowers you sent to Arlington in memory of my dear husband, Gilbert Brownell. The expression of sympathy of dear friends has been a sustaining comfort to me in my sorrow." May God's peace be with them.

Henry McElderry Pendleton bought a 200-acre ranch on Colorado River 22 miles east of Austin, Texas. Harry sticks his neck out when he says, "I have a fine guest house." Break out the bourbon, Harry, here we come.

The Tom Hanleys bought a house in Boca Raton, Florida for the winter only, Tom

sounds like one of them "Typhoons." Any guest rooms, Cecilia? Sid Graves underwent an emergency operation in February but is doing OK. It will take more than one operation to get "Hard Guy" Graves down. From far away places Raul Esteves writes he cannot make the reunion. "We have three sons, one daughter and 7½ grandchildren. How's that? Warmest regards to the class." Ike Miller writes from Mexico City that much to his regret he cannot "join that grand bunch of 1915 who will be at Hell-on-the-Hudson in June." We shall miss you Ike, I had hoped you would stop with Mac and me at Cherry Lane on your return home. I understand Clesen Tenney is running a bank in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Maybe the committee can persuade Clesen to underwrite the reunion. How about it Cleve?

I received several clippings from the Oakland, California papers announcing the appointment of Colonel Charles C. (Dad) Herrick as Postmaster of that big Podunk. Among his many civic activities the article mentioned that he is *Vice President* of the Salvation Army. Congratulations "Dad" Jody Haw writes from Santa Barbara, California and says, "It looks like the women will outnumber the men at the reunion which just shows that, like the rest of the world, the class of 1915 is going to hell in a hand basket." Jody will not be at the reunion. The ladies will miss you, Jody! Gibby Gibson writes from Coral Gables, Florida that during January, Jim Van Fleet was at Miami Beach as the escort of the Shah of Iran and Queen Saroya. The Shah seems to be crossing our path or perhaps we the Queen's. Gibby also tells me Doodle addressed a civic group at Miami Beach and Jones C. Air was busy digging up entertainment for the West Point Debating team while it was in Miami. By the way C. Air is secretary of the West Point Society of Miami. Nice going, Jonesy.

That's all for now. The deadline is staring me in the bifocals so I must hurry and post this bull before it's too late. Let me remind you to hurry! hurry!! hurry!!! and sign up for this super colossal world shattering event, the biggest, the best, and the most historic class reunion of all times—Be seen' you in June, you old crocks.

—Wog.

P.S.—All youse guys who have reached or are about to reach the ripe old age of 65 and are suffering or not from senile dementia had better consult your local Social Security Administration or you may be missing something. No kiddin'.

1916

With the retirement of Bill Hoge on January 31st, the last of 1916 went on the retired list. Bill, who has been commanding the forces in Germany, retired at Heidelberg on that date. His present plans are to remain in Europe for some time visiting, with Nettie, the places which pressure of his duties has prevented during his active service.

Jack Nygaard writes from Italy that he has built a home at Lucca north of Florence. He and his wife can relax there during intervals in her operatic schedule in European cities. He was in Naples last fall and later in Rome. There he saw the Gallaghers who are now settled in a beautiful apartment. Jack expects to be in Lisbon during March. He assures us, however, that he won't miss the 40th Reunion in 1956.

Joe Grant is also living overseas. He is located in Las Palmas, Canary Islands,

Spain where he expects to remain for a year.

Louis Hibbs has built a new winter home on Lake Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico. We expect he will continue his summer residence at Mirror Lake, New Hampshire. Toohey Walbach at Wilmington, North Carolina is a professor in a local college teaching accounting, business law, organization and practice. Hurricane Hazel last fall messed up his home pretty badly but compared to others who lost everything he thinks he was lucky. Jose Diaz, a civil engineer in Caracas, Venezuela, sends greetings to all. The Horace McBrides have built a home at Maitland, Florida, which is only fifteen minutes from Winter Park. Horace says he saw Fat Styer touring in Florida last fall.

Robb is still in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. His former plans to build a home in North Carolina seem to be indefinitely postponed. At present he is in the investment business and trying to build up a clientele. The Jack Miley's spent the winter in Brownsville, Texas. Eddy Shaefer is now a Texas political columnist for a Corpus Christie paper. Says it does not pay so well but amuses him. George Andrews wintered as usual in Florida. He owns a bungalow at DeLand.

Al Draves expects to come east from Wisconsin to see his boy graduate at Annapolis in June. Clyde Altman sends regards from Silver City, New Mexico; he hopes some day to get east. Red and Bobbie O'Hare left Washington in December and spent the winter in Tucson, Arizona. The Jack Frasers were also at Tucson for the winter but expect to be visiting the east coast in April. Jack Lieb, who for years was with the Minnesota State Highway Commission, has retired. He is now travelling and, after a year, expects to locate in southern California. Dwight Johns had a serious illness in January and underwent a major operation in Letterman Hospital. He has made a good recovery but a second operation will be required before he is out of the woods. Woodward is still with the California Civil Defense at Sacramento but gets to San Francisco for special Class activities.

Stanley Scott's son, now on duty at Fort Belvoir, was married in Washington on January 8th. His wife is the daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Kyster, Jr. Frank Scofield has returned to Washington after several months' visit with his son in Montgomery, Alabama.

Tom Finley will be at West Point this June for his boy's graduation. Fay Prickett and Peggy took off the middle of February to visit their daughter and son-in-law on Formosa. They drove west via the southern route, stopping at San Antonio. Saw Cramp Jones and Henderson at El Paso. At San Francisco they found that their transport was to sail the next day although they had expected to wait there several weeks. The 1916 gang had a welcome party planned for them which had to be called off.

It seems now that these news items must always close with a note of sadness. Our usual Christmas greeting from Leo Creeden who, for years, has been with the Panagra Airlines at Lima, Peru was not received. Instead came a letter from his wife saying that he had died in Lima on October 9th. He was a devoted classmate and had been definitely planning for the Reunion next year. We will miss his happy Irish smile.

—Bliss.

APRIL 1917

The regular bi-monthly class luncheon was held at Fort McNair on Thursday, 20 Jan-

uary. Present were: Ira Crump, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Leo Erler, Louie Ford (who drove over from his home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland), Make Macon, Burnet Olmsted, Steve Sherrill, Harry Schroeder, Willis Slaughter, (who came down from New York), Sam Smith, Van Vander Hyden, George Wooley, and Kewp Yuill.

Several members of the class and their wives were in the audience for the concert of the Cadet Glee Club in Washington December 4th. It was a wonderful evening for all of us, listening to the beautifully trained choir sing the old cadet favorites. The finale was the most unexpected part of the program. The Cadet Director asked all the old grads to step up on the stage and join the Glee Club in singing "Army Blue."

Salome Whitcomb was in Washington for a visit during the Christmas holidays. Whit is still working in Lima, Peru, and Salome says they love it there. The Dave Rumboughs also stopped in Washington en route from Maine to Mexico City for the winter.

Tweeks Kittrell writes from Memphis, Tennessee that he is still Port Director there and living at 1795 Foster Avenue.

Jim Hayden reports from Berkeley, California that the following attended the West Point Society dinner dance at the Presidio last December: Alex and Jeanne Campbell, Isabel and Jack Code, Kathryn and Kathy Halsey, Evelyn and Spec Irwin, Bettie and Doug Wahl, and Jim himself. Milt Halsey was absent because he had just accepted a position with Lockheed. He reports also that Edie and Pete Kilburn's daughter, Helen, was married on December 20th to Lieutenant Joseph S. Miller, stationed at Sill.

Gladys Sackville reports that Bill has left for Spain where he will continue art studies. The family will join him after he gets settled. Jeanette and Jack Jackson have moved into their new home, 814 Albany Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. Jack is instructor in a high school there.

Most Washington members of the class were present for the special world premiere performance of "The Long Gray Line." We all agreed it was a magnificent picture. The performance was held in Keith's Theatre, February 9th. Marty was there and many other old friends of cadet days.

Washington classmates gathered at Fort McNair for luncheon on Thursday, March 17th. Present were: Percy Black, Aaron Bradshaw, Ira Crump, Bill Cowgill, John Devine, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Clark Fales, Jack Jackson, Make Macon, Dan Noce, Burnet Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Harry Schroeder, Steve Sherrill, Cooper Smith, George Wooley, and Kewp Yuill.

AUGUST 1917

I need your assistance badly. With practically our entire class now in retirement and widely scattered throughout the country in locations of their own choosing, I am more than ever dependent upon each of you for news. Here in New York, I rarely see anyone any more. Do let me hear from time to time.

There are of course exceptions—and one day recently as I took the elevator in Rockefeller Center to my office, who should I see for the first time in many a long moon but Dent Sharp. He had just returned from a trip to the Southland which extended as far west as Texas. He and Eleanor are

living at the Weylin in New York for a couple of months until they return to their home in Maine where they spend about seven months of the year.

Their son, Frederick Dent Sharp, III, is sailing for Madrid to assume his new assignment as Second Secretary of the Embassy.

For any of you who get to Washington, our class luncheon is held the second Thursday in the month. There is a large contingent of August 1917 in and around Washington, so timing your visit to coincide with one of the regular luncheons is splendid opportunity to see many of our class who are enjoying life in the Capital City.

Jack and Loessa Coffey's son, Captain John Coffey has been assigned as an instructor at the Air Force Academy. On January 1, he and Helen became the proud parents of a son, James Peter.

The Harry Risings are enjoying good health and last year did a great deal of traveling including an extended trip through the South, a trip to Canada and a tour of Europe.

Spider Maling has given up his Civil Defense work and is now engaged in the real estate business.

Red Durfee is living at Cullum Hall temporarily while Red and Dorothy Warner select a retirement spot. After a trip to the West Coast, it is reported they are on the verge of locating at "Stratford-on-Potomac," which is near Mt. Vernon.

Ed. and Ruth Leavey will shortly leave for Europe where Ed. will assume his new responsibilities with International Telephone and Telegraph. They will spend most of their time in Europe with a few months each year in New York.

Catharine and I called on the Joneses while in Washington at Christmas. Biff, who is making rapid progress from his eye operation, will undoubtedly be fully recovered by the time this goes to press.

We also had a short visit with Bob and Marge Hasbrouck in their home in Georgetown.

Had cocktails with Jack and Ellen Mallory in New York in March. They had just arrived after a transport trip through the Panama Canal. Their stay in New York was brief as they were leaving the next day for Fort Benning to see their son Bill graduate from O.C.S. and also to see their daughter Sally, who is stationed there with her husband. Before returning to California, they will visit their other son, Jack, who is in the Air Force.

Ray and Ann Williamson were in California in February. After Ray's retirement, they spent several months traveling in Europe. They are now looking for a place to call home. Bill and Toodles Chapman had luncheon with them when they were house hunting on the Monterey Peninsula.

Jack Bissell is the new vice president of the Monterey Peninsula West Point Society. Understand Jack is quite a huntsman and fisherman these days.

Present at the Annual West Point Dinner Dance in December at the Presidio of San Francisco were Bill and Toodles Chapman, Jack and Ellen Mallory and Pablo and Laura Cole, together with Bart Harloe who was in San Francisco on his return to Hawaii.

Jules Schaefer suffered a slight stroke in February. We are happy to report that after a short stay in the hospital he was released with instructions from his doctor to take a good rest. Following this advice he is planning a vacation in Hawaii, in March.

—Walker G. White.

NOVEMBER 1918

We have reached a time in our lives when one of the most difficult problems is to keep track of the whereabouts of our friends and to keep them informed of ours. Van Voorst is doing a painstaking job in Washington as Class Locator. His agents scour the world. However, we should all help him by informing him of our own and other classmate's changes of address. If you are too lazy to write letters and cannot remember addresses, a simple Post Office form "Change of Address" sent in to the Association of Graduates, West Point, New York, will eventually make the information available to me and to Van.

Van's latest reports are that Colonel Michael A. Quinn is now at 22 West 54th St., Kansas City 2, Missouri; and that Colonel Leverett G. Yoder is at 1524 Portland Ave., St. Paul 14, Minnesota.

"Pop" Gildart writes from 531 Elm St., Sierra Madre, California: "Now for the 'short and simple annals of the poor.' 25 Jan we sailed on the USNT Darby, via canal, arriving in PR 5 Feb. We docked at Fort Buchanan where there were still a few hardy souls who remembered the C.O. and the C.O.'s wife of 1949. Our family in Santurce then consisted of daughter Ruth, her husband Draper Lewis and our grandson George. Since 30 March it has been increased by the arrival of our second grandchild, Mary. We sailed 11 Feb. on the USNT 'Goethals', arrived in New York 15th, where we were met and given the keys to the city by Mort Townes, then C/S NYPE. After a week's stop-over in Flint and Caro, Michigan, visiting my sister Ethel and sister-in-law and nephews, we caught the Santa Fe in Chicago, arriving home 25 Feb. 30 May we embarked on an ambitious building program, a large room and bath over the garage. I was the carpenter's hard-working but not always efficient helper, while Isabel made with the paint brush, the sander and the malted milk mixer.

"Moved in last August. The 'I' of this letter is 'Chuck'. Isabel's time is taken up with the serious illness of her sister, Edith Seguire, who lives with us and is now hospitalized following two severe strokes, the first on 13 Nov. Son Charles, home in April from six months of combat in Korea, hardly got oriented toward life in the US before he was off again to Madrid as a Spanish-speaking aide to the military attaché, General Barnes."

"Pop" also reports that "P.D. Sexton has retired from the New York City Engineering Dept. and moved to 1187 Linden St., Clermont, Florida, near where he has a young orange grove. The Twitchells and Ericksons have passed through Sierra Madre during the year, visiting the Charley Morrisons."

"Lark" Gilland writes, "And does the wind still blow cold off Storm King? Bill Epes says he has lowered his golf score since retirement and we are gradually picking up a few more of the class in these parts. We enjoyed Peckham's and Pearson's visits. We continue the quiet life with reasonable health and increasing high fidelity in our radio and sound reproduction. So come see us sometime—bring your ailing radios, record players, tape recorders (but *not* television: the bane of eyes and sensitivities) and we'll see about restoring them to good *sound* health (what corn!)"

"Tiny" Christiansen writes from Presidential Gardens, 12B Madison, Alexandria, Virginia, "Jim is busy with his job on the

Hoover Commission, which keeps us in Washington until May. We spent Christmas in Brooklyn with son Jim who is a student at Columbia, preparing to be a math teacher at W.P. They have one 3 year old girl. Our oldest daughter, Jane, is in Florida with her big gang of 6 little angels (5 children, 1 husband). And our Lorel is in Germany, the Philip Bolte's being proud parents of a 2 months old son."

A long letter has come from Bev Tucker enclosing a much longer one from Bixby. Digesting this voluminous correspondence—it appears that Bev has been troubled with certain vegetation on the ranch that is not of particular value as cattle food, and had written to Bixby, who had been recommended to him as an expert on cacti, asking for ideas on how to eradicate Yucca and something that looks like "Bear Grass" in his handwriting. Bixby expressed sorrow at his inability to be helpful, but tells of being so taken with his first sight of cactus at Fort Sill in 1918, that he put a piece of prickly pear in the pocket of his sheepskin coat and was never again able to use that pocket for any other purpose. He, Bixby, has recently filed a claim for 5 acres of desert land not far from a place called Jucca in the San Bernardino mountains, as a place for a desert camp-site and cabin. He has moved from Oregon to 5989 Suffield Road, Riverside, California, and is installing a cactus garden on his new property there. I hope Bev sends him some Bear Grass.

Elmer Barnes keeps up the good work of running the monthly Class Luncheons in Washington. I have been to several recently, and it is always a pleasure to see so many classmates. The regular Washington Group consists of Badger, Barnes, Bennett, Breen, Canaan, Christiansen, Colson, Erickson, Evans, Fellows, Griffiths, Hastings, Hendrick, Hixon, Holbrook, Jervoy, Jewell, Johnson, D. T., Miller, W. B., Moss, Muller, Norman, O'Grady, Piland, Pinto, Schow, Stokes, Van Voorst, Whelchel, Wood, W. S. These fellows are pretty regular in attendance at the luncheons. Recent out-of-town visitors have been: Bergman, Butler, Callaway, Colwell, Conrad, G. B., Dickson, Elleman, Hicks, Hubbell, Jenkins, Johnson, A. W., Kelly, Lee, Lodge and Peckham.

Elmer writes "Your column might make note of the fact that even though retired now in large part, our Washington group monthly luncheons that I started way back in 1930 are still growing strong. The past three we've had more than sixteen as an average attendance. It's still a standard date—the second Wednesday each month. More and more classmates are timing their visits to Washington to coincide, and hardly a luncheon is held without some far away visitor putting in an appearance. We see people that way that date way back—often clear back to Kaydet days since last seen. A real thrill."

By the time you read this the Great Barnes' Patriots' Day Ladies Night November 1918 Party at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington will be history, as it is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, 19 April, black tie and long dresses, prime roast of beef a la Sabitini, and all that.

Bergman, Conrad, G. B., Fasnacht, Spring, Twitchell and Vidal were at the Founders Day Dinner of the West Point Society of New York at the Waldorf the evening of 19 March 1955. There were several vacant chairs at our table. Some out-of-towners may have reserved places and dropped out at the last minute due to weather.

Maud Muller is back in the PentHouse on the Review Board Council.

Elmer Barnes has been made Executive Director of Suburban Maryland Builders Association, 7800 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

Members of 1919 continue to get promoted, notably Tony McAuliffe, recently elevated to Commander, U.S. Forces in Europe. Tony thereby becomes the fourth four star general in the class. Likewise in Korea Buddy Ferenbaugh has added a third star to his constellation, thereby holding our quota of lieutenant generals steady at five. Our congratulations to both of them.

The following items are gleaned from Horace Speed's quarterly Washington newsletter. The Harris Scherers have bought a house at 2208 Kings Place, N.W., Washington, near the Jerveys' and the Herb Jones'. Jack Vance has moved to 5 Namassin St., Tauxemont, Virginia (a few miles south of Alexandria). Brown, W. D., after a siege at Walter Reed has a research job with the Corvey Engineering Co., 1737 DeSales St., N.W. He is still forbidden to talk much. Kyke Allan is assistant to the president of the Wayne Pump Co. of Salisbury, Maryland. The Washington group had a class dinner on Saturday, February 12th at the Army and Navy Club. Present were Stu and Helen Barden, Jim and Betty Cole, Les Flory, 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, Urban and Kay Niblo, Dick and Emma Ovenshine, Hal and Mary Rex, Harris and Gretchen Sherer, Horace and Minette Speed, and White, J. C., down from Newport, Rhode Island. Jimmy and Edith Harbaugh are in Europe. Mike Brannon has retired and he and Marjorie have been on an extended tour of Florida. The Gene McGinleys' have moved into a new house at 2871 Audubon Terrace, N.W. Joe Tate's new home address is Royal Oak, Maryland.

Tom Waters writes from the Pacific Coast that Bob Hutchins, Count Wilson, Ike Ritchie, Sandy Sanderson, and he are regular attendants at West Point dinners in the San Francisco Bay area. Hobe Hewett has the Western Anti-Aircraft Defense Command at Fort Scott. "Count Wilson assiduously applies himself to convincing well-heeled classmates and others of the advisability of accepting his market recommendations." Ike Ritchie is not too well, having had to give up his studies at University of San Francisco. Babe Ruth enrolled for courses here at California last September but withdrew after Christmas to accept an interesting business offer in San Francisco. Charlotte Wolfe, Charlie's widow, was quietly married to Lieutenant General Leroy Lutes, Ret, sometime last December. All their friends were much saddened to learn of her sudden and untimely death on February 12th. Tom and his family expect to return East this summer, probably to take up residence somewhere on Cape Cod, where his married daughter lives at Falmouth.

Roly McNamee has moved to 439 Deodara Dr., Woodland Acres, Mt. View, California. Charles Henry Noble, Jr., was married on the 4th of February to Miss Sara McNeel in San Antonio, Texas. Verde Green writes from Middlebrook Road, Bound Brook, New Jersey that Rosalind is gradually improving, although still suffering periodic attacks of angina. Don Nelson has returned from Ethiopia to his ranch at Burbank, Washington. He says that he and Edwina are

both in good health and that life on the ranch keeps them very busy. One of his boys is in Korea, one at Belvoir, and the third is an Aeronautical Engineer at Lockhead.

Al and Grace Gruenther stopped at West Point to visit their son Richard and his family the latter part of February. Al was making a flying trip to this country for conferences in Washington. He looked to be in excellent health and was in very good spirits. Another February visitor at West Point was Mike Makinney who had been in Washington on business connected with the Hawaiian National Guard. He came to West Point to visit his son who is in the Department of Tactics.

Allan has asked that the following be published in connection with the Thirty-Five Year Book:

"A copy of the Thirty-Five Year Book has been mailed to each member of the Class for whom we have an address (and to the next of kin of deceased classmates). Marsden's book was returned; and no copies were sent to the next of kin of Hyland, McAlevy, Maher, Merrick, Nelson, R. J., Paquet, Park, Rash, Reiss, Wenstrom or Wheeler because we have as yet been unable to locate them.

"I have a reserve of about twenty copies of the book from which I can supply persons whose copy failed to reach them; or to give additional copies to persons desiring them. (Allan's address is 1304 30th St., N.W., Washington 7, D. C.—Ed.) I have sent copies to the USMA Library, the Association of Graduates and the West Point Alumni Foundation; and to General Kromer, Ski Santschi, Jim Weaver, Willie Wilbur, Alex Chilton, and Mike Kelley, and would welcome suggestions as to the names of other persons interested in the Class who might like a copy.

"I wish to express my thanks to the considerable number of classmates and wives who wrote in to comment favorably on the book. I am afraid, however, that we are growing old, for at this writing no one has complained about anything—and that's a bad sign. Because I recently left the ranks of the unemployed I am busier than I was, and cannot answer all of these letters, much as I would like to do so.

"I regret that through a misunderstanding the necessary captions were omitted from a number of photographs. Here are some brief identifications. The reunion pictures following page 24, from the upper left hand photograph, show (1) Crowe Pierce, Taylor, Bennison, Phelps and Marjorie Brannon; (2) Tate, Phelps, Barton, Chadwick and McGinley; (3) in front of the sallyport, Allan, the Odells, Chadwick, the Jerveys and McGinley; (4) Sis Donnally striding toward the table where Marion Phelps and the Tates face Peg McGinley, Janice Regan, Emmy Allan and Bill Regan; (5) at the bar Bennison, Echols, Davis and Red Szymanski. Joe Cranston and Van deGraaff (a lieutenant colonel and not a lieutenant, as the book erroneously states), Wilson, C. F. and Domminey at the table; (6) in front of the Officers' Club Szymanski, Jervey, Loeb, Wood and Collier; Si Morgan and Childs in the background and Rees, Flory and Tate in the right background. On the next page, at the top left, (1) Bixby passing Rosenthal, Cranston, Pierce and Crichlow; Collier at the foot of the steps and Stephens in the foreground. (The gentlemen in straw hats do not belong to us); (2) Allan sits between Sis Donnally and Bartlett, while Syd Gould views someone with alarm; (3) Bert Hardin between Opie Loper and Ray Hardin; (4) The very pretty girl is Janice Regan; Loper stands between Bartlett and Barton; (5) Domminey, Phyll

Jervey, a man who is getting bald, and Echols; (6) The guy with the pipe is Palmer.

"The P's in the Academic Board, starting of course with P. Echols, clockwise are; Holt, Alexander, Morrison, Mitchell, and Wirt Robinson. In the front row of the graduation picture, garnished with silver chevrons for heroic World War I service in the section room, may be seen Doug McNair, Kaydet Kilroy, Regnier, Holly, Robinson, Sebree and Kelly. Hidden among the chic millinery are General and Mrs. Jervey, Mrs. P. Carter, and the great grandmother and grandmother of Schovill Vischer Aspinwall Allan, whose name will probably be abbreviated to something resembling his grandfather's before he is through Beast Barracks.

"Opposite page 50, from the upper left, are Gruenther with (1) the King of Denmark, (2) the King of the Belgians, (3) Bill Wyman, the Prime Minister of Turkey and the Turkish Minister of Finance, and (4) Queen Elizabeth. The snapshot, of course, is of Al and Grace. The Tokyo and Seoul pictures opposite page 55 are groups enroute to a reunion organized by Wedemeyer at his headquarters. The Trieste picture, from left to right, shows Emery, Whitelaw, Sebree and Vance. Opposite page 88 Bartlett is demonstrating one of his gadgets to the King of Greece. The President is shaking hands with the Secretary of the Air Force after signing the bill authorizing The Air Force Academy, while Nate Twining is posing as Sylvanus Thayer (Air) in the background. At the foot of the page Nate stands with his colleagues, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General LeMay of the Strategic Air Command.

"A number of classmates who wrote me about the book stated that they would like to make a financial contribution toward its publication. Such assistance, while appreciated, is fortunately not necessary, and it is believed that anyone who feels that he owes something on the cost of the yearbook can not only ease his conscience but help a worthy cause by sending the amount that he would have contributed to the yearbook to the current campaign for the Endowment Fund of The Association of Graduates. Envelopes and pledge cards have been sent to all members of the Association."

—B. W. B.

1920

It is presumed that most of the members of the Class have received Reunion Bulletin No. 1 which the committee mailed on the 1st of March. Many classmates have acknowledged the bulletin by indicating their plans to attend 20's 35th Reunion, and have shown great interest in this grand chance for us all to gather again at West Point to live over our Kaydet days. There has been a very generous response to our plea for contributions to the Fund. Our thanks go out to those who have contributed, and it is hoped that those who have not yet responded are in mind to do so.

Your Reunion Committee at West Point (Bessell, Blaik, Gillette, Johnston, E. C., Sand, A. G., Schick, West, and their good ladies) have been working hard, and I am pleased to report that all plans are nearly complete. The tentative program for the Reunion which I had printed in the last issue for these Notes is now firm and I can assure you that if any changes become necessary they will be of very minor nature.

This program on which we have put great

thought is designed to suit all tastes, and it includes formal and informal gatherings as well as serious events. It should provide a great deal of interest to classmates who return for the festivities: a stag dinner, a ladies supper, a drag picnic at Round Pond, a drag dinner at Bear Mountain Inn, all in addition to the long established events such as the Alumni Luncheon in the Cadet Mess, the Alumni Review, the baccalaureate services at the chapels, Graduation Parade, the Supt's Reception, and the graduation exercises. Those who return will see the Corps march again and feel that same old tingle of pride and the tendency toward moisture in the eyes. There will be opportunity to meet and talk to classmates and friends who have long been only memories.

Be on the lookout for additional notices from the Reunion Committee, and above all, do not fail to respond with the information and other items which will be requested. Whether you are coming to the Reunion or not, please make a donation to the Class Fund, payable to the Treasurer, Class of 1920, for any amount, however small—every



Herald Tribune—United Press

NEW 8th ARMY CHIEF GETS 4th STAR

Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens pinning fourth star on General Lyman Louis Lemnitzer as Mrs. Lemnitzer looks on in ceremony in Washington. The general later departed for Japan with Secretary Stevens. General Lemnitzer will be commander of the American Army Forces in the Far East and of the 8th Army.

little bit helps. And if you decide to come to the Reunion—and we surely hope that you will—let us have the answer to all the questions which will appear in the notices. Fill out any forms received with care and mail them back promptly.

Recently there came to my attention a clipping and photograph from a North Carolina paper, which was occasioned by the presentation in a surprise ceremony of the Master's Parachutist's Wings to Major General F. W. (Frank) Farrell, Commanding General of the 82d Airborne Division. Frank, or "Baldy" as many of us know him, was awarded his Wings in the office of Major General Joseph P. Cleland, USMA '25, Commanding General of Fort Bragg and the XVIII Airborne Corps.

The Master's Parachutist's Rating is awarded to those men of the Airborne who meet the necessary requirements, including a minimum of 65 jumps, 15 of which must be with full combat equipment, and four of which must be performed at night. Nice going, "Baldy" and congratulations to a guy who can do this kind of business after over 34 years of military service.

On February 28th the sad news of the death of Colonel John W. ("Gyp") Wofford was announced in Junction City, Kansas papers. Death occurred on the night of February 27th in Rochester, Minnesota at

the Mayo Clinic. "Gyp" was 57 and, as most of you know, was retired in 1943 for physical disability and lived at Rimrock Farm, north of Junction City, immediately adjoining the Fort Riley Military Reservation, where he had served in the Cavalry for so many years and which was so dearly beloved to him because of the long association.

"Gyp" rode with the U.S. Equestrian Team in two Olympic games and was coach of the United States teams during the last games at Helsinki, Finland. Recently he was named coach of the team which will represent this country in the Pan-American games at Mexico City. A son, J. E. B. Wofford, now is in Mexico City as a member of the United States team. In addition to this son, "Gyp" is survived by his wife Dorothy and two other children. During his unusual riding career "Gyp" competed in leading horse shows in Madison Square Garden in New York, Toronto, Canada, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as well as in most of the large cities in Europe. In 1941, when a Major, Wofford was named as first military attache from the United States to Ireland.

Lyman Lemnitzer has just departed from the U.S. to take over his new job as Commanding General of the Eighth Army in Korea. This will mean a fourth star for "Lem."

Some other promotions which have been recently announced (A-N-AF Journal, 26 February 1955) are: To be permanent Major Generals—Crump Garvin, George Honnen; To be temporary Major General—Frank N. Roberts.

Recently a card was received by Charlie West from Herb Reuter. This card was postmarked Pebble Beach, California, 5 January 1955 (45th day of sunshine since 1 November 1954). The reverse side showed two progressive photographs of the Mildred and Herb Reuter home during building progress. The first picture showed only a portion of the studding erected and part of the foundation. This was dated 1 November 1954. The second picture, dated 24 December 1954, almost two months later, showed the house well on the way toward completion, with part of the roof in place and most of the walls completed. The house is located in Marcheta Lane near the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Pebble Beach, California. The two proud owners, Mildred and Herb, looked well and happy standing in front of their new future abode. Herb says the house is less than a mile from the golf clubhouse, and that there are 350 golfing days a year in Pebble Beach. He added that Harold Handy and Joe Langevin had also acquired home sites in the vicinity.

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

Elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly* appears the sad announcement of Perry Smith's death, which occurred under very peaceful circumstances in Florida on March 18. Perry and Meps had been living in Highland Falls in the late fall and departed right after Christmas on a leisurely trip south. Meps is again in Highland Falls and plans to make that her home until McCoy graduates from USMA in 1956.

Ollie and Dollie Hughes passed through West Point in January, headed generally south. They were in Florida in February but had not yet determined where to settle down. Corporal Hisgen says that no clime can equal that of his Carmel-by-the-Sea for year-round bliss. (Advt.)

Joe Grant writes from 667 Sausalito Boulevard, Sacramento: "Georgie and I are both very happy with our retired home here. I am waiting to see how much my health will let me do before I start looking for a job but eventually I intend to do something. . ."

Ham Meyer says: "Am a busy beaver and having a whole peck of fun running around over six states. Sure am thrilled over the activity."

PD Lynch is finishing his studies for the degree of Master of Business Administration at the University of Texas this June, and is also teaching a course at the University. After a very pleasant vacation last year on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico the Lynches are toying with the idea of traveling for six months or so and visiting friends scattered about the country. They are already thinking too about the reunion in 1957.

Bob Taylor is in Austin, considering the idea of some more education at the University, while Carpenter is already enrolled for post-graduate work at William and Mary. No lack of intellectual curiosity among the Orioles!

Did you see Ben Chidlaw on the cover of TIME, December 20? They gave him some well-deserved credit for the way he is doing an important job.

Jim O'Connell has just been named Chief Signal Officer of the Army, and Max Taylor has taken over command in the Far East, so the responsibilities keep accumulating.

Orval Cook, deputy in the European Command, writes that he and Minna are living in Saint Germain, about fifteen miles from the Arc de Triomphe. They see Cort and Wy Schuyler frequently. Other Orioles in Europe are Uncles at USAREUR, Pierce and Greene in Seventh Army, Watson in the Southern Area Command, Spry in London and Lee in Austria. There are more active-duty members in Europe than anywhere else, Washington coming next with seven, and the Far East following with two. A total of nineteen remain on active duty, fifty-six are retired, twenty-three in civil life, and twenty-one have died.

How time does get along!

—C. J. B.

1925

When you read this, it will be only a few weeks before the 30th Reunion — an idea that once seemed too remote to be real.

For the benefit of those who may have lost the circulars mailed out from the Class Reunion Committee in Washington and from the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point, the main facts are as follows:

TIME

The scheduled Reunion activities will start on Saturday, 4 June.

PLACE

When you first arrive (and regardless of whether you are to stay in cadet barracks or in some other accommodations) go first to Alumni Headquarters. There you will find waiting for you all general information about the Class activities, plus last-minute notices and messages being held for individuals. By going there first, you will be sure to know the What, When, Where and How of the Reunion.

Alumni Headquarters will be in the North Sallyport of North Barracks (next to the Gymnasium and the lawn of the Supe's quarters). You will find there a table marked with a large 1925 sign, and that

table will be our message center. Most of you (all those who will be staying in cadet barracks) will find your room assignments there.

ACTIVITIES

The plans for Class entertainment are almost firm at the time of this writing. The exact schedule will be waiting for you at Alumni Headquarters, but to give you an advance idea the present plans (subject to change, but probably firm) are as follows:

Saturday, 4 June: Cocktails and buffet dinner in the Scenic Room and Garden Terrace of the Hotel Thayer.

Sunday, 5 June: Cocktails in the Green Rooms, West Point Army Mess, and dinner and dancing in the main dining room of the Mess.

Monday Noon, 6 June: For the men, the Alumni Luncheon in Washington Hall. For the ladies, luncheon at the West Point Army Mess at a table reserved for them by Mike Esposito with his usual foresight.

Monday Evening, 6 June: Picnic at the Main Lodge of Round Pond. (This will be after Graduation Parade).

Tuesday, 7 June: Graduation exercises in the morning.

BILLETING

Billets for the men will be in cadet barracks; instructions on how to make a reservation are announced in the circular mailed to all alumni by the Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York. (No doubt that circular will have reached you long before you receive this issue of *Assembly*). Billets for the ladies will be in the excellent dormitory rooms in Mary Hall, at Ladycliff College in Highland Falls. (Details on how to make reservations were explained in the circular mailed to all classmates by P. Kidwell in Washington).

GENERAL COMMENT

This will be the best Reunion yet, so don't miss it.

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As for class news, the chief event of recent local interest occurred on 2 March, when Joe Cleland came wearing his official hat as Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps, in order to conduct the

orientation conference for cadets. Joe had a busy official day, so I had no chance to see him until the Airborne branch-conference in the evening, at 1900.

I attended the conference primarily to see Joe, but before it was over I was so spellbound by his oratory that I almost signed up as an Airborne Professor!

Joe was superb! He had the cadets on the edge of their chairs with his

"We build stamina!"
"We build confidence!"
"We build courage!"
"We build expertness!"

Finally, when he ended up with the punchline "Get off the ground! Go airborne!", the cadets all did exactly that.

Later on, at a reception for Joe in the West Point Army Mess, I asked him if he could teach me to jump and solve a differential equation between the time I hit the silk and the time I hit the ground. Joe wouldn't buy that idea, so I am still on the ground.

More recently, on 19 March nine classmates assembled for the West Point Founders Day Dinner in New York City. To be specific, those visible were Charlie Saltzman, Ed Garbisch, Stan Babcock, George McManus, Jerry Kelly, Hively Bowers, Bill McLaughlin, Louie Riggins and the undersigned. The other eight all looked so youthful (at least so it seemed to me) that I wondered whether that 30th Reunion is a numerical error. The dinner was set in the Jade Room of the Waldorf, with dinner (at a price) ranging from Petite Marmite Henri IV to Bibescot Glace New Waldorf with Golden Rum Sabayon. Thus in great style we joined in homage to West Point, and while at table we heard speeches from Bernard Baruch and the Chief of Staff, among other celebrities.

A letter I just received from the U.S. Army Attache in Paris, Freddy Munson, tells about going to the West Point dinner at EUCOM and conveying thereto our ubiquitous classmate F. Powell, Esq. Freddy (Munson, not Powell) included in the letter a recount of Daddy Dunn's visit to Paris where (as classmates will recall from a recent Dunn circular) Daddy visited chez

Powell. As an outcome of the trip, Daddy won the heart of the Munsons' little daughter Sheila in a very special way which Daddy had not told us about in the Paris edition of his circular letters. It appears that while the Munsons (pere, mere et jeune fille) were escorting Daddy at the Flea Market, daughter Sheila suddenly decided she wanted a pinwheel. Of course that was the one item not to be found in the Flea Market: but Daddy Dunn remembered, when he returned to the USA, and sent Sheila a large box containing at least a dozen pinwheels. So you can guess who is a hero to the entire Munson family now!

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Having used up all the space the editor will allow me for this issue, I must omit the customary extracts from Daddy Dunn's fine letters. Since most of you will have received mimeographed copies, I trust that the omission may be forgiven for once.

Meanwhile, here's to a full turn-out in June Week. As Joe Cleland would say "Get off the ground! Go Airborne! Come to the Reunion!"

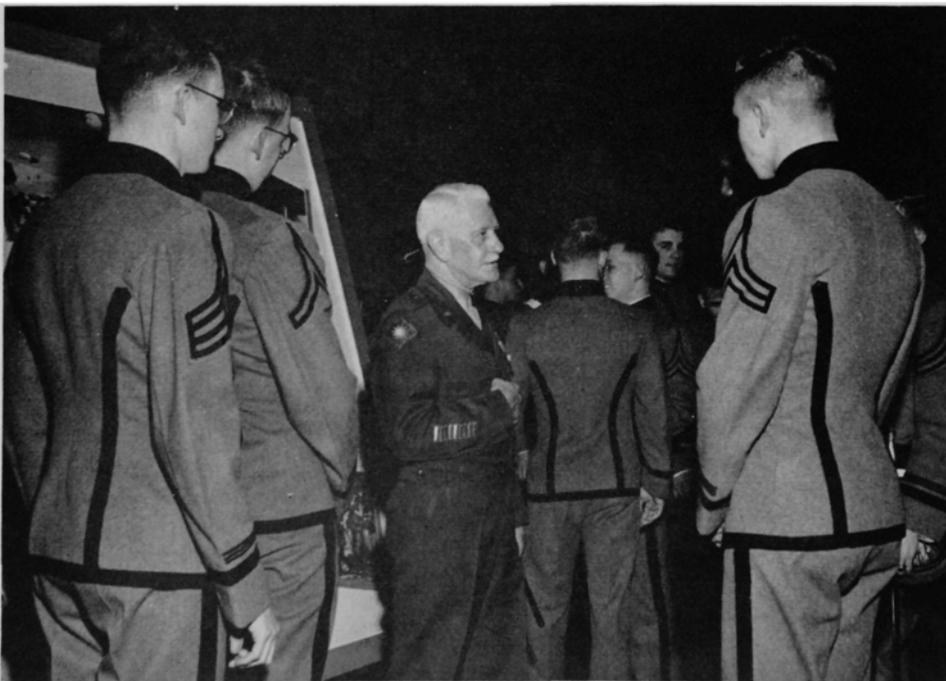
—C. P. N.

1926

Keith Barney has been nominated for the stars of a brigadier general but, at this writing, confirmation has not yet been announced. Keith philosophically remarked, "the Senate, with unusual good judgment I must admit, has refused to act." About his new job in the Pentagon, Keith has this to say: "Somewhat to my surprise, I find myself in DEP LOG, the successor to G-4; I did a tour here before. I was in Panama in February and had dinner with, I believe, the entire representation of '26, to wit, Bill Laidlaw, Chief of Staff US Army, Caribbean. Keith, junior is a student at Washington and Lee University."

Red Duffy, who is VP in charge of the Tractor and Implement Division of the Ford Motor Company, has predicted the rapid disappearance of the problems caused by farm surpluses. This encouraging forecast was given by Red as a reason for Ford going so heavily into the farm machinery business. The Company is banking on the increasing need for farm products due to population growth and the finding of new uses for agricultural produce. Another successful civilian, Eddie Watson, reports that he is now in real estate in Portland, Oregon. He says, "I recommend it to all retired officers for an occupation. I should have been in it years ago. It is fascinating and, if you are any good or lucky, it can be very remunerative. I went to a real estate night school before taking the state real estate board exam. They won't tell you your grade, but I bet I wore stars for four months." Ed is not alone in this field, as was recently brought to our attention by Dick McMaster. He inclosed a page from a recent Army Navy Journal which carried the following real estate ads: Mid Condon in Clearwater, Florida; Bob Ross at Pompano Beach, Florida; and Dick McMaster himself at El Paso, Texas. It looks like there are still openings in California and the middle west.

Bob Nourse writes from the Presidio of San Francisco that he is the Adjutant General of the Sixth Army. He says, "I am enjoying the work here very much. Also at Headquarters is Brookner Brady, who is the IG, and Alex Sewall, Brady's Assistant. Kirchoff is the Sixth Army Engineer. Bill Deyo is Port Commander at Fort Mason and, as usual, is doing a bang-up job. Not too long ago Bill Dean was in town.



JOE CLELAND TELLS THEM HOW

This is Joe shortly after his speech to the Cadets at the Airborne Orientation Conference on 2 March. In fifteen minutes talking, he had them all ready to sign up.

It appears that he commutes between here and San Antonio. Hal Brusher lives across the bay at Oakland but he is quite ill and doesn't get around very much. A short while ago Jack Ryan came through on his way to the Far East, and Tommy White paid us a visit on leave." Thanks, Bob, for this welcome news about a lot of classmates.

The New York Times has published in recent months, news about two members of the class. One flash was that, "Colonel Earl L. Ringler, whose name Roy M. Cohn once threatened he would not forget, has been promoted to deputy assistant commander of the 69th Infantry Division." The other release stated that "Colonel John S. Roosma, administrative head of Fort Jay, said that a military establishment 'is always clean, but in the spring we try to make it cleaner.' He described a recent cleaning up operation as 'spooning up', a term derived from West Point." Incidentally, John Roosma along with Stagliano has just completed a course at Army's Command Management School at Fort Belvoir.

Bill House is going to be the Editor of the Class Thirty-Year Book. Word has been received from Washington that the Class contingent in the Pentagon is working on plans for the 1956 reunion. You will all hear individually about this in the near future and, of course, will be asked to contribute to the Class Treasury. As no income has been programmed since the 25th Reunion, and in view of the new pay bill, no resistance is expected to the forthcoming request for dues.

Coke Carter is working on a campaign to have the preliminaries to the Army-Navy game televised, as well as the game itself. He has written Boone Gross about it but, as most of you know, the Gillette Cavalcade of Sports hasn't covered any college football (other than post-season) for several years. Any of you who are in a position of influence are urged to add your weight to the effort. Coke is ecstatic about Key West, where he spends the colder part of the year, saying "I advise it if you want a quiet life. Nothing fancy, just food, fishing, sleeping, swimming, sleeping, and fishing. My routine is Cape Cod for five months each year, Washington for two in the spring and fall, and the south (usually Florida) in the winter. This retired business is wonderful!"

The announcement has recently been received from Katherine and Mac McDaniel

of the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth to Lieutenant Roger Peterson, Class of 1953. This is a sufficiently unusual case to warrant a few more details. Rog Peterson came to the Military Academy from Omaha knowing little about the east and nothing about the Army. He consistently stood high, both in academics and military rating, wearing the chevrons of a cadet lieutenant and then graduating into the Engineers. He met the beautiful Elizabeth McDaniel on a blind date at West Point and fell hard. He eventually went to Korea, at did all the Engineers in his Class, shortly after graduating. As the McDaniel's were then in Japan, things weren't so bad for the youngsters. However, Mac was shortly ordered to Turkey which tied up the works for a while. Apparently the solution was found because the wedding announcement says that the couple was married in Izmir, Turkey on the 9th of January, and will be at home after the 1st of February at Camp McGill, Japan—both of which are a fur piece from Omaha!

—E. R. H.

1927

Congratulations to Charlie McNutt on his promotion to Brigadier General.

Woodie and Marianna Burgess have announced the marriage of their daughter Mary Elizabeth to Mr. John David Maxwell at Carson City, Colorado on 5 February 1955.

Bob and Peggy White, reassigned from the Army General School to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, as of 27 June announce daughter Gretchen's engagement to Lieutenant Prescott Eaton, 35th FA Bn, 10th Div.

Art Solem writes from his home at 544 Pleasanton Road, Fort Bliss, Texas that daughter Patricia Ann is graduating from Marjorie Webster Junior College, Washington, D. C. in June. Art is Deputy Director of Special Weapons Development.

Henry Zeller returns from Alaska in May to be C.O. Special Troops, Fort Benning, Georgia. We regret to hear that Goober McLamb is in Letterman as a result of a heart attack. Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. Ralph Zwicker commanding Southwestern Command, Far East, was in Washington in March, and visited daugh-

ter Jean, a freshman at William and Mary College. Ralph Zwicker, Junior, wife and three children are stationed at Eta Jima, Japan and Richard Zwicker is assigned to the 40th AAA Bn, Fort Totten, New York. Ed Farrand, Deputy Chief of Staff, Far East, also had a quick whirl in the Pentagon this Spring, with only time to exchange greetings with classmates in Washington, do some quick shopping for Betty, then back to his Post.

Chubby Doan's return from Europe in early February spurred our dwindling Washington Chapter to activity; Jack Kilgore, Jack Griffith, Pat Pachinski, Lee Washbourne, Dana McGown, Jack Kaylor, Ted Brown, and Buzz Butler attended a Pentagon luncheon for Chubby; and the Ted Brown's honored Chubby and daughter Barbara with a dinner party at their Beverly Hills home. Chubby is Chief of Armor at CONARC, and Chuck Ewing is his Executive. Charlie Wesner is the Executive of Artillery, and Nellie Fooks of Infantry, quite a cozy little 1927 gathering.

Soon Gardner has moved from Fort Dix to Camp Stewart, Georgia, where he is Inspector General. Carl Graybeal made a flying five-week tour of the Far East in mid-winter giving briefings on Officer Personnel and Assignment Policies.

John L. Hines, III, Corporal, Corps of Cadets, New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, visited his family in Washington over the Easter Holidays.

Harry McKinney, PMS&T, University of Indiana, will be C.O. of the R.O.T.C. Summer encampment for Fifth Army at Camp Carson, Colorado, 15 June-10 August.

Chubby Roth has been named Deputy C.O., Western AA Command, Fort Baker, California.

Louis Ham has been extended at Colorado A&M until 1956.

Ed Glavin has returned from Spain and is assigned to First Army.

Von and Mary Kaylor have departed Washington for Quarry Heights, CZ. Von will be G-2, CARIB.

Bob Sink has taken over the U.S. Military Mission, Brazil.

Felix Holst finishes his PMS&T tour at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, this summer and is scheduled to be Deputy Post Commander, Fort Totten, New York.

Jack Griffith is now the Executive Officer of the National War College and has moved into quarters at Fort Leslie J. McNair. Your golf handicap will come down Jack with a golf course at your front door. Jack Kilgore is Director of one of the Academic Departments at the National War College and accompanied the class group that toured South America this Spring.

Many thanks to those who wrote, and all please keep the news rolling in.

—R. G. L.

1928

The fact that we had no news in the last issue of the *Assembly* brought a letter from Skip Seeman, who suggests that you all drop a line to us here at West Point—Billingsley, Calyer, or McCutchen and let us know where you are and what you are doing. Washington is the headquarters of the Class and when you are there or in the vicinity get in touch with Rodger Goldsmith who is our contact man and is at Fort McNair or Denniston at the Quartermaster General Office so that we can have a column in each issue of the *Assembly*.

Seeman is in Dallas and has seen Jim Olive who commands Harlingen AFB. Also



Representation of Class of 1926 at a dinner of the Associated General Contractors in Kansas City. Pictured are Bob Des Islets, retired, Frank Bowen, CG of Fort Leonard Wood, and Keith Barney, now Deputy Chief of Logistics in the Pentagon.

Meyer who is in the oil field supply business, Sam Lane who is Public Relations officer at the Tyler Pipe and Foundry Co., Bob Warren who commands at Hensly Field and Bill Breckenridge is Deputy Chief of Staff at 4th Army.

From Washington we learn that several months ago Hank Everest gained a charming daughter-in-law. Tom Nelson returned from Korea and stopped in D. C. long enough to pick up Chris and Alexia then on to Fort Monmouth.

Rex Smith who is Manager of the Pipeline Division, Skelly Oil Co., in Tulsa is giving three months of his time to go along with other experts to Europe to assist Web Anderson in organizing for the operations of U.S. pipelines on the line of Communications in France.

Mercer Walter now a BG has recently assumed command of the Korean Civil Assistance Command in Seoul.

A letter from Jerry Smyser arrived in November to correct an error we had in the October issue of *Assembly*—it was his brother not he who had orders to Dallas. Jerry is with the J-4 Division of EUCOM and is the lone 28er there since Peddicord left for Fort McArthur in October.

The response on the subject of the Saber in the October issue was very small. It received the unanimous approval of all present at the December Class luncheon in Washington. Two letters were received here at West Point and with our three votes here that is all we have.

Denniston is entering the race for grandchildren with two grandsons 2½ and 1 and another grandchild due in June. The Staleys have a granddaughter some time in latter '54 we believe.

During Christmas we saw Raymond, Blair and Jean Moscatelli here at West Point.

One of our few remaining bachelors Tommy Wells was married last fall.

S. R. Brentnall (Major General) became the grandfather of a bouncing baby girl in September. Bryant Boatner (Lieutenant General) also joined the ranks of grandparents in November. Peg Mercer also a member. It appears that many of the old boys are trying to take the title away from A. B. Denniston (Brigadier General).

J. C. Bain (Colonel) is now in Office Chief of Ordnance as Coordinator of Atomic Energy.

E. K. Daley (Colonel) became Engineer Inspector General, OCE, Department of the Army 15 August. His son was married in October.

Frank F., Jr. son of F. F. Everest (Lieutenant General) was married 24 November to Miss Jean Anderson of Alexandria, Virginia. Frank, Jr. is a Jet Jockey on duty with a day-fighter unit in Tactical Air.

J. R. Gilchrist (Major General) has been transferred from Washington, and is now in Denver as Director of Finance.

Andy McNamara (Brigadier General) should receive his second star in the very near future. The latest sight to behold is George Mundy (Major General) piloting Andy around the country in his plane. Andy's oldest son took the Air Force examination for the Air Academy.

Scott Riggs made Brigadier General in October and became Deputy Chief of Information for the Army. T. S. Riggs, Jr., now a Lieutenant in the Army, is on a tour in Germany, and Bob Riggs received his Law Degree with distinction from George Washington University. Bob Riggs is also a Phi Beta Kappa.

This was one of the best years for weddings: John Samford, Eddie and Emily Boatner, Janice Mundy, Pete Spivey, Philip Morrow (now in Army at Fort Holabird).

T. A. Lane (Colonel) newly appointed Engineer Commissioner of D. C.—the newspaper reported him inspecting sewers in pin-striped suit, pink socks, and a Hom-burg!

R. Loyal Eastern (Brigadier General) now on duty at Mitchel Field.

Stu and Dorothy McLellan join ranks of Washingtonians representing Belle Aircraft.

John Wadman, Red Brown were at past conference at Maxwell. John is on duty at Washington State and Red at Boston University.

H. Bunker got sprung from the Pentagon—now is householder in San Bernardino.

Fred Maxwell now is at Rome, New York.

Bill Billingsley, Bob Howard and wife, John Farrar, wife and daughter attended Founders Day Dinner in Philadelphia on 19 March.

Drop us a line so we will have some news for the next issue.

—P. D. C.

1929

March 1955.

Here is Paul Caraway's report:

"Following the resolution adopted by the class at the reunion in June, a questionnaire was mailed to the Washington, D. C. Contingent of 1929. Two basic questions were presented: (a) whether there should be a class gift for class sons graduating from the U.S.M.A.; and, (b) whether a 25 year book should be published. There were other related questions that were also answered. Approximately 65 questionnaires were distributed and 30 replies were received (about a normal average).

"The voting on the two basic questions was:

- a. *Class Gift for Sons*
 - For a gift 6
 - Against a gift 17
 - Do not want gift but will go with majority 7
- b. *Twenty-five Year Book*
 - For a book 13
 - Against a book 8
 - Other suggestions, such as a 30 year book 5

"Amounts to be paid for the gift varied from a high of \$50.00 to \$100.00 to \$5.00 to \$10.00 as a low.

"Acceptable cost of the book averaged \$5.00 or \$10.00 per copy.

"The over-all tenor of the replies indicate definitely that there is little real support for the class gift to class sons. As was natural, enthusiasm varied inversely with the number of sons, and where they might be going to school. Those members of the class with daughters had no interest in class gifts to sons, but could see some logic to class wedding presents. I would recommend that the class gift idea be dropped.

"The idea of a twenty-five year book was received with more enthusiasm, but with some vague misgivings as to the possibility of the project. My own misgivings are not vague at all, but are singularly acute. In order that there can be no misunderstanding, I am not running for the job of editor; nor am I available for a draft. Rollo Pierce did tentatively volunteer to help out as his time permitted. My recommendation is that the members of the class outside Washington who may be interested in this matter write to Abe at the Academy, and if the response is overwhelmingly favorable, it can be reconsidered by the Washington

Group; bids can be solicited; and after the price is set, the class funds can be obligated to the extent necessary to produce a 30 year book of professional standard. It may be ready by 1959 if everyone acts quickly. I am turning all files over to Abe, to his horrified consternation, and with this wordy and informal report I am closing this phase of the case."

The class obviously owes Paul a vote of thanks for this job or work and analysis. Somewhat reluctantly I agree with Paul's judgment, particularly on the basis that less than half the individuals contacted had enough interest to send in a reply. Perhaps we will want a 30 year book.

Jack Seward and Paul Caraway reported on the class luncheon at the Navy Yard on 7 March where 36 classmates were present, including new arrivals in the area Wentworth, Francis, Scott (Babb), Steadman, and Bob Cook dressed in the new Army green uniform and calling himself not Captain Video, but the Green Hornet. Another luncheon is being planned by a committee headed by Tom McDonald. It appears that we have over 40 classmates in the Washington area, indicating what happens to us with advancing service.

Jack Stone is with Sears, Roebuck in the Washington area. Bill Francis is now taking care of the history of the Army with his home address at 3907 Kennedy Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

The Pentagon is well seasoned with classmates who seem willing to offer sympathy and a kind word for one's troubles. Swede Svensson is head of strategic plans in G-3 and Kai Rasmussen is in G-2. Most classmates will have noted that Jim Gavin has moved to be Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans with a rumor in the Journal that he will get a third star. Ken Nichols has gotten a bit of publicity as he resigns as manager of the Atomic Energy Commission to take a job having a salary which is rumored to be astronomical; apparently he is going into the industrial atom business.

George Keeler dropped by recently to see his young son, a member of the Academy basketball team. Miriam is teaching school to keep busy. George and Stan Jones are attending the three months business executive course at the Harvard Business School. Let this be a warning to those who think we are through going to school.

George Reilly sends me a clipping about Brigadier General Marshall Stubbs, who, as Commanding General of the Chemical Corps Material Command, was presiding over a study of industrial mobilization (in a "closely guarded conference room"). George is also the source of a newspaper report on Frank Merrill's speech before a conference sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Frank, who is Commissioner of Public Works of New Hampshire, was joining General Clay in urging Congressional enactment of the 50 billion Highway Improvement Program.

Chuck Rau has been with the U.S. Rifle and Pistol Team participating in the World Shooting Championships in Venezuela.

Glen Williamson wants it made clear that his home address is 5831 Crain Street, Morten Grove, Illinois, and that he is listed in the Chicago directory. He reports that J. O. Stephenson is doing well in the real estate business in Bradenton, Florida and would be glad to see any classmates.

A Christmas card from Jim Hannigan records that the Hannigans are still enjoying Fontainebleau, but his detailed report seems to indicate that they spent considerable time in Italy, on the French Riviera, etc. According to Jim, Fred Chaffee is at SHAPE, smoking cigars and playing cards.

Tom Sands holds down a 5-language assignment as G-3, Allied Land Forces, Cen-

tral Europe. Dutch Kraus, by the way, is Commander of the language school at Monterey, California. Bob Ward writing from Holland, which he is about to leave, tells that Daddy and Grace Woods have been with the MAAG in Japan and are coming back to the United States in May 1955.

Eddie Mays is just back from FECOM and has gone to Fort McPherson.

We have had no casualties this year in the class sons at West Point. Your servant, being in a delicate position on this matter, hopes that all class sons are reasonably bright, or very hardworking, or both, and that lots of them will enter with each succeeding class.

—Abe Lincoln.

1930

Plans for our twenty-fifth reunion are shaping up nicely, thanks to the untiring efforts of Roy Bartlett. As you no doubt know, graduation will be on Tuesday 7 June. Our class has been allocated reservations for organized gatherings during the three days preceding as follows:

Saturday 4 June: the Community House at Round Pond, from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Sunday 5 June: the Lounge of the West Point Army Mess, from 6:30 p.m. to closing (??) for cocktails and buffet supper.

Monday 6 June: luncheon for the wives of the Class of '30 at 12:30 p.m. in the main dining room of the West Point Army Mess, while we are attending the Alumni Luncheon.

Monday 6 June: Final Wing-Ding for all in the Scenic Grill and Garden Terrace, Hotel Thayer, from 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

All the above and more has been mailed out in the form of a bulletin and questionnaire covering June Week activities, which you should have received by the time you read this. If you haven't received your copy, let me know and I'll mail one out promptly. Address your request to Colonel R. C. Brisach, Office of the Chief of Transportation, Dept. of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

As to accommodations for wives, we are that far down on the list that so far we have been unable to secure any through the Alumni Association. We are still trying, and as things turn up you will be informed.

Notices have been sent out announcing the tentative formation of the West Point Society of the District of Columbia. If you are interested and haven't received a notice, contact me, Brisach, and I'll see that you do. Present indications are that Pete King will be involved in the operation of getting the organization on its feet.

It was indeed a rude shock that was dealt to the Class on the occasion of the death of Sam Roth at Walter Reed Hospital in January. The Class was well represented at his funeral at Arlington. Nancy Roth sent a note of her deep appreciation for the manner in which the Class displayed its affection for Sam.

Congratulations are in order for a new brace of stars: Charley Dodge, Jimmy Wilson, Chris Clarke and Alva Fitch. For those I've missed, especially in the Air Force, my apologies.

At this writing, Paul Weyrauch seems to be well on the mend after a rather rough session at Walter Reed. By the time you read this he should be back at Bragg.

See you in June Week, and no excuses!

—R. C. B.

1931

Walt Ellis, Secretary The Washington-Area Group, reports that the monthly luncheons have been a great success and that they have all been well attended. At the February luncheon approval was obtained on a Charter for the Washington environs contingent of '31. Those of us not so fortunate as to be included in that exclusive group will hear more about that Charter, individually, and in some detail, according to present plans.

We hear that Gordon and Jean Cusack have left the flesh pots of Paris, and that Gordon is now in the Pentagon with a Psy War assignment. Mike Irvine will be in Norway in June accompanied by Little Mike and Helen. Quint Brown, at last report, is at Fort Riley as C/S of X Corps.

Percy Lash gave away his daughter Sally at the Fort Myer Chapel during the Christmas holidays. His son Peter, a Second Classman, was one of the ushers. Percy would like his nosey classmates to know that he has set up an allotment to liquidate his indebtedness to the Fort Myer Club—a sort of sinking fund.

Incidentally, Percy Hotspur is now in the Far East. We received an account of his adventures enroute, not as a modern Ulysses he protests, but rather as the roving reporter, a Beishline's Walter Winchell. We quote in part:

"Enroute PCS Quemoy, I had no sooner arrived San Francisco but was set upon by Chuck Westpheling and his lovely wife who pretended I was a VIP. After diligent stuffing by them, set out myself to check on Ayers and Mayo. Paul who slaves at indispensable labours was off salmon snaring and Loren also absent—his wife reluctantly admitting—wheeling and dealing.

"Saddened by this sorry spectacle of inattention to DUTY, I bade farewell to my native shores and set out via MATS for the Pearl of the Pacific. What a pearl! Arriving in the wee small hours of 0800 I debouched from my bucket seat and fell into the arms of that stalwart, and quite sturdy, Dutch Spangler, who incidentally is out messing Messinger. He's Commandant of the 49th State.

"After a bath and a facial I wandered into the Fort Shafter Open Mess for, as is my custom, a frugal field soldier's lunch. And it was here that I found Pearl—the Pearl Mesta of the Pacific.

"Pearl Westermeier, in a shabby afternoon dress of punded poi was entertaining a small and intimate circle of some 4,000 friends at a bridge luncheon, to be followed by gossip. I was, of course, welcomed with open arms, whisked into a separate hall and lunched sumptuously by the hostess on the extra platter.

"But that's not all of the extras, chum, for on the side instead of celery were, (in the order of their appearance), Judy Bond, Dee Spangler, and M. A. McGee! What more could a wandering MOS 1193 ask for?

"Wasn't that nice? And I almost forgot to tell you, on this day, the day the DA put me here, one day out of 365, all of their husbands were off on maneuvers!

"Well, on that mystic note this song must end. As soon as the maneuvers are over, possibly a day in advance, I'll be again forging westward into other fearsome and unexpected dangers.

"Eh bien and Aloha, Nui, Nui Hotspur."

We received a Founders Day greeting from Tricky Troxel, now a BG and CO of the 1st Cavalary Division. F. P. Greer, in the office of the Secretary of Defense, expects to soon be enroute to Europe. Ockie

Kreuger wrote a long letter regarding plans for our 25th reunion, which we shall forward to Leary, who is Chairman of the Reunion Activities Committee.

Bill Dick, Artillery Officer Seventh Army, wrote that he had attended an Air-Ground conference at Ramstein Air Force Base, Bob Lee's 12th Air Force Headquarters, where there was quite a reunion of classmates. In attendance from the Air Force were the following: Bob Lee; J. F. Carroll, his A-2; Billy Bell from USAF Operations at Wiesbaden; Bob Eaton, who came up from his 6th Allied Tactical Air Force in Turkey and Bob Alan who was briefly in from Washington. On the Army side, in addition to Dick, was "Budge" Howard from 1st Div Arty and Charlie Lydecker from VII Corps. Looking on with a paternal eye was General R. C. Partridge, our former Math P, now commanding the 5th Division in Germany. From all reports Bob Lee put on a nice show for the sizeable group of conferees and took care of the group socially in the best of style. Dick went on to say that in January they went to Heidelberg for the wedding of the Charlie McNair's daughter. At the wedding they saw, besides the McNairs, John and Agnes Cave, and Bob and Barbara Hackett.

Ed Messinger recently took a Guided Missile junket to Fort Bliss, and reports that he enjoyed seeing — Tom Stayton, Harry Cooper, Bill Hampton, and Dean Herman, all fat and healthy. Hi Markham is with LOGEX-55, at Fort Sam Houston. Gus Heiss is now at Apt. 304—1914 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

Louis and Nona Guenther are in Madrid, Spain, where Louis is Deputy Chief of SPAM. He reports that from having to PS so many visiting dignitaries that he is fast mastering the art of double talk, and can expound for hours on most any subject. Nona, who hablas a mean espanol, is mastering the art of the Spanish Fandango, castanets and all.

Sid and Betty Brown are in Portugal, where Sid heads up the SHAPE Mission. They live at Rua Mousinho de Albuquerque 7, in Estoril, a beautiful and exclusive resort town some sixteen miles from Lisbon. They report a recent visit to Paris, where they saw John and Franki Inskeep, Mac and Muriel MacLaughlin, Jim and Kelly Corbett, Gordon and Gretchen Singles, and the Steve Hammers.

Deacon Roller writes from Korea that he likes the place, in fact he's wild about his assignment. He tells about the many classmates he has seen during his wanderings of the past year. These are a few: Howard Dudley, retired and teaching in a Los Angeles High School; John H. McAleer, Deputy Post Commander at Fort MacArthur; Wayne Taul, a civil engineering consultant in Fresno, California; Urban, running a paper bag factory, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Danny Workizer, studying to be a CPA under the GI Bill, in Sarasota, Florida; Fletcher Cole, loafing on the beach at Palm Beach, Florida; Doc Patterson, who lives on Kings Road in Augusta, Georgia, where Doc is busily engaged in selling insurance on the golf course; Roy Leinster, a CPA in Raleigh, North Carolina; Ed Cotter, retired these many years, with the Massachusetts Highway Commission, he and his lovely wife live in a 150 year old house furnished with antiques, they have a son going to MIT; Bill Jones, a wheel in Wheeling, West Virginia, leading a mansion type existence, complete with movie type wife and family; and Dick Lane, a business tycoon in Wilmette, Illinois.

D. W. Hutchison is DC/S—Operations of the Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Virginia. W. M. Skidmore has transferred

from the Artillery to the Quartermaster Corps. Gene Beebe reports that his son, an Army Lieutenant, has earned a pair of wings from the Army's Helicopter School. Are these the first wings among the juniors of our class?

A note from Betty Chandler reports that Bill is still super-sleuthing as USFA G-2, which keeps him busy but doesn't improve their conversation. Everytime she asks him, "What's new," she gets the same answer, "Shh." They took a trip to Italy, where they had dinner with Libby and D. B. Johnson in Naples, and ran into Johnny Hauck in Rome.

George Elegar finally jarred loose with ten bucks for the Class Gift Fund, and has a question. He understands that Career Mangement is considering sending him back to USMA for a refresher course, and he wants to know if he will be eligible for a pistol. Our curb-stone opinion is, not unless he manages to graduate.

Ted Decker recently broke into print in the Washington Star. ARMY STUDENTS LEARNING "ELECTRONICS" STENOGRAPHY AT JAG SCHOOL. Colonel C. L. Decker, Commandant, announced today. Objective is . . . to take dictation at rate in excess of 200 words per minute and to type, assembly court-martial records in minimum of time, he said. Whew!!

Charlie Densford reports seeing Judy Chappell in Hawaii. Judy is Chief of Staff of the new 7th Air Force, with Headquarters at Hickham Field. Dick Danek reports from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, that he occasionally calls Jack Gordon to kid him about getting some free beer at the Long Star Brewery. It seems that Jack is Public Relations Officer for the brewery and doing a fine job. Dick went on to say that Jimmy Stroker is doing very well as Vice President of the Broadway National Bank; that John Feagin is one of the most successful realtors in San Antonio; that he has recently seen J. B. Olsen, Johnny Skeldon, Harry Candler, Phil Bethune, Hector Truly, and Merle Fisher.

Gordon Singles sent us from Paris a roster of classmates stationed in that part of the world. He mentioned having seen: Bill Woodward, who stopped by on a visit to SHAPE from Denmark; and Jim Corbett who was in the hospital with a bum leg, which he injured, believe it or not, while getting out of bed!

Bob Eaton, the Commander of the Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force, with Headquarters in Turkey, writes that fish and game are plentiful in those parts and that he is having a wonderful time hunting and fishing with his eldest son.

Pat Pachler has the Berlin Command; Bill and Helen Cassidy have bought a home in Burlingame, California; Gerry and Ann Flaherty live in Falls Church, Virginia; Lightning and Alice Brown live at 707 Coter Road, Harundale, Glen Burnie, Maryland; Johnny Waters is Assistant Division Commander of the Fourth Armored Division, at Fort Hood, Texas; and Deane Gough is Transportation Officer of the XVI Corps in Japan.

A letter from Joe and Mona Coolidge, they report that: Andy Adams is Senior Advisor, Korea Second Army; Klem Boyd is Chief of Staff, Detachment L, Advisor to First Army; Grove Powell is Ordnance Officer, Eighth Army; George Fletcher is Civil Affairs Officer, I US Corps; Leo Cather is Artillery Officer, Eighth Army; and Parks Houser is G-4, ComZ.

Feagin wrote a long and amusing letter, in which he expressed his approval of the gift to the Class Sons, and went on to suggest another project having to do with the curbing of fathers Wilson, Densford, Burns,

Cather, Fulton, and some of our other more prolific classmates. We regret exceedingly that we can not publish in *Assembly* the details of Feagin's plan, but the best we can do is suggest that he take the matter up individually with the wife of each officer concerned.

—Bob Johnston.

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If "business before pleasure" was good enough for Benjamin Franklin, it's good enough for this bunch of hedonists, so here we go. To get some organization in our three major endeavors, steering committees have been appointed to determine the wishes of all members (write a postcard, Bud, this means you), weigh all factors involved, and recommend a definite course of action to put before the class as a whole. Please send ideas, comments and recommendations to the respective committee chairmen as follows:

On a 25 year book to Bob Scott, probably the best ghost writer an elephant ever had.

On gifts to sons graduating from U.S.M.A. (this is particularly urgent) to El Davis.

On the 25th reunion to Zitzman.

Pete Hinshaw, for one, has already crashed through handsomely on all counts but we want expressions from everyone so that we can give the majority what it wants. Considering what must be done, time is getting short so please write one of the above chairmen or Sec/Treas Bill Powers, Office of the Chief of Engineers.

Now, as the saying goes; people, places, things.

Sometimes even my own credulity is strained by the things I write here, but a sense of completeness and accuracy drives me to it. Wandering around Paris between sessions of the last NATO Communications-Electronics Board meeting, for example, saw a sign in a restaurant in the middle of town not 200 yards from the Madeleine saying "on parle Francais" Enough to give a man pause but while I was mulling that one over, dropped into a shop to buy some knick knacks and was waited on by a peachcake whose coiffure was conservatively tinted the color of ripe bananas, but whose eyelashes ($\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch long if they were a millimeter) were of purest royal blue. Minor items, perhaps, but bear in mind that they are only the things I saw first hand and not ones gleaned from the newspapers such as the lady who found a calf in her bath tub, or the guy who advertised for a humorous goat.

While there, saw Lazy Lazar, who went to the staff of our Ambassador to NATO after graduating from the NATO Defense College, and learned that Arnold Sommer, also an alumnus of NATO U., is in Log Div of SHAPE. Of the other SHAPE members, Eddie Hartshorn was in the U.S. at the time, but I shared a cocktail with Joe Gill who said he and Eddie will return to the States this summer, destinations as yet unknown. Classmates on duty with CinC South in Naples remain the same but there has been some realignment of jobs, viz: Bus Wheeler is Chief of Plans and Operations, Tuffy Horner is his Chief of Plans, and Red Seward is Secretary of the General Staff.

Elsewhere, the A.G.'s travel bureau has not been as busy as usual but there have been some changes. To get Bob Schukraft out of Washington, they had to shift his whole office to Fort Meade, but most of the other moves were simpler.

Al Clarke is the new Philadelphia District Engineer and Kay and the children will

join him as soon as they sell their Memphis house. Leaving FECOM, Roland Bower and Bill Davidson are here now and Dwight Beach reports to the Office of the Special Weapons Director (Hq CONAR) at Fort Bliss about the time this appears. It speaks wryly for the bacchanalian social life of Seoul that Dwight's letter was written on New Year's Eve.

Bob Landry has gone from Barksdale to Hamilton AFB where he commands the 4th Air Force while Roy Moore and Bill Mikkelson were girth given the old hush-rush to Indo China. By Paige's previous orders to Carson were apparently changed as he was en route to Paris when seen at the February luncheon. Incidentally, By is a member of the six kids club—four girls and two boys in that order, ranging from a Mt. Holyoke student to a two year old red head.

At another luncheon, here on TDY from his job as G-2 of the Forces in Austria, Don Roth revealed that he too is the author of six children, the youngest a spritely two months old. Considered in conjunction with the Abells and Wolds who also have six each and the Champion Burkes with seven, we seem to be holding our own in the race for survival. In view of the proclivities of the old goats as a group, maybe the most appropriate gift for our graduating sons would be a quart of orange juice and an abacus.

Big John Keating finished the I.G. school and is now on regular duty in the I.G.O. A good choice this, since John combines plenty of tactical and staff experience with a shrewd legal mind. This latter fact is little known about the nation's camps, but no one who was present will ever forget Fearless John's ringing contradiction of his Law P. just 23 years ago this month, "Sir, that wasn't felonious homicide, that was murder!" Never one to rest on his old man's laurels, however, young Michael Keating gave us all a nice conversation piece at our last dinner dance, by obligingly breaking the Academy indoor record in the pole vault that afternoon at West Point.

Some new addresses to note:

Bob Williams, Senior Instructor with the Georgia National Guard, lives at 1953 Beecher Rd., S.W., Atlanta.

Fred and Mary Young, retired, have settled down at 5530 Riviera Dr., Coral Gables 46, Florida.

While Lou Couatts serves with KMAG (Sr advisor in Operations Section of the Training Command), Mary is living at 301 Washing Ave., Kennett, Mo.

Pat Clark, who used to regard the slide rule as an instrument of torture second only to the Iron Maiden, is now an engineer with the Gilfillan Corp which specializes in the more complex electronic equipment. He resides at 522 S. Beredo, Los Angeles 5, and at Christmas time very graciously made a transcontinental phone call to John Hutchison to give seasons greetings to all the class.

All the news can't be good, though, and it was with the deepest regret that we learned that Jim Beery, who retired some years ago for physical disability, died on January 31st. The Washington Chapter sent flowers for the class, and the services at Arlington were attended by 23 classmates of whom 10 served as honorary pallbearers. It is redundant to say that Jim was a real gent who never did a mean thing in his life, and we'll miss him.

Thinking of some other guys who graduated with us and who aren't around any more, it's especially nice to make contact with the people who were closest to them and whom we shall always consider part of the home team. Jim Cain, Sr., for example, looked pretty chipper at our buffet-dansant at McNair during Xmas week.

Marilou Bache Swearingen who follows all class activities closely from her home at 1106 N.W. Ave., Gainesville, Florida, wrote a long note to wish the entire class a Merry Xmas; and many of the class chatted with Trudy Hero and her two sons at the Army-Navy game. Trudy is now Mrs. James G. Peters of Quail Hill Lane, Fox Chapel, Rt. 2, Pittsburgh 38.

It is with pride that we congratulate Luke Morris on his promotion to Brigadier General, and Karl Truesdell and John Ackerman on their elevation to Major General. Ack is Deputy Director of the National Security Agency and Karl is normally Deputy U.S. member of the Standing Group, but in the prolonged absence of General Joe Collins in Indo-China, has been acting as the principal. And while we're on the subject of Air Force Generals, my apologies to one of the future for inadvertently omitting John Sutherland, USMA '58, from the roster of cadet sons in the last issue. One more mistake like that and we'll hang a couple of spies;—our own spies.

On one of his regular visits to town for Continental Motors, Sam Daniel reported having attended a very successful Founders Day dinner in Detroit where a prominent Michigan State Bank Inspector (Chip Lavigne to you) was elected Treasurer of the Detroit Chapter of the Association of Graduates. Closest thing we had to a Founders Day dinner here in Washington (more on this elsewhere) was our mid-March dinner-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club where bad news was mingled with the good.

The bad news was that Annamarie Thinnis is flying home with young J. C. to spend the next six months in Vienna (you should have such bad luck happen to you). As soon as the sailors' school is out, Wally will join her and all will be back at Annapolis in the Fall.

The good news was that Sam Russell had completely recovered from minor surgery administered without anesthetic. Sam proudly wagged all ten fingers to prove that the operation, in which the only instrument used was a circular saw, was a complete success.



Left to Right: Pop Duncan, Johnny Kambhu, Lou Truman.

In closing, we are indebted to Pop Duncan for the art work accompanying this column. When General Phao Syranond, the Thai Director General of Police, Deputy Minister of Finance and Deputy Minister of Interior, visited this country, they chose Johnny Kambhu, Thailand's sharpest dresser and best, if I might write quite tritely, good-will ambassador, to accompany him on his round of the country. The pic was snapped at Third Army Hq and except for Ordnance Officer Jim Massey who was out of town seeing a man about a fuse, the class had 100% representation with Deputy C. G. Lou Truman and Army G-3 Pop Duncan.

In a newsy letter, Pop also writes that Bonzo is a ripe old 15 and while now so

blind that he has a tendency to walk into walls, buildings, and other obstructions, he is living evidence that not all boxers are punch-drunk in their old age. I say with mingled admiration and regret, however, that in the battle of wits, Bonzo continues to pull away from Pop on points. In his own handwriting Pop not only admits to being the only seeing-eye man extant, but also diagnoses Bonzo's principal failing as selective deafness, an ailment unique in the history of veterinary medicine. Bonzo apparently couldn't hear a normal command at the range of 24 inches if it were relayed to him over the Queen Mary's bull horn, but let someone tinkle spoon on food plate ever so lightly and he comes charging down two flights of stairs with nostrils akimbo, snatching up the worcestershire on his way.

Fond as I am of Bonzo, however, I've asked Pop never to address a letter to me at the Pentagon again. While it is a fairly common sight there to see an officer reading a paper with tears streaming down his face, people simply don't know what to make of it when it's due to laughter.

Don't let 'em get you down,

—Ken Zitzman.

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At last a bonanza! Over the past couple of months, I have received many letters—some direct—others through classmates in the Washington area with class note information. Many thanks to all those who have contributed. Please continue. Keep the information flowing, especially the personal notes. I found that as a cadet, I held up the bottom of the last section in English; hence, don't expect interesting commentary if you send only a list of job assignments. Unless something unforeseen happens and a 33-er arrives here this summer for duty, I will be the only representative on the Post. So, just send a line to me, c/o USMA with some hot dope.

It is with great regret I announce the accidental death of our classmate, W. Bruce Logan while on duty in Germany. Death occurred in a motor vehicle accident on 20 December 1954. Bruce was buried here at West Point on 3 January. Bill Harris, Bob Leslie, and Pete Clainos flew up to West Point from Army War College at Carlisle to join Pohl, Huntsberry and Broshous as honorary pallbearers. I know the entire class joins me in sending our sincerest sympathy to Virginia. Virginia has now established her home at 4 Fox Street, Gloversville, New York.

West Point just won't be the same when Buck and Kitty Pohl go back to retirement at the completion of their present four-year detail. Buck and Kitty plan to live in Cornwall just north of West Point for awhile, awaiting developments. This is Buck's second emergency tour at West Point. Buck gave up a very lucrative position running a West Point Prep School in Washington to come back and teach at the old Alma Mater during World War II. When USMA had to call for help during the Korean emergency, Buck again sacrificed his personal interests to answer the call. Buck and Kitty and their two kids have made a host of friends here at USMA. All are sorry to see them leave and wish them the best of luck. After Buck's departure, the Huntsberrys' will be the one remaining 33-crutch for yours truly, the home-steader. Although he has not received orders, Ab expects to leave sometime during the fall.

Activities here are progressing about as per usual. None of our winter inter-col-

legiate athletic teams were exceptional; they were about average. A couple of weeks ago, we broke even in Navy competition winning Gymnastics, Rifle and Squash and losing Basketball, Swimming and Pistol. In the annual West Point-Royal Military College Hockey Game, we lost in overtime. Maybe you haven't heard—West Point has dropped fencing. Last winter, our boxing team did fairly well. Although not official, I understand that boxing will not be continued as an intercollegiate sport. Boxing and fencing will be continued as part of voluntary (??? 92% of the cadets participate) intermurder.

Cadets were on spring leave this past weekend. Spring weekend is an annual mid-March event from 1500 Thursday to 1800 Sunday. It makes a break in the continuous spring gloomy grind. Now that the cadets are all back from leave, the spring squads are warming up. Spring football should start in a few days. It won't be long until baseball, lacrosse, track and so forth will be on the weekend schedule. Suggest you come up and see a game or two.

Plans are just about complete for converting the Riding Hall into a new Academic Building which will house about one-half of the academic departments and the Museum. The new building will have three large lecture halls, the largest seating about 1,800. Rumors indicate that Congress may approve its construction this spring. All of us here are hoping, for when the new academic building is complete, it will allow evacuation of the old West Academic Building, one that has seen its better days.

I have heard rumors that some of the class are expecting "new arrivals" in the near future. Please let me know when the big event happens so I can make the announcement and bestow the deserved honors.

Dope from Fuqua from the halls of the National War College reports the Alden Sibleys just back from SHAPE to join the faculty. The Sibleys have the latchstring out at 2871 Woodland Drive. Red McMorrow's son has just taken the West Point entrance exams. We all wish him luck. Chuck Dunn's daughter is now spending considerable time at Annapolis dating midshipmen, but still continues to cheer for Army to keep the old man happy. The Steve Fuquas happily announce the arrival of Charles Timothy last December. Bob Blanchard is still looking for a USMA appointment for young Bob, now a student at Texas A&M. John Honeycutt, Neil Wallace and Marty Frame are all applying pressure on the port side in an attempt to escape the five-sided Big House . aren't we all?

From the Washington Area comes the news that Red Akers was the official arranger for a very successful class luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory on 17 February. Forty classmates from the Washington area attended. On 19 March, a formal dinner dance was held at Fort McNair for the members of the class and their wives. This get together around Founders Day is becoming an annual affair, the last two having been held at Andrews AFB. Neil Wallace handled the arrangements for the event. Kay Kaesser retired on 31 January and is going to Florida to live and teach. He hasn't decided yet whether it'll be the East Coast or the West Coast. Soapy Waters and Duff Sudduth who have been patients at Walter Reed are now out of the hospital. Soapy is on duty at Fort Meade, Maryland. Duff has been retired physically and is living at 316 Elizabeth Road, San Antonio, Texas. George and Teeny Powers are the proud parents of a new daughter, Mary Louise, born on 16 October. This makes it four boys and three girls for this couple. When asked for a statement for the

class column, George's only reply was, "No Comment" Don Cubbison with family is in Washington for four months taking a short G-2 course preparatory to becoming Army Attache to Guatemala. Other arrivals to the Washington area include Allen Chapman, Dep Plans R&D; Charlie Chase, JCS; Bus Evans, Dep Log; Fred Gibb, G-3; John Matheson, Dep Log; Bill Ryan, Dep Log; Frank Sheppardson, Dep Log; Johnny Shinkle, Office Chief of Ordnance. Pete Carroll's widow, Ruth now lives at 6017 16th North, Arlington, Virginia. Karl Trusdell joined Oscar Senter and Gabe Disoway in the exclusive two-star club. Karl is Deputy United States Representative to the NATO Standing Group and has been acting for his boss, General J. L. Collins, who is temporarily absent as Ambassador to Free Vietnam. Gabe runs the Flying Training Air Force with Headquarters at Waco, Texas, and Oscar commands the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area with Headquarters at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City. Earl Signer was in Washington for a few days in January. Earl who was retired in 1944 for physical disability after a hunting accident is now working for Sears-Roebuck. His address is: Sears-Roebuck Co., 925 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and he requests any classmates out his way to get in touch with him. Sam Donnelly stopped by Washington in March on his way from Paris to Montgomery, Alabama where he delivered a lecture to the Air War College. Sam has been in SHAPE since early last year.

Gray Essman states, that while on a trip for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to London, Paris, and other points on the continent in February, he saw several classmates. Gray had lunch with Dan Parker, Joe O'Malley and Sam Donnelly while at SHAPE; Dan is a Deputy Chief of Staff for General Schuyler; Joe is with the Air Deputy, SHAPE, and Sam is an Assistant Chief of Staff and head of one of the logistic planning divisions of SHAPE. He also saw "Sim" Whipple, who spoke of Bob Tripp also being in SHAPE; of "Hum" Versace being in USAREUR; Pat Patterson in Vienna; and Pete Pittman in Hungary, as an Army Attache.

Charlie Chase, recently returned from Eighth Army in Korea, reports on having seen a number of classmates while there: Cy Dolph and Harry Sweeting were Chief of Staff and G-4 respectively of KMAG. Emmanuel Cepeda was slugging it out in KCOMZ. Bill Fuller was Senior Advisor to an ROK Division. Bill Thompson, Bill Ryan, Bus Evans, Hoy Davis, Ed Doleman and Johnny Matheson were all serving at Eighth Army Hq or with Eighth Army units. Most of these Korean vets are now back in the U.S. or will be soon. Ryan, Chase, Evans and Matheson are now located in the Pentagon and Doleman is at Fourth Army.

From Fort Williams, Maine, Gerry Chapman reports plenty of cold weather the past couple of months. Regardless, they celebrated their Twentieth Wedding Anniversary in early February. Gerry reports that classmates in the First Army area include Ivan Parr, Army Quartermaster; G. W. Porter, Deputy Comptroller; Bill Damon, Senior Army Advisor for Reserves in New Jersey; Pugh Pearson, an advisor for National Guard Division in Buffalo—incidentally Pugh became a grandfather last July to become second in the Class Grandfather Sweepstakes. Ab Huntsberry leads him by a few days. Bill Whelihan is at First Army G-1 Section—Pat Guiney is at Post Headquarters, Governors Island. Gerry, I believe, is District Chief of Reserve Activities with Headquarters at Fort Williams, Maine.

Bill Calhoun reports that he will complete his tour with the G-3 Division, Headquarters, USAREUR in May 1955 at which time, the Calhouns with their three boys will return to the States for further assignment. Humphries reports that he and Winnie are enjoying Heidelberg. He is Deputy Ordnance Officer, USAREUR. They have a grandson (adopted), Gilliom Lee. The new grandson runs the house for Betty Lou and the Humphries.

A note from Cam Longley states he is happy in command of the 51st Ordnance Group, the Heavy Maintenance and Supply Group for 7th Army, stationed in Mannheim. Cam states that his wife, Lee, and three daughters will return to the States in June. He reports that Clyde Jones and Bert Sparrow each have Artillery groups in Germany while Fred Thorolin has an Ordnance Maintenance Depot at Karsfeldt. Fred reported that he will probably turn over his depot to the Germans in July. He doesn't know just what his next assignment will be. Fred reports that his 14-year old son is a Sophomore in high school and is 6 feet tall, weighing 170 lbs. His two youngest—Lynn and Geoffrey—attend Grammar School in Dachau, just next door to the big Nazi Concentration Camp. Joe Remus, C.O., 2nd Infantry Regiment of the 5th Division in Germany has one of the best boxing teams thereabouts.

A letter from Johnny Cleveland states that he is enjoying his job as U.S. Military Liaison Mission to the Commander-in-Chief of Soviet Forces in Germany. He reports the family well and that they expect to return to the States this summer. Frank Kliez, Deputy G-2, USAREUR and his wife, Wag, are enjoying Heidelberg. They are scheduled to return to the U.S. this summer to attend the Army War College. Solly Solomon is Artillery Chief to the V Corps. Pittman has left Heidelberg for Budapest as Army Attache. His two lovely daughters are attending school in Vienna. Ralph Alspaugh is Army Attache in Warsaw. Ralph, Jane and their two children expect to return this summer. Ben Harrell, Chief of Staff to the U.S. Commander of Berlin, and Harriet are due to return in June. Bob and Effie Tripp, Logistics Division in SHAPE, are rotating in June. Ned Gee is now Chief of Staff, 1st Division at Wuerzburg. Sim Whipple is on duty with SHAPE.

Bob Speiser reports from the Far East that Bev Jones is due to return to the States in June, leaving his job as advisor to an ROK Division. Bev is now a Colonel—a promotion that has been long overdue. Ollie Olson and Herb Platt are both in G-3, AFPE. They will both return to the States soon. Pinky Webster just recently arrived in the Far East. Bill Bailey recently returned to the States to be G-1 at Sandia. Bob Speiser returns to the States in May to the 82nd Airborne Division.

Bill Blanford commanding the Eighth Infantry in Germany, his wife Ann, and four children will rotate to the U.S. in June.

Have you received the proposed Constitution for the 1933 West Point Society from Dick Park? If you haven't, I suggest you request one from him. The address is: Rm. 2D-965, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. The Constitution was composed by the Class Executive Committee. In my most humble opinion, they have done an outstanding job. I suggest each one of you get on the ball and let Dick know whether you agree with the by-laws as written, or make some constructive comments.

A note from Bert Sparrow who is commanding the 42nd F.A. Group located in Baumholder informs me that he and his family are well. His wife June, and daughters Virginia and Kathy are with him.

Young Bert is a Freshman at Princeton. Bert also reported that Dave Hallock and his family moved from Bordeaux to Paris. Conway is still with Allied Forces Central Europe at Fontainebleau, but returns to the States next summer. Dan Parker is at SHAPE, and Harry Bishop commands the Rhein Main Air Force Base. Clyde Jones is commanding the 36th F.A. Group at Aschaffenburg. He and Bea, with daughters Linda and Sydna and a spanking baby boy, are well and happy; they are also due to head for the U.S. this summer. Charlie Leydecker is G-2 of VII Corps in Stuttgart. Bill Quinn is Chief of the Army Section of JUSMAGG at Athens. He recently addressed the graduating class at the Seventh Army NCO Academy at Munich.

In mulling over the notes I have just written, it seems like all the overseas members of '33 mentioned are coming home this summer. I can't help but think what a shock this will be to the overseas forces.

That's about it for now. Keep the news coming, and remember to get the dope to me for the next *Assembly* by the 1st of June.

'33 *News Flash*—At 5:20 p.m., 31 March, Patrick Rhodes Huntsberry, weight in stocking feet, 7½ pounds, length 21¾ inches, arrived at the Station Hospital, West Point, New York. Last reports stated Papa and Mama doing nicely.

—Broshous, '33

1934

The Class organization in Washington has been hitting on all sixteen, and they seem to have everything rolling along smoothly. No doubt all of you who read this column will already have heard, on several occasions, from Perry Griffith, stalwart "corresponder" for the Class, so you will be quite up-to-date on events there. The Cotillion is going strong, under a committee consisting of Smoller, White, Moseley, Snee, Betts, and Griffith. A class book is currently being planned, with Jack Donoghue offering his services as editor. Since there has been no such publication since 1947, this will be a real public service. One other item concerning Washington activities: If you haven't contributed \$5.00 to the fund recently established, you are invited to forward that amount to Jack White, Treasurer, at Room 4E 1046, the Pentagon. We almost forgot to announce that all this activity is being carried out under the general supervision of Ken Kenerick, Class President for 1955-56.

A son finally arrived to Burt and Ginger Bruce on 26 February 1955. It took a tour at the Army War College and then a new assignment in France to do it, but Burton Blodgett, Jr. came along at the American Hospital, in Neuilly, approximately on schedule. Burt, Sr., says he is putting in a claim for some sort of cup—longest time after marriage (12 July 1935), to cadet femme, for first child. Both mother and baby (and father, too, for that matter) are doing fine. Burt's address: Engineer Branch, Logistics Division, SHAPE, APO 55, New York.

Seen at Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, during February 1955, as observers for the tests then being held there, were: F. W. Moorman, Martin, Gooch, and Renfroe. "Willy" Moorman also got away from Washington long enough to escort the President of Haiti during his visit to West Point on 29 January. This was Willy's first visit to the Academy since graduation.

The annual Founders Day Dinner of the West Point Society of New York, held at

the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on 19 March, was attended by Charlie Brown, from the Army Information School at Fort Slocum, Dennis McMahon, now stationed at Fort Totten, Clark Lynn, on ROTC duty at Yale, and your correspondent. This is the biggest showing the class has had in the New York area for several years. A list of the Founders Day dinners being held throughout the world showed that Dick McKee was apparently engineering the dinner at Heidelberg and Charlie Johnson the one at Eighth Army Headquarters in Korea.

Okie O'Connell, who left West Point last summer heading for the Far East, has been tracked down, as of last December, as Staff Judge Advocate of the 24th Division at Camp Hakata, Japan. Joann and the children are at 4343 Bridgetown Road, Cincinnati. Incidentally, Okie was promoted to colonel in December, as were a number of other classmates. We won't attempt to list them all here, but congratulations to all!

Undoubtedly a number of sons of '34 took the West Point entrance examinations in the first part of March and have been "sweating out" the results since then. We aren't up-to-date on the total number of these, but we do know definitely of three who were among the number. In our next issue we'll be able to announce the names of all those who become New Cadets in July. Here's wishing the best of luck to all the hopefuls!

A recent cross-country flight by your correspondent revealed the fact that Paul Barton is base commander at Wright-Patterson AFB, in Ohio, and that Monte Canterbury is CG of the AFSWP at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. It looks as if the class has practically "taken over" most of the important installations!

Travis and Marge Brown, originally stationed at Heidelberg after their arrival in Germany, have moved sometime recently to Giessen. Stilson Smith wrote in February from Fort Meade, where he is in the Second Army Comptroller Section, that Charlie Revie is G-1 there, Ken Cunin in G-3, Hank Ebel in G-4, Travis Petty in the Engineer Section. Jack Benner was under orders to Fort Meade and is probably there by now. On an inspection trip last fall Stilson visited Aberdeen Proving Ground, where Whitey Manlove and Alec Stuart entertained him royally.

Russ Volckmann's book concerning his war years as a guerrilla in the Philippines, "We Remained", has had good reports and is recommended to all.

We received from Mary Higgins, writing from Japan, in December, the following information. It arrived too late for inclusion in the January notes and may be a little out of date by now, but we hope most of it is still valid and we give it to you for what it's worth:

In the Tokyo area were: Catherine and Tom Hayes, Bill and Edie Holzappel, Jerry and Mary Higgins, Harry and Eddie Hilliard, Horace Sanders and George Eatman. Harry Hubbard and Jack Stanley were in Korea, although Jack was expecting transfer to Japan. Johnny Lawlor, at one time in Japan, had recently been transferred to Okinawa as a combat team commander. Bill Cunningham was found to be ensconced in Hawaii in November, when Jerry Higgins passed through.

We wind up our notes this time with the following story on Bill Craig, G-3 of VII Corps in Germany:

On 4 January Bill attended a dinner party given by the French 12th Tank Battalion at Tuebingen. After the dinner, new officers of the Battalion were welcomed in the unit's traditional initiation ceremony. The 12th Tank Battalion, known as the

"Dauphin's Unit", has a dolphin inscribed on its crest. The welcoming ceremony, geared to the maritime aspect of this traditional insignia, calls for the new officer to eat or drink a live fish contained in a tumbler of fishy water. Some six or eight newly-arrived French officers struggled through the ceremony, and then the French commander turned to Bill and asked if he would like to participate. Bill says that the fish suddenly grew to Missouri Catfish size, but he upheld the honor of the American Forces by nodding faintly and taking his medicine like a true son of '34. After the fish had slid down, rather easily, and had completed a final plop or two in the pit of his stomach, Bill was able to resume the composed demeanor expected of a visitor. (We have heard of the extensive use of fish for fertilizer. Who knows—maybe the next time you see Bill, he'll have a headful of curly hair!).

—W. J. R.

1936

About 50 of us are off active duty and a little over 200 are currently in uniform. To the minority group, who within a space of a decade will be *the* class, and with the hope that the minority group will get more active in class affairs, I dedicate the major "spot" in "this here month's news"

The Hess' are still (since retirement) living in Pennsylvania. Al is head of the math department at the exclusive Valley Forge Military Academy. Without seeing it, Helen will have the most attractively decorated home in the class. Within a few miles of this spot, is the attractive—and comfortable — country home of Adele and Herb Cady, the latter being a most successful insurance man ever since graduation. Except for one eleven year old "jr" Cady, there are a total of three females at Herb's and four at Whitey's.

In the mind's eye, the Chappellears give the impression of always enjoying the passing time. With two teenage young ladies and a "III", Louis is in that phase of the oil business which limits Marge to a mink coat only every other year. He is an engineer in Western Oil and Gas Ass'n in Los Angeles.

"J. P." Stone has been "out" since 1948 and keeping very active, but I hope not so much so, that he will keep in touch with the class. With his father and brother, John operates a lumber company in Peoria, Illinois. He also finds time to be director of the First National Bank and a trustee of a family endowment fund. (I'm keeping close check on those of the boys who look like they're making the dough)

Bill and Vivi Hendrickson have recently visited in Washington and are now making a change of station to Omaha, where his insurance company's headquarters are located. Even though Willie and I ran Camp Taccoa and Curahee Mountain together, I regret that now he won't even drop me a card; my information of him is through the courtesy of Lyn Hosmer (his sister).

Frank Norman last year moved from Pittsburgh and is now in Wilmette, Illinois, about 25 miles out of Chicago. Frank has three girls (one tiny) and a boy. He is in manufacturing—but didn't say what.

Art Joyce has lived in Chicago since 1945. He has a preponderance of boys, in ratio of 3 to 1. Although he attends West Point Society meetings, he claims that class activity and contact is meager. Art has been a consistent subscriber to this magazine for years, I know.

Ben and Mimi Whipple have two grown up daughters. He leaves the U.S. in March for Durban, South Africa. His occupation also is oil—not the richest end however.

Got a squib on Fred and Alice Bothwell and four children moving to New York City and buying a home in Garden City, Long Island. His offices on lower Broadway are about three doors from my home office (Could I be gettin' liquor wholesale maybe, for selling insurance at a discount?)

Jim Crandell has joined the ranks of "fat, forty, but not failing" club. Welcome, good luck Jim, and let's hear from you.

Now for the Active 200:

Heartiest congratulations to our nineteen new full colonels.

The following are named as students for 55-56 schools: Army War: Bess, Cato, Kieffer, Layne, Lynch, McCabe, Pack, Page, Ripple, Tiffany; Industrial: Hiester; National War: Benson, Breaks, Christensen, Dickens, Griffith, Ryder.

Jim and Jane "Billy" Leer are in Paris. Ev Hahney, and Chuck Billingslea are also in town. Tom Lawlor, Bob Curran and Rickenbaugh are in Orleans, so your former secretary notes.

Jerry Duin pays the compliment that this is only the third time he's ever sent news. This is most flattering and appreciated. The Duins have enjoyed a most pleasant two year tour in Munich. He's seen Kerkering, Lind and Palmer. Recently saw Heintges who arrived as G-3 USAREUR.

Have the Beggs news but it's incomplete; y'all fill in for yourselves: "remarried Jan 54; daughter Carol born 12 Nov 54 (Congratulations: Ed); Fontainebleau, France, 28 May 55"

John Romlein transfers from Leavenworth to Fontainebleau, also.

Ed and Sis Miles are with AF Headquarters in Southern Europe, probably near Naples because they've seen Michaelis.

Reports from class in the East goes something like this:

Nip Page says he had a very full year of field duty in Korea and has recently joined with his family in Engineer District, Okinawa. The looks of the family portrait gives evidence of happiness as well as good health. Mac McCarty is also in same area, according to Nip.

Jim Weaver, without dependents, in Intelligence Hq. FEC. Virginia is in Pacific Grove, California, not far from Siberts and Ace Millers.

Ray Tiffany just got a new assignment in Tokyo in operations Central Comd.

Ben Davis and Hank Benson write about Tokyo and verify the presence of Yost, Cordes, Ryder, Rutledge, and Traut. Hank has been separated from his family for a long while, I believe.

In Alaska, Bill Jones only contribution was a change of address card giving Hq. Alaskan Comd CINCAL — (maybe more later).

In Greenland, Bill Kimball writes he's had the most fascinating duty: He's had the Secty of Air send Arthur Godfrey show to entertain him. The POST wrote a feature article about his "ice worms", et al. Bill landed on the ice cap in a plane to furnish Milton Canif "background" for Steve Canyon comics. Bill ain't kiddin'—he hasn't had a dull moment. Wonder what Norm Spencer's activities over at Sondrestrom have been like? Bill expects to be reassigned to Parks AFB, California, in March.

In the States, Ben and Ad Turnage are still at Monroe.

Whitey Grove has left Bragg and gone to AF Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia.

Jane and Bill Kinard are at Bragg. Bill is a psychologist—for the Army, that is). It's well he doesn't have any idea how much

doctors practicing that stuff in Atlanta make per annum.

Bill Connor is forming up a new class questionnaire; he on the look out for it!

Micky Mikkelsen is at Pueblo, Colorado, at Ordnance Depot there. Jane and the four children have bought a home with Mick, so they must like it there very well. I guess they are the closest classmates to the new Air Academy. None of us is assigned to the new faculty, to my knowledge. I don't know where ENT AFB, Colorado, is, but Bob Orth took over as C.O. there in February.

Think I'd give up this job if I wasn't kept informed by news provided by Bill and Maureen Sibert—who somehow manage to send me something monthly. Right now I'm campaigning for Bill for Secretary when he retires. Anyway, Siberts left Bragg in December; spent Xmas with George at Academy (I think he had to baby-sit with his little sister while Ma and Pa went to the dances); and finally hit Fort Ord. They have quarters at Presidio (if memory serves, that's plush) and he is C.O. of 20th Inf of the 6th Div.

Ace and Jean Miller are back in their own home in Carmel Valley after five years—just in case you have a home and wonder whether you'll ever get back to use it. He's studying "dago" for a tour as MA in Italy. They've heard from Jack and Nan Daly at Sill (that's more than I have, Ed).

Bill and Marge Shuler write they own their own home in Alexandria. Near neighbors are Lamperts. Bill's little job consists of handling all the real estate and construction for the whole Army (hope he got his house "whol-sal").

Bob Burnett and Lyn Hosmer wrote concerning the big January formal at the Army-Navy Club for 54 of the class in and around Washington. Daddy Broyles MC'd. I'm certain this was the reunion of the year for the class—wish I had some pictures!

Oren Swain is in his first year on the faculty at Carlisle. He claims this now makes him a Professor of professors since he has taught at all schools from cooks-and-bakers on up to the top. Jack Chiles is faculty at AWC also and leaves next summer; Bill Yarborough is in his second year; Jim Landrum has three years teaching to go. Students are Ed Dunn, Tiger Janof, Gordie Holterman, Max Kallman and Steve Holderness. Bill Meany also sent in communications from Carlisle and he too is on faculty.

In between a quail shoot Dick Ripple logged in from Knox that Abrams is C/S of the Armored Center (just heard he's left); Ned Norris is Automotive Dept; Bob O'Brien is C.O. of 3rd Armd Div Trains.

Mac LeMoynes writes from Bliss that the Special Weapons work is very interesting but quite technical. He wrote to USMA for some information to be used at the March West Point dinner at Bliss. Bob Safford, in the manner of Lincoln writing his Gettysburg address, supplied a 6 page extemporaneous word picture of Cadet life today, which I think is exceptionally good. I have a copy in the class files which I shall be glad to loan anyone who wishes to read it.

Betty and Dead-eye Dickson in Development in Baltimore, give the same story (as LeMoynes) about interesting but technical work. I'm beginning to think that the object is to confuse the enemy (or me). On the other hand Dead-eye wrote the newest letter I have received and he extoles the virtues of the Naval Academy in turning out the red carpet for him and his gang.

Heard of school activities at Industrial College from Nick Grothaus who will leave in June.

It's been many years since I've seen tent-mate Fred Bell. He wrote and sent in photos of his family including his little (and only child) Suzanne. They're in Engineer Maintenance at Kelly AFB.

Len Shea was most helpful in furnishing a long list of class whereabouts; and he even turned up a relative in Atlanta. Bill Covington also made "a right smart" (how's the Dixie dialect?) contribution to the locations of Washington 36ers.

Was pleased to get word—and sight—of Casey and Peggy Vincent, who still look as though life "hasn't begun" yet!

Doc Mohlere has accounted for himself and family from the Detroit Ordnance District; he also checked in for Josh Finkel up there too. Art and Gertrude Kramer send in greetings from Sheridan, Illinois.

From the warmer latitudes: Tylers at MacDill AFB, and the only other Florida class residents are my name and initialsake, Phil S. Green. He is enjoying his tour at Florida State University.

Locally, Earl Holtons had a tea for new arrivals Marion and Bill Haneke. The latter are in Army Finance and are cutting their teeth in the post's "beast barracks" a set of quarters housing upwards of ten families (I love to exaggerate anyway). I think these quarters are especially reserved for our class; I know LeMoynes had 'em too and I think the only reason Earl and Polly escaped was that they knew the right people.

As these notes are being completed, just ran into Joe Nazzaro and Betty and Rudy Ganns in Savannah. Westy is expected in Atlanta this week (March 10).

Not yet recorded in this column are the following:

Elmer and Margaret Grubbs had a little girl, Susan Irene, last November.

Mac and Maddy McCormick should have already had a child down in Guatemala.

Darrell Hiester's engagement to Cadet Minich in June has been announced. Congratulations.

—Phil.

1937

I am the new class Journalist and the way it happened was I didn't go to the January luncheon, when elections were held. The name is Quandt; the address is Army G-3 in the Pentagon; and news of any kind will be welcome and is hereby solicited.

So far no classmates have written me, and that isn't surprising because the news of my election was not published. In fact, I didn't even hear of it myself for a month. Anyway, as a result, this first column will mostly contain news of contacts and social events of my own experience. I hope there will be less first personal references and more of the third, henceforth.

The birthday party in the foxholes of Korea which was given for Bert Connor, now teaching at the War College, seems like a good place to begin. It was a fine party, and seated around the gleaming table were Monk Meyer and Battle Barksdale, both now at Monroe; Bob Marr, now at Carlisle; Cueball White, present whereabouts unknown; and Quandt. I don't remember whether Kelsie Reaves was there or not, but I remember very well the weekend I spent at his hunting lodge on the Sea of Japan. Not only did he throw a party for me in the leading night spot of Sokcho-ri, complete with Korean food, music, and dates; but his houseboy swiped my camera, glasses, and murder mystery. Kelsie returned here to Plans Division of G-3 last year but in one year's time has

been ordered out to the National War College. The War College is a very desirable assignment, and any surmise that he couldn't cut the mustard in G-3 doesn't appear to be justified. He and Mary Lou gave a real nice party on January 2nd at their home in Arlington and served black-eyed peas backed up by an unidentifiable punch carrying a kiloton wallop. During the time I was there and still standing, Ed and Merce Postlethwaite, Hank and Betty Spengler, and Giles and Claudine Evans came in. On New Year's Day, quite early in the morning for me, Sunny and Fred Campbell gave a champagne party and I was somewhat startled to have a plate of hot garden snails passed to me right off the bat. I should have been prepared, because the last time I sampled Sunny's hospitality was in Heidelberg in 1951, and on that occasion she achieved much the same effect with red walls and a German maid named Suzanne. Eph and Dottie Graham were there that evening, and they have recently reported in here to Washington where he will join Kelsie at the War College this coming fall.

On December 5th, Kelly Lemmon arrived from Tuscaloosa, where he and Mary keep the University of Alabama in line, and spent five days during which time he renewed his long and expensive association with the Virginia traffic cops. Last Fall, John Ulricson, Mary Jo, and their four fine youngsters were through and gathered at John's favorite raw bar to demolish a day's catch of lobsters. They were enroute to USAFE Headquarters in Europe and now carry a New York APO of 633, if anyone wants to write them. They can't read but the children can. Last November, Day Surlis and I had a week of temporary duty in Juarez, Mexico, where we brushed up on our Spanish, went sightseeing, and brought Ellen home some Mexican casseroles.

I suppose you've all seen where Hank Byroade has arrived in Egypt as our Ambassador to that country, and I would say that is a feather in any class's hat. I don't want to start any interservice rivalry in this column, but I am compelled to point out that ambassadorial rank is equivalent to four stars, at least, and I challenge our Air Force contingent to match that one.

I drove down to Fort Monroe a couple of weekends ago and inspected the Polk-Wilson children—seven for Jack and six for Harry. Because it is a small post, they were formed in column at close interval. The Tidewater echelon of the class includes Harry and Jack, Battle Barksdale, Bob Gildart, Randy Hines, and Monk Meyer, all of Monroe; Gordon Kimbrell and Stu O'Malley at Norfolk; Tom Powell and George Holcomb at Langley; and Elmer Blaha at Little Creek. They had a class party on the 29th of January at the Monroe Casemate Club and everyone was present except George and Jessie Holcomb who had the flu and Harry Wilson, who was temporarily in Alaska.

Here in the Washington Group we had elections in January, as I said, and Jack Donohew was made Chairman. Choppy Brett was elected treasurer but he had hardly signed for our money from Joe Focht when he received cloak and dagger orders and so we passed the job to Milt Clark. We numbered twenty-one at the February luncheon but about all the business we accomplished was to name Scotty Hall, Charlie Register, and Jack Lynch as a committee to prepare a May dinner dance. We have hopes of gathering classmates from all the locations within driving distance for the shindig. At latest count, we have forty-four classmates here in Washington; seventeen at the War College at Carlisle Bar-

racks; and two, Gene Stann and Walt Lawson, at Fort Meade with Second Army.

As you all very well know, Jack Donohew allows no grass to grow under his feet, or those of his minions, and so he has blocked out quite a bit of work for Clark and Quandt to do during our tour of office. He hopes to compile a complete roster of worldwide addresses of all classmates, active, retired, or whatever. We intend to establish close working relations with the Annapolis class of '37 with the first step in that direction being a joint luncheon at the Army and Navy Country Club. Two full-scale gatherings with wives will be scheduled and pressed with vigor and enthusiasm, and there was some mention of a picnic or two during the year, although I personally shuddered at the thought.

Jim Norvell returned here from Korea in mid-February and left on the 17th of March for his new station at Fort Sill. He wound up as the G-3 of Eighth Army and undoubtedly would have taken the Army over in another few months if Career Management hadn't terminated his tour. In Oslo last summer I was entertained by Tommy Compton, but he has since left that country of beautiful blondes (my observation, not Tommy's necessarily) and is now at Leavenworth. Bud Underwood came down from Carlisle last week and stopped in to say hello and I must compliment Heastie, for he looks like a member of last year's class. This Alaskan tour probably had a deepfreeze effect.

A quick look at worldwide outposts finds Beaver Stevenson making headlines from his 49th Division Headquarters in England; Bruce and Frances Holloway, stationed in the Pentagon, but on a twenty-one day cruise in the Caribbean; Ernie LaFlamme in Paris at EUCOM Headquarters; Dottie and Paul Scheidecker in Tokyo with FEAF; Eric Dougan in Nagoya; Bud Hines commanding the Division Artillery of the first Cavalry Division in Japan; and Grass Johnson with G-3 AFFE at Camp Zama.

Jack and Margaret Jordan Tolson have left Washington for Benning where Jack is to take over a department of the Infantry School having to do with aerial mobility. Georgie Sloan has gone to Benning also, but he went down to take paratrooper training, and that just shows what us old goats will do. Poopy and Allie Connor are enjoying his tour at the Air War College and it looks as though he will not only pass but will considerably better the class standing with which he started his commissioned life. They expect to be sent to Europe after graduation.

A Christmas card came in from John and Phoebe Cromelin from Houghton, Michigan saying they, the kids, and the poodle were all well. Sailor Green's address is 62 Riverside Drive, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida and George Maliszewski and his new wife have taken up residence at 30 Goodblood Drive in Ayer, Massachusetts. The President of Tom Truxtun's Annapolis Class contacted me for some information on Tom's family, as well as a picture of him, which will be used in a twenty-year book which the class is publishing. Ben Porterfield, John Nance, and Bill Chenoweth are all living around San Francisco and can be contacted through the Bay Area West Point Association in care of the Adjutant General of Sixth Army.

Don Shive telephoned Milt Clark from Bolling Field where he was awaiting a Panama plane after spending leave in York, Pennsylvania. He is the Chief of the Operations Branch of the J-3 Section of Headquarters Caribbean Command and requests that classmates passing through give him some notice. They are expecting their sixth

child but that's not particularly notable news in our class anymore. Except to the Shives, of course. He had seen Pop Mezt, who is in Lima, Peru and he frequently sees Jack Browning, Jimmy Duncan, and Frankie Harrison, all in Puerto Rico. Sieb Bassett ('35) was here on an official visit and brought word that Delk Oden is in fine fettle as Chief of Staff of the Austrian Command. Also on the staff are Kelton Davis and Mose Amos. At Christmas, Luke Hoska sent me a good picture of himself, Florence, and the four youngsters, all seated on the lawn in front of their mansion in Switzerland, where Luke is the Attache. The house looks intact and so I guess they have finally worn their boys down.

That does it for this time. I wish you all would write me where you are and what you are doing; otherwise I will have to resort to rumors and make this a gossip sheet. Or, even worse, make things up.

—D. P. Q.

1938

Received a letter from Hal Moorman on Formosa which was much appreciated and is reproduced below:

As residents at APO 63 (meaning MAAG Formosa) we now have Bill Latza as MAAG Signal Officer (family here too) and Gus Guletsky (family in States) in addition to the H. N. Moormans. The last two class members are carried as advisors to the Chinese.

Last month visiting Seoul, I met Charlie Denholm as he was picking up the 'phone book to locate other '38ers present. We found Mel Russell assigned to the G-3 Section, Hq Eighth Army and present in the flesh. He rotates fairly soon, destination unknown. Denholm is to go to Carlisle in January and we hope to school in the fall; he now makes like a G-2 in Tokyo.

Through here in the past year I have seen Dick Stilwell from the AWC faculty with the Van Fleet survey mission; Tony Chanco, now Chief of Engineers, Philippine Army on a good will visit; Chuck Jackson from MAAG Japan to examine the inner workings of an established MAAG (and who incidentally hopped over to Hong Kong for a few days leave with his wife who just happened to be there); Gus Broberg from D/A G-3 to be sure the Army's outlying possessions are still intact; and Joe Reddoch who was taking a last look around the Far East before going Stateside to take over some bombers (my note says "Lincoln" but I forget whether that is Nebraska or his favorite car).

Of interest to me if to no one else is the fact that we Moormans plan to leave Hong Kong in March on the MS Bayernstein for Genoa. If all goes well and the Army cooperates, we will then spend thirty days worth of April and May taking a quick look at Europe's highlights before returning to an unspecified destination in the U.S. You people with a rabbit's foot please wish us luck—the three children are going with us. That's it from Formosa.

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I didn't check the Army War College list in detail but it appears there will be a goodly number of the class at Carlisle next year. We Army files have even begun to break into the National War College this year with Al Hulse, Chesarek, and several others.

Dick Ivey is now assistant treasurer of the University of Rochester. He had been with the Pilot Life Insurance Co. in Greensboro, North Carolina since taking his BS in business administration at the University

of North Carolina after retiring in 1946.

Kopcsak in Hawaii with plans division U.S. Army Pacific Headquarters. Phil Browning recently joined the lucky people in Korea as Engineer of the Korean Communications Zone. Jack Norris back in Washington from the MA's job in Prague on TDY with G-2's Meet-Em-and-Greet-Em Section until going to Carlisle in the Fall. Ben Sternberg recently reported to Fort Monroe. Hank Hartline to OSD in Washington. Art Collins from his coffee-cooling job as SGS in Heidelberg to take a regiment.

A memorial mass was held for Roy Brischetto last month in the Fort Myer Chapel after his, unfortunate death in a jet crash in Germany and was well-attended by the class.

A new regime has taken over in the Washington Chapter. Bob Kasper now Chairman, Zoller, Entertainment Chairman, Dick Bromiley, Secretary-Treasurer, and Bill Corbett, Coordinating Secretary. I can't give you Bill's address to send any dope to since he is out of town on some sort of a junket so he'll have to make his own plea for news in his first column.

—A. B. S.

1939

In this round-up of 39'ers, we have made an attempt to cover stations and localities from which we haven't had much news of classmates lately. While we didn't get as much information as we would have liked, we are grateful to those who did send us some news.

At Leavenworth, Lew Cantrell is keeping busy as Class Supervisor. We understand that he likes his job except when some student calls him up at 0200 to complain about no heat or something else outside of Lew's baliwick. Also on the staff and faculty at Leavenworth are Fritz Fredericks, Gibbo Gibbons, Sammy Kail, Charlie Mount, Karl Wohlfeil, and Bud Lasche who has just arrived from AFSC.

Other 39'ers at Leavenworth include Riel Crandall, Post Engineer, and Walt Dolle and Nick Paraska, students in the Regular Course, and John Medusky who is on TDY from Benning to take the Associate Course.

From Benning, Ed Smith writes that at the Infantry School, he is Secretary, Frank Mildren is Director of Instruction and is slated to go to NWC in the fall; Dick Reeves is Chief of the Artillery Committee, John Medusky is Executive Officer for the Staff Department, and Bill Boyle is Executive Officer, Tactical Department. Also at Benning with the 3rd Infantry Division are Jim Carvey, Fuzzy Harrison, and Ben Duckworth.

Thanks to Livie Taylor, Walt Brinker and Shields Warren we have some news of classmates in Europe. Livie Taylor is Chief of Intelligence Branch, AC of S, G-2 USAREUR. He and his wife, Jim, have a daughter (13) and a son (7) and all are thriving on the life in Germany. Also at USAREUR are Harry McClellan in G-3, Vern Gilbert in the Central Army Group Planning Staff for G-4, Bob Haffa in the Signal Division, John Kelly in G-1 and Jack Looney with G-3.

Ken Collins has a regiment in the 4th Infantry Division, and Ben Showalter is presently a Division Artillery Executive, but is scheduled to return to ZI soon.

Shields Warren is in the G-3 Section of the VII Corps. With him in the VII Corps is John Dickerson, and Billy West is in the G-3 Section of V Corps. Dick Bowie commands an FA Bn in Strausburg and

Bob Spragins has the 26th Infantry. Shields also reports seeing Dick Cleverly and wife (assignment unknown) recently.

Over in Paris, Walt Brinker and Bob Camp work for the Chief of Staff, SHAPE. Also at SHAPE are Looie Kunzig, Special Assistant to General Gruenther, Don Beere in O&T, Bob Greer in the Exercise Planning Staff under Marshall Montgomery and Bob Richardson in the Air Deputy's Office.

Harry Myers is near Paris in the J-3 Section of EUCCOM.

Up at the north end of Europe, is Swede Larsen holding Hq, AFNORTH together. His orders were changed at the last minute and he did not go to Turkey as previously reported. Swede and Nell and their three boys like the assignment, and being in Norway, Swede has a chance to make that long-postponed visit to his Norwegian cousins.

And down at the south end of Europe is Stan Dziuban with JUSMG in Madrid. Stan reports that he and Betty Ann have finally crashed the barrier with an 8 lb. 1 oz. baby girl (Maria), after four straight boys. However, Stan still has a way to go if he wants to win the class cup for the most children. As far as we know now Bob Schellman, presently in Hawaii, with six, 3 boys and 3 girls is in the lead at the moment.

From the other side of the world, Higgy Higgins writes from Korea that Ray Allen has been reassigned to command a battalion in I Corps Artillery, Charlie Dietz is Deputy G-2 at 8th Army Hq., Jack Meyer has just left 8th Army Hq. for a new assignment with the Military District at Vancouver, Washington, and Bill McConnell is G-3 of I Corps and is slated to go to AWC at Carlisle in the fall. Tom Shanely, a recent arrival in Korea, is now commanding the 19th Infantry. Ace Sheppard, also a recent arrival in Korea, has the 96th FA Bn in I Corps Artillery. He relieved Ollie Wood who went to Japan where Ollie now has the 999th Armored FA Bn. Higgy himself is presently Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 for the 8th Army, but is due to return to the ZI soon to attend the AWC this fall.

We have had no formal report from Japan. However, we have learned that Ed Serrem has recently arrived in Japan and is now Chief of the Ammunition Division in the Ordnance Section of AFFE Hq.

Back in the ZI, Freddie Boye writes from Fort Hood that Jim Pavick, recently in command of an Armored Infantry Battalion in the 1st Armored Division, is now Executive of a Combat Command in the same division. Jim McCrorey is also in the 1st Armored Division commanding an Armored Infantry Battalion. Freddie himself commands CCB of the 4th Armored Division. He is slated to attend NWC this fall. Homer Barber lives near Fort Hood as the C.O. of Killeen Base.

Washington continues to hold first place as a gathering place for the clan with some forty 39'ers there and in the vicinity. The class had a dinner dance at Bolling AFB Officers Club in January. Jim Billups, George and Nita Jumper, Butch and Millie Banning, Jim and Elenita Batte, Bill and Jeanne Boyd, Tom and Patricia Crawford, Chet and Nancy Lennhoff, Roge and Marjorie Phelan, Willie and Jewell Van Harligen toasted and talked about George Howard who had to cancel at the last minute because he had the mumps. President Dobson got a movie of the Football Highlights of 1954 for the last month's luncheon. George Brown, in Washington on business, reported on civilian life in California. Andy Goodpaster, George Higginson, Bob Cassidy, Art Allen, and Pinky Ginder looked like they could climb into their cadet uniforms. The "sand blowers" had a good representa-

tion with Jack Habecker, Spook Larette, Red Dog Davis, Bob Sears, Frank Iseman, Lee Kirby, Beck Beckdorf, and Bobby Rogers. John McCoy reported that he and Barbara returned from the Army-Navy game to find their car had been stolen.

Jack Meals is again back in Washington, this time after a tour at the Air War College. Mart and Lynn Megica just finished building a house. Mart is in the Industrial College now and leaves Washington this summer. Anyone want to buy a new rambler?

Harry and Virginia Hatchell are training for Military Attache duty in Italy. Strother B. Hardwick and Joe Dickman leaving the AF Plans, Pentagon for less ulcerous duty at the National War College this summer. Bunny and Jean Adams are wondering where Bunny will go after graduation from the College this summer. Jack and Joyce Kinney are fixing up a new house.

The class is taking over the AF Personnel business with "Hap" Latoszewski being top policy planner, George Howard and Jack Merrill in other key Division Chief spots.

Jack Wintermute, retired, is well dug-in as a civilian planner in the Chief of Ordnance Office.

George and Jane Pickett just bought a large, white brick house on Ridge Road within walking distance of the Pentagon. All transient classmates are invited to stop awhile. George is slated to attend NWC this fall. Henry Newcomer is sweating out another assignment this summer. Bob Pennell and Herb Price are in G-3. Speedy Hull shows up in the Pentagon once in a while to do some work on organizing Army participation in the Pan-Am and '56 Olympics. Anyone for Pentathlon? Benjie Miller got in town from Korea and Japan long enough to buy a new car, pack Helen and the kids and head west to March AFB.

Thanks to Dutch Shultz, we have learned the planned assignments of 39'ers graduating from the AWC this June. Here they are: Bill Barnett—DA, G-3; John Boles—USAREUR; Sailor Byrne—DA, G-2; Warren Chapman — AFFE; Pete Clifford — USAREUR; Haskett Conner—3rd Inf Div; Bill George—46th FA Gp, Fort Bliss; Joe McChristian—Attache, Greece after training at Army Language School; Bob McMahon—Hq, USFA; Donald Miller—Hq, 2nd Inf Div; Dan Minahan—FA Gp, Fort Sill; Bob Ploger—Office, Chief of Engineers; Art Poinier—Hq, Second Army; Jim Shepard—CGSC; Dutch Shultz — AFFE; Lincoln Simon — Navy — 7th Fleet Pacific; Paul Tuttle—DA, G-1; and John Watt—CIA.

The Class will again be well represented at AWC this fall. In addition to those already listed above individually as going, next year's class will include Harry Kinard, Bill McConnell, Ray Marlin, Jim Billups, Gibbo Gibbons, Walter Vann, Walter Winegar and Marshall Wallach, and maybe others we haven't heard about.

As to the Industrial College, Woody Wilson is the only member of the class that we have heard of that is slated to attend the course beginning in the fall. Woody was last located in the Cincinnati District Engineer's Office.

Late reports just in give us some news of classmates at Fort Sill and Fort Knox. George Winton writes me that he is the only member of the class at Fort Sill now, Roger Lilly having just left for the AFSC. George is assigned to Field Force Board No. 1. Says he has plenty of work but it is interesting. He and his wife have two children—a girl (11) and a boy (9). George tells of seeing Tex Miller and Ray Belardi at Fort Bliss. Tex is representing the Armored School at the AA&GM Branch of the

Artillery School at Bliss, and Ray Belardi is in guided missile work. George also reports recent visits to Fort Sill from the Pentagon by Van Harligen, in R&D at DA level, and by John Urban, Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

From George Winton we also learned that Steve Caldwell, who left the service in 1949, is living in his old hometown—Chesapeake City, Maryland and taking graduate work at the University of Delaware.

From Fort Knox, we have heard from Tom Dolvin, who is G-3 of the Armored Center, that Chuck Parsons is commanding the 3rd Armored Division Artillery, and Moe Boylan has CCB of the same division; that Jap Wilson is Director of the General and Special Purpose Section of CONARC Board No. 2, and that Levin Lee is executive of the IG Section.

Back here at the Point, Mike Davison, Marshall Wallach and Harvey Fraser are in the news. Mike Davison and Marshall Wallach have left on TDY to take jump training. Harvey Fraser is leaving in June for one year leave of graduate study at Univ of Illinois.

Walt Winegar reports that a 39 get together in Alaska recently included Jack and Jean Norris, "Ginny" and Brownie Brownfield, Bill and Niva Smith, Heinz and Anita Weizman, and Walt and Anne Winegar. Smith commands an AACS Wing at Elmsdorf, Brownfield is heading for Air War College, Weisman is the POL expert in Alaska, and Jack Norris is J-3 for CINCAL.

Concerning June week this year, the class members here at the Point are having an informal get-together at an open-house type of party on Sunday night, 5 June. Any of you 39'ers planning to attend June week, let us know as soon as your plans are firm, and try to schedule your visit so you can be on hand for this get-together.

That about wraps it up for this time, men. If you didn't find your name above, don't gripe—get busy and send us some news.

—Bull Davis.

1940

Response to the fifteen year book has been slow but steady enough to report that the book will be published this year. Earlier plans to make delivery during June week are not feasible as the material cannot be prepared for publication deadlines. We think we have everyone's address but we could be wrong. If you have not heard by letter from us please write to Orman, Qtrs 56, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He is our stateside agent. All we want to know is whether you want a book or not. Once we set up a press run it will not be possible to get another book. We will hold our order figure off as long as possible. You can help us a lot by contacting Orman immediately if you have not done so. I have been the recipient of many pictures to date and in my opinion the book will be dominated by fringy-haired stout-girthed fellows bearing a slight resemblance to the lean, the tawny, the lithe, that once we were. A number of statistics are readily available such as number of children, stations, medals, etc. There are other statistics that dwell in a foggy realm such as total number of inches gained about the waist or number of pounds picked up in fifteen years. We will try to tell all.

Enough rhetoric, now for some news. Dick Abbey home from Holland, Hank Adams at War College at Carlisle, Jerry Addington at Sill and Ahmjan at Fort Leonard Wood. Urey Alexander has been en route to Poland for many a day. Has

he gone? Is he there? Luther Arnold at Sill, Bagstad in Newfoundland and Charlie Banks in Okinawa. Milt Barnard still in Germany and Ray Bates has left Fort Monmouth for the relative quiet of Korea. Nils Bengston in England. Both Bennetts at War College, Sid Bingham in Hawaii. Bonham, at Leavenworth, boasts a new arrival. Scott Case en route to Pakistan. Bill Clay in Tokyo, Wally Clement with ORO, Silver Spring, Maryland. Ray Clock in St. Louis and Coleman at Lincoln AFB in Nebraska. Joe Couch at Okinawa in civilian capacity. Paul Cullen at Sill and Delamater at Bragg. Devlin rumored to be cracking under the strain of bachelor life and casting about at Creighton University in Nebraska as PMS&T. Jack DeWitt at Patrick AFB in Florida and Downey at Chanutte AFB. Dyke in Ottawa attached to American Embassy. Bill Farthing in the Pentagon and Bob Fate at Fort Bliss. Bill Francisco at Bragg and Lee Fritter at Fort Dix.

Red Gideon at Dover AFB. Horton, F. W., in Newfoundland. Marvin Jacobs at Terre Haute, Indiana, Bill Kasper in Naples. Mike Kuziv at Fort Bliss and Larry Legere back in the States at the Pentagon. Ev Light bringing up the class godson at Colorado Springs. Jim Lotozo at Fortress Monroe and Lynn is at Leavenworth. Art McCartan tying knots at the Naval War College and Marsh is at Fort Amador in the Canal Zone. Jim Milner at Fort Sill and Steve Morrissey, about to go overseas, is at Fort Slocum, New York. O'Brien, R. A., is at Pennsylvania Military College in Chester, Pennsylvania. Moshead Parker at Wright AFB, Podufaly at Fortress Monroe and Jim Rasmussen at Colorado Springs. J. K. Roberts at Fort Benning, Bill Roedy at Fort Lee, and Ralph Rogers at USMA. Jim Smelley at Air War College matching wits with Ferrill. Page Smith in Turkey, Stanton Smith at Randolph Field, Woodrow Smith in Europe. Zeke Summers at Hill AFB in Utah. Alan Thayer is at University of Pittsburgh. Ware at Pinecastle AFB in Florida. Wetzel at National War College, Freddy White at Bragg. Wilderman at Headquarters First Army, Lanny Witt off to London for three year tour. Jack Wright studying Business Administration at University of Southern California. Zero Zahrobsky about to be married or married by this time. Yeager to Command and General Staff College and Ulm to Industrial College.

The fifteenth reunion is being handled by a committee formed from those stationed at West Point. Tom Monroe is the guiding light. We have supplied him with all known addresses. If you have not heard from Tom when you read this write to him c/o Tactical Department, USMA, West Point, New York. He will give you all the information. See you June week.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

Things are looking up. From Camp Zama, Ben Guerir, and Kitzingen come messages favoring the XV Year Book. More letters have arrived this quarter than any for a very long time. Fired by the enthusiasm, I phoned Your Old Will Vaughn who helps run Leavenworth's C&GS. Will said he and Joe Knowlton would definitely help and that others among the twenty-man contingent from '41 would be available. We agreed that we would get the project started. Definitely. The details to be worked out later. For now, plan that there will, repeat will, be a Fifteen Year Book. We will undoubtedly want a family group picture, some biograph-

ical data, and any good snapshots you have collected which cover class events. Stand by for further details.

The old master of the written word, Ren Keleher, reports from Salzburg in G-3, USFA. Al Jensen is staff engineer, Gib Niles is "3 of our much-spread-out command," and John Barney "continues to be our foremost soldier—Chief of Staff of Tactical Command." Ren saw Tom Cleary in Heidelberg but did not learn his assignment. The Keleher billet in Salzburg is three minutes from the RR station, and says Ren, "If someone is on his way through to Baghdad, I can still be down there with a change for the baby or a hot tonic before the lights change. In short, our full facilities are available for the asking without prior notice." Ren laments the evolution which is causing more of our members to "transfer from the long grey line to the long pay line."

I got another account of the Yale game from John Easton. He saw Norm and Chappie Coker, Curt and Terry Chapman, and Tom Lawson, and listened while Tom tried to talk Curt into the teaching profession. Norm, Curt and Tom have turned in shade thirty-three for mufti. John and Julie also saw the Purdys and Danny Danforth, both stationed at WP. The Eastons are currently squeezed into a hotel in Rabat and hoping their car was not shipped to Japan by mistake. On a trip to Madrid, he saw Senor Rod O'Connor and had dinner with him and Gabby.

Walt Woolwine brings us up to date on many of the troops: Felix Gerace just finishing Norfolk, reporting to OQMG in Wash, where Ed Gelderman is in procurement management and Ralph Upton in Planning. Ducky Deyo and Jackie are at OCAF in G-4 Section. Bob Borman is a student at C&GS along with Tuck and Dunc Brown, Charlie Flanders, Aubry Hauser, Joe Knowlton, Charlie Maynard, Bob Panke, Chuck Roton, Ernie Whitaker, Bill Woodward and Ray Schnittke. Moe Schremp is instructing with Willie Vaughan. Gordon Harper resigned this past summer and is in the investment business either in Atlanta or Montgomery. Hank Boswell is in Ankara with the mission. Johnny Christensen is in SHAPE-4 section and "Because of his tape recorder when you visit him—anything you say will be held against you." Danny Danforth is Ex. O, QM Sect at WP. Bill Gurnee is in Mr. Higgins office Dept of the Army. Moody Layfield is at Texas U with ROTC. Walt was looking forward to a trip to Europe in Feb. and promised me a full report.

A. Wray White, having taken over from Scott Peddie at Frankfurt, made it complete by taking over his very elegant schloss. (Scott joined the Training Command at Wichita where John Atkinson commands the B-47 training group.) He visited the Boswells and found them liking it "pretty well in spite of having to live fairly low off the hog." At USAFE Hq is a former roommate of Woolwine and Couch, Lieutenant Colonel Harry Husman (a plebe Xmas casualty). Peer deSilva reported that Dick Couch had resigned to join Sylvania in the flash bulb and vacuum tube business. At Kitzingen commanding the old and historic First Engineer Bn is Frank Gerig. Roger Lawson is with USAREUR in Heidelberg. Wray sent me a Stars and Stripes—Europe recently which showed a picture of Bud Thompson and a group of newsmen he had flown around chasing one of the Las Vegas clouds.

Got letters from both Ellis's each of whom had carefully underlined his middle initial. Harry H. reports that Jack Camp commands the 376 Abn FA Bn of the 82 Abn

Div. Tom Sharkey commands the 3d Bn of the 505 Abn Inf Regt. Larry Theisen has been the JAG of the 82 Abn and will return to troops at Bliss this Spring. Mort Birdseye is S-2 of XVIII Corps Arty. Jim Carroll commands the 10th Engrs. Harry commands the 44th Tank Bn of the 82d and is the first paratrooper to do so. At the Duke game he saw Bill Cummins, Asst PAS&T at Clemson; Vince Carlson, student AFSS; and Walt Woolwine. "First Army team I've seen since graduation. A pleasant change. Most impressed at the age of those sitting around me. They were all from the class of 39 or 40 but looked old enough to be from 25 or 26."

Harry V. submitted a stat report from the Exercise "Follow Me." He is with the 11th Abn Div at Campbell. Vic Campana, same outfit, became the father of twins in Dec. Charlie Fletcher, CO, 41st FA Bn, Benning. Bob Salisbury, Arty Committee, TIS, Benning. Ace Baily, instructing TIS. Larry Theisen, Staff JA, 82 Abn Div, scheduled for a short course at Bliss then to CO 77 AAA Bn, Fort MacArthur. Ed Rowny student AFSS Norfolk. Duck Deyo, G-4 Continental Army Comd. Art Carlston and John Michel, Engr Sect, and Don McMillan, Arty Sect all of Cont. Army Comd. John McIntyre and Dick Von Schrittz at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Max Tyler Nashville Engr Dist. Spec Powell Off ch of Engrs. Lyman Faulkner, Combat Development Sect, Cont Army Comd. Hugh Foster with exercise Blue Bolt at Fort Hood. Larry Greene, C/S, 1st AD. Jess Unger in Off Chf of Engrs. Paul Gray at Fort Bliss. Bob Tarbox in G-4 Dept of Army. Matt Harrison with Montgomery Dist Engr. Earl V. Brown in the Judge Advocate General's Office. Bill Starr student at Army War College.

Babe Hendrickson writes that he is in J-2 Hq FEC along with Bill Clifford and Pete Dilts. In AFEE are Pudge Kennedy and Roy Kelly with the Engineers, Tom Maxwell in G-3 and Dick Levy with G-4. In MAAG-J are Joe Myers, Stan Ramay and Jim Sykes. Bill Pratt is at the Tokyo QM Depot. Claire Armstrong in IX Corps and Jim Forsyth and Win Curley with 1st Cav Div. Air Force representatives are Barney Woodruff at Hq FEAF and Willis Sawyer, Johnson AFB. Ted Brown was with 5th AF at Nagoya. (Ted's Xmas card said he's off to Hickam to Hq 7th Air Force.) Steve Kosiorek is with the 8th ROK Div as KMAG Arty Advisor. Lynn Lee has an Engr Bn South of Seoul. In Honolulu, George Adjerman is Asst PMS&T at the U. of Hawaii. George Wells is there and Jim Strain and Potter Campbell "lucky dogs" just returned with the 25th Div. Tuck Brown left last summer with a new set of twin boys for C&GS.

Ben McCaffery, just back from England, wrote that he will report to Fort Baker, California with the Western Army AA Command. Bob Detwiler is at Burtonwood as Army supply trouble shooter with the AF Depot. Red Moyer was in the Brigade Planning Section. Sharing the luxury of the SS United States along with the McCafferys were Sara and Jim Cox and the Duke and Dutchess of Windsor. John Manley was in the Provost Marshal Section of USAREUR and still holding his own as one of the almost extinct group of bachelors in the class.

Tom O'Connell, Asst PMS&T Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts saw Howard Felchlin "without camera" at Fort Devens commanding one of the Bns of the RCT. Roy Atteberry commands the Arty Bn. Harry Rising is with the Hq 1st Army and John Rossell is ordered to Ismir, Turkey.

Ralph Freese convinced the medics that he could stay on active duty, and he has

been transferred to March AFB (his favorite station) to the staff of the 15th Air Force. He certainly deserved it after that heart attack and almost an entire summer in the hospital. Jim Cox was in the other day from Hq 2d Air Force at Barksdale. On a recent trip, I was the overnight guest of John and Dot Henschke at Smoky Hill where I met their very charming year and a half old daughter, Joan. Tom Corbin and I are both to leave SAC Hq this summer. He goes to the Air War College at Maxwell, and I am to take the B-47 school at Wichita and then join a Wing. Bill Brier is returning from Guam to his former base at Tucson. Bud Harding is in Wichita lining up a job with one of the aircraft companies. Tom Fisher, George Hicks, Rod O'Connor, Arny Phillips, and Bud Thompson got their eagles on the recent AF make list.

The sad news reached here that in the past two months three of the wives of '41 have passed away. Joan Dessert died on 31 January at Maxwell AFB; Agnes Cator died on 14 February at Westover AFB; and Phyllis Graham died on 17 March. KO will remain at Maxwell after graduation from the Air War College. I have not heard from Bruce as yet, but I think he is stationed at Westover. Will Vaughan told me of Jim Graham's tragedy but did not know where he was stationed.

The Army Home Town News Center reported that Mike Aliotta and Lyman Faulkner each received the Bronze Star Medal for service in Korea.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the mail. This issue, covering about 125 members of the class, is made possible only by the news which you send in. You'll hear from someone soon on the Book. In the meantime, suggestions are welcome. Write me at Hq SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska or Will Vaughan at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
—Burt Andrus.

1942

At a stag dinner at the Fort Myer Officers' Club the class elected officers for 1955. The new officers are Sam Koster, Chairman; Rock Obenchain, Secretary; Duke Grimshaw, Assistant Secretary; Bill Seifert, Treasurer; Bill Hamilton, Historian; and Ted Marks, Assistant Historian. The outgoing officers headed by Kenny Hanst deserve a vote of thanks from the class for the fine job they did. Their efforts were appreciated by all who attended the fine parties and other activities they sponsored. And those of us who were not in the Washington area particularly appreciated the class news letters. Thanks a million to all of you who worked so hard on these projects.

The last party sponsored by the outgoing officers was a dinner dance at the Officers' Club, Fort Belvoir. Everyone in this area who could attend was there. Everyone enjoyed being able to get together and there were little groups all over the room catching up on the latest news from all members of the class. There was so much talking that the bar lost business. Perhaps that explains why the club was still intact when the party ended during the wee hours of the morning.

Kenny Hanst "chairmanned" a memorable social calendar here last year. Sam Koster gave everyone at the last class luncheon a run-down on what is planned for this year. We have some really fine parties ahead. Anyone who plans to be in the Washington area be sure to check with the members of the class so that you can attend if you are

here at that time. Come one, come all. Class activities are most successful when we have maximum attendance. So be sure and come, everyone's invited.

Hanst reports that the class picnic last year was a big success, as always. Very few children were lost, the facilities were good and the beer was cold—but he still thinks he beat that throw to first base.

The TV party for the Army-Navy game wasn't much fun. They are going to have to get that TV set at the Army-Navy Country Club fixed before next year's game. People who attended the party and watched the game couldn't enjoy it because the TV set kept showing the wrong score. Even at the end of the game the set wasn't working properly.

Individual items on class members: Joe Cannon writes that he is to attend the Comptrollership course at Syracuse University in June.

Phil Wyman is at Leavenworth. John Sheffey is at Fort Hood where he recently participated in Exercise Clover Leaf I.

John Barnes' family has just joined him in Japan where he is with Hq AFPE.

The Brugh's, all 10 of them, are at Leghorn, Italy.

Latest word is that Hank Harmeling has his family with him in Okinawa.

The Paul Woodward's, at Pacific AF Hq, Hawaii are parents of a baby girl. Charlie Fishburne and wife are expecting, as are Sam and Cherie Koster. Congratulations to all of you.

Word has been received that George Hozier is due in the Washington area soon.

Lee Marshall just returned from an extensive trip to the Far East where he saw Bob Evans in Japan. Lee reports he is through with ordinary baths of just soap and water. Now that he has tried the Japanese variety he isn't content with anything else.

Leon Stann and brood depart soon for March Field where he will be Director of Materiel, 12th Air Div. (SAC).

Duffié and family departed for Germany and Hanst reports it surely is quiet at his house now. Expect to see some drastic changes in MATS regulations on carrying diapers, buggies, strollers, play pens and such equipment after the Duffié flight to Germany.

The Crowleys leave in June for Paris where Jack will join SHAPE.

Doug Murray is back from AFPE and is stationed at Camp Rucker.

Jack Deane is now at AFSC. Bob Carpenter is commanding an Inf Bn at Sill.

Dean Short is also at Sill where he is teaching Infantry Tactics.

Obenchain is attending the Command and Management Course at Fort Belvoir.

George Hozier has been reassigned to Hq USAF, DCS/M specifically.

The Sheffeys are on leave somewhere in the U.S. but are due in Washington soon.

Newman, Rubenstein and Beeson are recent arrivals at Fort Belvoir.

How about dropping Obenchain or Grimshaw a line and letting us know what you in the class are doing, some of you we never hear from. We need more news of the class.
—C. M. G.

JANUARY 1943

The latter part of January, this year, we entered our thirteenth year. It was a time of mixed emotions. Those who looked quickly back saw that the years had been ones of crisis—dangerous war years in which

officers became colonels early, years of separation, years of duty in Bangkok and Taipei and Thule AFB.

In celebration of graduation there were class get-togethers at places like Stuttgart, Germany and West Point, New York and elsewhere. The Stuttgart party was held January 22 at the Macogen Club and was given by John and Irene Norris, Art and Mary Sebesta, and Tibby and Rosalind Anderson. Among those who drank some fine cocktails and who ate a master's dinner, and who kept things moving until 0630 the next morning were Dewitt and Kay Armstrong, Jimmy and Pat Changaris, Jack and Helen Cutler, Jim and Jo Hackler, Jim and Darlene Huddleston, Jim (again) and Mary Jo Kelleher, Hodge and Nat Kirby, Ed Murray and date Ginny Rickied, and J. B. Hollis (Jeannie couldn't make it; nor could Jeb Stuart, who was weathered in in England). After dinner this handsome group was treated to the ballad singing of Ed Murray. In their mellowness they concluded these things of the class of January 1943: a. the men are showing the wear and tear of twelve years of crisis; b. the class wives are outstandingly attractive; and c. the men are better officers than their cadet records would indicate they could ever have hoped to be.

Rex and Margie Dettre and Walt and Jo Ann Hogrefe gave the West Point party on January 19 in the Green Room of the Officers' Club. It was a good party, well laid on and well participated in (overlooking the dourness of academic instructors on a week night). Brenning Waters never played his accordion better, those who sang were Dick and Nancy Batson, Roy and Ann Bowlin, Joe and Marie Conny (with guests Tom Mesereau and wife), Bill and Virginia Hensel, Howie and Louise Linn, Darrie and Pat Richards, Sandy and Ruth Sanders, Bill and Mary D. Starnes, Bill and Ruth Wade, and Brenning and Judy Waters. Those who didn't sing were Jim (away at Maxwell AFB) and Missie Frakes and Johnny and Gabrielle Moses, absent.

Around the world however long it takes: Jesse Hollis has an 8 inch Howitzer Bn in Germany, J. B. Cobb has been reassigned from the AFSC to FEAF (Okinawa); R. S. Maloney, to FEAF (DCS/O, Tokyo), Y. A. Pitts, to Hq ADC, Colorado Springs, Colorado (Hank Mazur is already there). The 7th Div in Korea is grasping out for classmates: Bob Fiss is in the 49th FA Bn; Rebb has the 13th Engr Bn; Charlie Wirt has the 2nd Bn (his address is 2nd Bn, 17th Inf, APO 7, San Francisco); Bill Waters and Adrian St. John, assignments unknown, are in the Div; so are Lowell Wilkes (Signal) and Dana Stewart (Engr)—at least these last two are reported to be in the Seoul area.

In command of the Engr Center at Fort Belvoir is Charlie McVeigh. Mitch Goldenthal is in the G-3 Section. Al Saari is at Belvoir, too, commanding a Bn of the 79th Const. Gp. Saylor is homesteading down at Patrick AFB, Florida. Wehrle (4th Armored Div, Fort Hood, Texas) handled the VIP's at Exercise Cloverleaf I at Fort Hood. He saw George Porter, ALO 2nd Div, and Paul Ellis. Dolby, Behn, Kinney, and Weart are attending AC&S at Maxwell AFB where Van Duyn is an instructor. At Leavenworth are Joe Benson, Bob Burlin, Bob Hillman, Bart Mallory, Mike Michael, John Mitchell, John Raaen, Jack Wheeler, Doug Blue, Kenney Buell, Charley Burr, Ed Carberry, Paul Croonquist, Wes Curtis (21 Bullard Ave.), Bill Fritz, Bill Knowlton, John McClure, and Bob Marshall.

Butch Rader is the senior artillery instructor in the Air-Ground Operations School, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Brad Lundberg is stationed at CONARC Hq, Fort Monroe. Elvy Roberts is in the G-3 Section, Dept of Army. Lou Blanchette is in a Guided Missile Bn at Fort Bliss. Vic Franklin instructs in the Special Weapons Orientation Course there. Vic and his wife Jane recently entertained at luncheon Goldenthal, McVeigh, and Conmy. This at Vic's new home in El Paso. Bill Starnes is finishing up jump school at Benning. Johnny Moses will work with the Tacs at USMA this summer. Dave Conard worked in "Exercise Follow Me," a simulated atomic warfare maneuver at Benning, in January this year. As you know, Knobby Holt has resigned. He and Jody and their fine children are now on the campus at VPI, Blacksburg, Virginia, where Knobby instructs the cadets.

We are sorry to learn of the death of John Barnes at Fort Benning in March.

—Howie.

JUNE 1943

Hundredth Night has come and went, and not without the traditionally libellous outrages on the part of them cadets, so it's time to bestir ourselves, get out the Column, and get ready for (oh boy) June.

Comes a letter from Carlos Young at Leavenworth. All are pro he reports—he must mean academically—and their Christmas was enlivened by Arch Hill there to visit Hank and Betsie Romanek. We'll try to keep up with the PCSs of all those drones when they graduate and scatter.

Big George Campbell, US Army Section, JBUSMC, Rio de Janiero, recently shimmered up to Panama and there stayed with Leo and Dottie Hayes, who were then expecting their third bambino (this was Xmas).

Bill McKenzie was reported by our spies in December to be acting the wheel in Exercise Clover Leaf I in and around Fort Hood. Bill is an LC and is assigned as CO of the First Armored's Arm'd Engr. Bn.

Charlie Abel writes from darkest Bliss of a bacchanale held at the club there 13 Feb. attended by George and June Alexander, Pete and Daphne Langstaff, Bob and Joan Holmes, Jack and Janie Butterfield, Rosie and Jean Rumpf, Gordon and Leta Smith, Madge Abel and her old husband, and Clyde Linton. Bob Mattox is also at Bliss but wasn't at the party (is this OUR Mattox?).

If this reads disorganized-like, that comes from our years spent ploughing through the Collected Works of the Class of 1958. Tony Cole writes from Germany asking tight-fisted Jess Fishback to buy him a new cadet b-robe he claims the latter promised him.

Also from overseas we learn that Dave and Audrey Chamberlain have adopted another child in England where they have been stationed. And now here's another spurt of Whereabouts From All Over, these furnished by Owl Jones, who's next year's Czar of Plebe English: Bob and Betty Rooker are in Heidelberg, Hal Aaron is in G-3 USMAAG Formosa, Dale and Helen McGee are Asst PMS&Ts at Texas A&M, Harvey and Skippy Short are at JUSMAG, Philipines in Manila.

Bob McCanna (who along with Big Jim Farley from hereabouts is gung Leavenworth this coming Sept.) recently made an Assembly Trip to the AIR GROUND School at Southern Pines, South Carolina and sat on J. K. McGregor, who's a teacher at the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell. JK reports that fellow Maxwell faculty members are Joe Huau, K-P Kilpatrick, and

Ned Schram. Bill Scott was there until mid-January, when he left for school in Washington. Students at Maxwell (and, as everywhere, not to be confused with the P's) are Lemon Blank, John Bowley, Beety Brooks, Ed Renth, and Lowell Smith. All this heterogeneous picture is rounded out by Bitter George Thompson, long a civilian in those parts, who lights his cigars, they say, with boodle-chits!

Bill Greenwalt here has heard from Stukie and Cam Stevens who are presently at 1123 Butternut St., Royal Oak, Michigan. Also from Ralph and Emmy Lou Scott who are at Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tennessee.

Dave Galas tells us that Lee and Lib Hudson in Baltimore now have two boys and a new daughter, Marianne (Oct. 54, tsk tsk). Joe and Norma Weyrick, in Silver Spring, Maryland now also have added a little gal (Laura, Nov. 54) to their three older boys. Hank and Bev Richard, who are at Wright-Patterson, recently saw O'Connor, Fletcher, and Snavelly (speaking of PAPIES!!!!). We sent Galas to Baltimore on an Assembly Trip and he done only pretty good. He saw brothers Lee Hudson and Doug Deal but utterly missed Mike Beckett and Dan Shea, who are the very soul of AFRDC. Ye Ed. is going back to assignment on army-type OC when he sends Air Folks on the Trips. Oh yes, Bill Martin's at 413 Dewey Drive, Admiral (ugh) Heights, Annapolis (ugh) Maryland.

From Moses the Lawgiver and Patriarch of USMAY Prep. cometh the following: Charlie Crane reported to Korea last summer (ach!) and is now at Eye Corps Arty Hq. Katy and the three kids are at Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Bill Tomlinson is exec-ing a FA Bn in southern Germany, has the wife Dorothy and the two children there with him and reportedly is eating high off the hawg. Al Burdett, as always firmly convoyed by the Pied Piper, is due to leave the AFSC, Norfolk and come to Mecca, here to be a (gulp) TAC! Mose himself is supposed also to go fling his weight out of an airplane at Benning this month and then return here and similarly divest himself of social-acceptability by joining the Tacs. Big Jim Farley, Leavenworth-bound in the fall, hopes also to become a paratrooper. Ah me, the good go first!

Your bunion-fingered Scribe himself went to Washington at Yuletide and there had many a wassail bowl with; Lee Hogan and Frau, the ubiquitous Gradys, Dick and Frankie Snyder, Joe and Norma Weyrick, Padre Tony Hartman, Al and Fran Shipstead, and Nick Parker (who is really stationed in the AAA defenses of NYC, but is always hanging around the Pentagon, as you might guess). We missed seeing the Heber Brills and Hal Dunwoodys and Billy Rays, but it was a most profitable sojourn anyhow. Would YOU like one of our Assembly Trip Flying Units to visit your neighborhood, or even your home? Then find your cotton-picking fountain-pen and start a letter to Box Two USMA, or it's very liable to happen! If you would avoid social ostracism, broken homes, disease, poverty, and worse, write in your news as it happens, or we're liable to make a Trip, and to you!

Or better yet, why not come Home this June Week? It's not a big five-multiple year for us, but we will have fun if you come, the Place would like to see you, and you know you would like to see it, no matter how long ago or recently you last were here. We are giving a joint dinner-dance with three other classes (all neighbors of ours) at the Stewart AFB Club on the night of June 4, and a picnic of our own on Con-

stitution Island on June 5. We really mean it when we say "You all, come," and we are most happy to put you up, whoever you are, because you are us. Drop us a note, Box Two USMA, tell us when and how many you are, and we'll do all the rest.

Now all write if you get work, all take good care of yourselves, and don't forget whose class you're in.

—Wick.

1944

Ace Edmunds left George AFB California in January with the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing for France. His wife Joan moved to Poughkeepsie on 12 March with their two daughters and "Ace, Jr.", age 5 months.

Johnny Johnson is Operations Officer of a B-26 squadron at Shaw AFB, South Carolina (as of Dec. 54).

Howie Tanner is commander of an R.A.F. fighter squadron in England, where he is on exchange duty.

Junaczek is in Hq, Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart AFB, New York (Dec. 54).

Jim Cowee is flying F-86Hs at Clovis AFB, New Mexico.

Dusty Rhodes is at Hq, Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Virginia.

Johnny Calhoun is instructing in Jet Propulsion at USAFIT, Wright AFB, Ohio. There also, at last count, were Roho Aldrich (G. M.), Moon Mullins, Bob Reagan, and Bob Brundin. Algermissen is a student there in Nuclear Physics.

Bill McGlothlin and Frank Merritt are at the Air Academy at Lowrey AFB, Colorado.

Ed Stahl is a B-47 Commander in the 22nd Bomb Wing, March AFB, California.

Lee Smith commands the 436th Fighter-Day Squadron, flying F-100s, at George AFB, California.

Ed Gregory is now at Headquarters, Air Research and Development Command, working in the Test Operations Division. Ed and Nancy are living at 1309 Gatwich Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Bill Waters, Frank Forthoffer and Henderson are with Ed at the Air Research and Development Command. Walters is working in weapon systems and his family is with him of course. They now have two little girls.

The Forthoffers have two boys and Hendersons have two girls and a boy. Ed and Nancy had a new addition to the family, a daughter, last June and now have one boy and one girl.

Chuck Mullin is reported to be with General Electric in their jet engine plant in Cincinnati having resigned from the Army around December of last year.

Ted Muller is now with an arsenal somewhere in Pennsylvania.

Seen at the Army-Navy game were Hy Ely, Larry Clayton, Heath Bottomly and Bud Austin, along with others who my informant did not get to talk to.

Dick Fowler is at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida where he is doing work on guided missiles.

Bass Hanley is now at the Pentagon and the men there have been having class lunches on a regular basis to keep up old acquaintances.

Tom Mahoney left the Pentagon last October and is now with the 38th Bomb Wing in France.

Also in Washington are Al Bethel, Kenny Cooper, Bill Stegar, Dave Henderson, Charley Czapar and I think Ivan Nealon. I heard that Nealon had left the Army and

was working for Boeing in Seattle, Washington but have no confirmation on this.

DeGraff is at Fort Meade now.

Austin is teaching mechanics and thermo dynamics to the Midshipmen at Annapolis.

At last report, Bennie Mills was at Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 11th Airborne.

Not being in close contact with those of you on active duty the only way I have to put out information is to receive it by mail and, as you can see, the mail this past quarter consisted of one good long letter and one postcard from which all the above information was garnered. Please write me at 1748 Vinton in Memphis as to what you are doing, and what other classmates are doing, if you are stationed where you have several of you together.

—Buford Norman.

1945

Hard to realize, isn't it, that when you read this it will have been ten years ago that you stomped up that ramp to grasp in your eager, sweaty paw that tin tube which contained your B.S. degree, three years of your past, and your commission. God knows how much of your future! But it was a decade ago, and now we're all looking forward to the celebration together in June at West Point of the passage of ten years' time.

We'd love to have charts, pictures, and notes of the places '45 has been, the things they've done (Wow! Uncensored), and the paths that have crossed. Ours being such a numerous and active class, the connections alone are amazing. Today walking the halls of the Pentagon (We do quite a lot of this.), we were musing about '45 connections and representations in G-2 alone, that being our particular place of business these days. Everyone will know that General Trudeau, THE G-2, is Joan Kane's father; but how many will also know that Barbara Hughes' mother, Mrs. Matlack, heads an important sub-section and always has a cordial word for members of the class who stop by; or that Johnny Coffey's sister is in a nearby office. Further that Tommy Maertens and Bob Tansey have brothers at work over busy desks who are, however, always ready to exchange latest news of "younger brother." Tommy is on the list for Leavenworth next year, as are also Tommy McCunniff, Andy Gatsis, Jim Hunt, Jim Root, Bill Boiler, Bill Wolfe, and Cliff

White, among others; and on Bob we are pleased finally to have definite word on his marriage in May of 1954 to Joanne Mullan, a Navy Junior (Oh well!), in Japan where they still are with AFFE G-4 Section but with orders to return to the U.S. in May for duty with 82nd Airborne at Bragg. Of actual class members, we have four in G-2 besides myself. Major Paul Wheaton is in Personnel Security Section; Bob Waddington helps me swell the class bachelor ranks to two but outdoes me by owning his own house over here in Virginia. He's in the same office with Leonard Humphries who has a responsible job in Far Eastern Section of Production Division. A very recent arrival is Harle Damon here for two months of de-briefing before reporting to Sill. (What's the matter; we thought those Indians were friendly!)

We spoke of the Far East a sentence ago which reminds us that we have late news of Ken Kochel. Ran into him in the hall (We told you we spent much time there) just after he had signed out to return to the job he left in Formosa when he was hospitalized. This was in accordance with his desire to return there. (I don't know why either!) However from the probably more pleasant island of Honshou comes a most welcome letter from Lochlin Caffey which serves to put a prominent member of the class in the column after a long lapse. He is with AFFE 8th Army Engineer Section carrying the imposing title of "Plans and Operations Officer" in the Military Operations Division, where he has been for eight months now. Very strong inference that he and Cindy are enjoying life in the Orient. He mentions running into the Bill Stewarts for a reunion at their home on Sugami Bay. Bill has a company of the 532nd Regiment of 2nd Amphib Brigade. He and Zigi have two kids now. Loch reports that he sees fellow engineer Mo Wright at least monthly. He and Gloria live at Johnson Air Force Base where Mo is S-3 for 43rd Engineer Construction Battalion. Dick Boberg is with same unit as Battalion Maintenance Officer. Marianne and Gabby Shumard are at Yokohama Engineer Depot. Ray Miller, slated for Leavenworth in the Fall, is currently with AFFE G-3 Section. Fritz Archibald is with the PIO Section there at ZAMA. We have run into Fritz's attractive parents at a couple of parties over in Baltimore. Fritz is another of the dwindling number of class bachelors. The final note in Loch's letter was the news that R. I.

Thompson had become civilianized and returned to the U.S., after having been with AFFE Engr Real Estate Section for several months. Thanks a bunch, Loch!

A recent evening spent with George Bush and his super-attractive spouse, Theodel, yielded a bumper crop of statistics; however first their own. George took Belvoir's Advanced Course in 1951 and then returned to Harvard where he got his masters' in Civil Engineering. He then went to Korea with the 19th Engineer Group for the usual tour. He returned Stateside in November of '54 to Theo, young Jim and Carol Ann who had arrived in September 1953. George is now here with ASA (Hush, hush!) Good man for any job, say we! Now here is the news we gleaned. Cy Brown is just back from Signal Corps duty in Paris and at Eatontown, New Jersey. First child, a boy, in September 1953. Dot and Charlie Reynoldson's Christmas card came from Germany. Can't remember if Bill Eckberg's resignation has or has not been recorded. John Rochford recently returned from Korea, and he and Pat are en route to West Point where he'll teach Math. (How lucky can you be??) Frank LaBoon is instructor at Belvoir. He and Bonnie have one daughter. Helen and John Rhett, who have one of each, are in Germany now but due to return in June. Long absent from the class news is Bill Barnes who is now in Korea as a KMAG Advisor. He and Jo made it two with the arrival of a daughter in October 1954. Ike Houssels still in Las Vegas at last report, and a query as to whether Arch Kimbrough is still building bridges down in Texas. Sack Findlay, another civilian, in Richmond, Virginia. Kay Ugis and three kids on pins and needles at Belvoir awaiting news of Paul's inter-FECOM transfer from Korea to Okinawa. Company for Kay at Belvoir has included Vivian Slezak and daughter, Walt also in Korea. Jim Brownell at Harvard at work on his master's. Pat and John Ludlow representing the Air Force segment in Riverside, California. Pat and Jim Mueller with five little Muellers in Germany. Kay and Joe Hadzima and son have extended their tour in Alaska. (Alaska????) Betty and Jack Boetcher and three young 'uns in Germany, Ola and Ken Moore and two kinder, in Berkeley, California. You can always tell a star man by the amount of "Spec" he could stache away. I guess you'd go along with me that from the foregoing amount of poop, George is as sharp as ever.

A post card from Ted Wagner inquired as to his "wife's", Jack Neff's, current ad-



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dress in Japan. We were sorry to be unable to oblige but at the same time happy to have news of Ted. He reports in from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the birth of Karen Elizabeth on February 18th. He also added a couple of names to the roll call of those of 45 at the Navy Game: himself, McCracken, Childlaw, and Mantey. And I have recalled Stebbins and Sullivan as also having been there. The Wagners hope to be at West Point in June, as do we all. Moose Hardy also reported in with news of himself and Jane, and young Joanne and Nathaniel, as well as of other classmates. They finish up at Syracuse University in August. I say "they" intentionally, for while Moose is a student in business administration courses, Maggie is a teacher two days a week of freshman speech. Bart Kerr and Paul Holland also taking Bus Ad there. The Hardys visited Jane and Paul Nelson at Christmas. Paul is in Schenectady working with General Electric. They also saw Johnny Johnson who after his resignation from Benning in 1949, where we were also at the time, went on to Harvard Business Administration School to get a degree after which he landed a position with Kodak in Rochester. Chalk up one more bachelor! Didn't realize there were so many of us ineligible! And finally, Moose reports that Joe Senger had just returned from Korea to report in at the University as ROTC Instructor. Many thanks to the Hardys for placing all these classmates in position. Incidentally Moose and Maggie are also making plans for June Week.

Ruth and Bob Tobias reported at Fort Riley, Kansas: Chuck Spann at Purdue, after which he'll swell our ranks at W.P. (How jealous can I get?) Here in D. C. Jim Holcomb was a welcome overnight guest en route back to 5th Army Hqs from Air-Ground School. Too bad the effervescent Annie couldn't have been with him, not to mention the three boys! Bob Mann and George Smith showed up simultaneously just a week or so later, Bob down from Bell Lab in New Jersey and George up from Fort Bliss on a flying visit. Joe Adams wrote in January that he might be in these parts come March, but so far no word from him. He's now at Bliss with 247 FA Missile Battalion. Reports that Bob Tongue is a deserter from the Artillery to Ordnance. How are the Mighty fallen!! Bill Ochs G-3ing it down at Benning pending next Advanced Course. Dipper Dallman is in same line of work there at TIC. Wife Betty gave us a lineup on '45 in Austria. Y' know she was there with her parents while the Dipper was in Korea. At that time, Betty says, Calista and Rolfe Hillman and two kids, Peggy and Harry Amos, Doodie and Hap Adams, Lois and Shorty Harmon and the Roy Farleys were all in Salzburg. We are still awaiting a follow up on a letter from Jim O'Brien advising us to expect him here in D. C. in February. He, wife, and two daughters were then at Knox with 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Latest word on Ken Blood has it that he is with SAC Headquarters in Denver. We had had no word of Art Lozano since the Korean POW exchange until Dick Haley told us that he and Betty and the two kids are now at Fort Sill. Bob Waddington reports that Mac McDonough has been shanghaied to teach History at that unfortunate spot on the Severn River where they name their football teams after street-cars. (Let's see who's got "desire" next year!!)

That reminds us of Julie and Hal Moore. You know the Fates seem to conspire to keep them away from Philadelphia at Navy Game time. Some years they haven't missed much, true, but it's always better to see

the spectacle for yourself. This year their "hindrance" was the arrival of Julie Jean on November 30th that kept them away. Next year let's hope their vociferous support, in person, will help break the jinx.

The sympathy and affection of the entire Class go out to Janice and Larry Jones in the loss of their gallant four year old "Chipper" to cancer on March the 20th.

Christmas card notes brought news that Alice and Bob Burgess are settled in Darmstadt where Bob is pulling G-2 duty. The Troxells very happy in Oklahoma City where George is with ANSON. The Kennas' card told of their plans for Sugar Bowl to see "Ole Miss beat Navy" How was that again, Jean and Doug??? And didn't you used to haze this amateur for his football opinions! They should be watching their house go up any day now, and the altogether happy tone of their letters suggests that they never should have left Jackson. Bob Hall is in Combat Developments Office of TIS at Benning. The Ed Gudge's card mentioned a possible stopover in D. C. en route to Europe. Jocko McQuarrie left his company of kay-dets long enough to get his jump-wings at Benning in January. The usual fat, newsy Christmas letter from the Pat Powers made me wish you'd all send one such to your correspondent. Then I'd be set for the next four issues! Theirs also made me wonder how they find time and energy to do so much. Down there at Bliss, Pat is teaching Math courses, at their request, to his men two nights a week, while Doddie not only keeps up the house they bought in El Paso but is involved with post musicals and the Civil Air Cadet Patrol Program. As if all that weren't enough, on Army-Navy Game day, they borrowed an additional TV set and played hosts to a mammoth shin-dig for all the classmates in the area. A Christmas card from us to him re-opened our correspondence with Johnny Chickering who is now a Maxwell AFB with Research and Development Department of Air Command and General Staff College. Been there since last May. We hear that Dick Van Houten is still involved with Jersey real estate. And we are pleased to hear that the Jimmy Maloneys definitely plan to be on hand for June Week. The evening of writing this we've just come from drinks at Wes Posvar's with Ted McLendon down for a conference with 1st Army at Governors Island. Ted speaks of the Blue Angel, Versailles and other Gotham night spots like the gay bachelor he still is.

Speaking of night life and gaiety reminds me of two large, recent parties. On March 11th Frank Attinger and his vivaciously attractive spouse, Bernice, were sponsors of a hugely successful cocktail-dinner-dance at the Bolling Field Club. Among the celebrants you'd have seen, had you been there, might have been Jean and John Bennett, Peggy and Dan Whitcraft, Iantha and Paul Baker, Pat and Dick Groves, Ellen and Doc Hesse, Katie and George Dexter, Doris and Dick Williams, Robin and Bob Marlow, Nan and Rusty Heilbronner, Jo and Dick Childlaw, Sally and Leonard Humphries, Faye and Jack Bennet, Elaine and George Casey, Jane and Keith Nusbaum, Jane and Hap Argo, Joan and Frank Kane, Bettie and Pete Bullard, Fran and Bud Avery, Peggy and Dick Haley, Dorothy and Don Henderson, Jim Hunt, Marilyn and Jim Dager, Betty Starr Sieck, Bob Waddington and date, and myself and date. Nusbaum was nominated by acclamation, to promote the next affair. A few notes on the above. The Argos have recently welcomed their second child. Don Henderson is with Army Map Service here after a tour in Alaska which he and Dot seemed to have enjoyed a great deal. Major George Casey is with Dep

Log (Elsewhere called G-4) in Pentagon. We chatted about his one-time roommate and mine, George Crowell, without either of us having any definite, late news. Anybody else have any?? Jim Hunt batching it while lovely Merry is on modeling assignment in the Bahamas.

Then six days later we jaunted up to New York, to follow up Bob Woods' news on the West Point Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria on the night of the 19th. Bob, himself, was in a mood to celebrate his new job with Continental Can Corp. Ted Adair and Rut Rutledge were "just celebrating" Bob Mann came over from Whipenay, New Jersey; and Bernie Wichlep and Cliff White journeyed down from Yale where they are both ROTC instructors. Warren Stumpe and Freddy Einseidler came from Greenwich, Connecticut, where they are with American Machine and Foundry Company. Jack Lawrence, along with Bob, was on the party committee and deserves a vote of thanks on that score. Bill Stuckey represented the horde at West Point. Also there were Lou Gingras and Art Doyle though we didn't have much of a visit with them since they were seated at other tables. All in all, the best W.P. Dinner we have ever taken in.

In closing, we won't berate you for the relative paucity of news sent in since the last issue. Rather all our thoughts are turned toward that inviting Tenth Reunion and the realms of it that will be exchanged around picnic sites, dance floors, and plain old ordinary bars. Will hope to see you at one or all such places. Y'all come, heah????

—Jim Alfonte.

1946

Up Alaska way one can find Joe Park with the Headquarters Co. of the Alaska Command. I found this out because my brother-in-law is serving his draft time with the Hq. Co. under Joe. Jim Trimble is also up north with Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, as Project Engineer, Projects General-Alaska which includes the new Haines to Fairbanks Petroleum Products pipe line. Jim went up in April '53 and will return this Sept. On Jan 30, 1954, he married Miss Anne Thomas of Bellville, Michigan at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Anne is a graduate of Margrove College and has been teaching for the Alaska-on-Base School System since Sept. '51. The Trimbles have a son James Lawrence.

Art Murphy arrived in Heidelberg, Germany, last January where he is assigned to the Claims Settlement Office of the Judge Advocate Division at U.S. Army Headquarters, Europe. Art is a 1952 graduate of Harvard Law School and is a member of the American and Massachusetts Bar Associations. In Korea as of June '54 is Tom Huddleston the 31st Regt. training officer, 7th Inf. Div. Tom took part in "Operation Santa Claus" in Korea. This operation was the 8th Army's project of gifts and parties to bring a Merry Xmas to the Korean children. Tom's wife and mother are living at 1117 Stamper Rd., Fayetteville, North Carolina.

We had the pleasure of viewing Randy Adams in action on Omnibus, Sunday, February 27, 1955. This TV program was designed to let the American people view our Eastern Air Defense Command in action. They showed all phases of reporting a "bogey", following his course, and then sending fighter aircraft up to intercept. Randy took an active speaking part in the program.

Jim Hoey reports the birth of their first child Barbara Jean on 15 October 54 at Tokyo Army Hospital, Tokyo, Japan. The Hoey's are now on their way back to the USA. Lauren Peters was born to Joan and Dave Peters on 24 February 55 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The Peters address at Bragg is 107 Lubberman Place. Paul Norris' wife Wyn wrote to inform the class of the arrival of their first son Paul, Jr., on 24 November 54 at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. Their daughter Leslie is 2 years old. On the same day and same place Paul and Ruth Ann Kelly had a son born. The Norris' address: 6919-18th Ave., Hyattsville, Maryland.

As many of you may know John Sauer was given a five-year contract as Head Football Coach at The Citadel. The last two years John has been an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Rams professional team. The three years prior to that he was an assistant backfield coach at the University of Florida. To John I'm sure the class joins me in wishing all the luck in his new job, which will be a rough one. The Bulldogs last two seasons went 2-7 and 2-10.

At Fort Sill, in Advanced Course this year, are Joe Wallace, Ed Morgan, O. D. Street, George Muir, Walt Hamilton, Jack Hoar, Ed Weber, Bob Woods, Bob Lenzner, Frank Palmatier, Hunch Farris, and Roy Thurman. That's it—not much this time. My address: 47 Lewis Lane, Syosset, New York.

—S. E. H. F.

1947

As all of you who knew me as a cadet are aware, I was not a hard man. I am not a hard man now. "Easy" is the word for Faith, one of the easiest in town—any town. But I am about to turn the writing of this modern "Pickwick Papers" over to our mutual friend, Pyrene. My sources for this quarterly effort consist of one Christmas card, one wedding announcement, one PIO release, one note to *Assembly* (a short fanfare, please), and word of mouth and scribbles on odd pieces of toilet paper from the ever faithful here on the post. In other words, four scraps from the outer darkness. We shall begin, therefore, despite my promise not to bugle, with a brief description of the local scene. If I succeed in making you weepy, or even in making you recall the halcyon days, "the thoughts of youth, idle and proud," perhaps you will honor me with a note sometime in the next two months.

Spring is here. There are few buds yet, but the pussy willows and weeping willows have foretold the glad event. Even more obvious signs: long week-end, a noticeable increase of wrap-around windshields in loud pastel (is it possible?) colors driven by lovely young ladies wearing miniatures, rotation of command in the Corps, baseball and lacrosse practice, model airplane club workouts on the Plain. All of which brings to mind June Week. There are lots of us on the post, and we can take care of lots of you who are able to come back for the doings. If you plan to come, we should like to hear from you, of course. Either contact one of us directly, or write to Jim Edington, Quarters 129, by the first week in May. Our class events are all planned for June Week week-end. You gals can get a cup of coffee and see who is here by coming to Quarters 127-B Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon and evening we are having rustic doings on Constitution Island, and Sunday evening, the pièce de résistance, dinner and dance at the Stewart Field Offi-

cers' Club. We would like to see you all and are waiting for word. And now the meager news.

From overseas: From Japan a Christmas card from the Herings (the news is a bit old now, but beggars . . .): Nellie sees Dan so seldom she considers him a house guest. The Bob Baers (most of us think of them as the Ann Kelly O'Hara Baers) are nearby, as is Hugh Bartley (who should be on his way home now). The Hering's address is C Co., 70th Tank Bn, APO 201-1, SFC. The Burners (Jean and June want all of their friends to know that they are here at West Point) have a new address for Bill and Muriel Webb: Hq, 2d Armored Div, APO 42, New York. The Mastins gave me several addresses, the first of which is the last overseas news I have: Peggy and Mel LeBlanc, Hq Co, 3d Bn, 7th Cav. Regt., APO 210, SFC.

Back here in the United States: And still from the Mastins: Mike Greenberg resigned, and he and Goldie are living at 342 N. LaJolla Avenue, Los Angeles 48, California. Mike is or soon will be back in school studying civil engineering. From the Edingtons some addresses: Major Bob King is on ROTC duty at Lafayette College, and he and Gloria are living at 2200 Birch Street, Easton, Pennsylvania. Bu, Sue, and the three little Biggs (Ha) are living at 4429 Beecher Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. Major Ted Garrabrants, Peggy, and family live at 273 S. Chase, Columbus 4, Ohio, from the vicinity of which Ted drives airplanes or some such business. Bob Peckham and family are living at 76 Euston Rd., Apt. 2A, Brighton, Massachusetts, while Bob attends Harvard Law School. Al and Bobbie Geraci and brood (see vital statistics below) live at 3 Elm Place, Demarest, New Jersey, while Al studies Meteorology at NYU. A note from Bob Hoffman contained the following information: He is stationed at Lowry with Bob Ehrlich in the 3431st Training Sqdn. The Hoffmans have three daughters, including year old twins; and Bob says he is kept broke paying the local diaper service. John Lowry was here January 22d. He has resigned and is a Flight Test Analyst at Boeing Airplane Co. in Seattle. His address is 9025 53d Ave. So., Seattle 18; and he promises to fry a hamburger for anyone who stops by. I find another address here on the back of a bridge score: Pete and Bunny Karter live on Chalker Beach Rd., Saybrook, Connecticut. Jill and I received a letter from Lee Lynn recently. George is assigned to the RW Division, Dugway Proving Ground, Dugway, Utah (personally, I doubt the existence of such a place. Where are you really, George?), and has his family with him. Arnold Tucker tells me that Bill Munroe is a press agent or some such thing for the Rangeley Lakes Region, Rangeley, Maine. Classmates planning a vacation should consider what Bill has to offer. How about some litachoor, Bill?

Vital Statistics and other important odds and ends: Dick Allen, who was one of our few remaining bachelors, committed matrimony on January 29th with Joan Marjorie Conboy at Waltham, Massachusetts. They are at home at 3 Sumner Rd., Cambridge, Massachusetts, while Dick goes to school. Congratulations, Dick. We hope you bring your bride up for June Week. New arrivals at West Point: Bob and Elise Haldane and their two daughters arrived the middle of March. Bob is assigned to the T.D. Who'd-a-think-it? John and Mary Jo Hoover arrived a week or so earlier, assigned to the Social Sciences Department. New arrivals on earth: to the Lee Besses their third child, second son, born December 7, 1954; to the Al Geracis their third child first daughter, Martha Lee, born February 4th;

to the Jim Edingtons their fourth child, second son, Robert William, born February 16th; to the Dick Sforzini's, their fourth child, second son, Michael John, born March 1st; and to both the Jack Schuders and Sam Starobins, second daughters. New leaves on the shoulders: Arnold Tucker, Wally Griffith, and Bert Brennan. I'm sure there are more, but I have not combed the *Army Times* or the *Air Force Times*. You majors drop me a note, y'hear?

A blot on our class escutcheon has been brought to my attention: through some oversight we have not presented our class godson with his cup. To the best of my knowledge at present, the cup belongs to Bud and Carol Vockel's first born, but we want to be certain. Anyone believing that he may have a claim to the cup should drop me a note giving me the vital statistics (within the next month, please).

The Ten Year Book Committee needs your present address and permanent home address. Please drop me a card. Please?

—Jack.

1948

This report will lead off with apologies which are owed to some of you. Two are due because of spelling errors in names. One error occurred in a first name, caused by misinformation in a letter received. The other was wholly our fault—a misspelled last name—and we trust it won't happen again. Another explanation is owed because of the way one item of news was phrased. The phrasing was selected in order that no doubt would be raised as to one classmate's status of still being on active service, since his present assignment possibly might raise such a doubt. Unfortunately, this phrasing was misinterpreted. We hope to improve in the future. The last clinker was the statement that Audrey and Jack Kastris had had a recent addition to their family. We were a bit premature—Ann Elizabeth Kastris was born on 12 February 1955, at West Point. The record is now straight.

To lead off the news we'll run down such info as we received from the post cards returned for the Navy game. These arrived here too late for the last issue, hence may no longer be current.

Al Alfonso's address is reported to be Combat Command "B", 4th Inf. Div., Fort Benning, Georgia. Andy B. Anderson can be reached at Box 3336, MCLI, USAFIT, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Pickle and Jim Barnett are presently living at 472 Summer St., Arlington, Massachusetts.

Anne and Ray Barton have moved to Colorado Springs, where Ray is reported to be squadron commander at the USAF Academy.

Randy Beirne is overseas and in that great beer town of Munich, Germany, and his address is HQ and SV CO, 370th ARMD INF BN, APO 29, New York.

Ann and Jack Brennan live at 800 Marlo Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

Bill Caldwell provides the news that Bill Patch and Phil Day are in the First Inf. Div. with him; Bob Peterson and Punk Hartnell are in the 4th Inf. Div.; Sam Holiday is with the Second Armd Div; and Tom Hazard is believed to be in the Ninth Div. All these units are presently in Germany. However, "Gyroscope" will change this situation.

Marie and Jack Capps are in A Btry, 86th AAA MSL BN, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, defending Chicago, Jack reports.

Fred Chanatry is now overseas and can be reached at the First TDS, APO 22, New York, in Skulthorpe, England, we hear.

Sam Cockerham is still in Indiana with the Military Dept, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Jack Doody is in Germany in Headquarters, 42 AIB, APO 185, New York.

Monk Doty as of November 1954, was living at 88 Infantry Drive, Columbus, Georgia.

Woe Enderle is presently living at 555 Hollis Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Ash Foote, reported at Bliss previously, gives his address as 1105 Cimarron Road, El Paso, Texas.

Gene Forrester is assigned to F Co., 30th Inf., Fort Benning, Georgia.

Bob Graf is now in Labrador doing civil construction for the Engineers. His address is c/o Resident Engineer, Atlantic District, Sub-office Corps of Engineers, APO 677, New York.

Larry Hoyt's address is Headquarters, 4th Inf. Div. Office of the C. G., APO 39, New York.

Sam Hurt is studying law and lives at 1409 Trinity Street, Austin, Texas.

Wes Jones address in Statesville, North Carolina is 252 Davie Ave.

Lou Jones is now in Ansbach, Germany, at the Signal School with Ida and young George. His address is the 7718 AU., APO 177, New York.

Don Kipfer gives a most interesting return address of 919 Winnington Ave., Ottawa, Canada. From what we've seen of Canada, Don is to be envied.

Grim Locke's home address now is the 325th PTR-INTCP SQDN, Hamilton AFB, California.

Jim, Chris and Keri Lynn McCray live in Pomona, California, now, at 1719 Elaine Street.

Houston McMurray, Army Sect., USNEC, APO 862, New York, amplifies his address by telling us he is with the Air Force in the Northeast Air Cmd. He reassures all that he is still Infantry, however.

Dave McNeely is assigned to the 4th F.A. Btry, APO 541, New York.

Gunk McSpadden is in Canyon, Texas, living at 2610 6th Ave.

Phil Porter is in England, but didn't give an address there.

Don Reynold's wife reports him in Germany at the moment.

Jim Richardson is now at 2204 Ferndale Ave., Baton Rouge, Louisiana in civil life.

Lem Robinson is now with G. E. in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on a three year training program. He lives at 2006 Oxford Street.

Evan Rosencrans is in England, also. We're really getting quite a number in that area these days.

Merle Sheffield reports he is on his way to the U of Virginia at Charlottesville, Virginia, this June.

Bill Shuster is in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Mary Waggener reports that Jack is in Korea—which we had heard—and that he is in the 434 Eng. Const. Bn., APO 973, San Francisco, California, which is good to know.

Jim Walk lives at 68 Matheson Road in Columbus, Georgia but is slated for the Army Language School at Presidio of Monterey, California, this year.

Bob Whitfield is living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, now at 240 26th St., N.W.

Kit and Glenn Wilhide are now at Benning, but have orders reading the 2nd Inf. Div., at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Additions to the children's platoon of the class are noted below and congratulations go to the parents and best wishes to the offspring. Ann Elizabeth Kastris; Susan Lee Adams—30 Dec 1954, Fort Benning; Nan

Nissiat Berry (Sid)—5 Feb 1955, West Point; Ann Marie Cancelliere—8 Feb 1955, Fort McPherson, Georgia; Thomas Michael Doyle—21 Feb 1955, Fort Knox; Robert Austin Wurster—21 Feb 1955, Murphy AH, Waltham, Massachusetts; and a boy to Ann and Jack Brennan on 17 March (St. Paddy's own!) in Washington, D. C.

Jim and Gen Jones and daughters Ellen and Nancy are still at Monmouth, living at 701 Pine Brook Road in Eatontown, New Jersey.

Evelyn and Nase Mansour live in LaGrange, Georgia, where Nase can be reached at the Mansour Dept. Store.

Christmas brought a card from Peg and Bob Van Arsdall, now in Surrey, England. They have three children: Bobby, Janet and Susan. They have been in England since Dec. 1951, and in London since March 1954. Bob is Asst. Group Opns. O. of a Rescue Group. They live at 64 Hurst Road, East Molesey, Surrey. Bob also adds to tell all of the class in or about England that he's at Bushy Park in London. His unit address is Hq., 9th Air Rescue Group, APO 196, New York. They expect to return to the States this June, hoping they can make June Week.

Tom Jones writes from Belvoir that he expects to be assigned overseas in June, as do most of the officers finishing the course there. He reports that Reuben Anderson heads for Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, this summer. Tom's address is Qtrs. 403-D, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

On 19 March 1955, Bill Burns married Arlouine Case of Huntington, West Virginia, in Holy Trinity Chapel here at West Point. Casey, as she is known, was with the New York City Ballet Co. from 1946 until this spring. John Burns, Bill's brother, was best man, and his ushers were Bill Smith, Sam White, Bill Bandeen, Lyle Walter, Denny Patterson and Lowell Genebach. Eloise Genebach was matron of honor, and Casey's roommate, Carolyn George, was maid of honor. The Halls, Macklins, Sternburgs, Burrows, Cormacks, Scotts, Whitson and Wagoners were among the 100 plus guests present.

The class has contributed some more of its members to civil life. Stan Harsh, Hugh Perry, Joe Bratton and Charlie Crouch are reported to have changed uniform for mufti. Joe has gone to work for General Mills. The best of luck to you all and let us hear from you.

Art Snyder's father was through the Point a few weeks ago and reports that Art is doing well.

Norm Robinson is on his way to the 6th Inf. Div., Fort Ord, California. John Milton heads for the 101st AB Div. at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Monk Doty is on orders to the 2053rd SU PERS. CEN., at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Don McGraw is to be an ROTC Instructor at Ohio University, in Athens, Ohio. Close to home, Don.

Ken Olson is going from Urbana, Illinois, to AFF Bd No. 4, OCAFF 8576th DU., Fort Bliss, Texas.

Dave Garrison is to go to the 2nd Inf. Div., Fort Lewis, Washington.

Tom Ware and Ken Webber will join Jim Walk at the Army Language School.

Tom Hoffman is going or has gone to USAREUR.

It is also reported that Stu Young is being assigned to the faculty at the USAF Academy.

Bob Marshall departs shortly for Indo-China. Sally will go back to South Carolina to stay.

The following are reported to be on the list for assignment to West Point this year: Howie Adams—MT&G Dept; Jack Kean and

Dave Mallett—Tacs; Woe Enderle—Juice; John McEnery—Modern Lang.; Tom Clark, Don Packard and Ennis Whitehead. This listing is tentative and certainly not official, so there could be more or less than the above.

A news release provides the info that Carter Clarke took an active part in "Exercise Follow Me," at Benning in Feb. This exercise was a simulated atomic warfare maneuver.

Sam White made the officers' club board of governors here, and Lyle Walter is now secretary of the club.

June Week is coming up and already the beginnings of parties and get-togethers are heard. If you can make it come up for all or part of June Week. A goodly number should be present. Most probably the class functions will be on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday; so, those days can be used for planning purposes. The barracks are available for the men and many of us have a spare sack or two for wives. Queries and/or problems can be referred to me or others of the class here.

Hoping to hear from many of you soon.

—Lowell Genebach.

1949

I have practically nothing to report for this article as I have had only two or three items of news during the last quarter. I certainly hope your letters of interest will pick up in the near future so that we can spread the news of the class.

I had a letter from Bob Slizeski who is now stationed near Jacksonville, Florida, and I expect to see him in the next few weeks. Bob is flying quite a bit and likes his work very well.

Some news from West Point tells us that three of our classmates have recently been killed. "Mo" Mosny was killed in an aircraft accident in Tokyo Bay. From all reports, "Mo" had been one of our most conscientious pilots and had logged more hours than anyone else in the class. William Lee "Buck" Green was killed recently at Turner AFB, Albany, Georgia. No further details are available.

We regret to report that Jay Carey was recently killed during pilot training just prior to receiving his wings. Jay was buried at West Point and we have received reports that there were a number from the class at his funeral. To all three classmates' wives, families and friends, the Class of 1949 sends our deepest sympathies and regrets.

I understand from Jack Albert that the annual West Point Founders Day dinner is to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on March 19th and there will be quite a contingent at the dinner. I suppose that there will be a reunion of some kind afterwards and hope that we receive a report on it.

The general Class Committee has been working hard in developing a proposed memorial fund for the children of deceased classmates. Those of you that attended the class reunion last year during June Week will remember that such a committee was formed. The committee has recommended that a sum of \$300 be given each child of deceased classmates when the child (either male or female) enters college or the Military Academy; in order to establish this fund, it is recommended that a pledge of \$50 per classmate be contributed over a period of five (5) years i.e., \$10 per year. To insure success of the idea, at least 400 of us must subscribe; otherwise, the plan will be dropped.

You have all been sent questionnaires and a report of the committee and it is requested that you respond to the questionnaire at the earliest possible moment so that the committee may determine whether or not to go ahead with their idea. Also, we have been informed by the committee that the class faces a possible assessment of about \$500 this year to pay for engraving on a plaque in Cullum Hall the names of our classmates killed in the Korean War. This amounts to approximately \$15 per name.

This is all the news I have for this issue of the *Assembly* and again, I repeat, we will appreciate receiving more news for the next article. I can only write what I hear from you, so the success of the article depends on your sending in the news.

—John I. Saalfield.

1950

18 March 1955—Received very few letters this quarter so our column will be relatively short. As soon as we all get out of our winter's hibernation, news should start flowing toward the *Assembly* again—Yes!!! At any rate, our thanks to the following for this issue—Dick Steuart, J. Clark Duncan, Bill DeGraf, Betty (KT) Veley, Lish (Burke) Lee, and Gloria (Mark) Jones.

Regarding the Fifth Reunion, the plans are developing nicely under the direction of our small contingent at West Point. The general outline looks pretty good and should result in a big success. Tentatively scheduled are the following events:

Saturday 4 June—Party—West Point Officers Club

1900-2100—Cocktails

2100-0100—

Booze, Food, Dance, Chatter, Sing
Booze, Dance, Chatter, Sing
Booze, Chatter, Sing
Booze, Sing
BOOOOOOooooooooooze!!

(So if you're not a boozier, eater, dancer, talker, or singer — Stay Home!!)

Sunday, 5 June (Afternoon) — Business Meeting in the Electricity Lecture Room.
Sunday, 5 June (Evening)—Picnic at Camp Buckner.

The only necessary item now is people—so, be there, everyone who can. Of particular interest though is the question of billeting, and I think that it has been satisfactorily solved. The men can stay in Cadet Barracks if they wish, but for the ladies—the exclusive, newly decorated and painted "Michie Stadium Dressing Rooms"; capacity, forty (40) beds — just about enough for forty wives; rate—\$1.00 per night per bed (European Plan). To quote Bill DeGraf, "It's not the Waldorf, but it's housing!" We should complain? Wives of '51 get the old Ice House; '52, the dungeons at Fort Putnam; '53, the Old Cavalry Stables; and '54, Shelter Halves on the Cavalry Plain.

Incidentally, the cards sent out by the Committee at WP were returned because of unknown addresses on the following: Tom Brandon, Al Fern, Al Jennings, Dick Bastar, Bill Tuttle, Howie Parks, Phil Reybold, Paul Vanture, CQ Jones, Ed Batchelor, John Ross, Harry Dodge, Jim Stuff, Dick Slay, Tex Gillham, Charlie Kuyk, and Mal Johnson. Anyone knowing their present addresses, please notify W. S. Howe, Chemistry Department or Bill DeGraf, Electricity Department.

Dick Steuart writes that his assignment at the Army Language School at Monterey is great in all respects. What Language are you studying, Dick? John Barnett and Jim Dunn were studying Russian there but left for advanced study at Columbia Univ. Leo Wegner and Chuck Elliot are taking courses in Arabic; Lou Rising — Italian; Dick Lewandowski—Polish. Stu mentioned also that Vern Quarstein is at Fort Lewis commanding a company and Vaughn Shahinian is now stationed in England.

J. Clark Duncan, a regular contributor to the column, is an instructor at the Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama along with Pete Todsen and Mike Walsh. Bill Miller, Harry Steffensen, Pete Nibley, and Hal Strickland recently completed a Squadron Officers Course there. Vern Kinner, from Lockbourne AFB, was a recent visitor at Maxwell.

Betty (KT) Veley, another regular contributor, sent a short note for this issue. The Navy game news and names were covered in the last issue but she added that the Tug Greers, Phil Bardos', and Frank Piersons are still at Benning. Jack Fahs is doing some graduate work at Purdue.

I can always count on some Engineer news from Belvoir—this time in a letter from Lish (Burke) Lee to Malvene (Ben) Lewis. Upon completion of the Advanced Course, the following are going to the areas indicated: Mediterranean — Sandy Oliver, Denny Roush, Bill Berry, and Burke Lee; Germany—Ding Price, Jim Kelly, Jim Tor-mey, Emmett Lee, Andy Pick, Jim Boylan, Jack Wagner, and Russ Glenn; Alaska—Al Griebing, Dunc Joy, and Eddie West; Iran —Jack Hurst and Jim Lynch. Civil School assignments were recently published also. To the Univ. of Illinois—Ronnie Snoko, Bud Blank, Frank Wondolowski, Ralph Visko-chil, and Vic Cuneo; to California Tech—Leo Romaneski, Dave Pettit, and Fred Ham-lin; to Princeton—Dave Cameron and Lou Prentiss; MIT—Tom Loper and Bob Wil-son; and to Purdue—Blair Ross.

New Babies—Rose and I thought that we could steal the spotlight here with our new baby boy (after three girls), but we must bow to Ding and Joanna Price who had twin boys recently. Boys also to Vic and Carolyn Cuneo, Russ and Priscilla Glenn, and Pete and Polly Todsen. Girls to Jim and Phyllis Ross, and Jack and Mary Wheatley (last August).

That's about it for now. Let's hear from more of you during the next three months. HAPPY FIFTH REUNION!!!

—Lou Genuario.

P.S.—Just received a news clipping from Mr. John D. Pennekamp, Sr. (father of classmate John). John was recently selected to be operations officer at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. Quite an honor to be among the first 70 staff members.

1951

The winter always seems to be a pretty good season on this end. At any rate the response from everywhere was great over the last period and included some good stories. If there has been one there has been a dozen inquiries on Ted Picado. Outside of the fact that a birth announcement arrived from Ted the day the news story broke, there's nothing I can add.

An appropriate beginning should be made from a clipping received on George Gividen. At a recent ceremony at Fort Benning, George was presented the DSC for extraordinary heroism during action near Sataeri, Korea in October of 1952. During this action George was wounded four times. I wish it were possible to include the citation. Congratulations George on a mission exceptionally accomplished.

Trips to the altar recently have included J. G. Crowe and Patti Barr and Joe Rogers and Jean Bailey. Paul Summers and Jill Faulkner picked Oxford, Mississippi for their marriage on the 21st of August. On the 20th of October Hal Headlee and Jerilynn Williams walked up the aisle. Art Scalise and Carol Jean Fisher were married at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland on the 23rd of October. Last in chronological order only George Mieghe and Anne Hiott said their vows on the 26th of November.

Although a little short on marriages this trip we have a bevy of babies to report. Some blue in the form of Donny came to Elmer and Alice Birdseye on the 28th of



PROMOTION PARTY, FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, OCTOBER '54

Seated (left to right): Tom Strider, Ken Hall, Roy Lounsbury. Standing (left to right): Joe Gappa, Jim Wheaton, Mark Jones. Absent because of field duty were Mark Hanna and Hale Hubbard. Picture sent by Gloria (Mark) Jones.

May in Frankfurt, Germany. A girl, Carol Lee to Charlie and Ruth Knapp in Baumholder, Germany, on 29 August. Christopher Alan joined Al and Jean Norton in Greeneville, Tennessee on the 30th of August. Jim and Gussie Barron received a visitor in pink, Margaret Louise, in September at Fort Campbell. The stork has a hard time following the AF, but found Stan and Pat Umstead in Tripoli and left Diane on the 4th of October. Two arrivals on the 26th of October: Benjamin Hawes to Frank and Anne Sisson at Johnson AFB in Japan and Phillip Brooks to Brooks and Mary Martin at Fort Knox. Joseph III reported to Joe and Virginia Knittle on the 29th of October. Then there are those that played footsey with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, namely Dan and Marilyn Sharp who greeted Timothy O'Connor at Fort Bragg in December and Sarah and Paul Coughlin who gathered in Cynthia Ann on Okinawa on—you guessed it, 31 December. Teodoro III came into Ted and Susan Picado's lives on New Year's Day, somewhat before his daddy hit the headlines, in Managua, Nicaragua. Lori Lynn was delivered to Wayne and Alice Miller on the 11th of January. And Ryburn Glover III joined Pete and Pat Clay on the 25th of January in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Rapidly tiring by now the stork completed his visits in Stuttgart, Germany where he (I don't know whether it's a he or a she) delivered Aleen Mary to Gerry and Roland Tausch on the 9th of February. Congratulations all!

In addition to those listed in past reports, the following have decided on civilian life: Ralph Cooper, Fred Denman, Chris Rupp, Tom James, Al Lichtenberg, and Tom Odderstol.

News from the East from the Air Force. In a letter dated both 18 September and 21 January, Al Norton notes that he's enjoying life with family in Japan at Tachikawa AFB. Al is with the 6000th Pers. Proc. Sqdn. and mentions seeing Arnim Brantley in occasionally from Yokota AFB. In his wanderings also seen were Reb and Claudette Barber when they were living in Green Park, Fred Henny, Doc Pinkel, Phil Sheridan, and George Shibata. Al and Joe Danforth did the town when Joe stopped through en route to Korea. George Hardesty was found in the Army Liaison Office at Tachikawa and apparently is also a proud papa.

Speaking of Joe Danforth, Joe writes that after a brief stay at Stewart and a TDY to Tyndall, he found himself on the way to Korea, landing in the 69th Fighter-Bomber Sqdn in Taegu. All was not lost however because he found a friend in hiding behind a moustache, Hal Schultz, who is in the same group. Joe also notes the pleasant day in Tokyo and vicinity when passing through.

Frank and Anne Sisson are located at Yokota AFB, Frank being with the 6023rd Radar Evaluation Flight flying B-29s. The Pinkels have taken up washing across the street with Arnim Brantley and Murt Guild also conspicuous by their presence at Yokota.

Quite a bit of gossip right here in our own back yard. Perhaps the choicest morsel finds Roy Herte and Gabby Hartnett baching it together in Washington where Roy is aide to the CG, MDW and Gabby is now in training at the FBI school. Being bachelors of some note they recently flew down to Miami Beach for a swim, courtesy of Don McGann at Andrews AFB and stopped on the way at Jacksonville, Florida, where Russ Walthour has a real estate shingle on his door. Roy says the house is open for D.C. transients.

Nice note from Tony Delano, now in Graduate School at Columbia where he is after an MS degree in ME aiming towards nuclear development. Tony seems to be enjoying his civilian life and at the last Columbia-Army fracas ran into another civilian, Cappy Bernstein, who is also at Columbia studying law.

George Stannard is now located in the ROTC program at Bowling Green College in Ohio.

Reb and Claudette Barber returning from Japan, are getting a new car in Detroit and then setting themselves up for student living at Johns Hopkins University for a MS in Operations Research. This one's on the Army's time.

The letter now in front of me would make the editors of Travelogue turn green with envy. I'm sorry that space does not permit me to quote. It's from Bob Olson who has at last satisfied me that he's done a little traveling. Briefly on PCS and TDY moves alone: Spence AFB to Bryan AFB to Moody AFB to Tyndall AFB to Turner AFB to Japan to Sandia Base to Turner AFB to the Okefenokee Swamp to Lackenheath, England to continental Europe to Turner AFB to Maxwell AFB to Moffett Field and has orders now to Bergstrom AFB. In his spare time he got married and had a baby Connie. I should say that Mildred, his wife, is still loyal. Bob's tour at Moffett puts him in the U.S. Navy for a year, where he is an AF exchange pilot, not only surrounded by USNA boys but junior to them all as well. The list of planes he flies sound like a rundown at the zoo, "Cougar" etc. On a recent cross country flight Bob ran into George Shibata and Don Sheridan (transfer from the Army at Dobbins AFB, stationed there with the 35th Air Division. George is test flying Air Nat. Guards F-84s. Don said he had had Bob McDonald as an instructor at Bryan AFB. At Turner Bob ran across Wayne Dozier in the 31st Strat. Fighter Wing.

Larry Crocker is now in Hq, 116th Engr Group at Fort Lewis as Ass't S-3. Please note change from last issue.

While in Chicago recently, I was entertained in the Ewing chateau overlooking Lake Michigan. Chuck has been a Resident Engineer for the Chicago Engr District, recently completing a Nike site. In the course of activities Chuck made contact with Joe Schuman and J. P. Hill with the AAA in that area. The Ewings are currently planning their next PCS to Iowa State for some graduate study. Wonderful meal Roxanne.



'51 PARTY IN HOUSTON

A very nice letter from Mrs. Headlee with a picture of a get together at Loren Anderson's abode in Houston, Texas during

the winter holidays. In the picture you'll see Hal and Jerilynn Headlee Loren and Ione Anderson, Clyde and Jane Cocke, Led and Louise Long, and Don and Dottie Zurawski. All are at Ellington AFB in Houston except Clyde who is at Langley. Other brief notes from the letter find Fred and Marie Denman planning on settling in Hartford, Bear Kasun at Fort Lawton, Jack Ross and family at Fort Bliss, and Joe Knittle on the way to Europe.

On a recent trip to Desert Rock and vicinity, Guy Jester mentions seeing Ken Hite and Bruno Giordano stationed at Nellis AFB, both family men and Ed Willis in from Sacramento, California from Sharpe Gen Depot. Back at Fort Belvoir, Ev and Nancy Parkins have arrived on the scene which also finds Dave Carter now aide for MG Prentiss. Glenn and Jo McChristian have recently come in from Okinawa and Glenn has been assigned to Hq of the Engr Group.

Paul Summers writes from the University of Virginia where he is presently enrolled in law school. He and Jill are apparently enjoying student life in Charlottesville. Paul mentions that Pete and Betty Thomas are on their way to MIT for graduate work on a PCS, that civilian Lew Robinson is working in Tampa, Florida, and that Red Leffler is now at Fort Bragg. Perhaps not to be overlooked was the Ingram, Herte, Walthour reunion in Philly for the A-N game.

Out in the wintry northlands between the Badlands and the Blackhills, you'll find Wayne Miller on a Skysweeper at Ellsworth AFB. Wayne and Alice have set up housekeeping in a plush 41 foot house trailer with two running daughters. Realizing he's inhabiting no Shangri-la, he still hopes some company will turn up shortly.

The "sourdoughs", Pud and Joan Keesling with son Eric are now home from Alaska and going to school at Fort Holabird, Maryland.

Del Ring writes that he, Jean and sons, Del II and John Michael, are now enjoying their new way of life in Lombard, Illinois, just outside of Chicago, where Del is working for Bristol-Myers. Shortly after joining his reserve unit, Del picked up his Trax, but it seems the reserves are full up on captains in that area so he remains unassigned. Del recently heard from Bob Janssen, who also recently left the service.

Perhaps we had best close our journey in the ZI with a look at who were reported at the A-N game this fall: Hank and Jane Otten, Saint and Charlotte St. Mary, Carlos Mena, Jerry Ingram, Elmer Pendleton, Tee Nance and wife, Mel and Joan Snyder, Dave Huff, Howie and Mary Williams, Tom and Barbara Odderstol, Joe and Jean Rogers, Dick Buck, Barnett DeRamus and wife, George Gardes, Dick and Jean Perry, Fred Hampton, Lew Buffington, Bill Barnett, Roscoe Robinson, Ray Sergeant, Bruno Giordano, Paul Niedringhaus, Wayne Dozier, and Jim Kintz.

Across the Atlantic we understand that George and Wilma Orton are now at Ulm, Bavaria where George is with the 9th Inf Div.

A very fine letter from Elmer Birdseye did a pretty good job of filling in some names. The news centers around a big class reunion on the evening of the A-N game at the 18th Inf Regt Officer's Club in Aschaffenburg, Germany, and included a buffet dinner with entertainment. On the planning committee were Ted and Sally Atkeson, Otto Doerflinger, Frank Winfield, Steve and Eleanor Galligan, and Elmer and

wife, Alice. A total of 38 attended and in addition to those above included Jack Martin, C Co 17th Arm Engr Bn; Bill and Mitzi Thomas, B Btry 264th FA Bn; Jim and Ina Pitts, B Btry 21st FA Bn; George and Bessie Psihas, F Co 8th Inf Regt; Charlie and Ruth Knapp, C Co 29th Tk Bn; John and Pat Hook, Hq 517th AFA Bn; Ed and Barbara Van Keuren, Hq 517th AFA Bn; Sandy and Sue Vandenberg, 527th Ftr-Day Sqdn; Pat Lynch, Recon Co 9th Inf Div; Bob and Carol Snyder, Hq Btry 78th AFA Bn; Ted and D'Arcy Charney, 322d Tk Bn; Chuck Wallens, Hq 97th Sig Bn; Bill and Alice Stockdale, 18th Engr C Bn; George and Marty Reid, John Shillingburg and wife, 373rd Arm Inf Bn; and Wally and Cathy Miller, 70th AFA Bn. Alice Stockdale won a double magnum of champagne by guessing the closest score (no one picked Navy).

Keep the news coming in. It's strictly a pleasure to write with a wealth of news. Watash is PCS'ing to MIT shortly so until we get a permanent doormat please address all letters and cards to The Editor, *Assembly*, Association of Graduates, USMA.

—Buck.

1952

Greetings to everyone! We're hoping, like most of you, that Spring will finally be upon us by the time the Spring issue of the *Assembly* reaches you. Seems like the Groundhog fooled himself this year.

Our Founders Day Dinner here at Riley on 19 March proved to be quite a success, with several old Grads joining us from Smokey Hill AFB and Forbes AFB here in Kansas. The celebration brought out members from the Class of '24 through the Class of '54. In their remarks, Colonel (Ret.) George E. Lightcap, '24, the oldest grad present and Lieutenant George Stenehjem, '54, the junior grad proved again that the Corps hasn't. Joining hands in toasting our 153rd Anniversary were Lightcap and Griffith, '24; Wenzlaff, '26; Ginder, Granholm, Martin and White, '27; Delmonico, '28; Beishline, Brown and Kohls, '31; Anderson, '35; Sherrard and Sturdivant, '38; Brekenridge, '39; Barrow and Kaiser, '41; Cyr, Humma and Pollin, '44; Knolle, Pavia, Peterson, Schwinn, Tobias and Werner, '45; Ives, '46; Kirvan, '48; Bolte, Hickey and Jensen, '49; Davis and Newton, '50; Dean and Rice, '51; Misch and Ross, '52; Arnheim, Jamilla, Meloy, Miller, Neal, Scoblick, Snyder, Smith and Vandenberg, '53; Bierlien, Button, Craig, Dahl, Greer, Hobbs, Kortz, McCarthy, Miller, Minturn, Reese, Ross, Sale, Spence, Spruill, Stenehjem and Stout, '54. The Femmes shared in the celebration with their own dinner party, renewing old acquaintances and making new friends.

Our congratulations go to Otis Moran, who was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. Otis commands I Company, 8th Regt. of the 1st Cavalry. His wife, Emilia, is with him.

More congratulations. Paul Child was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service rendered as a Battery Commander and Supply Officer with the 64th FA Bn in Korea.

Jack Pilk has also distinguished himself as C Battery Commander of the 64th FA Bn.

Dave Pisce was awarded the Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service in Korea. Dave, now stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, was cited for service as a

Communications Officer with the 7th Regt. 3rd Div.

Bob Turner was recently selected as I&E Officer for Hq Battery of the 17th FA Bn. Bob's wife, Carol Jean, lives at 3801 N. Tripp Avenue, Chicago, while he is in Korea.

Ed Wutrich took part in Fort Benning's "Exercise Follow Me." Ed is assigned as Reconnaissance Officer with the 127th Engr. Bn at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Jerry Ruff writes the following Classmates are also at Campbell, assigned to the 127th Abn. Engr. Bn.: John Driscoll, Bob McCrindle, Dick Reilly, and "Sheep Herder" Carlson. Gene Stokes is with the 27th Engr. Bn. (C). Bob Sears and Lloyd Riddlehoover are with the 11th Abn. Div.

E. C. Hamilton is an instructor at Larder, Texas and Ivan Mechtly is with the 19th Engr. at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Gar, Gloria and Linda Weed are at Fort Lewis, Washington. Gar is instructing with the NCO academy there. Gloria writes that Bill and Lou Snyder, and Swede Erickson are also stationed at Lewis. Thanks for the news, Gloria.

Bob and Jo Underhill are at Campbell, also. Bob is Reconnaissance Officer with the 503rd Regt., 11th Abn. Div. Jo adds Art and Kim Deverill, Phil and Betty Hamilton, Lou Davis, John Hill, Jack Hettinger to the list at Campbell, and sends word that Dick and Sally Land have extended their stay in Japan.

Jay Luther writes from Kitzingen, Germany, that Gordon Carpenter and Al Bracy are at Bamberg in the 26th Inf. Al Lorenzen is with the 33rd FA at Bamberg also. John Gibney is at Aschaffenberg with the 18th Inf Regt. Phil Roper and Jay are with the 1st Engr., Jim Peterson and Lou Beasley in the Reconnaissance Company, and Harry Lamp with the 63rd Tank B., all in Kitzingen. Lou Rajchel is in Wurzburg with the 1st Signal Company. With the 4th Div. in Frankfurt are Denny Mullane, Art Stebbins, and Bob Hand. Tom Dumire and Dave Martin are in Wildflecken with the 373rd Armored Inf. Bn. Larry Russell is in Dexheim with the 17th Engr. and Jim Maloney is with the 70th Engr. in Saalfelden, Austria. Jay met Don Selk and Jim Mueller with their wives in Paris while he was touring the country. Jim Wallwork and Pappy Yocum are with the 7th Engr. in Munich.

Dan Hoge, who is with the 36th AAA Missile Bn. at Fort Meade, Maryland, says he and John Bovard, who is with the 3rd Div., have the situation well in hand. Dan and Cordelia have a daughter, born 26 August.

Sam and Margie Wetzel and daughter, Margaret Ruth, are stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Sam returned from Korea last July; since that time he has been with the 512th Armored Inf. Bn. Tom Rehm is at Fort Hood also. Sam says that the room is open to anyone around Hood, or to anyone passing through. He lives at 1609 Poage Avenue, Kilken, Texas.

Enjoying the azaleas in Mobile ("Wher's Dat—Alabama") Jim Dietz is at Brookley AFB as assistant to the resident engineer. He and Connie say they are getting farther south with every move.

Tom Murphy writes that he has seen and visited some of our Classmates in Korea. In Taegu, "Murf" ran into Bill Dana, who was flying F-84's and F-86's, but who has been rotated Stateside. Murf saw the Warren Hayfords, Ralph Girdners, John and Marie Kenney, Dick Stanier and his wife, and Herb Deiss at Beppu, Japan. Bob Rutte

is at Itazuke, Japan. By April Murf should be at his new station at Connley AFB, Texas, for duty in the Observer Training Wing. John Pelton and family are reported to be at Schofield Barracks. Jim Paris is stationed in Virginia, near Washington, D. C., and Jim Sullivan is still at the Pentagon.

Reports from Ollie Oliphant say Bob Winger visited him at Bryan AFB, Texas, en route from Korea to Langley AFB, Virginia. Still at Bryan as pilot instructors are Frank Keilt, Ken Simonet, Bob Tanguy, and Ollie. Jim Aldredge and Tom Walls are Military Training Instructors at Bryan. Ollie says Jim Reeves is at Webb AFB, Texas, and Joe Austin at Maxwell Field, Alabama in the Squadron Officers Course. Jim McDonnell wrote that Dick Rogers is aide to the Commanding General of an Artillery Division in Korea. Scotty Shipe is making all A's at St. Louis University.

Young men's fancies turn to thoughts of love be it Spring or Winter. Wedding bells rang on 29 January '55, for Frank Pimentel and Patricia Kiernan. Frank is a member of the 67th Air Rescue Squadron at Prestwick, Scotland. Tom, brother of the bride, was best man at the ceremony. Tom is with the Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

More congratulations. Jerry Ruff and Noreen Bartley were married 2 January in the Chapel at West Point. Jerry and Noreen are stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Since returning from Korea, Jerry has been assigned to the 338th Engr. Group. Welcome to the ranks of Wives, girls.

There have been more additions to the diaper set since the last report. On July 9, '54, Debra Marie was born to the T. J. Murphys. Mark Thomas put in his appearance at the Niblack home on January 21, '55. To Meredith and John Garver Thomas Hunter came with outstretched arms. Wearing pink booties, Mary Elizabeth came to the Warren Hayfords in February, '55. Somewhere in deepest, darkest NORTH Africa, Ricky was born to Ralph and Anita Leonard — so deep and so dark that we haven't been able to learn the date, but heartiest congratulations go to all the parents and lullabys of welcome to the babies.

Ken Simonet is still seeking volunteers to write the Class news for the *Assembly*. So far, there have been none, so Ken is undertaking the job UNTIL the volunteers come through. His address is P.O. Box 3152, Ridgcrest Station, Bryan, Texas. Please pass your news on promptly to Ken so that he may have it all assembled for the next issue.

So long for this time—and don't forget to get those reports in to Ken.

—"Willy."

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It is just about "that month" again, so with lots of time on my hands, I will carefully report the facts which were neglected in January, as well as current poop received since moving to the midwest. I am not in the Armed Services, but so far, my moves have paralleled yours rather closely. Maybe now I will let you all get ahead of me in that department.

The Zippys have received the cup in Germany, but there has not been a formal presentation yet. They sent the following

statement which they asked me to publish: "To the Class of '53:

"Margaret Ann and I want each of you to know that being the parents of your godson, Charles Albert III, is just about the nicest thing that has ever happened to us. Not only do we have the Cup as a tangible reminder of memories and friendships we'll always cherish, we also have the unusually fine heritage you've given us to pass on to our son. We could not ask for more.

"With our sincerest appreciation,
(signed) "Charles and Margaret
Ann Zipp.

Margaret is very good to send me information on anyone she hears about. Here is some on those in Europe: Frank and Joan Mleko are in Munich. He is in an AAA Bn. Glenn Schweitzer visited them, and they all went to Garmisch (leave center in Bavarian Alps). Bill and Betty Sutton are in Augsburg. He is in a FA Bn. Andy and Susie Simko are in Linz, Austria. He is in a Heavy Mortar Co. They expect a wee one in March. Ed Dinges is in Bamberg. He is in a Hq. Btry. of a FA Bn. Stan and Dorrie Wiegla are believed to be in Augsburg. Joe Wilson is in Bamberg. He was married to Patricia Webb in Jan. Major General Meloy gave the bride away. George Williams was best man, and one of the ushers was Mort O'Connor. Bill Hilley and wife are around Wuerzburg. Glenn Schweitzer is taking an Advanced Russian course in Oberammergau (if it is misspelled, who will ever know?). It is close to a skiing area, so he is happy. Art Ackerman is in Schwabach with his wife. Bob and Susie Fernandez are in Furth. John and Betty Bringham are with the Zips in Nurnberg. John has just completed a stint as commandant of an NCO Leadership Academy. He and Charlie Zipp did most of the instruction. Ken Sweeney and wife are around Salzburg, Austria. Bill Renner and wife were in Ansbach for awhile when he was in a school. Jim Loedding is around Frankfurt. He is aide de camp to General R. E. Bell. Dick Flather is a mortar plt. ldr. in Wildflecken.

I received a nice letter from Joe Brown's father announcing the arrival of a son, Joseph IV, in November to Joe and his wife Pat. They were at Tyndall AFB in Florida, but Joe probably is in England by now. Bob Beaucond and Dick Phipps are also at Tyndall. Other births are: to Ken Sweeney and wife, a boy, Patrick Joseph Michael; to John Cooper and wife, a girl, Claudia Carolynn; to Jim and Jane Landreth, a girl, Linda Jane; to Bud and Terry Borrell, a boy, Ronald Anthony; to Pete and Vivian Clements, a boy, Daryl Lynn; to Rod and Pauli Smith, a girl, Ceane Mood; to Tom and Ruth Brain, a girl, Sally Margaret; to Bill and Nancy Strickland, a girl, Deborah Lynn; to Bill Hilley and wife, a boy, William Bennett; to Bob and Susie Fernandez, a girl, Suzanne Marie.

Received a note from Frank Iacobucci who is in the 24th Signal Co. of the 24th Inf. Div. With him are "Moose" Mangels and Bill Miotke. I forgot to say that they are in Korea. Frank saw "Gordo" Curran who is with the 7th Inf. Div. and George Dimtsios with the 4th Sig. Bn. He also ran into Jim Lammie in Japan who said that Endler went back to the States with an Engineer unit after receiving a commendation for some superior construction in Korea.

Jim Knox says that he only has a month or so left in Korea, and the days are passing even slower than the ones before graduation. He is a plt. ldr. of the 633rd Engr. Co. Dave Pistenma is the Exec. Jerry

Goetz is Exec. of a Float Bridge Co. almost next door. Spike Flertzheim is with a Dump Truck Co. and has longer to go than the other fellows, since he arrived later. Spark Jones has the H&S Co. of the 14th Eng. Bn. Al Grum has "B" Co., and Bernie Hughes is S-4. Vic Luby and Jerry Lohrli are in the 74th Combat Bn. Jerry is building an orphanage on a small island south of Inchon. Jim tells me that Norm Delbridge got the Bronze Star and is now an aide to General Bowman in Japan. Jim Sibley also got the Bronze Star and is still in Pusan. Most of the boys hope to start State-side in April.

Wayne Alch's Mom wrote to tell me that Wayne is also in Korea and is due back in April. He plans to marry a very lovely girl by the name of Mary Anne Geraghty in June. Walt Henderson visited the Alchs in St. Louis not long ago. He married Anne Francois in Washington, D. C. in December.

Greg Vigilar has eleven months under his belt in Korea for the Philippine Army. He doesn't know when he will be leaving for home but thinks it might be by June. Greg says that most of his 44-hour week is spent out-of-doors training and training and training. He has run into Bob Thomas and Rod Smith who are in the same regiment with him. Burkland and Dave Wells are a couple of miles away in the 32nd Inf. The "hives" in his area are: Marty Vet, Bob Segal, Kaplan, and Sid Carter.

Fred Reynolds dropped a line from the 3x5 mile island that Jerry Lohrli is on that I mentioned previously. Fred is CO of the company that is building the orphanage. Lohrli has two platoons there, and from every indication, it is rather isolated. Fred has had about every kind of job—plt. ldr. of a road maintenance platoon, Exec. of a company, and company commander. He has been associated with the building of a rifle range, clearing a safe lane through mine fields along the Demarkation Line (with the Chinese watching about ten feet away), the building of an entire town, and constructing a 300 feet concrete roadway across a river. He said this last one was the first time real engineering was involved. Fred is in the 74th Engr. Bn., and Max Noah has the H&S Co. in the same battalion. Fiala and Rich Leonard are in the 11th Engr. Bn. Pete Conzelman is there with the 88th Heavy Mortar Bn. Jim Linka is with I Corps Artillery. Fred tells me that Bill and Steph Jewell are still in the Canal Zone. Bill has been detailed to the Field Artillery from the Armored.

I told you all in the last article that I had some very interesting news for this time and here it is: Worth "Smirk" Wardlaw was married in January. For those of the Corps that knew "Smirk", I am sure that this will surprise them as much as it did me. "Smirk" was A-2's main competition to "The Mole". He will best be remembered for his feat of keeping a live monkey in the 7th Division Barracks for months with the Tactical Dept. looking high and low for it. Colonel Cathrae (A-2's Tac) was commended for finally finding it, and it was reported that the monkey later died an alcoholic in a New Jersey bar. Well, at least "Smirk" didn't lose much—he bought the critter on sale at Macy's or Gimbel's. Yes, Worth is really married. Gloriana Reinhard of New York City was the lovely girl who hooked him, and the event took place at New York with the reception at Fort Dix. I take my hat off to Gloriana—what a girl!

Dick Benz wrote from Alaska. He had just finished participating in a sub arctic

exercise. He was the umpire for "E" Company, and Bob Maehr was exec. Ed Burdeau is in the company also but missed the exercise due to special duty. Paul Vose was in charge of the heavy mortar section. Phase One was to take place at Galena with the airborne boys of the 503rd jumping. Classmates in the 503rd are: John Stoneburner, Don Wilson, and Al Horwedel. Umpires from the 82nd were Jim Wade and Jeremiah Brophy. The boys didn't jump because of weather, but they got their chance in Phase Two. The 53rd Inf. was to drive them off an airstrip. In the 53rd were: Jim Bambery, George Egbert, and John Cooper.

Don Davis let me know that the Engineers are not the only ones in Korea. Don, Bob Thomas, Dink Whalen, and Fred Smith went over together and joined the 31st Inf. Regt. Don only lasted three weeks because he was made an aide to the senior member of the Armistice Commission. He said that the assignment is very interesting since they deal with the Swiss, Swedes, and Communists. The following from the 82nd Airborne are over there: Burkhardt, Rawlinson, Hurlless, Cheves, and Holman. Don also told me that he and his wife, Clarre, are the parents of a girl, Lisa Ann.

I received a letter from Germany, but the sender prefers to remain anonymous. He wanted me to know that in the Second Armored Division there are: Bob Breckenridge, John Fitch, Ross Kenzie, and Jim Currie. Ken Dozier and Gail Freimark are in a Tank Bn. of the 4th Inf. Div. Stan Touchstone and Bill Bauman are aides over there. Lacquemet is with an atomic cannon outfit in Germany. Neal Creighton is in the 6th and Jim Harris is in the 14th A.C. Bart Filaseta and Roy Fowler are in the 14th also. It is reported that Joe Sheard is removing mines in Korea.

Frank Doyle sent news from Japan. He is in the 1st Cavalry Div. He and wife, Ruth, are parents of a girl, Donna Anne. Frank is the only member of the class with the Cav. He says Japan is a good deal, especially if his wife and daughter get to join him. Ken Heitzke is also in the Far East as a general's aide.

Jim Endler wrote as he was on his way home after only 10 months in Korea. He was headed for Fort Lewis. He saw Crevoiserat, Sheard, and Eineigl who are slated for Hawaii. Sandy Sanders is in the 7th Div, and Bob Bartlett is with the 3rd Div. Jim also saw John Toman and Wayne Alch (Lucky Alch received Hazardous Duty pay for work with a Demo. Sqd.) In Pusan, he ran into some of the Construction Engrs: Rick Gilmartin, Bob McDonald, Jim Lammie (all had companies), Lou Manfre, Lee Crosby, and Early Rush. Jim said that Al and Marcella Biggerstaff (Al is in Europe) are the parents of a healthy boy.

Nancy Crevoiserat confirmed the arrival of the 25th Div. in Hawaii. Larry is CO of the H&S Company of the 65th Engr. Bn., and they are scheduled to stay there until 1957. Nancy had been there seven days when she wrote, and I think she had spent every one of them on the beach.

Bob Porter sent lots of news from Moody AFB, Georgia. His wife, Kathleen, presented him with a boy, John Francis, in Dec. (just in time to be an income tax deduction). Ed Davis, Jimmy Jones, and Wally Leland were assigned from there to Great Falls, Montana. Bob has joined them by now, and they are flying F-94C Interceptors. Bill Campbell wrote Bob from Nellis AFB, Nevada and sent a copy of their orders. From Nellis, those assigned to Foster AFB, Texas are: James Lindsay, Lawrence Tatum,

Bob Beveridge, Lloyd Boothby, John Jones, Bob Karns (how about a letter, ex-roommate?), Jack Myers, John Olsen, John Parks, John Pimental, Marion Todd, and Denell Zander. The following from Nellis are assigned to Germany: Bill Campbell, Jim Elliott, Bill FioRito, Ted King, Leo Morton, and Ray Schroder. All of the Nellis boys fly F-86's.

Bob Porter also sent me a list of our classmates who will be Junior Tactical Officers at the Air Force Academy. They are: Ben Battle, John Calvert, Frank Drew, George Garey, John McFaull, Jerry O'Malley, Dale Peloquin, and Jim Selbe. I hear that Cecil B. DeMille is designing the uniforms. Seems a little too spectacular to me. He is a far cry from good old Robert E. Lee!

Monty Walters wrote Bob from Fort Hood, Texas, where he is exec. of a company in the 25th Armored Inf. Bn. Fred Glauner is also exec. of a company in the same Bn. Jeb Stuart, Dick Vandermeer, and Dave Horner are in the 1st Tank Bn. Hal Rhyne and Bud Ellis are in the 4th Tank Bn. Old Bob White, Jim Pigg, and John Seigle are in the 13th Tank Bn. Bob Zargan and Bob Albert are in the 100th Tank Bn. Gene Blastos is in the 701st A.I.B. Monty Lowry is in the 702nd A.I.B. T. E. Williams is in the 81st Recon. Bn. John Smythe is in the 634th A.I.B. where it is reported that he has done a wonderful job. Monty isn't convinced that the tanks will win a war by themselves. This puts it mildly, but due to the censors, I must.

Bud Borrell sent news from MacDill AFB, Florida. He says that John Krobock is at Charleston AFB. John and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of twin boys. Bud saw him while on TDY at Palm Beach. Also there at one time or another were Jack Yale on his way to Warner-Robbins AFB, Dyke McCarty on his way to Charleston AFB, and Herb Schaeffer. Hal Gartrell and Dave Lodwick are both instructing at Reese AFB. Hal Wheeler is flying 119's in Japan.

Ed O'Hair wrote from Fort Monmouth where he is with the Pentathlon Team. He is stationed in Germany with the 44th FA Bn., but has spent many months on TDY traveling with the team. Jim McCluskey is also in the 44th. Jim Loedding, Hal Myrah, and Soja are over there in the 22nd Inf. Regt. Frank Kincaid is in the 12th Inf. Regt. Jim Loedding is also following the "Pentathlon Circuit". Jim got to go to the world championship meet in Budapest, however he did not get to compete. Ed fell off his horse and didn't make Budapest. Instead he had an eighteen day tour of Scandinavia. They were training for the Pan American Games when Ed wrote from Monmouth. They were to go to San Antonio, Texas for more training, and those being chosen go to Mexico in March. I have just seen where Ed won a berth on the three man team. Al Paulekas will compete in wrestling for the 191-pound crown. Congratulations, Al and Ed.

Received a nice letter from Fran Ramsay. She tells me that Don has been transferred to Japan with the 3rd Engr. Bn. John Martin is also with it. Lamar Appleton and Bob Ayers as well as others already mentioned left the 3rd and remained in Korea. Fran will finish at Wellesley in Feb. and plans to join Don in March. Max Murrell is in an Arty outfit at Camp Drake over there. Fran tells me that she got down to Larry Davis and Violeta Bosch's wedding at the Point in Nov. Larry flew over from Germany for the occasion. Violeta plans to join him in a few months.

Heard from Al and Cot Hayes. He is Engineering Officer at MacDill AFB, Florida. They have a son, Scott Leo which was born way back in June '54. Al has heard from Bob Hess who is with the 8th Fighter Bomber Group in Japan. Ralph Arnhem reported from Fort Riley, Kansas that he was married in October to a girl named June. The following were on hand for the affair: Dick Miller, who is aide to the Asst. Div. Cmdr.; John Scoblick, Honor Guard Cmdr.; Stan Meloy, Chuck Neal, and Frank Snyder. Ralph tells me that their Division leaves for Europe this summer.

J. D. Van Wyk dropped a line from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He voluntarily left the flying program, and later was accepted at the USAF Institute of Technology, so he now finds himself deep in academics again. He is an undergraduate in aeronautical engineering. Craig Gridley is there also mastering the graduate nuclear physics course. J. D. and his wife, Marie, visited Jeanne and Bill Jolin in Denver last July. The Jolin's son, David, was born in June, not February, as I had reported previously. Bill is with the 12th AF in Germany.

Edith Oblinger sent news that John (Obie) is now with the 187th Airborne in Japan. She and John are the parents of a boy, Mark Vincent, born last August. Edith tells me that John and Barbara Stoneburner are stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Joe Wilson, Art Cates, and Tom Davis are all in Europe now. Tom's wife, Lynn, had the good fortune of traveling right along with him. Pat and Bill Hosmer, Mary Lou and Jack Myers were at Nellis. The Myers went to Texas, but don't know what happened to the Hosmers. Martha and Tom Jones had a boy, Tom, Jr., in Sept.; Joan and Al Merritt had a girl in Oct.

Steve Vogel wrote to say that he and his wife, Irma, are at Connally AFB, Texas. He was due to get his Radar Observer wings in Dec. "Hambone" Hammond and "Tex" Schneider are flying T-29's there. Bob and Helen Dean are there in the same capacity. Stan and Nicky Sovern are with them, but he is flying B-25's. In August Steve and Irma attended the wedding of Tom Rote and Tinka Fauntleroy. Tom was sent to Mather AFB for bombardier-navigator training. Frank and Dee Marinaro are there in the same program. They are parents of a boy, Frank, Jr. Mort Saffer and wife are at Mather also. At Ellington AFB becoming navigators are: Don and Mary Carter; Jim and Barbara Dade (a boy, Jim, Jr. was born to them in Sept.); and Steve and Evelyn Belgau. At Kelly AFB flying for MATS is Jim Effer. Charlie and Ann McGinn were married last July. He is now at Harlingen AFB, Texas. Steve and Irma are looking forward to a wedding gift that they are collecting late—a 10 day cruise to Bermuda.

I received a note from Florence and Buddy Tardiff. He was at March AFB, California where he has been since graduation, although, he still gets in a lot of traveling for SAC. He is probably in Germany now attached to the USAF Security Services with the 12th Radio Sq. Mobile at Landsberg, Germany. He has seen Al Lindholm who was on his way to Oregon. Bud also saw Chuck Tighe in Los Angeles. He heard that Bob Potter would be assigned to Mather after he left. He tells me that Artie Shaw is a supply officer at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Marlene Dowling wrote that Drew is stationed in Boblingen, Germany with the 176th Signal Repair Co. She hopes to be with him

before this article is published. Sam Rogers and Bob Laflam are with him. Drew has also seen Gray Kinnie over there. Rog Ellman and Jim Hogg are probably in the area by now. Chuck Toman should also be in Europe according to Marlene.

Rog Peterson married Elizabeth McDaniel in Izmir, Turkey in January. Cliff Neilson married Mary Louise Webb in Mobile, Alabama in November. (Thank you for the invitation, and more so for the title, "Accredited Assembly Correspondent".)

Here is some PIO info on the whereabouts of a few: George Egbert and Don McNutt are in Alaska. George is with the 196th RCT at Fort Richardson, and Don is with the 4th RCT. John Jamieson is a member of the 3rd Inf. Div. honor guard in Korea. Bill Colvin is an aide, and is presently in Hawaii. Francis Hoyt is at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone with the 504th FA. Lou Friedersdorff is in Germany with the 1st Inf. Div. Bob Nutter is also with the 1st Div. George Waters is in Germany with the 5th Inf. Div. Bill Harris, Henry Purcell, and Art Cates are also over with the 5th. Charlie Bishop is at Greenville AFB, Mississippi. Art Wells is at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Jim Eubanks is in Japan. Bill Strickland and wife, Nancy, are at Charleston AFB, South Carolina. Bob Scofield is at Fort Lewis, Washington. Dale and Barbara Davis are at Fort Lewis also. Ken Dawson is around Chicago. Joe Volpe is at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Believe it or not you are coming to the end of this article. I have completely run down. Although at times I feel like the "Hedda Hopper" type, I try to do my bit to let you all keep in touch with one another. Some of the news this time is rather old, but the barrel is dry now, so please start filling it up again for me. As a parting gesture, I would like to announce my engagement and impending marriage. (Smirk this is your chance to pass out!). The young lady is Miss Emily Kruger of Hartford, Connecticut, and we shall be married in May. I have already rented an apartment here, so you can write me as: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. The Founders Day Dinner is scheduled for March 19 in Chicago, so maybe I will run into some of you there. Best of luck to everyone.

—Jeff.

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The Class of 1954 extends its deepest sympathies to the wife and parents of Eugene Wirth. On the night of January 11th, Gene and his instructor were victims of a crash resulting from power failure after takeoff in a T-6 at Bainbridge Air Base, Georgia.

THE CUP: Class officers will announce the Class Godson in the July issue. At this time news of five additions to 54 has been received. Tiny and Dorothy Tomsen announce a four-pound boy, Cris Eric, born at Fort Benning on January 19th. From Salzburg, Austria, Seb Lasher writes that at exactly 1:29 p.m. on February 25th Sandy presented a six-pound, fourteen ounce boy, Robert Dale. Quay and Joan Snyder had a boy at Fort Benning; no other info on this young gentleman. On March 7th at Fort Benning seven-pound, three-and-a-half ounce Donald Fred, Jr., arrived to Don and Elaine Newnham. The first little lady of '54 is the healthy daughter of Bill and Jean Epling; Jean Elizabeth tipped the scales at

eight pounds, four-and-a-quarter ounces on March 14th at Fort Lewis, Washington.

THE CELEBRITY: Pete Witteried sunned and swam at the Pan American games at Mexico City from March 17th to 25th. As this goes to press, Pete has placed third in his heat of the 100-meter back stroke, and has qualified for the finals.

AIR FORCE CHATTER: assorted bits of news and gossip from the old bases. Bainbridge: Paul Lansky dashed to his brother's Miami motel on every opportunity. Rumors say that Jaime Ortiz is due for a trip up the aisle on his next trip to Puerto Rico.

Hondo: Leon Bryant continued to undermine Jody Rude's reputation by reporting that Jody and Ann threw a farewell beer bust.

Marana: Expecting visits from the stork are Jake and Marianne Diebold, Mick and Marlene Ennis, Larry and Kathy Hart, Dan and Cris Hutcheson, and Bill and Scheren Liby.

Spence: Also knitting little things are the wives of Al Devereaux, Jay Edwards, Craig Mahaffey, and John Neas.

Bartow: Ray and Sue Garey are expecting. Stan Choate, Bill Egan and Bill Orth were members of the Officer Drum and Bugle Corps. Joan Larson was Treasurer of the Officers' Wives Club. Bob Garwood was ranked into multi-engines because he was one-quarter inch too much a flanker. Ray Garey was forced to make a wheels-up landing at night, did a perfect job of it, and didn't get a scratch. Peggy Linton didn't fare as well: did some low flying in a Ford and took a corner off her landlord's house—Bob turned the Ford in for a new Dodge.

A New Word: The Air Force has added a new word to its vocabulary—"Holdover." A decision to decrease the '55 quota of Air Force pilots caused a delayed entry into basic flight training for many of the class of '54. About 25% of the pilot trainees were heldover at their primary bases for six weeks. This did not cause them to fall behind in flying proficiency; in fact, most of them regarded it as a very good deal.

On to Basic Schools: By April all the flying lieutenants will have advanced to basic flight training bases. Generally speaking, they're scattered all over sunny Texas; a few fortunates are sprinkled in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Arizona. Sorry, no room for publication of orders.

Observers: Howard Hunter writes from Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas, ". . . the main base where the Air Force trains observers . . . an observer is an air crew member who is a navigator, bombardier, radar operator, or a combination of the three . . . there are five USMA '54'ers here . . . should be here until September '55 . . . married group: Ron and Tillie Knapp, Jack and Sally Moore, Ron and Jill Morris, and Ted and Letty Saville. The only unmarried one is me."

TALES FROM JUMP SCHOOL: Bob Washer jumped before the green light and was fished from the Chattahoochee River. On his first jump Ed Freeman needed the services of his reserve. Tiny Tomsen had a Mae West and used his reserve on his sixth jump. Lou Wagner (D-2) and Dick Grifenhagen survived a tangle with the tower and completed the course. Ronnie Lee banged up his knee in training, so missed the jumps. Art Sirkis broke a couple of small bones in his foot on his fourth jump, but took his fifth (jump, that is) before going to the hospital.

LIFE WITH THE TROOPS: As '54 settles down at permanent posts, here's a quick

roundup. Fort Riley: Bob Sale, Bud Dahl, Jack Craig and Chuck Miller are preparing to go to Europe in July with the 10th Division in "Operation Gyroscope." Bob and Sherrie Sale are happy about orders for concurrent travel.

Fort Carson: Surviving the sub-zero weather and windstorms are: Jim Miller, Ed Keiser and Freddy Galloway in a training division, the 8th. Ben Breslauer, Jim Ransone and Clark Benn are in the 68th Group "which has various and sundry missions." Jim spent a couple of months in ski training at Camp Hale; Clark put in a few weeks at PT school at Fort Riley.

Fort Benning: Signal Corpsmen Jim Obendorfer, Dick Grifenhagen and Bill Ovberg served a stint at Benning in "Exercise Follow Me." Jim and Dick spent their time in the field laying wire; Bill was busy keeping track of his slightly overstrength platoon of 118 telephone switchboard operators. Catching up on his reading is Bill Schultz with a leg in a cast as a result of jumps; Bill and Lelia will travel concurrently in April to join the 30th Airborne Infantry Battalion in Munich. Relaxing on the Benning golf links are Dick and Cay Kavanagh; Dick writes that he is in a "catch-all outfit," Hq and Hq Co of 7th Inf, 3rd Div.

Fort Bragg: Quite a motley crew turned up in the 82nd Div Arty: Bill Hauser and Tom Young are in the 456th Abn FA Bn, "the best damn outfit in the whole army, and you may quote me." Thank you, Lieutenant Hauser. In the 98th Abn FA, a 155 howitzer battalion, are Ken Brant, Bill McKenney, John Shafer and Prop Walker. Also in Div Arty are Ed McNair, Jerry North, John Lohman and Bob Adams. Jerry Vigeo and Audrey Short are in the observation battalion of the XVIII Abn Corps Arty.

Across the Atlantic: Isolated at Anderson Barracks in Dexheim, Germany, are Andre Broumas and Chuck Debelius with the 2nd Armored Division. At Nuremberg are Dick Farmer and Dave Dimick with the 15th Engineers, and Mel Remus with the 299th Engineers. The Signal Corps is represented by Mike Drake at Kaiserslauten and John Marcus at Karlsruhe, Germany, ten miles from the Rhine and France.

BRANCH COMPARISON: To help the ladies and lieutenants of '54 more clearly see the big picture, here are your direct quotes. Air Force: "This working half a day is a deadbeat . . . have only flown three times in the last ten days." "The flying program is just the greatest have trouble regarding it as a job—it's too much fun." "Flying this B-25 is like driving a dump truck."

Signal Corps in Germany: ". . . am in a real soldiering outfit . . . eight months of the year in the field, 24-hour alert, carry arms at all times . . . the weather here puts Woo Poo's in the Daytona Beach Class."

Now let's look at two sides of the 82nd Airborne: "I'm crazy about my unit, and my job—FO, TI&E, Athletics and Recreation, Utilities, PIO Officer, Fire Marshall, and Platoon Leader." "Soon as I arrived, the colonel noted that I was on the Rifle Team at the Point and promptly put me on the Div Arty Team for two weeks have done nothing but 'squeeze 'em off' all day long on the M-1 range."

Then there is the Infantry: "The troops are rather loose in this outfit. . . but after I start yanking a few passes, they shape up for a while . . . now I'm not getting chicken, but the results. "

LOST AND FOUND: Bud Gurney lost his class ring at Tucson, Arizona. If anyone

spots an Indian wearing it, please notify the Association of Graduates.

NEWLYWEDS: As the bachelor ranks thin, the Air Force leads in popularity with the ladies: Bob Gray and Donna Armstrong at Larchmont, New York, on December 26; John Stephenson and Virginia DeLoach at Kinston, North Carolina, on December 28; Jerry Holmlund and Janice Roberts at Denver, Colorado, on February 16; Leon Bryant and Barbara Stanley at Newburgh, New York, on February 19; Jim Giles and Florence Fraleigh at Bainbridge Air Base, Georgia, on February 26; and Lenny Griggs and Virginia Spicer at St. Augustine, Florida, on March 5.

The Armor: Pat Dyer and Shirley Shine of Louisville, Kentucky, at Fort Knox on December 11; John Wisniewski and Evelyn Thompson at Jeffersonville, Indiana, on February 19. The Engineers: Bob Sale and Sherrie Harris at Ponca City, Oklahoma, on December 23; Dave Dimick and Nancy Norpell at Newark, Ohio, during the Xmas holidays. The Infantry: George Olmsted and Jane Gaskill at Ames, Iowa, on December 21; Ben Schemmer and Cynthia Sweatt at Orlando, Florida, on February 14.

LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY: During a six-week Xmas vacation from Oxford John Bard and Dale Vesser spent three weeks at Athens, Greece. Stopovers on their journey were Frankfurt, Paris and Rome. To quote John's account: "Believe it or not, we studied a great deal in preparation for the vacation-end exams. . . Nothing like dozing on the Aeropolis in a hot sun with an open philosophy book lying on your chest. . . Other than studying and sight-seeing we worked out at a local athletic club (part of our Spartan life—shades of Athens!), visited the houses of friends we made while there, won 40 drachmas on a Greek quiz program, learned all about the Greek economic and military conditions, and most enjoyable—had lunch with the Royal Family one day."

PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER: The first to cross the seas were Seb and Sandy Lasher; travelled concurrently on the S.S. Independence, arriving in Salzburg, Austria, on December 20: "The Army sure did themselves proud!" Signal Corpsmen Mike Drake, Bill Ovberg and Larry Willner boast a claim to fame: the first of '54 to graduate from Ranger School. News from the PIO: Al Milder is in Austria with the 63rd Signal Battalion; Chester Piolunek is at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, with the 74th Infantry Regiment; George Bennett relaxes in the Canal Zone.

SPECIAL THANKS: To those who in this issue added their names to the list of news volunteers: Bud and Gail Gurney, Seb and Sandy Lasher, Ralph and Lael Porter, Bob and Sherrie Sale, Clark Benn, Howard Hunter, Bob Muns, and Bill Ovberg. Also, many thanks again to the old faithfuls of the Letter-an-Issue-Club.

BULLETIN: Word just arrived from Bill and Marie Weafer that Tom and Kathy Flaherty are proud parents of a St. Patrick's Day baby boy.

A REQUEST: As '54 begins to really settle down this Spring, let's have plenty news and letters from all of you. All it takes is a postcard to get your name in print, and tell your classmates where you are. But please—get your letters in the mail by June 1st. Virginia Clark and I will be married on June 18th. You wouldn't want this column written on our honeymoon. Same address: James G. Plunkett, 2 Highland Lane, North Tarrytown, New York. Good Luck to all.

—Jim.

LAST ROLL CALL

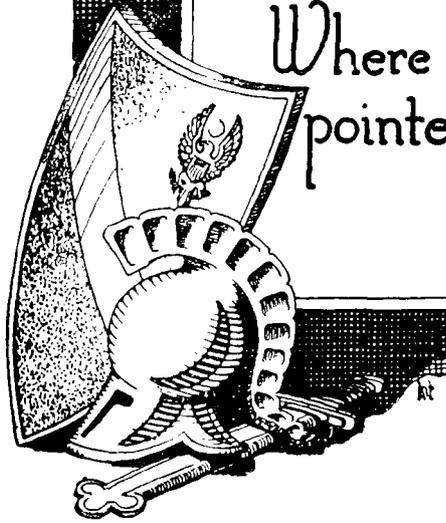
Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1955 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Ira A. Haynes	1883	February 24, 1955	Menlo Park, California
Clarence E. Dentler	1884	April 2, 1955	Portland, Oregon
Floyd W. Harris	1886	February 7, 1955	Leesburg, Virginia
Harry LaT. Cavanaugh	1895	October 30, 1954	Winter Park, Florida
Thomas W. Darrah	1895	January 21, 1955	New York City
James H. Bradford	1898	November 17, 1954	Pass Christian, Mississippi
John K. Herr	1902	March 12, 1955	Washington, D C.
Clyde R. Abraham	1906	March 25, 1955	Washington, D C.
William T. MacMillan	1906	March 1, 1955	Boston, Massachusetts
Forrest E. Williford	1906	March 17, 1955	Blacksburg, Virginia
Warren Lott	1907	February 1, 1955	Blackshear, Georgia
Henry Dorsey F. Munnikhuysen	1909	March 22, 1955	Washington, D C.
Bethel W. Simpson	1911	February 16, 1955	San Francisco, California
Allen P. Cowgill	1914	February 27, 1955	Syracuse, New York
Frederick S. Skinner	1914	January 20, 1955	Providence, Rhode Island
Brehon Somervell	1914	February 13, 1955	Ocala, Florida
Thomas Q. Donaldson, Jr.	June 1918	November 22, 1954	Tucson, Arizona
John W. Wofford	1920	February 27, 1955	Rochester, Minnesota
Perry McCoy Smith	1922	March 18, 1955	Orlando, Florida
Herbert F. McG. Matthews	1924	March 11, 1955	West Point New York
James W. A. McNary	1924	January 28, 1955	Brooklyn, New York
Gordon E. Textor	1924	March 20, 1955	Washington, D C.
James E. Beery	1932	January 31, 1955	Richmond, Virginia
James A. Bassett	1938	November 19, 1954	Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Roy R. Brischetto	1938	January 11, 1955	Bitberg, Germany
John W. Barnes	January 1943	March 12, 1955	Columbus, Georgia
James R. Miller	1946	February 26, 1954	Near Stewart AFB, New York
David W. Armstrong	1948	March 16, 1954	Korea
Jay A. Carey	1949	February 17, 1955	Bryan AFB, Texas
William S. Todd, Jr.	1950	February 8, 1955	Frederick, Maryland
Thompson Cummings	1952	July 25, 1954	Korea

EDITOR'S NOTE: The report of the death of Leigh R. Gignilliat, Jr., Ex-1920, published in the LAST ROLL CALL in the April 1953 issue of ASSEMBLY as occurring on October 20, 1952 at Hines, Illinois, is incorrect. The error was a result of an inadvertant confusion of the son's name with that of his father, Leigh R. Gignilliat (not an alumnus of West Point) who died at the time and place erroneously listed by ASSEMBLY as pertaining to the son.

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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ANDERSON, W. H.	1892	AUGUST 8, 1954	51
BRADY, J. F.	1897	DECEMBER 10, 1954	54
CONRAD, C. H., JR.	1895	AUGUST 12, 1954	53
DRENNAN, L. H.	1908	SEPTEMBER 30, 1954	57
FINLEY, C. R.	1915	MARCH 19, 1954	60
GASTON, J.	1903	JUNE 26, 1954	56
HOSKINS, F. L.	1914	JUNE 4, 1953	60
KELLY, J. R.	1936	JULY 17, 1954	64
KIMBALL, F. G.	Ex-1911	JULY 20, 1952	59
LADUE, W. B.	1894	OCTOBER 21, 1954	53
LEYSHON, D. E.	1951	JUNE 23, 1953	65
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MOTLOW, F. W.	1905	NOVEMBER 9, 1954	56
RITCHIE, R. B.	1949	APRIL 3, 1951	64
SHIELDS, J. B.	1933	JUNE 6, 1954	63
SMITH, E. W.	NOVEMBER 1918	MAY 19, 1954	61
SMITH, T. J., JR.	1908	MAY 13, 1954	58
TACKUS, K. A.	1950	DECEMBER 1, 1950	65
TAYLOR, T. F.	1929	SEPTEMBER 15, 1954	62
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Edgar Smith Walker

NO. 3014 CLASS OF 1883

DIED JANUARY 2, 1955, AT GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AGED 96 YEARS.

ON the first of January, just a few hours after the turn of the year the oldest living graduate of West Point, Colonel Edgar S. Walker, heard the faraway sound of recall. Quietly and without pain this grand old soldier left our ranks shortly after 7 o'clock in the evening to join the others in the Valhalla of the brave. Here was a man who lived every full minute of a long and happy life.

Ninety-six years ago, Edgar Walker, was born on a farm in Missouri. He enjoyed a happy boyhood and, in the company of his brothers, delighted in all the outdoor life that was readily available—hunting, fishing, riding, trapping, plus hard work on his father's estate. He received his higher education at the Missouri Military Academy followed by a course at the University of Missouri. Finally came the fulfillment of his wish, an appointment to West Point as a member of the class of 1883.

His tour as a cadet was in every way successful. Cadet Walker was popular with his classmates, his athletic abilities culminated in the award of two medals in recognition of his skill in riding and in revolver and rifle shooting. It was in June of 1882 that he had the pleasure of extending recognition to a new cadet and fellow Missourian, John J. Pershing. The graduating class of 1883 numbered fifty-two. Second Lieutenant Edgar Walker, ASN 3014, chose the Infantry. His first station was in the Dakota Territory.

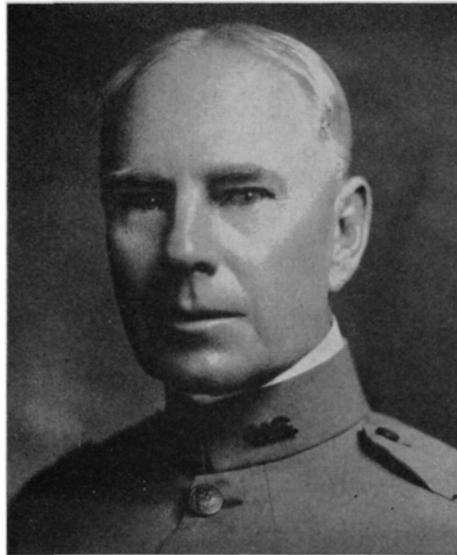
Duty was stern in the Dakotas, and it took rugged men. The Indian wars were at their height in the borderlands. In the records of Edgar Walker is a special citation for "distinguished service in Indian warfare in maintaining the supremacy of the United States of America"—a citation deeply honored, highly deserved, and hard to come by in those days.

While on duty at Fort Totten in the Dakota Territory, Second Lieutenant Walker received orders to report to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to take an examination for promotion to first lieutenant. It was forty miles to the nearest train station; in between lay territory close to the Bad Lands and controlled by hostile Indians. The only way through for a single rider was to attempt the trip at night. This promotion meant a great deal to the young officer, he felt he must get through. The experiences of this ride are not available in detail but we do know that it was completed after a couple of close calls. The trip was felt to have been well worth the risk, he was now First Lieutenant Walker.

While stationed in the Dakotas he met his future bride, Miss Sally Rice Stringfellow of Gainesville, Florida, who was visiting in the Territory with her mother. Edgar and Sally were married in Gainesville in 1886. It was an unusually happy marriage. Their lives were filled with companionship and a closeness that dented the hard knocks. Lieutenant Walker took his bride back with him to Wyoming where he was again stationed in the Indian Territory. Their first child, Elise, was born at Fort Russell and nursed by a trusted Indian Squaw.

In 1890, the Army ordered First Lieutenant Walker to Alaska to aid in restoring some semblance of law and order to the

then unknown territory. The expedition consisted of twenty-five enlisted men and two officers. First Lieutenant Walker was in command. Arriving at St. Michael near the mouth of the Yukon River, the expedition discovered the town to consist principally of two trading posts. A single judge in Nome, several hundred miles away was the only civil authority in the territory. Worse, gold had been discovered up the river in the Yukon hinterlands and the rush was on. The first problem was a frontier confidence game involving bogus river steamer transportation. The operators, selling passage up the Yukon River for \$250.00 a head, transported gold seekers about twenty-five miles up river in an old fishing boat and left them at a landing where, they were told, the steamer would shortly pick them up for the rest of the 200 mile trip. The steamer, of course, never arrived. Lieutenant Walker quickly stepped in and ended this lucrative frontier confidence game by rounding up the bogus boat operators. Next came the mining camps.



Claim jumping was so rampant it was difficult to determine the true owners. In many cases the bank could not determine who owned the gold dust stored in its safe. Lieutenant Walker had the troops collect the gold dust in the disputed cases and determined who was the rightful owner. A task sometimes complicated by the untimely demise of some of the participant miners at the hands of their rivals. For four years, away from their families except for short summer visits, this army detachment helped to restore order in the Territory; not to mention unrelated assignments such as rounding up the newly introduced reindeer herd for a drive to regions farther south where grazing was better.

Finally, the tour was finished and Lieutenant Walker returned home. As a captain he then served as commandant of the Missouri Military Academy followed by a tour in the Philippines. In 1906 a service incurred disability curtailed his further active service and he retired in 1906. Knowing Florida by reason of his wife's home there, he selected this state in which to live. Two years later, upon his own application, he was called back to active duty as professor of military science and tactics at the University of Florida. This began an association with the university which lasted for some 25 productive and enjoyable years.

During World War I, while still assigned to the university, he also served as recruit-

ing officer for the State of Florida, and as an instructor at the ROTC summer camp at Plattsburg, New York; summer duty that afforded him the opportunity to visit his Alma Mater on occasion.

In 1918, Colonel Walker retired again from active duty, and sheathed his saber for good. As a direct result of Colonel Walker's high caliber of performance of duty, the University of Florida was judged by the War Department as one of the twelve Distinguished Colleges of the nation as determined by the annual inspection. He became a professor of the University of Florida. His life was filled with working with his young students, and in enjoying the outdoors. On his 84th birthday he shot an 84 at golf—one stroke for every year of his life. Colonel Walker attributed his longevity to outdoor activity and heredity. "I feel that my life on a farm where I spent many hours working, hunting, and fishing gave me a good start. My career as an Infantry officer, with its additional outdoor living, has contributed greatly to my good health." Those who knew him also feel that his kind heart, warm friendliness and soldierly manliness also made him a selected person.

A few months ago Colonel Walker's wife, his beloved Sally, eighty-eight years fair, slipped away to cross the Great Divide. The old Indian Fighter was not long to follow. The notes of recall grew stronger in his ears. He looked out into the warm Florida sunlight and thought of his Sally that he longed to see. It was winter now; snow would be in soft drifts throughout the Dakota Badlands; the Yukon flowed under the thick ice. All of his classmates. And Sally. It was time.

—John W. Walker,
Lieutenant Colonel, Arty, '39.

William Hart Anderson

NO. 3493 CLASS OF 1892

DIED AUGUST 8, 1954, AT RENO, NEVADA, AGED 83 YEARS.

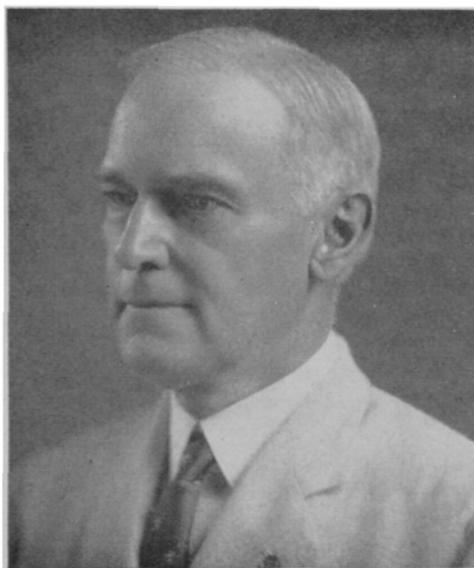
MAJOR WILLIAM H. ANDERSON was born in Greenville, Ohio, May 12, 1871. He graduated from West Point in 1892, receiving a commission in the United States Army as Lieutenant, 16th U.S. Infantry. He resigned from the Regular Army four months later, and followed the Engineering profession until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. He volunteered his services and came to the Philippines in the 2nd Expedition, arriving in Manila in July 1898. After one and a half years service, he resigned from the Volunteer Army and became Assistant Manager of the Pacific Oriental Trading Company. In 1904 he founded Wm. H. Anderson & Co., and later bought Erlanger & Galinger, Inc. He was a director of the Manila Daily Bulletin, and of the Army & Navy Club; Past Exalted Ruler of the Manila Lodge of Elks, a member of the Polo Club, Manila Golf Club and Baguio Country Club. He was also a member of the former Government Sugar Central Board and of the Postal Savings Bank Board.

No sketch of his career could properly close without a brief mention of his sole adventure into authorship, since his only brain-child throws an important side-light on his character and capacities. Under title of, "The Philippines, Our Problem of 40 Years", which was published in 1939,

written with no motive of financial gain, but solely for the enlightenment of the peoples of the two countries as to their mutual best interests, as he saw these to be. A reputable publisher was soon found and printing of the book began under personal guarantee of the author against possible loss to the publisher. This choice of method of publication assured the author a freedom of comment and criticism of men and events perhaps not otherwise obtainable. The publication thus stands forth as an act of pure patriotism that characterized the man throughout his life.

Its author, of course, could not foresee the vast changes that the flight of Time has wrought in the relationship of the two peoples he considered; but never-the-less, his work still stands as the most authentic record of America's forty-year experiment in the government of an alien people.

All who knew him recognized his capacity for clear thinking, and his taste for serious literature; but until the appearance



of his book, few had guessed his latent talent in the use of his mother-tongue. The felicitous style of the book, the speed with which it was produced following his decision to publish, may be in part attributed to his life-long habit of faithful diary-keeping, and preservation of such records.

Immediately following the suppression of the Philippine Insurrection, he resigned his Military Commission and began the diversified business which he pursued thereafter for most of his active life.

He died at his home in Reno, Nevada, on the 8th day of August, 1954.

Simple in all his tastes and habits, honest and faithful in all relationships with his fellow-men.

Requiescat in Pace.

—E. C.

Butler Ames

NO. 3587 CLASS OF 1894

DIED NOVEMBER 7, 1954 AT TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 83 YEARS.

OUR Classmate, able, likeable, versatile, Butler Ames answered his "Last Roll Call,"

November 7, 1954, in the eighty-third year of his eventful career.

Grandson of Brigadier General Benjamin F. Butler and son of Major General Adelbert Ames and Blanche Butler Ames, he felt the "Call of Country" pounding in his veins.

In response to the call after graduation from Lowell High School and Phillips Exeter Academy Butler entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where we, his classmates, came to know him intimately. I remember Butler most vividly as End on our first West Point football team. Though inexperienced, like all the other members of that first raw group, Butler, about 165 pounds of hard West Point muscle, put up a gallant battle to prevent the enemy from turning his flank. Shrimp, runt, featherweight, I could participate only by racing along the side lines, shouting my admiration for the more physically favored and yearning, in vain, to be like them. We graduated in June 1894, fifty-four out of the original one hundred and four who began that fearsome academic grind four years before. Butler finished well up in the class, though not a star.

"Not a war cloud on the horizon" vociferated the Wishful Thinkers. "War has been discarded as an instrument of International Policy!" Except for the suppression of Indian uprisings not a shot had been fired in America in battle since the close of the Civil War. Butler's family was prominent in Industry in his native State, Massachusetts, distinguished for its Great Leaders and its splendid contributions to the Armed Forces which won the Revolutionary War. It was now enjoying profound peace and high prosperity.

In response to family urgency, Butler resigned shortly after graduation, took the course in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated in 1896, marshal of his class. The City of Lowell elected him an Alderman and started him on his distinguished political career. In 1897 he was elected Representative in the Massachusetts General Court from Lowell.

In spite of wishful thinking war clouds were gathering. Cuba, at our very doorstep, was again aflame with revolution to win her freedom from Spain. Butler re-organized Battery A, State Guard in Boston as its First Lieutenant and began his preparations for service as a civilian soldier. Significantly, the Professor of Law at West Point, a veteran of the Civil War, had cautioned in one of his lectures: "If I read aright the signs of the times, some of you young men who sit before me will shed your blood on the battle fields of your Country." It sounded ominous but unrealistic. Yet strained relationships with Spain arising from her ruthless efforts to crush the Insurrection against her authority suddenly reached a crisis when the battleship Maine was blown up and sunk in Havana Harbor. Emotion far more than ascertained facts fixed the responsibility on the tottering kingdom of Spain. Our little Regular Army totaling about 25,000 officers and men began concentration on Tampa and other seaports on our Southern Border. While concentration was in progress, Congress declared war on Spain. True to his training and tradition, Butler became First Lieutenant of the Sixth Massachusetts U.S. Volunteers and, as such, sailed for Puerto Rico to participate in the campaign against Spain. At the request of his superior officers, Regimental and Brigade, he was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. The enemy resistance in Puerto

Rico was soon broken. The assault of General Shafter's army on El Caney and San Juan Heights, Cuba, on July 1st, 1898, was a complete victory for the American Army but the forecast of the Professor of Law at the Military Academy was fulfilled; among the dead on that victorious battlefield were two of our classmates—Sater and L. H. Lewis; others had been wounded.

Butler returned unhurt from the equally successful campaign in Puerto Rico. His service in Puerto Rico had enhanced his reputation and justified his military traditions. The people of Massachusetts indorsed him. Butler was elected a member of Congress of the United States from the 5th Congressional District and held that distinguished office from 1903 to 1913. It was in recognition of service rendered that Governor Coolidge, during World War I, appointed Butler Major General of the Massachusetts National Guard. Our classmate had attained the highest military rank attainable by a civilian soldier, a grade equal



that won by his distinguished father during the Civil War.

Butler now took the most interesting step of his very interesting career. On June 25, 1914 he married Miss Fiffille Willis of Columbia, Missouri. Together they spent many happy years in Boston and Tewksbury, Massachusetts with delightful summers at the General's charming home at the Villa Balbianello, Lenno, Lake Como, one of Italy's historic monuments. Though Mrs. Ames died in 1940 General Ames continued to spend his summers at the Villa to which he extended a standing invitation to his classmates.

The contributions General Ames made to industry may be judged from the following: He was formerly President of the United States Cartridge Company and formerly Treasurer of the Heinze Electric Company of Lowell, Massachusetts. In this capacity he devised and developed numerous mechanical and electrical inventions in various fields. He was Treasurer and Director of the Wamesit Power Company of Lowell, Massachusetts and Vice President of the Ames Textile Corporation and a Director of the Union Land and Grazing Company of Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was formerly a Director of the Middlesex County National Bank of Lowell, Massachusetts.

In the social field Butler was a member of the Society of Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire; a member of the Som-

erset Club of Brookline; the West Point Society of Boston; the New York Yacht Club; the Yorick Club and the Vesper Country Club, both of Lowell.

With unanimous voice, Butler's classmates of West Point may say:

Well done, be thou at rest.

—Paul B. Malonc, '94.

William Baker Ladue

NO. 3563 CLASS OF 1894

DIED OCTOBER 21, 1954, AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK, AGED 85 YEARS.

On October 25, 1954, Colonel William B. Ladue, United States Army, Retired, was laid to rest in the West Point Cemetery by the side of his son. It is eminently fitting and proper that his final resting place is



here at his Alma Mater which he loved so well. I have known many members of the Long Gray Line, but not one who had the affection for West Point that had "Laddie". After graduation our paths did not cross until we met in Panama in 1921, but from 1939 to 1954 we met yearly at West Point for June Week and it was then that I learned to appreciate and love him.

Colonel Ladue was born and received his early education in Michigan where he resided until his family moved to Salem, Oregon. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, won an appointment to West Point and was sworn in as a cadet on June 17, 1890, at the age of 21 years and 6 months, thus being the third oldest member of '94.

His cadet record both academic and military was outstanding. He stood Number 1 in 4th Class year, Number 2 in 3rd and 2nd, and Number 1 in 1st Class. He was a Cadet Corporal, First Sergeant, Adjutant, and Lieutenant. He was nearly four years older than I, and I looked up to him as someone different from my other classmates, both because of his age and because he was a college graduate. He once told me when I was running a light, to avoid being found, that he did not have to study at all the first two years.

His commissioned service, 38 years, was important and arduous, but it is impossible to give it in detail here. Suffice it to say that he served in the Spanish War,

in the Philippines, and in Panama. In World War One he was a regimental commander of Engineer troops. He was on a number of River and Harbor Projects and was Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia. When retired in 1932 he was Corps Area Engineer at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was again on active duty from 1941 to 1942.

In 1898 Lieutenant Ladue married Evelyn Knight, daughter of the late Brigadier General John G. D. Knight, Corps of Engineers. Two children were born to the Ladues:

Louise Ladue, now the wife of Colonel Gordon Hall, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired and Brigadier General Laurence K. Ladue, U.S.M.A. 1924, who died in Korea in 1951. There is one grandchild, Laurence K. Ladue, Jr.

For some years prior to his death Laddie had lived in Washington, D. C., but he usually spent several weeks in the spring and fall at West Point. In 1953 he relinquished his Washington home and lived at West Point until his death on October 21, 1954. On November 30 he would have been 86.

In June 1954, seven of the eighteen surviving members of the Class of 1894 assembled at West Point to celebrate their 60th Anniversary of Graduation. Laddie presided, as the Class Representative, a position he had filled for a number of years. Any time and labor involved in preparations for this occasion were a pleasure to the oldest member present—Laddie himself.

The affectionate esteem and regard, in which he was held, is shown by the many letters received from those who had served with or worked under him. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

—Charles F. Crain,
Class of 1894.

Casper Hauzer Conrad, Jr.

NO. 3621 CLASS OF 1895

DIED AUGUST 12, 1954, AT FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS, AGED 81 YEARS.

CASPER HAUZER CONRAD, JR., was born in Ohio, 26 September 1872. His father was a First Lieutenant, 10th Infantry when Casper was born.

Appointed to the Military Academy from South Dakota, he was originally a member of the Class of 1894, but graduated with 1895, ranking fifth in the class.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, was appointed a Brigadier General in 1928, and retired in 1936. He was held in the highest esteem and affection by his class, and all who knew him. He has been characterized as one whose every act exemplified the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

In 1926, at Washington, D. C., he was married to Miss Eva Shacklett, who survives him. There are no children.

During recent years, the Conrads made their home at 477 Burr Road, San Antonio, Texas, where the widow still resides.

Our beloved classmate passed away peacefully in the Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, August 12, 1954, after one month's illness. His remains are resting in the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

The following tribute is an extract from a letter by the Chief of Staff of the Army,

General Malin Craig, to General Conrad upon his retirement in 1936, "I wish to express to you the grateful appreciation of the War Department of the valuable service you have rendered the Government during your long period of military activity.

"A review of your military record from the date of your graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1895, and appointment as Second Lieutenant of Cavalry shows high professional attainments and outstanding military accomplishments.

"Throughout your long military career you rendered inestimable service to your Country and I wish to extend to you my best wishes for many years of health and happiness.

"Sincerely yours,
"Malin Craig,
"Chief of Staff."

General Conrad's service included assignments to positions of high command, staff, and administrative duties in many fields—in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida,



Pennsylvania, Cuba, Philippine Islands, Montana, Missouri, Washington, D. C. and Europe.

He was detailed to the Quartermaster Department and established the Remount Depot and Government Bureau for breeding Cavalry horses at Front Royal, Virginia. Upon relief from the Quartermaster Department, he returned to Cavalry duty in Illinois, Virginia, and Texas.

In 1916 he was graduated from the School of Equitation, Mounted Service School, Fort Riley, Kansas, then served on Border duty with the National Guard, then transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas with the 3rd Cavalry.

He reorganized and commanded the 30th Infantry, 90th Division, at Camp Travis, Texas, shortly after the United States entered World War I.

From June 1918 until February 1919, Casper served as a member of the War Department General Staff, Washington, D. C. He next served on embarkation duty at Brest until March 1919.

While overseas, he commanded the Advance Embarkation Section S.O.S., in Germany, and Base Section No. 1, St. Nazaire, France.

As a student officer at the Army Service Schools, Line Class, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he was an Honor Graduate. He was next detailed as a student at the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, where

he received the degree of B.A. in Agriculture, with Senior Honors in June 1922.

In June 1923, he was graduated from the Army War College. His next service was in the Inspector General's office until November 1923, when he sailed for Manila, P.I. as Inspector-General, Philippine Department and upon return to the United States went again on duty in the Inspector General's Office in Washington, D. C. until 1928, then was detailed as a student to a refresher course, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

He next commanded the 12th Brigade and Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and during various periods, commanded temporarily the Sixth Corps Area. In 1930, to 1933, he served as Commander of the 23rd Brigade, Philippine Scouts, the Philippine Division, and Fort William McKinley, P. I.

His next service was command of Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, the 4th Brigade, and the Wyoming District Civilian Conservation Corps to 1935.

He commanded Fort Lewis, Washington, the 3rd Division, and the Fort Lewis District Civilian Conservation Corps and at various periods the 9th Corps Area, temporarily from 1935 to date of retirement.

In 1928, as a consequence of commendable service he was appointed Brigadier General in the Regular Army.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the citation for which reads as follows:

"For exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services as Commander of Advance Embarkation Section, S.O.S. By his marked executive ability and energetic efforts displayed in the transportation of troops from the area of the Army of Occupation to the base ports, and the management of troop trains, which were comfortably equipped, safely operated, and sanitarily maintained, he has rendered services of great worth. Residence at time of appointment, Washington, D. C."

—J. S. Herron, '95.

ous, obedient to regulations, but possessed of a keen Irish wit that made him popular with his classmates and associates. One of his few surviving classmates recently wrote me, "he (Brady) was a jovial fellow, a very fine man. All liked him and were pleased when he came around."

At the Academy he maintained a good class standing and on graduation, June 11, 1897, was initially commissioned as Additional Second Lieutenant of Infantry and assigned to the 13th Infantry with station at Fort Niagara, near his home town of Canandaigua. However, within a year he was promoted to a full second lieutenant and was transferred and reassigned to the newly formed 7th Regiment of Artillery.

Allotted space does not permit a detailed description of his long and distinguished career on the active list of the Army, during which period he passed through all commissioned grades from second lieutenant to colonel and included duty in all sections of the United States and its Island Possessions. In the Spanish-American War



he was at Tampa, Florida, for duty with the siege artillery organized under the redoubtable John I. Rodgers for bombardment in Cuba, but not used because of the speedy surrender of the Spaniards at Santiago, and he participated in the Puerto Rico expedition and later served in the Army of Cuban Occupation at Havana and Cienfuegos (1898-1903) and on garrison duty, Fort McHenry, Maryland, (1903-05), student officer, Submarine Mine School, Fort Totten, New York (1905-06, when graduated); at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, garrison duty and submarine mine work (1906-10); duty in the Philippines as Fort Commander, Fort Mills, later Coast Defense Commander, Fort Wint (1910-13).

Returning from the Philippines, he was appointed Acting Inspector General, assigned to the Eastern Department, Headquarters, Governors Island, New York, on which duty he remained until our entry into World War I (1914-17).

After the outbreak of the World War he was on the first list of officers chosen for promotion to higher temporary rank, and was commissioned Colonel Field Artillery, National Army, August 5, 1917. Following this promotion he was assigned to the duty of organizing and training new Field Artillery regiments for service overseas at Camp Gordon, Georgia and Camp Meade, Maryland, (1917-18). On July 7, 1918, he was reassigned to the Coast Artillery Corps, with

commission Colonel (temporary) made retroactive until August 5, 1917, to preserve his seniority, and was placed in command of the Coast Defenses of Eastern New York (headquarters Fort Totten). Later important seacoast defenses under his command were: Sandy Hook, Fort Hancock; Pensacola, Fort Barrancas; and a return tour at Fort Hancock (1918-23) after which he was detailed as head of the military department (Professor of Military Science and Tactics), University of Washington, Seattle (1923-27). His last active duty was as Coast Defense Commander, Narragansett Bay, Fort Adams, Rhode Island, which he took preparatory to retirement.

Retired from active duty, March 9, 1928, on his own request after thirty years service.

Medals issued him for war service are as follows: Spanish Campaign; Puerto Rican Occupation; Cuban Occupation; World War.

Immediately following his retirement, Brady with his wife settled in Washington, D. C., where he bought a house, but within two or three years, not liking the climate, he sold this property and removed to Berkeley, California. Here they and the writer's family renewed the intimacy they had known in former years while in active service, and saw much of each other in extended auto trips and social functions at home—our tastes being similar. His immediate family at that time (about 1933) consisted of himself and wife by second marriage, née Martha Cameron, of Los Angeles, whom he wedded in Los Angeles, September 8, 1908, three years after the death of his first wife, Mabel Horner, of Washington, D. C., who was mother of his only child, Brookner West Brady, who had graduated at West Point in 1926 and was now in the Army.

In character he was very domestic—loved his home, joined no societies, cared little for club life, but was very congenial and entertaining among his large circle of friends.

His chief attributes were rectitude of character, including a staunch, but not intolerant, adherence to the ritual of his church, sincerity, generosity, purity of speech and of habits, loyalty to friends and to country, and sympathy with those in trouble.

He was a skilled mechanic, maintaining an immaculate home-shop and as a hobby did fine cabinet and metal work. In his early days he was also proficient with the violin and guitar.

He was very proud of his only son Brookner, and grandson, Brookner, Jr.—of his son, whom he saw at Los Angeles, in 1932, as a member of the U.S. Olympic team, compete for his country in the modern Pentathlon Event, and whose combat service in World War II and subsequent service as Military Attaché in the Near East brought distinction to his family. And of his grandson, Brookner, Jr., who was awarded the Carnegie Medal for Courage, in swimming to the aid of a school friend while the latter was being attacked by a shark. This occurred off Pacific Grove, Monterey Bay, California, December 7th, 1952.

Colonel Brady suffered a great bereavement in the untimely death of his wife Martha in Berkeley January 22, 1944. Following this blow his health steadily declined and he suffered many severe and almost fatal heart attacks. Preferring a milder climate, in the last ten years of his life he alternated in travel to visit his son (if at a favorable station), to his old home in Canandaigua and other favorite resorts

James Francis Brady

NO. 3789 CLASS OF 1897

DIED DECEMBER 10, 1954, AT ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, AGED 80 YEARS.

PERHAPS the greatest of the sorrows mentioned by the psalmist as due to befall one who attains to or exceeds the biblical four score and ten years, is the sense of loneliness caused when dearly loved life-long friends pass away and are seen no more in our living world. To the writer such a friend is the subject of this sketch, Colonel James Francis Brady, Class of 1897, U.S.M.A. As the name might indicate, he was of Irish lineage. He was born in Victor, Ontario County, New York, July 13, 1874, the son of Andrew E. and Ellen Farrell Brady. Soon after his birth the family removed to Canandaigua, the county seat, on the beautiful lake by that name. Here Francis grew up with his three brothers, attended the local schools—Primary, Catholic Parochial and High, and in 1893 he received an appointment to West Point from his local congressman, who was a warm friend of the Brady family.

During this formative period of his life—including the four years spent at West Point—no word has reached the writer that young Brady was other than a clean-minded, wide-awake American of exemplary habits, courte-

in New York State for the summer, and (stopping enroute at Southern Pines, North Carolina), to the Hotel Applegate, St. Petersburg, Florida, for the six months of Winter, beginning November first. He died suddenly in Doctors Hospital, St. Petersburg, December 10th, 1954. Interment, after requiem Mass, was in the Presidio National Cemetery, beside his wife Martha.

In addition to his son and grandson, he is survived by two brothers, Andrew and Walter, in the home city of Canandaigua and by another brother, Dr. William Brady, noted newspaper columnist, of Beverly Hills, California.

"Green grow the grass above you,
Friend of my early days!
None knew you but to love you,
Nor named you but to praise."

—William Church Davis.

Augustine McIntyre

NO. 3991 CLASS OF 1900

DIED SEPTEMBER 6, 1954, AT BROOKE ARMY HOSPITAL, FORT SAM HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. AGED 78 YEARS.

AUGUSTINE MCINTYRE, known affectionately in his class and by his contemporaries throughout the Army at large as the "Villain", was born the son of Second Lieutenant Augustine McIntyre, 2nd Infantry and Katherine Donohue McIntyre, his wife, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 19, 1876. He attended the grade and high schools of Chattanooga, and was appointed to West Point in time to enter the Academy as a member of the Class of 1900, in June 1896. It was but less than a year after the "Villain's" birth that his father, while serving on military duty protecting civil officers, was murdered by moonshiners in northern Georgia on February 14, 1877.

As a cadet the "Villain" was popular in his class from the very first, and not alone because of his roguish appearance and manner was he so nicknamed by classmates, but more exactly because as one of them among others in a group he participated in certain extra-curricular activities, definitely not "authorized by regulations", which were designed to plague and harry the constituted academy authorities, more particularly the "Com" and the "Supe".

But not all of his activities were villainous. He had parts in the Color Line and Hundredth Night entertainments of 1897, in athletics played on the Army baseball team making a reputation for base running especially, and winning his baseball "A" in the battalion, then constituting the entire Corps of Cadets, he was a corporal during his yearling year. He was definitely no "spoonoid" in his cadet days. In fact he was rather hard-bitten in matters pertaining to the "ladies who come up in June". But a time came when things changed and he became an all out benedict; he and Jane Clemens Swigert were married at San Francisco, California on May 10, 1906. Jane, like the "Villain", also with an "Old Army" background, was the daughter of Colonel Samuel Miller Swigert, a graduate of West Point in the Class of 1868, who as a cavalry officer saw service in the Sioux uprisings near the turn of the century and of his wife, the former Miss Mary Clemens. Jane's and the "Villain's" friends throughout the service were legion and their long and devoted married

life was a happy one. As charming and gracious hosts, their warm hospitality contributed much to the social life of their associates wherever they were stationed.

Following graduation with his class on June 13, 1900, Second Lieutenant McIntyre was assigned to the cavalry but almost immediately transferred to the artillery. He sailed in November 1900 from New York for the Philippines, and arriving at Manila, reported for duty December 30th with the 6th Artillery then serving as infantry in Manila and in the field in northern Luzon. Remaining on duty with his regiment until October 1, 1901, he left the islands to return to the United States. Meanwhile he was promoted First Lieutenant July 1, 1901.

Upon his arrival at San Francisco October 28, 1901, he was for a time on duty at Alcatraz Island and later at the Presidio of San Francisco serving first with coast artillery units and subsequently with a light battery. Nearly four years were spent on



these assignments and on October 1, 1905, he was transferred to Fort Flagler, Washington, one of the newly established posts in the fortifications defending the entrance to Puget Sound. Except for a period of detached service in San Francisco, California, during the days following the earthquake and fire there, he remained at Fort Flagler until the summer of 1906, when he was ordered to take the course as a student officer at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, which he completed with a rating of "Distinguished Graduate" in July 1907. Meanwhile he had been promoted to the grade of Captain in January of 1907 and was permanently assigned to the Field Artillery in May of that year.

Joining the 3rd Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, during the summer of 1907, he took command of "B" Battery, remaining on duty with his regiment at that station until September 1911. Ordered to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he pursued the course as a student officer at the School of Fire for Field Artillery there until December 1911, when he was relieved as a student to become Senior Instructor at the school. During this assignment he was sent in 1913 by the War Department on detached service to France to study French methods of field artillery fire.

Upon relief from duty at the Field Artillery School of Fire in June 1914, he was detailed as a member of the Machine Gun

Board, and spent the following summer on duties pertaining to it at Texas City and Leon Springs, Texas. In September he was again sent to Europe, this time as an observer with the Austro-Hungarian Army on the Eastern and Serbian fronts.

Returning to America in October 1915, he was assigned to the 4th Field Artillery at Fort Myer, Virginia, remaining on duty at that station until March 1916, when he was transferred to the 1st Field Artillery and proceeded to Schofield Barracks, T.H., to join that regiment, serving with it until August 1917. He was promoted to Major in the permanent establishment in May 1917 and to Colonel of Field Artillery in the National Army in August 1917. Returning from his service in Hawaii, he again served for a brief period in August and September 1917 as Senior Instructor at the Field Artillery School until ordered to join his new regiment, the 326th Field Artillery of the 84th Division, National Army, at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. Upon completion of the organization of his regiment and of its initial training until April 1918, he was promoted to Brigadier General in the National Army May 1, 1918, and was assigned to the command of the 63rd Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He accompanied the 38th Division to France in September and October 1918 and retained command of his brigade at Camp Meucun in France during its further training period until the cessation of hostilities in November 1918.

While in France, and later in Germany as part of the American Army of Occupation, General McIntyre commanded successively the 63rd, 154th, 4th and 1st Field Artillery Brigades. He returned to America in September 1919, with the 1st Division, commanding the 1st Field Artillery Brigade and participated in the great street parades held in New York and Washington to welcome the victorious return of the first American division to go overseas in 1917—as the vanguard of that great American Expeditionary Force which turned the tide of World War I from threatening defeat to victory for the Allied cause.

On September 30, 1919, General McIntyre was honorably discharged from his emergency commission, reverting to his permanent status as a Major of Field Artillery. He was ordered to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was detailed as a member of the Field Artillery Board and as Assistant Commandant and Director of Instruction of the Field Artillery School. He continued on these duties until August 1920, having been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in April. Detailed as a student officer at the Army War College, Washington Barracks, D. C. upon graduation therefrom in 1921, he went to duty in the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery for the next four years.

From April 1925 to September 1927, he commanded the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland. In December 1927, he joined the 11th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, T.H. and in the following March was detailed to General Staff duty at Headquarters Hawaiian Division. He was Acting Chief of Staff and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 until July 1929, when having been promoted to Colonel, April 4, 1929, he was assigned to the command of the 13th Field Artillery. He left Honolulu in July 1931 for station at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and duty as President of the Field Artillery Board. Relieved from this duty he returned again to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, this time as Commandant of the Field Artillery School, joining that station July 1936. Here, having attained the age of 64 years, he was

retired by Operation of Law July 31, 1940 with the rank of Brigadier General under the provisions of the Act of June 21, 1930. He was recalled to active duty the same year and served as the professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Missouri until 1944, when he returned to his permanent retired status which on January 3, 1945 was changed to Disability in Line of Duty, under Act of June 29, 1943.

While on his last assignment at Fort Sill, as Commandant of the Field Artillery School, General McIntyre was awarded the D.S.M. for outstanding service.

This recital of "Villain" McIntyre's service assignments shows clearly the official recognition of his outstanding professional competence and performance of duty in positions of responsibility, many times great, throughout his career as an officer. In official relationships with him he was sound in judgment, firm and persuasive in argument, loyally responsive to authority even when differing in view with it.

Personally he was a lovable character. Outwardly reserved but engaging in manner, he was filled with the joy of living and a keen sense of humor and drollery delightful to those who knew him well and admired him as "The Villain". It is certain the greatest blow to him throughout his life was Jane's death in San Antonio in 1952. For several years thereafter his brother and his sister made their home there with him, but surviving them he lived on alone at 506 Funston Place in San Antonio, devotedly looked after by Colonel Samuel White, Retired and Mrs. White, a niece of "Bull" Wesson, who were his near neighbors in the same apartment building. Shortly before his death he returned to Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston where he died September 6, 1954. No relatives are known to survive. He was buried with full military honors in a simple graveside Catholic service, for which he had expressed a desire, in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, September 8, 1954.

Among his personal friends and professional associates he will always be remembered fondly and admiringly as the "officer and gentleman" which he so outstandingly typified.

May his soul rest in peace.

—Upton Birnie, Jr.

Jesse Gaston

NO. 4212 CLASS OF 1903

DIED JUNE 26, 1954 AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AGED 76 YEARS.

JESSE GASTON, by his classmates called "Shorts", was born in Blacksburg, South Carolina, a real product of the old South. He came from a large family, having five brothers and two sisters. After attending Wake Forest College for a short time he entered West Point on June 10, 1899, graduating on June 11, 1903. After graduation he served with various Infantry regiments, and went with his regiment to the Philippine Islands on November 6, 1905. There he served conspicuously in the field and as a civil administrator in various capacities in Moroland, receiving several citations and commendations for his work. While in Mindanao he adopted a Moro boy and the following extract from a letter

from this boy, now a prosperous United States citizen, shows the kind of man Jesse was: "The very thought of Colonel Gaston is filled with memory and devotion beyond my expression. Surely, God alone had a hand in placing me, a Moro boy five years old, in his charge while he was stationed in the Philippine Islands. I am now a man, educated, of comfortable means, respected, and a Christian. Colonel Gaston made all this possible for me."

In the First World War "Shorts" rendered conspicuous service in combat, commanding first a front line battalion and later a regiment in several important campaigns and engagements. You never heard much of this from "Shorts" because he liked best to live in the present, but his achievements are attested by the fine commendations rendered by his superior officers. One such, picked at random, from the Regimental Commander of a regiment in combat, reads: "During the Second Battle of the Marne, Major Gaston was in command of the front line battalion 7th In-



fantry near Fossoy, France. On the morning of the 15th of July, 1918 it was found that the enemy had crossed the Marne River. Quickly reorganizing his command, this determined officer, during a period of great peril, exercised rare judgment and quick decision and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and defeated his attack" Other similar notices are sprinkled through his record.

Among other decorations he was awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Silver Star Citation. This latter is worded as follows: "Major Jesse Gaston 7th Infantry—For Distinguished and Exceptional Gallantry at Fossoy, France, on 15th July 1918 in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces. In testimony hereof, and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I award him this Citation. Awarded on 27 March 1919.

"(Sgd) John J. Pershing,
"Commander in Chief."

After the First World War Jesse served in various places in the United States, notably at civilian institutions and colleges. He was twice Commandant of Cadets at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina.

After his retirement for physical disability in 1922 he was almost invariably present at class reunions at West Point, and he will be sorely missed by his classmates. At the 50th Reunion of the class

he was his old self and no one dreamed that he was so soon to leave us. He died rather suddenly, leaving a devoted wife, who is associated with The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and a son, Major Charles Crain Gaston of the Air Force. He was buried at West Point, which he loved so well.

Jesse lived a full life and he enjoyed every minute of it. Whenever there was a gathering of his friends he would be the center of the group, and his happy face and easy laugh were outstanding.

The foregoing is a brief and inadequate account of the fine, loyal service which this stalwart son of West Point rendered to his country. Yes, "Shorts" was a big man, both in physique and in character.

"Aye, there are some good things in life,
That fall not away with the rest.
But of all the fine things upon earth, I
hold
That a faithful friend is the best."

—Dorsey R. Rodney.

Felix Waggoner Motlow

NO. 4436 CLASS OF 1905

DIED NOVEMBER 9, 1954 AT TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, AGED 73 YEARS.

THE son of a Confederate soldier, Felix W. Motlow, and Finette Josephine Daniel Motlow, my husband was born March 18, 1881, at Lynchburg, Moore County, Tennessee.

In this article, I shall show briefly the lineage of the Motley family, of Rappahannock Valley, Virginia, one of the predecessors of the Motlow family, of which my husband was so proud.

The progenitor of this family was John Motley, one of the early settlers of the United States, who came to this country from England in 1666. Of the John Motley family, only one survived an Indian massacre in South Carolina to carry on the family name.

That one survivor was John Motlow (1757-1812) a Revolutionary War soldier, who was the progenitor of all who spell their name Motlow, and a great-grandfather of my husband.

Felix was the family historian, and compiler of the Motley-Motlow records. He received his early education at Mulberry, Lincoln County, Tennessee; high school at Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee; and prior to entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, he attended Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

My husband was graduated from the Academy in 1905, and in the fall of that year went to the Philippines with several of his classmates to join their regiment, the 20th Infantry. In the spring of the following year, the regiment returned to the Presidio of Monterey, California.

He and some of his intimate classmate friends hunted together, and corresponded with each other throughout the years. He

cherished his classmates' friendships; and friends made during his tour at the Academy always referred to him as being generous as well as kind and gentle.

After his retirement on May 22, 1913 as a First Lieutenant, he operated for several years a livestock farm, stocked with Shorthorn cattle and Duroc hogs, at his birthplace in Moore County.

My husband, a life-long Democrat, took a keen interest in the political affairs of his country. He frequently contributed political news articles to the Nashville Banner and other area newspapers. He also wrote a book of 50,000 words, entitled "The Cause of the Ten Years' Depression, and Other Topics".

On the day he entered the hospital, immediately prior to his passing, I remember he having quoted from memory Edward Carmack's Pledge to the South:

"The South is a land that has known sorrows; it is a land that has broken the ashen crust, and moistened it with tears.

"A land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war, and billowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories.

"To that land, every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever.

"I was born of her womb, I was nurtured at her breast, and when my last hour shall come, I pray God, that I may be pillowed upon her bosom, and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms."

My husband had somewhat the same sentiment toward his native section that is expressed in Senator Edward Carmack's Pledge to the South.

He was never more inspired than he was after the reading of the *Assembly*. He had attended several of the reunions and was making plans to attend his class reunion in June, for he loved and cherished the name and grounds of West Point.

My sweetheart's unexpected passing came as a shock to both me and his many friends. He was only in the hospital four days after an attack of bronchitis followed by a stroke, which called him to rest. It was a bright November day, when the ground was covered with golden and red leaves, that he loved so much, that he passed on.

He was a member of First Methodist Church, Tullahoma, where he and I had resided at our home at 309 North Atlantic Avenue.

Felix had always enjoyed life, and had a fine sense of humor along with it. He appreciated the fine arts and was interested especially in music and art. He often remarked how glad he was to have married one with a musical and artistic background.

One of his classmates, I believe it was Colonel Clifford C. Early, taught him to play the mandolin while in the army, and he played it until the day he became ill. He cherished the West Point tunes, and many of his favorite selections were those of Irving Berlin and Victor Herbert. Another hobby of his was a good game of bridge. He and I won a silver trophy in a recent tournament.

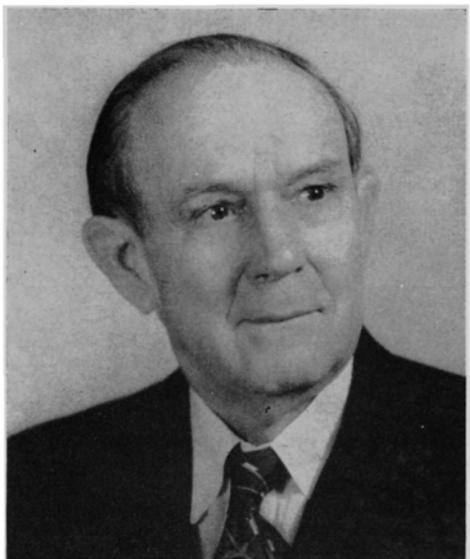
He enjoyed the spring time and his beautiful garden, where he specialized in

raising tulips and twenty-four varieties of beautiful iris. He often wondered why more people could not enjoy more beautiful things in God's own universe.

My husband also is survived by two brothers, Jesse B. Motlow, who operates a farm, and Thomas G. Motlow, president of the Farmers Bank, both of Lynchburg; and a sister, Mrs. Mamie Thomas, of Galatin.

During the funeral services, two of my husband's favorite hymns, "Lead Kindly Light," and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," were presented by a very able soloist.

Felix' life is summed up by the Rev. Marquis J. Triplett, former pastor of Tullahoma First Methodist Church, and now pastor of First Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, who conducted funeral services in conjunction with the Rev. Farris F. Moore, present pastor of Tullahoma First Methodist Church. The Rev. Triplett's remarks follow:



"Standing here just now in this lovely church that Felix Motlow loved, and served so faithfully, I am reminded of an Easter service that we shared in the darkest days of World War II. It was Easter morning, and a young enlisted man stood before the altar and sang:

"For all the saints who from their labors rest
 rest
 "Who Thee by faith before the world
 confessed,
 "Thy name, O Jesus be forever blessed.
 "Alleluia!

"Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and
 their Might;
 "Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-
 fought Fight;
 "Thou, in the darkness drear, the one
 true Light.
 "Alleluia!

"O May Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and
 bold,
 "Fight as the saints who nobly fought
 of old,
 "And win, with them, the victor's crown
 of gold.
 "Alleluia!

"And when the strife is fierce, the war-
 fare long,
 "Steals on the ear the distant triumph-
 song,

"And hearts are brave again, and arms
 are strong.
 "Alleluia!

"The golden evening brightens in the
 west;
 "Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh
 rest;
 "Sweet is the repose of Paradise the blest.
 "Alleluia!

"But lo! there breaks a yet more glor-
 ious day;
 "The saints triumphant rise in bright
 array,
 "The King of Glory passes on His way.
 "Alleluia!

"Neither of us ever forgot that moment
 of assurance that came in the time of dark-
 ness and fear. Thank God! There is a
 conquering spirit that God gives to his
 faithful soldiers.

"Felix Motlow loved his country. He was
 faithful to his pledge to defend her and her
 ideal with his very life. His love went be-
 yond the patriotism that most know in
 time of war,—with deep insight and wis-
 dom he loved and served her in times of
 peace and political and economic upheaval.
 He was a good citizen who made his com-
 munity better for his residence here.

"Felix Motlow loved everything beautiful.
 His and Mrs. Motlow's art collection was a
 constant joy, which he loved to share with
 his friends. Music always brought him deep
 spiritual satisfaction, and in the beauty of
 his lovely home, with the wife he loved so
 devotedly, he found a rest and calm from
 the battles of life.

"His flower garden was a source of joy
 to Felix, and to all who visited him there.
 He remarked many times of the Divine
 Providence that cared for the brown, ap-
 parently lifeless, bulbs that after burial in
 the brown earth; after the chill snows of
 winter; lost their identity in a new life of
 bloom and beauty. He humbly and thank-
 fully knew that the God who cared for the
 flowers, cared for him, that;

"Nothing lovely ever dies
 "But passes into other loveliness.

"In a time when a dreadful desire for
 'sameness' has filled our culture, Felix Mot-
 low dared to be himself. He was an in-
 dividualist who was always himself. He
 had deep convictions, and he lived by his
 convictions, in his love for his family, and
 through his faith in God."

—Mrs. Alma Kirk Motlow.

Leonard H. Drennan

NO. 4734 CLASS OF 1908

DIED SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AT WASHINGTON,
 D. C., AGED 67 YEARS.

LEONARD H. DRENNAN was born at Taylor-
 ville, Illinois, January 4, 1887, the son of
 John G. and Margaret Slater Drennan.

When he was six years old his family
 moved to Springfield, Illinois, and in 1896
 to Chicago, Illinois, where he lived and
 went to school until he entered the Military
 Academy on June 16th, 1904.

He attended the Kenwood Grade School,
 Chicago, Manual Training, and University

High School where he played football until a knee injury forced him to stop.

His father, who was an attorney for the Illinois Central Railroad and an ardent sportsman, often took him hunting and he became an excellent field shot. As a boy he



was quite a boxer and as a result had many a fight.

It was his father's ambition to have this son go to West Point and at the proper time an appointment was obtained from Uncle Joe Cannon, the then Speaker of the House. Leonard reported at West Point June 16, 1904.

As a cadet he was noted as a fine rifle shot and for his interest in polo, and in academics for his outstanding ability in drawing which gave him his nickname "Haggie" and brought many topographic details later on.

Upon graduation on February 14, 1908, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 4th Infantry. He joined his regiment at Camp Jossman, Guimaras, P.I., in July 1908. While in the Philippines he was assigned for duty on the Progressive Military Map, Philippine Islands, and spent much of his time in the field. Upon relief from this duty late in 1909, he returned to Camp Jossman and from there to Iloilo, Panay, until his regiment returned to the States in May 1910. Obtaining a three months leave, he returned to the U.S. via Italy and France and rejoined his regiment at Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas, in September 1910.

His next few years of duty were many and varied; topographical work in Texas, Mississippi Flood duty and as instructor in the Department of Drawing at the Military Academy where the Manchu Law caught up with him late in 1912.

He had returned to his regiment when the 1914 Mexican Border trouble arose, and with the 4th Infantry saw service at Galveston, Texas, and Vera Cruz, Mexico. Promoted to First Lieutenant in August 1915, he returned to the U.S. in 1915, and served with the 4th Infantry at Brownsville, San Benito and Mercedes, Texas, until March 1916 when he transferred to the 10th Infantry with station at Camp E. S. Otis, Canal Zone.

Promoted to Captain, 10th Infantry, on May 10, 1917, he returned to the U.S. with

his regiment for station at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, late in 1917.

War with Germany having been declared on April 6, 1917, the fledgling Aviation Branch, then a part of the Signal Corps, found a compelling need for officers of experience to fill the vacancies of the greatly expanded aviation effort.

Among those chosen was Leonard Drennan and he saw service as a Major, temporary, in the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, from September 1917 to May 1918 at Kelly Field, Texas, and Rockwell Field, San Diego, California, where he learned to fly and qualified as a Junior Military Aviator.

In August 1914 he married Mary Fletcher of Little Rock, Arkansas. In August 1920 he transferred to the Air Service. The war years brought added responsibilities and duties, taking him to Tangmere, Sussex, England, for a short period, and at Washington, D. C., as Assistant Executive in the Office of Director of Military Aeronautics. Following this assignment, he was ordered to Headquarters Central Department, Chicago, Illinois, and later to the Northeastern Department at Boston, as Department Air Service Officer.

On completion of the course at the Army School of the Line and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in June 1922, he was assigned to duty in the Office of Chief of the Air Service and in 1925 assigned as Air Officer to the 6th Corps Area, Chicago, Illinois, where he remained until May 5, 1926, when he resigned his commission from the Air Service.

Shortly after his resignation, he and his wife bought a large farm near Monkton, Maryland. A dairy herd was maintained, but Leonard's principal interest was in breeding, racing and hunting thoroughbred horses. Two of his best known were Eric the Red, a flat racer and steeplechaser, and Curtain Call, whose most thrilling steeplechase win was on Preakness Day 1937. He owned several good fox hunters, including the famous or notorious Pete, a brown half-breed. Acquiring the stallion Woodstone, a son of the great English horse Rocksand, he started a blood line which to this day is well represented throughout Maryland.

As one of the founders of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and as a member of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt, he led an energetic and full outdoor life.

In 1938 he and his wife were separated, bringing to an end his horse and farming activities.

On leaving the farm he lived for several years in Baltimore. In January of 1941, he was on active duty at Borinquen Field, Puerto Rican Department and was retired for physical disability on December 26, 1941.

Moving to New York in 1942, he remained there until 1946 when he returned to Baltimore to be with his son Leonard, Jr., who had been critically burned in a gasoline accident while serving as a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in India.

In 1950 he moved to Washington. A voracious reader, he spent much of his time in reading the great works of literature, preferably the philosophical ones which had stood the test of centuries of critical reading. In addition to his interest in good literature, he was very successful with his speculations in the stock market in which he was considered quite an expert. For a while also he got much pleasure from

painting, a natural outlet to his artistic ability.

To those of us who knew the real Leonard Drennan, he was a wit, a scholar and a philosopher. Intellectually honest, he was outspoken and completely candid in his opinion. An outstanding quality was his sympathetic attitude and help to all underdogs, a characteristic carefully concealed by him and known only to a few friends.

Then came his final sickness and on the 4th of October 1954, surrounded by his family, his many friends and his Washington classmates, he was laid to rest with full military honors in the Arlington National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, his son, Leonard H., Jr., of Monkton, Maryland, his daughter, Mrs. Michael Yatsevitch of Windsor, Vermont, a sister Helen, wife of Brigadier General W. R. Gruber, U.S. Army, retired, of Carmel, California, and a brother, Walter R. Drennan, of Chicago, Illinois.

—By a Classmate.

Thomas Jefferson Smith, Jr.

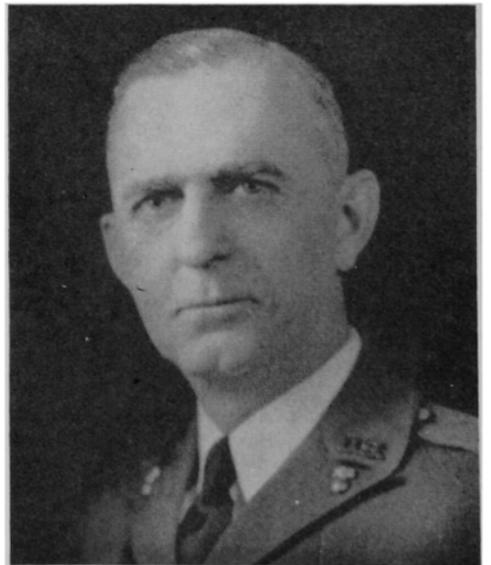
NO. 4655 CLASS OF 1908

DIED MAY 13, 1954, AT BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY, AGED 68 YEARS.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SMITH was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, August 18th, 1885—the son of Ella B. and Thomas J. Smith. As a student at the United States Military Academy he was always well up at the head of his class, graduating number fourteen in the class of 1908.

Upon graduation he chose the Field Artillery in which branch he was commissioned, but soon deserted it for a detail in the Ordnance Department, in which department he remained until retirement.

"TJ", as he was known to his classmates, was an individual of considerable attainments. He had a keen mind, a ready wit



and an appreciation of the dramatic and the ludicrous. He was quite bow-legged and early in his academic career came to the attention of one of the Tactical Officers who was also famed for the curvature of his legs. This Tactical Officer was also famous as a person of rare attainments. He called "TJ" to his office one day and gave him a lengthy dissertation on how to improve his

stance by "constant and persistent efforts to get your knees together" The officer in question stating that such "constant and persistent efforts" had made great improvements in his own condition. It was a rare treat to hear "TJ" give his version of the interview, complete with an imitation of the lisp which the unfortunate officer possessed. Until his retirement in 1938, "TJ" held many responsible assignments in the Ordnance Department, being stationed several times in the Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.

Upon his retirement he made Washington, D. C. his headquarters, spending part of each winter in Lake Worth, Florida, and occasionally traveling north when the Washington summers proved too disagreeable.

This was "TJ's" retired life until 1944. He played a little golf, followed or avoided the sun, as circumstances required, and displayed another of his attainments—how to loaf gracefully, undisturbed by any urge for power and position.

In 1944 "TJ" had a rather severe heart attack and returned to the scenes of his boyhood—Bowling Green, Kentucky, to live with one of his three married sisters, near the old family homestead. Being now somewhat more handicapped physically (he was not allowed to drive a car) he had to trim his sails accordingly and readjust his life. He turned to the simple hobbies and activities of those who know how to overcome life's handicaps—talking parakeets, tropical fish and other pets—keeping a record of rainfall and temperature—supervising the building of a guest house, into which he later moved when his fourth sister joined the family group. His principal interest was a regal rose garden outside his bedroom window, which he supervised with loving care and which was in full bloom the week he died. Leaving all the above interests, his still keen mind made him an avid reader. He always kept well versed on current events, and could discuss ably the affairs of our present complex world.

"TJ" never lost that delicious sense of humor and interest in the ludicrous. In the old days in Washington, he might leave his apartment to buy a package of cigarettes at the corner drugstore. The chances are that upon his return he would regale any audience available with a highly amusing account of something he had seen or heard. We used to suspect that some of his tales were a bit embellished, but why not? A little sauce improves the meat.

During the last years of reduced physical activity "TJ" developed a great interest in helping boys go to college. These boys used to help him in various ways, such as working in his rose garden, driving his car, etc. They were extremely fond of him and a group of them acted as pallbearers at his funeral. Which reminds us—"No man ever stands so straight as when he stoops to help a boy" "TJ" was an interesting and amusing companion and a loyal friend.

"TJ" passed away rather suddenly on May 13, 1954. Friends who had visited him a few days prior to his death thought he was cheerful and looked unusually well and had no premonition that the hand of the Grim Reaper was hovering near.

Thomas Jefferson Smith—a real Kentucky Gentleman, a worthy name, and a worthy addition to the "Long Gray Line"

—L. W. McI.

Raymond Frederick Topper

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1908
DIED DECEMBER 14, 1954, AT WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 69 YEARS.

RAYMOND F. TOPPER was born on March 6, 1885, in North Clarendon, Warren County, Pennsylvania, one of three sons of Joseph M. and Susan Porter Topper. The family moved to Gettysburg in his early youth and upon graduation from the local high school, valedictorian of the Class of 1903, he shortly received appointment as a Cadet at West Point from the York-Adams Congressional District of Pennsylvania, entering in June 1904.

Those sharing the old and only 8th Division of that year's Beast Barracks recall vividly a rollicking, rosy cheeked, black eyed, jovial, kindly, generous youngster, who later proved husky enough to make the football squad, but unfortunate enough



to come out second best in jousts with the Professors. He was one of the Academic casualties those who knew him best felt most keenly.

Returning home early in 1905, he entered Gettysburg College, graduating in 1908 with degree of B.S., playing both varsity football and baseball. Entering the law office of the late W. C. Sheely, he applied himself to the study of his new profession and was admitted to the Adams County bar in 1913. He ran twice for District Attorney and was elected to fill the two terms from 1915 to 1923. He attained noted skill as a prosecuting attorney, the record of some of his trials were widely published, and during the days of Camp Colt, once commanded by then Major Dwight D. Eisenhower, he worked closely with the military authorities towards suppression of vice and other criminal conditions arising in the camp vicinity. When he retired as District Attorney, he confined his efforts strictly to private office practice and was entirely on his own, until the name "Wolf" was added to his when it became necessary to have a younger lawyer take over after he became ill. In late 1950, a progressive illness impairing his speech obliged him to discontinue active practice, and he died in West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1954 at the age of 69 years.

He was a Mason, a member of the Episcopal Church, and is survived by his wife,

the former Frances McClean of Gettysburg, to whom he was married in 1928.

Love of his Army associations remained ever present. For some years prior to World War I, it was annual routine for the Cadet First Class to visit Gettysburg for a three day study of the battlefield. Several who were on instructor detail at that time, and who were cadets with him, recall Topper's friendly kindness on these occasions. He would always seek us out at the old Eagle Hotel, spending the evenings with us and taking us for jaunts around the lovely countryside. He was a member of the Association of Graduates, attended our five year class reunions whenever he could get away from work, and often was present at the annual class dinner held in Washington. He maintained lively interest in the military careers of contemporaries he had known best while a cadet. With intense regard, he cherished the ideals inculcated at West Point, and our motto, "Duty-Honor-Country" was ever his guide.

He was the senior member of the Adams County Bar Association, which wrote a cogent tribute at his death, saying in part:

"Mr. Topper's personal and professional character were unimpeachable and he served the Court and clients with the utmost integrity. An able lawyer, he was respected by his fellow practitioners, his clientele, and the community. His dignified bearing and sincere courtesy were ever apparent."

An so taps has sounded. We recall him as a sunny companion of plebdom. We were privileged to keep in contact with him over the years. We honor him for that rare quality, a versatility to suffer early disappointment in a career of first choice, and then to rebound so high in an alternate as to become a leader in the community he served so long, so faithfully, and so well.

—Classmate.

Frederick Gibson Kimball

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1911
DIED JULY 20, 1952, AT TOGUS, MAINE, AGED 63 YEARS.

FREDERICK GIBSON KIMBALL, a former cadet of the Classes of 1911 and 1912, U.S.M.A., was born in Alfred, Maine, on July 17, 1889, the son of the late Lieutenant Frederick C. Kimball, Infantry, Class of 1886, and Bertha Goding Kimball.

Following his graduation from Bridgeton Academy, Maine, in 1906, he entered the Military Academy on June 15, 1907, with the Class of 1911, having been appointed from the First Maine Congressional District. Due to illness contracted while a "plebe" he was granted a sick leave of absence from December 31, 1907, to May 2, 1908, but returned in time to join the Class of 1912 which entered the Military Academy as the "Class of New Cadets" on March 2, 1908. Due to differences of opinion with the Department of Mathematics, the old bugbear which confronted so many of the "goats", Kim was discharged on July 9, 1908, and re-entered civil life.

Desiring to follow in his Father's footsteps and take up the profession of arms, Kim enlisted in the 14th U.S. Infantry in 1910, and was given a medical discharge in December of 1914 as the result of having contracted typhoid fever.

At Lewiston, Maine, in 1929, Kim was united in marriage to Miss Esther E. Tvedt. Kim left two sons, Frederick G. Kimball, Jr., of Los Angeles, California, and Lieuten-

ant John C. Kimball, U.S.N., now stationed at Djakarta, Java, Indonesia, at the American Embassy.

During his later years Kim's health began to fail and in addition to that he was afflicted with cataracts in both eyes. Just the day prior to an operation scheduled for



the removal of these cataracts he succumbed from coronary thrombosis at the Veterans Hospital in Togus, Maine, and was buried in Hallowell, Maine, where for many years he was President of the Winhall Products Company.

His widow sums up Kim in the following words: "Kim was a wonderful man with many friends. He was kind—he was tolerant. Of his earlier hopes and frustrated ambitions, when he felt he had not made the score in the world that was his due, the great brain he had been given overcame these obstacles and he came to know and believe that material things did not make much difference—that the things that would count in the end were spiritual. He lived his life day by day, doing the utmost to bring happiness into the lives of others, and from this brought serenity, peace and joy into his own. When he left us he took with him the prayers and blessings and love of those he had touched."

—R. T. S., '12.

Frank Lawrence Hoskins

NO. 5233 CLASS OF 1914

DIED JUNE 4, 1953, at RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, AGED 61 YEARS.

CLASSMATES and friends of Frank L. Hoskins were grieved to learn of his passing at McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, on 4 June 1953, after a long, lingering illness which left him wholly incapacitated, and the last five years of which were spent in the hospital where he died.

"Si", as he was affectionately known to his classmates, was born in Lyon Falls, New York, 9 April 1892, and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy No. 28 in the Class of 1914. As a cadet, aside from maintaining a high academic standing, "Si" found time for his many other interests and gave warm support to any worth-while outside activity.

After graduation, "Si" was assigned to his pet love, the Coast Artillery Corps, with first station as an "Inc" at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where his romance budded to

reach culmination in his marriage to Margaret Jamison at Birmingham, Alabama, on 15 December 1915.

Thereafter, his successive stations with Coast Artillery troops were: Fort Barrancas, Florida, two years on the Mexican Border with the 5th Provisional C.A. Regiment, Adjutant of the South Atlantic C.A. District at Charleston, South Carolina, and Fort Amador, Canal Zone. From 1921 to 1925 he served at the USMA as instructor and later as Assistant Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. After two years of duty with the 52nd C.A. (Ry) at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he entered the Advanced Class, Coast Artillery School, from which he graduated in 1928 and was next assigned as a student, 2-year course, at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, (1928-30). In 1930-32 followed duty in Hawaii, where he served at Forts DeRussy and Ruger. Returning to the "States" in the summer of 1932, he was assigned as an instructor in Coast Artillery Tactics at the C&GSS, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, until the summer of 1936.

It was while on the latter assignment that Frank was first taken ill with his fatal malady, but its seriousness was not fully realized at the time. However, a warm climate was recommended by the doctors, so he was next assigned as an instructor with the Florida National Guard in Jacksonville, from 1936 to 1940. By this time Frank's malady had progressed to the stage where diagnosis was complete, and after treatment at Walter Reed General Hospital, he was retired for physical disability on 30 June 1940, in the grade he held at that time—Lieutenant Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps.

For a place to live after retirement Frank sought a small quiet town with culture. Chapel Hill, North Carolina, met these specifications, so there he bought a big house and settled his family where they could take advantage of the University and he could indulge his love for birds by watching them from his wheel chair at his feeding stations.



In 1948 Frank became bed-ridden and had to be taken to McGuire General Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, where he spent the last five years—the remainder of his life. During this ordeal his wife wrote that, in spite of his great affliction, "Si" was always patient and thoughtful of others.

Frank had a keen, inquisitive mind and a passion for collateral information, which made him a good conversationalist who relished an argument, be it pro or con, but

always in good spirit. His high sense of duty and meticulous attention to detail characterized his whole Army career and won him much merited praise.

Aside from a host of friends, Frank leaves to mourn him his wife, Margaret Jamison Hoskins; one daughter, Margie, wife of Commander Elliott Bloxom, USN, San Diego, California; and two sons, both veterans of World War II, Frank, Jr., Professor of English at the University of Arizona, and Gayle, who resides in Raleigh, North Carolina—to all of whom Frank's classmates and friends extend deepest sympathy.

—A. E. P.

Charles Robert Finley

NO. 5445 CLASS OF 1915

DIED MARCH 19, 1954, AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, AGED 60 YEARS.

THE sudden death of Charles Robert (Buck) Finley on March 19th, 1954, was a shock to his classmates. To me it was a personal loss of a close friend. In addition to being fraternity brothers at high school in Philadelphia, we entered the Academy together and were roommates during plebe year. Betty and I attended the wedding of Helen and Buck two weeks after graduation, and we were stationed at the same post when their daughter, Helen Roberta, was born in 1916. Contact has been maintained through the years by correspondence, class reunions, and other isolated occasions. A final memorable culmination was the visit we made to Helen and Buck in 1952, at their beautiful home, "Tattoo", in Santa Barbara, California, where they had been luxuriating since his retirement in 1946. Always distinguished and soldierly, I was impressed on this occasion not only with these factors, but how generous the years had been in addition. Still the cavalier in manner and appearance.

No one was more devoted to the principles and traditions of West Point than Charles. He decided early and reaffirmed it often that the greatest privilege accorded him in life was that of being a graduate of the Military Academy. It has characterized his service and his life as well as the performance of his duties.

Identified largely throughout his service with anti-aircraft development and units, his details were concrete evidence of the high regard held for his abilities. During the First World War, starting early his association with the anti-aircraft service, he organized and commanded for six months in France, the 5th Battalion (AA) (AEF). Following the war, among other important duties, he served for three years as the anti-aircraft member of the Coast Artillery Board. After graduating from the two year course of the Command and General Staff School in 1931 and followed by a tour as G-2, Panama Canal Department, he returned to Fort Leavenworth and served for four years as instructor at the school. In 1939-40, because of his attainments in anti-aircraft, he was chosen as Chief of Staff of the Panama Anti-Aircraft Command. From 1941-1943, he was G-2, Headquarters Eastern Defense Command and First Army at Governors Island. In 1943 he was detailed overseas as one of the pioneer members of the First Army Staff in Europe, where he served as the anti-aircraft officer of the First Army. Three months later, he was selected to command the 47th AA Brigade. He took the brigade, then in England, across the channel in June 1944, immediately after the landing in Normandy. His unit played

a major role in the anti-aircraft defense of Cherbourg later moving to the defenses of Paris. He continued in command of the Brigade until the end of the war, leading it with courage, ability, sound judgment and devotion to duty.

The loss of his son, killed in action August 8, 1944, was a tremendous blow which he met with unflinching courage.

Upon retirement at his own request in 1946, Charles joined Helen in Santa Barbara. The construction of their lovely home was under way and needed his attention. He was happy in being able to supervise the completion of this cherished project, where they were to spend eight fruitful and happy years, not too far removed from their daughter, who with the grandchildren, lived nearby in Los Angeles.

Buck's loyalty to the class was unsurpassed. He missed only those reunions that were impossible for him to attend. Being on the scene as it were, he was one of the limited number to enjoy the glamorous Thirtieth Reunion at Cannes, France. He was present also at West Point for the



Thirty-fifth Reunion. At this time he had been retired for four years. He was full of the wonders of "his home in the west" His enthusiasm for Southern California, and the beautiful home that Helen and he had built, knew no bounds. His wonders were not only accurately recounted by Buck, but colored pictures were available to fully illustrate it. He was enthusiastic about cultivating all that could be grown in that country. His accuracy and success were amply verified on the visit in 1952. Surely he will be missed on the occasion of the Fortieth next June.

He had never taken a hand at politics. However when his illustrious classmate was campaigning for the highest office in the land, the fever hit him. He had always had the highest regard and personal esteem for Ike. Consequently, he wrote an unusually fervent letter that later found its way into many newspapers on the west coast. Admirers of the President-to-be, reprinted and distributed some 100,000 copies of the letter.

At sixty, while apparently still in robust health, he was stricken with a suspicious colitis which necessitated immediate surgery. After a seemingly successful start toward recovery, he suddenly died on March 19th.

As far back as cadet days, this dedicated West Pointer had decided that he was to be buried at West Point. On a bright sunny day in early April, he found a soldier's

resting place next to that of his gallant son, "Happy" (1943), who ten years previously, as a lieutenant of the 9th Infantry, 2d Division, was among the first sons of 1915 to be killed in action.

Surviving are his wife, Helen K. Finley, now living at 207 Morada Lane in Santa Barbara; his daughter, Mrs. Walter Meigs of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mary Finley of Philadelphia and Ethel Finley of New York.

—W. W. H., Jr.

Edward Ward Smith

NO. 6163 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918
DIED MAY 19, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 58 YEARS.

EDWARD WARD SMITH, affectionately known as "Ed", died at Walter Reed Hospital on May 19, 1954.

Ed was retired for disability in line of duty on 31 October 1946, and, having been restored to the love and warmth of his devoted family, his health appeared to improve. Seeing him again in the later part of 1953 after a lapse of a number of years, I was impressed by his appearance of well-being,—time had been good to him. Subsequent contacts seemed to confirm this impression; and then the sudden ending and the passing on of a friend, cherished by us all, could not but leave one filled with consternation and remorse. Ed was a good man, in thought, word and deed—and one who will be missed by all who knew him.

Ed was born at Livingston, Alabama, the youngest child of Susan Tankersley and Walter Keirn Smith. After having attended the public schools in his native state, he enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, where he distinguished himself by advancing in the R.O.T.C. to the position of battalion commander with the rank of Major in the school unit. He had planned to become a chemical engineer but his love of the Service directed him to an Army career and he accordingly entered West Point on 10 June 1916.

Upon graduating he selected the Infantry as his favorite branch, later transferring to the Ordnance Department, in which he served continuously from January 1921 until his retirement. With the exception of brief interludes to attend Service schools, his entire time was devoted to duty with troops—duty which he desired more than anything else. How well he succeeded in his endeavor is attested to by his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General on the staff of his beloved Commander, General Alexander M. Patch, Commanding General, Seventh Army.

His military career is a matter of record but as one who had served with him in both the Infantry and the Ordnance Department I felt that from the very start he was destined for success. He was efficient, capable, conscientious and loyal, and the success he attained was, in every sense, fully deserved.

Ed was a loyal son of the South, which he dearly loved, and the possessor to a high degree of the charming attributes generally associated in our minds with the character of a true southern gentleman.

Ed was married to Margaret Bradshaw in Birmingham in September 1920, and from that marriage, two children were born: Caldwell, now the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Ryder, Jr., U.S.M.A. Class of 1942, presently serving in the Far East; and Susan, the wife of Dr. Oscar W. Portman, engaged in medical research at Harvard University, but formerly a Lieutenant of

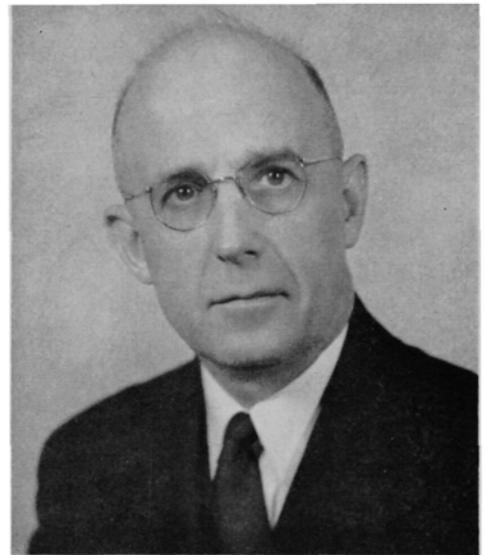
Engineers in the Korean Theater. The daughters presented their parents with three grandchildren: Caldwell's, Charles III and Edward Bradshaw; and Susan's, Margaret Susan.

This family of Ed's was responsible for the great happiness he derived from life, especially after retirement when he could devote so much of his time to being with them.

Ed was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on May 21, 1954. The following classmates were present: Badger, Barnes, Evans, Hastings, Hixon, Holbrook, Miller, Moss, O'Grady and Stokes.

In addition to his own immediate family, Ed is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. Buford Hobby, who resides in Union Springs, Alabama. Margaret intends to continue living in Washington, D. C., and is now residing at 2127 California Street, N.W.

In this brief article about Ed, I do not feel that I have presented a full and complete picture of this sterling officer and true friend. It could be that I am in-



fluenced by a feeling that he has not left us, but is merely on another assignment, and we will all be calling on him again in the not too distant future.

—John J. Breen.

Paul Earl Tombaugh

NO. 6787 CLASS OF 1920
DIED SEPTEMBER 29, 1954, AT WASHINGTON,
D. C., AGED 57 YEARS.

THAT I am privileged to write of Paul Tombaugh is an honor equaled only by the fact that I was his friend and loved him as such. Although we were classmates, I never got to really know Paul or to realize his worth until we were both assigned to the same Infantry Division in 1943. Our paths had seldom crossed up to this time, for he had resigned soon after graduation. As Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, he had been the first general officer of our class. At West Point, he, a six-footer, and I had been the "long and short of it". To cap it, he had been an artilleryman, and I an infantryman.

So it was with an open mind, slightly tintured with skepticism, that I assigned him to command an infantry regiment in the newly activated division. But, Paul quickly proved the truth of the saying that the only difference between outfits is the

commander. He was a natural leader, and what he lacked in the beginning in knowledge of the infantry he more than made up in the love and respect he engendered in the troops for himself. Furthermore, he did not spare the midnight oil in mastering infantry techniques, although he was already possessed in full degree of the most important art of all—Leadership.

In my memory's eye I can still see him at reveille, at Officer's calls, and in the field—he was everywhere—that tall military figure. Never raising his voice, but always commanding attention and respect, he was the central figure in an intensive effort which produced the outstanding regiment in the division.

Let me quote the "Combat Soldier's Pledge" authored by him, and enthusiastically signed by every member of his regiment: "I solemnly pledge that I will well and faithfully perform my duties as a soldier of the —th Infantry to the best of my ability. That upon receiving my combat weapon I will do my utmost to achieve pro-



iciency in its use, realizing that upon my skill depends my life, and the lives of my teammates. That I will always consider the care of my weapon as my primary duty. That I will always fulfill my responsibility to the members of my combat team, disregarding any hardship or sacrifice involved. That I will carry out willingly all orders given me regardless of danger even unto death. That I will not tarnish the uniform that I wear, nor dishonor my regiment by unsoldierly conduct at any time. That I will prepare myself by rigid self-discipline, rigorous mental and physical training to endure the hardships of combat, in order that I and my teammates may achieve success on the field of battle.

Signed _____.

Like a thunder clap, at the moment his regiment had reached its highest peak of efficiency and orders were momentarily expected sending the division overseas, he was ordered to another assignment. It was the division's loss, but the spirit of this outstanding leader went with the regiment he had trained, and hovered over it as it gathered to itself a fine record in World War II.

There are many who will miss him in the days to come: Vesta, his beloved wife, his comrades, his many friends and his large and proud family, of brothers and others. Our children remember him with deep affection and speak of "Uncle Bomtaugh", as they always called him.

—F. M. Harris.

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Thomas Fowler Taylor

NO. 8621 CLASS OF 1929

DIED SEPTEMBER 15, 1954, AT FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, AGED 50 YEARS.

It was a bright July day as he started up the hill from the station with the purpose of becoming a cadet at the United States Military Academy.

He was from Auburn, in up-state New York, where he had been born on the sixth of August 1904, and where he had graduated from high school in 1922. He was now taking the first steps in a career which would carry him to varied assignments over most of the world.

His name was Thomas Fowler Taylor. He had earlier decided to dedicate his life to service in the Army, and in furtherance of that decision had already accumulated a year's military experience in the New York National Guard.

Tom was assigned to First Company, and at the end of Beast Barracks to Company B, where he remained during his entire stay at the Academy.

From the start, Tom aimed at securing the cross sabres of the horseman; so he devoted enough time to his studies to insure being assigned to the cavalry arm on graduation. From those first days at West Point, however, regardless of how busy he might be, Tom always had time and to spare for his friends. This out-going unselfish friendliness remained one of Tom's outstanding characteristics.

Associated with his love of his friends was his fondness for song. No one who knew him intimately from cadet days can forget his booming bass, first in the Cadet Choir, and afterwards, lifting in many a quartet and many an informal gathering with his friends at the Cavalry School, various peacetime cavalry stations and later from the Rhine and Danube to the Han and Imjin.

His first permanent assignment after graduation was to the Eleventh Cavalry at the Presidio of Monterey. But he reported "with", having first married his lovely cadet OAO, Miss Thelma De Loach, of Statesboro, Georgia, on the 6th of September 1929. They have two charming daughters, Joan, born in 1936 and Sally, who arrived in 1941.

At Monterey, from his first assignment as a platoon leader, Tom began building that solid foundation of professional competence which was to prove of such value later in France, Germany, and Korea. The adjectives which stud his efficiency reports at the beginning of his career in the prewar, peacetime Army, are indicative of the spirit of service which fills this young Lieutenant, and forecast the substantial contribution he will make to the Army and his country in the days ahead: "loyal, conscientious, thorough, capable, efficient, hard working, likeable, intelligent, abounds in initiative—"

Tom continued to add to this solid foundation of reputation and achievement during ensuing assignments to the Cavalry School, the Fourth Cavalry, the Twenty-sixth Cavalry, and the Sixth Cavalry Regiments in both command and staff assignments. It was as CO of Troop F, a newly mechanized unit of the latter regiment, and in the maneuvers in the Sabine River Area in Louisiana, that he was transformed into an ardent believer in the capabilities and destiny of armor.

With his enthusiasm for Armor it was natural after graduation from the Naval War College in June 1942, that he be as-

signed to duty with that arm. Despite his desire for a command assignment, however, he was detailed for duty with the G-4 Section of the Armored Command at Fort Knox where, except for a brief tour as Observer in the European Theater, he served until the spring of 1944. From July until November of that year he served in the G-4 Section of Twelfth Army Group and thereafter until August 1945, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, V Corps. It was during this period that Tom, refused a Colonel's command of an armored unit, requested demotion to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel in order to secure command of an armored battalion. The decision was that he was too valuable to be released from his vital logistic duties.

His logistic contribution to the outstanding combat record compiled by the V Corps in Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia is only suggested by the citation for an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit awarded him which reads in part ". During a period of intensive preparations, organ-



ization, and execution of supply plans for the Ardennes Campaign, the breaking of the Roer River Line, the crossing of the Rhine, the forming of the Ruhr pocket, the pursuit of the enemy to link up with the Russian Forces, and the swing south into Czechoslovakia, Colonel Taylor personally directed and supervised the supply of the V Corps. He displayed the utmost initiative, energy, and skilled knowledge to overcome the many obstacles of supply presented to the Corps during its great drive. Under his supervision, provisional trucking companies were formed, a railroad was put into use, and every source of supply and transportation available were called upon in successfully providing the units of the V Corps with the essential items "

Following the war Tom graduated from the Industrial College and served on the faculty of the Armored School, and in various staff assignments in the Caribbean. But when a man with know-how and drive was sought, to ensure the logistic capability to support the breakthrough of I Corps in Korea, Tom's name naturally came to the top. His mastery of the principles of supply mobility as demonstrated in Korea is indicated in the following citation:

" As the I Corps engaged in offensive operations against the enemy, after the initial breakthrough at Waegwan, the rapid advance of all elements of the Corps resulted in many problems of supply. Supply lines were extended far beyond normal distances, maintenance and transportation

were tremendously complicated by the rapid deterioration of vehicles, inadequate road nets and destruction of the railroad. Displaying outstanding initiative and rare foresight, Colonel Taylor skillfully planned the forward displacement of necessary supplies within the reach of the troops at all times. Colonel Taylor devoted himself to expediting movement of supplies, coordinating air supply, organizing provisional truck companies . . ."

On returning to the States, Tom was assigned to Washington where he headed the Manpower Control Division of G-1. He had virtually completed his Pentagon tour and was under orders for reassignment to USAREUR as Deputy G-4, when he suffered two massive strokes within a few days of each other. The second was fatal. He died in the hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia on 15 September 1954, and was buried with military honors at Arlington Cemetery two days later.

To the end, Tom continued adding to his already outstanding professional reputation. Major General Robert N. Young, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Department of the Army, expressed his appreciation of Tom's value as a G-1 Division Chief in his last assignment when he wrote, "He has made a major contribution to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Army staff," and again when he recommended Tom for promotion to the grade of General officer. Unfortunately Tom did not live to attain that rank.

Tom's record as a man and a friend is engraved on all our hearts. That record is no less outstanding than the one he officially compiled as a soldier. We are the richer for it.

Tom joins the Long Gray Line the Army loses an outstanding officer, his family a loving husband and father, his classmates a tried friend and West Point a dedicated son.

"Well done.
Be thou at peace."

—J. C. H.
—E. H. F. S.

Jewell Burch Shields

NO. 9792 CLASS OF 1933

DIED JUNE 6, 1954, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,
AGED 44 YEARS.

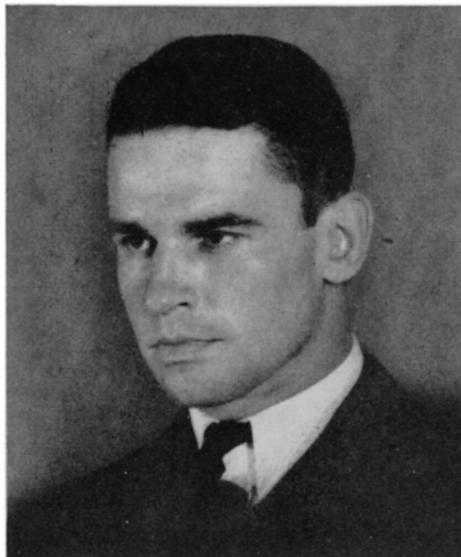
JEWELL BURCH SHIELDS (Butch to his West Point classmates) was born on April 19, 1910 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Shields in Hazelwood, Indiana. The Shields' family moved from Hazelwood to Clayton, Indiana in 1914. Burch attended grade and high school in Clayton. Throughout his early schooling, Burch evidenced the traits of leadership and character which endeared him to a multitude of friends throughout his life. He loved life and he loved people. He took part in most school activities. He was thoughtful, earnest, and loyal.

In high school, he was class president during his Freshman, Junior and Senior years; editor-in-chief of the School Year Book his Senior Year; was in the cast of the Junior and Senior plays; was a mainstay of the basketball team and played clarinet in the school orchestra. As an adjunct to his many activities, Burch was usually in the midst of any mischief afoot, probably, at times the ringleader. He always had a job. At various periods, he carried newspapers, worked in a grocery store, a garage, a factory and for the County Highway Department. He desired always to assist in his support. Burch's early schooling was a happy period. On Graduation from High School, he remarked, "If I had my

high school life to live over, I would do exactly as I have done."

Throughout his early schooling, he aspired to attend West Point. He obtained an appointment to the Academy soon after Graduation from high school. He attended Central Normal College in Danville, Indiana for a year to prepare for his West Point examination.

Burch entered West Point with the Class of 1933 on July 1, 1929. At the Point, as in his younger days, he made friends with all he met. Even during the rigorous days of "beast barracks" he is remembered for his constant smile and happy, contagious personality. During Fourth Class Year, he earned the admiration of the upper classes for his willing and cheerful execution of the difficult assignments of a Plebe. During his upper class years, he earned the affection and respect of the junior classes by his fairness, pleasant disposition, and constant willingness to assist those who needed help. At West Point, he participated in a variety of activities. Although not a star, he was



a creditable member and enjoyed being a part of the football and gymnastics squads. He was a leader in company intramural athletic activities. Throughout his four cadet years, he was a leading member of the Cadet Chapel Choir. He climaxed four years with the Howitzer Staff by his election to Office Manager his Senior Year. His Company honored him by making him their representative on the Equipment and Hop Committees, First Class Year. Burch gave much to West Point and received much in return. At graduation, he realized his long-standing ambition when he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant and assigned for training in the United States Army Air Corps.

At the close of Graduation Leave, Lieutenant Shields reported to Randolph Field, Texas, his initial station, for basic training in the Air Corps. After slightly more than a year of commissioned service, Burch completed the courses at both Randolph and Kelly Fields with honor, graduating and receiving his wings in the fall of 1934.

Soon after graduation from Flight Training, on October 14, 1934, Burch married Sue Taylor, the lovely daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor of San Antonio, Texas. The newly married couple, following their honeymoon, reported to their initial station, Wheeler Field, Hawaii. Three years later, the Air Force exhibited its confidence in Lieutenant Shields by ordering his return to Randolph Field, Texas in January 1937 for an assignment as a Flying Instructor at the School. This assignment

to instruct flying cadets establishes his outstanding capabilities in leadership, flying proficiency, and traits of character.

In March 1940, his many classmates and friends were shocked to hear that he had to retire due to physical disability. Early retirement did not dampen Burch's morale, his will to accomplish, or his lovable personality. Immediately following retirement, he established the family residence for himself, his wife Sue, son Charles, and daughter Josie at 2301 W. Mulberry, San Antonio, Texas. As soon as his health permitted, Burch, along with his family, became prominent members of San Antonio community life. For several years, Burch sang in the choir at the Travis Park Methodist Church, and for a time was Choir President. Later, he became a main cog in the choir of the Jefferson Methodist Church. In appreciation of his faithful and excellent service, the Jefferson Methodist Church has recently purchased new choir books and dedicated them to his memory.

In San Antonio, Burch was an active member of the West Point Society of Southwest Texas and The Retired Officers' Association. He entered into activities and social functions, both civilian and service, as far as his health would permit. He was an especially active member of the Woodlawn Optimist Club. Recently the club evidenced their appreciation for his services by establishing the Burch Shields' Memorial Fund for The Boy Scouts of America at the San Antonio Y.M.C.A.

In San Antonio, Burch is survived by his wife Sue, his son Charles, now a junior at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, and his daughter Josie, who finishes high school this year. Classmates who had the privilege of visiting Burch in recent years have been impressed by the happiness and satisfaction he gained from the many accomplishments of his capable family. Burch is further survived by his mother, Mrs. C. E. Shields, and his sister, Mrs. W. L. McCormick, both residing in Danville, Indiana. Burch lost his father in 1953.

Burch will always be remembered for his ever-present grin, his ready smile and his spontaneous hearty laughter. He was a true and loyal friend to all he met, and was constantly making new friends. His was a life ever-ready to give or forgive.

Burch loved West Point. He was never happier than when with a group of classmates or graduates discussing former days at the Academy. To the last, Burch was interested in the activities at West Point and of all his classmates.

Chaplain A. F. Vaughn, U.S. Army, Retired, was one of the multitude of close friends Burch made in San Antonio after retirement. In his eulogy of Burch, Chaplain Vaughn stated: "We met just at the close of a morning service in Travis Park Methodist Church. He sang in the choir; as the Associate Pastor, I sat behind the pulpit and participated in the service. He greeted me with a winsome smile, a hearty handclasp and when he said, 'I am glad to meet you, Chaplain', I felt that I had met a friend. We had much in common, though there was a great deal of difference in our ages. Both had been retired from the Army—he for physical disability, while I had been retired for age. We met often in the Church and in other places and I always had the feeling that he was more than an average friend.

"The character of Burch Shields was expressed in the Cadet's Prayer that he learned during his West Point days and can be stated in this beautiful sentence, 'Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and

knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy.' I am sure that was the sentiment that dominated his life and conduct in this world.

"He was a good soldier. During his brief career as an officer in the United States Army he was loyal and true to his country; in his death he was the same brave man with faith in God and love for his fellow man. He did not die; he still lives in the hearts of his beloved family and a host of devoted friends who can never forget this fine and wholesome life."

I know that all who were privileged to know Burch can but bow their heads and say "Amen" to the words expressed by Chaplain Vaughn. —Colonel C. R. Broshous.

John Richard Kelly

NO. 10573 CLASS OF 1936

DIED JULY 17, 1954, AT MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA, AGED 40 YEARS.

THE disadvantages of military duty and the misfortunes of life prevented Jack's friends from seeing him more often. It was always delightful to see Jack in the group gatherings. Jack had an unusual personality. When in a crowd everyone knew he was there, it wasn't necessary to hear or see him—his presence was always felt. It has often been said, "Jack Kelly has never been angry once in his life." Jack was to some extent like a wonderful, loveable, big bear—he was playful, but never rough; he was fun, but never boisterous; and he had a temperament that was so moderate that he was good company anywhere at any time.

He was an ideal father, husband, and friend. Jack was a fine specimen of manhood. Because of his stamina, Jack irreparably damaged his body with too strenuous flying many years ago which eventually had a fatal effect.

Jack's death is a physical loss to all who knew him. No one will ever forget or lose the memory of that warm, jovial, friendly Jack Kelly.

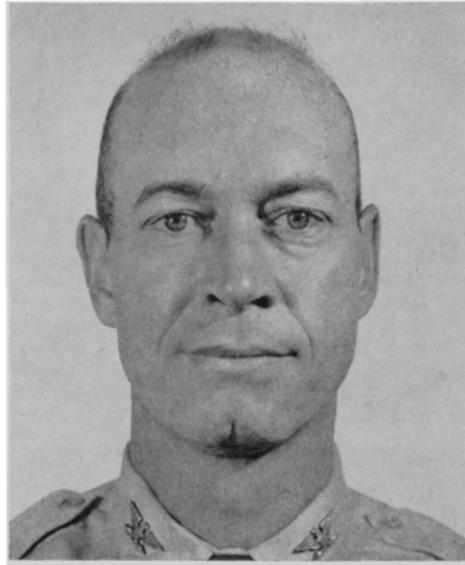
Colonel John R. Kelly was born in Chicago, Illinois, May 4, 1914. He attended Northwestern University for one year and entered West Point Military Academy in July 1932, graduating from the military academy in 1936.

Upon graduation he was detailed to the Air Corps for flying training and graduated from the Flying School at Kelly Air Force Base in October 1937. He served a tour in Panama and returned to the United States in 1940 where he became one of the leading dive bomber experts in the Air Force. During World War II he served both in the European Theater and the Pacific Theater, flying the A-26 medium bomber. After the war Colonel Kelly attended the Air Command and Staff School. He then served as the Chief Air Force Instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia. From Fort Benning he went to England where he served on the UK MAAG Staff. He returned from England and was assigned to the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 1950. He graduated from the Air War College in June 1954, and was retired for physical disability on June 30, 1954.

Colonel Kelly entered the Base Hospital at Maxwell Air Force Base on or about June 25, 1954 and died on July 17, 1954. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Chapel on Maxwell Air Force Base on July 19, 1954. Interment was at West Point, New York, on July 21, 1954.

Honorary pallbearers at West Point interment were: Brigadier General Michaelis,

Colonel Nicholas T. Perkins, Colonel W. C. Barrett, Colonel Tom Gent, Colonel Bill Sibert, Colonel Eddy Grove, Colonel Bob Safford, Colonel Griffith, Colonel Phil Gage, and Colonel Sam Gooding.



Surviving Colonel Kelly are his wife, Bette Kelly, and children; Marsha, age 15, Elizabeth, age 11, and Michael, age 7, of Montgomery, Alabama. Also surviving Colonel Kelly are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelly of Zephyr Hills, Florida, and sister, Mrs. Baker Steeley, wife of Colonel Steeley of Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. —Bette G. Kelly.

Robert Bolenius Ritchie

NO. 17321 CLASS OF 1949

DIED OF WOUNDS, APRIL 3, 1951, IN KOREA, NORTH OF SEOUL, AGED 24 YEARS.

ON the third of April 1951, the treacherous warfare in Korea closed the career of a brilliant and splendid young officer, Robert Bolenius Ritchie. The ambition to lead men and to defend his country in time of danger was truly inborn, for lineal ancestors of Bob's served with distinction in every major conflict from the French and Indian Wars to the present time. Even in childhood Bob dreamed of graduating from West Point and of becoming a credit to the Academy and to his country. He was to realize both of these ambitions.

Born in 1927, the only child of Colonel and Mrs. Lloyd C. Ritchie, Bob grew to fine young manhood in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Like all real boys he had a dog that he loved and grew up with—an Irish terrier named "Brownie" From the age of eight Bob wanted nothing more than to go to West Point; a collection of literally hundreds of toy soldiers absorbed hours of his boyhood in mock battles and campaigns. He attended Franklin and Marshall Academy in Lancaster and later in 1944 was graduated from Western High School in Washington, D. C. After this he began intensive preparation for West Point at Millard's Prep School in Washington. Bob's ambition and hard work were rewarded. He was successful in winning the coveted appointment to West Point from the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Once at West Point Bob quickly won a place for himself. His active interest in sports and other extracurricular activities coupled with his admirable personal qualities gained him many friends. Bob's outstanding ability in public relations was

recognized and well qualified him for selection as Brigade Press Representative. As did any normal Cadet, Bob spent some of his time on the area. During the summer of Cow year he ignited a large "firecracker" in barracks. The resultant explosion earned him Corps-wide fame as well as many punishment tours.

After graduation in 1949 Bob was sent to the Ground General School at Fort Riley, Kansas, and then to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. On the sixteenth of June 1950, upon completion of his assignment at Fort Benning, Bob married Carolyn Louise Allen of Manchester, Georgia, a graduate of the University of Georgia.

Bob was already on orders to the Far East which meant that their time together was limited. They took a leisurely honeymoon through the Carolinas and Virginia visiting the historic and military points of interest enroute to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Here they were with Bob's parents until it was time to start West. In late July Bob and Carolyn drove across country to Fort Lawton, Washington. On their trip they were joined by classmate Jack Thomas and his wife, Leota.

Bob took the familiar swift air route to Korea; a short pause at Anchorage, another refueling in the Aleutians, and then on to Tokyo. From the 8th Army Replacement Center at Camp Drake, Japan, Bob wrote that he was the seventh member of his class to be assigned to Korea; he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division. The two-day rail trip to Sasebo and the overnight voyage across the Sea of Japan to Pusan, Korea, followed quickly. While in the replacement chain Bob wrote on the 10th of August, "The next few days should be very interesting for it appears that I am to undertake the job for which I've been training for five years—a platoon leader. I hope I do a job which will make you proud of me."

The 5th RCT, when Bob joined it, was heavily engaged in the Masan area. Soon afterward he wrote, "Shortly after taking command of the Third Platoon we came off



the mountain and started marching down the road, a column on each side. As I walked at the head, I don't think anything ever gave me as much of a thrill as to realize that I was the platoon leader."

While locked in combat in the Masan area, Bob received his first wound on the 26th of August. In writing of his wound it was obvious that he mentioned it only to dispel the fears of his loved ones as to the extent of his injuries. He quickly return-

ed to duty and almost as quickly was hit a second time on the 6th of September. Despite being painfully wounded he refused medical attention and continued to lead and encourage his platoon in the heavy action. The Bronze Star for valor, which was awarded in recognition of this outstanding act of courage, is partial testimony to Bob's character.

Another clear picture of Bob was at Christmas when he bought twenty-eight dollars worth of PX rations and distributed them to men in his platoon who did not receive any packages. For a short period Bob was assistant Regimental S-2; however, he liked best of all to be with troops and he returned to the front lines to lead a heavy mortar platoon. In late March of 1951 Task Force Growdon was organized to effect a link with the air drop of the 187th RCT in the vicinity of Masan-ni, Korea. Leading his platoon in this operation Bob's jeep struck a mine on the 24th of March and he was severely wounded for the third time. He was evacuated to a surgical hospital and fought a valiant but losing battle for his life. On April 3rd, 1951, in Taegu, Korea, Bob joined the "long grey line".

In his brief but superb record in combat Bob was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star for Valor, two Purple hearts with one Oak Leaf Cluster; the Korean Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the United Nations Ribbon.

Bob's body was committed to rest on an oak-shaded knoll in Arlington National Cemetery. He well earned the solemn respect of the full military funeral. The services were conducted by his minister, the Reverend Robert C. Batchelder of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, assisted by Chaplain Luther B. Miller, former Chief of Chaplains. Bob is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carolyn Allen Ritchie; his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Lloyd C. Ritchie; his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Whitney of Quaker Hill, Pawling, N. Y.; and his aunt, Miss Mary Carpenter Bolenius.

It is not easy to accept Bob's loss, but the memory of his thoughtfulness, his manly qualities, and his soldierly abilities will be with us always. Bob's contribution on earth is not measured by the number of years he lived, but by how well he accomplished his mission while here.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord, the just judge, will render to me in that day.—II Timothy 4:7,8.

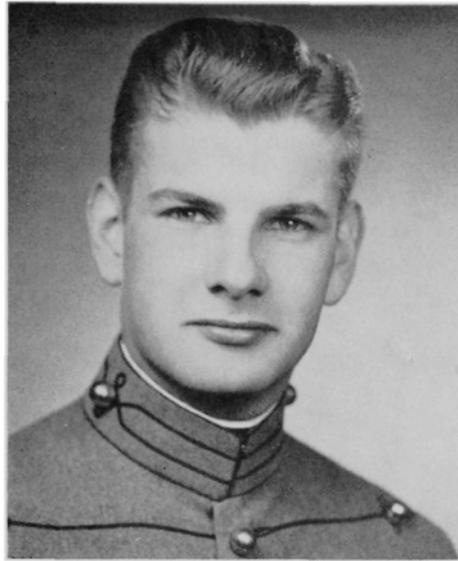
Kenneth Arnold Tackus

NO. 17837 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION, DECEMBER 1, 1950,
NORTH KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

KENNETH ARNOLD TACKUS was born on the twentieth day of September 1927 in West Hartford, Connecticut. Throughout Ken's boyhood days, he manifested two desires. One was to graduate from West Point and the other was to be of service to his country. These two aims guided his every step throughout his early life. He patterned his living and education to these ends. He was always able to see the right path to take, not only for himself, but also for any who wished to follow him. Ken was always large for his age. This worked both to his advantage and to his disadvantage. Many times he was called upon to do tasks that were much beyond his years or his experience. He always responded and did the job to the best of his ability.

By the fact that he was called upon to do these things, he gained in consideration of others. Sometimes Ken was too considerate and did not seek aid from his friends when he should have done so.



Ken's prep school days were spent at Fishburne Military School in Virginia. There he prepared himself for entrance into the United States Military Academy. He was active in all phases of society there. He was very good in athletics, he worked on the school paper and was always on the Honor Roll for academic achievement. He could play as hard as he could work and was the life of any party.

Ken entered the United States Military Academy on the first day of July 1946. The Academy served to solidify all of his beliefs and his thoughts on a way of life. Here Ken became a man. He consolidated his past training and learning with special emphasis to honor, duty and religion. While at West Point, Ken met his wife, Dorothy Dunn. They were married at the Catholic Chapel at West Point on the seventh day of June 1950.

Unfortunately, Ken and Dotty were soon parted by his call to duty in Korea. Ken joined the 57th Field Artillery Battalion in the 7th Division. He participated in the landing at Inchon and the subsequent fighting in the Chiang-Jin Reservoir area, where he was listed missing in action.

In the closing chapter of Ken's life, there is one thing that all may remember and learn well from him. That is that Ken is one who loved his fellow man. Ken walks amongst us yet for there is a little bit of Ken in all of those who knew him and loved him. Every time we laugh or see a beautiful sunset we are doing it with Ken as he enjoyed laughter and loved beauty.

—V. R. G.

David Edward Leyshon

NO. 18101 CLASS OF 1951

DIED JUNE 23, 1953, IN KOREA,
AGED 26 YEARS.

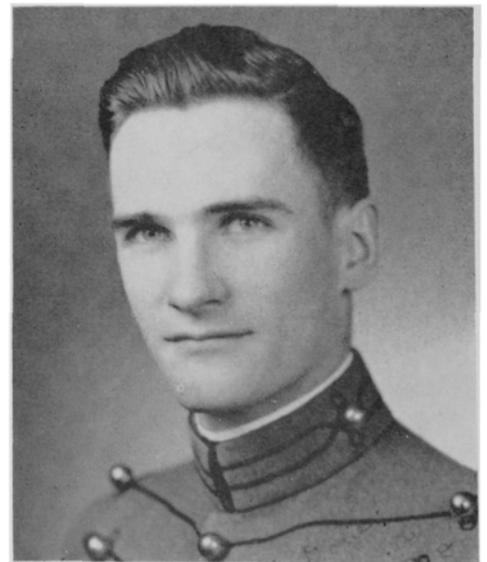
SHORTLY after 3 o'clock on the morning of June 23, 1953, an F-94 plummeted from a drizzly overcast carrying its pilot, David E. Leyshon, to his death. Dave had only minutes before taken off on a combat air patrol. The circumstances surrounding the accident are still obscure, but the fact that the crash took the life of an outstanding individual is brutally true.

Dave was born on January 20, 1927 in the state of Pennsylvania. Early in his life he was inspired with the ambition to fly and during the latter part of World War II he became an aviation cadet in the Army Air Force. With the end of the war approaching, Dave, along with many other cadets, was released from cadet training. But determination to fly led him to seek other avenues of realizing his dream to fly and West Point seemed to be the solution.

At West Point, Dave was almost immediately noted as an outstanding cadet. The many fine characteristics that he possessed made him a natural leader and a sincere friend. Academics came easily to him and he spent a great deal of his time developing his mind on problems of world affairs. He was an outstanding member of the West Point Forum and gave freely of his time and efforts to make the West Point Seminars and Debate Tournaments successful. His entire philosophy seemed to be based on the ideals of West Point. With this background, graduation embarked him on a career of a soldier and a statesman.

In August of 1952, Dave's dream became a reality when he was awarded his wings at Williams Air Force Base. Eight years he had worked for that day and this in itself is indicative of the tenacity of purpose that was his. Assignment with the Far East Air Defense Force, following several months of interceptor training, followed graduation from Williams. In January of 1953, Dave left his beloved wife, Dorie, and their daughter, Laurie, for Korea. Assigned to the 319th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at K-13, he continued to drive himself, serving as the assistant maintenance officer in addition to flying his combat and training missions. On the morning of June 23, 1953, he took off on his 26th and last combat mission. Had not death taken him, he would undoubtedly have become an outstanding Air Force leader. The only consolation, that those he left behind have, is that he died serving his country while doing what he loved to do—flying.

Dave was a true airman in addition to a great soldier and it was fitting that his remains were interred at the Alma Mater that was so much a part of his entire life.



There, in a small plot behind the "Old Cadet Chapel", his wife Dorie and his small daughter Laurie Lee gathered to pay tribute to their loved one. If Dave could have spoken, he would have surely wanted to dedicate this memorial of his short but brilliant life, to his daughter whom he loved ever so much. *A Classmate.*

