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ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

WEST POINT GRADUATION, JUNE 7, 1955

General Bryan, Members of this Graduating Class, West Point Alumni, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the year 1915 I was one of a hundred sixty-four cadets who through four West Point years had eagerly looked forward—just as you of this class have done—to the moment of graduation. Actually we thought of it as liberation; but forty busy years have somewhat changed that youthful viewpoint.

During our Academy careers, we had, to the best of our ability—or at least to the maximum of our inclination—prepared ourselves in the lessons and the experiences of the past for a future that, we complacently felt, was predictable in pattern and design.

None among us could have realized that the world in which our fathers and we had lived was, at that moment, disappearing.

True, in Europe there was a war! But this tragic fact did not alarm us as it should have, for the nation itself was not awake to the great threat thereby imposed on it. Wars—bloody and prolonged or one-sided and quick in their outcome—were in some countries still considered almost normal instruments for the achievement of a nation's objectives. The first World War erased all grounds for such smugness. Even our own country finally became a participant. Great European empires were destroyed. The world was confronted with human losses of staggering and unprecedented proportions.

By that war's end, over three years after our graduation, mankind had come to understand that any war is a human disaster—and in any major war the extent of the disaster is global. None escapes its effects.

Most of my class lived to see this lesson driven home with stunning emphasis more than two decades later. A second global conflict closed, just ten years ago, with a weapon that could make a war a catastrophe approaching almost the extermination of mankind.

By the calendar, exactly forty years separates my class from this one of 1955. Yet by the changes mine has seen—in the weapons of combat and the tools of peace, in the balance of international power, in the thinking of men—there might as easily be forty as four decades separating us.

Obviously, change is inescapable in human society. Since the beginning of history, the quality of a nation has been measured by its capacity to meet and to master evolving circumstances; the capacity of a man has been gauged, in part, by his flexible adjustment to the new and novel without sacrifice of principle or abandonment of standards. But change, in the leisurely days of the past, was gradual and evolutionary; the armies of Napoleon moved across Western Europe with no more speed than those of Caesar, his predecessor by eighteen centuries.

Now, within a single generation, a natural process has become a cataclysmic rush. This should generate neither a despairing belief that the tide of events is beyond human control nor an apathetic acceptance that human ability is not equal to the immense problems newly arisen. It does mean that we must think better and faster and more wisely than ever before.

When gas warfare was first introduced in combat in World War I, the techniques necessary to adjust for use the crude protective equipment of the time were both laborious and exacting. Because of this there grew up a saying in the Army that when a gas attack was met there were only two kinds of soldiers on the battlefront—"the quick and the dead."

Of the nations of today the future will say that there were two kinds: those that were intelligent, courageous, decisive and

tireless in their support of high principle—and those that disappeared from the earth.

The true patriots of today are those who are giving their best to assure that our own country will always be found in the first of these categories.

You, who graduate today, will be servants of the civil power, committed to quick obedience. But you may some day be responsible for the lives of men—possibly the fate of a campaign. No signal from headquarters will then communicate to you the proper action. The moment will not wait on the completion of a staff study. The arena of decision will be your own mind and conscience, naked of others' counsel. To be ready for that crisis is one mission of the American soldier.

The other is vastly different. Although you are to be leaders in the profession of arms, trained for the winning of battle, you are members of a vast team, the American Nation. Its historic objectives have always been human dignity, human peace, human prosperity. These, as a public servant, you must help attain. In this, no mastery of command can substitute for an intelligent comprehension of the economic goals, the political impulses, the spiritual aspirations that move tens of millions of people. But your greatest opportunity for enduring contribution to America may well come at a council table, far removed from war.

This country now approaches a Big Four Conference.

The populations of the countries to be represented at this Conference constitute only a fraction of mankind. And free nations do not claim any right to speak for others.

Therefore, this prospective meeting of the Four Powers can at best be only a beginning in a renewed effort that may last a generation. It is a task that may result in a long series of conferences. In them, this government, meeting with others, will further extend its search for ways in which the peaceful aspirations of mankind may be advanced.

Though only a few individuals will be at those conferences to speak for America, yet in a definite sense we shall all be there—all of you, all the citizens of this great land. For the American words spoken in a world council will be of moment only if they conform to the spirit that is the true strength of our country.

Militarily and materially we are strong. More important, we are strong in the partnership of many allies. But above all, our nation is strong in its support of principle: we espouse the cause of freedom and justice and peace for all peoples, regardless of race or flag or political ideology. Though in this strength we have reason for confidence, we likewise have need for wisdom, and the caution that wisdom enforces—at the conference table itself, in the halls of government, in every place of business and in every home in America.

By caution, I mean: A prudent guard against fatuous expectations that a world, sick with ignorance, mutual fears and hates, can be miraculously cured by a single meeting. I mean a stern determination that we shall not be reckless and witless, relaxing our posture merely because a persistent foe may assume a smiling face and a soft voice.

By wisdom, I mean: A calm awareness that strength at home, strength in allies, strength in moral position, arm us in impregnable fashion to meet every wile and stratagem that may be used against us. But I mean also a persevering resolution to explore every decent avenue toward a lasting and just peace, no matter how many and bitter our disappointments. I mean an inspired faith that men's determination and capacity to better their world will in time override their ability to destroy it; and that humanity's hunger for peace and justice is a mightier force than a few men's lust for power.

By the Preamble to the Constitution, the common defense—the first mission of the soldier—is elevated to a like rank with the loftiest objectives of men and women united in a free society. Its execution, therefore, deserves and demands the best that's in you.

Nevertheless, your entire lives may and should be as seriously devoted to leading toward peace as in preparing yourselves for the tasks of war. Almost certainly, some of you will sit at future council tables as principals or as staff advisers. Your second mission, then, will be to represent accurately the heart and purposes of America.

These purposes are rooted in spiritual values.

Thus:

We are determined to preserve intact the traditions and principles which constitute what we call the American Heritage—the political, intellectual, moral truths that animate America. In this sense we must forever remember that the liberty and rights of the individual, limited only by the restriction that he infringe not upon the equal liberty and rights of others, are the cornerstone of our national existence. Unless we remain true to all that this means in worship, in thought, in speech, in work and in the products of our individual toil, then all else will be for naught.

We shall protect our system against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and conserve the basic methods, practices, attitudes and governmental organisms that time has proved most profitable for the solution of our problems. For example, individual initiative, competitive enterprise, the maximum local control of government are rooted in our belief that the human individual is the basis of society and the key to growth and progress. They work! To ignore them in the solution of problems is to water down the American formula for achievement.

We strive to correct the faulty and deficient in such manner that haste for change will not waste resources and effort; that constructive evolution will not degenerate into destructive revolution.

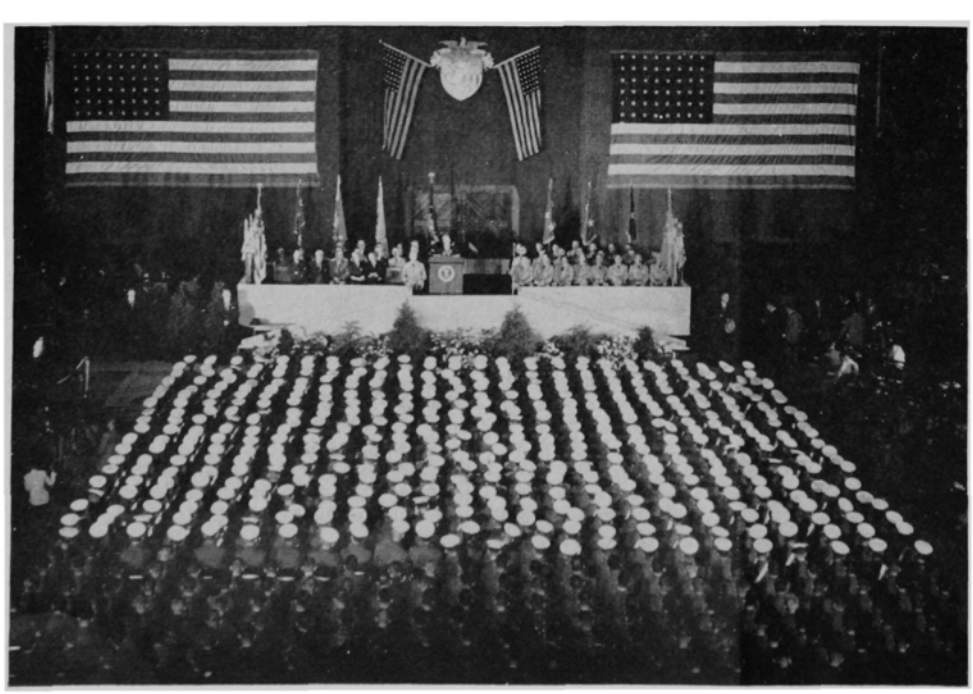
We know we must expand aggressively the application of new scientific knowledge and new techniques to every field of human endeavor for the improvement of man's existence. War necessity made nuclear fission initially a science of destruction, but we aspire to be foremost in harnessing its mighty power for peaceful use and the betterment of human living. Finally, we seek constantly to enrich the cultural content of our daily living. We hope to fortify the spirit of all of us in a wise understanding of our country's role in this time of quick and vast change and to prepare her better to lead toward peace.

As soldiers you will live by the traditions of the Service—built in the halls and on the campus of this greatest of all academies of its kind, and on many battlefields from Bunker Hill to the Korean mountains. They are a spiritual heritage whose intact preservation must be a first concern. All the wit and knowledge you may achieve can count for little in a desperate clutch unless there burns within you the inspiration springing from great traditions.

But—you must be ruthless in a self-imposed command never to rest in the pursuit of new knowledge, in your application of it to your own duties. You will be pioneers in the search for new ways to strengthen the common defense from the platoon to the General Staff. Many times you will feel that your mistakes outnumber your triumphs. But without the yeast of pioneers, the United States Army or any other organization of men cannot escape degeneration into a ritualistic worship of the status quo.

All of us gratefully acknowledge, as our fathers before us, our dependence on the guidance of Divine Providence. But this dependence must not tempt us to evade our personal responsibility to use every one of our individual and collective talents for the better discharge of our lifetime missions.

Working and living in this spirit, you as soldiers will make yourselves and the Army a professional counterpart of the American Way—jealously conserving principle; forceful in practice; courageous and calm in present crises; steadfast and patient in the long campaign for a secure and peaceful world; stout of faith in yourselves, your Alma Mater, your country and your God.



THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSSING THE GRADUATING CLASS

Report of the 86th Annual Meeting

OF THE

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

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, New York, June 6, 1955

1. The Executive Vice President, Thomas D. Stamps, August '17, called the meeting to order at 1300 hours. Approximately eleven hundred members were present.

2. The Reverend George M. Bean, the Cadet Chaplain, gave the invocation.

3. Stamps expressed deep regret that, due to illness, General Fenton was not able to preside at the meeting. He also mentioned that this copy of *Assembly* would carry an appropriate article regarding Fenton's long and devoted service to the Association.

4. The reading of the minutes of the last (85th) Annual Meeting was dispensed with since it was published in the July 1954 *Assembly*.

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

6. The Superintendent, Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan, June 1922, was then introduced and addressed the meeting as follows:

In September 1954, after 6 years outside the United States, I reported to West Point for the fourth time in my career. I came from the rice paddies of Korea and was more than happy to see once again and to be in the midst of the beauties of the greatest educational institution in the world.

For many years, I have known that West Point should not be considered a college. It is true that we give a Bachelor of Science degree, and it is a very fine one, but more importantly, we train the members of the Corps of Cadets to have the qualities and attributes necessary for a Regular Army or Air Force officer. It is to this latter phase of the problem, making a Regular Army officer, that I have devoted my earnest attention. As you realize, it is difficult to think of anything new at the Military Academy. This is well understood when you consider that this institution has been under the supervision of some of the finest Regular Army officers for some 153 years. Most of the changes which I have made are not new. They have existed in the past and have been re-adopted for the purpose of increasing the discipline, the appearance, or improving the Corps.

At a Reveille formation one cold morning, I noticed a Third Classman correcting the Plebes. This Third Classman had a very long neck and, even though his muffler was carefully and neatly wrapped around his neck, it was perfectly obvious to me that he was not wearing a dress coat. I called him off to one side and pointed out to him that, when an upper classman was correcting a Plebe, it was important that the upperclassman be properly dressed. I further told him, this Yearling, that he should destroy any skins which he contemplated making as a result of his inspection. As I proceeded looking over the sleepy cadets, I suddenly realized that few cadets were wearing dress coats. Upon inquiry, I found out that cadets no longer were required to wear dress coats to Reveille. That was changed, and the next morning cadets appeared at Reveille in what I consider to be a proper uniform; that is, dress coats. Thus, an old custom was re-adopted—that a cadet wears a dress coat at Reveille. In addition, I have required cadets to wear dress coats to all meal formations.

About half way through the Fall drill period, it was perfectly obvious to me that the mass-type drill which had been adopted by the United States Army for good and sufficient reasons did not afford cadets ample opportunity to command. In my humble opinion, this new drill did not meet the standards of precision and exactness which the Corps of Cadets must exhibit. Further, the drill encouraged the herd instinct. Therefore, I began working to reinstate the old squad drill so well known to many of you. It is interesting to note that very few officers in charge of cadets knew the squad drill, but I viewed that merely as a challenge and, with the beginning of the Spring drill period, squad drill was re-adopted. The reaction and response of the cadets have been amazing. In my honest opinion, this drill has the precision and exactness which differentiates the Corps of Cadets from all others. One amusing incident occurred when I asked a cadet to give me his impression of a parade, using the squad formation. This cadet stated that previously he could go to parade and close his mind on coming through the sallyport of South Barracks. Under the squad drill, he stated that he could not do that, but had to think, for if he followed the man in front of him, he would find himself walking toward Newburgh when he should be headed toward New York. In other words, squad drill makes a cadet think. It makes him an individual; he can be seen; he is no longer a part of a mass; he can't follow the herd instinct.

Many Boy Scout and Cub Scout organizations have visited the post in the past year. I have encouraged these youngsters to come to West Point and my encouragement has been for the purpose of getting better men into the Academy. When you realize that, in the Corps, about 40 percent of all cadets have been scouts, you can see that this is a fertile field. Besides that, the good public relations resulting from these Cub and Boy Scout visits have been most gratifying.

Outwardly, the appearance of West Point has not changed to any degree since last September. Construction was under way for a new laundry when I arrived and has proceeded according to schedule. It is hoped that the laundry will be completed by the end of August. The old laundry building will be used for storage space for the Cadet Store and storage and office space for certain of the detachments here on the post.

An addition to the Primary School on the post has been completed and is now in use.

The No. 1 project for construction is the conversion of the old Riding Hall into an academic building. Authority for the construction has been approved by the Congress and funds in the amount of 8.45 million dollars has been requested. Present plans contemplate utilizing unexpended funds available to the Department of the Army for this construction. To date, the Congress has not authorized the expenditure of these funds. This building, when changed to an academic building, will be air conditioned; provide 2 lecture halls, one with the capacity of 1,500; 2 map problem rooms, 2 writ rooms of 200 capacity, and 191 section type rooms for the academic departments. This conversion will take about two years. When completed, the academic departments now housed in the West Academic Building will move to the Riding Hall and thus make the West Academic Building available for conversion to cadet barracks.

This conversion of the West Academic Building to barracks will furnish us an additional 159 cadet-type rooms. This additional barracks space is sorely needed to alleviate the crowded condition now existing in the barracks. This conversion can only take place after the completion of the work on the Riding Hall and its estimated cost is approximately 1.5 million dollars. Even with these additional rooms, more barracks space will be required and long-range plans contemplate tearing down the north wing of the Cadet Hospital and building barracks in that area.

No one at West Point was happy over the result of the Army-Navy football game, even though it is reported to have been one of the best spectators' games of the year. Much to my sorrow, and to the sorrow of all West Pointers, we lost that game and, I assure you, that we will leave no stone unturned to beat the Navy next year. It is interesting to note that we are hard pressed for a quarterback and Red Blaik, with his usual astuteness, now has an All-American End, Cadet Holleder, playing in the quarterback slot. I can assure you of one thing — that Cadet Holleder has the spark of a real, true fighter in his body. The tougher the going, the harder he plays. I expect him to be a fine quarterback even though he may be somewhat green. I know that he has the determination and the desire to win, which is inherent in every great leader.

As some of you may know, I do not sleep well in the early morning hours,

even though the old Field Manual said "men and animals rest well in the early morning hours" The cadets soon found out that I did not sleep well in the morning and, as was to be expected, a Plebe in North Barracks was detailed to keep tabs on me. As you know, Plebes are taught to "sound off" so I soon learned of the spy system and simply dressed in the dark. Upon returning from Reveille one morning, I heard a Plebe being quite forcefully braced because the Superintendent had appeared in the Central Area, without warning. I simply notified the cadets that the Plebe was right, "I did not turn on my lights"

I assure you that I will do my utmost during my entire time at the Military Academy to keep West Point up to your expectations and, in my prayers, I include "May God give me the wisdom to see, the integrity to choose, and the courage to execute thy will".

7. Stamps then presented our oldest living graduate, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr. of '81. General Hodges, who is also our senior living graduate, received an ovation.

8. The three-, four-, and five-star generals present were introduced, including: Griswold, '10; Aurand, Bradley, Harmon, Irwin, Leonard, McNarney, Swing and Van Fleet, all of '15; Cabell and Clarke, '25; and Norstad, '30.

9. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, '15, who was sitting with his class, was then introduced and received an enthusiastic ovation. At the request of Stamps, the President moved up to the speaker's stand and addressed the meeting. His address appears in full elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

10. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Charles P. Nicholas, '25, addressed the meeting as follows:
Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Association of Graduates request your approval, at this time, of two motions which we consider it a special honor to present. These motions pertain to the retiring President of the Association, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Class of 1904.

General Fenton became President of the Association in June, 1947; and you, the assembled Alumni, have re-elected him as President each successive June during the ensuing years until today. At his own request, he retires today from the presidency after eight continuous years of service—a longer continuous period of service than that of any other President during the Association's history. To our regret, he cannot be with us at today's meeting, because of a serious illness which has kept him in the hospital much of the time since last December.

For the last seven years, it has been my privilege to work very closely with General Fenton in connection with the business of the Association; and I can say candidly that I have never seen any other individual who more fully exemplifies the West Pointer's ideal of unselfish devotion to duty. The well-being of the Association of Graduates and the Military Academy has been his sole guide during these years; and his labor for West Point has been entirely a labor of love.

The Board of Trustees has depended greatly on General Fenton's leadership during the past eight years, and for that reason we have tried to devise a means whereby we may continue to benefit from his counsel when he ceases to be President after today's meeting. Therefore we propose to nominate him, and request you to elect him unanimously, as honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees. We also wish to present, for your unanimous approval, a resolution of appreciation for his long and outstanding service to the Alumni.

Therefore, representing the Board of Trustees of this Association, I now have the honor to present two motions, with a request for your unanimous approval.

First, we nominate Chauncey L. Fenton, Class of 1904, to be Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy.

Second, we move your unanimous adoption of the following resolution:

"Whereas:

Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Class of 1904, has served as President of the Association of Graduates from June 1947 until the election of his successor today;

and Whereas:

This service has covered a longer continuous period of time than that of any other President since the Association was founded eighty-six years ago;

and Whereas:

General Fenton's administration has been characterized by the greatest progress yet achieved in comparable time, towit (a) increase in the Endowment Fund from $110,000 in 1947 to $249,000 in 1955; (b) receipt of many pledges of bequests that eventually will increase the Endowment Fund by substantial amounts; (c) increase in the number of West Point Societies throughout the United States from 12 in 1947 to 34 in 1955, this being due in large part to his own interest, his active personal efforts, and his frequent visits to Societies or prospective Societies throughout the country; (d) increased consciousness of responsibility on the part of the Officers and Trustees of the Association;

and Whereas:

General Fenton, from June 1947 to date of his present illness, December 1954, has given many hours of his time each day to the administrative and managerial duties in the office of the Association, all without expense to the Association;

Now therefore, Be it Resolved:

by the members of the Association of Graduates, assembled in Annual Meeting at West Point today, that we hereby extend to General Fenton our deepest thanks and appreciation for his valuable and selfless services to the Association covering the past eight years, and warmly commend him for his successes and achievements in furthering the best interests of the Association and, therefore, the best interests of the Academy;

and Be it further Resolved:

That these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy thereof be furnished by the Secretary to General Fenton, together with our warmest good wishes for his early recovery to full health and activity.

Unanimously adopted this Sixth day of June 1955."

The nomination and the Resolution were unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

11. Robert E. Woods, '45, representing the Board of Trustees, then read the names of those nominated for offices for 1955-56 and for trustees and explained how they had been selected. The nominations he presented to the meeting, (the same as

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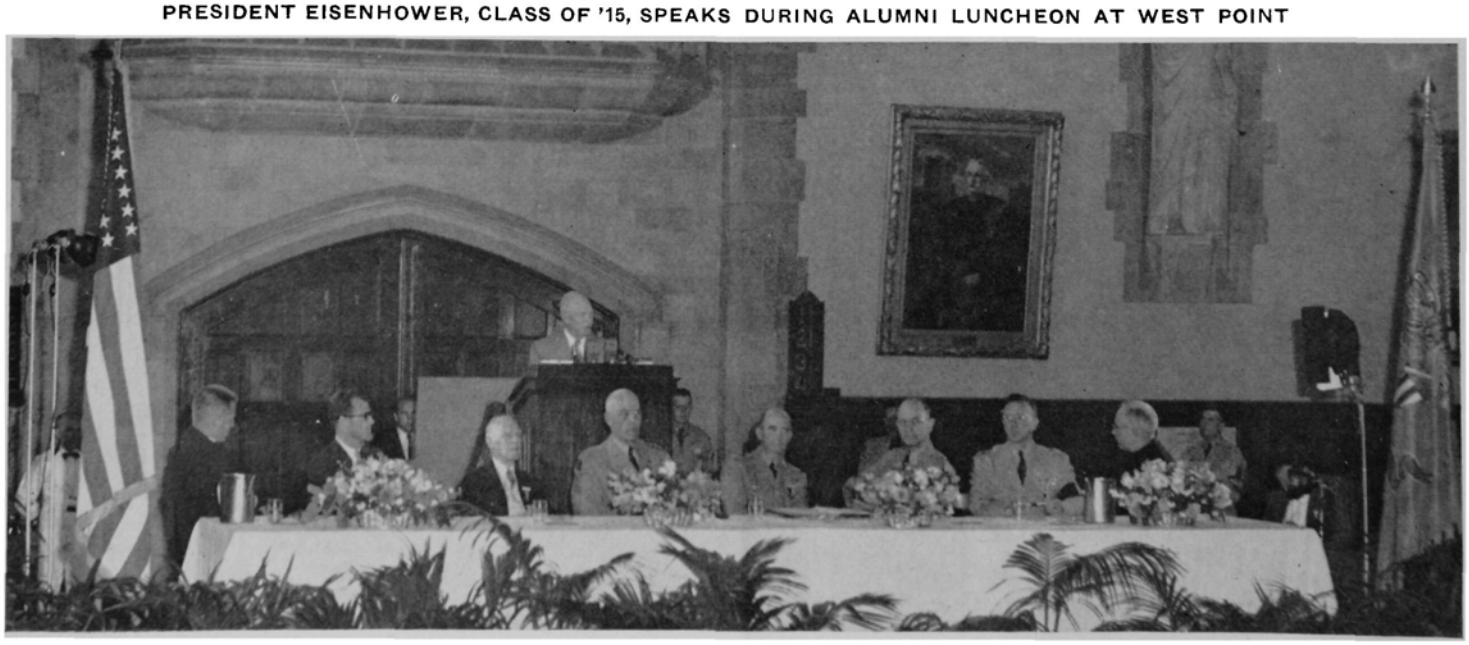
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, CLASS OF '15, SPEAKS DURING ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT WEST POINT



REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT

At the Alumni Luncheon, Washington Hall, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, June 6, 1955

General Bryan, my classmates, and all the sons of West Point here assembled: I am indeed highly privileged to have these few moments to say a word to you. The hall is packed with my personal friends. My life does not have the freedom that it did once that would allow me to search out and exchange a word as I would like to do. So, by according me this privilege, I can say God bless each one of you, I should like very much to see you and talk to you alone.

I am very mindful of the admonition we have, that we are to clear this hall early, and I am not going to be guilty of consuming too much of your time. Moreover, my next engagement is to pay my respects to the distinguished president of this association, and I hope I may conduct your good wishes to him, at the same time—General Fenton.

I think any man in this spot would search his heart in the effort to find some new way in which he could pay a special tribute to our alma mater. I am not going to pretend that I know enough about this institution to be, here, in the position of a preceptor. There are people here who have devoted their lives—I heard General Bryan say he personally was on his fourth tour here—have devoted their lives to bettering this institution. And I, for one, think they have done it.

Last evening I was reading an advance copy of a book written by Colonel Reeder —I hope he will take it as a plug, too. It is a book about plebes in West Point. An old grad came to West Point on the day before the graduation parade, and three plebes were standing in their rooms, bracing as hard as they could. And the old grad said, "Don't they haze plebes around here anymore?" And these plebes looked at him with some amazement considering their positions. And he said, "I do hope, when you get to be yearlings, you will really restore the plebe system."

As we all know, the place isn't what it used to be, and never was. I think that is lucky for all of us.

The special tribute I would like to pay would be more about methodology, I think, than anything else. As some of you may know, my experience in my new life is short but it has been rather intensive; and I have had a very great deal of opportunity to compare standards and methods and practices—in the life I now find—with the standards and methods and practices that we knew through forty years of service with my associates from this Academy, and others that make up the Armed Services.

We are trained to deal in facts. To be truthful. To present our case as forcefully, as eloquently, as our talents may permit. To accept the judgment handed down by our commander and to perform our duty to the very best of our ability.

We learned long ago from the examples of those leaders we admire, that bad deportment is never to be confused with strength of character. If a man is sure of himself and the integrity of the processes he has used to reach his decisions he can be strong but he can be mild.

In the life that we find outside the Armed Services there seems to be a prevalent notion that if you call enough names, if you hammer enough desks, that you are a great leader. Happily, this Academy has never subscribed to any such false belief.

Now the reason I mention this is because I find throughout this country an ever-growing respect for West Point. A few years back, I was a member of a board called by Secretary Forrestal to determine whether or not the Air Force should have their own Academy, and I declined to serve as chairman because my mind was made up—but I was perfectly willing to serve and cast my vote the way I thought it should be.

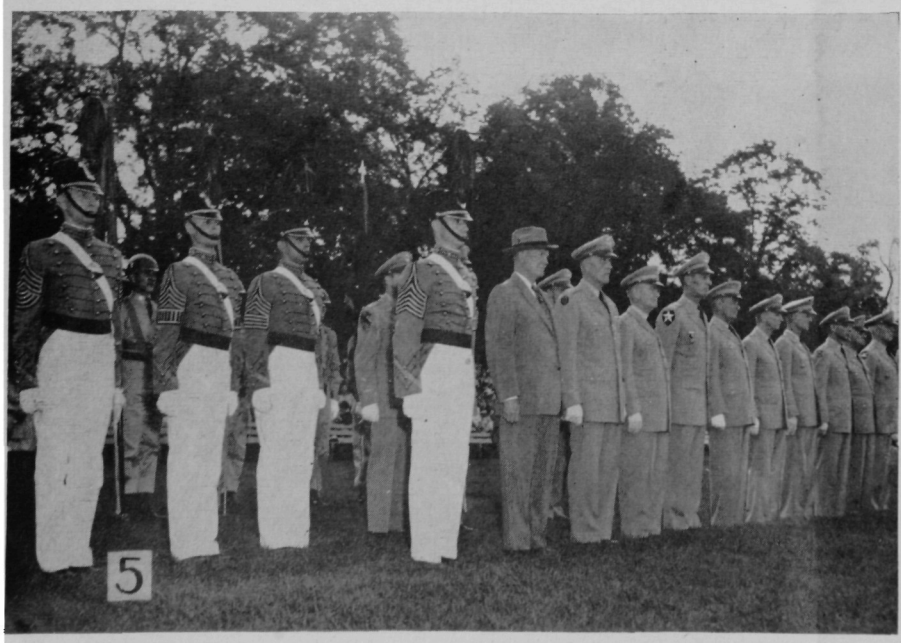
On that board was an eminent group of educators, presidents of colleges, deans of great schools—professors. Without exception they testified to the excellence of the education in West Point—and in Annapolis. Both institutions they searched very carefully through the medium of task forces. And they were struck by this one fact. They said there seems to be a spirit prevalent in these places that makes the truth and integrity the first thing—the first standard that all students must observe. The breadth of the education here impressed them. Because there was, of course, a sort of prevalent notion in our country that if you were trained for the military, you were necessarily narrow. They commented at great length upon the type of education here, the methods used so as to produce leaders who did deal in truth, in fact, and in sound conclusion.

I think their opinions of West Point are fully borne out by a record that was communicated to me yesterday by the Superintendent, that this institution provided more Rhodes scholarships in the next class than any other in the country. I believe there are *four to go from the Academy*, and there would have been more except that cadets had to compete against cadets in the final competition.

Moreover, I think it is perfectly fitting and quite wonderful that the first Captain, the man who in the military tactics is concerned for military discipline and procedures, won the highest awards from the tactical staff, and is one of those men showing not only the breadth of his own comprehension but of the education he has here received.

So I say again, if with the great spirit —*the purposes—of this Academy*, if we can show and continue to show through this spreading knowledge of our Academies throughout the country, we may finally convince people that leadership is something of the heart and of the head. It is not merely of a fluent and wicked tongue. I could cite examples all through our history. And I do say this: I believe that if we have found a man who has had to resort to desk-pounding, if he were a great leader, he was in spite of that habit and not because of it.

To each of you my very best wishes. I hope that in the few hours remaining before graduation, I will get to see some more of you that I have not seen. Thank you for your attention.

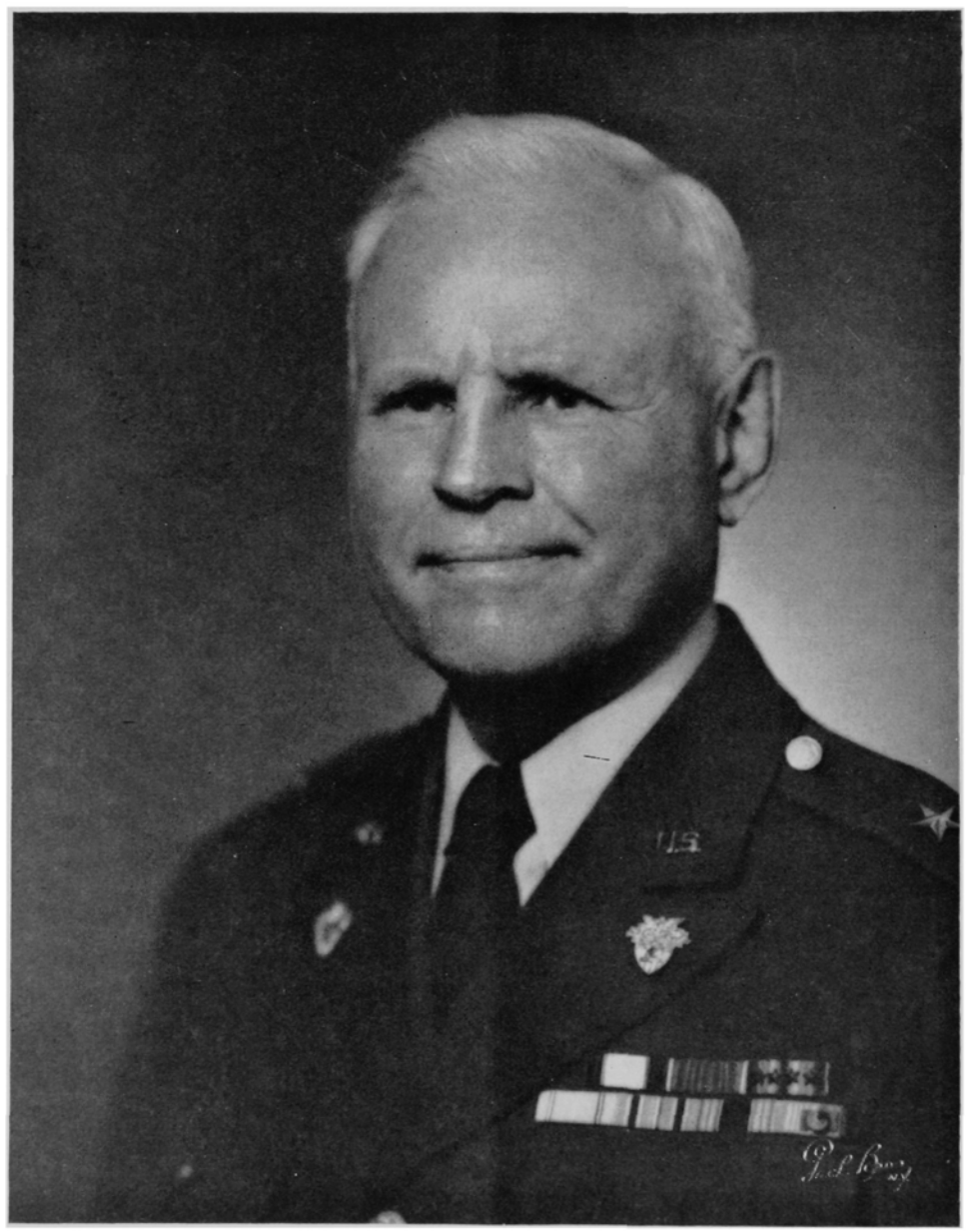


1—President arrives at Parade Grounds. 2—The President and the Superintendent walk to a Review. 3—1915 Party at Leone's Farms. 4—Class of 1915—Alumni Services. 5—The President, the Superintendent and the Academic Board. 6—President and Mrs. Eisenhower relax before Review.

1—Class of 1915 Ladies' Luncheon. 2—Alumni Ceremonies, General Hodges, the President, and the Superintendent. 3—The President visits the Museum. 4—Visit to the Superintendent's home. 5—President and Mrs. Eisenhower with Mrs. Bryan and General Hodges. 6—Honors prior to departure.

Brigadier General Chauncy L. Fenton

An Appreciation of the Services of the Retiring President of the Association of Graduates, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton.



On June 6, 1955, the longest incumbency as President in the history of the Association of Graduates came to an end with the retirement from office of Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton after an 8 year span. It is fitting to review the accomplishments of General Fenton's administration and by recognizing the quality of his service to indicate our appreciation of it.

Chauncey, as he is affectionately known to so many of the older generation, had an unusually fine apprenticeship for the presidency of the Association. After distinguished service in the line of the Army from 1904 to 1928, he became Professor of Chemistry and Electricity in October of the latter year. He held this position until his retirement in December of 1945. For most of this time he also served as a Trustee of the Association of Graduates, having been first elected to that Board in 1931. When upon his retirement he decided to make his home in nearby Cornwall, it was inevitable that he be selected to head the Association. His intimate knowledge of West Point, his long tenure as a member of its permanent faculty, his great familiarity with the operation of the Association, and finally the close geographical proximity of Cornwall to the Academy made him an ideal choice. He was nominated and elected President in June of 1947.

In this summary of the accomplishments of General Fenton's term of office no attempt will be made to place them in historical sequence, nor to indicate which was cause and which effect in the case of interrelated actions. The achievements of his administration may be grouped into the following general categories: (1) the clear delineation of the mission of the Association, (2) the building of a sound financial base for its operations, (3) its participation in the West Point Sesquicentennial, (4) the establishment of channels of coordination among the Academy, the Asso-

ciation of Graduates, and the West Point Societies, (5) the stimulation of increased membership participation in the affairs of the Association, and (6) miscellaneous isolated projects.

The Mission of the Association.

Prior to 1948 the Association was essentially a fraternal and social organization, operating primarily for the benefit and enjoyment of its members. In negotiating for a large gift to the Association, General Fenton discovered that gifts to such fraternal organizations are not deductible for individual income tax purposes. This fact caused him to look carefully into the mission of the Association. The outcome of his study was the amendment of the Constitution and Charter in June of 1948. The new statement of the mission reads:

> "The objects of the Association shall be to acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives, and methods of the United States Military Academy; to acquire and preserve historical materials relating to that institution; and to encourage and foster the study of military science there by worthy young men."

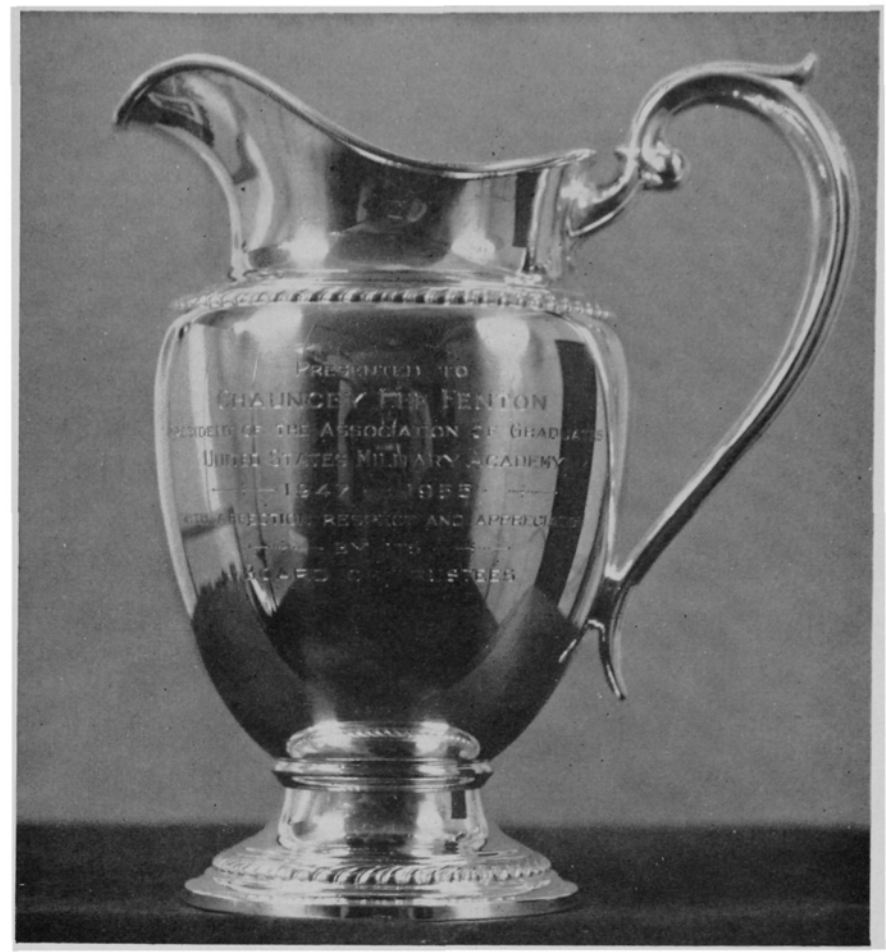
The Association thus became a corporation engaged primarily in historical and educational activity, and as such gifts to it by individuals are now deductible from income for tax purposes. This feature is of considerable practical importance, but the spiritual impact of the new mission should not be overlooked. It has played a major role in the recent history of the Association under General Fenton's leadership.

In carrying out the mission, General Fenton has continually urged our membership to keep up to date on the kind of education and training currently being conducted at West Point. Only by being thoroughly familiar with current activities at the Academy can graduates play their proper part in presenting West Point to the American people. In carrying out this idea General Fenton was primarily responsible for the kind of feature articles which have appeared in the pages of *Assembly*. This publication now has a subscription list of over 7,000, on a percentage basis one of the very largest paid circulations among all the alumni magazines in the country. Nearly every issue during the past 8 years has carried an informative lead article on some phase of the work of the Academy.

In establishing a clear concept of mission, General Fenton has introduced the ideal of service to Alma Mater and hence to Country. It is the same ideal for which the Academy itself stands and in which its students are trained. He saw clearly that a spiritual goal of this sort was needed to put real vitality into our Association.

Financial Structure of the Association

In 1947, when General Fenton became president, the Endowment Fund of the Association amounted to about $110,000. The principal sources of income were the interest from the Endowment Fund and the returns from the life memberships taken out each year by members of the graduating class. General Fenton soon realized that the activities of the Association would be seriously curtailed by lack of income unless some additional source could be found. It had already been necessary to place *Assembly* on an annual subscription basis, instead of sending it free to life members as had been done during and immediately following World War II. The Endowment Fund was not increasing, since the total income of the Association was barely enough to meet its operating expenses.



Inscription on cup reads, "PRESENTED TO—Chauncey Lee Fenton—PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES—UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY —1947-1955—WITH AFFECTION RESPECT AND APPRECIATION BY ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES".

In the winter of 1949 General Fenton inaugurated the first annual fund-raising campaign. An ultimate goal of $500,000 for the size of the Endowment Fund was established. The interest on this amount should provide the full annual operating expenses of the Association in the forseeable future. He hoped to raise this necessary sum both by soliciting substantial gifts from affluent graduates and friends of West Point and by collecting a large number of small annual gifts from those in the moderate income brackets. It was agreed as a matter of policy that the high-pressure methods employed in many collegiate alumni fund drives could not be used at West Point. Instead the attention of the membership would simply be invited to its needs and the opportunity to make a donation presented in a single annual letter without follow-up.

In the seven years of its operation the fund-raising campaign has been outstandingly successful. The Endowment Fund has been more than doubled, having increased from $110,000 to $250,000 (in round figures). Over these seven years alumni have contributed about $156,000, almost equally divided between large gifts paid directly to the Endowment Fund and a large number of small sums contributed to income. Most of the large gifts have resulted from the personal efforts of General Fenton. Looking toward the future, the situation with respect to the Endowment Fund is even better than the figures above indicate. Largely through the solicitation of General Fenton himself a number of quite substantial bequests have been written into the wills of graduates and friends of West Point. These bequests are expected eventually to produce an increase of major proportions in the Endowment Fund.

The West Point Sesquicentennial

By virtue of its new mission it was quite natural that the Association should play an important part in the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Academy. As early as January 1948 the Superintendent selected its President, General Fenton, to be Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee. More than any other single individual, General Fenton was responsible for the policy planning of the sesquicentennial celebration. Throughout the deliberations of the Steering Committee, which lasted over a period of five years and involved over sixty formal meetings, his sound judgment, his inherent sense of fitness, his enthusiasm, and his refusal to be turned aside by a variety of unforeseen and formidable obstacles, played a major role in the success of the six months' Sesquicentennial Observance.

Although the implementation of the Sesquicentennial Program was the official responsibility of the Superintendent and his assistants, the Association was able to render invaluable service in certain particulars. It was, for example, able to underwrite the preparation of the splendid Sesquicentennial Book, *Men of West Point*, by Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy, a copy of which was presented to each official delegate to the Sesquicentennial. Through the columns of *Assembly*, information regarding the Sesquicentennial was transmitted to graduates all over the world.

Although General Fenton himself was hospitalized during the opening ceremonies of the Sesquicentennial year, he later recovered sufficiently to act as Grand Marshal of the Jubilee Academic Procession and Convocation. It was most fitting that he was able to perform this office, both because he graced it with his usual bearing and dignity and because of the large part he had played in the planning of the event. At the conclusion of the Sesquicentennial Year both the Trustees of the Association and the Academic Board of the Academy passed resolutions of commendation for the fine service rendered by the President of the Association and Chairman of the Steering Committee. These resolutions were published in the July 1952 issue of *Assembly.*

The Academy, The West Point Societies, and The Association of Graduates

From the start of his presidency General Fenton had a very clear conception of the relationship among the Academy, the Association, and the West Point Societies. He recognized that the operation of the Military Academy, including its public relations, is the official responsibility of the Superintendent. The Association is an unofficial organization whose activities must in no way interfere with or embarrass those of the administration of the Academy. One of the primary functions of the Association is to interpret the Military Academy to its graduates, and through its graduates to the American people in general and to potential cadets in particular. Proper exercise of this function requires close coordination between the Association and the Superintendent and his staff, particularly the Public Information Officer. It also requires coordination with another group, the West Point Societies.

The West Point Societies are local and completely autonomous organizations. Because of their local character, their complete separation from West Point, and their entirely unofficial and fraternal nature, they are in position to perform many services for their Alma Mater and its sons which cannot be done either officially or by the Association itself, the latter operating as it does at West Point and under charter in the State of New York. When General Fenton became President of the Association there were 10 such societies. He quickly recognized their usefulness in assisting the public relations programs of the Academy and the Association. In the summer of 1947 he made a trip to the Pacific Coast, visiting the existing groups there and attending the organization of the new West Point Society of San Francisco. In subsequent years he visited other sections of the country, so that by 1954 he had visited most of the societies formed up to that time. Formation of new societies was also encouraged by articles and notices in *Assembly.* As a result of these efforts the number of societies has increased from 10 in 1947 to 34 in 1955, including a newly formed society in Washington, D. C.

General Fenton was instrumental in the formation in June 1950 of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies. The objectives of this committee are to disseminate information about the Academy and to bring the advantages of a military career to the attention of desirable potential candidates for West Point and their parents. The committee consists of representatives of each of the West Point Societies, of the Association, including the Editors of *Assembly* and the annual *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets, U.S.M.A.*, the U.S.M.A. Public Information Officer, and designated members of the Superintendent's Information Committee. Clearly the Committee is a means of coordinating the efforts of the Superintendent's Staff, the Association, and the Societies in a consistent program of public relations.

Membership Participation

Throughout General Fenton's regime he has been a staunch advocate of increasing the interest of members of the Association in its activities and stimulating them to participate in its work. In June of 1952, General Fenton appointed a committee of the Board of Trustees to study the whole problem of membership participation and ways by which it might be increased. During the year and a half of the committee's deliberations General Fenton followed its work closely, and gave it the benefit of his long experience in the Association.

A number of actions resulted from the work of this committee. Standing committees were set up by the Board of Trustees to keep ways and means of improving the public relations of the Association under continuing study. An Editorial Advisory Board for *Assembly* was created. New policies for the nomination of Trustees were adopted by that body, providing increased representation on the Board for the younger classes. The slate of nominations of officers and trustees is now published annually in the April *Assembly* in order that all may have a chance to study it prior to the election at the Annual Meeting in June. In 1954 the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association were so amended as to provide both for Honorary Trustees and Regional Trustees.

The over-all result of this study of membership participation has been to provide better channels of communication between the membership and its officers than existed a decade ago. The Board of Trustees has been made more representative, both by age groups and regional distribution. These developments have resulted in "increased consciousness of responsibility on the part of the Officers and Trustees of the Association", to quote from the resolution of appreciation of General Fenton's services passed at the Annual Meeting on 6 June 1955.

Miscellaneous Accomplishments

As President of the Association, General Fenton took the initiative in obtaining the World War II Battle Deaths Plaques commemorating the graduates killed in combat during the last World War. The cost of these bronze plaques, now hung in the stairway of Cullum Hall, was actually defrayed by the various classes involved, but General Fenton and the Association office coordinated the fund raising which made them possible.

In 1948 the Association began the handling of West Point china in the form of dinner plates. Over the years since then the line has been extended to include a complete dinner service, a variety of glassware, and the West Point chair. This service by the Association not only makes available to its members these very tasteful and useful household items, but provides it in addition with a modest source of income.

General Fenton had felt for many years that there should be at West Point a portrait of Brigadier General Robert E. Wood, Class of 1900, one of the country's outstanding business leaders, and a generous benefactor of the Association. This project came to fruition on Alumni Day, 1955, when a fine portrait of General Wood was unveiled in the West Point Army Mess and presented to the Academy by the Association of Graduates.

General Fenton kept close touch with the Corps of Cadets during his presidency. In an annual talk to the graduating class he has presented the advantage of life membership in the Association so convincingly that in the decade ending in 1954, 93% of all those graduating have become life members. General Fenton also inaugurated an annual Association of Graduates prize for the best essay by a cadet inspired by the life of some distinguished graduate. Winning essays are published in *The Pointer.*

Summary

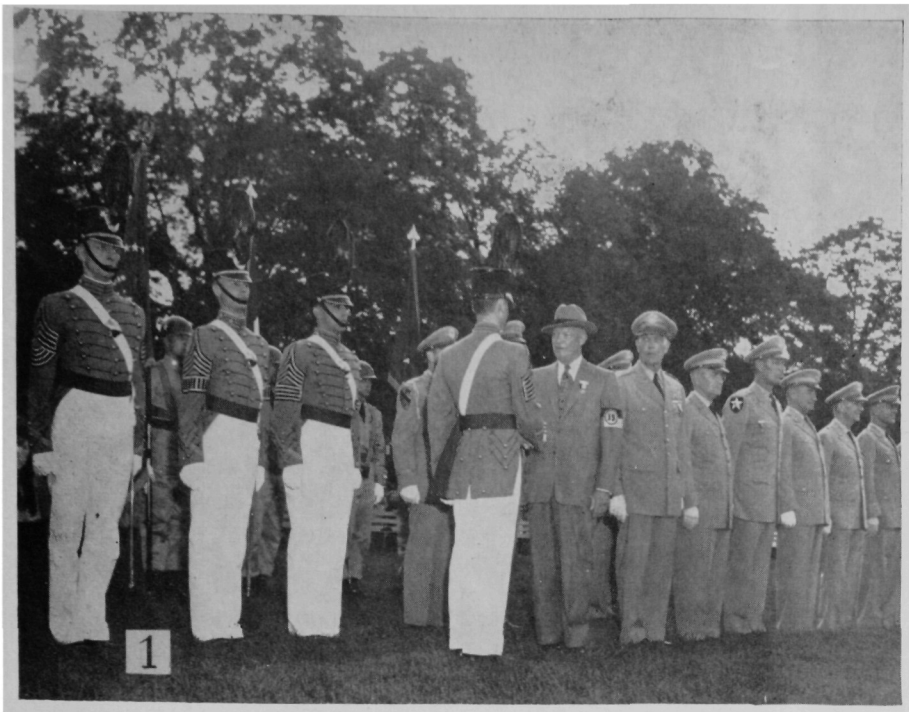
The paragraphs above have delineated specific accomplishments of General Fenton's presidency. This recital is, however, quite inadequate to impart the real contribution which Chauncey Fenton has made to our Association and our Alma Mater. One must have been on the ground here at West Point and have worked with him in the day to day contacts that provide real insight, to appreciate the vitality that he breathed into all the Association's activities.

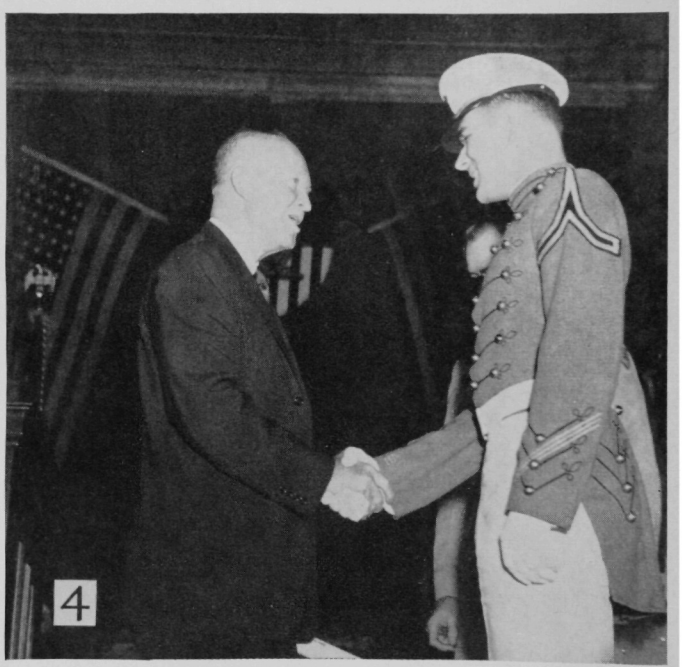
In spite of being engaged in a variety of other ventures, including being president of a bank and of the Lake Placid Club, he managed to spend some time at the Association offices in Cullum Hall almost daily except when he was out of town. During his incumbency the Association headquarters staff had to be increased to keep up with its growing activities. General Fenton himself gave his own services completely gratis. Even on his travels to the various West Point Societies he paid his own expenses. This behavior was characteristic, his love for and belief in the Military Academy being such that no effort and no sacrifice was too great for him to make.

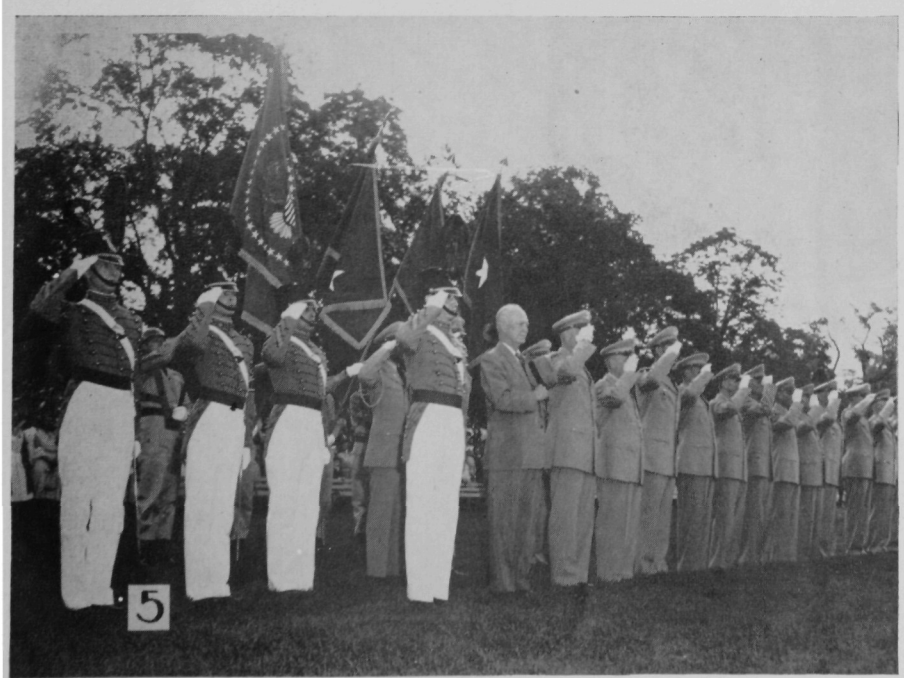
His tenure of office as President of the Association of Graduates overlapped the tours of four Superintendents of the Military Academy. His personal and official relations with all of them were close. He might be called the Academy's "elder statesman" during this period.

General Fenton had informed the Trustees well before his sudden illness of last December that he wished to step aside as President of the Association this June. He felt, and I am sure all would agree, that he had earned some leisure for travel and recreation and that it was time for other hands to take over the tasks confronting the new president. It was a matter of great regret to his local associates and his hosts of friends everywhere that serious illness prevented his attendance at the ceremonies of June Week and Alumni Day, 1955, where he might have received in person the honors and felicitations attending his retirement from office. These honors, which included the presentation of a suitably engraved silver pitcher (see cut) by his associates on the Board of Trustees, his election as permanent Honorary Chairman of that Board, and the adoption of a Resolution of Appreciation by the Annual Meeting, will not be detailed here, as they are described elsewhere in this issue. The knowledge of a job well done for the West Point he loves so deeply will be Chauncey Fenton's true reward. We wish him Godspeed for a complete recovery and ample years to enjoy the retirement he has long since earned but not yet taken.

—*B. W. B.*







1—First Captain Lee D. Olvey talks with the President. 2—The President greets General Hodges. 3—The President greets "Marty" Maher. 4—The President congratulates Cadet John P. Doyle, Jr. 5—The President and Academic Board. 6—The President and his Class of 1915.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

31 MARCH 1955

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1955.
EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1955.
EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1955.
SCHEDULE I—Investments as of 31 March 1955 and income received thereon during the period 1 April 1954 to 31 March 1955.

EXHIBIT A

BALANCE SHEET, 31 MARCH 1955

ASSETS

SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)		
Irving Trust Company		$247,375.64
CASH IN BANKS:		
Irving Trust Company (checking account)	$ 10,471.19	
First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y. (checking account)	14,249.44	
First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y. (savings account)	1,189.00	
Newburgh Savings Bank	8,733.30	
Harlem Savings Bank	9,199.87	
Bowery Savings Bank	9,205.64	
		53,048.44
INVENTORY WEST POINT COMMEMORATIVE WARE		8,512.84
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES		5,347.75
Total		$314,284.67

LIABILITIES

GENERAL FUND:		
Balance 1 April 1954	$ 39,392.15	
Add: Increase 1 April 1954 to 31 March 1955 (See Exhibit B)	9,636.27	
		$ 49,028.42
ENDOWMENT FUND:		
Balance 1 April 1954	$236,908.53	
Add: Increase 1 April 1954 to 31 March 1955 (See Exhibit C)	11,438.30	
		248,346.83
CULLUM FUND:		
Balance 1 April 1954	$ 10,439.47	
Add: Increase 1 April 1954 to 31 March 1955 (See Exhibit D)	249.53	
		10,689.00
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' EARNINGS		129.80
DEFERRED INCOME:		
West Point Commemorative Plates		75.49
West Point Chairs		39.88
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES		627.50
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES		5,347.75
Total		$314.284.67

EXHIBIT B

CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1954 TO 31 MARCH 1955

INCOME

Payments on Life and Annual Memberships	$ 10,595.00	
Annual Dues	422.00	
Gain on West Point Commemorative China & Classware	2,840.83	
Gain on West Point Chairs	1,345.91	
Interest on Bank Deposits	795.03	
Contributions	12,695.30	
Royalties	105.15	
June Week Committee	1,038.84	
Sale of Medals and Rosettes	16.00	
Miscellaneous	68.83	
		$ 29,922.89

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Services	$ 14,908.56	
Printing	1,296.48	
Freight, Express and Postage	1,070.97	
Telephone and Telegraph	396.20	
Cadet Awards	75.00	
Janitorial Services	335.00	
Secretary's Expenses	109.01	
Luncheons	275.30	
Supplies	891.44	
Insurance and Bonding	51.79	
Social Security Tax	104.05	
Newspapers, Magazines and Books	135.79	
Flowers	66.00	
Travel Expenses	75.41	
Transfer to Endowment Fund	118.75	
Miscellaneous	376.87	
		20,286.62
Net Change (Increase)		$ 9,636.27

EXHIBIT C

CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1954 TO 31 MARCH 1955

PRINCIPAL

Contributions		$ 3,230.00	
Stock Dividends		157.50	
		$ 3,387.50	
Loss on Sales of Securities		261.50	
		$ 3,126.00	
Less: Transfer Expenses		118.42	
			$ 3,007.58

INCOME

Interest and Dividends	$ 8,571.99		
Transfer from General Fund	118.75		
		$ 8,690.74	

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	$ 218.50		
Purchase of Interest	41.52		
		260.02	
			8,430.72
Net Change (Increase)			$ 11,438.30

EXHIBIT D

CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1954 TO 31 MARCH 1955

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	$ 18.03	
Interest from Securities	236.50	
		$ 254.53

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	5.00
Net Change (Increase)	$ 249.53

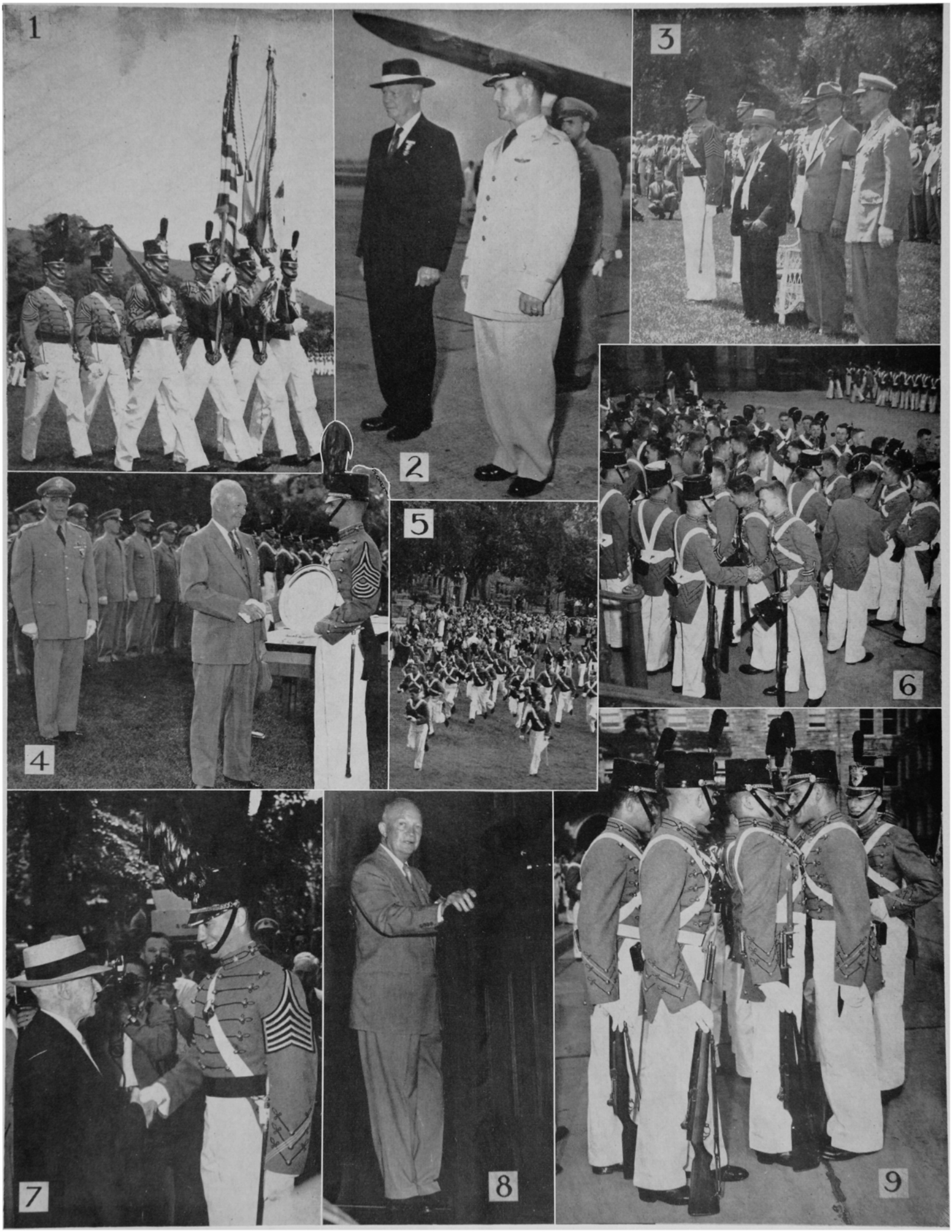
RECEIVING LINE AT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION

SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, 31 MARCH 1955 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1954 TO 31 MARCH 1955

NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value or Number of Shares	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis 31 March 1954	Purchase or Gifts	Redemption Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sale of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfer Expenses	Face Value or Number of Shares 31 March 1955	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis 31 March 1955	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1955	Interest and Dividends Received
ENDOWMENT FUND										
COMMON STOCKS										
Public Utilities										
American Gas & Electric Co., Common Stock	200	$ 5,925.00					200	$ 5,925.00	$ 8,750.00	$ 344.00
Public Service Co. of Indiana, Inc., Common Stock	100	3,137.50					100	3,137.50	3,962.50	200.00
Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., Common Stock	100	3,725.00					100	3,725.00	4,775.00	224.00
Texas Utilities Company, Common Stock	100	4,162.50					100	4,162.50	7,050.00	214.00
Oils										
Phillips Petroleum Co., Capital Stock	200	8,300.00					200	8,300.00	15,100.00	540.00
Texas Company, Capital Stock PV $25.00	200	9,712.50					200	9,712.50	18,875.00	750.00
Chemicals										
Eastman Kodak Company, Common Stock	121	4,441.50	$ 5.00				121	4,446.50	8,666.63	237.80
International Minerals & Chemical Corp., Common Stock	100	1,650.00					100	1,650.00	3,562.50	160.00
Merck & Company, Inc., Common Stock	300	4,550.00	2,200.00				300	6,750.00	8,025.00	160.00
Miscellaneous										
Hallicrafters Company, Common Stock	500	3,593.75					500	3,593.75	2,375.00	
McGraw Electric Company, Common Stock	200	4,987.50	100.00				200	5,087.50	11,000.00	425.00
Sears Roebuck & Company, Common Stock	200	9,175.00					200	9,175.00	16,025.00	600.00
Bank Stocks										
First National Bank in Highland Falls, Common Stock	14	93.50	52.50				14	146.00	350.00	8.05
PREFERRED STOCKS										
Kansas Power & Light Company, 4½% Cumulative Preferred	50	5,050.00					50	5,050.00	5,225.00	225.00
Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., 4¾% Cumulative Preferred Series A	100	5,000.00					100	5,000.00	5,350.00	237.52
BONDS										
U.S. Government Holdings										
Series G, 2½%—June 1959	$ 33,000.00	33,000.00					$ 33,000.00	33,000.00	31,713.00	825.00
Series G, 2½%—April 1960	13,000.00	13,000.00					13,000.00	13,000.00	12,532.00	325.00
Series G, 2½%—July 1961	3,000.00	3,000.00					3,000.00	3,000.00	2,856.00	75.00
U.S. Treasury Notes, Series A, 2⅞%—March 1957	10,000.00	10,103.13					10,000.00	10,103.13	10,134.37	287.50
U.S. Treasury Notes, Series A, 1⅞%—February 1959	10,000.00		10,059.38			$ 2.00	10,000.00	10,059.38	9,831.25	120.17
U.S. Treasury Notes, Series A, 2⅛%—November 1960	10,000.00		10,046.88				10,000.00	10,046.88	9,850.00	(17.90)
U.S. Treasury Bond, 2½%—June 1967	10,000.00	9,700.00					10,000.00	9,700.00	9,837.50	250.00
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2½%—December 1972/67	50,000.00	44,318.75	5,006.25			2.00	50,000.00	49,325.00	48,343.75	1,184.08
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3¼%—June 1983	10,000.00	10,000.00					10,000.00	10,000.00	10,675.00	325.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. due 8/1/58	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	97.00	
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series F, due 8/1/59	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	96.40	
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series G, Cur. Inc. 2½% due 5/1/62	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	94.70	2.50
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series F, 12 year due 2/1/63	100.00	75.00					100.00	75.00	95.10	
Corporates										
Dow Chemical Co., 3% due 7/1/1982, Convertible	10,000.00	10,375.00					10,000.00	10,375.00	11,137.50	300.00
Phillips Petroleum Co., due 1983—3.70% Convertible	2,000.00	2,000.00					200	2,000.00	2,325.00	74.00
Southern California Gas, 3¼%—10/1/70	1,000.00		1,030.00			2.00	1,000.00	1,030.00	1,018.75	16.25
Securities Sold or Redeemed Since 1 March 1954										
U.S.A. Defense Savings, Series F, due 7/1/54	100.00	100.00		$ 100.00						
North American Car Corporation	200	2,662.50		3,837.50	$ 1,123.54	51.46				80.00
Merck & Company, Common Stock	100	2,964.00		1,875.00	(1,117.84)	28.84				40.00
Merck & Company, Common Stock, PV $4.00	24	2,784.00		2,445.00	(366.52)	27.52				48.00
Merck & Company, Cuml. Conv. 2nd Pfd	4	416.00		407.50	(13.10)	4.60				8.00
U.S. Treasury Ctf. of Indebt. Series E, 2⅝%, due 9/15/54 dtd 9/15/53	10,000.00	10,046.88		10,046.88						262.50
Total Endowment Fund		$228,349.01	$ 28,500.01	$18,711.88	$(373.92)	$ 118.42		$237,875.64	$279,728.95	$ 8,530.47
CULLUM FUND										
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62	9,500.00	9,500.00					9,500.00	9,500.00	8,996.50	236.50
Total Funds		$237.849.01	$28,500.01	$18,711.88	$(373.92)	$ 118.42		$247,375.64	$288.725.45	$ 8.766.97

Examined and found correct:
C. A. SCHRADER,
Colonel, G.S.,
Comptroller.

ROBERT D. JOHNSTON,
Colonel, Infantry,
Treasurer.



1—Colors pass in Review. 2—President Eisenhower is given honors at Stewart Air Force Base. 3—Alumni Review—Cadet First Captain Olvey, General Hodges, The President and Superintendent. 4—The President presents award to Cadet Delbert H. Jacobs for Military Psychology and Leadership. 5—First Classmen breaking ranks after Graduation Parade. 6—Recognition. 7—Cadet First Captain meets General H. C. Hodges, oldest living graduate. 8—The President speaks to Alumni. 9—Last Formation before Recognition.

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROJECTS FOR 1955-1956

1. To create widespread interest in West Point among well-qualified young men, and to aid and encourage those interested in seeking admission to the Military Academy.
2. To strengthen and extend the alumni organization and thereby assure more effective execution of the first project, by
   (a) Appointing alumni representatives to function in those parts of the overall society area not readily accessible to the officers of the society.
   (b) Encouraging the formation of new West Point Societies.

The sixth annual meeting of the National Public Relations Committee of West Point Societies (NPRC) was held at West Point on Saturday, June 4th. Delegates of 22 of the Societies met with representatives of the Association of Graduates and of the Military Academy to discuss revision of the Long-Range Public Relations Policy, to agree upon specific public relations projects to be emphasized by the Societies in the coming year, and to exchange views on methods of accomplishing these projects.

The NPRC was organized during June Week, 1950. Its purpose is "to guide and facilitate the efforts of the West Point Societies in disseminating correct public information about the United States Military Academy."

Colonel T. D. Stamps, August '17, Vice-President of the Association of Graduates, presided at the meeting in place of Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, '04, whose illness prevented his attendance. Colonel Stamps called the meeting to order in the Green Room of the West Point Army Mess at 11:15 AM, extended greetings in the name of General Fenton, and proceeded to introduce those present. West Point Societies were represented as follows:

West Point Society of Alabama—Wm. Logan Martin, '07.
West Point Society of Tucson—Brigadier General R. W. Strong, '15.
West Point Society of Los Angeles—Colonel C. F. Crain, '94.
West Point Society of San Francisco Bay Area—Colonel J. L. Hayden, April '17.
West Point Society of the Pike's Peak Region—Lieutenant General O. W. Griswold, '10.
West Point Society of Connecticut—Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Seipel, Jr., '39.
West Point Society of Washington, D. C.—Colonel W. S. Eley, April '17.
West Point Society of the Florida West Coast—Colonel P. B. Parker, '16.
West Point Society of Atlanta—Colonel C. C. Early, '05.
West Point Society of Chicago—Lieutenant Colonel D. H. Robertson, '25.
Louisville Chapter of West Point Luncheon Clubs—Colonel J. R. Wheaton, '26.
West Point Society of Maryland—Colonel C. D. Wiegand, '29, Captain I. B. Schoenberg, '48.
West Point Society of Boston—Colonel J. G. Booton, '11.
St. Louis Association of West Pointers—Colonel R. M. Clock, '40.
West Point Society of New York—J. E. Lawrence, '45.
West Point Society of Philadelphia—Major General G. D. Pence, '24.
West Point Society of Western Pennsylvania—Colonel R. A. Lincoln, '25.
West Point Society of Tennessee—F. G. Cross, '20.
West Point Society of North Texas—John H. Murrel, '30.
West Point Society of South Texas—Major General R. B. Woodruff, '15.
West Point Society of the El Paso Area—Colonel Leif Neprud, '25.
West Point Society of Seattle—John Goff, '20.

West Point representatives present at the meeting were:
Editor of the *Register of Graduates*—Colonel C. N. Branham, '22.
Editor of *Assembly*, and Secretary, NPRC—Colonel R. D. Johnston, '31.
Representatives of the Superintendent's Information Committee — Colonel C. P. Nicholas, '25, Colonel W. J. Renfroe, Jr., '34.
Public Information Officer, USMA—Colonel E. W. Richardson, '37.

The Superintendent, Lieutenant General B. M. Bryan, '22, also attended the meeting, as did John A. Chambers, '23, and R. M. Danford, '04, trustees of the Association of Graduates. Colonel R. H. Safford, '36, was present and spoke on the activities of the Cadet Public Relations Council.

Colonel Stamps called on Nicholas, '25, to explain the Charter of the NPRC and to act as moderator for the meeting. Colonel Nicholas spoke briefly on the charter, for the orientation of those West Point Society representatives who were attending an NPRC meeting for the first time. He explained the purpose of the NPRC, its membership and its functions. He then called on Renfroe, '34, to discuss the proposed changes in the Long-Range Public Relations Policy, as well as the specific projects for 1955-56.

Renfroe referred to changes in paragraphs 7a and 10, Section II of the Long-Range Policy, proposed by the Commandant of Cadets. The changed wording of paragraph 7a, intended to clarify the fact that a certain amount of tactical training takes place during the academic year, was adopted by the Committee. The proposal to expand paragraph 10 by making specific reference to the Honor System, with a brief explanation of what that system is, was tabled pending further study, since many of those at the meeting felt the present brief wording of that paragraph to be effective and desirably concise.

Two proposals by the West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area were then adopted: one changing the wording of paragraph 1 so as to emphasize the lifelong career aspect of West Point education; the second adding to paragraph 5 a statement that cadets receive pay from the Government. (See the Long-Range Public Relations Policy immediately following this article, reproduced as amended.)

Attention was then directed to the two projects proposed for emphasis during the coming year. Renfroe pointed out that these projects are fundamentally the same ones in effect in 1954-55. He also stressed the fact that these projects, while specifically recommended to all Societies for their guidance, are not intended to be restrictive and that each Society is free to carry out any public relations activity it deems advisable in support of the Long-Range Policy. In connection with the project for interesting young men in West Point, Nicholas explained that the primary consideration is that of spreading information about West Point to the maximum extent, stimulating interest in an ever-increasing number of boys. He further stated that the basic NPRC mission is one of information, not of "recruiting" It is hoped that the information thus disseminated will cause more boys to try for admission to the Military Academy and will therefore raise the overall quality of those entering. Colonel Nicholas pointed out that it is not the duty of a Society to provide an appointment for every boy whom it interests in West Point; that in some cases Societies

will see ways of helping boys obtain appointments, but that the NPRC, as such, cannot map out a program for securing appointments. It must be realized and accepted that many of the boys whose interest in West Point is aroused by NPRC informational efforts will *not* be able to find appointments, but that this condition is a necessary element of the competitive processes involved. Nicholas further explained that it is not expected that all Societies will be able to carry out the program with equal effectiveness, since there are great differences in size, nature of membership, conditions obtaining in the various Society areas, etc.

After a brief discussion, the two projects were unanimously adopted by the Committee. Colonel Stamps then announced adjournment for a few minutes, while the tables were readied for the luncheon held in conjunction with the meeting. During the luncheon, Johnston, '31, Secretary of the Association of Graduates and of the NPRC, spoke briefly on the increase in West Point Societies during the past few years. He pointed out graphically how the 7 Societies existing in 1946 had increased to 34 in 1955, largely through the efforts of General Fenton and of the NPRC in encouraging the organization of new societies. Johnston also referred to the list of Alumni Representatives appointed by several of the Societies during the past year (See list in "Bulletin Board" Column) and expressed the hope that this group of representatives would increase steadily in number during the coming year, in keeping with the second project for the year.

Colonel E. W. Richardson, '37, Public Information Officer of the Military Academy, then gave a report on the principal activities of his office during the past year. In addition to a number of items concerning the general functioning of the PIO, he brought out the following points:

1. The film "The Long Gray Line" has been widely applauded by graduates, many of whom have assisted in arrangements for *première* showings in various cities throughout the country. It is expected that some 20 million people will see the movie.
2. A new documentary film, "The Making of a West Pointer", has just been completed and should be ready for distribution during the summer. It is in color and has a showing time of 38 minutes. This new film is aimed more directly at the prospective cadet and his parents than is the older "This Is West Point." The latter film remains available for situations where the main objective is not to reach teen-agers or their parents.
3. PIO activity in the radio and television fields has been stepped up considerably in the past year.
4. Colonel "Red" Reeder has just written a boy's book entitled "West Point Plebe" which will appear in book stores in August. It is endorsed by General Ridgway and General Bryan and appears to be one of the best boy's books ever written about West Point.
5. A new high-fidelity record (33-1/3 rpm) of West Point music has just been completed and can be obtained through the West Point Army Mess for $3.50, including mailing charge.
6. The Army Athletic Association is contemplating the issue of a monthly athletic newsletter, starting in the fall.

Colonel R. H. Safford, '36, head of the Office of Military Psychology and Leadership, Department of Tactics, reported on cadet activities in the field of public information. He mentioned the important benefits for the Military Academy inherent in the visits to West Point by many outstanding civilian college students for the Students' Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA), held at West Point each December under the sponsorship of the Department of Social Sciences. He referred also to cadet contacts with other students and with the public on trips and at meetings of the Debate Council and Forum. Safford mentioned the participation of the Corps of Cadets in the making of the film "The Long Gray Line", and the attendance by the Corps at the New York *première* in February. He then spoke more in detail concerning the Cadet Public Relations Council, a volunteer group of cadets interested in carrying on public information activity for West Point during their leave periods and in conjunction with trips by athletic teams, debate teams, the Glee Club, etc.

Safford told of plans for a new project this summer, that of having members of the Cadet Public Relations Council visit National Guard units during their summer camp periods and conduct orientation talks on the Military Academy.

In general discussion following Safford's talk, various problems of coordination of cadet visits to civilian communities were brought up. Several Society representatives mentioned the necessity for advance notice and planning. Chambers, '23, referring to the Boston area, said that schools usually made up their schedule of speakers months in advance and that, if cadet speakers were to be allocated time for addressing school audiences, the necessary arrangements would have to be made far in advance. He explained that the most effective method for arranging a cadet visit to a school was to send a cadet who was an alumnus of the particular school. Martin, '07, spoke of the desirability of scheduling such visits for weekdays rather than weekends. He pointed out the effectiveness of cadet appearances before luncheon clubs, such as Rotary and Kiwanis, but stressed in this connection, too, the need for early scheduling. Parker, '16, of the Florida West Coast Society, also referred to the desirability of advance planning and coordination and the possibility of having Army Public Information officers in the Society area assist in the arrangements.

Colonels Safford and Nicholas indicated the problems involved in getting Cadet Public Relations Council members out to the various areas, mainly because of transportation and financial difficulties. They also pointed out the volunteer nature of this effort and the relatively small number of cadets actively involved as members of the Council. Colonel Safford explained that this meant that each Society's area could not be "covered" every year, but that a reasonable rotation policy would be followed so that no area would be neglected for any long period. It was generally agreed that every practicable step would be taken to coordinate visits by Cadet Council members as far in advance as possible. It was further felt that lists of *all* cadets to visit in each Society's area during leave periods could be furnished to the appropriate Societies for their information and guidance.

Hayden, April '17, of the San Francisco Bay Area Society, requested an arrangement for the automatic forwarding to the Societies of certain reports issued annually, such as the Superintendent's Annual Report, Report of the Board of Visitors, Final Report on SCUSA, and the like. Nicholas assured the meeting that arrangements would be made to allow automatic distribution to Societies, thus freeing them of the necessity for requesting these materials anew each year.

Colonel Stamps summed up the significance of the two Public Relations Projects adopted by the meeting and emphasized the desirability of orienting and interesting a large number of young men in the Military Academy, even though many of them would never actually succeed in being admitted.

Nicholas informed the Society representatives that each Society would receive from the Association of Graduates during the summer a list of districts in the Society area where nominations for West Point have lagged in the past year. This would give each Society guidance as to the portions of its overall area which apparently need increased attention.

Colonel Stamps explained the adoption of the regular College Entrance Board Examinations as the qualifying examinations for West Point, pointing out the advantages to a young man in his preparation, the readier understanding of these requirements by secondary school students and teachers alike, and the resulting benefits to the Military Academy in better understanding on the part of the educational world.

Colonel Nicholas thanked all those present, on behalf of the Superintendent, for their attendance and their active interest, and Colonel C. F. Crain, '94, representing the Los Angeles Society, brought the meeting to a close by quoting the moving tribute to West Point which concludes the book "The Spirit of Old West Point", by Morris Schaff, Class of 1862.

Long-Range Public Relations Policy for West Point Societies

I. GENERAL PURPOSE

The general purpose of public relations activity by West Point Societies is to present to the public a correct, balanced and modern picture of West Point. It is important for the public to have a well-proportioned picture, with greater emphasis on curricular aspects than has heretofore been customary. The usually publicized aspects of football, parades and discipline should take their proper places as only a part of the picture. By contrast, the frequently unpublicized aspects of academic excellence, broadness of curriculum, and stress on character development, leadership and physical fitness should, by taking their correct places in the whole picture, assume greater prominence than the public has heretofore attributed to them.

II. FUNDAMENTAL ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Over a period of years, public relations activities related to West Point should be directed toward informing the public that:

1. West Point is a national institution whose general purpose is to educate young men for a professional career in the military service.

2. West Point has provided outstanding leaders in all major wars of U.S. history; during the past 150 years West Pointers have been the nucleus of professional officers who set the standard for the United States land and air forces in training, discipline and combat; and West Pointers have sacrificed their lives in battle to a greater relative degree than any comparable group of Americans.

3. As a result of their training, West Pointers have made major historical contributions to the civil and political development of the United States.

4. West Point is an under-graduate institution on the college level, granting a bachelor's degree.

5. West Point is founded and operated on democratic principles; qualification for admission is based on mental proficiency, physical fitness, and sound moral character; and cadets are admitted from all walks of American life, rich and poor alike. Each cadet receives from the United States Government sufficient basic pay and allowances to cover his necessary expenses.

6. West Point's curriculum and methods are progressive and modern, being continually scrutinized and adapted to changing conditions, both civil and military.

7. The West Point education is broad and balanced. The following features should be stressed:

a. West Point education does not concentrate solely on strategy and tactics. The school year of 39 weeks is devoted principally to academic education. Although a certain amount of tactical training is presented during this period, most of the military training is accomplished during the summer.

b. Although stressing the scientific subjects necessary in a professional career, West Point is not a specialized engineering school. It combines the characteristics of both engineering and liberal arts colleges. The curriculum is about 60% scientific and 40% humanistic.

c. West Point teaches fundamentals, leaving academic specialization to be accomplished in graduate work after the cadet becomes an officer.

d. The West Point courses encourage free discussion and expression of individual opinions. Performance on the Graduate Record Examinations shows that cadets are outstanding in effectiveness of expression.

e. Numerous extra-curricular activities broaden the cadet's point of view (West Point Debate Council; West Point Forum; Language Clubs, Literature Club; Mathematics Forum, etc.).

8. The West Point system of education is thorough, requiring each student to develop himself by diligent application and daily participation in small group recitations under carefully trained instructors.

9. West Point provides a broad basic military education, rather than individual proficiency in the technical duties of junior officers. Specialization and mastery of technical duties in chosen branches are matters of post-graduate education, after the cadets have become officers.

10. The program at West Point lays constant emphasis on the development of character, leadership and integrity.

11. All cadets undergo four years of active physical training and athletics, ensuring their development in physical stamina, moral courage, and qualities of leadership. This program includes not only intercollegiate sports, intramural sports, gymnastics, and other forms of individual physical development, but also a comprehensive course in the preparation and administration of physical training programs, coaching and other similar responsibilities of regular officers.

Report of the 86th Annual Meeting

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those published in the April 1955 issue of *Assembly*) were:

President:
Willis D. Crittenberger, '13

Vice Presidents:
Thomas B. Doe, '05
Robert H. Dunlop, '10
Walter W. Hess, Jr., '15
Eugene C. Johnston, '20
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Trustee to serve until 30 June 1956:
John S. Roosma, '26

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Russell L. Maxwell, '12
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Gerard W. Kelley, '25
Edwin J. Messinger, '31
Walter J. Renfroe, Jr., '34
George E. Wear, '44
John W. McEnery, '48
LeRoy W. Henderson, '50

Regional Trustees to serve until 30 June 1958:

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

12. Stamps requested that no motion be made until after ample time for opportunity to make nominations from the floor.

13. The election of the officers and Trustees as nominated was carried without dissent.

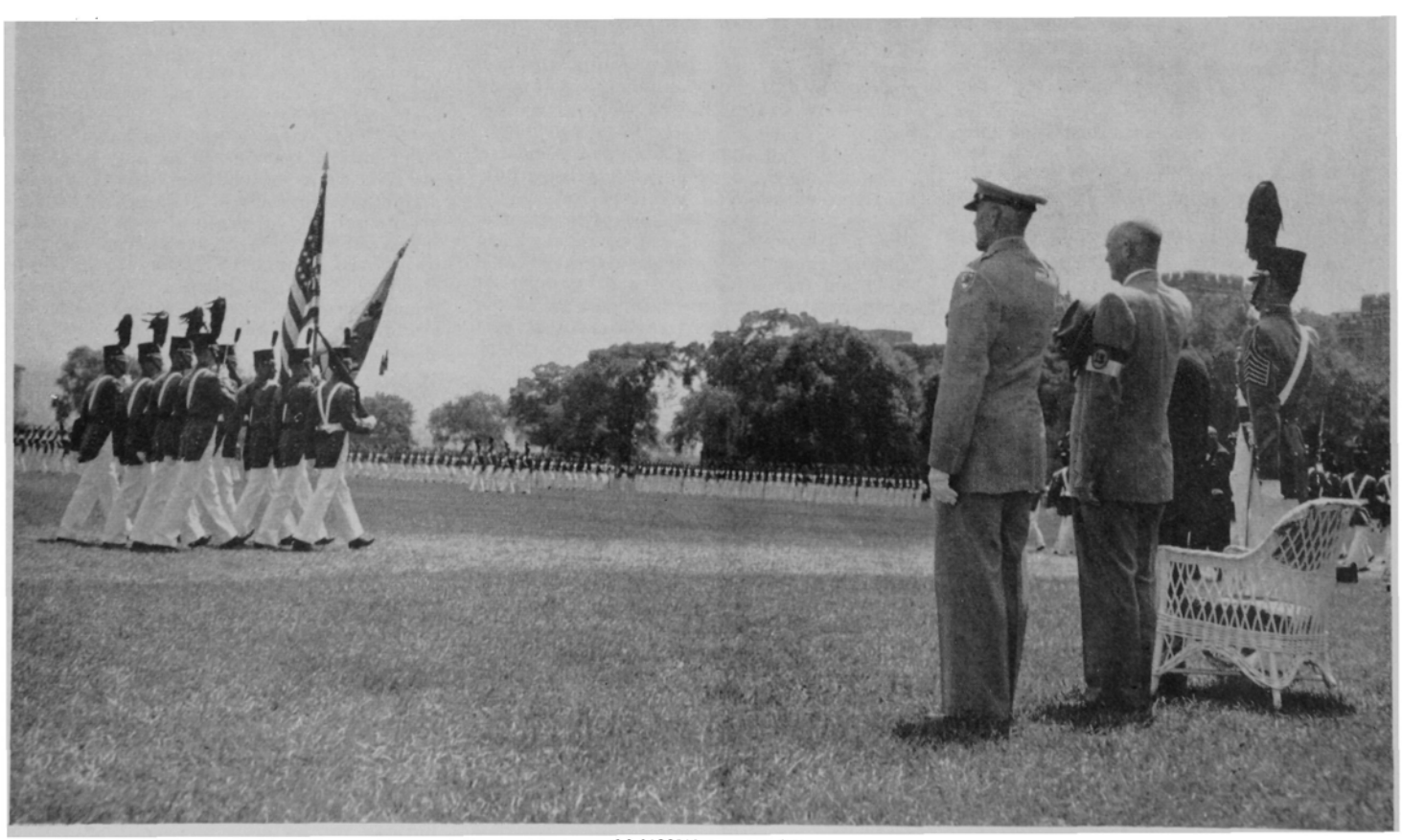
14. Stamps then turned the meeting over to the new President, Willis D. Crittenberger, '13.

15. Crittenberger then addressed the meeting briefly, expressing the appreciation of the membership for the services of the Officers and Trustees who were retiring from office. He directed that the Secretary show on the record the appreciation of the Association for their splendid services.

16. There being no further business, the benediction was given by Monsignor Joseph F. Moore, the Academy's Catholic Chaplain.

17. The meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

—ROBERT D. JOHNSTON, '31
Secretary.



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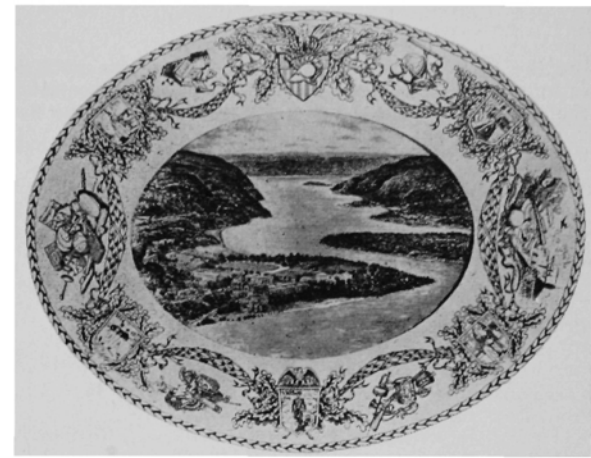

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WEST POINT SOCIETIES

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

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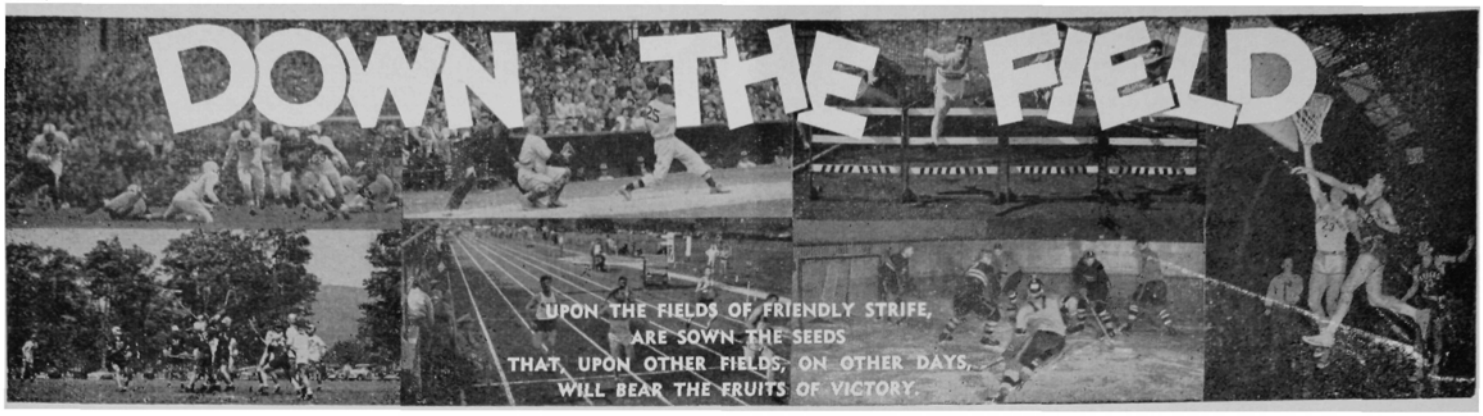


By Joe Cahill

General Bryan presenting the Army Athletic Trophy to Cadet Godwin Ordway, III for being chosen for rendering the most valuable service to intercollegiate athletics during his career as a cadet.

"There is no substitute for victory" . . . particularly when the foe is Navy. The adage was proved again this spring. A three event sweep over the Middies at West Point enabled the baseball, track and golf teams to turn otherwise mediocre campaigns into successful seasons. Lacrosse and tennis were not so fortunate. Both wound up on the short end of things at Annapolis.

The excitement came not only from the taste of victory but also from the manner in which the wins were achieved. The track meet is a case in point. A two yard victory in the climactic mile relay enabled the Cadets to win by a scant one-third of a point in the closest meet in the entire history of the series.

Trailing 65-1/3 to 60-2/3 going into the final event, Coach Carl Crowell named Mike Alexander, Harold Holmquist, Stan Johnson and Jerry Jagrowski to bring home the bacon. After Alexander and Holmquist had held Navy's front two about even, Johnson broke the back of the Middies by opening up an eight yard lead which Jagrowski needed to break the tape in front by two yards.

The peerless effort of Bob Kyasky kept Army in the meet. A halfback from Ansonia, Connecticut, Kyasky turned in a triple, winning the 100-220 and broad jump. His 0:20.6 clocking for the furlong was an all-time record for the distance at West Point, erasing by two-tenths the standard set by Illinois' Herb McKenley, two time Olympian from Jamaica, in 1941. Other Army winners included Johnson, 440; Jagrowski, 880; Louis Quantannens, 2 mile; Dave Patton, shotput; Bud Hall and Harold Keeler, who tied in the high jump. Thus Navy has been unable to manufacture a track victory at West Point since 1945.

Under the tutelage of Joe Palone, who succeeded Paul Amen this spring, the baseball team played .500 ball, beat Navy and finished fifth in the ten team Eastern Baseball League.

The Cadets showed considerable prowess at the plate, but ragged fielding proved costly over the course of the season. Timely enough the Cadets picked the big game in which to combine perfect fielding and some effective pitching. They scored two runs in the first and third innings and added another in the fourth to trip Navy 5 to 1. A run in the seventh marred Bill Shepherd's bid for a shutout. The big right hander, though nicked for eleven hits, doled them out sparingly. Except for the seventh, he limited the Middie batters to one hit an inning. Captain Dick Cardillo, Mike Conrad and Bill Cody collected two hits apiece. Cardillo, Shepherd and Cody each belted doubles to pace the offensive. The win snapped Navy's recent three game domination of the series.

Pro Walter Browne had much to be proud of with the golf team. The linksmen hand-

ed a strong Princeton team its only defeat of the season and then climaxed the campaign with a stirring 4 to 3 victory over Navy. Jim Stroope, the big Texan, came up with the major upset of the season when he handed Dick Mattox of Navy his only defeat in eight matches.

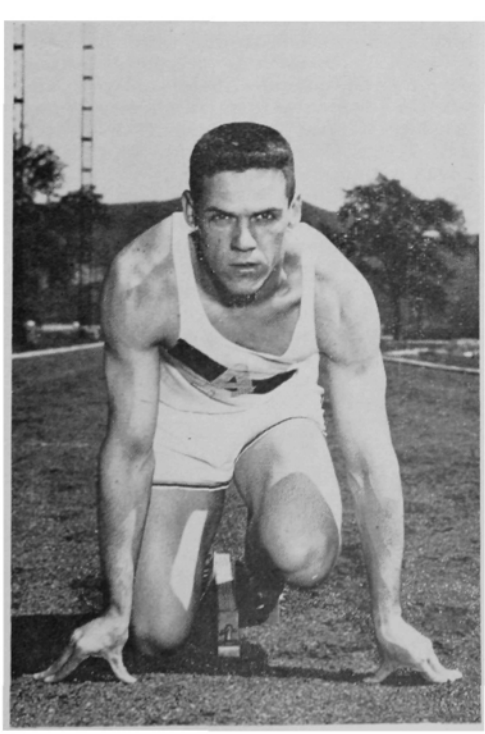
It was a long, dreary campaign for Coach Morris Touchstone and his lacrosse team. For the first time since he joined the staff here more than a quarter of a century ago, Morris had to settle for a losing season, with a final mark of 5 wins against 6 defeats.

Long shot underdogs, the stickmen nevertheless threw a scare into a great Navy team, which had lost only to Maryland's National champions. Army jumped into a 2 to 0 first period lead on goals by Perry Smith and Norris Harbold. Then the more adept stick-handling and finesse of the Middies began to take its toll. Navy tied the score in the early moments of the second period, grabbed a two goal halftime lead and then went on to smother the Cadets 6 to 2. Second team all-America nominations were gained by Roy Dunaway, defense; and John Giddings, midfield.

In a precedent shattering trip, nine members of the track and field team joined forces with a group of Yale University thinclads to compete against Oxford-Cambridge in a hands-across-the-sea meet at London. With only first places counting in the scoring, the meet wound up in an 8-8 deadlock. Bob Kyasky was the only double winner and the only cadet to score. He captured both the 100 yard dash and the broad jump. He then combined his talents with teammates John Halpern and Carl Bossert, and Yale's Henry Thresher to win the quarter mile relay. It was the only relay victory which enabled the favored Americans to gain the tie. The team also participated in several meets in Ireland.

The 1956 spring sports captains as announced by Colonel J. T. L. Schwenk, GMA, include Dennis Butler, baseball; Jim Stroope, golf; John Higgins, lacrosse; Morgan, Mayson, tennis. A track captain had not been decided upon at the time this issue went to press.

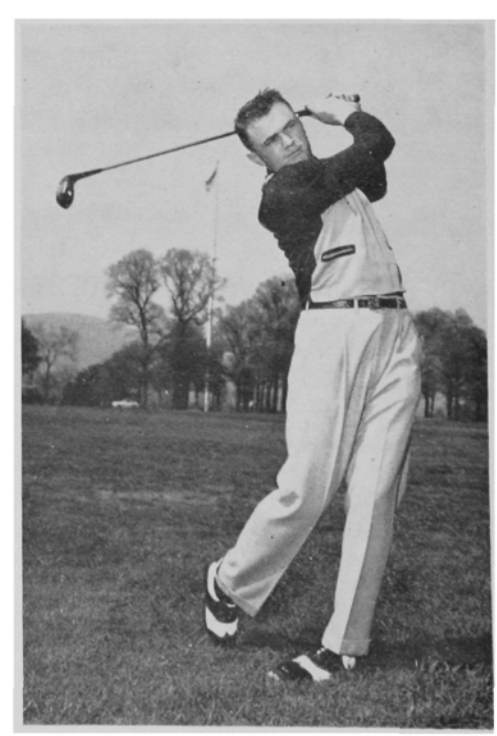
Colonel Reeder, Jr. presenting the Hughes Award to Cadet Thomas J. Bell for being chosen the most valuable player on the Army Football Team.



Robert Kyasky—Track . . .

Football Press Information Brochure

The Army Athletic Association has announced that the official *Football Press Information Brochure* is available again this fall at a price of one dollar ($1.00). This publication is recommended not only as an authoritative preview, but also as a ready reference for use during the season. Its pages are crammed with information and photographs. Also included are the scores of all games since the inception of the sport here in 1890, the outstanding achievements of players and coaches, and a complete list of all captains and lettermen. Copies may be secured by writing the Army Athletic Association.



Jim Stroope—Golf. . .

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Robert E. Wood, 1900, Honored by Portrait Unveiling

At a simple but impressive ceremony on Alumni Day, a portrait of Robert E. Wood, 1900, one of the Academy's most distinguished sons, was hung in the beautiful Gray Room of the West Point Army Mess. Owing to the limited capacity of the Gray Room, the guest list was restricted to members of General Wood's class (present at West Point for their 55th Reunion), members of his family, the Superintendent, and officers and trustees of the Association of Graduates, including the new President, Willis D. Crittenberger, 1913.

The principal address was made by Robert E. Danford, 1904, representing the trustees of the Association of Graduates. General Danford outlined General Wood's services to the Army and to the country: as a key member of General Goethals' staff during the construction of the Panama Canal; as Acting Quartermaster General during World War I; as one of the country's outstanding business leaders between the wars; and as a consultant to the Armed Forces and other Government departments during and after World War II. General Danford spoke of General Wood's great love for West Point and of his many services to his Alma Mater.

The portrait was accepted By General Bryan, the Superintendent, after which General Wood expressed his appreciation of the distinct honor.

BOOK REVIEW

WEST POINT PLEBE. By Colonel Russell P. (Red) Reeder, '26. New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce-Little, Brown, 1955; 246 pages; 8 vo; frontispiece; $3.00.

Reviewed by

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

This book is the truest and most vivid account of plebe life that this reviewer has yet read. It is also the most interesting. It is possible that the works of General Charles King were in their day its equal; but their language seems stilted, and their action contrived, compared to the naturalness and easy authority with which Red Reeder writes.

The story is of today, and the West Point scene is modern; but the spirit is timeless. Any cadet of the past forty years will recognize himself, his classmates and the upper classmen in Red Reeder's characters.

Aside from Red's unusual talent for skillful narration, two factors are responsible for this result. First, he is here on the scene with exceptional opportunities for observation. And secondly, he has a remarkable gift of sympathizing with young men and identifying himself with their joys and sorrows. This sympathy also saves him from making even his least admirable characters despicable; neither are his heroes Little Lord Fauntleroys. The whole book is permeated with good sense and humanity.

The story is built around three roommates, chosen for their diverse backgrounds and representativeness: Clint Lane, football player and "army brat"; Chugwater Austin, flamboyant Texan; and Joe Flynn, son of a Maine lobster fisherman. All three have their struggles with the Beast Detail, upperclassmen, the tacs and the Math Department. Red carefully avoids capitalizing on parades, glamor and football. Everything is in just proportion. Clint, his hero, is obviously destined to become a football star; but he suffers with all the rest, and gets his rewards only when he earns them. The love interest is unobtrusive but pleasant. It completes the picture of Clint as a well rounded character.

This books is, of course, designed for teen-agers; but the treatment is such as to sustain the interest of adults. Any graduate should derive special enjoyment out of re-living the most arduous and exciting period of his youth through its pages; and any candidate could have no greater favor done him than to receive a gift copy from a graduate. Book will be placed on sale August 8.

Mental Entrance Examinations for West Point

This year marks a change in the procedures for testing the mental abilities of applicants for West Point. This article describes briefly the new procedures. It is published so that all graduates will be familiar with the new procedures and be able to answer questions of interested parties. It is hoped that all of our readers

will assist in publicizing this change when appropriate occasions arise.

Throughout its previous history West Point has used especially prepared tests for this purpose. Commencing with those candidates desiring admission in 1956, mental qualifications will be determined by performance on prescribed tests at one of the regular administration of the College Entrance Examination Board series of tests. These are given four* times annually—in December, January, March, May—and are conducted at more than 700 College Board test centers throughout the United States and foreign countries. *The March series is preferred.* In general, a center will be within 75 miles of the candidate's home. Candidates register for the prescribed tests in accordance with the regular published instruction of the College Board and pay the required fee directly to the College Board.

The specific mental examinations a candidate must take are dependent upon the amount of education he has had and upon the kind of nomination he has received. Nominations are of two kinds: *noncompetitive* and *competitive.* A noncompetitive nomination is one in which the candidate's priority for appointment is designated by the nominating authority; i.e., as principal, first alternate, second alternate, or third alternate. Nominations by members of Congress constitute the greater part of noncompetitive appointments. A competitive appointment is one in which appointments are awarded to those otherwise qualified candidates who make the highest scores on the mental examinations for entrance. For example, one competitive nomination category is available to men in the Armed Services.

Based on the kind of appointment, candidates are required to take mental entrance examinations as follows:

A competitive candidate must take the prescribed College Board tests at the March administration.

A noncompetitive candidate nominated prior to the closing date for registration for the March College Board tests may take the tests prescribed for him at the regular December, January, or March administrations; the March series is preferred.

A noncompetitive candidate nominated subsequent to the closing date for registration for the March College Board tests may take the tests either at the May administration of the College Board tests or at the special administration of these tests at West Point in June.

Every candidate who has completed satisfactorily the required secondary school units of study, but who has not completed at least one semester of college work will be required to take the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test and the College Board achievement tests in Intermediate Mathematics and English Composition.

All noncompetitive candidates who have completed satisfactorily the required secondary school units of study and who have also completed satisfactory work for at least one semester at college, will be required to take only the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Any candidate who is unable to present evidence of satisfactory completion of a course in United States History must also take the College Board achievement test in Social Studies.

Candidates examined in December, January, or March will be notified of results opproximately six weeks after the March College Board tests.

Inquiries as to the particular College Board tests required of a candidate should be addressed to the Registrar, USMA, West Point, New York. Complete information on the tests—dates of administration, location of testing centers, dates by which applicants must register, payment of fees, method of application, sample questions, etc.—is in a booklet entitled *College Board Tests.* This bulletin may be obtained without charge by writing to:

The Registrar
U.S. Military Academy
West Point, New York

or to

The College Entrance Examination Board
P.O. Box 592
Princeton, New Jersey

or to

The College Entrance Examination Board
P.O. Box 27896
Los Angeles 27, California

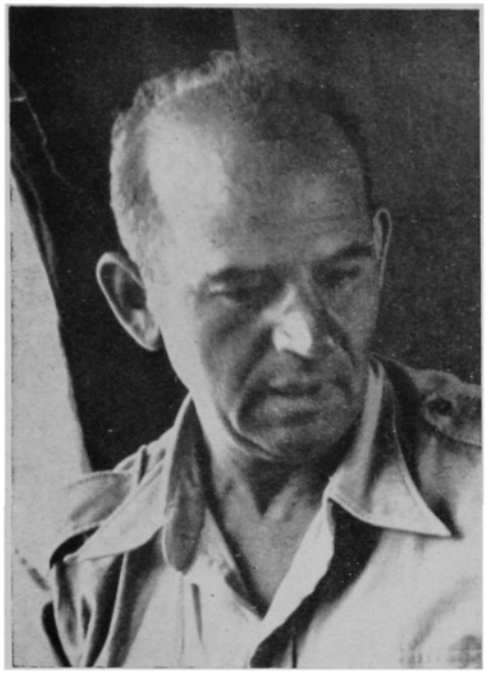
The booklet may also be obtained from the principal, guidance counselor, or librarian in many high schools.

* The College Board tests are also given in August. This series will not be accepted for admission to USMA.

Portrait of General Brehon Somervell Unveiled

At 1500, 6 June the unveiling ceremony of a portrait of General Brehon Somervell took place in the Pershing Room of Cullum Hall. Colonel L. E. Schick, Chairman of the West Point Museum Board, presided over the ceremonies. After a brief address by Major General H. C. Ingles, U.S.A. Ret., formerly Chief Army Signal Officer, Colonel Schick introduced Mrs. Somervell, who unveiled the portrait. The artist and donor, Mr. Orland Campbell, stated briefly the origin of the portrait. The portrait was then presented to the Academy, and its official acceptance was made by Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

Music for the occasion was provided by members of the USMA Band. Many of the guests remained after the ceremony for the Graduation Parade on the Plain.



America and Israel Honor the Memory of Colonel David Marcus

The memory of Colonel David Marcus, distinguished citizen of New York and gallant soldier for America and Israel, was honored on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of his death on the approaches to Jerusalem during Israel's War of Liberation, at a gathering on Thursday evening, June 9th, at the Jewish Museum, Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City, held under the auspices of the Military, Naval, and Air Attache of Israel, Colonel K. P. Salmon.

Similar ceremonies were held in Israel. West Point classmates and military colleagues and friends of the late Colonel Marcus both in America and Israel participated in these memorial exercises.

In New York Major General John H. Hilldring, USA, Ret., delivered the principal memorial address, and Colonel Charles G. Stevenson, State Judge Advocate, New York National Guard, a roommate of Colonel Marcus at West Point, contributed a personal reminiscence. Other speakers included Colonel Salmon, for Israel; and the Honorable Arthur H. Schwartz, President of the Colonel David Marcus Memorial Foundation, who announced plans for a projected book and movie on Marcus' life. The Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Zeev Segal, Congregation Young Israel, Newark, New Jersey, and the Benediction by Captain Joshua L. Goldberg, Chaplains' Corps, USN, District Chaplain, Third Naval District. Cantor Zvi Halprin, Israel Defense Army, and Menahem Pressler, well-known Israeli pianist, provided the musical portion of the ceremony which included the national anthems of the United States and Israel and the renderings of sacred and solemn music. Taps were sounded by a First Army bugler.

In Israel memorial events were held at centers commemorating Colonel Marcus' supreme sacrifice for Israel's liberation. Among them is Mishmar David (Guard of David), a village in the hill country, midway between the Mediterranean coast and Jerusalem, where eighty families have settled in the area where "Mickey" Marcus fell.

Other Israel centers named for the war hero include Marcus Playground at Ramat Hayil (Hill of the Warrior), a veterans' housing development of 800 families near Tel Aviv, and Camp Marcus, the Israel Army's education college situated on Mount Carmel, where new recruits study Hebrew and receive orientation on the history and geography of the country.

David "Mickey" Marcus, son of Rumanian Jewish immigrants, was born in New York City on February 22, 1902. He attended public and high schools in Brooklyn, New York, and City College, New York. In July 1920 he was appointed Cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, and after his graduation in 1924 he entered the Regular Army, being assigned to the 16th Infantry.

He joined the Reserve in 1926 and the following year married Miss Emma Chaisen of New York City. Embarking on a legal career in 1928, Marcus served as an attorney with the Treasury Department and Department of Justice, becoming Assistant United States Attorney in 1931. In 1934 he was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Correction, New York City, and in 1940 Commissioner of Correction.

Colonel Marcus was recalled to active duty in October 1940 with the 27th Division. He saw service in the Pacific and European theatres of war, participating in the invasions of Italy and Normandy. He was also a military adviser at important war-time conferences including Quebec and Potsdam, and served with U.S. Military Government in Germany after the conclusion of hostilities.

Colonel Marcus resigned from the Army and joined the Reserve in April 1947. On January 30, 1948 he surveyed the situation in Palestine at the invitation of the Jewish Agency. He returned to New York at the beginning of April, but was urgently recalled a few weeks later to advise Hagannah, Israel's Defense Army. He was killed in action on June 10, 1948.

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West Point Society of Connecticut—Mr. William E. Glynn, Mr. Philip H. Raymond, Mr. Clarence Seipel, Jr., Mr. Arthur Weiss, Mr. Samuel H. Title, Mr. David Newcomb, Mr. Albert W. Cretella, Jr., Mr. Joseph T. Gaffney.

West Point Society of Chicago—General Fritz Breidster, Captain James A. Ross, Jr.

West Point Society of Boston—Colonel John G. Booton, Major General L. E. Oliver, Mr. E. T. Brown, Colonel G. L. Descheneaux, Colonel Ernest W. Carr, Colonel Kenneth Woodbury.

St. Louis Association of West Pointers—Colonel James D. Barnett.

West Point Society of South Texas—Colonel Benjamin E. Thurston, Brigadier General R. C. Kuldell, Colonel J. S. Tate, Mr. J. K. Boyce, Colonel R. L. Smith, Colonel W. D. Dickinson, Major John E. Kennedy, Jr., Major General Thomas L. Harrold, Major General Edward T. Williams, Colonel W. A. Hampton, Captain John R. Hall, Jr., Major General William L. Mitchell.

JUNE WEEK GREETINGS

Telegraphic June Week greetings were sent to a number of our more senior graduates who could not be at West Point for June Week.

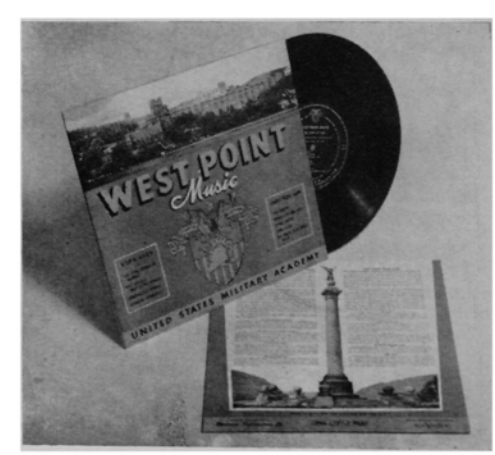
Folowing are a few of the replies received:

From RIDGEWAY to CRITTENBERGER: "MY THANKS TO THE ALUMNI FOR THEIR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE. PLEASE EXPRESS TO THEM MY WARM REGARD AND MY ADMIRATION FOR THEIR DEEDS FOR COUNTRY IN PEACE AND WAR"

From TWINING to CRITTENBERGER: "I APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME THE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES OF THE GRADUATES OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS."

From TAYLOR to CRITTENBERGER: "MOST GRATEFUL FOR GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI."

From McAULIFFE to CRITTENBERGER: "MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GREETINGS FROM ASSEMBLED MEMBERS OF THE LONG GRAY LINE."



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A new recording of all the traditional West Point music is now ready for you on one 10-inch high fidelity 33-1/3 Long Play record custom pressed and processed by RCA-Victor. Featured are the USMA Band and the Cadet Glee Club in nine of the songs and marches you will never forget.

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ARMY BLUE,
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New Members

We welcome to our membership 426 graduates of the Class of 1955 and 48 other graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 13,378.

ALMOST 93% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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1891

Since his last report to this column your scribe has seen Horney in California, Glasgow in Texas, Cosby, Ely and Hines in Washington, D. C., and Donworth in New Haven, and Schoeffel was conversed with by phone some months ago. Donworth died last February. Our seven survivors may be rated as better than average in health and vitality for their years, with Glasgow and Sorley apparently enjoying the greatest freedom from physical infirmity. Ely maintains his erect posture and flashing blue eyes, Cosby and Hines have their comfort somewhat marred by bouts with arthritis, and Schoeffel finds his walking ability restricted. Sorley has recently moved to the National Capital.

—*L. S. S.*

1895

Miles reports he never expected to see '95 in the front rank of the leading squad of the Long Gray Line. He renews tribute to the esprit de corps, traditions, and sentiments of West Point. He contacted Mike Cavenaugh, (Hoss' grandson) a first classman, who says he is getting along all right. Harry was doubtful about that, so now we can all stop worrying.

Nissen seems to be so well and thoughtful for all the class, that he probably can take his turn as class secretary before long.

Smith, F. W. is temporarily with his son, Sigmund, and family at 4965 Catoctin Drive, San Diego, where he says he enjoys a little gardening and baby-sitting for his three grandchildren.

Dixon seems to be well and is deep in his studies.

Miles made a fine recovery after a short stay at Hot Springs Army Hospital, which he says, is wonderful.

Nuttman is convalescing from two major operations which he treats lightly, saying that, at our age we are naturally expected to have them. His chief concern seemed to be regret at having to miss the reunion.

Herron and his niece, Frances, drove in her Cadillac to Palm Springs for a week-end with the Aviation Club. Frances' instructor in flying was Paul Manse.

Watson, Miles, Nuttman, and Nissen expect to complete the class-reunion in Washington, and have as their guests, Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Seth Cook, (Cavenaugh's sister) and Nuttman's daughter, Betty.

Watson returns to Munich, leaving New York by Pan American the 20th of June.

—*J. S. H.*

1899

That noble Corps song, sung always at the Thayer monument ceremony by the magnificent cadet choir, says that "The men of the Corps long dead" are there in spirit! And it is true that at such a time the classmates of yesterday come strongly to the minds of the living. It is also true that VanDuyne, Humphrey and I, marching ominously near the head of the column of the living, felt that we could almost touch the last files of "the ghostly assemblage" marching just ahead of us! The Point is of course a place of stirring memories, but not of sadness, even for the bare dozen of those of the nineties who were there in '55. The Corps is as always, inspiring and thrilling and the place becomes even more beautiful. The new Superintendent seems the consummation of our ideals of what a West Pointer should be—able, intelligent, liberal and a distinguished battle leader.

The focal center of this year's graduation was undoubtedly the President, who came early, stayed long, spoke well, and to everyone's gratification, obviously had a wonderful time. Conspicuous on our horizon was the Class of 1900 in reunion, which most generously invited us to its dinner, where, needless to say, we gave full expression to our contrition for past misdeeds! Bob Wood, distinguished and urbane, presided at the dinner. "The New York Times", in its account of the proceedings, reported Herron as the "second oldest graduate present"! He says that "the report is much exaggerated"

Humphrey, up from Texas, will circulate extensively before returning. Yates and Clark, H. B. gave Hawaii a visit this past winter and Kelly, as usual, spent the winter in San Diego. To the son of our well beloved classmate of that name, Colonel Robert K. McDonough, U.S. Engineers who was recently awarded the Legion of Merit for "outstanding service" in Korea, the Class extends congratulations and expresses its gratification.

—*C. D. H.*

1900

Considering that 55 years have passed since our graduation, and that our average age is practically 78 years, the Class of 1900 made a respectable showing during Graduation Week.

This year's "small" class of 469 members contrasts with our microscopic class of 54 members. On our Graduation Day the entire Corps numbered just 335 Cadets.

Special letters had been sent to the 32 members of the Class still living, but only the following appeared—Baer, Birnie, Glynn, Harvey, Hopkins, McVicker, Perkins, Rockwell, Sunderland, Tidball, Wood and Youngberg.

For us of 1900 an outstanding incident was the presentation of a fine portrait of Bob Wood, hung in the Officers' Mess, by the Association of Graduates on June 6th. After some brief preliminaries, Mrs. Wood unveiled the portrait and Bob made a short, but good speech.

That evening Bob was host at a Class Supper, at which, by Bob's previous request, Youngberg M-C'eed a practically extemporaneous program, reviewing our Cadet Days.

Conklin remarked on our Beast Barracks, he being the sole survivor of the five members of '97 who had us in charge. Herron and Sep Humphrey of '99 gave us their recollections of our Plebe Camp, and Beverly Brown of '01 followed with some incidents of our Yearling Camp.

George Perkins read some excerpts from skin lists of our First Class Year, and also from the general order bearing on the attempted resort to the self-incriminating clause of the 5th Amendment in connection with the "episode" of our First Class Camp, which led to the "busting" of the six top "makes" of the Class.

Glynn sounded off his famous Tech on "Time". A telegram was dispatched to our Class President, Walter Grant, and a brief resolution was adopted memorializing our ten classmates who had passed on since our 50th Reunion.

The affair ended with some felicitous remarks by Bob Wood, relating to the benefits which he had derived from his cadet days and which have been reflected in his remarkable career as one of the most successful and respected businessmen of the entire world.

—*Gay.*

1901

Our reunion attendance was a bit slim, the Tidballs, Frances Keyes (lives at Highland Falls) and I. Billy and I were guests at the 1900, fifty-fifth reunion dinner, engineered by Bob Wood and Youngberg. (They had about *fourteen* of the class present).

Frank Lahm—over the years, probably the most regular attendant at reunions—was delayed leaving California, however, he was in Washington for a Wednesday luncheon. Both Mary and Jerry Pillow were in hospital—Jerry now O.K., but Mary had a broken hip. Joe Kay, another regular of recent years, also had hospital difficulties but is recovering, same for Dutch Roth and Walbridge Powell. All say they will be present for our 55th. The Pat Newmans have been in Washington recently.

The Washington Wednesday luncheons go on with West, Kent, Beck, W. D. Smith, Jordan, Dent and occasionally Bettison and Browne. I saw Alice and George Spalding in Florida and they are fine.

Mrs. H. B. Jordan sent me Harry's 1901 album and I am sending it to the W.P. Library—as they said they would like to have it. In addition to the above I have seen or heard from Imogene Taulbee, Nannie Jewett, Anne Peek, the Maguires, Larkins, Shinkles, Olivers, Cooley, Dinsmore, Ennis and Griffith.

—*Beverly F. Browne.*

1903

Just before the Superintendent's reception on Sunday, June 5th, under our Class Tree in front of Cullum Hall, an automatic service pistol was presented to Cadet Captain Clifford Jones, Jr., on behalf of our Class. With his usual efficiency Marion Howze had made the arrangements and provided the pistol, but Clifford Jones, proud father, made the actual presentation. The

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small gathering included Mrs. Jones, Cocheu and his brother, Major General Frank S. Cocheu, Farnum and Colonel James W. Riley (U.S.M.A. 1906). In addition to Jones and Howze, Cocheu and Farnum made appropriate remarks. Cadet Captain Jones—a striking young man, 6 ft. 2 in. in height and commanding the left flank company of the Brigade of Cadets—was most appreciative of the graduation gift and thanked the Class in a few heartfelt and well chosen words. Our united best wishes for good health and a successful career go to him from his father's classmates.

Yes, "Clara" Jones has married again; on June 12, 1954, he was married to Mrs. Mary Skinner Fluker of Atlanta, and during the Christmas holidays the couple enjoyed a visit from his cadet son. Congratulations and best wishes.

1903 *has another great grandchild*: The Roses' first, Thomas Dwight Jewell, arrived on May 26th. His mother, the Roses' granddaughter, is the wife of Lieutenant William M. Jewell (U.S.M.A. 1953). Rose suggests, in lieu of flowers or cigars, an equivalent contribution to the Class Fund. —May we hear from any other great grandfathers?

Steps to provide for the automatic transfer of the remaining balance of our Class Fund on the death of our last member to the Association of Graduates have been initiated.

With a sad heart the passing of "Fritz" Shnyder on April 11th at the U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York, is reported.

The Max Tylers were in Washington for a brief visit in March. At the end of March the Farnums stopped by for a few days on their return from what seems to have been a thrilling and entrancing tour of the Caribbean. Several of us had a very pleasant luncheon with Pope and wife on April 6th. Miss Aleshire, the late "Bill's" sister, was in Washington for a short visit in May.—Why don't you classmates in the provinces send in some information about yourselves and those you have seen or heard from? "Sep" Winfree and Turtle are your editor's only dependable correspondents now.

—*U. S. Grant, 3rd.*

1904

The Class may well be proud of the record that Fenton has made as President of the Association of Graduates since 1947. His service as such has covered a longer continuous period of time than that of any other President since the founding of the Association over eighty years ago. During Fenton's administration the affairs of the Association have progressed greatly; the Association's Endowment Fund has more than doubled, the number of West Point Societies throughout the land has about trebled, and the best interests of the Academy have been furthered enormously by the activities of the Association.

Unfortunately, Chauncey was unable to attend the recent annual meeting at which his successor was elected, because of his necessary presence at the West Point hospital where he is recovering from an illness that started last December and called for a couple of operations. He was not forgotten, however, for he was most deservedly eulogized at the meeting for all that he had done for the Association, and immediately after the meeting President Eisenhower very graciously visited Chauncey at the hospital. Now that he is relieved of the heavy responsibilities of the Association's President, it is hoped that he will effect a speedy recovery and learn to enjoy loafing the way the rest of his retired classmates have done.

Soon after Owens died on 31 July 1954, in Phoenix, Arizona, his widow wrote in to inquire how properly to dispose of his West Point uniforms which he had kept carefully for the more than fifty years since he left the Academy. Correspondence with the Director of the West Point Museum indicated that the museum would be glad to have the uniforms. Shipment was made and the museum now has received and will care for the full dress coat, dress coat, overcoat and trousers worn by Owens when all of us were plebes. It would certainly be a source of satisfaction to Owens if he could only know that the uniforms that he had cared for so sentimentally all these years were now in the trustworthy hands of the West Point Museum. Incidentally, the Director of the Museum had hoped that a full dress cap would be found in the shipment, but it was not. It is doubted that any one has kept one of those infernal sweat boxes, but if any one has, the Museum would like to have it.

On 4 April 1955, Phillipson died of a heart attack in Barcelona, Spain, after being stricken on board a ship upon which he and his wife were enjoying a cruise. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery on 12 April, with full military honors. Classmates from Washington and vicinity, augmented by Budd who came down for the occasion, were among those who served as honorary pallbearers.

At June Week this year at West Point, 1904 was represented by Budd, Danford, McAndrew, Neal and McKell who was on hand to attend the graduation of his grandson, William McKell Hadly. Classmates who looked in on Fenton at the hospital were glad to find him looking much better than might have been expected after his long and trying illness and showing signs of a complete recovery.

—*W. B.*

1905

Our Fiftieth Reunion will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be participants. It was good to live together once more in Cadet Barracks, good to feel again the inspiration of a chapel service, and to see the long gray line so much longer, but no straighter than it was fifty years ago; good to watch Old Glory timed perfectly with the National Anthem. Nor will we soon forget the added glamor of a Presidential address at the always impressive graduating exercises.

This year was unique in having present the wives of our members and the widows of four of our classmates—Graves, Endress, McKinley and Waugh. They were all happily and comfortably located in the Visiting Team Dormitories on the fourth floor of Washington Hall. They thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to get better acquainted and to be so conveniently located near the center of activities.

Tom Doe and his charming wife, Betsy, got the social program off to a grand start with a wonderful lunch at Bear Mountain Inn on Sunday. On behalf of the Class, Casey presented a gold wrist watch to Norman Ramsey for "Fifty Years as President of 1905 U.S.M.A." and to Minna and Norman a lovely Paul Revere sterling silver bowl, "In grateful appreciation for 50 years of faithful service to the Class of 1905" The recipients were at a loss for words to express their deep appreciation.

In addition to those shown in the accompanying picture, Sherman and Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Ernest Graves, Rex and Mrs. Gardner, Langfitt Wilby '35 and his wife, E. W. Niles,

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Jr. '35 and Louis Kunzig '39 were part time participants in our reunion.

In view of all that Tom Doe has done for the Class, we were very pleased and proud that he was elected First Vice-President of the Association of Graduates at the Association luncheon. President Eisenhower declined a seat on the dais at that luncheon and sat as "gunner" at one of his class tables. He made a moving, extemporaneous speech, worth a 3.0 at any time.

Space does not permit me to tell of all our other activities. They will have to wait for Class Letter Number Fifteen which is now in course of preparation.

Tuesday noon and the goodbyes came all too soon but we left with a wealth of happy memories to carry us on to our Fifty-fifth Reunion in 1960!

—*N. F. Ramsey.*

1906

After two thousand miles of easy travel through six states over fine highways with excellent motels with the spring bloom of laurel, azalea and rhododendron at its gorgeous best, Elizabeth and I are at last settled for the summer in our mountain home at Dillard, Georgia.

Within a week after the report of the death of Forrest Williford and William MacMillan, came the news of the passing, in Washington, of that grand old center of the Army team of our day, Clyde Rush Abraham, at Washington, D. C., on March 25. The biographical sketches of all three have now been written with the aid of Earl McFarland and Jim Riley, have been approved by the families and accepted for publication in *Assembly*. And then, a little later came the news of the death of our class boy, Colonel Koehler Daley, Knight of 1906, just recommended for his promotion to brigadier general. He died of a heart attack in Africa and was buried in Arlington on May 5, 1955. Earl and Edith McFarland, Jim Riley, Alex and Mildred Gillespie, Dick Burleson and Elsie Bartlett, in addition to myself and the father, Mick Daley, joined in the impressive funeral ceremonies at the Fort Myer chapel. Jim Riley had a delightful luncheon at the Army-Navy Club for Dick Burleson, Earl and Edith McFarland and myself and the class luncheon was also held there next day with Tubby Loughry, Alex Gillespie, Earl McFarland and myself enjoying a grand and loquacious hour together. Jim Riley, Earl McFarland, Mick Daley and all the other alumni paid their respects to Sylvanus Thayer at West Point this June. The three of 1906 looked over the ground for the Golden Anniversary of 1906 next June.

Bill and Ruth Akin left the homeland on the Vulcania in April and by boat and by plane, looked over Egypt, the Holy Land, Italy, France, Scotland, England and Wales, and at this writing have returned to their California home. Henry and Helen Finch have been to Abilene, and San Antonio, Texas; to Albuquerque, New Mexico; and, after looking in at their Pasadena home, went on to San Francisco. Henry assists a large group in Pasadena, and about there, in strong support of the UN.

Joe King reports that he sees Pot Lewis, Skinny DeArmond and Dick Jacob walking sprightly around San Antonio. Joe attended the OCS graduation at Lackland Air Force Base to see John Merrill's boy, Robert, graduate, and John and his wife were there looking very proud. John's eldest boy was killed in Korea during that terrible war. Joe also saw Harriet Smith as busy and as charming as ever in that city. Tow Brett began in June to pack up his Tombstone, Arizona house to move for the summer to Fallen Leaf Lake near Lake Tahoe, California. Son, Jimmy, was at West Point in June, celebrating his graduation anniversary,—another Knight of the class. McKew Parr has kept up a continuous effort by mail, among historical associations and writers on Indian subjects, to secure some sort of recognition of the Gatewood papers on Geronimo and the Indian Wars. He has many people interested and we have hopes of some success.

And Jim and Gene Riley are making a visit to Fort Riley to see their daughter Nanie and her husband Joe Anderson, Jim's second visit there, where he was received as an honored alumnus of the former Mounted Service School with red carpet, flags and band, and many parties.

All the opinions of the class have been analyzed now and later a class bulletin will announce the proposals for the Golden Reunion next June. Meantime fill the piggy banks and stay well. Make reservations now for your families for we want the photograph at the class tree to be the biggest and best.

—*Charles G. Mettler.*

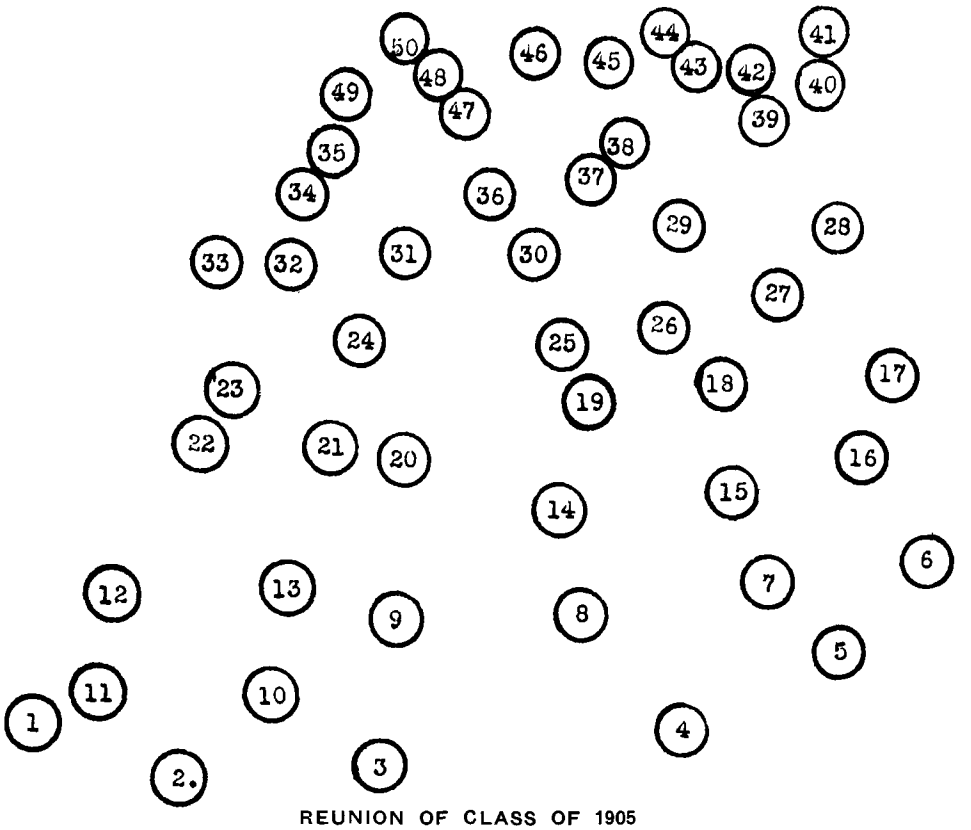
CLASS OF 1905 AT BEAR MOUNTAIN INN

1908

Lawrence and Bill McIntosh of Los Gatos, California, paid an extended visit to the East during May. They spent several days with John Kennedy in Columbia, South Carolina, and with the Mercury Sneeds in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Mac also attended the class luncheon in May. Jimmy Cunningham was also present at this luncheon which was attended by nearly all of the thirteen 1908 men now in the Washington area. We were most pleased with having new faces at the May gathering and trust that all traveling classmates will bear in mind that we assemble at the Army and Navy Club on the second Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

Lacey Hall has had an unpleasant sojourn of several weeks in the hospital, but is now back on his feet and indulging his normal habits.

Garrison has had a narrow escape from severe injury or worse. His car was struck in the rear by another driver who said he had not seen Garry's car. When Garry recovered consciousness after about twenty minutes he was on the ground surrounded by police and his car was in the ditch with all wheels in the air. Luckily he sustained only severe bruises.



REUNION OF CLASS OF 1905
BEAR MOUNTAIN INN—5 JUNE 1955

1. Tom Doe, Jr.
2. Mrs. Tom Doe, Jr.
3. Tom Doe
4. Betsy Doe
5. Norman Ramsey
6. Bloxham Ward
7. Alvin Barber
8. Douglas McKay
9. Minna Ramsey
10. Francis Wilby
11. Hugh Broadhurst
12. Francis Broadhurst
13. Olive Wilby
14. Isabelle Lowe
15. James Curley
16. Charles Caffery
17. Thomas Spaulding
18. Mary Caffery
19. Susan Caffery
20. Thomas Lowe
21. Margarethe Hotz
22. Clare McKinlay
23. Harriet Early
24. John Hotz
25. Allan Rutherford
26. Grace Espaillat
27. Carlos Stolbrand
28. Clifford Corbin
29. Joseph Barzynski
30. Adelno Gibson
31. Doris Moser
32. Abby Endress
33. Clifford Early
34. Fred Moser
35. Mary Weeks
36. Edith Waugh
37. Mary Blue Magruder
38. Dorothy Ann Kunzig
39. Burns Magruder
40. Bing Kunzig, '30
41. Edna Lentz
42. Dorothy Kunzig
43. Louis Kunzig
44. Bernard Lentz
45. Bill Kunzig, '32
46. L. R. Bartlett, Jr., '30
47. William S. Weeks
48. Roland Case
49. Mary Case
50. Arthur Lane

Kennedy spent a couple of days in Washington in May returning from the annual 1st Division Officers' Reunion in New York City. Fitzmaurice visited the Guadalajara area of Mexico for some weeks this winter. The Deans, together with their son's family, also spent some time around Guadalajara and Mazatlan to get in some hunting and fishing. The Currys have been on an enjoyable trip to Honolulu, staying a few days in the San Francisco area going and returning.

Word has filtered through from Vermont that Ayres had a very busy maple sugar season on his establishment.

—*C. L. S.*

1909

Following are extracts from Earl North's report on the recent motor trip in which Dorothy and he migrated from Florida to Maine via California: "The trip was planned for the purpose of seeing relatives, friends and classmates we hadn't seen for a long time and to visit places of interest. Our route took us across Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and into Texas. We stopped 3 nights at the Officers' Club at Fort Sam Houston—saw many old Army friends including our 4-star classmate Bill Simpson. They have a nice home in the suburbs and are looking fine. Bill is active in community affairs. We then proceeded into New Mexico, visiting Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Albuquerque. A very severe dust storm closed the highway west of Albuquerque, so we were held up one day. We spent a night in the ranch home of a friend on an 850,000 acre cattle and sheep ranch. New Mexico shows the effects of a five year drought. Continuing through "Arid Zona" and the Painted Desert to the Grand Canyon, a night of gambling at Las Vegas, thence into California's fertile Central Valley. After a side trip to Sequoia National Park we stayed with old friends at Carmel for a pleasant week. There are about 600 retired Army in that locality. Failed to see Smith, R. D., as I had his last address as Chicago. At San Mateo we found that Delos Emmons was in Europe. Stayed in the San Francisco area ten days. The Sears, Partridges and Davises had an '09 dinner at the Presidio. The next day the Sears' and Partridges took us to Berkeley to see Dorothy Godfrey and the Gramp Hunters. With Clare Partridge's assistance Dorothy has developed a very successful business in her home—the design and manufacture of a beautiful line of peasant costumes. At the Hunters, Kiki Marks dropped in. Gramp was confined to his wheel chair and has had eye trouble, but in spite of all he is cheerful and intensely interested in '09 affairs. After 3 days with the Ed Shinkles ('01) we moved northward through the redwoods to Portland where we spent 3 days with Frank and Jean Besson. They have a lovely home and charming friends. In spite of Frank's painful ailment, he goes to many parties and has indomitable spirit and courage. Jean is a wonderful wife and helpmate. I suggest we all send him a line occasionally. Naturally they are proud of our '09 major general godson. From Portland we headed home via Utah and Wyoming, being delayed by snowstorms in each state, and arrived in Andover, Massachusetts, for Memorial Day with the Purdons. The next day we reached our summer home in New Vineyard, Maine, after a two months trek and 9,000 miles of motoring. Here we await any '09ers whose summer travel takes them our way."—Many thanks, Earl!

A note from Bob Sears also reports on the visit of the Norths to the Golden Gate. Bob likewise says that Fred Teague has retired from business and that Fred and his wife are setting up housekeeping in Oakland.

Ray and Inga Smith have "anchored with the Navy" in Southern California, their address being 4455-49th Street, San Diego 15. During his stay in Colorado Springs he sparkplugged the formation of a West Point Society, which was duly approved by the Association of Graduates.

Our class was represented at West Point during June Week of '55 by Bert and Nuta Farman, Bill and Antoinette Goetz, Frank and Susanne Purdon, George and Effie Van Deusen. We did our part in showing "Ike" that the Old Grads are very much on the job.

—*GLVD*

1910

Here is the story of our 45th Reunion.

Twenty-three of us came back to our Alma Mater and it was heartwarming to see the old gang again. They were: John Booton, Carey Brown, Snakey Dunlop, Bev Dunn, Walt Dunn, Sam Edelman, Tony Frank, Oscar Griswold, Jack Heard, Fred Holmer, Joe Leonard, Bo Lewis, Mick Miles, John Millikin, Jim Muir, Herb Odell, Ducky Reinhardt, Oscar Solbert, Fritz Strong, Joe Taulbee, P. D. Uhl, Durward Wilson and Fred Wallace. We stayed in the 53d Div. and lived the old days over with many a song and story.

And sixteen of our girls were there, nearly all staying at Bear Mountain Inn down below Highland Falls. They included: Gertrude Booton, Derryle Brown, Hortense Chapman, Ruth Dunlop, Helen Dunn, Molly Dunn, Hazel Frank, Betty Griswold, Ella Heard, Gladys Leonard, Kay Lewis, Portia Marshburn, Helen Miles, Julia Uhl, Olive Wilson and Jane Wilson. It was good to have our ladies with us. They attended all the big events of the weekend, except the banquet, and from every report had a most enjoyable time.

A few of the class got there Friday, June 3, but the majority came the next day, and there was quite a bit of cordial greeting and elbow bending that afternoon at Bear Mountain Inn where the girls were arriving.

On Sunday morning many of us attended the inspiring baccalaureate services in the Cadet Chapels. The Superintendent's Reception that afternoon was very enjoyable. The weather was perfect, and it was wonderful to see so many of our friends

again. After the retreat review the 1910 cocktail supper at Cullum Hall was the next event and it was a delightful party. The food and drinks were delicious, the comradeship wonderful and it was a memorable occasion. The Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General E. J. Messinger attended, and it was good to have him with us.

Monday started off with the traditional march of the old grads from Cullum Hall over to Thayer Monument for the alumni exercises there and the review for the alumni by the Corps. The singing of "Alma Mater", "The Corps" by the Cadet Glee Club and the playing of "Benny Havens" by the band brought the proverbial lump to our throats. After a class picture was taken, the men went to the luncheon and annual meeting of the Association of Graduates in the Mess Hall, and all the girls enjoyed a fine luncheon at the Officers Club.

Graduation Parade, at 4:00 o'clock that afternoon, was the picturesque and inspiring ceremony it always is, and certainly brought back the memories. Our banquet that night at the Officers Club was the next event, and was very successful with never a dull moment. Only the class attended. Our class president, Oscar Griswold, presided, and after leading us in a toast to our departed classmates, and reading the message sent to the absent ones, called on each of us to give some of the highlights of our service careers. Every speech was most interesting. We sent red roses from our banquet table to the bedside of our friend, General Chauncey Fenton, recovering from a serious illness. Graduation Exercises on Tuesday brought June Week to a close. The pleasant times we had will be long remembered.

It is sad to report the deaths of two of our classmates, that of J. B. Coleman on February 24, 1955, in Vienna, Austria, and Warble Beach at Fort Belvoir Hospital on May 12, 1955. His widow, Marian B. Beach, resides at 7917 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, Virginia.

—*R. H. D.*

1911

As usual we get news only from about three sources. The old reliable Betch had no news for this issue, but he had the courtesy to report that fact.

Nick reports that he had a post card from Shek, postmarked Egypt, informing him of a tour through the middle east, thence to New York in June. All the local classmates and wives were at the Yacht Club for lunch on April 28th. Every one seemed in good health, though Dave Cowles was still bothered a bit by some joint swelling caused by gout. Recently, while at dinner at the Presidio Club with friends, the Nichols were greeted by Elizabeth Hoisington, a WAC major. She is on duty with the 6th Army G-1. She said her father was quite well but that he seldom left the house.

Jim Mooney as usual gave us most of the news: "On April 18th Howell Estes drove over to Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, to spend ten days with Howell, Jr., his wife and the three grandsons. Brigadier General Howell is on duty there with the Research and Development Command.

"Karl and Lorainne Bradford returned May 8th from a two weeks sojourn with daughter Sally, her husband, and the grandchildren at Sarasota, Florida. Husband, Commander Richard E. Peek, USNR is in the real estate business there.

"Curt Nance is making a nice recovery from a more or less minor operation. Curt and Jen have bought themselves another new house in 'Old George town'. Their new address is 3035 O Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

"Day Surles (Junior) joined with 1911 at the May lunch at the Army and Navy Club. Colonel Day is doing the kind of a job 1911 expects of him as assistant Secretary of the General Staff, Department of The Army.

"Phil and Dorothy Fleming announce the birth on May the 30th of granddaughter Audry, daughter of Carson and Audry Fleming. Phil jumped so high upon hearing the good news that when he came down he broke his ankle. He is mending nicely at Walter Reed Hospital.

"Bluntie has been so busy conditioning his new sailboat for the season that he missed both the April and May lunches. It is bigger and faster. (Tip for challengers: It has an inboard motor just in case the elements should need a little help.)

"As these notes are being written in comes 'Heffy' Heffernan looking hale and hearty—younger than his years. 'Heffy' will visit his daughter, her husband and the four granddaughters for about ten days. His son-in-law, Lieutenant Colonel James W. King, Air Force is A-3 on the staff of Andrews Air Force Base." —*I. T. W.*

1912

Last week it was our privilege to watch with pride the Class of 1915 celebrate their Fortieth Year Reunion at West Point, with President Eisenhower as orator of the day at the graduation exercises. It is with great pride that we of 1912 salute 1915, "Sons in whom we are well pleased".

Allen, H. B.—How well we remember the big midwesterner, Beecher Allen, as section marcher at the very beginning of "beast barracks" by virtue of his name at the beginning of 1912's class roster. While mathematics caught him early in his cadet career his loyalty to West Point and the Class of 1912 has never faltered over the years. He extends a standing invitation to the duck shooters of the class to visit him and enjoy the best of wild fowl shooting at his home in Delaplaine, Arkansas.

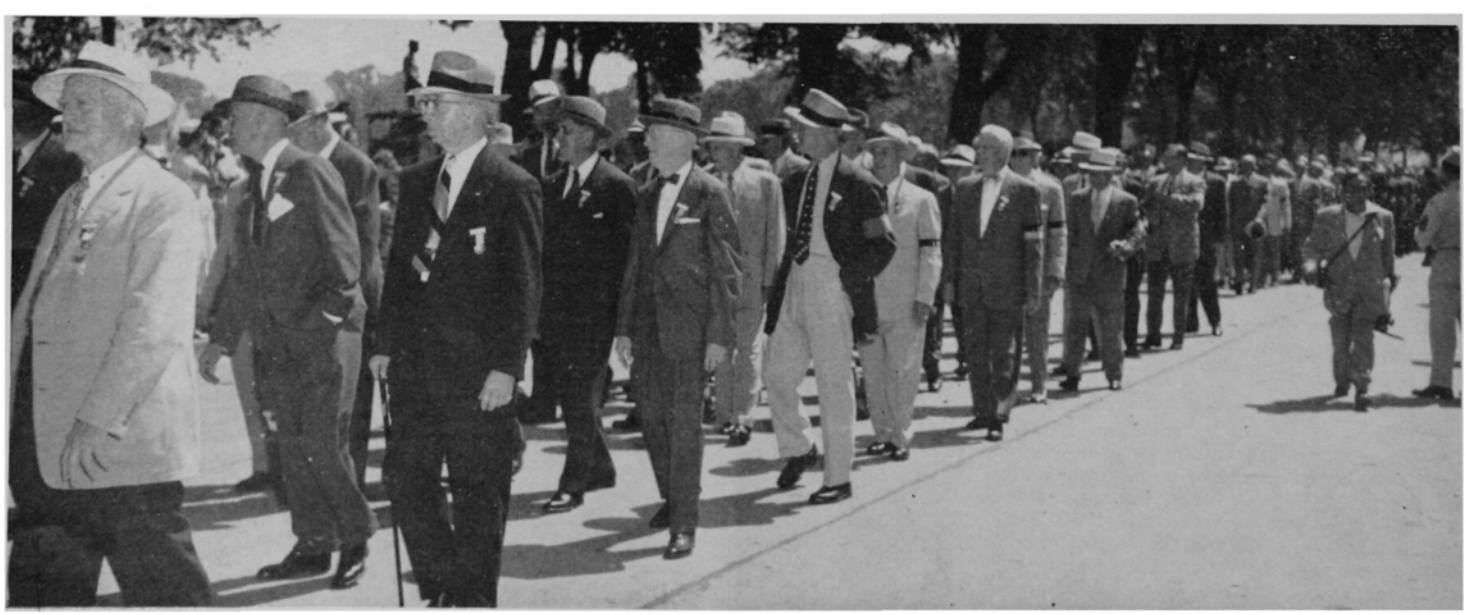
Anderson, R. E.—At long last "Swede" has joined the ranks of the Association of Graduates and for this we render him a salute for an obligation fulfilled. Ann's sister, the widow of our one-time Tac, "Mother" Charles, is now visiting with the Andersons and recalls very vividly the story of the romance between our honorary classmate, "Marty" Maher, then a "striker" for the Charles family, and his wife-to-be, the fair Mary, both of whom were depicted in the classic story out recently, "The Long Gray Line".

Arnold—Marge and Arch passed through West Point prior to June Week en route to their summer island home at Cranberry Lake, New York. It is reported that son Treat will soon take his bride to the Arnold retreat. Treat is now a student of architecture at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bailey—Alma writes that she derives much pleasure in reading all the class bulletins and that her son Wesley recently returned from Richmond, Virginia, where he was a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Browne—Amy writes a cheerful letter from her new address (503 East Olmos Drive, San Antonio) and reports that daughter Jean and family are moving to Brookley AFB, Mobile, Alabama, where her husband (Colonel Herman Rumsey) will head the MATS group there, and that daughter Barbara, wife of Bruce Martindale, are happily situated in their new home in Dallas.

Brown, G. L. R.—Genevieve's new address is 120 Bridge St., Plattsburg, New York, to which she returned after an extended



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visit with her daughter, wife of Major James J. Cronin, USAF, at Fairfax, Virginia, and with her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Major General Dudley S. Brown, USMC, Retired, at White Stone, Virginia.

Burlingame—Cris's widow, née Katherine Raymond, an Army girl, and now Mrs. Charles O. Jackson of Sarasota, Florida, reports that the four sons are all married and very prolific to the extent of ten grandchildren. John, a Major, USAF, is stationed at Omaha, Nebraska; Alfred lives in Newark, New Jersey, studying for the Episcopal ministry at Yale's Berkeley Divinity School; Edwin, a minister living in Red Cloud, Nebraska; while the youngest boy is a High School athletic coach at Little Falls, New York. Katherine is planning on attending our 45th reunion in 1957.

Chynoweth—Chen, the sage of 1912, and a leading member of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, has enticed Frank Mallon and Monk Lewis to become members of that organization.

Crane—Al is busily engaged in finishing the new building of the Seamen's Bank for Savings at 30 Wall Street, next to the old Sub-Treasury, and has just returned from a business and fishing trip near Port Arthur, Texas. He reports that our "Terry" Allen has established a reputation in the insurance business in El Paso.

Crittenberger—"Critt" is to be congratulated on being elected the President of the Association of Graduates at the recent meeting of the Association. Being a "live wire" in all his undertakings we predict that the Association will thrive under his leadership.

Dick—Carl, as is usual custom, returned in June to his old home in Akron, Ohio. Carl is one of our rock-ribbed Republicans and from time to time sends us many pamphlets dealing with affairs of great interest.

Fechét—d'Alary, from his new home at 1515 Mimosa Lane, Santa Barbara, writes 'I am enchanted with my house and especially with my garden as the corn is up." Classmates John M. Banister's sister, Mrs. Joseph H. Barnard, lives across the street from d'Alary's new home.

Flint—Readers of the magazine section of the New York Times must have drawn new inspiration in reading about our legendary "Paddy" in which Mrs. Nardi Reeder Campion, author of "Bringing Up The Brass", extolled the virtues of our unsung hero in the February 27th issue. A further article was written about him by one of his ex-classmates at the Naval Academy in 1907 before he joined the "Long Gray Line" with us in 1908, namely Commander W. M. Quigley, USN, Retired.

Gillespie, J. B.—Jim writes that he has been trying to sell some of his land along the Potomac and therefore sticks pretty close to home. He promises to join the class in 1957 at our 45th annual reunion.

Gorrell—Our "Nap's" only child, Edgar Staley, Jr., having completed his two years of service in the Army, is now at the Colorado A. & M. College working for a degree in animal husbandry, with ranching as his future career. His present address is: The White Motor Court, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Harrison—Marjory, Bill's widow, reports that The Keyes are now located at their new address at Route 4, Box 69, Tucson, Arizona.

Hauser—Doc reports all quiet at Fayetteville and that he is busy educating the soldiery on the merits of the mutual fund and in between times cultivating his garden. He recently completed rebuilding his beach cottage at Holden Beach on the site of the one blown away in last year's Hurricane Hazel.

Jones, B. Q.—Professor B.Q. believes that an idle mind is the devil's workshop, especially for old-timers of our category so he digs up a new idea and is blasting away at a prefabricated housing project. B.Q. reports enjoying good health at his lovely apartment in Washington.

Kelly, J. D.—Mistah John says that now he has received an increase in pay and the benefits from Social Security that he and Martha will be able to make the trip in 1957 to join the gang at our 45th reunion. Says he is still doing yard work and some accounting but that this approaching old age is really a pain in the neck.

Kirk—The "Giant" reports living the full life of contentment on Maryland's Eastern Shore where he can putter in the garden or his basement shop to his heart's content. "No more great responsibility, no hurry about anything. Life now is really grand".

Lindt—John and Pattie, ever alert to hand out more than a full ration of hospitality to classmates passing through Riverside, held up Tommy Thomas and Gladys long enough to take in the Los Angeles area annual West Point dinner in March and to escort them up to Las Vegas for a "look-see" at that fabulous recreation hot spot.

Littlejohn—A printed post card brought this brief notice from the farmer "Squire" of Romar Farms, Harwood, Maryland, and his lovely Mary: "Robert and Mary Littlejohn announce that after June 10th their address will be Chevy Chase Lake Apts., Apt. No. 3, 3603 Chevy Chase Lake Drive, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland. Telephone Oliver 6-4227."

Maxwell—Stopped off at West Point long enough to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees and to be re-elected for another term. "Maxie" is Vice-President and Director in charge of Personnel of the American Machine & Foundry Co., at 261 Madison Avenue, New York, and "Gatch" is control Officer of the Defense Products Group.

Nalle—Bill and Lucy, in addition to raising Black Angus cattle, are to be congratulated on their champion speller granddaughter, Lucy Nalle Tyson, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Robert N. Tyson of Fort Benning. Young Lucy won the spelling championship of Georgia in Atlanta just recently. Son Dick Nalle, USMA '44, is taking the Guided Missiles Course at the USC in Los Angeles.

Rayner—Josephine recently presented to Christ Episcopal Church in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, where Harold sang as a choir boy, a memorial stained glass window portraying Saint Michael the Archangel, the Patron Saint of all Armed Forces. Her present plans are to sell her Glen Ridge home and move to a lovely garden apartment in nearby Montclair, New Jersey.

Riley—Mary Riley, still a faithful worker for Uncle Sam in his office of the San Francisco Collector of Internal Revenue, reports that she's a mighty happy grandmother for the fifth time, due to the arrival of Kathleen Mary Riley, daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. Frank J. Riley of Fort Bliss, Texas, on December 29, 1954.

THE CLASS OF 1910, 45th REUNION, JUNE 6, 1955

Front Row (left to right)—Gertrude Booton, Hazel Frank, Helen Miles, Derryle Brown, Ella Heard, Molly Dunn, Ruth Dunlop, Betty Griswold, Julia Uhl, Hortense Chapman, Olive Wilson, Kay Lewis.

Second Row (left to right)—Sam Edelman, Mick Miles, Joe Leonard, Herb Odell, Walt Dunn, John Booton, Snakey Dunlop.

Third Row (left to right)—Tony Frank, Carey Brown, Ducky Reinhardt, Joe Taulbee, Durward Wilson, John Millikin, Fred Holmer.

Fourth Row (left to right)—F. E. Uhl, Oscar Griswold, Bo Lewis, Jim Muir, Jack Heard.

Rose—At last word from our Class Treasurer Buddy and Mildred were still house hunting in the San Francisco Bay area.

Snow—"Colonel" was the only member of 1912 present to march in the annual alumni parade on June 6th at West Point and hopes that two years hence that many more of 1912 will turn out for this ceremony. He was also the luncheon guest of West Point's oldest graduate, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., who in 1916 was his commanding officer in the "Old First" Infantry at Schofield Barracks, T. H. While at West Point he made arrangements for the billeting of the female contingent of the class for June of 1957, details of which will soon be announced.

Wilbur—Bill, with his varied and sundry activities and interests; distinguished soldier (MH), world traveler, author, lecturer and radio commentator of national caliber, philosopher, patriot, etc., etc., is very generous with his friends in sharing his most interesting experiences with them. He has appeared recently in many interesting programs and is constantly traveling, first to Africa and then to Europe. The author of "Guideposts to the Future" has become a recognized authority on international relations and world problems.

Youngs—Helen Youngs, down in Kerrville, Texas, is quite proud of her grandson "Buster" Robbins, who is slated to don the Cadet Gray in July with the admission of the Class of 1959. With Cadet Yearling George Sibert, Class of 1958, the Class of 1912 is very proud to have two class grandsons "carry on".

—*R. T. S. and W. H. H.*

1913

Doug Greene and wife Nora have gone back to Honolulu for a trip to celebrate a wedding anniversary.

The Johnnie Johnstons are on their way to Guatemala for a short trip.

Jimmie Peale writes that he is staying on the farm in Virginia. He says his legs and hands are not so good as they used to be.

Had a long letter from Toohey, from Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has become involved in politics. Says he is fine. I hope to see him this summer.

While in Florida, "Shorty" Williams and his lovely "better half" threw a wonderful luncheon for the Viners, the "Snake" Youngs, the "Bug" Olivers, and others. Everyone was in fine fettle. "Shorty" has a wonderful place in Daytona Beach.

Dasha and I visited the Copthornes at Babson Park. Their place is just superb—very extensive, and fruit all over the place. By all means try to stop at their beautiful place.

"Lil" Spragins wrote that "Pete" Corlett was there and on his way to Florida, but due to illness of relatives at home, had to go back to New Mexico—so we didn't connect.

"Bob" Crawford is now in Winter Park, Florida, and he, too, has orange trees all over the property, and is well worth looking up, as he knows of all the fishing places in north Florida.

Dan Colhoun came through Winter Park in March. He and Ella have a place in Del Ray to which he invites us all to visit. Dasha and I spent two months at Winter Park. Florida has a lot for all of us.

"Jeff" Keyes and Leila have gone to Tucson, Arizona, to live.

The news is scarce at this time, as only those who pass through New York City, or nearby in Florida, can be contacted. Our once a year (Xmas) letters must suffice for general purposes.

I hope to see a few at the West Point exercises in June. Ike is to be there for the 1915 reunion. —*Joe Viner.*

1914

Skimp Brand reports:

Pete Orton attended the April dinner of the Washington group. Jim Cress and Pink Ward joined them on June 1. Jim was going to his 45th reunion at Michigan where he had agreed to represent the Engineers on the program. He spent a week here and planned on three days in Detroit, before the Ann Arbor festivities.

The Paschall's gave a swell cocktail party in May for their house guests, Pug and Olynda Lampert.

Tom and Clara Monroe crossed the continent again, this time to help their sons celebrate their 10th and 15th reunions at West Point, and then visited in Washington on their way back to California.

We deeply regret to announce that Benny Weir's wife died suddenly of a heart attack April 28th. She was buried at Arlington May 5th. Five members of the Class and two wives were among those present at the services. Our heartfelt sympathy to Benny.

A very fine portrait of Somervell was donated to West Point by Orland Campbell, a prominent artist. The portrait was unveiled June 6, 1955 by Louise Somervell. Dad Ingles gave a condensed statement of Bill's career. Besides Dad and Grace Ingles, 1914 was represented by Hogan, Monroe, Whitten, Brand and their wives.

Johnnie Carruth writes:

Just think, a year ago today, our 40th Reunion was over and I was furiously writing to make the dead line on my account of it. Summer is already breathing down our necks in the great South West, and many classmates have pulled out for cooler climes. The Gills to Rhode Island; Amy Reese to London, preliminary to a "Grand Tour" of Europe; Pete and Evelyn Downs to visit their daughter, Mary in Louisiana; and Elmer and Bebe Adler about to leave for Hawaii. The only "stay-putters" are Earl and I, Tim Reese, and Cecil Clark.

Classmates are hereby forbidden to pass through San Antonio without seeing us. Earl and I will be in Virginia Beach, in August to see Mary (Berry) and will then welcome Bonnie (McCutchen) and her family home from a three year tour in Europe. I have recently been elected a Regional Veep of the Society of American Military Engineers for the Southwestern region for the next three years, and hope this will give me a chance to see more classmates. Already I'm beginning to pipe the 45th Reunion, and I hope many others, especially those who were AWOL last June, will attend.

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Remember Bruz Waddell is promoting a reunion in Los Angeles for November 1955, honoring one Skimp Brand.

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FLASH: Jack and Gus Jouett have reported in, in Palo Alto. And are they WELCOME!! —*J. B. C.*

1915

Well, boys and girls (with grandfather and grandmother faces) our fortieth reunion is now a matter of history, but it will linger long in the memories of those who were in attendance as the most outstanding and successful reunion our class has ever held. We regret that all our classmates could not have been there.

THE LONG GRAY LINE—1915

Registration took place, as usual, in the North sallyport, where, as usual, bedlam existed. There, one saw classmates, contemporaries, oldsters and youngsters. To us they seemed to be mostly youngsters. There, each of us got his "poop", his badge, his arm band and made advance payments on a number of things. The arm band was a thing of beauty, and prominently proclaimed the fact that the wearer belonged to a prominent class. Class headquarters was in the 52d Div., where the class committee expertly extracted more "dinero" from reporting members, and where instructions as to activities were published. And let me say right here that the class committee consisting of Boye, Hanley, Small, Ellis, Wallington, and Pendleton did itself proud. I know that Hermie Beukema, who so splendidly did this job for so many years, would have approved. A special accolade goes to Boye, Hanley, and Ellis for their fine staff work and to "Venus" Small for his most efficient and smooth on-the-spot arrangements. I'd like to extend my personal thanks to Tenney, Peabody, and the Ellis' for their notes and comments on the reunion.

The first official get-together was the picnic at Round Pond. Shortly before the witching hour it began to rain. By the time the gang began to arrive it was pouring. Consequently the entire crowd was forced to "sardine" inside the building instead of spreading over the grounds, as planned. However the morale was excellent, the spirits high and plentiful, and the post prandial noise, deafening. With difficulty Small announced chow. The sirloin steaks were large, and proved to be an excellent test for dentures, either partial or plate. Someone ventured a guess that they (the steaks, I mean) had been cut from right behind the bull's ears. Chow over, we all repaired to the adjoining building where the movie projectors and the screen had been set up to show the football highlights of 1954 and a brand new West Point movie. Attempted big talk by Small was drowned by the noise of his well lubricated audience. Before the highlights were over the electric lights failed, and we were plunged into damp and noisy darkness. A general exodus followed. The class, cheated of part of its entertainment, and finding itself in barracks earlier than scheduled, cast about for things to do. It was only natural that the national indoor pastime, poker, be indulged in. Doodle, the suggester, banked the game. Beeson, Pedro and the thrice hi-jacked Mike Davis completed the party. For want of a warm welcome in any of the rooms, the game was held at the orderly's table in the entrance hall, a point of vantage for spreading noise throughout the Div., which brought frequent and angry cries of "QUIET" until the sky turned grey in the East. For want of chips, laundry tags were used. You can appreciate the look of astonishment and dismay on banker Doodle's face when the next morning Mike Davis blandly held out a double handful of laundry tags to be cashed in at a buck apiece. Mike had gathered said "chips" from where the orderly had policed them when he cleaned up the mess of the night before. There is a stillness as to how Doodle fared.

The Supe's reception Sunday afternoon was the usual combination of hot sun, warm friends, milling crowds, and pretty girls serving cool punch. This was the spot to meet friends of other classes and many took advantage of the opportunity. Ike and Mamie arrived at West Point in time for Ike to take the review at 5:00 p.m., but by that time all of 1915 were assembled at Gene Leone's farm enjoying the social hour preliminary to the banquet. And here, my friends, is where my pen fails me and words prove totally inadequate to describe a feast which even the "Pontifex maximus" of a gourmet would have envied. Drinks, decorations, food, and service were out of this world. I tried my best to get the names of the different courses and accompanying wines, but I cannot even pronounce the Italian, much less spell it. On the long banquet table, seating just under two hundred, were mounds of jumbo size strawberries, cherries, grapes, mangoes and other delicacies and decorations. In the patio between the table and the farm buildings were beautiful marble statues of nudes and seminudes. Large paintings of similar subjects adorned the outer walls of the buildings. To add excitement to the already supercharged atmosphere, the place was guarded by legions of state police and secret service men. Fantastic is the only word for it. Nothing like it since the Arabian nights.

During the meal we drank a toast to President Ike, and one to the First Lady —and a most gracious first lady she is— With a few well chosen words Boye thanked Gene and May Leone for their wonderfully generous hospitality and presented them with a sterling silver cigarette box inscribed, "To our good friends, Gene and May Leone from the class of 1915 United States Military Academy" Gene thanked the class, expressed his happiness and satisfaction in being host to such an illustrious group, and presented each one with a beautiful glass tumbler with the gold incrusted crest of the Academy and of 1915, and under the Seal of the U.S., also in gold are the words "Class of 1915, Fortieth Reunion" Gene promised a bigger and better party for the forty-fifth reunion, and a solid gold tumbler as a souvenir of the fiftieth reunion. It will pay all of us to avoid ulcers, high blood pressure and heart failure till after the fiftieth reunion. Thanks a million Gene and May for a memorable evening.

All was quiet in barracks following this wonderful party. As Hume Peabody expressed it: "The night after the Leone party I remember nothing. Jake said I walked from the parking lot in my sleep, undressed without waking, and crawled into bed still sleeping which only shows to go that I do things backwards; most people get into bed first and *then* go to sleep."

Monday at 10:30 A.M. we assembled in front of Cullum for the Alumni exercises. Ike was No. 1 front rank first squad. The band, mindful of the old cardiacs, arthritics and hung overs, played a slow beat. A classmate, (most probably a one time yearling Corp), told Ike he was out of step with the music, to which Ike replied: "There is always some blankety blank (censored) quill in every squad. I'm lucky to be able to hit the downbeat with any foot." The crowd enthusiastically cheered Ike along the line of march. A facetious classmate remarked in a loud voice, "Such popularity must be deserved." Without hesitation Ike said "I can't see any other reason for it." It was during this march that an incident occurred which is best described by Clesen Tenney:

"As we approached Thayer monument a robin—subsidized no doubt by the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee —made a small deposit on the coat sleeve of the President of the United States. Boye, marching alongside Ike, made a valiant effort to intercept the bird on the fly, but unfortunately, missed. A classmate whispered, 'They sing for the democrats'."

The memorial service at Thayer Monument caused the usual butterflies in old grads' stomachs, and the up and down motion of Adam's apples as the choir sang the "Alma Mater" and "The Corps". It was clear that the spirit of West Point never dies in the hearts and souls of its alumni.

At the alumni luncheon in Washington Hall, 1915 had the place of honor. Ike, spurning the seat prepared for him at the raised speaker's platform, sat with his classmates, much to the confusion and consternation of the TV and news reel camera operators who had to re-aim their equipment. When the M.C. recognized those officers wearing more than two stars, nine 1915ers responded to the applause. Ike made a wonderful speech and made it plain that the Academy motto of Duty, Honor, Country, which has guided us throughout our service is still guiding him in his most difficult and demanding task.

Crittenberger 1913 was elected President of the Alumni Association to succeed Chauncey Fenton 1904 and Walt Hess was elected Vice President. Crit brought down the house with his opening remark: "By the Grace of God and the class of 1915 we have with us today the President of the United States"

At the quintennial class meeting the present officers were re-elected with the addition of Det Ellis as assistant secretary-treasurer. Hess was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Busbee replaced Joe McNarney on this committee. Boye read telegrams of regret and good wishes from Altman, Esteves, Tom Fox, McDermott and Tommy Thompson. He also read a fine message to 1915 from Bunny Hobson, 1912. Thanks Bunny, I wish space permitted a quote in full of your swell telegram.

The class dinner at Old Stone Inn on Monday evening, which wound up the reunion activities, was a most enjoyable affair. The food was excellent, the service prompt, the ladies gracious, and the men talkative. After each course the men moved to their right four seats, and thus several gals got the chance to talk to Ike, and a few lucky gents got a chance to talk to Mamie. Those of you who were not fortunate enough to make the reunion will be glad to learn that it was the unanimous verdict of the class that both Ike and Mamie looked "in the pink" physically, and were relaxed, and cordial with everyone. Ike was the same old rough neck of "F" Co. Considering the burdens he is shouldering, it was reassuring to see how completely he can relax when among old friends. He sent the following message to Boye after his return to the White House: "Most of us, I imagine, felt that the reunion would be a high point in our service careers and the event has more than measured up to the expectation. The 'Fortieth' has meant so much to all of us and has been such a success, we should start thinking right now —'On to the fiftieth'."

Sidelights: 1. The complete absence of "stuffshirtedness", and the genuine cordiality and warm friendship which was evident throughout, gave unmistakable evidence of class solidarity, and proof that class spirit is very much alive.

2. Habits are hard things to overcome. Rumor had it that Pedro Lyon and Dutch Aurand went from the third floor to the basement to answer what Bill Dean termed "The calls of nature"

3. In cadet barracks one room contained a 2 star, (Hearn), a 3 star (Leonard), a 4 star (Van Fleet), and a 5 star (Bradley). The 2 and 3 star generals arrived first and took the two lower bunks; the 5 star general

arrived next and took the bunk under the window. The 4 star general was forced to occupy the upper. Could this happen in any other country?

4. During the ladies luncheon at the officers club a waiter brought in a glass of ice tea. Not knowing who had ordered it he asked Bea Boye who informed him it was for Mrs. Eisenhower. "Which one is Mrs. Eisenhower?" was the waiter's astonishing query. Quick as a flash Bea answered "The lady in the white hat." From then on Mamie was known as "the lady in the white hat". Rumor has it that the waiter is one of the immigrants Joe Swing let in.

5. Joe Teter's indomitable determination to attend the fortieth reunion and the class dinner, as well as Lenora's calm faith that he could do it was an inspiration to all of us.

And that's it for the reunion, chums. It warmed the cockles of my heart to see so many of you looking so hale and hearty. Don't let old age get you down, you see I was old myself, once.

In closing I can do no better than to quote the Irish toast proposed by Irish McDermott in his telegram to the class: "May all of you be in Heaven ten minutes before the devil knows you are dead." May God bless you all. Keep writing.

—*Wog.*

1916

Another West Point June Week has come and gone. Next year it will be our 40th Reunion. This year 1915 had 50% of their original members back. We should be able to do as well next year if we all start planning now. This year 1916 had fourteen members or ex-members present at the Point; Walsh, DeWitt, Weyand, Maulsby, Finley, Moses, Bliss, Kuhn, Irvine, Parker, Lieb, Ransom, Swanton and Ely.

Tom Finley's boy graduated this year and, under our Class tree in front of the Library, Parker Kuhn presented to him the Class present. At Annapolis two more Class boys graduated, the sons of Murph Irvine and Al Draves. Young Ensign Draves promptly left for Milwaukee where he was to be married early in June, with Irvine's son in the wedding party.

Johnny Lieb, who retired last year after many years in the civil service of the State of Minnesota, has been touring the United States in a trailer. We missed him in Washington but caught up with him at The Point. He looks fine and promises to be back for our Reunion next year. Weyand is just completing a book on football which is to go to the printer in July.

Fay and Peggy Prickett are back in the States from their trip to Formosa to see their daughter whose husband is stationed there. On the way out they visited Japan and also took a side trip to Hong Kong from Formosa. The 1916 gang in the San Francisco Bay area welcomed them back. They were house guests of the Shuggs. Roland and Blanche had the Johns and the Bob McBrides for dinner the day they arrived. The next day the McBrides had a dinner for the same group with the addition of the Woodwards who came down from Sacramento for the occasion. The Pricketts left San Francisco the end of May to drive leisurely back to Washington where they expect to arrive the latter part of June.

Parker Kuhn retired from the First Boston Corporation in New York on May 1st. They are now living at their country home at Bedford Center, north of New York. Bruno Brundred has moved again. This time from Abilene, Texas, to 2218 E. 45th Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is managing a newly acquired oil property there which he is just getting organized. It is reported that Fat Styer has been traveling in Europe this spring, but we have no information as to exactly where he has visited. Best information indicates Bill Hoge is still traveling on the other side of the water visiting places he was unable to see while on active duty. His permanent address is Lexington, Missouri.

Ferdie Gallagher, now stationed in Rome, attended the West Point Founders Day dinner there last March. He found himself the oldest graduate present. He expected to make trips this spring to north Italy, Austria, Switzerland and south Germany. He is not sure how long he will remain overseas but plans to be with us at West Point next June. Holland Robb is still in LaCrosse, Wisconsin where they returned last year so Marian could be near her aged parents. He is in the investment business and apparently enjoys it.

The O'Hares left their winter residence at Tucson, Arizona in April and stopped briefly in Washington, D. C. on their way to Europe for the summer. Jack Fraser, who also spent the winter in Tucson, left at about the same time and is reported to be traveling in the East. Horace McBride made a short visit to Washington to attend the funeral of General March, the former Chief of Staff. Dwight Johns underwent two operations in San Francisco during last winter and spring. In June he was well on the way to recuperation at his home in Piedmont.

This sums up the news. Now start planning for the big news event—the 40-year Reunion in '56.

—*E. G. B.*

April 1917

Matt Ridgway retired 30 June. He and Penny invited all Washington area classmates and their wives to a farewell reception at Quarters No. 1, Fort Myer, on Wednesday, June 22d.

In an editorial, the Washington Post stated that Matt had "spoken for world peace in insisting that new commitments be weighed against the cost. For this, and for his unflinching loyalty and courage in carrying out his assignments such as the rescue of the Eighth Army during the darkest days in Korea, Americans owe him a continued debt of gratitude." The Star: "An officer of unquestioned devotion to the Army.—He has displayed an unwavering independence of judgment.—He is entitled to a sincere 'well done'." Every member of the class echoes that!!

Our class lost one of its most loyal members and all of us a loyal friend when Kivas Tully passed away in Washington on April 6th after many months of illness in the hospital. He and Emily came to Washington from Chicago many times for class get-togethers and never missed a class party when he was in Washington. During the early days of World War II, Kivas came on active duty in the Operations Division of the War Department, serving there with Pete Kilburn, Matt Ridgway, and Steve Sherrill. The following-named Washington classmates served as honorary pallbearers at the military funeral in Arlington April 8th: Bradshaw, Crump, Eagles, Eley, Erler, Markoe, Macon, Olmsted, Ransom, Sherrill, Schroeder, Sam Smith, Vander Hyden, Wooley, Yuill. The wives of all the above-named were present, as was Gladys Collins. Joe was in Viet Nam. Our thoughts went back to the days 40 years ago when we were cadets as the band played "Alma Mater." Emily will live in Alexandria, Virginia, at 913 South Washington Street, near daughter Neosha.

Leo Erler retired March 31st. He will continue to live in Washington. He and Bill Eley arrange the bi-monthly class luncheon at Fort McNair the third Thursday in each month.

Clark and Jessie Fales drove out to Arizona last winter to visit their daughter. While there they saw Love Mullins living in retirement in Tucson. He is consultant to the Chamber of Commerce.

A clipping from a Florida paper tells of the activities of Nina and Charlie Gerhardt at their Winter Park home. Charlie is very active in church work there, teaching the 7th and 8th grade boys' Sunday School class and serving as president of the Men's Club.

Jack Nygaard writes from Lisbon (in March) that he and Anna Maria were on an opera trip and then he was to visit Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. He hopes to visit the USA in 1956 and 1957. We hope he brings Anna Maria so we can meet her.

On April 25th Wayne Clark, Pescia Sullivan, and Bill McMahon appeared on a coast-to-coast TV program, "This Is Your Life." Wayne was in Washington May 17th for General Summerall's funeral.

Gus von Kummer writes from New York where he is Vice President of the U.S. Trust Company, 45 Wall Street, that he is retiring the early part of next year.

Steve Sherrill has been elected vice president of the First National Bank of Arlington, Va. He is in charge of the bank's branch in the Pentagon, which opened July 15th. Steve is also on the advisory board for *Assembly* and invites your suggestions for improving that excellent publication.

Jim Hayden has supplied interesting notes of activities of classmates on the West Coast. I quote: Ida and Paul Brown: "Busy pulling weeds, planting trees, gardening and being a pal to our Siamese cat, 'Toady'. Also enjoy the climate, country living, and view of the Santa Cruz Mountains." Alec and Jeanne Campbell report nothing exciting in their household. The Halseys: "Entire family getting ready to go to The Citadel to see our Bud graduate." Spec and Evelyn Irwin: "Evelyn is going to Europe for two months to greet her European relatives." Pete and Edie Kilburn: "New house; big view. Near San Francisco and Mt. Tamalpois. Real estate business is picking up —like old Cavalry days—big prospecting trip in mind." Louie and Elf Martin sent their best regards as did Doug Wahl. Jack and Isabelle Code wrote: "Spent February in Pasadena and Rancho Santa Fe and expecting to spend most of the summer at Vancouver, Canada. Isabelle is studying flower arrangement and bridge. Jack is reducing and saving up to come to the 40th reunion. Jack was elected Vice President of the Peninsular Officers Association."

All of the above were assembled at the Officers' Mess on Treasure Island on 20 April for a 38th reunion party. There were 20 at the table, including Jack and Ellen Mallory. All paid tribute in a toast to Kivas Tully.

Bill and Helen Daugherty returned to Tacoma in April from a trip to Benning where he was the third oldest grad at the West Point dinner. During their trip they had dinner with Henry and Betty Huchings and the Harpers in San Antonio.

Washington classmates met at Fort McNair for the bi-monthly luncheon on the third Thursday in March and in May. Present were Aaron Bradshaw, Ira Crump, Bill Cowgill, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Clark Fales, Make Macon, Dan Noce, Burnet Olm-

sted, Bob Ransom, Steve Sherrill, Henry Schroeder, Sam Smith, Van Vander Hyden, George Wooley, Kewp Yuill. Some of the wives arranged a luncheon for the same day. These included Suzanne Crump, Dot Eley, Jeanette Jackson, Florence Macon, Aline Olmsted, Enriette Schroeder, Elizabeth Vander Hyden, May Wooley.

The following were at West Point for graduation weekend: Jim Hayden, Bill Eley and Don Swanton in barracks; the Roy Bowlins and Bob Ransoms staying on the Post. Fred and Vivian Irving came over Sunday and Monday from Connecticut where they were visiting. Prof and Hannah Jones were at the same old stand where Prof has another year before that professorial age limit gets him. The Place was just as beautiful as ever and the exercises, with the spotlight on 1915 and The President, made a memorable time.

Remember our Washington luncheons the third Thursday every other month starting on September fifteenth.

—*S. H. S.*

August 1917

Although an off-year for our Class, Hi Ely, Pete Purvis, Red Warner, Bob Hasbrouck, Whitey Whitelegg, Harry Rising, Red Durfee, Sam Ringsdorf, Jerry Counts, Doddy Stamps and yours truly took our place in line for the march to Thayer Monument on Alumni Day. We are moving up each year closer to the front of the line. In two years we will be celebrating our 40th reunion—so why not let's start planning for this wonderful occasion right now!

The thrill of having a son in the graduating class came this year to Bob and Marge Hasbrouck, and to Red and Dorothy Warner. To add to the glory of the occasion, the Hasbroucks saw young Bob, Jr. receive the award for his achievement in standing number one, in English, in the class.

Red Warner left immediately after graduation to visit his daughter in Ohio, and Dorothy to Fort Monroe to see her son and daughter-in-law.

Jerry and Anne Counts are planning an extended motor trip this summer. They will visit their daughter and son-in-law, Colonel and Mrs. Max Minor at Barksdale —and then on to the coast where they will seriously look for the ideal retirement spot.

Hi Ely, after numerous tours on active duty, is finally back with the Bell Laboratories. This now leaves only two of our class—Jerry Counts and Doddy Stamps, on active duty.

I understand Doddy Stamps was quite ill some months ago. Happily, I can report he seems in fine fettle now, and did himself proud as chairman of the meeting of the Association of Graduates on Alumni Day.

Emily Bingham writes that Wilson was hospitalized recently, but by his improvement was able to return home for a long-planned visit with his brother, Myles who lives in England.

Jules Schaefer is finding it hard to follow his doctor's order—to slow down and be his age. He says it sounds easy but he has not found it so, although he is making progress. He and Catharine have just returned from a trip to Hawaii. While in Honolulu they had several visits with Bart and Virginia Harloe. Jules writes they are very comfortably located in an attractive home with beautiful gardens. Both are still playing tennis.

The Frank Bertholets have purchased a home in Arcadia, California where she is very active with the organization of a new garden club and he, in addition to his own garden, is busy with his new hobby of wood working. In February, their sixth grandchild arrived—now three boys and three girls. Frank wants to know if this is a record, since Frank, Jr. was their only son.

Mickey and Peg Kernan's daughter Jeanne Marie was married on Saturday, June 4th in Menlo Park, California to William Eugene Weseloh.

Sorry to have missed Dent Sharp when he dropped in to see me in May. He was passing through on his way to Maine. He left the message for all classmates who may drive through Maine this summer to be sure to stop and visit.

Frank and Mary Meade, while on a trip to Berkeley, California to visit their son John and his wife, had dinner with Pablo and Laura Cole. The Coles are most enthusiastic about Berkeley.

On a more recent trip to Florida, Mary was entertained graciously by the Timberlakes in Naples, Florida and by Ed. and Helen House in Winter Park, Florida. She returned to Evanston convinced that everything Eddie has said about Winter Park is thoroughly deserved as it is a beautiful town and a marvelous place to live. Hope this plug will mean a booming business for you, Eddie. Before returning home, the last stop for Mary was with her daughter Mary Josephine and her four grandchildren, in Falls Church, Virginia.

Many thanks to those who heeded my call. Don't forget the next issue goes to press in three months.

The ravages of time have also left their mark upon me. I am just back from a month at Virginia Beach where I went to repair after knocking myself out.

June 1918

While your recorder quietly dozed, a deadline came and went. My apologies. For a little over a month his household has been a "hotel" for a series of guests; still is, but he hopes to meet this deadline.

Quite suddenly last November Heinie Baish discovered himself with a case of polio. Walter Reed promptly had him on their rolls. Heinie reported later as follows "they knew what I had and were able to cure me." Proof of his new virile condition was demonstrated when he, Freddie Kimble and Bob Bishop planned and staged a class luncheon on 24 March. Fifteen classmates gathered at the Army and Navy Club. Those attending were Bill Barriger, Sam Sturgis, Pat Tansey, Eddie Crouch, Tony Grenata, Duncan Hodges, Charlie Hoffman, Tom Kern, Joe Kovarik, Spike Lorence, Harry Underwood, E. P. King (remember?) as well as the three organizers. Gene Caffey had an unexpected appointment that kept him away, Connie Jadwin and Ford Gerhard had urgent appointments. They had such a good time that they planned to meet again in three months. Duncan Hodges is special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Forces. Eldon P. King, who did not see eye to eye with P. Echols is now a tax expert (international) with the Revenue Service. In WWI he served in the Infantry emerging a captain. Tom Kern is studying law at George Washington Eddie Crouch is a consulting engineer. offices in the Cafritz Building. Heinie Baish is a member of the Board of Governors of the newly activated West Point Society of D. C., and its Secretary-Treasurer.

I regret to have to report the sudden death of Joe Kovarik on May tenth. He was working in his garden when he had a fatal heart attack. Recently, he had been enjoying himself exercising a horse and had resumed bridge which his days as a finance officer had denied him. Kimble, Tansey, Caffey, Barriger, Hodges and Crouch were honorary pallbearers.

On 11 June Sam Sturgis' mother died after a long illness at Tyron, North Carolina.

Swede and Norma Axelson have hit the jackpot they think. They sold their house in Florida and are now living at 627 Carla Way, La Jolla, California. En route (via RR) they stopped in Jacksonville where Swede talked with Paul Malone and Al McNamee's wife. Visited their son Rudy at Redstone Arsenal to find the grandchildren and Rudy enjoying chickenpox. At San Antonio a small class gathering. (The Blanchards, the Barragans, the Gillespies and Carol Gould) entertained them. Even the weather man got in the spirit of the occasion and staged a "norther".

Hans has complained that the only members of our class who visit his area are VIP's and he has to shell out hard earned (?) greenbacks to attend some shindig in order to see them. He does admit that the presence of Marjorie made his ante to see Lucius worthwhile.

Bitt Barth reports from Greece that he has seen some of our class. Laura and Eddie Sibert on a Mediterranean cruise stopped by Athens. They were there less than twenty-four hours so Bitt did not see much of this amazingly youthful couple. Chesty and Bunny Ward spent some time there then on to Turkey.

Hope everyone saw the article in the April edition of Fortune about Lucius.

At the annual Founders Day dinner in New York, those present decided to ask Bernard Baruch to be an honorary member of our class subject to approval by the other members of the class. Mr. Baruch accepted under those conditions. (Please everyone let me know your vote before Labor Day.) Those attending the dinner in New York were Pat Casey, Jim Marshall, Heinie Stenzel, Jack Grant, Laddie Bellinger, Addie Adcock, Clarry Tormsley. At the dinner in Columbia, South Carolina Kitty Boineau was toastmaster, supervised by Harry Mewshaw.

Jim Marshall has returned from Turkey. He and Mabel are keeping their domicile in Skaneateles and doing a lot of commuting to New York. Jim is Engineer consultant with Knappen-Tippets-Abbott-McCarthy for the UN Korean Reconstruction Agency. He has an office in the UN Secretariat Building (Room 180113).

Joe Catte's wife and married son live in Falls Church. His son reports Joe a patient at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

On 15 April Hal Lewis had Gordon Matthews and Andy Moore as guests at luncheon at the Miami Club. Hal is still a big shot in real estate, Matty is the Chief Engineer of the Florida Water Resources Board and Andy is with the Radar Engineering Co. of Miami.

Incidentally forgot to mention that Heinie Baish has been teaching math at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School.

Jack and GG Grant are off on a two month visit to Mexico and Guatemala.

—*C. P. T.*

November 1918

Curtis, Elleman, Groves, Harding, C. K., Holbrook, Hubbell, Peckham, Van Voorst and Vidal represented the Class, in the March of the Long Gray Line on Alumni

Day, and occupied the Class table at lunch in the Cadet Mess afterwards.

We now have two members on the Board of Trustees. Bryan Conrad's term expired this June, and Peckham and Groves were elected Trustees.

Hamilton College granted an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves, wartime director of the Manhattan Project, at the college's 145th Commencement on 5 June. General Groves, now a vice-president and director of the Remington Rand Corp., has been honored with the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, with several foreign decorations, and with honorary degrees from the University of California and St. Ambrose College (Doctor of Laws), and from Lafayette, Williams, Hobart, Ripon and Pennsylvania Military College (Doctor of Science). "Howdy Doc."

Pop Gildart writes from 531 Elm Street, Sierra Madre, California, that he saw Hesp, Carter, Morrison and Mendenhall at the Annual USMA dinner in Los Angeles last March. He expects to be in the East, possibly the Adirondacks, in July, to be joined by his daughter Ruth, her husband, Draper Lewis, his two grandchildren all from Santurce, Puerto Rico; and his son Charles R., Jr., First Lieutenant Arty, who will come home on leave from Madrid where he is aide to Brigadier General V. B. Barnes.

Bixby writes from 5989 Suffield Road, Riverside, California: "With son, Peter, married and about to graduate this year from the University of Oregon; and daughter, Nancy, married; we have just moved to Riverside, California, in the hope of getting dried out after four years of Oregon rain."

Milton Hatch writes: "Since retirement last fall we have settled in Sarasota, Florida. Unexpectedly dropping by were Ken and Milly Stice from our last station at Champaign, Illinois; and the Joe Mosses on an extended trip. The Welches live at nearby Bradenton. At the last Founders Day dinner in St. Petersburg, I saw Pulsifer and Gibney. Our older boy, Mel, Jr., is completing his 2 years active duty as a reserve Second Lieutenant artilleryman—now on site near Edgewood, Maryland, with a missile battery—then goes back to his engineering with Allison Div. of General Motors. Our younger son, Hank, is a yearling grappler—doing a little weight lifting and cross country on the side. The latchstring is always out for classmates at 8024 Westmoreland Drive, Sarasota, Florida (Whitefield Estates)—and let's have no more of this registering at a motel before you drop by! We usually have plenty of space."

A retired Major Kirby, recently a student at the School of Real Estate Law and Practice, Orlando, Florida, called the other day to sing the praises of his favorite Professor, Dick Babbitt.

Chester Krum Harding reports his address is Box 1012, Emory College, Georgia. He says that that is the complete address, adding Atlanta merely confuses the Post Office and loses the mail.

Van Voorst has just sent in an excellent directory of all the Classmates in the Washington area. There are thirty-four listed. Recent changes are: Badger, 3056 Birch St., N.W., Washington 15; Moss, 4309 Van Ness St., N.W.; Muller, 209 Poplar Drive, Falls Church, Virginia; Norman, 4002 Forest Lane, Falls Church, Virginia; Ogden, Office of the I.G.; O'Grady, 1628-21st St., N.W., Washington 9; Schow, c/o G-2; Valentine, 2612 No. Van Dorn St., Alexandria, Virginia; Wood, Apt. 101, Bldg. B-1, Westchester Apts., 4000 Cathedral Ave., Washington 16; Whelchel, 406 E. Jefferson St., Falls Church, Virginia.

Babe Gullatt has just moved to Washington, but up to time of writing had not found either an office or a dwelling.

Elmer Barnes writes from Washington that he is very busy. (Editor's Note: And a splendid thing too. A fellow like that with not enough work to keep him out of mischief might do something terrible. Look at Groves, for instance.) By way of news he reports:

"Dave Ogden has returned from command of Okinawa to be Deputy Inspector General of the Army. One of his first inspection jobs takes him right back to Japan.

"Jake Whelchel has taken up permanent residence in the Washington area—406 East Jefferson St., Falls Church, Virginia.

"Valentine has worked himself out of his job with Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. and returned to the Washington area where he expects to settle come October.

"Swede Ericson has picked California as his place of retirement. He is building a house next door to Mac Monroe, at 13802 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland.

"Jim Christiansen thinks that he will settle in the East. With youngsters in the Service he figures that he will see his nine (so far) grandchildren oftener. Right now he is looking over Florida, but bets are he will wind up in the Washington area."

Elmer, who performs a great service to the Class by running the Class Luncheons held at the Fort McNair Club the second Wednesday of each month, and also furnishing a goodly part of these notes each month, also reports that the Class Luncheons will be discontinued, temporarily, for the summer months only. By the time that you read this they will be starting again as the first of the next series will be held on the second Wednesday in September—Wednesday, 14 September. Many members of the Class visiting Washington, on business or for other reasons, arrange their itinerary to include a second Wednesday, so one sees at these Luncheons not only those living in and around Washington, but others from all over the country.

—*B. C.*

1919

It is a real pleasure to hail the advancement of Willie Palmer to Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and the concomitant addition of the 4th star to his cluster. Joining Gruenther, McAuliffe, Twining, and Wedemeyer he brings the number of the class 4 star generals to five. It is also gratifying to note that Nate Twining will continue as Chief of Staff of the Air Force for another tour. Bill Wyman is being moved from command of the 6th Army to Deputy Commander of The Continental Army Command, a move that suggests future possibilities. The retirement of Lieutenant General Buddy Ferenbaugh, Commander of UN Troops in Korea, has just been announced. He will be succeeded by Peewee Collier. Ed Sebree returns from commanding the 7th Infantry Division in Korea for an assignment with the Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Several of the class have been spring visitors at West Point. Doc Loper delivered a fine lecture to members of the Second Class at the end of their Nuclear Physics course on 28 March on "Applications of Atomic Energy". Doc is now Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy with the equivalent rank of Assistant Secretary of Defense. He and Opie spent the weekend at the Academy and had a chance to renew acquaintances with old friends on the faculty. Dick Emery made a quick trip to West Point in April to visit with his yearling son Bob. The Emerys are settling in Orlando, Florida. Dick expected to make a trip to Peru this summer on a mission for the Burpee Company, the Philadelphia seed merchants. Al Gruenther flew in briefly to lecture to the two upper classes on NATO on 18 May, and to visit his son Richard who is in the Physical Education Department. As usual his talk was one of the high spots of the spring season.

Marion Sheehy spent a couple of days in the vicinity of West Point late in May. Her address is PO Box 633, Palo Alto, California, where she is in the magazine subscription business. Think of her when you want to order magazines. Her oldest son is a doctor with the US Forces in Europe. The youngest Sheehy boy is a student at Holy Cross. He recently won a nation-wide oratorical contest and a substantial scholarship.

June Week was marked by the smallest gathering of the Class in many years. Bunker and Jeanne Bean were on hand for the graduation of their son Richard with the Class of 1955. Verde and Rosalind Green drove up for the parade on Sunday. Jack Domminey put in his usual appearance, and we caught a very hasty glimpse of Charlie Pyle. At the Alumni Exercises and Luncheon only three of us, Bean, Domminey, and myself (Brick Bartlett) were in evidence.

Don Shingler writes interestingly of his job and experiences in Korea. I quote parts of his letter:

"The Founder's Day dinner in Seoul, Korea, last week was a sort of 'S.O. Class' affair. Ed Sebree was Master of Ceremonies with a host of stories that kept the 300 present in perpetual laughter. Peewee Collier gave a fine talk. Yours truly did the honors as the oldest graduate, and Buddy Ferenbaugh (who commands 8th Army Forward) gave the greetings as Senior Commander. Daniels was present—in civilian clothes like myself. He has a fine job with KCAC (Korean Civilian Assistance Command). I think it was some sort of record to have 5 classmates at that dinner—and we really enjoyed it. I retired last May 1 to take a job as an engineer with Knappen-Tippetts-Abbott-McCarthy, Engineers, of New York. I head up a group of a dozen engineers in their Korean Office who are retained as Consultants for the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (UNKRA) with headquarters in Seoul. The work is most interesting and challenging. The only drawback is that dependents are not permitted to come over to Korea yet, so Bea lives here at the Imperial Hotel and I fly back to see her every month or so. Fortunately she has a host of Army friends here and hereabouts besides a fine group of UNKRA 'widows' whose husbands are in Korea."

Captain William R. McMaster, SigC., Class of 1946, son of our Bill McMaster, received his PhD in Nuclear Physics from the University of Virginia in June 1954. This June he was awarded the University's prize for the outstanding research paper published by a Virginia graduate student during the past year. Charlie Chapline writes that his son Edwin has resigned his commission in the Navy (he was a Naval Aviator) and will go into business with Charlie in Kansas City.

Bully van de Graaff was retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in April for physical disability (70%). Chris Hildebrand has been condoling with your scribe from 1225 Monroe St., Reno, Nevada over our respective carcinomas. Space and Chris' original style

both conspire to prevent my quoting him in full. His sense of humor is rare, and I only wish I had his fortitude under circumstances that make a lost vocal cord seem like a broken fingernail.

The following note was passed on to me from E. Carl Engelhart of 1920:

"I note that the service of Charles R. Jackson is incomplete in the Register. A few weeks before the fall of Corregidor in the spring of 1942, I saw Jackson in James Ravine. He was a master sergeant in the 4th U.S. Marines. He was sitting on a box, shaving with a straight-edge razor, without a mirror, a frightening operation to watch. Jackson was wearing his class ring. I had a brief conversation with him. I don't know what happened to him after we were taken prisoners."

Fortunately Jackson has been located and his status clarified in the 35 Year Book.

Horace Speed has come through as usual with news notes from Washington:

"Fred Dodge and his wife Marian from Castine, Maine were in Washington for a few days. Several parties were given for them. White, J. C. is heading up Civil Defense in Newport, Rhode Island. Syril Faine and Billie are living in Florala, Alabama. They are building a home there and he is taking an interest in local civic affairs such as Rotary Club. Elton Hammond and Georgina are being congratulated on their fifth grandchild. Elton is doing nicely. John Crowe writes from Long Meadows, Massachusetts that their twin daughters are going to college in September; one to Wheaton and the other to Wells. John says he sees Virgil Shaw at times. Virgil is with the Massachusetts State Civil Defense at Natick where the QMC have a large testing laboratory. John also sees Henry Nichols who lives in Amherst in the winter time and has a country place in New Hampshire. The Washington group celebrated the 36th anniversary of our second and final graduation with a cocktail buffet at the Army and Navy Club on May 28th. Present were Stew Barden and Helen; Mike Brannon and Marjorie; W. D. Brown and Margaret; Jim Cole (Betty was not able to come); Louis Ely and Gladys May; Elton Hammond and Georgina; Wes Jervey and Phyllis; Herby Jones and Anabel; Doc Martin and Patty; Gene McGinley and Peggy; Urban Niblo and Kay; Dick Ovenshine and Emma; Willie Palmer; Horace Speed and Minette; Ed Hopkins and Mary; LeRoy Wilson and Dorothy; Ham Young; Wayne Zimmerman; Al Wedemeyer and Dade; Rosa Kern. We were delighted to have Pat Echols down from Lexington and hope he will come again. It was a pleasure to have as a guest of the group Marian Sheehy (widow of John W. Sheehy) from California who was traveling in the East. All who talked with her enjoyed doing so. Further the deponent saith not."

Since quite a few people have made inquiries about my health, I repeat that I have been back on active duty as Professor and Head of the Department of Electricity at USMA since early in February. My voice is gaining strength all the time, although I still sound as if I had laryngitis. I hope and expect to be able to continue to statutory retirement, Deo volente, as the Italians say.

—*B. W. B.*

1920

Twenty's 35th is over, a wonderful, wonderful party which will be long remembered by those who attended. It was a real 1920 reunion, merry, inspiring; filled with color, dash, noise and action; yet threaded throughout with friendly banter and long cherished reminiscences.

Cool weather contributed bodily comfort and only sent the blemish of one shower to mar an otherwise perfect weekend.

These notes are written primarily for those who could not be with us, and at this point I will insert the wish that all who missed this one will be able to attend 20's 40th.

Friday, June 3d, brought a goodly number of early arrivals, 17 classmates and 13 wives in all. On Saturday, the 4th our register showed 29 additional arrivals with 13 wives. Thus, by Saturday night, the evening of the first scheduled events, we had a total, counting those living at West Point, of 53 classmates and 32 wives. Saturday evening the men had supper in the Cadet Mess while the ladies went to the West Point Army Mess for cocktails and supper. Later the men gathered in barracks for a good old fashioned bullfest which lasted into the wee small hours. A few of the more hearty members, on learning that the girls had returned to Bill Bessell's quarters after their party, journeyed thereto in order to enjoy some of the feminine company.

Sunday dawned bright and cool for the baccalaureate services, Superintendent's Reception, and the 1920 class picnic at Round Pond. After the strenuous evening of the night before, the more tranquil events of Sunday were welcome, and the entire company was glad to relax in sports clothing in the pretty setting at Bonneville Cabin. There Johnnie Johnston had arranged for excellent food and drink or vice versa. Among the things served were Old Grand Dad, Piel's light beer, and barbecued chicken. There was no serious note to detract from the air of fun and frolic which pervaded this gathering. At one point when the spirits of all were at the highest point, the shrill, unmistakable note of a fife was heard which penetrated clearly the general clamor. Then, through the door from an inner room, marched a little group of three true 1920 patriots, "Bugs" Raymond with his tin fife, John Lynch with his drum, and "Horty" West carrying the flag.

Monday morning at 1100, the 1920 group lined up for the Alumni Parade, taking their places with the other returnees of the Long Grey Line. This year all were on time and there were no late arrivals breaking into the ranks as the parade moved slowly toward the Thayer Monument. As the procession passed the sally port of central barracks opposite the Ecole Polytechnique Statue (gold tooth), a feminine voice

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was heard to say, "Why, 'Bugs' Raymond, you old so and so!", and then there were shouts from the marching column of "Hello Mamie, give us a big cheer", and there on the sidewalk stood Mamie Eisenhower, laughing and waving, and it was she who had shouted the greeting to our "Bugs" Raymond.

Following the Alumni Parade and the Review of the Corps by the Alumni, came the class ceremony of the presentation of sabers to the sons of classmates in the graduating class. This year the presentation speech was made by Leland Smith and the two cadets honored were John Schick and Tommy West. Immediately following the saber presentation, pictures of the class were taken. Then 1920's ladies all proceeded to the West Point Army Mess to a class luncheon while the men attended the Association of Graduates Luncheon in Washington Hall. This year the highlight of the Association of Graduates Luncheon was, of course, the speech of President Dwight Eisenhower, USMA '15.

After lunch the men of the class assembled for a trip to the cemetery to visit the graves of our deceased classmates. The ceremony at the graves was conducted by our old First Captain, Claude McQuarrie. Then, at 5:30 P.M. the entire Reunion group re-assembled at the Plain to view the Graduation Parade.

Monday evening brought the grand finale of our Reunion festivities, which was our Class Dinner and Dance at Bear Mountain Inn. This was probably the happiest and most enjoyed occasion of all the reunion festivities. It was punctuated by a few well chosen remarks by John McNulty, Class President, in which he expressed his joy in being re-united with so many of the 1920 group, and he said that he hoped by the help of those present to send his personal best wishes and those of the classmates assembled to all others unable to return to 20's 35th.

Tuesday morning closed the June Week activities with the Graduation Exercises and the presentation of diplomas to the graduating class. Again, as for the Alumni Luncheon, the principal address delivered by President Eisenhower made this usually calm event very exciting. President Ike handed each graduate his diploma. In several instances he stopped a graduate and exchanged a few words with him.

Many of our classmates who returned for the Reunion traveled great distances. Dick Partridge and George Honnen came from Germany. Jack Goff and others came from the Pacific Coast. Letters and telegrams were received from many who could not attend. These words about the Reunion could not be concluded without an expression of thanks to those members and ladies of 1920 who gave so freely their time and effort to help make 20's 35th Reunion successful. 1920 salutes:

Bill Bessell, who headed the local committee which planned and arranged the events.

Catherine Bessell, "Horty" West, Frances Schick, Merle Blaik, Marian Johnston, and *"Trix" Gillette*, for their help to the committee as the 1920 West Point ladies group.

Johnnie Johnston, for directing and arranging the class picnic at Round Pond.

John McNulty, Class President, for his many valuable suggestions during the planning period, for his material contribution to the refreshments served at the social functions, and for his cheerful enthusiasm and drive which was a constant encouragement to the committee.

Loper Lowry, for his fine gift of cigars enjoyed by classmates throughout the Reunion.

And last, but by all means not least, those generous and thoughtful classmates who sent in contributions to the Class Fund.

Classmates who attended the Reunion: (* accompanied by wife) (** accompanied by wife and daughter)—Colonel W. W. Bessell, Jr.*, Colonel E. H. Blaik*, Major General C. E. Byers, Captain H. J. Chapman, Mr. M. P. Chitterling*, Lieutenant Colonel James G. Collins, Mr. Freeman G. Cross*, Colonel J. B. Cullum*, Brigadier General M. W. Daniel*, Colonel George DeGraaf*, Major General J. V. deP Dillon, Colonel R. V. Eastman, Colonel E. C. Gillette, Jr.*, Mr. Roland W. Gleason, Colonel J. L. Goff, Colonel C. E. Haswell, Brigadier General F. L. Hayden*, Brigadier General S. R. Hinds, Brigadier General C. G. Holle, Major General George Honnen, Colonel Charles F. Ivins, Colonel E. C. Johnston*, Colonel C. S. Joslyn, Colonel George H. Krause, Mr. Henry C. Lambert*, Colonel Donald J. Leehey, Colonel L. E. Lichtenwalter, Colonel Loper B. Lowry, Colonel Wilburn V. Lunn*, Colonel John T. Lynch**, Brigadier General A. L. McCullough*, Mr. Willis McDonald, Mr. W. W. McMillan, Colonel John A. McNulty*, Brigadier General C. M. McQuarrie*, Colonel James K. Mitchell*, Colonel John D. Mitchell*. Colonel Wayne S. Moore*, Major General R. C. Partridge, Mr. Cyril D. Pearson, Mr. V. A. Poulson, Colonel Julian E. Raymond*, Mr. Lloyd W. Reese, Sr.*, Major General B. L. Robinson*, Colonel J. H. Rousseau, Jr.*, Colonel W. E. Ryan**, Major Alexander G. Sand, Colonel L. E. Schick*, Colonel H. A. Sears, Brigadier General J. S. Seybold, Mr. Dean LeR. Sharrar, Mr. Charles W. Smith*, Colonel Leland S. Smith*, Brigadier General James H. Stratton*, Colonel John F. Sturman, Jr.*, Colonel H. G. Travis*, Brigadier General T. J. Tully*, Colonel James F. Wahl, Colonel Charles W. West*, Major G. W. R. Wilson*, Colonel Hugh W. Winslow, Colonel William P. Withers*.

There are a few items of interest to the class which were not available when these notes went to press for the preceding issue of *Assembly*.

General Thomas D. White, who is 53 years old, and was scheduled for retirement on 31 August 1955 under the 35 and 5 rule, will continue to serve as Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, until 30 June 1957.

Major General Frank Farrell has been transferred from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C. as special assistant to the JCS National Security Council.

A letter dated May 15, 1955 has been received from Harry E. (P.D.) Fisher. P.D. resigned from employment as Vice-President of Air-Ways Engineering Corporation effective November 18, 1954. During March to May 1955 he completed a European tour via private automobile which included Monte Carlo, Cannes, Avignon, Carcossonne, Barcelona, Mallorca, Valencia, Granada, Malaga, Gibraltar, Tangiers, Spanish Morocco, Seville, Toledo, Madrid, Lisbon, and Combria, Portugal. Congratulations, P.D., it must have been a grand trip.

Following his retirement on March 31, 1955 Francis H. ("Duke") Lanahan accepted a position as Vice-President and General Manager of the Federal Electric Corporation, a subsidiary of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation. To commemorate the occasion of his retirement from the Army and his appointment to this very important civilian position, the chairman of the board and the president of I.T. and T. presented General Lanahan with a scroll bearing the signatures of the first three supreme commanders of the Allied Powers, Europe as a fitting conclusion to "Duke's" career of military service. The inscription on this scroll over the signatures just described reads, "In appreciation for 35 years of Distinguished Service culminating in an unsurpassed performance in the field of communications on behalf of the Allied Nations of the Free World"

THE LONG GRAY LINE—1920

During the circularizing of the class occasioned by the 35th Reunion, a fairly complete list of addresses of the retired members of the class has been gained. I intend to have this list mimeographed for my own use as well as the Association of Graduates. It has occurred to me that many classmates might desire a copy. I shall be pleased to send you one if you will be good enough to send a stamped and addressed envelope for its delivery.

—*E. C. G., Jr.*

1921 and 1922

June Week has come and gone with a good representation of Orioles present, considering that this was not a reunion year. Highlight of the activities was an up-river cruise and cocktail party with Pat and Mary Strong on their yacht. Another evening everyone went to the home of Charlie and Nelle Sue Branham, where our one-time Comm, General Danford, was also on hand. Present for some or all of June Week were Albert, Barrett, Bassett, Branham, Clark, Greene, Johnson, R. H., Klein, Kyle, Lawton, Spalding, Strong, and Wardlaw. Many of the wives were along too, and Meps Smith, who makes her home currently in Highland Falls, also joined the group.

Mudgett and O'Connell were at West Point late in May but didn't get back for June.

In April Johnnie, R. H. staged a party at the Statler in Washington for all the Orioles in reach of that place. At Johnnie's request Slater Miller acted as toastmaster, and sparked a very lively time. Slater wrote later: "The guests at the Statler had a lesson in West Point yells and songs that evening. . . One of the outstanding events was the singing of 'Furlo Girl', with Harry Haas taking the lead, and Helen McGrath taking the bows as the original Furlo Girl of 1920" In addition to the Johnsons, the Millers, the Haas' and the McGraths, others there were the Barretts, Blairs, Conways, Crarys, Crawfords, Douglass', Gibsons, Lawtons, Mathewsons, Mudgetts, O'Connells, Reeds and Rumaggis, plus Al Kastner, Eve McClure, Don McGowan and Bob Pierce. Olmsted was out of town, and the illness of Mrs. Sadtler kept the Senor away.

Ollie Hughes writes: "Dolly and I have finally dropped anchor here in Columbia, South Carolina (927 Daly Street, Apt. 5B). After touring the southeastern part of the United States we were in Florida for about three weeks, going down the West Coast and back up the East."

Ben Chidlaw has now retired to a well-deserved rest—at least for a while! As everyone knows, Max Taylor is back in Washington. Jim O'Connell has taken over as Chief Signal Officer, and Bob Pierce has returned from Germany to become Deputy Commander of the Second Army. Lou Rumaggi has gone to San Francisco to be Chief of Staff of the Sixth Army. McDavid is Deputy State Insurance Director in South Carolina.

Harry Haas and Frank Greene have retired, and Fritz Lee does so in September. Fritz writes: "Allie and I expect to be in our house in Washington. I will change my occupation specialty to Engineer, insulating the attic and doing over the interior. She will change her specialty from supervising Austrian servants to Quartermaster, personally preparing food and drink for classmates who will look us up."

It is reported that Leonard is married again and all the Orioles wish him every happiness.

Sons of Frank Greene and Zipper Pirkey were graduated in the Class of 1955. Their appearance and accomplishments showed that the Corps is still composed of the same type of young man as those who composed it in our time.

And that's what keeps West Point young!

—*C. J. B.*

1923

Some classmates wrote in to comment on the lack of class news in the April issue. Unfortunately, a heart attack beat me to the deadline by a few days. Thanks to that untoward event, most of the news that I had amassed is now cold and must be omitted.

June Week was an unusually successful one, since this was not a reunion year. According to the best information, the following were present: Bill Biddle, John Chambers, Alden Crawford, Phil Enslow, Wilfred Hardy, Paul Jefferies, Bill Lucas, Bill Morton, Pat O'Reilly, Freddie Phillips, A. D. Raymond, Dick Russell, Jim Torrence and Woppie White. Being a member of the Corps of Invalids at the time, we saw only a few of them.

Wilfred Hardy and Woppie White were the first to check in with me. Both were looking fine and in the best of spirits. Wilfred is enjoying his place in Florida. Woppie is clinging to his farm near Gardiner, Maine, but has given up being a "gentleman-farmer" and is now just a gentleman. He says he had a neighbor who did all the work for him; but when the latter moved away, he had to do everything himself. Shoveling "honey" in the cow barn all day palled on Woppie, so he sold the cows, put the steers in the deep freeze and settled down to live on steaks. Dolly and I are just about to take off for a vacation in Maine; so—with Woppie's account as bait —we are planning to visit him and eat one of those steaks.

Bill Biddle was enjoying June Week just before taking off for Japan where he is the new head of MAAG. His address is Hq MAAG—Japan, APO 500, San Francisco. Bill had just finished an interesting tour in command of the First Armored Division.

Phil Enslow and wife came to see their son Phil graduate and help him get married. Phil, Sr., has had a very busy year teaching at the Staunton Military Academy in Virginia. He is about to start work on an advanced degree so as to maintain his teaching status under the state law. His son's wedding was a beautiful one in the Cadet Chapel, followed by a reception in the West Point Army Mess.

We had a fleeting encounter with Jim Torrence after the Superintendent's lawn party, but were able only to congratulate him on his son, who graduated and was the outstanding athlete of his class. Dot was here too, though we did not see her.

John Chambers came around to Quarters 76 and we had an enjoyable bull fest on many topics. Aside from managing Johns-Manville Sales for New England, he pours a lot of energy and ideas into the West Point Society of Boston, which he heads, and the Association of Graduates, of which he is a board member.

The Class of 1923 Memorial Award to the Outstanding Swimmer in the Graduating Class was presented by John Chambers to Cadet William E. Roth, Class of 1955, at the review on the morning of June 4th.

As we are writing this, the new plebes have been in twenty-four hours and are sweating it out in record heat. It is all reminiscent of June 13, 1919. So far, the only son of the Class reported to us is Walter B. Tully, Jr., son of our own Walter B. Although I was seated at my desk yesterday in a Library that was supposed to be closed to the public, the unmistakable voice of Walter, Sr., came blasting through the door behind me. Walter and wife had brought their boy up from Camden, turned him over to the tender mercies of the Beast Detail at 90 deg. F., discovered the underground passage to the Library next to the Riding Hall and had emerged in the upper regions. Seeing them was a great treat. Walter, Jr., is 19 years old and is well prepared, having prepped at Braden's under Sullivan, '24. We haven't met him yet, but will when the tacs allow walking privileges.

This brings up a point. Please let me know if you have a plebe son. It will give me the opportunity to extend to him the hospitality of my home; and if he is discouraged or has any problems, it is possible that Dolly and I may be able to help him. We do this for all the plebes we know; but naturally, we would especially like to befriend the sons of our own class.

Bill Craigie retired for physical disability at Bolling Air Force Base on 30 June. We were unable to attend although a special invitation was sent us. Our affectionate regards go to Bill and Victoria. They have done a great job for the country. May their retirement be a happy one blessed with ever improving health.

My class notes are by no means exhausted—but I am. Trying to make dead lines before going on a much needed leave has kept me typing since lunch; and it is now approaching 9 p.m. If any of you who have furnished information feel frustrated at not seeing it published, please accept my apologies.

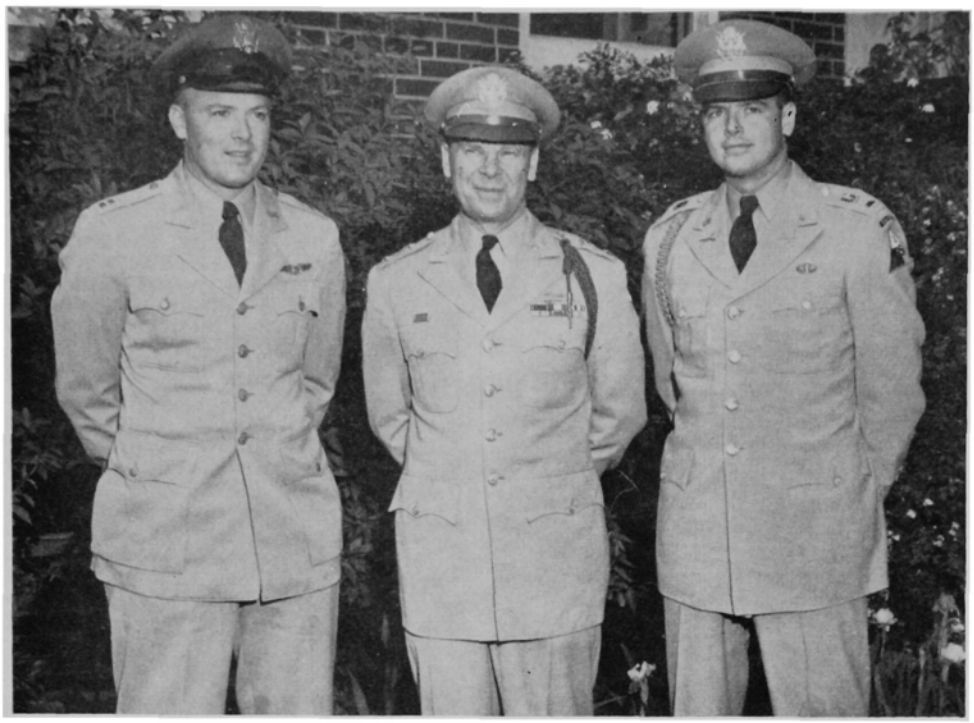
—*W. J. M.*

1924

We have been missing from these columns for the past three issues of *Assembly* due mainly to the concentration of all efforts in getting out our "Thirty Yearbook" Class news as it has been received has been digested and included in the "Book" which we can now happily report, at long last, is in the hands of the printer and will be available for mailing the latter part of July 1955. It really is a fine job and Zar Parmly deserves all the credit. He has given untold hours of his time during the past several months in editing and writing, arranging the pictorial sections, preparing the format and battling with the printer. The Class owes him a debt of gratitude for his fine work in our behalf.

In the Washington, D. C. area, a Class of 1924 luncheon is held at 12:15 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month on the Sixth Floor of the Army Navy Club, 17th and Eye Streets, N.W. Any members of the Class who may happen to be in the Nation's Capital or vicinity are cordially invited to attend these luncheons.

At the annual meeting in the Fall of 1954 held at the Officer's Club, Fort Lesley J. McNair the following Class officers were elected for the current year: President, Major General Arthur G. Trudeau; 1st Vice President, Brigadier General R. V. Lee; 2nd Vice President, Lieutenant General Richard E. Nugent; Secretary-Historian, Brigadier General John G. Hill; Treasurer, Mr. James



Major General George W. Smythe, (center), Deputy Second Army Commander with sons, prior to departure from Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Captain George W. Smythe, Jr., Air Force (left); and Lieutenant John D. Smythe, 1st Army on the right.

A. Watson, Jr. The Committees: (a) Correspondence—Hill, John G., Chairman, Graling, Erskine; (b) Entertainment—Dabezies, Chairman, Foote, Linn; (c) Personal Services — Landon, Chairman, Bertsch, Weinaug; (d) Ways and Means—Royce, Chairman, Sibley, Itschner; (e) Contact—Bidwell, Chairman, Watson, Outcalt.

Ben Mesick has just reported that he will be at 124 Walker Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, until the Fall of 1955. Cy Caywood on an original card pictorially indicated that he retired 31 May as Provost Marshal, First Army, and will be at Box 1123, Denver, Colorado.

R. L. Dean states that he is now working for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority as Engineer of Maintenance and can be reached through the NJTP Administration Bldg., Interchange 9, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and would be happy to see classmates who use the New Jersey Turnpike. (He did not add that it included taking care of tickets for speeding and other violations.)

Jimmy Willis gives his permanent address as 136 Merrybrook Drive, Havertown, Pennsylvania. Harold Tasker reports his new address at 232 Thornden Street, South Orange, New Jersey.

Peter Shumate is just finishing his first year in law at the University of Colorado —they live at 860 Circle Drive, Boulder, Colorado. He procrastinated so long in sending in his biography and $10.00 for the 30 Yearbook that his wife, Helen, finally gave up in disgust and put pen to paper and sent in his vital statistics. (Many thanks, Helen).

Jordan Theis has moved to 712 Center Street, Costa Mesa, California. John Hincke moved this June from Lexington, Virginia to 3124-51st Place, N.W., Washington 16, D. C. Andy Foster is at 16 Esquiline Drive, Columbus, Georgia. Chalmers Wallace is living at 9153 De Adalena Street, Rosemead, California. Sam Smithers, 1238 Second Avenue, Columbus, Georgia, has expressed his regrets that '24 was not mentioned in the recent issues of *Assembly*.

We have made a note of that and in the future will call on him for the news in his area. Likewise, Tom McCulloch, 1605 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana, called attention to the fact that no "Notes" have appeared in the *Assembly* for the past three issues. We hope that he will accept our excuse—also that he will join us at one of the D. C. luncheons now that he knows the place and date.

Cary King, 175 Cedar Lane, Princeton, New Jersey reports that he is working with RCA Laboratories in Princeton. Tom Forman, 17 Admiral Road, Severna Park, Maryland, is with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation as Senior Engineer in the Development Engineering Dept. at the Air Arm Division in Baltimore, Maryland.

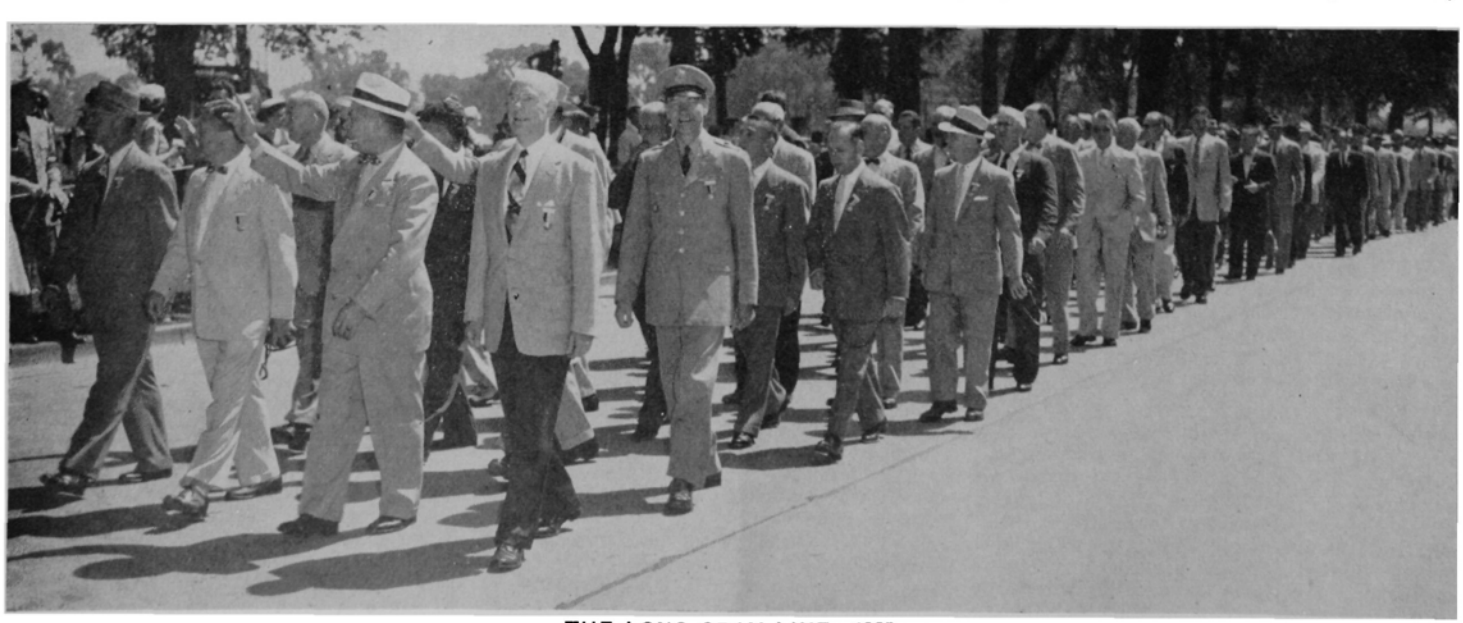
Sam Fisher, Lake Rosa, Melrose, Florida, also noted the recent absence of '24 news in the *Assembly*. (Hope he has time to read this.) Otis McCormick gives his summer address as Hotel Grand and Royal, Viareggio, Italy and advises that he plans to return to Washington after September. Gene Meister wrote from his temporary address at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico, his permanent address is 735 Clarkson Street, Denver 18, Colorado.

Charlie Stevenson, State Judge Advocate, New York National Guard, 270 Broadway, New York 7, New York tells us that Art Trudeau's presence and remarks during the presentation of Scrolls to the Sons of 1924 in the Class of 1955 on 6 June was most helpful. William T. Cummings, Daniel C. Dugan, Clyde Massey, Jr., and Richard J. Regnier were the ones receiving the Scrolls this year.

Mrs. P. D. Ent, Schenley Park Apartments, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania visited the Mediterranean and Europe this Spring and we furnished her a list of some of the Class in that area—hope that our list was correct.

Zar and Dorethe Parmly having "put the Thirty Yearbook" to bed are off for Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they will visit their daughter, Sandra (Mrs. D. K. Bradbury).

All members of the Class are urged to keep the Secretary informed of their correct address, particularly in view of the fact that the "Thirty Yearbook" will be placed in the mails the latter part of July.



THE LONG GRAY LINE—1925

Likewise, any Class news for future issues of *Assembly* should be sent to: Class of 1924, USMA, P.O. Box 371, Ben Franklin Station, Washington 4, D. C.

—*F. J. G.*

1925

Only two items of interest locally since the last issue and prior to the Reunion: one a brief but pleasant visit from Harry Larter, big wheel of the Military Collectors and Historians, on his way upstate for a meeting; the other an evening bullfest with Russ Finn here on business with the Army Commanders' Conference.

But for the Reunion these notes would end here unless we resorted to our usual practice of cribbing from Daddy Dunn's monthly notes and repeating what you have already read just to make a reasonable showing in this column. Methinks the answer is for Daddy to prepare a thousand words quarterly of the "hard" news demanded by the editor and a quarterly mimeo supplement of the "soft" news demanded by we rank and file, thus avoiding duplication.

If you look at the smiling faces in the accompanying photo it seems everyone was having a good time, and we of the local contingent believe they did and are happy therein. The attendance far exceeded our expectations requring last minute flurries to meet the added requirements. It was evident that many who did not get here were doing their best to break loose up to the last minute and we are sorry they did not succeed.

If you will pardon an unrequested bow from the local contingent, we had the best facilities in the area for each event. We should like to attribute this to good planning and maneuvering but old man conscience points the finger at good fortune and chance.

In the matter of housing for the women we were the envy of all Classes. Some time ago Nick conceived the idea of trying to get the dormitory facilities at Ladycliffe College just outside the gate, where school terminated the day before June Week. By turning the charm on the good Sisters of the school he succeeded. Our ladies were very pleased with the arrangements and Nick received kudos no end.

It fell to my lot to arrange and conduct our Class parties and I shall attempt a blow-by-blow description with the thought that some who could not attend may find them interesting, and also for the few who were here but did not see as a briefing on what happened.

Our first event was a cocktail-buffet affair on Saturday evening 4 June at the Hotel Thayer. We had cocktails in the pleasant Terrace Grill followed by chow in the adjourning Scenic Room. Prices were as attractive as the room names—that is from the hotel's viewpoint. This year we tried to get away from the standard "bourbon for all" custom and had martinis, manhattans, bourbon and scotch. For those interested in stastistical trivia the ratio of bourbon drinkers to scotch drinkers when shelling out is 5 to 1; with drinks on the house this drops to 2 to 1. The general reaction was that the food was good. The table was laid with a variety of cold meats, salads, and odds and ends, and two hot dishes one of shrimp and one of chicken. The hotel, with understandable strategy, set the table in order of cost of food with the more expensive hot dishes at the far end of the table expecting that spare room on plates would be small when the latter dishes were reached. Here our intensive indoctrination in dissemination of information of the enemy came to the fore. All were preinformed and the hotel rushed to make up new batches. The "maitre d'" moaned at this break with precedent and rushed to review his basic statistics. Total attendance at this event was 96, including our guests Red and Dort Reeder whose other commitments prevented them from attending the succeeding events. Russ and Kitty Alspach, our honorary classmates, gave us the pleasure of their company at all of our events.

The next evening, Sunday, after the Supe's beautiful reception, we had our dinner dance. We had cocktails and classy hors d'oeuvres (finances looking optimistic at the moment) in the two Green Rooms of the West Point Army Mess. Dining and dancing was on the main floor of the Mess which is large and attractive. Here we had to gamble on timing and, to a degree, lost. It was expected that the regular diners would be cleared out and the place reset for us by 2015 but these, in a holiday spirit, dilly-dallied and we did not take possession until almost 2100, the cocktail hour being extended accordingly. Again for those statistically minded, the impact of a 45-minute extension to a cocktail hour on the liquid refreshment budget is to the impact of the initial 45 minutes as 2 is to 1. Everyone seemed to think the food was good and in the pleasant atmosphere all seemed to have a good time. My Eleanor introduced a bit of nostalgia. Several years ago she came across a batch of our old time crested butter dishes at a sale and, thinking they might make good souvenirs, bought them and set them aside. She distributed them at the dinner. It may be that some got the very ones they used as cadets; the only one I could definitely identify was the one with the chipped edges on which Porter Kidwell did his teething. We have about a dozen left if anyone wants one. Some of the boys a little awkward at the terpsichore but the ladies didn't mind. Incidentally, we had assembled the finest group of fillies seen anywhere; so much so as to inspire me to remark "the

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girls of '25 remain 25", a pun almost worthy of Nick. Our attendance jumped to 105 at this event including Nannie Speer, Doris Barth, and Bee Holland, our guests, who managed to steal a few hours from their busiest period.

On Monday, while the men attended the Alumni luncheon, the girls had luncheon at the Mess at tables we were fortunate enough to reserve. Finances still looking good, we provided a drop of sherry for them.

Monday evening we had our picnic at Round Pond. The weather was perfect and the mess sergeant did a fine job with the food. We even arranged with Zeus to have a full moon with the hope that we could revive a bit of the old romance but the best that was done was a pathetic attempt at "When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain" by G-Co. runts. The accompanying picture was taken at the picnic. Ever tried to get that many people assembled in one spot in the midst of a party? Only took 45 minutes. Never did assemble some who remained at the bar in rear. Showed some football movies which were quite good. Mel Allen was commentator. We showed 1954 color movies first then 1953 so we could end up with a win over Navy. Throughout the evening Mike DeArmond performed brilliantly at the piano, now for vocal groups (not so brilliant) and now for dancing. We had 110 at this gathering which closed up about midnight after a search of the surrounding woods for a few unaccounted-for prospectors.

The official functions followed the normal June Week pattern graced by perfect weather throughout, so for want of space these are omitted.

An attempt was made to identify everyone in the photo but my many small chores kept me from relating names and faces of all the ladies. There is no one here to help me as the editor's deadline approaches, so you'll have to do the best you can with the aid of the list below.

Those attending at one or more of the Class events are as follows: *Stag*—Denniston, Barnes, Bolduc, Kost (and father-in-law), Robertson, Baldwin, Bruce Clarke, Farwick, Bill McLaughlin, McCormick, Bill Wood, Bowers, DeArmond, Wilmer Bennett, Denson, Hankins, Horner, Stark. *With wives*—Westphalinger, Kidwell, Nicholas, Cabell, Senior, Underwood, Colby Myers, Saltzman, Cole, Alspach, Haskell, Crandall, Ritchie, Cleland, Ed Jones, Linkswiler, Galloway, Palmer, Bryte, Crombez, Tulley, Dunn, Neprud, Fisher, Babcock, Seleen, Bailey, Esposito, Scalan, Ordway, Carne, Strange, Lincoln, Beatty, McMahon, Strickland, Spillinger, Smith, N. R., Smith, W. C., Harvey, Boudreau, Geraghty, Withers, Willing, Kelley, Riggins, Fowlkes, Clare. We also had about a dozen youngsters present.

If anyone wants an 8x10 of the accompanying picture it can be obtained by sending $1.25 to Mr. Arthur Kepler, 38 Prairie Avenue, Suffern, New York. The picture of stags only taken on the steps of the mess at Walter Bryte's request for our Year Book can be obtained by sending $1.00 to White Studio, West Point, N. Y.

We are embarrassed by a steady stream of letters thanking us for the trouble we went to to try to make the affair enjoyable. What little trouble there was was overly compensated for by seeing so many of you again, some after thitry years, and to note the prevailing good spirits despite adversity. We'll be happy to try again in 1960, God willing, but with one change—there'll have to be a Sergeant-at-Arms and deputies to close out these affairs. Gets tougher every time.

On the financial side, we came out a modest amount pro which Porter Kidwell is applying to the Reunion booklet expenses. We received messages and good wishes from Ed Garbisch in North Carolina, Howze and Johnson in Korea, Bruner in Alaska, Hopkins in Athens and by "ham" raido from Toms in Germany.

Only two son-graduates this year: Ordway and Myers.

—*Mike E.*

1926

"*Colonel Strikes it Rich*", we saw in the headlines recently, and then went on to read this amazing story: "An Army colonel who is a 'week-end prospector' expects to become a millionaire by selling rich uranium claims he staked out in New Mexico. He is a career soldier recently assigned to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas as a training inspector. He said he made his big strike on a ten-day trip last month into the desert of San Miguel County in southeast New Mexico." The man? None other than our rangy, Lincolnesque Benjamin E. Thurston! This is the same individual who was quoted in our Silver Jubilee booklet as saying, "I've had a very dull service; never done anything, and never gone anywhere; still no excitement." We are very happy for you Ben, and hope you realize every nickel of that million. Don't be surprised to be besieged by requests for handouts. One recommendation has already been received "that Ben Thurston take over the Class Fund."

Don Booth has made a big strike in another field, having been named recently to the top G-1 spot in the D.A. General Staff. From that point on it is no longer a question of "how high will he get?" but rather, "when will he reach the top?" We also heard of recent promotions of Mutt Bowen and Red Corderman to major general. What's more Red, along with George Hickman and Harry Storke are named for permanent BG stars which is an important promotion in these days of the "30 and 5" elimination procedure. Congratulations to all of you!

There is a new name in the Class. Roy Silverman has had his monicker changed officially to *Roy Kaylor*. Make a note of this, because the only Silverman now in the Army is *not* our Roy. There is another Kaylor in the Army who graduated in the Class of 1927. It is not known here whether or not there is any relation between the two.

Anky Ankenbrandt has been ordered from MATS at Andrews Field, D. C. to Hq USAF as Director of Communications for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I don't imagine Anky drew any displacement allowance for that move but it does sound like an important step up. In a letter brimming with Class news, Hal Forde writes: "Ted Wenzlaff is Post S-4 at Fort Riley. Since Riley is so close to Ted's old home (Sutton, Nebraska) he has left his family at home and batches at Riley. This gives him an opportunity to spend the week-ends building his political fences for retirement next year. Ted looks fine—very little change from his appearance 25 years ago when he and I were second lieutenants together at Riley. In February on a trip to Sixth Army I saw Bill Deyo, who is commanding the Port of Embarkation at San Francisco; also Brook Brady, Art Kirchhoff, Bob Nourse, all of whom are at Sixth Army. I have been able to make a few of the Washington group's luncheons which vary in size up to 25. The largest group seems to arrive when the luncheon is held at Hall's on 7th Street. Of course, the availability of martinis has nothing whatsoever to do with the good turnout. Coke Carter dropped in for a few minutes week before last. He is the most healthy appearing man I have ever seen, whether retired for disability or not. I would like to mention that Doc Jones has the embonpoint built in now, sufficient to make him a very satisfactory Santa Claus." Hal Forde, incidentally, sent us all this information from Fort Monroe where he is G-2 for CONARC. He reports that Betsy and Ann are fine. Thanks, Hal, for the news.

The Class of '26 has been turning up in considerable numbers at West Point in recent weeks. Rod Smith was here from the Office of the Chief of Engineers to welcome the First Classmen who had chosen castles for their future insignia. A little later, a high powered conference of the aides to the Secretary of the Army brought Don Booth, Bill Creasy, and Keith Barney to USMA, all looking prosperous and important. During the recent June Week Festivities, the returning classmates hit a new high for a non-reunion year when *sixteen* were on hand, namely: Doyle, Nourse, Wheaton, Ringler, Roosma, Stanton, Kane, Hawthorne, Nelson, Murphy, Molloy, Sims, Gaffney, Herte, Reeder, and Heiberg. The first three named are dads of graduating cadets, the next three have sons in lower classes, and the bottom three are local residents. The remainder must have come because they like the place, or possibly to march in the Long Gray Line behind West Point's most famous living graduate whose presence made June Week an event which the Military Academy will long remember. Those who stayed for the graduation ceremonies saw Jack Doyle fill the spot of Anchor Man thus becoming the *fourth* product of '26 to graduate last in his class. The others were Grizzard, Bleakney (who spent three years with us before becoming the Anchor Man of '27), and Jim Wheaton, Jr. who had the bottom spot in '50. Young Nourse was a length ahead of Doyle being 4th from the bottom, and Bob Wheaton was a respectable distance ahead of the goats. All chose the Infantry.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Joan Tate to Edwin James Van Horne, Jr. in Washington, last December. The bride is the daughter of Brigadier General F. J. Tate, USA Retired. The groom, son and namesake of our Jimmie, attended West Point for a year before going to MIT. He is now a senior sales representative for the Washington branch of the Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation.

Mark your calendars now for next June Week. Our 30th should be a sell-out.

—*E. R. H.*

1927

The Class will participate in the installation of a memorial plaque in Cullum Hall, commemorating combat losses in Korea, in memory of John R. Lovell.

Recent nominations or promotions include: A fourth star for Larry Kuter, the youngest graduate ever to attain this rank; second stars for Ted Brown, Tom Watlington, Willis Matthews, and George Martin; and first stars for Harry Paxson, Jimmy Thompson, Paul Berrigan, Hank Hoeffer, Jerry Lillard, Parmer Edwards, Pen Bixel, and Jack Kilgore. Hearty congratulations to all. We now have 49 general officers out of one hundred and four on active duty.

Harry McKinney has been awarded the Republic of Korea's second highest military

award, the Ulchi Medal with Silver Star for his outstanding accomplishment of setting up Korea's military academy. In the winter of 1951-52, Harry planned and supervised construction, assembled a faculty, set up a curriculum, had books used at our Alma Mater translated into Korean, and established the West Point Honor System a half a world away. Well done, Harry!

Margaretha Geniff and Chubby Doan were married at Fort Monroe, Virginia on 26 March. Chubby gave a splendid talk to the Washington Chapter of the U.S. Armor Association at the Naval Gun Factory in May, and departed shortly thereafter for London to participate in Armor conferences. While in Washington, Chubby and Margaretha were house guests of Ted and Kathryn Brown. They are now at home in Fort Monroe, Virginia.

The summer season has caused the usual turnover: Trapnell relinquished command of the 4th Armored Division, which he activated and trained at Fort Hood, Texas, and assumed command of the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in June.

Woodie Burgess has been assigned to the National Security Agency and will divide his time between Fort Meade, Maryland and Washington. Marianna, McGrew, and Ann will join him at their home in Falls Church, Virginia, in September.

Barney Daughtry returned from Alaska and took Jimmie Thompson's place as PMS&T, University of Georgia, Athens, Jimmie having moved to Eighth Army, FORWARD, APO 301, San Francisco.

Ray Stanton departed CONARC, Fort Monroe to be the new Chief, North Carolina Military District.

Granny Granholm is departing Fort Riley, Kansas, and joining Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Tulio Segarra, coming back from Puerto Rico, is joining Third Army.

George Bender, who is Chief, Visitors Bureau, United Nations and Far East Command, APO 500, San Francisco, is due to return to CONUS in August.

Bob Naylor, who until recently has been the Senior Army Member of the Joint Amphibious Landing Force Board at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, is Senior Army Advisor, Mississippi National Guard. Bob and Patty, 961 Parkwood Place, Jackson, Mississippi, have two children; Bob II, 15, a sophomore, and Patricia, 12, Junior High.

Vachel Watley has returned from Eighth Army where he was Civil Affairs Officer and is commanding the 525th M.I. Group at Fort Bragg.

When the 1st and 10th Infantry Divisions change places this summer from Germany and Fort Riley, Kansas, in operation Gyroscope, the Meloy family will have a direct interest. Stan commands the 1st and Lieutenant Guy S. Meloy, III is assigned to the 86th Infantry of the 10th. George Martin and Parmer Edwards are the top men in the 10th Division. P. D. Ginder, who turned the Division over to George, is now commanding Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Harry Paxson joined the Pentagon Contingent for duty with G-2 in May and is quartered at Fort Myer, Virginia.

The Tom Watlingtons' are moving to Washington in August for duty with G-3.

Ben Gray is commanding New Orleans POE and Jim Smyly is handling ROTC in G-3, Second Army. Roy Axup, finishing 3 years as IG, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia, has been reassigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Roy plans to retire in San Antonio.

Our active ranks have dwindled further with Ed Glavin's retirement 31 May to take post graduate work at Columbia and with Carl Graybeal's retirement on 31 July. Carl is setting up a security investments office in San Antonio. Goober McLamb is in temporary retirement for physical disability.

Jack Stober visited Bill Verbeck at Indiantown Gap in March. Jack is a registered professional engineer with the Leo A. Daly Company and his address is 4717 Cummings Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Marty Morin is assistant Division Commander of the 24th Division, FE, APO 24, San Francisco.

Duke Gilbreath, G-2 Sixth Army, visited the Pentagon in early June. Duke's son, Lee, USMA 1954, recently graduated from the Basic Course, The Armored School, and is now leading a tank platoon, in B. Company, 13th Tank Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Kenneth, Duke's younger son, just finished his junior year at Texas A&M where he specialized in Electrical Engineering.

Willis Matthews is setting us a high standard of physical condition—he recently, personally led the Fourth Division on a twelve-mile hike. Remember our Plebe hike?

Rumor has it that the Nellie Fooks' are building a home in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Art Solem visited Washington in June and attended daughter Patricia Ann's graduation from Marjorie Webster Junior College, then on to West Point for June Week. The Buzz Butlers' also attended June Week and brought young Buzz home on Furlough.

Bob and Peggy White, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, announced the marriage of their daughter, Gretchen, to Lieutenant Prescott Eaton, Artillery, on 4 June 1955 at Fort Riley, Kansas. Lieutenant Eaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew George Clark of Seattle, Washington, is assigned as a student officer, The Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Apologies to Bruce White, 13, whose name was omitted through error in the January write-up of the White family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hugh Wadlington, Arlington, Virginia, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean Drury, to Mr. William McDowell Verbeck, Bill Verbeck's eldest son. A wedding is planned for 25 June at St. Mary's Chapel, Washington, D. C., followed by a reception in the Ballroom, Fort Lesley J. McNair.

Mrs. Frederick William Suess announces the marriage of her daughter, Helen Agnes, to Mr. Julius Deane Conrad in Manila, Philippine Islands on February 6, 1955. Deane is now vice-president of the Hanson and Orth Hemp Company of Manila, a company he has been with for over twenty-five years.

Congratulations to Charlie Verbeck, on his graduation from Harvard on 17 June, and to Gay Bixel on her graduation from Carlisle High School, Pennsylvania on 9 June.

Willis Wilchel writes that he and Tira are enjoying their tour as PMS&T of Alabama Polytechnic at Auburn.

Your correspondent announces the birth of a granddaughter, Katherine Wilburn Knapp, daughter of Captain and Mrs. T. W. Knapp, Armor, at Fort Knox, Kentucky on 5 April.

With less than 24 months to go, it is time to plan our 30th reunion. Questionnaires will be dispatched this fall to all classmates whose addresses are known to get a concensus of opinion on how we should plan our reunion. Considerable pick and shovel work will be needed especially if a 30-year book is to be published. The class fund amounts to $300.00.

—*R. G. L.*

1928

June Week '55 has come and gone. Schepps and Hinrichs were the two class sons who received their diplomas on 7 June.

Grinstead, G. F. Smith, Boland, Hinrichs, Malone joined Billingsley, Calyer and McCutcheon during June Week.

Delmonico who is PMS&T at the University of Wichita in Kansas writes that his son Michael a Second Lieutenant Inf. Reserve received his commission through the ROTC at Kansas University, is a Junior at the College of Medicine Syracuse University. He also has three daughters Mary Catherine a freshman at the University of Wichita, Ann in high school and Alice in grammar school.

Walter Staley made a trip to Mexico, D. F. for the Pan American Games and saw his son Walter, Jr. win first place in the Three Day Event one of the equestrian sports. He also saw Tommy Van Natta who is Military Attache there.

Heiman who is at Fort Belvoir said they were ready for the first class USCC on 20 June. A heavy schedule has been planned and they feel it will be worthwhile to all concerned. His son Charles a cadet at Valley Forge MA will enter USMA in '56. Dave saw McNamara at Fort Lee where he is Maneuver Director at Log ex-55 and busy. McNamara said he had everything under control, particularly Maneuver Security, until he found that anyone carrying a Plumbers Friend could get into any building!! He was making tracks to whip that problem.

Ned Sirmyer is in the grandfather class with a grandson 2½ years and another grandchild due in September which he hopes will be a girl. His son-in-law Lieutenant Gorman C. Smith (class of '51) is leaving the 11th Airborne at Fort Campbell for New York where he will study for his MA at Columbia and then report for duty with the Social Sciences Dept. at West Point.

The Washington group had a luncheon at the McNair Officers Club on 1 June. There were a total of twenty-one present. Eleven of them were General Officers. Norman Webb joined them, (he is in Baltimore), and Ed Markham who looked fine in spite of having undergone a series of major operations.

Roger Goldsmith who has been our Washington correspondent is leaving. Stuart McLennan and A. B. Denniston have been elected representative and treasurer.

Bryant Boatner is in San Juan, Puerto Rico on convalescent leave due to a heart condition pending possible retirement. He had been Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel, USAF but was replaced effective 1 May.

Brentnall made the commencement address at Phillips University, his Alma Mater at Enid, Oklahoma, on 25 May, and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

We are sorry to have to report the sudden death of Koehler Daly on the 23rd of April from a heart attack. He was in North Africa at the time. Services were held 5 May in the Fort Myer Chapel and

burial was in Arlington Cemetery. The Chapel was filled to capacity including twenty-five members of the class. We are sure that all the members of the class join us in expressing our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

Sam Myers was through West Point in April to see his son and visited with us for a few hours.

Thanks for all the letters that have made it possible to write this column. Our next deadline will be about 10 September so let's hear from some of you by then.

—*P. D. C.*

1929

The Association of Graduates contemplates a memorialization plaque in Cullum Hall for our graduates killed in the Korean War. Being asked for the wish of the class, I have stated that we will pay from the class fund the cost of the inscription of Frank Forney's name thereon.

June Week has come and gone and with it a cheerful group of about 15 classmates, who came by at various times. Rex Andrews, Al Viney, Dud Wiegand, Mish Roth, Mac McNerney, McCulla and Poorman were here to see their sons graduate. The Poormans and McCullas carried the program of festivities through weddings shortly after graduation. Quite a contribution from the Class of '29. Red Cooper, Johnny Nesbitt, Bill Francis, Phil Draper, Ed Van Bibber and Bishop (ex '29) were present here for part of the time. Van called me from his job in the Military District in Boston asking if I had seen his cap, which is missing. I guess he threw it away when the graduating class tossed theirs. Larry Brownlee, Chief of Supply Division, G-4, plus extras, for the 6th Army arrived for one day. The particular "extra" which brought him East was to fence in the National Fencing Championships. Maybe we are not as old as some of us think.

Our Honorary Classmate, Doc Snyder was was here with the President and we were lucky enough to get him for the alumni luncheon. Don Zimmerman reports from Denver that Doc was at Lowry Air Force Base last summer as physician to the President and is expected back this summer. He continues his wide knowledgeable interest in West Point and is obviously giving a great deal of thought to personnel and man-power problems of the Armed Forces.

Either because of excellence or because we're getting older, or both, the class of '29 has gone over the 60 mark in number of Generals past and designated. The recently published selection list included Ward, Caraway, Vittrup and Freeman for Major Generals and Viney, Draper, Hayes, H. G., Phillips, Hamlin, Cook, Bork, Hannigan, Griffin, T., Guyer, Graul and Horton for Brigadier Generals. A member of the class of '30 inquired somewhat sourly if I didn't agree that the promotion policy of the Army had changed for the better.

K. D. Nichols has moved to private life as, says the newspaper, a furtherer of "industrialist peace-time uses of atomic energy". We continue to have at least one classmate in the top atomic energy business in Don Keirn who, according to the New York Times, is "atom plan chief man of mystery" and prefers to be obscure as he directs vital race for air power. After the four-columned wide article on this man of mystery which gets down to such details as rank in the class and membership in the fishing club, Don will have to rebuild his obscurity.

Joe Colby was by in April from the Frankfort Arsenal to talk to the First Class. We have been lucky in seeing Jim Gavin, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Research, as a speaker and also at the Army Commanders Conference.

The Civilian Aides of the Secretary of the Army and the Army Commanders Meeting in West Point in May, which brought McNally, Chief of Staff of the 4th Army and Harkins, Gavin, and Caraway from the Department of the Army to explain what the Army is doing to the assembled dignitaries.

Some place a newspaper article has been seen about the mayor of Fort Meade, one Jupe Lindsey, who spends 62 Million Dollars a year of the taxpayers' money with cost consciousness and economy of personnel.

Don Zimmerman takes time out from selecting 300 air cadets out of 6,500 applicants to report that Terry Abbott has been assigned to the Air Force Academy; Tommy DuBose, who is in the Air Rescue Business; Tom McDonald, Deputy Chief of Staff for Material in the Air Force, Jack Horton, who deals with Personnel for the Continental Air Command, Harry Montgomery, the Inspector General of the Air Training Command, Sid Ofsthun, who is stationed at San Bernardino, California; Mish Roth, who is a Deputy Chief of Staff of the Continental Air Command, Freddy Smith, the Deputy Commander have all been seen having a look at the temporary Air Force Academy at Lowry Field and/or the site at Colorado Springs. Don provides the information that Keene Watkins is becoming a senior partner of a large law firm in Los Angeles and invites classmates to stop by and have a look at the fledgling United States Air Force Academy at Lowry Field.

Marshall Stubbs comments that while at the Special Weapons Course at Fort Bliss, he saw Louie Bell, who is at White Sands. Weary Wilson who is returning to the U.S. from his Casablanca job inquires about getting Walter K., III into West Point and reports Bork, Easley, Strader, Phillips, Hammack, Coolidge and Van Meter (ex '29) have been seen in Heidelburg at the Founders Dinner. Bruce Easley has received a certain amount of favorable mention as Adjutant General in the European command, for continuing a four-months paper chase which (sic) threw away five miles of records and eliminated 2,578 filing cabinets. Paul Thompson writes from his Readers Digest directorship in Paris with a heat indicating he is in good health, asking whether we are interested in an A student who can run the 100 in 9.9, in spite of the fact he is from Nebraska.

Phil Draper produces the information that Jack Horner is Quartermaster in Okinawa, that Gus Brown is with the Navy at Norfolk, and Billy Greear is commanding the 2nd Armored Regiment at Nuremberg.

Andy McKeefe has been assigned to the executive offices of the Blaw-Knox Company in Pittsburgh which will undoubtedly cause a sharp rise in its common stock. He pines a bit for USMA and the '29 companionship, underlining his point by saying that he has attended a local Annapolis alumni meeting.

My sincere thanks to the several classmates who have contributed so materially to these notes. I offer my apologies for errors and omissions which will, I hope, excite letters of protest bringing more news.

Under the heading of What is West Point Coming To Anyhow, you probably know that we have returned to the close order drill of our day except that no one has yet dared to undertake any manual of arms coincident with starting and stopping the

THE LONG GRAY LINE—1930

Ed Messinger, Commandant of Cadets, presenting the Class gift to the Sons of '31. From left to right, Cadets Buchwald, Feagin and Fleeger.

troops. I have been forced to count up the graduates with Ph.D's. in the Humanities and Social Sciences and it may interest some of you to know there are about 20. Just to cheer you up every new graduate must now undertake either the Ranger Course or the Jump Course.

—*Abe Lincoln.*

1931

The President's visit, assisted by well nigh perfect weather, made this the biggest, nosiest, most colorful June Week ever. It was a strenuous and hectic period for the regular residents; but the visitors enjoyed it, and the Old Grads seemed to be having the time of their life, so all in all, it was a huge success.

Of course, this was an off year for 1931. However, we had the following Classmates present, for all or part of June Week: Sid Brown, Buchwald, Burns, Cron, Densford, Feagin, Hammer, Henry, Johnston, Kauffman, Messinger, Morin, Sutherland, Talcott, and Young. Not many, but oh! Boy!, just wait 'til next year!

As you know, the Class had three sons who graduated in June. They were Buchwald, Feagin and Fleeger. Right after the Alumni Review, the Class gifts were presented at an appropriate ceremony in the vicinity of Thayer Monument. Ed Messinger read the letter of presentation, and the sons received a copy of the letter. (See cut).

Shortly after June Week, Chester Ott came through West Point on his way to Poughkeepsie, for the graduation of his oldest daughter from Vassar College. Chester has an 18 year old son working in a logging camp out in Oregon.

Dick and Ruth Lawson report that in April they took off from Paris, for a visit to Bavaria and Austria, and saw many classmates en route. In Garmisch they ran into Seiss and Peg Wagner, and saw them again later in Vienna, where Seiss is the Chief of Staff of the Vienna Command. In Salzburg, Dick had a pleasant visit with Charlie and Martha Hoy, Bill and Betty Chandler and the Smellows. Later, in Stuttgart, they saw Bill and Fran Dick, Jack and Helen Malloy, and Mervyn and Helen McGee. Back in Paris, where Dick commands the Seine Area Command, he frequently sees Steve Hanmer, Jim and Kelly Corbett, and of course many visiting firemen, such as Wilbur Skidmore, Bill and Ella Mae Woodward, (with the MAAG in Denmark), and Marvin Coyle, who comes up from Turkey occasionally.

We were all saddened to hear of Fred Berg's tragic misfortune. His boy, Fred, Jr., was killed in an auto accident on the 29th of May. Fred and his entire family had gone to Louisiana State University for Teddy's graduation and had given him a new Ford as a graduation present. Apparently young Teddy fell asleep on the long drive back from Baton Rouge to San Antonio, and piled head on into a cattle truck. No one else was hurt but Teddy was killed outright. We are sure that all the members of the Class join us in expressing our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

A letter from Herb Mansfield disclosed that the Washington Group will suspend their monthly luncheons during July and August, but they will be resumed in September (first Wednesday of each month). Chairmen for luncheon arrangements will be: September—Cusack, October—Farris. Herb says that Jack Leary is working hard on plans for our 25th Reunion, and that among the more recent arrivals in Washington are Gordon Cusack, a Psychological warrior pro temp., and Jack Daly, who is now Deputy Chief of Research and Development.

Walt Ellis, reporting on Class doings in general, writes: "If you want the real low-down, we have a man who is really getting to the bottom of things. Bill Cassidy has been nominated to be President of the California Debris Commission. That should put him in a good position to dig up any dirt on the West Coast."

Jack Malloy writes that he, Alice, and the kids are enjoying their tour in Europe, he also had a few good words regarding the proposed Class Charter. (You will each get a letter about the Charter.)

R. Q. Brown has reported for duty as Chief of the Army Advisory Group at the Air University. Quinny is the third of our Class to hold down that job. Andy Adams and MOP Perry preceded him. Charlie Densford flew up from Maxwell Field to take his new Yearling son home. He filled his gooney-bird with a dozen new Yearlings and flew them South to Montgomery, where they were interviewed on television.

Since the last issue of *Assembly*, the following of our Classmates have received stars, or have been selected for promotion to General Officer: Brown, R. Q.; Cassevant, A. F.; Train, W. F.; Easterbrook, E. F.; Hardick, Wm. L.; Ruggles, John F.; Brown, E. A., Jr.; Hackett, R.; Schmick, P.; Harrison, R. H.; Barclay, J. A.; Duff, C. B.; Bethune, P. H.; Cook, E. F.; Caraway, F.; Magee, M. M.; King, J. I.; McLaughlin, V. J.; and Woodward, W. R. (We hope we haven't omitted any, if we have, the offense was unintentional, Sir!) We speak for the Class when we give them our heartiest congratulations and best wishes. May they long be, ". . . an honor to their country, and a terror to their foes."

On the 21st of May, the Washington Group had its spring get together at the attractive Magnolia Room of Hunting Towers, in Alexandria, Virginia. Don Little did a bang-up job in arranging the affair, aided and abetted, no little, by Kelley. A total of 38 classmates attended, with the Hardicks, up from Fort Monroe, being the only out-of-towners able to come in from the fringe areas. On hand were: Nosebag and Flora Bays; Dan and Mary Callahan; Bob and Mary Cardell; Bill and Beall Davis; Charlie and Sally Duff; Walt and Mim Ellis; Glenn and Mary Farris; Jack and Elaine Leary; Don and Kelley Little; Herb and Vesta Mansfield; Bill and Frances Ragland; Jerry and Helen Rodenhauser; Sam and Eleanor Russell; O. Z. and Allison Tyler; Fred and Marie Warren; Chet and Emma Jean Young; George and Tommy Speidel; Gordon and Jean Cusack; Pat and Patty Hunter; Ned and Dot Purnell, Bob and Rosaly Allen; Gus and Alice Wirak; Bill and Gussie Hardick; Dee Adams; and Ted Parker. A last minute "no-show" was Johnny Hauck. It seems that the Haucks had just moved into new quarters, and in answering the Nation's call, in the wee hours of the morning, he plunged down the stairs en route to the telephone, and broke his right arm. At last report, he is still convalescing.

NEWS FLASH; Brigadier General Bo Beishline has notified us that after 30 June 1955, he will be *Professor* Beishline, of the School of Business Administration, at the University of Texas!

An anonymous note, from the Army War College, informs us that Klem and Norma Boyd are now stationed there, that John and Janet Berry have recently left for Germany, that C. C. and Jeanne Smith will be there another year. The O. Z. Tylers had recently passed through Carlisle on their way to Benning for P.C.S.

Tom Stayton reports from Fort Bliss, where he is C.G. of the 1st Guided Missile

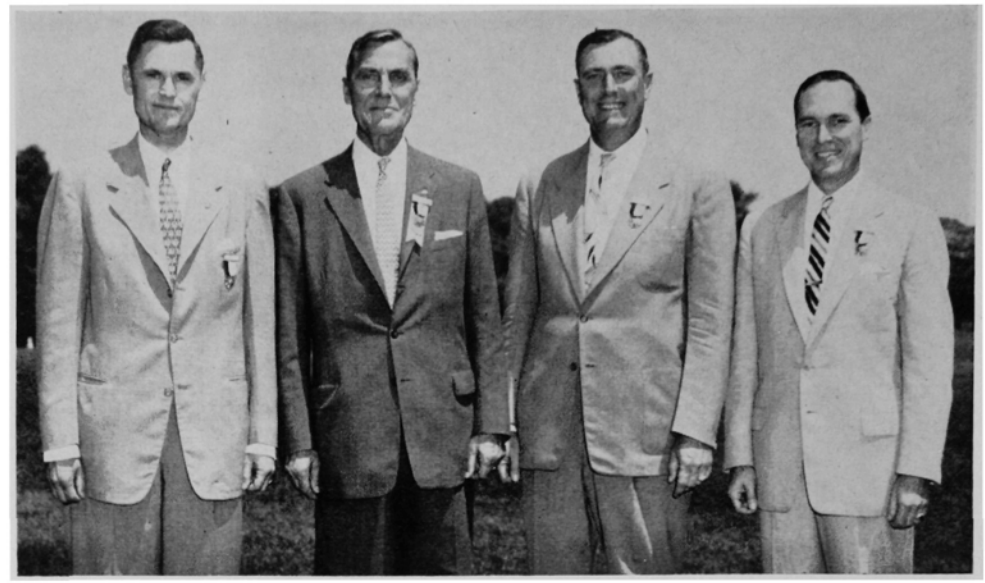
Brigade, that Harry Cooper is C.O. of the 6th AAA Group, Dean Herman is EX of the 2nd Guided Missile Group, and that Bill Hampton is with the AA & GM Branch, The Artillery School. Hampton is on orders for the Army War College, and Herman to Fort Sill.

Carl Green recently received the Republic of Korea's Ulchi Distinguished Service Medal in Seoul from Lee Ho, Korean vice minister of national defense. He received the award for his initiative and planning in supervising the distribution of reconstruction materials, as Chief of the Supply Division of the Korean Civil Assistance Command.

Hi Markham reports that Hi, Jr. will enter the Academy with the Class of '59. He went on to say that they had considerable difficulty finding an appointment for USMA, and for several weeks had been singing, "Bell Bottom Trousers", until finally a West Point apointment came through.

Late reports indicate, Hans Hansborough is in command of the Provisional Brigade at Fort Carson, Walt Gallup is in Austria, and Dan Callahan and Milt Arnold have new additions to their families! And that's all for now.

—*Bob Johnston.*



BRIGADIER GENERAL KUNZIG AND HIS THREE SONS
Kunzig '05 and sons William '32, Henry B. '30, and Louis A., Jr. '39.

1932

The opportunity to report the rise of some of our Colonels to Brigadier Generals' rank has occurred with gratifying regularity of late but this time we even have two Captains of Industry who have risen to the equivalent of Rear Admiral, if there is such a metaphorical business title.

In October 1951, Mike Riley joined Corvey Engineering Co., a thriving subsidiary of Westinghouse here in Washington, employing 150 people in such pastimes as electronic and mechanical research, development, and engineering. A scant 3½ years later we find Mike the Vice President of the place (there's only one in the company incidentally — none of this 13th V.P. in charge of Wastepaper Disposal stuff), heading up the firm's engineering and operations analysis activities.

On the other coast is Stan Stewart, Vice President for Sales of the Electronic Specialty Co. in Los Angeles, manufacturers of radio and electronic equipment. Stan, who was the first member of our class to own a motorboat, an electric organ and a private airplane, all at the same time (circa 1938) now resides at 3721 Chevy Chase Drive, Pasadena 3. Which brings to mind that not once, but twice, did we fail to report Terry Stewart, '56, as among the class sons at USMA (he *only* holds the class cup!). This is the last warning to our undercover agent—he knows whom we mean but to protect the innocent members of his family from reprisal, shall use the pseudonym Colonel Frederick M. Hinshaw, 0-18867.

No promotion, incidentally, could have been more popular than that of Lou Coutts, paratrooper and baritone sans pareil, who recently got the first of what we all know will be several stars in Korea where he is G-3 of the KMAG. Typical of Lou is the fact that when he heard we were toying with such ideas as a yearbook, class gifts, etc., he sent the class fund an unsolicited $10 just to start the ball rolling. Anyone who has ever heard Lou jerk the last tear from "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?" will realize that we are really in a Bull Market.

News is where you find it, and we're indebted to the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal for the following feature reporting enterprise in a new field— a verbatim extract:

Quote "Mr. Army Maintenance" could well be the title for Colonel George Mather, now 2nd Armored Division Chief of Staff in Germany, who will report to Fort Knox, Kentucky, next month to be president of a newly created board. Its job: to develop policies and coordinate information for maintenance of all Army equipment in the field. Unquote.

My reaction is that if the job really covers the territory it seems to, it's a good thing they picked the man they did to run it, but remember fellows, for the dignity of the class; it's not "Greasegun George" or "Mobiloil Mather", but "Mr. Army Maintenance".

Bill Smith has also returned from troop duty in Germany to take over Military Construction in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, and Lazy Lazar returns from SHAPE this summer, assignment undetermined. Walt Tisdale, Bill Kunzig and Jerry Epley are enroute to Germany; McCawley to EUCOM, Paris; and Steve Mellnik has already left for U.S. Forces in Austria. Karl Truesdell has been assigned to Allied Air Forces Central Europe in Fontainbleau as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

Joe Gill was here from SHAPE to attend the last NATO meeting and reported that Danny Campbell, Deputy C.G. of the Air Proving Ground at Eglin AFB, took a team through the NATO countries staging a most interesting show of new air developments. Joe himself will go to the Office of the Chief of Air Force (Installations Branch) sometime this summer.

On the other side of the world, Hunter Harris has gone to the Far East Air Force and is now Deputy C.G. for Operations, Jeff Childs is the new KMAG Comptroller (Carolyn remains in Madison, New Jersey), and Joe Golden, Bigelow, Scherer, and Bill Call should all be somewhere in FECOM now. Liz Bowen has joined Johnny in Tokyo where he is still J-3 of the Far East Command.

On TDY in Washington from Hawaii, Bill Moore learned he had become a father for the fifth time—knew its sex for sure (male) but as of this writing, doesn't have the slightest idea of the name.

After leaving here in a hurry, Roy Moore's assignment has been more accurately defined as being with the MAAG in Cambodia at a place called PHNOM PENH. It's a good thing that this isn't a verbal report or I wouldn't have been able to make that one.

In the Z.I., Luke Morris is C.G. of the Transportation, Supply and Maintenance Command at St. Louis; Carl Sciple is C.O. of the Engineer Depot at Granite City, Illinois; and Johnny Pugh will go to the 3rd Armored Div. at Fort Knox from the National War College. Al Gerhardt will replace him there as a student and Hal Walmsley, who came up from Fort Sam to play a big part in Logex this Spring, has been transferred to the New York Chemical Procurement District in NYC.

Harvey Huglin is Acting Chief of Staff of the Northeast Air Command with HQ in Peperill, Newfoundland, and Bob Scott is the new Air Force Director of Information Affairs. (Any interpolation here except dead silence would be hackneyed.)

From the West Coast, Al Schroeder writes of the annual Air Force Retired Officers' luncheon at March AFB where the class was well represented by Maddy Garland, Stan Stewart, Binks Wheatly and himself, with Bob Terrill, Deputy C.G. of the 15th Air Force at March, also in attendance. Never one to rest on his laurels, Al continues with his schooling and is scheduled to get his Master's degree in Law this summer.

For six days this past June, Karl Gould and I were classmates again (almost as long as we were in 1928) but this time it was at the Atomic Weapons-Guided Missiles orientation course at Fort Bliss. Jerry Epley's brother, Lieutenant Colonel Albert D., (USMA '40) is Chief of the Atomic Weapons Branch there and did a most capable job as one of our principal instructors. Karl, who is married to Jerry Cowan's attractive sister, Doris, states that Jerry with wife and two daughters is at Fort Sill where he is the Armor member of the Field Artillery School Faculty.

This year Navy was the host for our annual joint '32 luncheon, a pleasant affair at the Naval Gun Factory Club, although when El Davis got together with his Annapolis

cronies, it looked more like a sub-reunion of Western High. The social calendar was polished off with the final formal dinner-dance at the Army-Navy Country Club in June which was dampened (by the weather, Son, by the weather) but certainly not dismayed.

On the debit side, the class learned with regret, of the deaths of two class fathers, both retired Regular Army Officers themselves. Our sympathies go to Roland Bower whose father died in February and to Tom Hannah whose dad died in Columbus, Georgia last April and was buried in the National Cemetery in Arlington.

Recently the Department of the Army officially classified Bobby Glassburn as a battle death of WW II, which means that his name can be added to the Memorial Plaque in Cullum Hall. Our class organization has definitely accepted this as a commitment but is investigating the possibility that other deceased classmates will be similarly reclassified before ordering the installation of the additional plaque. As the minimum cost will be $100, all classmates are requested to send one dollar to Bill Powers, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington 25, D. C. to cover expenses.

Class June Week activities were light this year, but Bill Kunzig returned to help his father, Brigadier General Louis A. Kunzig, '05, celebrate his 50th reunion. Meanwhile plans for our own 25th are well under way with the designation of Pete Hinshaw as Chairman of the Reunion Committee, and Tom Harvey, Al Schrader and Ed Burke as members. (Don't look startled, boys, this magazine is *supposed* to bring you news.)

The projects for a 25th Yearbook and gifts to class sons who graduate from West Point are still under active study, and suggestions are very much in order. Send them and your ideas concerning a homecoming football game to Bill Powers, *NOW*.

While we're on the subject of the old Rockpile, incidentally, a glance at the latest list of West Point Societies indicates that '32 isn't doing too badly when it comes to alumni activity. In the Michigan Chapter, for example, Sam Daniel is President and Chip Lavigne, Treasurer. Ray Stecker is Executive Vice President of the Boston Chapter and Jim Cunningham's father, Brigadier General James H. Cunningham, '08, is President. Down in San Antonio George Grunert, the Dittmar Co. investment counselor who shows you how to change nickles into dimes, is Public Relations Officer of the South Texas Chapter. Last but quite least, good old Zitzman, who wears no man's collar when it comes to dangling a participle, is P.R.O. of the newly formed D.C. Society—306 members as of June 19th, annual dues $2, and if you live in the area, what are you waiting for?

Well, this column started with some civilian exploits and it might as well end that way. Red McKeown now lives at 118 Manor Ave., Santa Cruz, California, has a backyard which some people call Monterey Bay, and is the West Coast representative for Royal Doulton, a line of very high grade English chinaware. Furthermore, he's doing fine but that's not good enough for our sanguine Redhead, or doesn't that surprise you? To give an added fillip to the business therefore, he's been taking part in radio shorts up and down the Coast. These consist of cooking programs where a culinary expert gives a blow by blow description of how to prepare the groceries while Red extolls the virtues of not being caught dead with anything except (his) fine bone china with the high-fire ping. Personally, I can't wait to see him on TV doing "I've Been Stung by Bumble Bees" But be that as it may, after each show the chef got very few phone calls while Red was busier than a bookie on Derby Day. He even had a couple of visits by whatever you call the female equivalent of a Stage-Door Johnnie, which brings us full circle.

Co-starred with a potpie and he steals the show.

—*Ken Zitzman.*

1933

USMA just finished one of its most enjoyable and successful June Weeks, made so by a tremendous crowd, many grads, a large graduating class and guests, celebrities galore (including the President), and perfect weather. '33 did not enter much into the festivities other than from the spectator stands. Card was up from Washington, Parr from Governors Island, and Olson en route to Europe. The three joined Huntsberry, Pohl and Broshous (the home folks) in the Alumni Parade and at the Alumni Luncheon.

Visitors are coming to USMA this spring in constantly increasing numbers, probably attributable to the movie "The Long Gray Line" If you haven't seen it, I suggest you do so soon. Although much of the picture is fiction, designed for audience appeal, the consensus here is that it is of great public relations value to the Academy.

Undoubtedly you have heard that the '33 West Point Society in Washington now has a committee to assist in gathering information for class notes. The committee consists of Charlie Chase, Leo Heintz and Bus Evans. They have appointed sub-committee members to cover the world. Subcommittee members are: First Army and West Point—Russ Broshous; Second Army —Paul LaDue; Third Army—Fred Zierath; Fourth Army—Chet Dahlen and Bob Arnette; Fifth Army—Johnny Scoville; Sixth Army—Walt Fleckenstein; MDW (USAF)—Johnny Breit; CONARC—Stan Lonning; Attache System—George Gretser; Far East —Bill Brentzel; Europe—Joe O'Malley and Red Cahill; Alaska—Frank Elder; Hawaii — Fritz Hartel; Caribbean — Fran Hill; USAF (outside D.C.)—Dick Montgomery. If you have some information that should be in print, please see that it gets to a subagent or to Colonel Charles H. Chase, Joint Intelligence Group, Room 2D-963, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C. prior to 1 September and quarterly thereafter. Hearty and sincere thanks go out to all the above agents for their proper response to the recent call for '33 news.

News from the Washington, D. C. area includes a report on the Class Luncheon held at Fort McNair, May 11 with 40 classmates in attendance. During the luncheon a class business meeting was conducted by our President, Dick Park. Pop Risden handled arrangements for the luncheon. Hurly Hurlbut, who had recently been seriously ill, has largely recovered and was in jovial attendance.

Don Downing is a new arrival in the Pentagon. Duff Sudduth has been physically retired; Ed Herb, Ken Fields and Marcus Tague have voluntarily retired. Mark left a forwarding address c/o Mr. Don Swift, Crafton, Nebraska. Ken is now General Manager of the AEC. Joe Crawford is back in the Pentagon in G-1 from FEC. Rev. Shinberger visits the Pentagon from time to time keeping in touch with classmates and doing favors for members of his parish. Bev Jones was recently seen in the Pentagon checking on his new assignment, having just returned from Korea. Colonel and Mrs. Vic Maston have recently departed the Washington area for a new assignment in Louisiana. Bob Totten, Executive of the Joint Intelligence Group, has his hands full in making Dick Park and Charlie Chase toe the mark. Charlie Pottenger is now an Air Force BG. Adrian Hoebeke stopped in recently—eager to get back to commanding a regiment at Camp Carson, Colorado. Bob Lawlor, on duty with the JCS recently had a trip to Europe and while there saw many classmates. Dick and Rosie Park have had to change residence in the Washington area, since their landlord has returned to town. They felt lucky in finding a new place just across the street. But all is not serene; the ground squirrels that had beat up the lawn of their former place, are now moving across the street to tackle the Park's new lawn.

A recent letter from the Elders in Alaska reveals Frank is J-4, Alaskan Command. The Elders' oldest boy Jack graduates from high school next year and hopes to enter USMA. Frank tells of Fred Tiemann commanding Eielsen AFB, Alaska. Fred expects to be in Albuquerque, New Mexico by late summer. Recent word comes from the Kaessers retired in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that "K" has signed a contract as a physics instructor. Red White is now a Deputy Director of the CIA in Washington.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the 1933 West Point Society have been approved by majority vote and are now in effect, thanks to the incumbent Executive Committee. Prior to 15 July the Nominating Committee will distribute to all members of the class a slate of new class officers for installation in mid-September. Your prompt vote action will be appreciated.

Emory Hackman is Professor of Physics at Georgetown University. From Bill Frentzel, G-1 of the Eighth Army in Korea: Moe Edwards riding herd on Civil Affairs activities in Japan, Korea and Okinawa leaves the Far East this August to staff and faculty of Army War College. "Billy" Clarke finally shook himself loose from Military Assistance Group-Japan to command a regiment of the 7th Infantry Division (Buccaneers). Cy Dolph has been the strong right arm of Major General Robert Howze, Chief KMAG. Harry Sweeting has been a key man in the preparation of the budget for the Korean Army and in the development of the ROK army supply and maintenance system. Cepeda looks as vigorous as when a cadet. Greying at the temples makes him quite distinguished-looking. Recently at a ceremony in the Philippine Embassy in the Bando Hotel, Seoul, Cepeda was presented with the Philippine Legion of Honor and the Philippine Legion of Honor with first bronze anahew for his services in founding the Philippine Military Academy in the early forties and for gallantry in action in bringing his unit, which was cut off during the Japanese invasion, back through enemy lines to Bataan. Fritz Hartel reports enjoying commanding the 35th Infantry (the Cacti) Regiment in Hawaii.

Ab and Connie Huntsberry departed West Point 19 June heading towards CO. Sharp General Depot, Stockton, California. Ab will stop over en route at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia for a twelve-week supply-management course, and Connie will visit her home in Reidsville, North Carolina before they journey west. Ab has accomplished much during his three

years at USMA getting the new laundry underway, completing the rehabilitation of cadet barracks (sinks on every floor), additional parking areas, and roads, plus working drawings for conversion of the Riding Hall to a new academic building. USMA greatly appreciates Connie and Ab's contributions. Buck Pohl's return to retirement in June was covered in the last issue. Buck will live in Cornwall temporarily until he decides on a permanent location. '33 West Point representation is now down to one—its lowest ever.

Bus Evans submits—Dick Montgomery, BG, C/S of SAC says Tex Hetherington is Director of Operations of the Air Division at Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana. Vic King, Comptroller, the Air Training Command at Scott AFB brags about joining the ranks of proud grandfathers—his daughter presented him with a fine 8 lb. grandson. How many grandfathers have we in the class—all grandfathers, please inform Charlie Chase for recognition. Dave Wagstaff on duty with the Texas National Guard in Dallas reports his daughter graduated from Briarcliff this year and is a regular visitor at West Point—his oldest son enters Princeton in the fall. He invites Dallas visitors to stop by and say "hello". Stan Lonning at CONARC says Bob and Ruth Franklin at Monroe are the explorer of the Scout Council and Vice President of the Woman's Club respectively. Larry and Wendy Merriam arrived at Monroe last November from Europe. Pat Patterson and Pat are the newest Monroe arrivals. Daughter, Pegi, is attending the University of Syracuse taking architecture. Bob Bayne and Garnett have been at Monroe since August 1954. "Pud" their oldest child is married to Robert Connolly, USN, stationed at New London, Connecticut and son, Bob, Jr., age 14 enters high school in the fall. Frank Henry and Nell are on their third year at Monroe. Nell has been the Chairman of the Hospitality Committee of the Woman's Club and daughter Joan, age 13, who is very active in the Girl Scouts will be a freshman in high school next fall. Rumors state Monty Frame will be assigned to CONARC this summer. Stan Lonning and Charlotte have been at Monroe since August 1954. Charlotte is busy with various women's activities and their daughter, Toni, age 14, will be in Junior High School this fall. Bob Arnett reports from San Antonio that Sydney Dahlen, daughter of Chet and Tommy Dahlen and Clark Lincoln, son of Abe and Betty Lincoln graduated from Hawthorne Junior High this June. Robert Doleman, son of Ed and Dorothy, has just completed two years at MIT. Mack and Dody McClelland and the Arnetts celebrated McClelland's 21st wedding anniversary together on Saturday the 11th of June. Frank Henley visited Bob and Marge and spent the night with them. Buck Shields' widow, Sue, son Charles, and daughter Josie left 10 June on a drive to New York City. Josie will remain in New York City to study ballet. She will reside at the Studio Club, 210 E. 77th St. Fred Zierath reports from Fort Benning that Sid Giffin, BG, is Vice Commander at the Air War College at Maxwell Field and that Bob Gallagher is Deputy Chief of Staff for Material at the Air University. Joe O'Malley from SHAPE states that Sam Donnelly, Johnnie Ferris and Sim Whipple are there also. Bob Tripp returns to Washington in August, Bill Harris is due in August; Duck Hallock leaves Paris for Fort McPherson in July—Maurice Kaiser is in Oslo—Ralph Alspaugh in Poland—Suess Pritchard at The Hague and the following classmates are in Germany: Bill Given, Milt Summerfelt, Pete Cleveland, Frank Kleitz, Ned Gee, Bert Sparrow, Clyde Jones, Freddie Fairchild, Harry Bishop and Solly Solomon; Al Denton is in England, Karl Truesdell is due at Fontainebleau this summer. Hadley Richardson reports that he is employed as Physics Research Engineer with the University of California at the Point Loma Visibility Laboratory of Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He is doing research on underwater visibility. His home address is: 4061 Narragansett Ave., San Diego. Bill Calhoun reports in from Europe that he has orders for G-2, D/A. He should return from Europe sometime in June. In addition to the above-mentioned classmates in Europe, he adds that '33 has Bill Quinn, Joe Remus, Bill Blandford, Ben Harrel, Ferd Humphries, Cam Langley, Dan Parker, Ted Conway, Freddie Thorlin, Bob Thompson, Hum Versace, Larry Merriam, Kingfish Kelly and Charlie Leydecker in what is remaining of the ETO.

Vic King sends in a news flash that he is forsaking Comptrollership in the States for a new job in England—Comptroller of the 3rd Air Force. Vic is certain his '48 course at Harvard ear-marked him as the "Comptroller type". He has no complaints other than ulcer susceptibility. Elise, David and Stephen will accompany him to England. Dave after two years at Williams will continue college in England. Steve will enter high school in England this fall. Parr, the First Army Quartermaster, after complaining that his grades in English didn't warrant his nomination as First Army Class Notes Editor states that '33 is holding up the First Army with Pugh Pierson and Jerry Chapman in Maine; Bill Daymond in Jersey; A. A. McCreary at the Long Island Pictorial Center; Sam Otto with the United Nations Liaison Group, living at Fort Totten, and Bill Whelihan, Pat Guiney and Gary Porter in First Army Headquarters at Governors Island. Gary Porter, who by the way, is getting more roly-poly every day, has just left First Army for The Presidio in California.

Dick Park, President of the '33 West Point Society sends the felicitations and best wishes of the Society to all members of the class of '33 and invites them to check in and attend the Class Luncheons when they are in the vicinity of The Pentagon.

—*Broshous.*

1934

After last year's rip-roaring 20th Reunion, June Week '55 proved to be a quiet and relaxing period for '34. Perry Griffith, who ventured back for the first time some four years ago, has now become a perennial returnee. He came again this time for the Sunday and Monday activities, still bearing on his nose the traces of last year's "groveling in the gravel." Aside from this mark of distinction, however, Perry was his old boyish self and seemed to enjoy his movie-making and greeting activity. The Snees were present, of course, for the graduation of Jim's stepson. By way of forewarning to classmates who will be experiencing their sons' graduation one of these days, Jim gives it as his fixed opinion that that is a trying ordeal!

Joe Barzynski came up for the Alumni activities on Monday, his first June Week visit in many a year. Since he is now Air National Guard advisor in White Plains, almost a suburb of West Point, he brought along the entire family and gave the youngsters a chance to see the Old Institution. Ruth and Ralph Bucknam also came up from Huntington, Long Island, to be present at the Monday ceremonies. Al Wilson flew in from Washington on Monday afternoon to be on hand when his son Ted was recognized. Incidentally, all seven plebe sons of '34 made the grade, survived through Recognition, and are now feeling that they "have it made"

It looks as if the "Sons of '34" Contingent will be augmented considerably this July (a *fait accompli* by the time you read this!), with a new crop of plebes. At the moment the following seem certain to be in the group: sons of Russ Volckmann, Jim Walsh, Jim Wells, Stilson Smith, and Ellis Davis. Several other class sons took and passed the entrance exams, and it is possible that one or more of them will also have made the grade by July. We'll bring you up to date on that point in the next issue.

Harry Hubbard returned from Korea in the spring and, as of June 5th, was at the AA and Guided Missiles School, at Fort Bliss. He reported that his next-door neighbor in the BOQ there was Alec Stuart, "an unusually quiet neighbor"! Willie Voehl, formerly of Fort Bliss, is now CO of an AAA Group at Camp Stewart, Georgia.

Cy and Pat Betts visited West Point on the weekend of 21 May to see their plebe son, Jerry, run in the track meet against the Manhattan Freshmen. Jerry took a first and a second in the sprints, and ran on the mile-relay team. This team had already broken the plebe record earlier in the year.

The *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* reported in its issue of 30 April that Chick Andrews was married to Virginia Cartey Fuller in the Post Chapel, Fort McPherson, on 19 April. Chick is Deputy G-2 of Third Army. Congratulations to the bride and groom!

Perry Griffith took a trip to Europe during the spring and in the course of his wanderings ran into Bob and Sis MacDonnell in the Louvre (At least, that's his story!), and encountered Burton and Ginger Bruce in a shop in London. He also saw Jack Stark in Wiesbaden. Jack, by the way, returns to the U.S. this summer to attend the Air War College, and Bob MacDonnell is heading for Carlisle Barracks to join the faculty of the Army War College.

On another trip, this time to the West Coast, Perry saw Freddy and Rosa Barnes at Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, and Monte Canterbury at Albuquerque. Perry also reports that Shaughnessey has returned from Saigon and is at Fort Bragg, where "Moon" Mullen is also a fairly recent arrival. Jabo has moved from Fort Bragg to Fort Monroe. Perry's other news item was to the effect that Lee Ingram has become a member of the Million Dollar Round Table of the National Association of Life Underwriters, which, according to Perry, "is somewhat like the Yale man who wins his 'Y' in life." Congratulations, Lee! Paul Turner has also achieved that distinction, so it looks as if the old E Co., USCC, offered an effective preparation for insurance experts.

The Washington contingent of '34 had a big get-together at the quarters of Al Wilson at Andrews Field on 27 May. We have no eye-witness accounts of the affair, but rumor has it that a big time was had by all.

By the time you read these notes, the Class Book being prepared under the eagle-eye supervision of Jack Donoghue may very well be on the press. If, however, you have neglected to heed all previous requests for information on yourself and family (and a $5 contribution!), you might possibly just get in under the wire by rushing the dope

in to Washington. We can't give you any guarantee on this, however; it may be too late.

George Dany is stationed at McGuire Air Force Base, Trenton, New Jersey, as CO of the 1611th Air Transport Wing of MATS. Charley Johnson arrived at Carlisle Barracks in the spring, to join the faculty of the Army War College. Claude Howard was among those finishing the course at Carlisle in June, and, according to the latest information reaching us, he was due to head for Fort Benning.

Lee Miller wrote from Paris in May that he would finish his two-year course at the *Ecole Supérieure de Guerre* at the end of June and that he would then take command of one of the regiments of the 1st Division, in Germany. At the time of writing, Lee was looking forward to seeing Tom Foote in Paris in May, on a visit with a group from the Canadian National Defense College, where Tom is a student. Lee also reported the following: Jim Winn was about to take over an Artillery group in Germany, and Doc Johnston had recently become Finance Officer, EUCOM.

At the time of writing, Charlie Revie is scheduled to leave Headquarters Second Army in July and move to FECOM.

As a closing touch, we report the marriage of Tammy Weber, one of the Weber "Class Twins", to William Kearns, Jr., Ensign, USNR, in Glen Rock, New Jersey on 25 June.

—*W. J. R.*

1935

As the curtain comes down on the 20th anniversary of our graduation from West Point the unanimous opinion of all who attended was that the reunion was well worth the effort expended. The turnout was better than advance notices heralded. The opening note left all of us with heavy hearts as we learned from Moose Stillman of the death of Jack Roberts. It had been but a week before that Jack had written canceling his plans to attend the reunion as a result of his new assignment as Chief of Staff to SAC. His sudden and untimely passing left us all stunned. Jack and Connie were on vacation at Grand Lake, Colorado, en route to their new station when death occurred due to natural causes. He was buried in the West Point Cemetery on the 8th of June following a very quiet and beautiful service in the Old Cadet Chapel. A small gathering of family, friends and classmates attended. Ken Bergquist and Jim Walsh in addition to Moose were from distant points with Gent, Boys, Jones, Mente and Ferris also present. Connie will reside for the immediate and indefinite future at 1584 Goodbar Ave., Memphis, Tennessee. Phone 2-9667. She would welcome hearing from her many friends at this time. Jack was one of the most respected members of the class and his loss will be felt by all of us.

John Throckmorton has been appointed Chief of Staff U.S.M.A. to succeed Tommy Gent effective at once. Our warmest congratulations to both of them for their selection and service in such an important post. John assures us of representation at U.S.M.A. for a few years. Getting into the details of the reunion itself, we had 44 members present for variable periods. A run-down—first the couples—must he headed by our "Man-on-the-spot" (the word is used advisedly!!) Tommy Gent and his lovely wife, Martha. Our most sincere appreciation is hereby expressed to the two of them for "bird-dogging" the multitudinous details leading up to a deal as this. In order thereafter were Walt and Nelle Bare, Tommy and Rosemary Clarkin, Fred and Alice Cummings, Caesar and Marge Fiore, John and Vi Gloriod, Russ and Ruth Hawkins, George and Helen Jones, Joe and Esther Keating, John and Sylvia Kemper, Pat and Jane Mente, Duke and Jan McEntee, Bob and Marian Murrin, Kent and Deirdre Parrot, Ray and Louise Pillivant, Charlie and Betty Rich, Carmon and Rosalie Rogers, Milt Rosen and his most charming date, Jeff and Charlotte Rumsey, Bud and Frances Russ, Al and Dee Shower, Walt and Margaret Simpson, Russ and Mary Smith, Larry and Katherine St. John, Chuck and Ann Symroski, Rube and Helen Tucker, Bunny and Ruth Wilby and our old file closers Bob and Martha Wood. The "solos" were Paul Bryer, Casey Boys, Johnny Cole, George Eckhardt, Warren Everett, Bob Greenlee, Benny Hawes, El Niles, George Oglesby, John Parker, Moose Stillman, Bob Strauss, John Throckmorton and John Wright. To complete the roster, yours truly and his old girl friend from cadet days, Marie, rounded out the happy band. As guests we enjoyed the company of Duke's dad, Colonel G. L. McEntee and his lovely wife, Helen, in addition to Duke's brother Pat. Paul Bryer's guest, the Brigadier, must not be overlooked as well as the two young hopefuls Jack Cole and Hal Greenlee. The first exercise found us assembled in Headquarters conference room for a down-to-earth and soul searching assessment of where we stand with respect to class organization—and above all, where we are going. Your scribe chaired the meeting and recounted the various stages of his stewardship since the turn-over from Don Phelan in '52. In brief, cognizance was taken of past errors and remedial measures were proposed and adopted via formal resolutions, which, in summary, empower your correspondent to appoint a committee of three from among the metropolitan DC group which, in turn, will lead to a one-year tenure for a duly elected three-man committee. More later, in an individual letter to each and every member of the class. The first event on the social Merry-Go-Round was a gala semi-formal Buffet Supper Dance on Saturday night in the Crest Room of the Thayer Hotel. This function was the high point for attendance. Group and individual table pictures were taken. Moose tended bar (by *our* invitation and the bar tender's sufferance!) and the power failed for a time so we enjoyed ourselves by candlelight. The next day, Sunday the 5th, featured the Supe's re-

THE 1935 REUNION GROUP ASSEMBLED AT THE HOTEL THAYER

ception for Grads, old and new, and as always, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. That evening, we assembled at the Pavilion at Camp Buckner (those who were still "pro" in map reading!) for a most informal picnic—with fried chicken and beer. By Monday, true to the inbred doughboy tradition in us, we were still able to "Advance Another Step and Fire Another Shot" so we rose early and fell in the Grads' Parade and services at Thayer Monument followed by the customary review of the Corps. (We, too, suppressed a tear!) The Alumni Luncheon was most inspiring, featuring the Supe's report and Ike's off-the-cuff address. We unanimously expressed our appreciation to an old friend and instructor, General Fenton, for his tireless efforts in behalf of the Association and further wished him a speedy recovery. The ladies assembled in the West Point Mess for a luncheon session and—were glad they did. Jan McEntee saw to it that dull moments had no chance to appear. The only criticism was that the Alumni luncheon broke up too soon. That night all of us assembled at the Mess for an informal Cocktail-Buffet-Supper Dance. The "Die-Hards" harmonized till the wee hours to the extemporaneous rendition of appropriate music on the ivories by Casey Boys and young Hal Greenlee. Next day was Graduation, goodbyes and the best mutual compliments we could have paid each other—"Wouldn't have missed it and nothing will prevent us from coming in '60.".

Elsewhere around the circuit as time and space permit. Our eldest sons are wending their respective ways in their Dad's footsteps toward the Service Academies. Young Jay Shower will enter Moose's "Birdcage" at Colorado Springs in July. Young Pedersen will be a yearling at USMA and our Godson young Davis, Mike Ferris, Joe Keating, Jr., Rusty Miner and Don Simpson are scheduled to enter the class of 1959 at U.S.M.A. Milt Rosen and George Oglesby have become 20-year men and gone on the retired list. Milt will enter the advertising field in New York and George is moving to Pittsburgh to take a position as a chemical engineer. Duke and Jan and the "troops" will move to Clarkesville, Tennessee, where Duke will take over a branch office of Federeal Services Finance Corp. (Fort Campbell assignees take note). The Clarkins will take off for Rio next year and an attache assignment; Bud and Frances are off to Panama after NWC; The Shower's new station will be Wright Field; Rube and Helen Tucker are en route to assist the Hoys (and General Clark) at The Citadel; Casey Boys, to FEAF; Bob Strauss to Drew AFB, Tampa; Curley Hill, new I.C.A.F. class; Wally Bryde to MAAG, Spain; Tom Woodyard, the Pentagon; Sal Armogida to the new class I.C.A.F.; the Ellersons, to CONARC, Fort Monroe; the Skells, to Washington, D. C.; Jim Walsh to 7th Air Division, England to relieve Tommy Musgrave who is en route to D. C. for an assignment with the NATO Standing Group. Glenn Cole to 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning and Jim Totten to D. C., assignment unknown. Milt and Irene Taylor are at long last ordered to D. C. and the new NWC class. Ken Bergquist will join USAF Headquarters here as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. Ben Heckemeyer to AWC at Carlisle; Glenn Thompson to Stewart Field; Butch Morgan to the Pentagon; C. P. Walker to FECOM; Hugh Exton to the Pentagon; Hank Thayer to Phila Ord Dist; Kent Parrot to the Air War College; Harry Lemley to the Pentagon; J. V. G. Wilson has been appointed Professor of Chemistry and Physics at the USAF Academy. Joe Moore is enroute to Fort Monroe (for the *n*th time) assigned to CONARC; Frank Murdoch to SHAPE, Paris. The class extends Jim Wilson its deepest sympathy at the death of his wife, Isabel, in May. Al and Judy Ashman are happy to announce the forthcoming arrival of their first edition (after all these years) in Cairo, Egypt.

With this we sign off till the next time. You doubtless will have another reporter as I must move on. Won't make a valedictory here but will have more to say in a letter to the class. To all of you who could not be with us a few weeks ago, we missed you one and all. The congratulatory letters and telegrams were read and very much appreciated. You were with us in spirit. For the nonce keep my address as the Message Center and keep the poop coming. Thanks for all the assistance and see you in the not too distant future.

—*E. H. F.*

1936

Summer is the time for weddings and graduations. If the class is too old for such as this, then at least, in our bid for immortality, we can rejoice in our youngsters reaching these milestones in life. We envy and we congratulate: Bradley Clark Hosmer who stood first in the nation in examinations for West Point, Annapolis, and the Air Academy (the trouble with a record like this, I don't think he's decided where to go—at least no word has been received, Ed).; Gilbert N. Dorland who will report to USMA July 5 as a member of the class of 1959; Patricia Diane Illig who was married early in May in Washington (this may be our first marriage—Ed); and lastly but most proudly, congratulations to parents Lyn and Clark, Lynn and big Gil, and Betty and Jim.

I wish someone would instruct me as to how to set forth news in a manner not in violation with the basic fundamentals of continuity, good grammar and understanding. "Chronology" is the system being attempted herewith. — Sam Gooding left West Point in March and reported to the Memphis General Depot. He has become oriented and seems to like what he has found. He is going to Fort Lee, Virginia, for a three months course of training starting June. It was a distinct pleasure to know that Sam was promoted to "eagles" in May and it was none the less interesting to learn from him that he got the news first from the class secretary (modesty is not my virtue—Ed). Congratulations also to Edgar Thompson who got his colonelcy up in Alaska. Sam visited with Bob Breaks at Pine Bluff, Arkansas in March. Bob will soon be headed for school at Fort McNair. Hiatt family left Turkey inconveniences and transferred to Kaiserlauten, Germany where he and Cece have a four bedroom duplex. He runs an Engineer group which runs Hi all over the U.S. zone. Westy, Howie Snyder, and Bub Clark have been writing and speaking in behalf of more class interest, communications, and activity, (thanx—Ed). Daddy Broyles wrote he was attending an Intelligence School and that he intended leaving Washington this summer to go overseas. McManus is (was?) at Fort Geo. Meade. Says he has moved six times in 5 years. There were no quarters so his family stayed in New Jersey. Hope they're all settled—by now—somewhere! Whipples got off for Africa in late March leaving daughter Sandra behind attending Wellesley. Ben walked to the top of the Statue of Liberty for the first time; obviously, he doesn't want some foreigner in Durban to ask him an embarrassing question.

Jim Crandell talked to me from Kansas City informing me that he expected to investigate the "living conditions" in Memphis. Later it was impossible to contact

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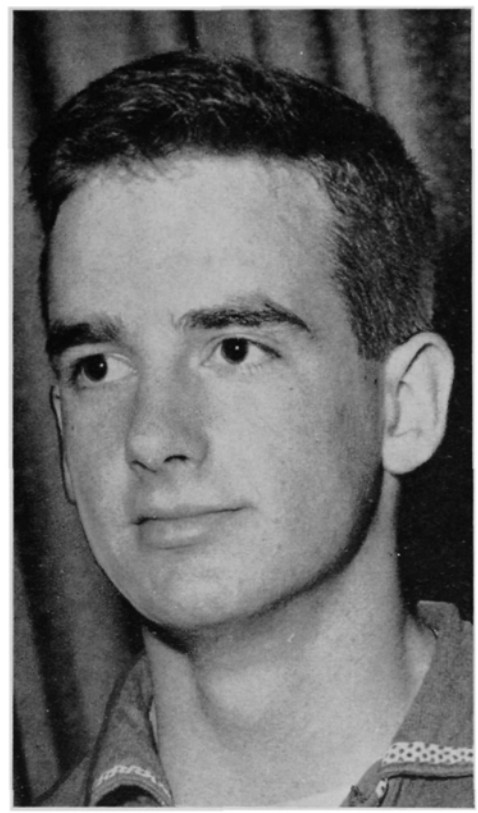
him by mail. I should appreciate any further word! Jack Chiles was given a farewell party by classmates at Carlisle on the occasion of his departure for MAAG, Madrid. His family is staying behind until quarters available. Secured for files a news picture of Mrs. "Casey" entertaining Mrs. "Hap" Arnold. Also such a picture of Mrs. Abrams—this confirms Abe is still at Knox. Casey is leaving Hamilton AFB, California and moving to Ent AFB. He will be assigned to ADC and Continental ADC. I believe Bob Orth also is still at Ent (Somebody tell me, is E-N-T an abbreviation for something Air Force?). Mark McCormick was born in Guatemala City 25 Feb 55. Congratulations to Mac and Maddy on their fourth. Don Noake is leaving Washington for "G.U. Trans. Terminal Comd, NEAC, McAndrew AFB, Newfoundland" (It's so discouraging to try to figure out what my classmates are actually doing; I hope the post-man knows what the abbreviations stand for). Heard from Dick Carmichael who I'm convinced is one of the AF's high-pressure salesmen who "sells" the public with movies like "Strategic Air Command" and Dick's speech on "that old 'Security Feeling'." There was one West Point dinner in March at which some of the class, heretofor unaccounted, reported. In Tokyo: Benson, Cordes, W. A. Davis, Jackson, McElheny, Rutledge, Segrist, Trout, Weaver, Yost, Low, Persons, Robbins, Landry and Katz. Jimmy Goodwin from Army G-1, paid Atlanta a visit in May and Holton, Haneke, Goodwin and Gage reunioned at lunch. Charlie Stewart was visited recently by Earl Holton. Stewarts are still at Kirtland, Albuquerque. Red says he's a G- (atomic) Whiz. Dorlands like Nashville a lot and are staying on for a fourth year, which however has required them to move to another home. Romleins are supposed to be in Fontainebleau by July. Seems to me I've been talking about this move for three *Assembly's*. Bill Connor recently explained why; with such a big family (7), Rummy has had to move in stages (probably using the Leavenworth school solution, unrevised since pre-Korea days). Jack Torrey is leaving Campbell and going to Far East. Ruth and Adam Buynoski have arrived at Leavenworth as have the Dunns—both to be on faculty. Thanx to Gordie Holterman these changes are noted: Janof is leaving Carlisle for Alaska; Holderness to SHAPE, Naples; Kallman will be on an AA and Guided Missile board at Bliss; Meany goes to Fifth Army, Chicago; Holterman to DA, Pentagon; Landrum, Swain and Yarborough will stay on with War College faculty. Ridgeway Smith visited with Carlisle group on a trip up from Pentagon. Bill Landry is G-4 in Seoul. Has been there for 18 months and has enjoyed it, but he is now looking forward to joining his two women in Palo Alto come September. Bill also had an "R&R" in Tokyo with Katz and Segrist (I reckon it's alright to report this). After Bill returned from Tokyo he wrote again, saying that there was even a bigger crowd in Tokyo—saw Milliken and also Powell and Evans who were VIPing from Nat'l War Col. Bill Davis wrote from Tokorozawa Ordnance Depot that his tour in Far East has been extremely pleasant, he has extended, and won't be home until fall of this year. Rod Drake moved from a Pentagon assignment to Fort Belvoir. Henry Katz will be leaving Far East in June and is taking an excursion around the world, ending up in Washington. Cordes is leaving Japan and coming to Third Army, Georgia, to join us. Jake Jacoby reported from 6th Army Engineer Section that his state of health is sound. He has seen Bill Kimball now stationed at Parks AFB, California; he runs into Ben Warfield "with AAA across the bay" and Pete Persons who is now in 6th Army G-3, but expecting to go to the Air University (look McManus, somebody's moving three times in six months!). Jim Illig will be a logistic expert on the Supe's (USMA) staff. He says he is very pleased with this assignment and he publicly announces that he wishes all '36ers to make his home "20th Reunion Hq" June 1956. Jim is a repeater at West Point and had expected taking four girls up with him—he lost one to "the love bug" though. (I wonder if he's not planning to lose another girl, where he's going). Skip Beard was heard from in 7th Army Intelligence, Germany. Bill Hay, civilian in Chicago, has seen no classmates since Michaelis was in his city two years ago. He is eagerly planning for a 1956 reunion. I believe he holds the class record of six children and one



Cadet Gilbert N. Dorland, Class of 1959.

due in July. George Robbins is in Korea and expects to be back this November. He has a wife and daughter in Maplewood, Louisiana. Biff Milliken is comptroller in Far East Command. He, Cordes, McElheny, Laurion and Trout were together recently and he says there wasn't a bald head to be seen. (Brother, I'm encouraged). Biff also relates he isn't settled and isn't a short-timer—he has 18 months to do in the Pacific.

The orders on members of the class are as follows: Bruce Palmer from C.O. 16th Inf, Germany to Army War College, Carlisle. Bill Sievers from Governors Island to Fort Ben Harrison. Bob Albro from Fort Hood to Norfolk, Virginia. Ed Grove from Norfolk to USARPAC. Clarence Cozart—Cincinnati to Springfield, Massachusetts. Pete Garland from Washington to Camp Kilmer, destination Europe not known. Charlie Simpson—Las Cruces, New Mexico to Seneca Ord Depot, Romulus, New York. John Jakle LaSalle Military Academy, Long Island, New York to Oakland Army Base, California. Ben Evans from Washington to Fort Monroe. Paul Oswald from Washington to Nat'l War Col., Fort McNair. Clark Hosmer staying on at Fort McNair on faculty of Industrial Col. Ray Tiffany (this is no order) was photographed presenting a diploma to a Yokohama lass who had successfully passed the bride's school. To qualify for this assignment Ray must have his M.S. (Marital Science) degree.

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The heading of this paragraph has no apparent significance since I have editorialized all thru these notes already.

I have had no luck contacting Warren Davis and I don't now know where Jim Crandell is. If anyone hears, please advise. It was my intention to hear some class news pertaining to this June Week at West Point, but none has been seen as our deadline is reached. I feel certain a fairly substantially attended class luncheon was held under the auspices of Howie Snyder and Westy in Washington early in June. Bill Connor is in favor of a class (individuals) ante in anticipation of defraying costs of graduation gifts from the class. And what he's for—I'm for! The most recent Washington luncheon discussed the formation of a Washington committee to assist in arrangements for June week 1956 and help our two classmates, Safford and Illig who will be living on the premises. There have still been comments drifting in on "what" and "who" in regards to graduating offspring. I think that you may send your ideas to "The Secretariat" and they will be carefully weighed and decisions reached which reflect the class desires as a whole.

—*Phil.*

1937

The Texas contingent is upset because it was omitted from the last column, and, in a letter laboriously written with blunt pencil on a kitchen tablet, they give voice. It's headed one o'clock Sunday afternoon of the Memorial Day weekend on the Klocko terrace at Kelly Field, and verse is attempted. You can picture the condition of the group as well as I can. Bake Steely's effort has been edited slightly in the interest of keeping this column clean, but otherwise here it is in its entirety:

First verse: "Dear Uncle Doug, we note with a shrug, That you have forgot, To mention a spot, You may want no part of, What we're deep in the heart of, But please have some pity And say a little bitty, Of us situated, But *not* isolated."

Second Verse: "Add to Mellie Clark, One each Charlie Stark, Plus Richard P. Klocko, Once int'rested in stock-o, And Pat and Bake Steely, Who like it here really. And Mercado, Luis—At Fort Sam, a short piece. So whenever you want, We invite you, Doug Quandt" End of poem.

The Van Volkenburgh's were also at the party, and added a note, but you can guess why *their* name wasn't worked into the poem. Too much of a challenge for second team muses, obviously. The children stack up, more or less, at five for the Klocko's, three for Mellie Clark, four for the Steely's, and four for the Van V's (including a brand new son).

Now it's perfectly silly for Klocko to say there isn't a soft spot in my heart for Texas, and he would realize it if he'd only stop to think. I like Texas as much as any outsider can, and Texas newspapers gave me more space than any publication has, before or since, including this mag-

azine. Furthermore, not even Klocko contributed more to Hattie and Blackie's retirement fund than I did. Well, we'll just pay Texas a little attention this time.

We not only have classmates *in* Texas, as pointed out above, but we have classmates *from* Texas, and we'll take a look and see where some of this latter, more fortunate group are today.

George Holcomb is listed as the CO of the 463rd TC Wing in Memphis and Leigh Fairbanks is still at Belvoir as near as I can determine. Jack Chapman retired in '52 and returned to Texas where he can be reached at 6531 Waggoner Drive in Dallas. Carlin Whitesell is at the Army War College and John Batjer is holed up in Strategic Air Command somewhere with Harriett and his Hammond organ. Jim Reeves is on his way to the Army War College this summer, Jimmie and Manu Parker are here at the Pentagon, and George McDowell is at Wright Field, or whatever they call airfields these days. Walt Conway is with the 28th AAA Group in Detroit, Dannelly lives in Easton, Lousiana, Dub Haltom is with The Steck Company in Austin, Texas, and Byran Arnold is at Fort Niagara, New York. I told you last time where Delk Oden was (Austria) and he seems to have wound up his mission there in fine shape. Jack Van Vliet is at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Ray Cheal is at Fort Gulick in Panama, and that winds up Texas except for Sam Agee who is from its suburb, New Mexico, and he is in Spokane with the Air Defense Command.

It has been many years since Paul Scheidecker edited my *Pointer* material, but his signature on a welcome letter from Tokyo yesterday took me back with a flash. He and Dottie have three children now, though he says he used an abacus to get the total and therefore I publish it as a tentative figure. He positions the oriental contingent as follows: Pony Scherrer as Chief of Staff of the 1st Cavalry Division (apparently he's been promoted because he was a lieutenant when I was last in the outfit with him; Congratulations, Pony!); Chuck Harrison as Director of Communications in FEAF; Bill Snouffer with the same job in Fifth Air Force in Nagoya (I understand Bill has quite a few children, too, and also that he invented a can opener to help pay for them); Bill Strandberg at the Yokohama Engineer Depot; Roy Clingerman the Thirteenth Air Force Intelligence Director in the Philippines; Swede Ohman, a Division Commander in Guam; and Mort Magoffin with the Fifth Air Force in Korea.

Other world outposts are manned somewhat like this: London, as air attache—Max George; SHAPE, but en route to the Air War College—Dave Parker; Heidelberg, with USAREUR—Fred Diercks; due in SHAPE's Logistic Division soon—Charlie Mitchim; Europe, with an APO of 69—Jay Abercrombie; at APO 30, USAF, New York, and assigned to the Mediterranean Division of the Corps of Engineers— Bob Seedlock; Richmond, Virginia (an outpost of Washington) at 2800 Monument Avenue—Hugh Sawyer; at Fort Sill—Finn Unger; Mexico City, as an attache— Phil Brant; and with the Engineer Office of AFFE at Camp Zama—Noel Ellis, with Sarah awaiting a port call in San Antonio.

I have received some peculiar Air Force addresses—uncertain, so to speak. For example, Tom Holdiman at the Air War College question mark. Or Render Denson: before 10 August, Maxwell Air Force Base, and then again, *after* 10 August, Maxwell Air Force Base—easy to remember, anyway. One correspondent says Sugar Cain is at Maxwell, too, while another says he's at Wheelus Field with an APO of 231, New York—take your choice. Riffin Raffin Griffin is at Maxwell, and so is Walt Eckman. At Johnny Pugh's dinner party I talked to some officer who was en route to serve under Ken and Mary Sanborn at MacDill AFB in Tampa, Florida, and by the time I was through telling him what a rough time he was in for, he was angling to get his orders changed. Westy and Alice Westover are at March AFB, and mentioning them brings to mind our Mitchel Field trip and therefore Ed Broadhurst, who is at Fairchild AFB in Washington State, and not acting up as he did on Long Island, I'll bet. Mo and Dorothy Preston are at Barksdale Field and they might like to know that Foxhall Village has gone to the dogs—the class of '35 is taking over. Don and Frances Ostrander are in Baltimore at Headquarters ARDC. I'm not sure what that is but here in Washington, we put our Absence card buttons opposite N.E.R.B. and get away with it. Only those in the know realize it stands for the "New England Raw Bar" down at the wharf.

Roy Lutes has finagled a release from Washington and can henceforth be addressed and would like to receive classmates, at Hqs 8th AAA Group, APO 633, New York which, if I remember correctly, is Ulricson's address, too, and means Wiesbaden. Ed Lee is the Ordnance Officer with VII Corps in Germany and Dorothy and their three sons are with him. George Simmons was on the LOGEX-55 planning staff at Fort Lee, Virginia, in May, but I don't know where he is now. Bill Chenoweth writes that he, Ann and their four children are moving from San Marino, California to Saltillo, Coah., Mexico, where he will be Assistant General Manager of a copper company which operates mines, a smelter, and a narrow gauge railroad. He issues a warm invitation for Chenoweth hospitality to anyone passing through Mexico.

Perhaps someone can complete the addresses of George Murray and Ray Rumph for me, because Charlie Register just says Chicago and Middleton (?). Right now Charlie's whereabouts are questionable in themselves, and all I can get out of his secretary is that he'll be back on the 29th, and she can't narrow it down to the month or year. He says Kirsten and Doc Leist are at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, and I hope they pass. I will check on them when duck season comes along this Fall.

Stan Connolly wound up with The Rand Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio and the class conscience behooves all of us to write Mr. Rand and tell him to steer clear of Stan's games of chance if he doesn't want to lose his and the corporation's shirt. Jim Brierley is another industrialist with Continental Motors at Grosse Point, Michigan. Johnny Zierdt wheels and deals for the Chief of Ordnance here in Washington, but I think he dealt himself out because he leaves for the Army War College in a couple of weeks.

Ivan McElroy is with the Third Air Force and carries a New York APO of 125. Dick Barden is now at Offutt AFB in Omaha with Hqs SAC, and Beef Taylor has a regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington. Sam Guerney seems to be with the ATRC at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, which, so far as this career of mine is concerned, is where I came in.

Now to tie up the ends we left hanging last issue. The May Dance was a great success at Fort McNair and it was obvious that the first month's pay raise found its way to the dress shops. The Navy Class of '37 has not yet lunched with us and probably won't until they catch up in grade, at least to the Army. If Bill Hipps doesn't stop disrupting the serious vein of our luncheons with levity we'll probably invoke the same rule for him, Army visavis Air Force. We are about ready to distribute our address list to the field and have voted official funds to cover the stamps, thank Heavens.

Well, that's it for this time—two more issues to go. I must say the response to my plea for information was a little short of overwhelming, and I am grateful. Next issue, my special project is *wives* who came from Texas and there are many because, after all, they practically had first crack at us. Adios, pardners.

—*D. P. Q.*

1938

About six weeks before devoting attention to writing the class news for this edition of the *Assembly*, I was elected Coordinator of the Washington Chapter, for which office the duties encompass functioning as "Assemblyman." In the interim, I have devoted a considerable number of reflecting moments to the problem of making this column do the job it is intended to do: tell us what and how our classmates are doing. If you were to lay your *Assembly* notes of the past seventeen years end to end (This is strictly forinstance; I am not recommending the operation) you would find many names have never appeared. Yet all have been living lives of genuine interest to their classmates. The *Army Register*, the annual published by the Association, and orders appearing in such periodicals as the *Journal* and the *Army Times* serve to keep us generally apprised (except that we usually miss the copy or the item which would have let us know that "Old ———" had been transferred to——). But even if we had seen the item, it wouldn't have said how large a family "Old ———" had in tow, or what his local address would be, or what specific job he would be doing, or how many fish he caught on leave.

A solution would be to drop your *Assembly* representative a note on your birthday, telling him such things as your present station, how long you have been there, what you are doing, when you expect to leave, where you expect to go, a description of your family—names, sex, ages, accomplishments—and news of classmates in your area. This resolution, *if kept*, would guarantee that this column would become the news swapshop it was intended to be. And I will guarantee to answer your letter so long as I am in this slot.

The Washington Chapter comprises approximately a fourth of the class now, able to muster about fifty percent of its strength for such social functions as monthly class luncheons and the class clambake (dinner-dance) at Bolling on June 11. In addition to the permanent party, a visiting member happens through the Pentagon approximately weekly, ostensibly on official business. This spring Trevor Dupuy came down twice from PSM&T'ing at Harvard. Gene Sweeney was up from Redstone in mid June. By the way, is Gene the last of the confirmed bachelors? Perhaps some of you don't know that Bill Wansboro (assigned here to OSD), whom we once thought had determined to go through life unhitched, is now a thoroughgoing family man. Despite a late start, he is as well along toward establishing a tribe as the run of the mill 38'r, if you exclude a few

venerated patriarchs like "Old Durbin" from the computations.

Speaking of tribes, the Noris clan — Frank and John—are in town. Both reported in early en route to attend the War College. Shortly after arriving, though, John was admitted to Walter Reed where he had a malignant tumor removed from his brain. "Old John" could use a few prayers and a get well card.

The Association has passed me only one news release about a classmate; if you take Bessemer, Alabama, papers you read it in April. Andy Lipscomb is in Stuttgart as Deputy O&T Officer of Seventh Army. The item mentions only that Andy ate field rations outdoors in the German winter during operation Sting Ray. When not eating field rations outdoors in the German winter, he reportedly resides with his wife, Mary. (This type of reporting about such people as "Old Andy" adds steam to my desire to build up this column with the "straight Poop".)

From Frank Glace comes news of himself and of the Beverley's. Frank was on loan from Sears to the EEX and the AFEX, spending parts of April and May in Europe on the assignment. In a note to Frank, Bill reported on the status of the fifteen in the Carlisle contingent. Stillwell and Beck are on the staff and faculty; Chuck Denholm will attend this year's course; Barschdorf, Damon, Holman, Michelet, and Tillson will join the Washington group; Brennan is going to Iceland; B. A. Brown and GG O'Connor to Europe; Sibley to Sixth Army; and Bill and Margaret Beverley are headed for Iran. I hope Frank has sent them the catalog by now; I'd sure hate to be in Persia without my Sears.

GG O'Connor has asked that the following notice be published in these notes:

"The movement of the Class Headquarters to Washington, D. C. has brought up the problem of arranging a satisfactory method of having the Class provide floral decorations at the funerals of Classmates. Ken Skaer, the Treasurer, and Mick Amick, the West Point Representative, are the two persons now authorized to draw on the Class Fund which is deposited in the Highland Falls Bank; as of 31 December 1954 the balance was $1,728.99. After discussing the problem with several Classmates, I have decided on the following SOP which, subject to objection by any member of the Class, will govern future cases:

"1. For funerals at West Point, Amick will arrange for flowers and pay for them from the Class Fund.

"2. For funerals in the Washington, D. C. area, the President of the Washington Chapter of the Class of 1938 will arrange for the flowers; the bill for same will be paid from the Class Fund by Amick upon receipt of appropriate voucher.

"3. For funerals other than the above, Amick will wire flowers in the name of the Class. Any Classmate who learns the time and place of a funeral should attempt to ascertain whether or not Amick has been notified; if there appears to be doubt, that Classmate (at his personal expense) should wire Amick the details.

"4. Under normal circumstances the expenditure for floral pieces will not exceed $20.00 plus the telegraphic expenses incurred by Amick."

—*GG O'Connor.*

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Officers of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, accompany Colonel Edward P. Smith (fourth from left), secretary of The Infantry School on an airborne jump at Fort Benning. Left to right, are Colonel William J. McCaffrey, Jr., Colonel Marshall Wallach, Colonel Julian Ewell, Colonel Smith, Colonel Michael S. Davidson, Major William Moore and Captain Wilbur Price.

This would be too somber a note upon which to close, although we all accept death, taxes, and changes of assignment as the immutable realities. The note of cheer upon which I'll close is that if you bat 500 on my proposal—and to my knowledge the class has never been satisfied with half-hearted attempts at anything—you'll be reading some mighty facinatin' copy henceforth.

Sincerely,

—*Bill Corbett.*

(Office of OAC of S, G-1, Room 2B 740, The Pentagon), Class Representative.

1939

June Week at West Point was a big affair this year due to several large reunion classes, and the presence of President Eisenhower, and many other distinguished visitors.

The Class of 1939, not to be outdone, had an informal get-together and lawn party at Mike Davison's house. Mike and Frankie Joe Kobes were genial and hard-working hosts and chefs. Visiting firemen were Andy Goodpaster, who came up with the presidential party; Pat Patterson, from Governors Island; Al Herzberg, who is Air PMS&T at University of Vermont; and Louis Kunzig, who bummed a ride from SHAPE to be at his dad's 50th reunion. The nine local '39'ers turned out in force with their wives. The Cadet Chaplain, George Bean, Virginia '39, and Amick of '38 joined us as usual. On Alumni Day, Mickey Laitman came up from New York to join us. The President gave a very fine talk and the Cadet Mess put on a grand meal.

Jay Dawley writes from Japan where he is in G-4 Plans of Army Forces Far East that he has seen several classmates. On a trip to Formosa he saw Bob Hill and Danny Nolan who are in the MAAG. McConnell is Senior Adviser on Matsu. While en route, he saw Bud Newcomer and Charlie Banks on Okinawa. In Japan Gilchrist and Hal Crawford are in G-3 Plans, AFFE; Chris Coyne, a division chief in G-1; Bill Preston in the Comptroller office; Wolfe is leaving the Engineer Section to go to the Army War College; and Tim Simpson is also leaving for the states and school. In Far East Command Headquarters Ned Glenn (just married) is in J-2, Mel Engstrom is in J-1, and Curly Walton in J-3. Rogers and Reardon are in Far East Air Forces, with Jumper en route to Japan this summer.

The 16 April issue of the *Army and Navy Journal* had a fine picture of Orin Rigley accepting a Flying Safety Award on behalf of his outfit. Good work, Orin!

Matt Smith is engaged to Miss Isabel Rising of Bronxville, New York. They plan to be married sometime this summer. Not many bachelors left.

George Jumper has sent us the following dope on National War College assignments: Bunny Adams—Air Force Base at Laredo, Texas; John McCoy—Hqs, A.M.C., Wright-Patterson; Pete VanDevanter — SHAPE; Sal Manzo—Air Defenses of Iceland; Jumper himself — Bomb Wing in Japan; Ed Schmid—from Industrial College to Joint Staff, Pentagon.

The *Army Information Digest* for May carried a picture of Ray Janowski giving a talk on the Russians. Ray was with the 18th AAA Group around Pittsburgh but has just taken over the 61st Group, newly activated at Camp Stewart. Dutch Schultz will join him there shortly and take over the 23d Group.

Ben Chapla wrote us a fine letter. He is very proud of his three years at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He started the ROTC unit there, and it is doing well. He and Opal leave this summer for Carlisle and the Army War College.

The West Point '39 clan is slowly shrinking. With the loss of Marshall Wallach to the Army War College, we will be down to eight and in two more years Harvey Fraser will probably be our sole local representative. One might almost think we are getting to be a bunch of old fuddy-duds. Mike Davison and Marshall Wallach however, refuted this by making a fine record at the Airborne School this spring. Bill McCaffrey, Ed Smith, and Ewell jumped with them on their first jump and can certify that it was done very professionally.

A letter from John Dickerson tells of a real vacation junket around the Eastern Mediterranean via luxury liner.

Dave and Joan Matheson are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, a red-headed daughter, in April. Dave thinks they should get a class cup for persistence as they have been married almost fourteen years.

Bill and Mary Martin are leaving Roswell, New Mexico after five years to report to the 45th Air Division at Limestone, Maine.

Tom and Cynthia Dolvin are at Fort Knox where he is G-3 of the Armored Center.

Steve Farris has just left his ack-ack battalion in England for the Advance Section of Com Zone in France.

Bull Davis is Class Secretary for next year. Send your poop in to him or to the Association of Graduates. We are very interested in a good fall roundup of the class after they settle down at their new stations.

—*Julian Ewell.*

1940

As I predicted, the personnel is plumper, and hairlines more receding, but classmates, no matter what the ravages of time have wrought, appear to remain the same. Those who were articulate in 1940 are articulate in 1955. Those who forgot the punch-line of an anecdote in 1940 still grope for the punch-line in 1955. Considering the times and the duties and responsibilities, the class was well represented at June Week 1955.

Three lawyers showed up with keen eyes peeled for business. Jim Dubuisson shook loose from Opelusas and again bounced his thick creole accent off the gray walls. He still has no wife, no horse, no mustache. Bird Dog Knapp stopped in for a meal from his busy law practice in Connecticut and Tom Hargis, newly graduated from law school, came all the way from Tucson. Various tycoons in the business world were in evidence. Bank president Dill Ellis represented the fiscal world and Ive Sattem was every inch the modern executive. Spider Heidtke, a happy home owner from Donelson, Tennessee, drove up for the affair. Bill Marling came all the way from Rough and Ready, California, to represent the Feather River Trading Company and to display his wares and to take orders. Alan Gee with shining optics came down from Rochester, New York and Bill Porte, a stream lined insurance executive, drove in from Colorado Springs. Don Baumer came all the way from his comfortable white house in Highland Falls to see that things were in order, and to welcome those members of the station-wagon set who might return. I was there too, to see all this, and note the trends. This, then, the civilians who traveled.

The Air Force representation was thin in numbers, but noble in character. Kerm Dyke flew in from Ottawa, Canada, while Roy Nelson and Carey O'Bryan came in from Washington. Harry Bunze checked in from Dayton and Andy Delia footloose and fancy free for fifteen years came to announce his engagement. Izzy Shearer, teardropped, no longer able to wrestle at 126 pounds weighed in at 186.

Then there were the soldiers who smiled to see that the Corps of Cadets had shaken off the evils of "Mass Right" and "Mass Left" and instead were executing the intricate "Squads Right" and "Squads Left". The class of 1955 like the class of 1940 had the infantry drill changed during their first class year. But back to these soldiers to report on them. Many returned to the feast that marked the beginning of middle age.

Eben Swift was there, the first to come and the last to leave a party. Don Yeuell put in a timid appearance on the first day then scuttled back to Washington and his team report. There was Freddie Schmaltz upon whose head was glued a scotch beret complete with ribbons. Gifford Green checked in square-jawed as ever, and Ray Clock came east from St. Louis to give the party the engineering tinge it needed. Neatly balancing Clock was Mike Kuziv, veteran goat with an amazing amount of staying power. Here too was Lee Bell and Lee Fritter and Ben Delamater. Mike Bavaro just back from Europe, and Stub Oseth stationed at West Point played the happy hosts. Big Tom Monroe, who poopsheeted the party, walked down the steak line shaking hands. Jack Beiser battered and bruised from a tour of teaching English collected steak bones for his dog. Joe Donohue, finishing up a four year teaching stint at USMA, about to enter into the cold, cold world again. Bob Brewer was in and out, and Jerry Brown polished off his steak with consumate ease. Ersparmen complete with loud shirt lent color to the party. Bill Francisco and Galbreath represented the second battalion. Klar, now on duty in Canada, made the trip south to check the protocol. Earl McFarland couldn't make it, but he was represented by his father, as was Jim Humphrey. The Generals were busy with their own class but still had quasi-representation in ours. George Mueller not only appeared in pictures but took some. Len Orman and Tony Wermuth joined me in reserved remarks about the 15 year book. Babe Rogers very much in evidence at all gatherings as was Jake Taylor. Dean Vanderhoff, the only station wagon setter present to make Don Baumer's heart glad.

This report is by no means complete without mentioning the wives. They were patient, put up with cadet grinds, and the "do you remembers" They added much to make the week end the success it was. Tom Monroe and his group spaced the steak and stimulants properly and no complaints were registered. In five more years it will be 1960 and we will have sons in the Corps and daughters at the hops. We will be over the hump. See you then.

The Fifteen-Year Anniversary Howitzer is in the mill and distribution is set for December 31st, 1955. If you want one send your check to Orman, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Deadline is September 1st.

—*Hank Brewerton.*

1941

It's wonderful getting so much mail. Everyone seems in favor of the XV Year Book. Potter Campbell even filled out the form and mailed it in twice! The consensus agrees to a twelve dollar item with more pictures than poop. My mentor, Hank Brewerton, advises: "Don't make a move until you get the money in the bank, and start early to collect the pictures and poop. You have my blessings and my sympathy."

With this sage advice from the incumbent father of the XV Book for '40 and in the absence of any suggestions from the '41 troops except "Let's Go" it appears that we are ready. About twenty percent of the forms have been returned and there is the beginning of a collection of pictures. Please send me a current family picture (preferably a glossy print 5x7) and a separate one of you, Dad, in your soldier suit complete with trim. If you haven't already done so send in the vital statistics form. If you want a copy of the finished product enclose a check for $12.00 made out to the '41 Year Book Fund. Send it to me at my new station: March AFB, California.

Tom O'Connell represented the class at the 14th reunion. Apparently he was the only one there except for the permanent party. Paul and Marcie Ramee celebrated the event by presenting their fourth child, a son, Mark to the assembled '41ers. Burnside and Marka Huffman had a daughter, Elizabeth, in April. Sy Coker, Dick Delaney, Chuck Cannon, Danny Danforth, Jim King, Bill Purdy, Chuck Schilling, and Bob Samz round out the contingent and Spike Briggs is at nearby Stewart AFB.

Graduating from the Air War College with new destinations: Pooge Curtis, Bill Mitchell and Dan Heaton, Hq USAF; Joe Silk, Dep Cdr 35 Ftr Int Wg, Japan; K. O. Dessert, Faculty AWC, Maxwell; John Richards, Exec to Air Deputy SHAPE, Paris; Dave Woods, Hq Alaskan Comd, Elmendorf; Clint Ball, O&T Hq FEAF, Tokyo; Bob Tuttle, Hunter AFB, South Carolina. Others at Maxwell: Fox Rhynard, Faculty and Student next term AWC; Tom Fisher, Air Univ Hq; and Bill Hershenow and Ted Sliney with Hq Air ROTC.

With the number of Gents holding down the Pentagon we could save a lot of automobile tires and aviation gasoline if we held the 15th Reunion in the Army Navy CC. Ahern, Aldridge, Anderson, Boatwright, Brown, E. V., Callaway, Celmer, Clark, H. W., Clinton, Coakley, Cochran, H. W., Cooper, D., Cooper, G. W., Deane, DeSaussure, DeSilva, Dixon, Fowler, Gelderman, Gerace, Gribble, Gurnee, Hall, Johnson, R., Kelsey, Knowles, Kramer, Linnell, Linton, Marsh, McClure, Moucha, Mullane, Murray, Muzyk, Oswalt, Powell, Sawyer, Seneff, Smith, B. J., Smith, C. L., Stanford, Spiller, Tanous, Tarbox, Thomas, A. R., Unger, Upton, Watson plus those who are inbound. Ralph Upton wrote that he, Gelderman, and Gerace are in OQMG. Ted DeSaussure said, "Linnell, both Coopers, Callaway, Knowles, and Spec Powell and I are all holding the fort in G-3. Jack Rossell is in Baltimore riding to the hounds and racing over the timber. He goes to Turkey this summer." From AFSC Ed Rowny reports that he is going to SHAPE; Fred Stanford to Bliss and Woody Garrett to Panama after graduation. Jess Graham is at Colorado Mil Dist, Denver. Wally Lauterbach wrote that he and George Stalnaker are still on the faculty and that the next class will include John Callaway, Bill Gleason, and John Oswalt and Jack Norton is soon to join the faculty. With CONARC according to Lyman Faulkner are John Michel, Don McMillan, Art Carlson, and Duck Deyo.

Jack Millikin of Sandia recently qualified as a "jumper" Others in the desert are McKinley (going to C&GS), Collison, Goodell (DMA Wash in Aug), Keagy (due in) and H. H. Drum. At Benning saw Shadday on way to USFA; Ace Bailey, Mills Hatfield and Jock Adams—all working at the Inf School.

Harry H. Ellis lists the Bragg group as Jim Carroll and Mort Birdseye with Corps Troops. Jack Camp has orders to the Marine School at Quantico this fall. Tom Sharkey commands the 1st Bn of the 505th, he made quite a name for himself as Chief Umpire on "Follow Me" Harry is leaving for Benning where he will head the Armor

Section TIS. George Adjemian wrote from PMS&T U of Hawaii that he was ordered to Bragg as a Bn Cdr in the 82nd.

Position Reports: Moody Layfield, PMS&T U of Houston. Jerry LaRocca, Dir of Dev, AFMTC, Patrick AFB, Florida. Nobby Norton, Western Dev Div, ARDC, Los Angeles. Hal Tidmarsh, Student, Stanford U. Rod O'Connor, JUSMAG Spain APO 285. Lew Elder, DC/S Ops Holloman Air Dev Center. Guy Goddard, DC/S Ops Avn Engr Force, Wolters AFB, Texas. George Pickett, Asst G-3 Fourth Army, San Antonio. Bob Edger, Cmdr Pantex Ord Plant, Amarillo, Texas. Tom Corbin, Dep Cdr 1st Air Div, Offutt AFB Nebraska (Previous orders to AWC revoked). Tom Ward, Attorney at Law, Antioch, California. Cliff Cole, Dick Kline, and George Pittman IG Group Norton AFB, California. Bob Detwiler, Bn Cdr 92 AAA Bn (Skysweeper). Brize Norton, England APO 147. John Easton, A-1 5th Air Div, Sidi Slimane APO 117. Ed Buttery, Student USC, Los Angeles, 7829 Kittyhawk Ave. Charles Humber, Civil Engr, Jax Dist Engrs, Jacksonville, Florida. Pete Crow, Comptroller CADF, Grandview AFB Missouri. Woody Garrett USARCARIB Panama. Bert Rosenbaum, Dir Pers, MOAMA Brookley AFB, Alabama. Hank Irwin, Gentleman, 1107 Cherokee, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. John Redmon, Ord Tech Rep, US Army Ottawa. Herb Stern, USA Elm AFSE Det 2 Navy 510 FPO New York, Naples. Bill Petre, Crude Oil Producer, 132 Wellsville St., Bolivar, New York. Dick Levy, G-4 Hq AFFE APO 343. Lynn Lee, Engr Dist Okinawa APO 331. Jim Strain Reg Ex 27 Inf & Potter Campbell Cdr 89 Tank Bn Schofield Bks. Mike Greene Cdr 510 Tank Bn Mannheim, Germany APO 28. Bill Starr (just finishing Army WC with Herb Stern) SHAPE Liaison, Royal Neth. Army 18 V. Soutelaudelaan, The Hague. Rip Collins, Advisor Penn Nat Guard, 355 E. Beau St., Washington, Pennsylvania. John Burchaell, JAG Section; Ed McGrane, Head of Missile Instruction; and Paul Gray, Cdr 46 FA Group (Corporal Missiles) (has orders to Monroe AFF) all at Bliss. Mal Johnson, Cdr Nike Bn near Phila. Paul Pigue, Civ Comp duty, Fort Lawton. Ben McCaffery (who supplied above poop) P&O Western Army AA Comd, Fort Baker, California. George Brown, Cdr Williams AFB, Arizona. Ed Poole, Asst RAS&T Ariz State Coll, Tempe. Red Moyer, Asst IG USAREUR. Ben Mayo, Chf Ops Plans, Hq ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado (recent father of a third son, John Winston, 23 Apr). Curt Chapman, Gentleman, Randolph Road, Middletown, Connecticut. (Thanks, Curt, for being the first to make a down payment on the book). Ralph Freese, D/Pers, 15th AF, March. Jock Adams, Instr TIS; Bob Salisbury, Asstd Arms Gp; Ace Bailey, TIS; Charlie Fletcher, 3rd Div; Mills Hatfield all at Benning. Jim Sykes, Dep Chf Log Div, MAAG Japan. Joe Grygiel Bn Cdr Engr Avn Bn, Korea APO 901. (Joe reported: "Helen died in June 54 after eight years of heroic struggle. Mike Aliotta just left to command 9 Engr Combat Bn, Fort Lewis; Boots Gilbert at Johnson AFB, Tokyo; Sam Parks, Actg IG of the Air Div, dropped in to investigate my methods of handling the social disease problem. Elmer Yates is Chf Engr Advisor to the ROKA—KMAG"). Ren Keleher, USFA Salzburg, reported the arrival of Robt Graham Waitt on 12 Apr 55, third child and first son of Graham and Betty Waitt, a prominent Atlanta barrister, 955 Tennyson Dr, NW, Atlanta, Georgia. Mal Troup, Dep QM USAREUR Com Z, Orleans APO 58 reports Christensen, Moody and Reid in Paris. Al Hayduk, Tng Br AIRSOUTH Naples FPO 510 ("Jim Roy is here and Stern is on the road"). Tom Cleary, Chf Management Br G-4 USAREUR proudly announced the arrival of Anne Regina on 5 Apr. Walt Woolwine, en route to C&GS from Fort Lee gave me a detailed account of his recent trip to Europe. Much of what he told me appears above; in addition: John Manley is Provost Marshal USAREUR, home this summer to Office PM Gen, Pent. Jog Green 44 FA Bn, 4 Div. Rog Lawson G-4 USAREUR. A Wray White in Frankfurt. P. C. Day in Paris with EUCOM. Jack Harris, Hq USAFE Wiesbaden. Mickey Moore with the 81st Ftr Wg, England. Bill Seawell is leaving his job as Dep Cdr 7th Air Div for AWC Maxwell. Fred Ascani (still 4 boys and 3 girls) reported Johnny Brooks as Cdr Bitburg AFB. Zero Zarembo with 9th Div. Hank Boswell coming home from Ankara to take my job here at Lee. Bill Pratt, Hq AFFE 8th Army, Camp Zama, Japan. Jim McElroy, Liaison Off to ROK C/S, Taegu. George McIntyre Cdr 81 Rcn Bn, Fort Hood. Martin Shadday recently finished TIS.

This winds up the June edition with about half of the class accounted for thanks to your letters. I am TDY at John Atkinson's B-47 school, and if he doesn't wash me out I'll get this project rolling in California. John Henschke just finished this same course and hurried off to Smoky Hill to pack and move to his new assignment: Hq 8AF Westover AFB Massachusetts. Scott Peddie who commands the Air Base Group here at McConnell lends the continental touch to the Wichita area in his Volkswagon Bus.

Let's have the Pictures, the Poop, and especially the Pennies.

—*Burt Andrus.*

1942

From recent mail we have gleaned the following items:

John Mattina recently participated in one of the "bomb explosions" out at Desert Rock, Nevada, and then returned safely to his home station at Fort Belvoir.

Marshall Waller has received his Army Aviator wings and has returned to duty at the White Sands Signal Corps Agency, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Joe Cannon is at Aberdeen with the expectation of attending the Business Administrative Course at Syracuse University this summer.

Lynn Sifford reported from Sao Paulo, Brazil that he is coming back to the states this summer—destination unknown.

John Hewitt is in the Far East with FEAF.

Larry Caruthers is in Japan at Camp Younghans—West of Sendai.

Jere Maupin now in Lake Charles, Louisiana has returned from Bangkok, Siam, where he and Carl Stapleton were protecting our interests.

Al Scullen is now at Fort Knox.

Eric Orme, Lee Cage and Bill Watkins are representing us on Formosa. Cage is advisor to the Chinese Military Academy, and Bill is the MAAG Engineer Advisor.

Sam Cumpston who left the Army in December 1953 is working in the aircraft nuclear propulsion department of the General Electric in Cincinnati.

Bill Gernert is at the Armed Forces Staff College and then probably going overseas.

Tom Iulicci reports from Puerto Rico on himself, Dave Clagett and Joe Hennesee. Tom is now on U.S. Army Reserve duty and is the senior Army advisor for the Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.

The Washington contingent of the Class now numbers 52. At the present time the only new addition known to be en route is

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Gene Weeks, who is to be assigned to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

We need some more items for future columns of the *Assembly*. Send them in and we will try to see that they are published.

—*Obie.*

January 1943

This being a non-reunion year, June Week was relatively quiet for the Class at West Point. However, we did sponsor jointly with '42, June '43 and '44 a dinner-dance at the Officer's Club, Stewart AFB. Jack and Jerry Dulaney, who now hail civilianwise from Bowling Green, Kentucky, visited here throughout June Week and were mainstays at the party. Bob McDermott arrived at Stewart from the AF Academy just two hours before party time and likewise added to the merriment. Other hit-and-run June Week visitors were Ski Lutrey from Mitchel AFB and Jack and Joan Shaffer from Metuchen, New Jersey. Jack is now Assistant Plant Manager of the Mercury plant at Metuchen.

Memorial Day was again observed here by decorating the graves of classmates, twenty-four of whom are interred in the West Point Cemetery.

An Aloha Party marked the highlight of our Spring social calendar here. Although we sincerely regret to lose five of our West Point family, we hope they will always remember the champagne punch and the gay game of "pass-the-balloon"! Robin Baden, who is living in Highland Falls while Bob is in Korea, helped with the sendoff. Those leaving are: Howie and Louise Linn, headed for the AF Academy; Rex and Marge Dettree to Craig AFB and Tyndall AFB in the F86D program; Johnny and Gabrielle Moses, stepping into a two years' grind at Harvard's School of Business Administration; Joe and Marie Conmy, regular course at C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth; Darrie and Pat Richards (third child, a girl, born in June) transfer to TC with first assignment at NYPE.

We are pleased to welcome seven to the West Point clan, which will result in a net gain of two and a total of 16 stationed here. New arrivals are Merle and Sally Carey, Johnny and Becky McClure, Bob and Kiki Marshall, all going to MA&E; Joe and Nancy Benson to Signal Officer; Bill and Peggy Knowlton to Social Sciences; Jim and Eileen Michael to Phys Ed; Danny and Skip Moore to Tactics.

Art Sebesta has given us an excellent rundown on European whereabouts. Thanks a million for the info. Dee and Kay Armstrong with the 2d Armd Cav are due stateside soon, Jim and Jo Hackler with the 50th Ftr Bmbr Wg, Jim and Darlene Huddleston at Intelligence School in Garmisch, Tibby and Rosilind Anderson due stateside in June, Jim and Pat Changaris due stateside this summer, John and Irene Norris headed for Fort Leavenworth this summer, Jim and Mary Jo Kelleher in G-3 Section of USFA, Hodge and Nat Kirby with Maneuver Division of 12th Air Force, John and Helen Cuttler with the Air Section of USFA, Jesse Hollis commands 775th FA Bn, Ed Murray (with very limited bachelorhood days reported) with G-3 Section of USAREUR, Art and Mary Sebesta with 39th Signal Bn near Stuttgart offer standing invitation to visit them in their six bedroom house, Jim Frankosky with Air Attache in Madrid, John Johnson with Ordnance Section of USAREUR, Francis Kane with Air Attache at Paris, Ed McGough with 36th Ftr Day Wg at Bitburg, D. M. Smith with Signal Section of SHAPE (congratulations to Dottie on their fifth boy), W. B. Smith with Air Attache at Bein Surlzeitad (?), Fred Spann with G-3 Section of USAREUR, Joseph Stuart with 12th Air Force, Bart Yount with Joint U.S. Military Gp in Madrid.

We need word from the Far East where we know many are located, including: Bob Maloney, J. B. Cobb, Bob Fiss, George Rebh, Charlie Wirt, Bill Waters and Ed Bennett. Penny St. John reports from Bel Air, Maryland, where she and the boys are "putting in time" that Saint commands the 73rd Tk Bn, 7th Inf Div, and only recently returned to Korea from a week's leave in Hong Kong and Manila. Someone please volunteer some more scoop.

Stateside news is also somewhat limited, but here goes as best we have it. George Prior is now located at Mission AFB, Texas. Jim McKinney is at Norton AFB, California. Hank Mazur, Chester Butcher and Sonny Pitts are all with ADC, Colorado Springs. Bill Dannacher, PMS&T at Valley Forge Military Academy, recently escorted the best drilled company on a tour of West Point. Word arrives from Anne and Ed Nygard reporting the arrival of their fourth boy in March and forecasting another year of ROTC duty for them at Clemson College. Kay Berry is located at Tyndall AFB. Bill Talbott was seen at Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, where he was on TDY from Staff and Faculty, Fort Leavenworth. Mac Hatch recently completed one year at Cal Tech where he received his MS-CE.

Would appreciate it if some of you blokes would send a few lines to West Point giving us your hairline and waistline statistics, your current working hours or any other old lies which you want published.

—*V. K. Sanders.*

June 1943

June Week has come and gone, and as always the old place has sort of fallen to sleep; all except your faithful scribe, who hastens to disseminate the "hard news" (as THE ASSOC. says to do) which in your generosity you have supplied in the May questionnaires.

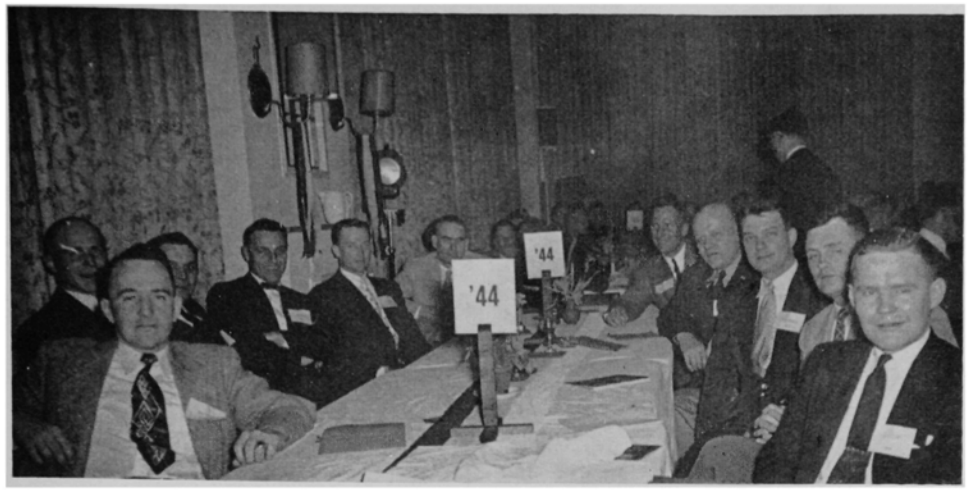
The hardest news one can ever write must first be reported: the accidental death 3 June in Hawaii of Tom Tannler. Tom was S-3 of the Wolfhounds and met death in an automobile wreck. His body was flown here, accompanied by Grayce, their one son, and an escort officer. Here he was laid to rest at a full military funeral on 15 June, with all the Classmates present as honorary pallbearers. The Class gave a beautiful wreath of flowers, and all the good things any class could do were done, largely by Al Jones, in your name. We will keep track of the Tannlers, mother and son.

We feel that this issue's column should be devoted to our yearly roundup of Who's Where & Doing What. To get it all in we must condense and be dull, but we know that it will be worth it in the interest of intercommunication among individual classmates.

John R. Allen (Maj) is at 2433 Ravenwood, Dayton, Ohio. George L. Alexander (Maj) is at 312 Scott Ave., VHP, Fort Bliss, Texas. Frank Ball (LC) Hq Western Air Defense Force, Hamilton AFB, California. Tommy Beckett (LC) American Embassy Havana, Cuba. Charley Benson (Maj) Hq 47th Ord Gp, Ludwigsburg, Germany. George Betts (Maj) Armed Forces Spec Wpns Proj, Wash., D. C. (but on his way here to Mecca to become an Engr P.). Lemmon Blank (LC) AMAMA, Middletown, Pennsylvania. Baker Bond (Maj) just leaving L-Worth, destination unk., but his permanent address is 512 E. Prospect Street, Kewanee, Illinois. Jim Bower (LC) Hq USAFE, DCS/Instl Norton, Kansas. Bill Brake (Maj) 635 E. Niles St., San Bernardino, California. Heber Brill (Maj) 1361 Admiral Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Leo Brooks (LC) 3683 Berkeley Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. Allen Burdett (LC) was coming to USMA to Tac, but has had his orders changed to become the Army's liaison officer to some sort of school someone is starting up out in Colorado. Walt Burnette (Maj) is at 1621 N. Lockhart Street, Sherman, Texas. Ned Burr (Maj) 100 Locust Ave., W. Long Branch, New Jersey. Robt. Burrows (Maj) Engr Section, KcomZ, APO 234, San Francisco. Robert B. Callan (you know; old Bernie Wiener) 149 E. 49th St., New York 16, New York. Gordon Cantlay (LC) leaving Leavenworth to come here and take the veil. Charley Carson (LC) 813 Olmi Landruth Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Jim Christy (Maj) 1051 Selma Blvd., Staunton, Virginia. (I'd sure like to know what some of the brethren are doing at some of these improbable places!!!)

Howie Coffman (LC) just leaving Leavenworth. What DID I do with that poop-sheet telling where. . Heston Cole (LC) AC&SS Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama. Clifford C. Cornell, Jr., (LC) 1888 Baldridge Rd., Columbus 21, Ohio. Bill Cover (Maj) just leaving Leavenworth. Bob Davenport (Maj) 4919 N. 16th Rd., Arlington, Virginia. Don Detwiler (Maj) Hq AMC Box 1201, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. Frank Dirkes (Maj) Rock Island District, Clock Tower Bldg., Rock Island, Illinois. Anthony Durante (Maj) Hq ADC —IG, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bob Dwan (Maj) Hq Tac Cmd, APO 541 New York (that's Austria, so he'll be moving on eftsoons—ye ed.) Bennie Dyla (a civilian) 5529 Hayter, Lakewood 11, California. Joe Eastmead (Maj) Hq Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Bethell Edrington (he got married) (LC) 2806 Valley Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Seth Frear (Maj, Ret) 1320 Ave Allegriano, Coral Gables, Florida. (Inebriated much of the time, too, I bet). Bill Glasgow (LC) 716 N. Kirkwood Road. Kirkwood 22, Missouri. Bobbie Griffin (Maj) G-1 Dept of the Army, Wash 25, D. C. (our Bobbie!). Dale Hagen (LC) 3351 N. Dinwiddie Street, Arlington 7, Virginia. Ralph Hallenbeck (Colonel) (so dunt esk) 7919 Dogwood Place, Falls Church, Virginia. Arch Hamblen (LC) G-2 DofA Wash.

Bob Hancock (Maj) Hq. 20th Ftr Bmbr. Wing, APO 120, New York. Bob Hanna (Civ) 11382 Virgil Ave., Detroit 39, Michigan. Teague Harris (LC) 3436A S. Utah St., Arlington, Virginia. F. J. Harrold (LC) 4818 S. Eighth Rd., Arlington, Virginia. Hal Head (Maj) TIS Fort Benning. Warren Hecker (LC) leaving Leavenworth. Fred Herres (Maj) G-4 Hq AFFE/8th Army APO 343 San Francisco. Bob Hoffman (LC) 10 Tansey Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Lee Hogan (Col), 941 N. Patrick Henry Drive, Arlington Virginia. Arthur Holderness (LC) USAF Academy, Lowry AFB, Denver. Herschel Hughes (Maj) (ah!) PO Box 123, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. Pat Hurley (Colonel) (ugh) 94 Lisgar Rd., Rockcliffe, Ontario, Canada. Gabby Ivan (Maj) 302 Kent Street, Falls Church, Virginia. T. T. Jackson (Maj)



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1218 N. Arcadia Blvd., Tucson, Arizona. Don Jalbert (Maj) leaving-worth. Charley Jones (Maj) Box 1849, ALS, Monterey, California. Ralph K. Jones (LC) also just departing Leavenworth. Jim Keck (Colonel) CINCPAC Joint Staff FPO SF, California. Bruce Koch (LC) pulling out of C&GSS. Ed Kreml (Maj) Army ROTC, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania. Art Lacouture (Maj) CONARC Bd No. 4, Fort Bliss, Texas. Jimmie Lothrop (Maj) 226 Eyms Street, Hampton, Virginia. Thomas Love (LC) Hq ADF, Ent AFB, Colorado Sprs., Colorado. J. P. Lucas (Maj) 10 FA BN 3rd Inf Div., Fort Benning, Georgia. Dick McAdam (Maj) Office of the Air Attache APO 230 NYC (a sinister-sounding address if ever I heard one). Bob McClure (Maj) 3418 Orchid Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Jack McGregor (Maj) Qtrs. 12-D Maxwell AFB, Alabama. G. E. Madison (LC) CINCNELM Staff, Box 14 FPO NYC. Bill Martin (Maj) 413 Dewey Drive, Annapolis, Maryland. Wes Maughan (Maj) Maywood AF Depot, California. Walt Mitchell (Civ) 425 Riverside Drive, Apt 5-E New York 25, New York. Bill C. Moore (Colonel) 1108 Ronald Street, Falls Church, Virginia. Bill Naylor (Maj) Box 30, FPO 100 USN, New York. Hal Neill (Maj) 518th AAAOD, Fort Barry, California. Jack Novak (Maj) 1002 IG Gp Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California. Tom Oliver (that hive!) (Maj) 4460 Corinth Drive, Dayton 10, Ohio. Dick Orphan (Maj) 2808 N. Upton Street, Arlington, Virginia. Cajun Pavy (Maj) 3606 McKinley Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. Del Perkins (Maj) G-1 Hq AFFE, APO 343 SF. Jammie Philpott (LC) 303 Third Street West, Barksforce Airedale Base, Louisiana. Milt Pigg (Maj) G-3 Sec., Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Ernie Price (Maj) 101 Jackson Ave., Savannah, Georgia. Fred Proctor (Maj) (after c. 15 Aug), ERDL, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Willyam Pulos (Maj) Amph. Gp. One, FPO, San Francisco. Jack Rawlings (LC) 8310 Cutler Ave., Albuquerque, New Mexico. Billy Ray (LC) 3E668, OC/S US Army (et apres moi le deluge). Bernie Rogers (LC) bugging out of L-worth. Hank Romanek (Maj) ditto. Bob Rooker (Maj) SGS Hq. USAREUR APO 403 New York. Rosey Rosness (LC) A-3 Hq Alaskan Air Cmd. (funny coincidence). Maggie Saine (Maj) CONARC Bd No. 3, Benning. John Schatz (Maj) Hq. Det. SCTC, P&T Div., Cp Gordon, Georgia. Russell Scott (Maj) Watertown Arsenal, Massachusetts. *Bill* Scott (on the other hand) (LC) 5433 Calhoun Ave., Alexandria, Virginia. Sy Silvester (Maj) 229 Pine Spring Rd., Falls Church, Virginia. Smith, K. B., (LC) 61st Sq, 70th Strat. Recon. Wing, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Bill Snavely (Col) (who now has ELEVEN children) Hq USAFE DCS/M APO 633 NYC. Eduardo Soler (Maj) Box 27, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, taking Spoken English, I theenk. Basil Spaulding (Maj) Natl. Gd Armory, PO Box 641, Florence, Alabama.

Charlie Spieth (LC) 14 West Wells, Roswell, New Mexico. Stan Staszak (Maj) G-2 USAREUR ComZ APO 58 NYC. Stookie Stevens (Maj Ret) 1123 Butternut, Royal Oak, Michigan. Milt Steinbring (Maj) Leaving Leavenworth. Marion Street (Maj) AFROTC Det No. 880 VMI, Lexington, Virginia. Dick Sullivan (Maj) 353 Bomb Sq, 301 Bomb Wing, Barksdale. Art Surkamp (LC) departing L-worth. Jep Tanksley (Capt Ret) 3903 Sheldon Drive, NE, Atlanta, Georgia. Hubert Tansey (Maj) Apt 3, 201 N. Wayne St., Arlington, Virginia. Frank Taylor (Maj) USAF Academy, Colorado. Arturo Van Schoick (Maj) leaving Leavenworth. Jonathan Vordermark (LC) G-2 HQ 25th Div, APO 25, SF. Bill Watson (Maj) 202 Trunk Drive, Dayton, Ohio. Clarence Westfall (Maj) Hq & Hq Co Spec Trps, Benning. J. Duane Wethe (Civ) 131 Ritchie Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. Charlie Wilson (Maj) AAA & GM Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. Ed Wright (LC) RFD No. 2, Stillwater, Oklahoma. Tom Heavey (ex-cadet) (Capt) 111 Ellwood Ave., San Antonio, Texas. Frank Saul (Ret) Am Inst of Steel Constr., Inc., Syracuse, New York. He and Bettie were here for Gin Week. Ed Blount (Maj) 2809 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia. John R. Kullman (LC) ACS/P c/o O Hq 3rd AF APO 125, NYC. Jr. Lloyd (Maj) 319 Abn FA Bn, 82nd Abn Div. at Bragg. (Jr. committed matrimony 6 Jan 54, we're sad to report, and is now expecting his first born.) Don Spice (Maj) Hq 167th AAA Bn APO 949 (They LOVED me there: Ed) Seattle, Washington. Thorpe Grice (Maj) 39th AAA Bn APO 167, NYC. Harold Aaron (Maj) Army Sec, MAAG, Formosa, APO 63, SF.

The Jim Nash family just had child No. 3, boy No. 1, out at Avn Engr Force, Wolters AFB, Texas. They go July to First AAA Reg. Cmd., Fort Totten, New York. Letter from PJ and Gertie Curtin. He's S-3 of 4th Div. Arty APO 39. They sure are happy. Dave Schwartz just left El Paso for Hq USAFE.

Here comes some more. Harvey Latson (Colonel) is at Hq Arnold Engr Dev Center, Tullahoma, Tennessee. Dave Conard (LC) 151st Engr Gp at Benning. Frank Wood (Maj) who also was here for June Week, is en route right now to the 8608th AU, APO 108, NYC. Charley Abel is teaching Missile Tactics at Bliss and is at 3719 Jackson Ave., El Paso.

George Moe, who comes here to speak German at the cadets in Aug., writes of a wild bacchanale recently at Heidelberg whereat he dimly descried the following (?) mates: Sembach (G-1 USAREUR), Rooker (SGS, ditto), Bill Peak (G-2, ditto), Bill Falck (Engr Sec, ditto), P-J Curtin, Mayo Jack Elliot (40th Ord Bn), R. A. Brandt (OARMA London).

A few more elusive guys hiding from work at Benning are: Ripper Collins, Bill DeBrocke, John Lucas, John Cochran, Jim Darden, Fox Fredricks, and Bud Bolling. They too lead a merry life and, according to our informant Maggie, held a recent steak fry that was so successful it hospitalized old Iron-gut Ripper Collins. Or am I reading this all wrong?

Norm Keefer writes from Western Development Division, Hq. ARDC, Inglewood, California that three of the brethren are there with him; Jack Whitson, Bruce Arnold, and Johann Sebastian Hudson. Norm himself is building his own billet at 4528 Don Tonito Drive in Los Angeles and wants us ALL to stop by whenever. Ed Burdett (LC) is now Chief, Tactical Branch, MAAG, Italy (APO 794, New York). Tom Johnston (Maj) is in HQ. 8135th AU, APO 331, SF, but will be at Leavenworth next year. Bitter George Thompson (Grocer, 1st class) greets us from the frankly debauched address of 2223 Country Club Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. As you know, he keeps any classmates stationed there in groceries for free as long as they pay their dues to THE ASSOC. He's been a real dab about it! Walt Hutchin, complaining as usual, brings up the rear. And from American Embassy Havana, at that!

Well that's it. Save this poop for mommie and the Christmas cards. Or paste it in your tarbucket. At any rate, don't say we never give you nothing.

—*Wick.*

1944

Al and Joyce McCorkle are now living in British Columbia where Al is in the logging business with his brother. There was an interesting article in the February 1955, issue of "The Lumberman" describing a method Al had come up with for shipping logs in bunches by water, where before all shipping in this territory had to be done by truck. Al and Joyce now have four children, their third daughter having been born in April of last year. Their address is 408 Young Street North, Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. It must be mighty nice living in that part of the country, and any of you up that way on vacation or business have an open invitation from the McCorkles.

Bootz has resigned from the Army effective 1st March and is now Director of Laboratories for the Rand Development Corporation in Cleveland. Bootz has quite a family now, sixth child, a son, being born in April of this year.

Bob Harper is presently stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, but spent part of the month of May at a tremendous logistical exercise at Fort Lee, Virginia. Bob previously graduated from MIT, after which he went to The Ordnance School at Aberdeen.

Thirteen of our classmates got together for a Founders Day Dinner in March, at Heidelberg, in Germany. All told there were 289 graduates at the dinner, after which they were shown "The Long Gray Line" Those from our Class at the dinner were Jim Adamson, Ollie Becker, Jim Connell, Bill Dondanville, Harry Grace, Johnny Johnson, Frank Mahin, Bill Murray, Pat Neiland, Bob Pearce, Ed O'Donnell, Scotty Scott and Bev Snow.

I have the mailing address of the above men in Germany if anybody needs such.

Al Bethel resigned from the Army on the 4th of April, and is now with the Atomic Power Division of Westinghouse and lives in Pittsburgh. Al is working on a project with Westinghouse building a Reactor which will be the first such atomic device used for generating commercial power. Al's address is 367 Macassar Drive in Pittsburgh.

Some of the class who have been at West Point the last two or three years are leaving there now for other stations. Jim Young drew an interesting assignment to the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island, and he and Helen will be living in Newport for the next year. Buck Boyles is going to Leavenworth for school, and Bill Fullilove, Emmett Maxon, and Marshall Nolan are going to Air Force Staff School at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Cas Myslinski, Dallas Knoll, and Johnny Glab finished their third year but have been kept on another year at West Point.

The group that has been out at Fort Leavenworth since last summer left late in June for new assignments. Charles Daniel, Jack Hennessey, Kinnard and Carter are all on their way to the Pentagon to the Career Management Section. Jelks Cabaniss is headed for Office of Research and Development in Washington. Nelson and Bob Shelton are headed for Germany, Tuttle to the Detroit Arsenal, Eisenhower to Fort Belvoir, George Blanchard to Formosa, Steve Mulkey to the English Department at West Point and Enos, Fred Smith and Jack Cushman are staying at Leavenworth.

While this group above was at Leavenworth quite a few children came into the world. Dave and B. J. Silver have a girl, their fourth child, born in March of this year. The Phil Grants have a new little boy, their fourth child, also born in March. Mary and Jack Hennessey also a third child, a girl, born in January and the Deeter's fourth child born in March.

Bob Drake, Vitullo and Todd are all at Fort Sam Houston for the present time but each are to report to the next class at Leavenworth around the 1st of September. While at Sam Houston, Vitullo has been in the school system, Todd has been with Special Troop section and Bob Drake has been senior aide to the Fourth Army Commanding General. Bob wrote that Dick Ware had been in the hospital at Fort Sam for a short while but had been transferred to Walter Reed because of some ear trouble. Bob Martin was reported to be at Camp Hood but had not been seen by anyone at Fourth Army Headquarters. Corby Truman is at Camp Hood and Bob had run into him but I have no other news on Corby. Coots Mitchell is supposed to be at Fort Monroe and Bob wrote that Jim Monihan was now at the University of Texas at Austin. Jim had recently had to retire because of an attack of Polio and of course, we all hope that he is making a successful transition to civilian life.

George Pappas wrote me of the death of Jack Mangan who contracted polio while in Germany. I was very sorry to hear this and know each of you are too.

George is at Fort Sill along with Doc and Jeanne Greaves, Jerry and Edie Mickle and Ralph Sciola and Bill Shirey. The class at Fort Sill spent about 10 weeks this past Spring at Fort Bliss and while there saw Walt Harris, Molloy, Jim Dunham, Bill Kahn and Dee Pettigrew, all of whom have been at Bliss. George had seen John Tkaik and Hal Wilhite in Dallas. Had also run into Bob Parks who was stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, Alec Maish who was down from West Point, Larry Clayton and Bob Shannon who was there on a visit from Redstone Arsenal in Alabama.

Following are a few assignments that have been picked up from letters and from the Army Navy Journal:

Mickle will stay at Bliss for an assignment with the First Guided Missile Brigade; Pat and George Pappas leave Fort Sill and go to Swarthmore, Pennsylvania for duty with the 176th Missile Battalion; Frenchy Cyr, Tom Flynn, Jack Polin, Don Thompson, and Dick Ware are all to report to Leavenworth this late summer for the next course there; Dick Erlenkotter on his way to Fort Carson, Colorado; Bill McGothlin is going to the Air Force Academy as a Director of PE; Jug Williams is also assigned to the new Air Force Academy; Chuck Sampson is supposed to be going overseas this summer but I do not know just where; also going to Leavenworth are George Pickett, Paul Emley, Bill Harper, Hank Kutchinski, Frank Moore, John Sullivan, Bob Daly and Bill Todd; Dick Snow is going to the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir; also to Leavenworth are Bob Conant, Bill Graham, Frank Moon, Al Brooks and John Kimbel; Jim Campbell left Fort Bliss early this Spring for Europe with a Guided Missile Battalion.

The April edition of the Combat Forces Journal carries an article comparing our class with the Princeton Class of 1944. This is right intresting and all of you ought to make it a point to try to pick up this copy as this comparison is going to be carried on into the future if present plans work out.

Also, if you haven't seen the Ladies Home Journal for June be sure and get a copy of it because it carries a fine article on Ollie and Anne Patton and has pictures taken of them and their family at West Point and quite a few pictures taken during the tenth reunion last June Week.

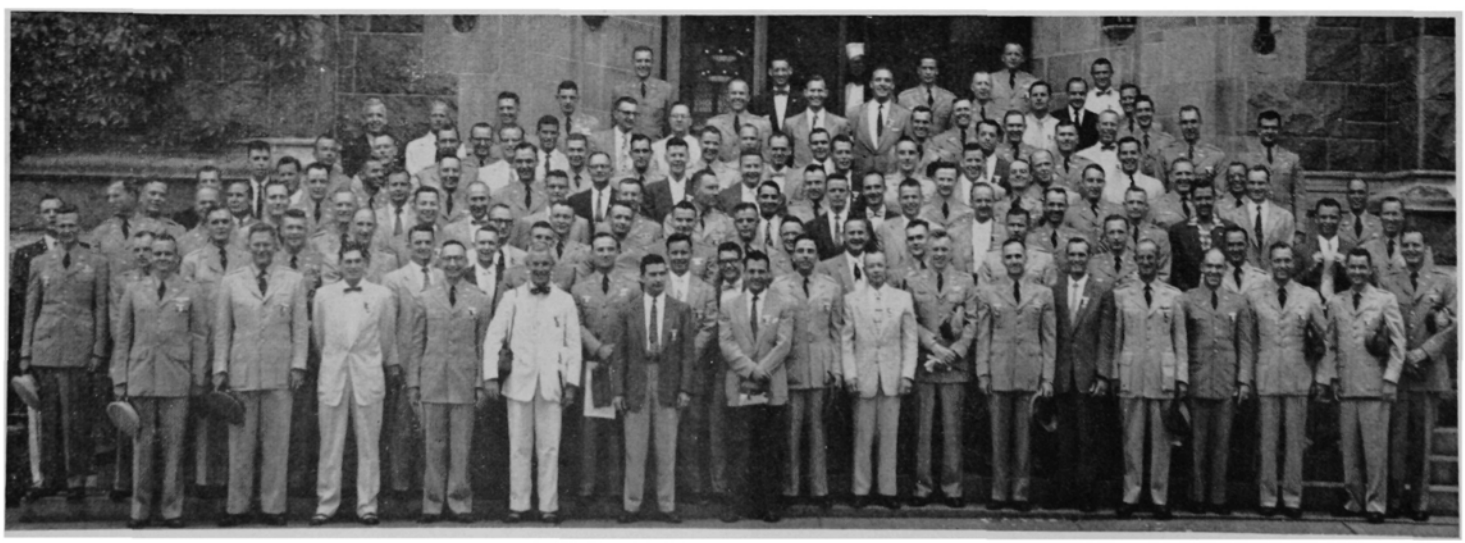
I think it would be a good idea in each area, where a good many classmates are stationed, to appoint one person to send the class news in two or three times a year, to me or to the Alumni office at West Point, so that we can keep a closer touch on things, and also have more news for you each quarter. As a start, I would like very much for someone from each of the following areas to volunteer to act as correspondent for the rest of their present tour, and then please take it upon themselves to appoint a successor when they leave. If each of these areas are heard from, then that with other scattered groups will help us to keep in touch pretty well. These suggested areas are: The Pentagon, West Point, Far East Army, Far East Air Force, Europe Army, Europe Air Force, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Benning, Fort Sill, Maxwell Field, and of course any of the large Air Force and Army installations throughout the country where someone will take it upon themselves to do this. I hope I will get enough volunteers within the next month to help with this plan. The next issue of *Assembly* deadline is September 10th so any of you reading this please let me know by that time if you will assume this added job.

—*Buford Norman.*
1748 Vinton,
Memphis, Tennessee.

1945

Classmates, let's face it!

Mighty is the wrath of those powerful ones whom we have offended! Elsa Max-



TENTH REUNION, CLASS OF 1945

well is miffed at Hal Moore and his committee because they were able to produce not one, but three, of the most stupendous parties ever, without even a slight assist from the Queen of Partydom. Conrad Hilton is chagrined that Jock McQuarrie and his cohorts should be able to house and quarter the more than two hundred who showed up without even a tentative holler for help. Oscar of the Waldorf is writing Joe Kovar, Jim Morris, Dave Clymer, Jim Elkey and others for recipes, hints and suggestions to make the Wedgewood Room more festive. Henry Luce is giving the staff a mighty hard time because "Life Goes to a Party" didn't cover ours; and Edward R. Murrow is unhappy that "See it Now" didn't, and "You Are There" wasn't. AND if Ike, himself, hadn't been on the spot and having such a good time at his fortieth, he might have paused to wonder who was this Bob Dingeman, from that upstart thirty year later class, who had so efficiently supervised the whole works. Incidentally, Bob reports that already that B.J. yearling class of '46 is nightly driving around in droves for "extra instruction" as to how to make their Tenth surpass ours, and is begging for any and all old poop-sheets! Give 'em all the help they want, Bob; they'll never do it!

Did you guess that this column would be about June Week and our Tenth Reunion? The big celebration took place at West Point between Saturday, June 4th, and Tuesday, June 7th. After a drenching downpour on Saturday, just to show us she was still Boss-Lady, even Mother Nature cooperated by turning out some of her most sparkling samples of Spring weather. Surely the emerald carpet on the plain was never thicker or more verdant than this time. The panorama of its greenness, the Corps formed thereon en-masse, the blue, cumulus fluffed, sky overhead, with the Stars and Stripes against it, gently furling and unfurling, was a sight that not cinemascope, 3-D, or technicolor could have added a thing to. And then imagine the uncertain hush which fell over Sunday's crowd as they waited uneasy moments for the First Captain's next command. Then suddenly the quiet was punctuated by the shrill of a siren's screaming, the appearance of secret service cars, and the excited roar of welcome for the President of the United States. The only thing that could and did top that would be the Corps of Cadets passing in review in the old squad formation, which was a topic of conversation, pro and con, all June Week. In a more humorous vein, the new Corps custom of dropping to one knee as a last resort to stave off passing out at P-rade occasioned more than one good natured comment from "Old Grads." Of course, "the Corps HAS" as we all knew it would after we left!

So much for the setting. Now let it be spread on the record that the class turned up in large numbers. Members could easily be recognized strolling to and from formations brandishing the smart swagger sticks (selected by George Adkisson as the Class emblem), wearing dark glasses (usually) behind which lurked some of the reddest or pinkest eyes ever seen outside of the rabbit family. The official figure stands at 146 different classmates who were present for all or part of the festivities. My unofficial tabulation makes that out to be almost 20 per cent attendance. Lochlin Caffey advises from Japan of a gathering there of a convivial group, undismayed by the fact that they were unable to get to USMAY, one which made their own celebration. Their number included the following: Fritz Archibald, Howie Baldwin, Barney Broughton, Loch Caffey, Pat Callahan, Beep Holway, George Jackson, Ray Jones, Russ McGovern, Bill McMurray, Jim Munson, Ed Pickett, Herb Price, Fred Rankin, Bob Reese, Gabby Shumard, Bill Stewart, Louis Strawn, Hal Swain, Bob Tansey, Ed Winthrop, and Mo Wright, most of those with wives. Back to West Point; suspecting that we might have set a record for a reunion turn-out, we tried to check, but found that no official records are kept. But yes or no, we made our presence felt. For instance at the Alumni Luncheon, in the mess hall on Monday, there was a roar of pride and affection heard from the class when a certain member mounted the podium, in his capacity as trustee, to present the new slate of officers. Approval of the candidates was a foregone conclusion, but 45's enthusiasm was for its own First Captain among first captains, and whose name is Woods. And let the news be passed around that after the luncheon, the class had an organizational conclave during which a slate of officers was proposed and approved as follows: President, Bob Dingeman; Vice President, Del Fowler; Treasurer, Bill Stuckey; and Secretary, Johnny MacWherter. This is our first class organization since graduation and is long overdue. For instance, one of the proposed aims is to organize something come Army-Navy Game time so we won't all be aimlessly pub-trotting in Quaker City looking for this or that long lost classmate whom we heard was there. So watch the column for news of time and place.

Back to Reunion; of "memories that bless and burn," we took away more than a few. For instance, our assignment in barracks in "the lost 50s", was 5143. The number had a familiar ring, "plebe heaven" and all. And sure enough, it was a room in which we'd spent two happy, post-plebe weeks in Yearling Summer, 1943, with Bob Tongue, Boots Blesse, and Frank Lish as roommates. Coincidence was strained to the breaking point when who but Boots should show up a dozen years later as a roommate again! There for just that one, Saturday night party, returning to Nellis AFB (to which place Bill Lilley is now en route) next day, Boots and I had a lot to catch up on after taps and before Morpheus blew out the candle. That one qualifies as a memory from the past. For the future, we'll remember the hilarious, back-slapping, long-time-no-see, atmosphere of the first party, the Saturday night picnic, attended by 248 people. It was held at Buckner (Popolopen to '45) and there was much rushing around, greeting old friends; the confusion of trying to get organized for the group picture, which (small wonder) didn't turn out. I remember a few "new" classmates I'd never met before; Mary and Cole Bacon, down from Boston, with messages from Mary Gorder and the gang there; the Jim Summers, from Wright-Patterson AFB, who told of a baby sitter whose chief delight was in perusing the Class of '45 *Howitzer*. Then those who literally came from miles away: Lynn Cummings all the way from Tokyo; Verg Givens and wife from Edwards AFB, California; Buzz Trustin from Omaha and Tom Curtis from the Air Academy at Colorado Springs; Jack Bowen from Corpus Christi, Texas; and Mikie and Slade Nash en route to Spain from California. The largest single contingent from "away" would seem to be us Washingtonians. Our number was swelled by such recent arrivals as Tom Gleason, who week-ended from Strategic Intelligence School where he is preparing for an attache assignment in Hungary, and Karl Liewer, a recent G-2 arrival. When we sulked back from leave, we were a little deflated to find the Pentagon had not come to a standstill during our collective absence!

The record was set by the 260 of us who attended Sunday night's buffet-dance at Cullum. The first hop we ever, uninhibitedly enjoyed in that setting. For once we were not "bewitched, bothered and bewildered," by the be-whiskered, be-medalled, and be-mused generals glaring down from their gilded frames, as the effervescent Bernice Attinger and Dan Whitcraft led a crowd, more agreeable than adept, in a distant approximation of the "bunny hop". My own partner in this melee was one of the class proies, Edna May Combs, so I had no complaint.

The Alumni Luncheon, previously mentioned, brought the turn-out seen below in the picture, while at the same time 107 class wives were gathered at their own party at the Thayer. The afternoon's event was, of course, Graduation Parade. For this event we had the added enjoyment of sitting next to Julie Moore who could hardly help remarking that come fifteen years hence one of her two young lads might be executing "Graduating Class, front and center". As she spoke, I saw in the front row of benches Joan and "K" Stewart with their three tow-headed "busters", and silently remembered also the Jim Munsons with their five boys, Nancy having just joined Jim in Japan, WITH said five boys. It won't be long 'til the first "Class Sons" emerge from the chrysalis of cadet grey to the world of olive drab and gold bars. Which reminds that one of the most frequent topics of "chit-chat" was who had aged the most or who the least. I'll gloss over the former and simply note that Kitch Josey, "K" Stewart, and Johnny McWherter were names heard in the other category.

From one happy note to another, Bill and Margaret Vinson have every reason to be so these days. One more year at West Point; a blossoming out as "movie stars" since not only do both appear in "The Long Gray Line", but Vin actually speaks a line (!); in addition, Vin's promotion came through on April 27th, and on May 8th Margaret promoted him again to Father, Second Class, with the arrival of their first daughter, Margaret Ann. If someone would supply the line that his "cup runneth over," I could even suggest a cup. It would be the one his K-2 first classmen presented their Tac upon graduation as their token of respect for him as an officer and a person; a replica of their own drinking mug with a motto that says something about "illegitimus" something or other. I'm sure none of us ever thought of our company tac in terms of giving him a gift, so I can imagine Vin prizes this one mighty highly.

The 216 who gathered at Stewart for Monday night's party really "whooped it up" as the finale of the affair. A particular vignette might be of the polka contest which drove everyone else off the floor except the Bill Gardiners, the Del Fowlers, and Jack and the vivacious Faye Bennett. Even after three nights of partying, there were some who were reluctant to write "amen" to the chapter, some even who foregathered in New York City on graduation night itself, at Leone's, West Pointers' favorite restaurant. One such group, I was a part of, together with Jean and John Bennett, Betty Lou and Ted Adair, Janis and Larry Jones, Joan and Frank Kane, Harriet and George Eyster, and Jane and Keith Nussbaum. After the gorging, all accepted Joan and Frank's invitation to come up to their hotel room to inspect and sample the left over contents of their "snake bite kit". And where were they staying but at the Piccadilly! If that did not evoke fond memories of cadet week-ends! And if we sought

to compensate for the loss of ten years of our youthful spirits with those of a bottled, more immediately potent variety, who can point a finger??? Many are the songs we sang, the tales we told until—hark! A knock announceth the house detective who telleth that complaints have been received, even unto the number of two!! So breaketh up our party; which goes to prove that time DOES change all things even unto and including the Old Pic. It just ain't what it useta be!

At the beginning, we have recalled some of the memories we took away from this June Week. Maybe they stirred up some you have unthinkingly cherished in the back of your subconscious. But reunion was a time of stirring up those pictures. A time of recalling old times, strong ties, and of finding the YOU that was ten years ago. And you did find that person, I think, in certain moments. You found him, perhaps, when you returned and saw the Plain again; or when you strode across the old area which you had crossed countless times before. Especially at Graduation Parade when that "bestest band that am" trooped the line to the "Dashing White Sergeant" and then stood in place to play that last chorus of "Home Sweet Home" which left nary a dry eye. Or finally, at Graduation ceremony itself, in that last Cadet moment when the band, in muted tones, played the "Alma Mater" and you had, not only the familiar spine tingles, but also the vivid remembrance of that moment, ten years ago, when you stood, diploma and commission in hand, and in a fleeting instant saw your cadet days go by in last review. We can never be that cadet again; but we can remember him; and try to recapture the youthful dedication and enthusiasm and zeal that was ours at that moment. Above all, the will to repay our Alma Mater for what it has given us, and which is personal and beyond expression to each one. Perhaps this realization is what reunions are designed for.

I'd like to close on that, but a postscript is necessary. First it is necessary because there may be those who want a full cataloguing of all those who were present. That just is not feasible, especially with the picture which is to accompany these words. However, it should be added that in addition to those whom you will find in the picture and mentioned elsewhere in this piece, the following were also seen at West Point at same phase of the Runion: Bowman, Brewer, Garrett, McFadden, Murphy, J. D., Norris, Adair, Basham, Calder, Christiansen, Combs, Conniff, Cookman, Driscoll, Eyster, Fingar, Gatsis, Gilmore, Hause, Lee, Manlove, Minor, Romney, Smith, R. A., Snow, Vaughan, Erlenkotter, Mann, and Kusewitt. We have never made any bones about the fact that we sincerely enjoy writing this column, and we still feel that way. But it did get a little old, mighty fast, to have the comment made, "I hope you are keeping track of all this." The answer was that we were not foregoing our option of enjoying the reunion simply because we were author of the column. What news I've missed, I hope you'll write to me again. But on one score I am especially glad that I have the authorship still. For I think someone "off post" should be in a position to thank every single classmate at West Point for the bang-up job they did to give us visitors the time we had. It exceeded everything we anticipated. I think, for instance, of Hal Moore who even moved into barracks so that one more class wife would have a place to stay; of the droves of us who descended on this that or the other hapless West Point resident between formations for a drink or visit, with always the warmest welcome. But the whole aim of this particular edition has been to suggest to you, however remotely, the time that we had. And if you don't believe it, your only hope is to be there for the fifteenth, the twentieth, or the twenty-fifth to see for yourself. It will be mighty hard to come up to this one, but hope arises with each new dawn; so I'll hope to see you there then.

—*Jim Alfonte.*

CLASS OF 1946, FOUNDERS DAY DINNER, TOKYO

1946

OPEN LETTER ON TENTH REUNION:

The plans for June Week 1956 are well under way here at West Point.

Kibby Horne and Walt Franklin are hard at work on a big Ten Year Reunion Book which we hope can include the whole class.

Pete Grosz, Al Wheat and Tom Agnor will run the Hospitality Committee to provide for your housing and reception.

Will Joffrion is charged with providing around-the-clock entertainment for us, starting at the end of academics and running to Graduation Ceremonies.

Charlie McCarty has the imposing job title of SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIRMAN with the main function of being certain that everyone from the Supe to Dumjohn Jones knows that '46 is here to stay.

And then to help me keep the poop-sheets and money straight are Vince Gannon, Ed Flaherty and Bill Parker.

We have already sent out one letter to all classmates for whom the Association of Graduates has an address. This letter concerned what information we need from you for the Tenth Reunion Book and how you can go about assuring you receive your copy. If you have not received a letter, it is because we do not have a current address for you. If this is the case, please fill out a regular DA Change of Address card with your current address on it and mail it to: CLASS OF 1946, BOX 146, WEST POINT, NEW YORK.

Please let us hear from you even if you are not going to attend the reunion and even if you do not want a copy of the Ten Year Book.

WHERE ARE THESE CLASSMATES?

If you can find your name in this list, it means you are lost as far as we are concerned. Please fill out a DA Change of Address form and send it to the above address. Do the same if you find the name of a friend in the list.

Ashton, S. S.; Bacon, R. H.; Barth, J. E.; Baugh, H.; Birdsall, A. H.; Boake, C.; Bowie, K. W.; Burns, R. F.; Channon, R.; Clapp, W. L.; Colaw, D. L.; Conner, S. L.; Culpepper, W. S.; Deatrick, E. P.; Douthitt, R. S.; Dresser, R. L.; Dumas, W. A.; Duncan, R. F. M.; Evans, R. N.; Feibelman, M. M.; Flores, J. B.; Floyd, H. A.; Gay, B. A.; Gee, T. G.; Gillig, R. W.; Gordon, M. W.; German, R. T.; Grace, J. R.; Gridley, J. M.; Grisham, W. H.; Hale, R. E.; Hall, C. M.; Hill, J. G.; Ives, A. R.; Jacobsen, G. R.; Jungerheld, W. S.; Kamaras, J. G.; Kelley, P. A.; Kimball, J. Q.; Kingsbury, C. W.; Lewis, W. W.; Markle, E. F.; Mendenhall, C. M.; McBirney, A. R.; McCoy, R. W.; McCue, E. F.; Moriarty, D. R.; Naleid, J.; Palmatier, F. M.; Park, J. D.; Parker, W. R.; Patterson, R. F.; Provenzano, T. G.; Richmond, R. T.; Roberts, L. N.; Robinson, E. M.; Rogers, J. B.; Schoen, F. C.; Shackleton, R. G.; Shelton, F. E.; Shoemaker, R. M.; Silides, G.; Simpson, J. E.; Stapleton, T. J.; Stark, D. S.; Steen, K. J.; Stewart, R. B.; Swab, R. K.; Talbot, A. B.; Thomas, J. E.; Thompson, L. E.; Toole, R. C.; Tully, R. B.; Umlauf, J. L.; Van Deusen, E. R.; Venters, H. E.; Vester, J. W.; Sacharov, W. P.; Wahl, N.; Walker, R. L.; Watson, D. S.; Whitmore, J. D.; Wiedman, C. O.; Wildrick, R. M.; Williams, B. B.; Wilson, D.; Wright, W. M.

The cooperation of the whole class in getting correct addresses on file and returning the requested information promptly will greatly simplify our work and aid in assuring a successful Reunion Book.

Many thanks,
JACK L. SCHRAM,
Reunion Chairman.

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The opening of the Air Force Academy finds four members of our class there to help. Hei Heiberg was the first officer to join the Commandant's Staff, leaving the Pentagon last September. He is Ass't Personnel and Administration Officer for the Air Force Cadet Wing and also Cadet Activities Officer. Hei was elected Sec'ty-Treas. of the West Point Society of Denver, while

Mimi Heiberg is Vice-Pres. of the Lowry Playhouse. The USAF Academy is temporarily located at Lowry AFB while the permanent academy buildings are being constructed at Colorado Springs.

Bill and Phyllis Yancey with their three children left Selfridge AFB, Michigan to be an Air Officer Commanding a Cadet squadron ("AOC" is the USAF Academy term for Tac). Prior to the arrival of the cadets, he is planning such things as the operation of the Honor System and training the junior officers who will act as upperclassmen. The Yancey's address is 505 Elmira Street, Aurora, Colorado.

Bill and Pat Moore with their two boys left March AFB, California, where Bill flew B-47's, to be Ass't Operations and Training Officer for the Cadet Wing. Pat has just recovered from an operation and is doing fine. The fourth man is "H" Lobdell who is Ass't Director of Physical Training. He was last at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. The Lobdells, Moores, and Yanceys have all bought houses on the same street thus providing for many reunions.

Phyllis Yancey has given me some additional news. Corbin Davis was on business in that neck of the woods when Bill and Pat Moore met him in a restaurant. The Moores had invited Corbin to their house as well as the Yanceys for a party. Davis was wounded in Korea requiring retirement in '52; he is now working for a bus company in Georgia. Milt Sherman was in for awhile from Wright-Patterson AFB. Wes and Mildred Posvar stopped to see Yanceys en route to California this past June. Wes is on TDY. "Spider" Reed was at Lowry for ten days of school including one night for dinner with Bill and Phyllis. Reed is at March AFB. Bob and Jo Clemenson are the proud parents of a baby girl, Patricia, born May 26, 1955. They now have 4 girls and one boy. The baby was born in Panama City, Florida, but the Clemensons are moving again with the following address for present: 3821 Steam Mill Road, Columbus, Georgia.

It is with deep regret that I inform the class of Jim Furuholmen's death. I have no particulars, just word from Phyllis Yancey he was killed. For the class I express to Ann and her children our deepest sympathy and understanding. All who knew Jim will long remember his happy spirit and ready smile.

Phil Farris is down Washington way with Office of The Chief of Information, Dept. of the Army, having gotten a Master's in Journalism at Missouri Univ. With him out there last year was George Otte, who is now with Hq., 6th Army, PIO Section. Since Phil's departure last year Bob Kren has become a journalism student there. Speaking of journalism, just last March Phil saw Walt Franklin in Washington with some Cadets touring the Information set-up. Walt just finished his schooling at the Univ. of Florida and is now assigned to PIO at the Academy.

Other classmates in Washington: Will Persons, Bob Frantz, and Will Schug, all with JAG; John Stratis, assigned to Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP); Bill Fuller and Sam Skemp, Office, Chief of Ordnance. Phil stopped by one of Washington's more sumptuous apartments a few weeks ago and saw Wally Berry. He's working for a Master's Degree in Government. Phil had lunch with Dick Streiff at the White House in February. Dick is a military aide to the President. Vinny and Phil were out to Fort Belvoir to see Billy Pat and Anita Pendergrass, and saw George Hagedon too. They are attending the Eng. Off. Advanced Course. Also in that area are "Beano" Hadley and Jack Shultz, and Paul Kelley who is with the AA unit at Andrews AFB. Paul and Phil had lunch together several times. Paul and Ruth Ann have five children now.

Dick Johnson brings us up to date with his marriage to Ann Starnes of Petersburg, Virginia, in November '52 and the birth of their son, Steven, in October '53. Last August Dick received his Master's Degree in Petroleum Eng. from the U. of Pitt. Until this past June he was studying Persian at the Army Language School. He and Ann have left for a four months stay in Washington while attending Strategic Intelligence School, followed by two years in Tehran, Iran as Ass't Attache.

Hal Horne and Phylis Anne have this past May had their fourth child, Sally Anne. That makes 2 girls and 2 boys for them. They are still at Killeen Base. Also present are Jack Gillespie, Elbert Throckmorton, Ev Rea, and Harry Smythe. Throckmorton is no longer a bachelor having married Nora Jane on 2 April '55.

Zeke Hopkins resigned from USAF 6 April '55 and is now an Engineering Test Pilot for North American Aviation in Los Angeles. The Hopkins will soon be in their new home, 408 Avenida Mirola, Palos Verdes Estates, California. Bobbie and Zeke would like to hear from any classmates in area. They have two children Marian 3½ and Margaret 1½. Ed Longarini is also at North American as a flight test engineer, having resigned over a year ago.

Charles Robinson who lives in Paso Robles, California reports birth of a son Charles Edwin Demmon Robinson on 20 December '53. The oldest child Kathleen Jane is 5½. Charlie visits John O'Connor in San Francisco from time to time. John's son Michael was born last fall. John is currently on business in Argentina for Standard Oil of California.

Marty Zorn reports married on 28 March '54 to former Miss Penny S. Shapiro of NYC and residing at 430 E. 86th St., New York 28, New York. Here is a good place to mention some poop about your reporter. Birth of a daughter Ethel Sanford France on 25 April '55 and a new job as Sales Engineer with American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., Newark, New Jersey in June 1955. In all probability I will move to New Jersey some time this summer. Ethel and I have a son Bill age 3.

Catherine Matejov was born 24 March '55 at 5th General Hospital, Stuttgart, Bad Cannstatt, Germany. That is their fifth child. Steve is with Kornwest Detachment, 171st MI Platoon, APO 154, New York, New York. Steve's mother has undergone a serious operation requiring her convalescence with Steve in Germany Steve was in States on emergency leave and flew back with his mother last May. Mary stayed overseas with the children all the time—brave soul. Del Rovis is in same platoon as Steve in Munich, whereas Matejov is in a suburb of Stuttgart. Rovis will more than likely be in the States however when you read this. George Sheffer just started a tour with 7th Army Ordnance Section. McBryde is assigned to 7th Army JAG Section. Tony Wesolowski just started a tour in Korea with 17th Regt, 7th Division.

The following members of the class attended the West Point dinner on 21 March '55 at the Washington Heights Officers' Club in Tokyo, Japan: George Fink, 532 Amph Sup Regt APO 38; Percy Wheeler, Tk Co 31st Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div APO 7; Bill Thomasset, YED 8056th Army Unit APO 503; Bob Stewart, HQ Fifth AF, Box 638 APO 710; Harlan Tucker, Hq USAFFE/8A QM Set. APO 343; Si Hunt, HQ FEAF APO 925; Bill Richards, 5QMPD Yokohama; Thornton Milton, 5QMPD, Yokohama; Art Hansen, 8231st Army Unit Tokyo; Jim Hoey, Tokyo Ord Depot; Bob Rufsvold, Engr Util Co 8113th Army Unit APO 59; Bill Webb, QM Sect Hq USAFFE APO 343; Stan Fair, Doctrine Div Chemical Corps Training Command Fort McClellan, Alabama; Dick Hale, G-1 Sect Central Command Tokyo reported in May to Fort Benning; Al Futrell, Tri-Service Honor Guard Co Hq FEC/UN Command APO 500 reports in July to Fort Benning; Jack Clifford, Tri-Service Honor Guard Co Hq FEC/UN Command APO 500; Moe Weinstein, reports to Business School, Syracuse Univ.; Ben Evans, Psy War Sect Hq USAFFE/8A; and D. I. Hackney, Tokyo Air Force Depot. A photograph of the class table at the above dinner is being forwarded with this report, if published the men from left to right around the table are: Fair, Hackney, Evans, Futrell, Rufsvold, Webb, Tucker, Stewart, Thomasset, Fink, Richards, Milton, Hunt, Hoey, Hale, Clifford, Weinstein, and Hansen.

Tom Huddleston is the 31st Regt training officer, 7th Inf Div, Korea. Tom has explained operations of his section to a group of Nationalist officers studying Americal miltary tactics. Tom's wife and mother live at 1117 Stamper Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Now in Okinawa, Stan Mattox received the Bronze Star for work as Ass't Plans officer, IX Corps, Hq from July '53-April '54 in Korea. Betty is with Stan in Okinawa. He is S-3, 1st Bn, 75th RCT.

Bud Devens wrote from Okinawa, 8135th AV, Rycom Engineer Service, Fort Buckner, APO 331, San Francisco to announce the birth of their 4th child, 3rd boy, Robert Michael on 30 March '55. He is Chief, Plans and Projects for RES and enjoying it very much. In fact Bud considers Okinawa a garden spot and recommends it to all prospective tenants. George was S-3, 13th Eng. Comb. Bn, 7th Div in Korea before this assignment. Mary and children are with him. Bob and Pat Steele (3 children) left Okinawa for a year at Columbia U. to be followed by a tour with English Dept, USMA. Bob was Rycom G-4. Tom and Bikit Pardue (1 child) left for Syracuse U. for two years of Bus. Administration. Tom had G. Co. 75th RCT. Tom and Marilyn Reeder (3 children) left for 2 years of electronics at Georgia Tech. Tom had B Btry, 612th FA Bn, 75th RCT. Nat Gridley is expecting orders to leave soon.

Bill and Mary Wray (2 children) due home from France in June '55. Alice and Jack Becker (3 children) due back in June '55 from Nicaragua. Jack Grady just got home from Korea to join Jerry and 2 children at Monmouth. Dan and Ginny Leininger with 8th Engr Bn 1st Cav. Div in Japan. Tom Constant and family with CNAAG in Formosa. Lou Rose to Korea. Leaving Korea—Mickey Strain, Bill Pence, Dave Brown, Levi Brown, and Wayne Nichols.

That about wraps it up for now. Don't forget 10th Reunion next year. Start planning to be at West Point next June. Your class committee at West Point has already mailed out poop sheets for a class book, if you have received same and not returned with the info requested—do it now! The classmates stationed at USMA have already started the ball rolling so we all can have a rip roaring time. Give them all the cooperation they ask for and it will be the biggest bestest Reunion yet.

—*S. E. H. F.*

1947

I have quite a bit of news and miscellaneous information for my last quarterly effort; therefore, I will not create large paragraphs out of small news, as I have in the past. I cannot divulge the name of your next column compiler, since I do not know myself whom we will du . who is to have the opportunity. And since this is my last column, please allow me to give you a brief picture of early summer in the Hudson Valley, as I have of the other seasons in previous issues. Cadets are almost completely absent, some on trips and some on leave. (A large number of Americans boys are baring their chests to the prods and thumps of the doctors, and sweating over examination papers in various stodgy official rooms throughout the country. Soon they will board planes, buses, autos, and trains, and converge on the Rock for the annual early July festivities. The new first class will be back within a week; and by the time you read this, the ritual known as Beast Barracks will have again begun.) Business is in full swing at Delafield. Strawberry season is almost over, with tomatoes and sweet corn a few weeks away. In short, as with all commands on all morning reports — Weather: warm and clear; Morale: excellent.

From EUCOM: Little news. A new address for Muriel and Bill Webb (they have averaged one change per column, I believe): USAREUR in Heidelberg. Bob Koch, wearing leaves, is aide to General Hart, V Corps; and Margot is with him in Germany. The Duquemins, still in Austria, adopted a son, Peter, on 14 March (Peter was born 4 July 1954). A good letter from John and Nancy Gerrity announces their return this month (June) to the states. From the frying pan (Turkey) into the fire (Fort Monroe)—some people never learn. John says that little John (presumably already six feet tall) is doing well, and that there is an alarming absence of classmates in Turkey. Any volunteers?

From FECOM: No news.

Back here in the United States: I may not credit all sources correctly here, because much of the news was table-talk during June Week (about which see below). Jack and Kathy Sullivan (who, by the way, have five boys) and Bill and Jeanette Grant are leaving Georgia Tech for Fort Knox. Bernie Abrams sent a note full of news of the Georgia area. In addition to mentioning the Sullivans, he reported the following: John Miller is in Philadelphia at the QM depot. Frank and Sue Taylor have one more year at Georgia Tech. Al Gould has resigned and is working with Bernie in Atlanta. Bob Ozier is raising chickens or eggs, or both, somewhere in South Georgia. Bernie has seen both Hal Tavzel and Tod Mallett in Atlanta. Bernie is still a bachelor, still looking, and inviting classmates to stop and see him in Atlanta.

Jim Johnson, recently back from darkest Benning, saw Hal Tavzel also, and reports that "URP" has won his orders to FECOM. Jim also saw Wally and Pauline Veaudry, Todd Mallett, and Harry Ball. Wally has the Weapons Company, 6th Bn, 3d Inf. Division, and starts the advanced course in August. Harry is in the G-4 Section, T.I.C. Another junketer from West Point, Al Haig, ate his Founders Day Dinner at Fort Bliss with Doc Haskin (guided missiles school course), Jim Bushnell, Bill Clark, Bill Smith, Willie Knipe, and Bob McCord. Al, by the way, is to be West Point's tactical department representative at Annapolis during the coming year and has already left with Pat and their two sons. "They also serve . ." Al also learned, while at Bliss, that Al Lembres is General Wyman's aide and that Bill Cronin is in the Sixth Army Comptroller's office, both in San Francisco.

Dick Allen reports seeing the following at recent West Point Society functions in Boston: Jim Mattern, Bill Coghill, and P. J. Curry, all attending Harvard Business School; and Bob Peckham, Harvard Law School.

Bill Munroe sent a fat envelope of litachoor from Rangeley, Maine, and welcomes all vacationing classmates to the deep woods. He says his address is just Rangeley, Maine; write for particulars. Sorry I couldn't run the pictures and ads, Bill.

A note from Bill Reckmeyer quashes all rumors that he and Betty are racing anyone for top family honors, despite their three boys and three girls. "Reck" is in the Production (yep!) and Procurement Directorate, Hq., A.M.C., Wright-Patterson A.F.B., and will probably be the first one in the class to get a Ph.D. His address is 536 Lohnes Drive, Fairborn, Ohio.

Roger and Jeannette Bate announce in a brief note, their second child, Donald, born 7 April 1955. Roger is at Oak Ridge.

Bob McNeil is aide to the commanding general at Fort Knox; Bonnie and family are with him. How about a letter from The Armored Center?

An announcement from Frank Lamattina: Frank Joseph, born at Waltham, Massachusetts, on 7 March 1955.

Joe and Laura Addison are leaving their ROTC assignment in Missouri and heading for the University of Michigan for two years to study automotive engineering. Joe would like to see any classmates in the Ann Arbor area and promises to go out of his way to find them (see below, Joe).

A letter from Ace Dunham addressed to Major (Ha!) Jack Faith has news of several lost people. Ace and Ruth (with daughter and son), Bill and Jetta Kuykendall (with daughter and son), Pat and Dean Gausche (also a daughter and son), Jack and Tina Young (two sons), Buck and Naoma Fernandez (with a new baby), and Dave Odell (with an airplane) are all at March AFB; and all except Jack are flying B-47s. Jack runs the 320th Armament and electronics Special Projects Section.

The following bits of news were all acquired at some time and some place during June Week. Barbara and Frank Boerger welcomed their fourth child, third daughter, on 26 March. John Gaddie is completing the Ordnance advanced course and has orders to Germany. Eb Eberle is at Edwards AFB. Hank and Judy Paul are at Aberdeen sporting three red-headed daughters. The Bob Montagues are going to atomic energy business somewhere from the University of Virginia.

June Week this year was a success for the class. In addition to the large and increasing group stationed at West Point, the following people got here sometime during the festivities and stayed for varying lengths of time: Bob and Marilyn Halligan, Norm and Bev Rosen (headed for Alaska District, C.E., APO 942, Seattle, Washington), Tom and Jackie Hayes (1420 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, Virginia), Bob and Gloria King (headed for Germany), Dave Odell (see above), George and Jeanne Levenback (50 Devis Road, Swampscott, Massachusetts), Bill West (headed for the desert), Jim Breedlove, Bernie DeGil, Ben Hollander, Lou and Mary Lou Rachmeler, Jim Enos, Cecil Fox, Mike and Marguerite Maloney, and John Novomesky. Our picnic Saturday afternoon was dampened but not extinguished, and we held on to Constitution Island for dear life. Sunday evening we had a dinner dance at Stewart AFB. '48 was also there, and many people distinguished them-

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selves in one way or another. Bud Vockel got through his acceptance speech (for the cup—finally) in fine style, and then Tom Hayes filled the cup and passed it intermittently. Monday was quiet.

A few changes in the status of the West Point group should be reported. Bill Cooper, Dick McAdoo, and Ike Snyder are wearing leaves (already slightly tarnished). Wayne O. Hauck, 3d, reported in on 19 April, balancing the family at one boy and one girl. Locker and Peg Bentley have left for the University of Michigan where Locker is personally constructing a house. Bob Babbitt resigned and is headed for California. Bert and Mary Brennan and Wally Griffith are leaving the post sometime this summer. Jean Burner is going to France ALONE for two months to study native customs and dance routines, or something for the Foreign Language Department. He has our sympathy, I'm sure.

That's all there is; ain't no mo in d'kitchen. You can address any letters, cards, complaints, etc., to me until the next scribe announces himself—or you can send them to the Association, if you prefer. It's been real. God bless you, even though most of you don't write very often.

—*Jack.*

1948

Because of the usual space limitation and the volume of news this issue, we'll get right to work.

Harry and Sally Buckley visited West Point the weekend of 7 May prior to their departure for Germany, having just left Fort Benning.

Bill Bandeen has finished his Master's at NYU, and reports to the labs at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, on 15 July.

Willie Bertram is headed for the JUSMAG in Bangkok, Thailand.

Richie Cooper goes back to Germany for a second tour, this time at Oberammergau with OACOFS G-2.

Joe Kiernan goes to the Far East. He will be Assistant Army Attaché at the Embassy in Rangoon, Burma.

Jack Chitty goes back to the books at Columbia University.

Steve Griffith, preparing for probable assignment in Social Sciences, USMA, heads for Georgetown University in Washington.

Lake Churchill has been assigned to the CONAR Cmd Board No. 4 at Fort Bliss.

Walt Beinke joins the First GM Brigade at Bliss.

Al and Barbara Cerow will be assigned to the 9111 HQ, QM RD CMD, RD CEN, in Natick, Massachusetts.

Wally Hubbard is assigned to USAFFE. Hope we get a more definite address soon, Wally.

Jim Dingeman and Al Pabst have moved to Fort Benning for the advanced course. Chloe Swearengen joins them there for the course, also.

Bob Hallahan is now with the 11th Airborne Div. at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

To USMA come the following, each with the department to which he will be assigned: Jack Kean—Tacs; Dave Mallett—Tacs (B-2 company, no less); Woe Enderle—Electricity; Don Packard—Electricity; Ennis Whitehead—Mechanics; Tom Clark—Electricity; Howie Adams—MT&G; Charlie Wurster—Math; and John McEnery—Modern Lang. John, by the way, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates. A fine choice, you'll agree. Our total of '48 at USMA will be 25 next year.

Statistics from all over:

Al Alfonso promoted to Major on 25 April. Congratulations, Al.

Ingrid Kirwan Born at Fort Riley, Kansas, on 2 March.

Ric Berry became the father of a boy on 25 March at Griffiss AFB, Rome, New York.

Susan Scott born on 22 April at West Point to Dusty and Willard. Number five!

Two more of the class have settled in civil life: Gene Bierer—out in March; and Harry Bettis—out in June or late May. The best of luck to you both.

Gene sends word he is now with the Enamelstrip Corp. in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and all passing through that city are most welcome. Gene has recently finished two years at Western Michigan College. He and wife have one child a year old and expect a second in August.

Andy Witko is construction liaison engineer for the 3rd Transportation Railway Cmd in Korea. He recently received a Scroll of Achievement from the Korean Minister of Transportation for outstanding service with the Korean National Railroad. Maria, his wife, is presently living in San Francisco at 1031 Balboa.

Charlie French furnishes a goodly amount of poop. He reports that Dottie and he expect the fourth little French in November. He is still with Battelle, with his spare time taken up with his duties as Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Deacons of a 5,400 member church. Dottie keeps herself occupied with a portrait business when the family can spare her. In spite of all this they urge all on Route 40 to stop and see them. Will do, I hope! Their address: 1760 Gerrard Ave., Columbus 12, Ohio.

Joe and Louise Bratton are in Toledo, Ohio, with General Mills Corp. They have two boys: Joe, Jr., and John—born in April. Their address: 2612 Ledyard Ave., Toledo.

Red and Doris Maple are now at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. They also have two boys, second named Richard. Their address: Box 506, Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone.

Bill and Donna Cook and fourteen month old Kathy are moving from Knoxville to Memphis, Tennessee. Bill has finished premed at Knoxville, and will now attend the U. of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis.

Charlie and Betty Ann Shook live at 50 Cohasset Dr., Rochester, New York, with their two boys; the second, Eliot, born on 5 March. Charlie is in the Industrial Engineering Div. of Eastman-Kodak.

Irv Schoenberg sends a clipping from the Fort Worth Press about Paul Weaver. It's too long to reproduce here, but it tells of Paul's career including the info that he is working on his doctorate and teaching current world politics at TCU. His PhD will be from Johns Hopkins. He's really doing top notch work and '48 should be very proud of him.

Monk and Mary Virginia Doty and little Mark are now stationed at Fort Holabird, Maryland.

Bob Mathis has been teaching Electricity at Annapolis.

Carl Schmidt is working in insurance in Baltimore, and he reports that he has perpetual open house to all classmates.

Irv himself reports to Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of AF this July. He'll still be a White House Aide, too.

Got a note from Jack and Audrey Kastris. Their new address is 2049 Fairbanks St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Tom Jones reports the following: Gerry Medsger heads for Goose Bay, Labrador, for a year. Margie will probably stay in CONUS.

Tom and Jerry are heading for Germany this summer. They will be in Berlin. Lucky people!

Norm Lovejoy is bound for Kaiserslautern, Germany, this summer, also.

Tom reports also that Jim Fry is an insurance representative and now has five children.

Jim Barnett furnishes more info. In Business Administration at Harvard U. are Neil Ayer, Vin Lewando and Lou Lo Conte. Lou is out of the service now.

Jim Hooker is also at Harvard Business School, with one more year to go before his next assignment.

Walt Schlotterbeck is studying Aeronautical Engineering at MIT, finishing this summer.

Carolyn and Ken Barber are in Kansas City, he still an aide.

Jim himself and Pickle will be in Boston another year, with Jim still in school. Their address is still 472 Summer St., Arlington, Massachusetts and they would love to see all who get up that way.

Charlie Crouch plans to study law at USC. He and Betty and son live at 5039 Inadale Ave., Los Angeles 43, California, and want all out that way to be sure and stop by.

Ed Kritzer has been assigned to the 49th Air Div. in England until this summer. He reports that he lost a b-robe to an Annapolis fly-boy over the A-N basketball game. You won't lose next year, Ed.

Two weddings to report, and congratulations go to the grooms from the class, and best wishes and welcome to the class go to the brides.

Bill Crosby married Joyce Ryerson on 21 May 1955, in Burt, Iowa. They will live in Citra, Florida, with the welcome mat always out.

Buck Borg married Sara Cooper on 11 June 1955, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Howie Adams was best man and the Burns were present, also. After a trip to Bermuda they will settle in Washington for the time being. Buck is progressing well in his desire to work for the State Dept. Last report on their address is 3002 32nd St., NW, Washington 8, D. C.

June Week was most successful with two parties taking place. Sam White was overall coordinator.

Friday the 3rd a picnic was held at Round Pond with Bob Cushing acting the host. The Whites, their house guests the Breedloves from '47, Berrys, Sternbergs, Webers, Burns, Bill Bandeen, Rich Cooper and Nalda Van Brunt, Cushings, Dorseys, Halls, Lyle Walter, McInerneys, Burrows, Allens, Quanbecks, Wagoners and Bud's mother, Cormacks, Bill Whitson, Scotts and we killed the barrel of beer Cush provided along with ALL the food.

On Sunday the 5th there was a joint '47-'48 cocktail and dinner dance at Stewart Field Officers' Club. All the above attended except the Dorseys, Wagoners and Bill Whitson. Additions that night were Joe Kiernan and Mary Ann Cushing, the Malletts, Brennans, Barnetts, Bill Smith, Vree-

lands, Nick Creed, Irv Schoenberg and Jay Josephs.

Earlier at the Supe's reception the McClellands were present, but they were unable to stay for the party.

Also at the reception was Charlie Martin, formerly a member of our class. He is now a lieutenant in the Coast Guard, having graduated from the CG Academy. He is married with one child. His brother was in the USMA Class of 1955, and he has another brother in the Class of 1957.

At Graduation Parade the Hookers turned up, having come down for the day.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Jim Abbey, ex-'48, please let me know, or have him contact me. I have an item belonging to him.

The plaque honoring those killed in Korea will be forthcoming soon. Each class will contribute $25.00 a name for this. We have sixteen names to be inscribed. More details later.

Our tenth reunion is coming on apace. For the last few years each tenth year class has made up a yearbook, similar to the *Howitzer*, although not as thick. Start thinking about that and a poll of the class will be taken on it in the future.

Football is in the air again. With five home games '48 will really be jumping. Hope to see many of you then.

This is my last column as per a decision reached in June 1954. Henceforth, all poop should be sent to Tom Cormack, Mechanics Dept., West Point. Of course, I'll always be glad to hear from anyone at any time. It's been a great deal of fun and thanks to all of you for making my job so easy.

—*Lowell Genebach.*

1949

The Class Committee at West Point is working with the Alumni Association on the Korean War Memorial which will be dedicated to all graduates who were killed during the Korean War. The memorial is going to cost more than we had anticipated, but to date, I cannot give you any definite figures. I believe by the next issue we will have more information about it.

Dick Tallman was recently an observer at the atomic tests in Nevada. Dick is assistant coordinator of training for the 101st Airborne Division.

Bill Luebbert is attending Stanford University and is presently working on his PhD. He writes that Chuck Kessler, now out of the Air Force, is making a name for himself in the graduate school of business. Bob Springer is completing his work on his Masters degree specializing in Far Eastern Affairs and has received orders reassigning him to Washington, D. C. John Mitchell received his Masters in E.E. and will soon be transferred to Fort Monmouth.

Tom Crawford writes that he and Dick Bowman are training officers in the Department of Military Training at the new U.S.A.F. Academy. Also, Don Woods and L. C. L. Browne are instructors in what corresponds to MT&G at U.S.M.A. Marsh Neal is stationed at Lowry but does not have anything to do with the Academy; he's an instructor in the Weapon's School. Tom also writes that he recently saw Chuck Agnew and his wife who are stationed at Nellis AFB, Nevada, and they have recently had a baby girl. Bill Lambert dropped by to see Tom and he is presently stationed in Wyoming. Tom Bullock is at Perrin, Texas and he is a squadron operations officer. Perry Hunnicutt is also at Perrin and is a flight commander.

Frank Clark writes that the following are at Purdue University; Dean McCarron received his E.E. Masters and is now stationed at Watertown Arsenal. Frank Barnes is working on his Civil Engineering Masters and Frank writes that he is still a bachelor and bigger than ever. Frank is working on his Engineering Science Masters and still has one year to go. Also, stationed at Purdue as a R.O.T.C. instructor is Bill Goodwin, but Bill is leaving soon for the Advanced Artillery School at Fort Sill. Dick Morton sent in a note that they have one more son, I believe this is the third or fourth for the Mortons. Bill Norman is with the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Georgia. Bill and his wife are presently living in Columbus, Georgia.

Dean Teece is out of service and has recently been transferred to the Advertising Department of the Proctor & Gamble Company in Cincinnati. Dean spent a year in the Sales Department and will soon be Staff Assistant in the company's Merchandising Division of detergent and shortening products.

The Dick Gillespie's write that Dick has just finished up a two year graduate course at Yale University in International Relations. They are being sent to the Academy this summer where he will instruct in the Department of Social Sciences. Also, Marion Ross will start a tour at U.S.M.A. as a tactical officer this summer. Dick Gillespie reports that the Snuffy Smith's recently had a new addition to their family and are presently stationed in Munich.

Dod Brant and Tom Marsh, both Air Force, are at the University of Michigan struggling to get through the Guided Missile Course. The Marsh's recently had their third daughter and likewise the Brant's have three. Paul Dow left in February for Wright AFB where he is teaching and preparing his thesis for a PhD. Paul graduated close to the top of his class and was one of few to be selected to do more graduate work. Paul Monahan, Herby LaMar and Terry Powers received their Masters in E.E. in June and are being stationed at Fort Monmouth and Arizona respectively. Dod says that Chuck Heiden and Bob Liichow are due to arrive at Michigan in September. Dod saw Bud Wynne and Dick Henry at Holloman AFB in April when his class was sent out there to observe and be briefed on current guided missile developments. Dod writes that they expect to have a big contingent of 49ers at the Army-Michigan Game so that anyone who gets to Ann Arbor be sure to look up the gang.

Wayne Norby wrote that he was to leave in May for Kaiserslautern, Germany to be assigned to Detachment 21 of the 31st Weather Sqdn. Al Culbertson was slated to go to France and he and Wayne were to ship out at the same time. It was a coincidence because both of them shipped out together to the Far East back in 1952. Wayne reported that he had seen John Hayes several times in Minneapolis. Johnny was retired in the Fall of '53 as a result of injuries received in Korea and is now working in his Father's ice cream company.

That is all the news to report for this issue and I certainly appreciated all the letters and news which was sent in. Don't forget to write even though it may be just a postal card. I hope that some of you were able to get back for the reunion, as certainly we have a good group represented at U.S.M.A.

—*John I. Saalfield.*

1950

13 June 1955—Another June—another PCS. The movers will be here any minute, mama's little helpers are asleep, so—Let's go!! From all reports, the Reunion was a tremendous success in all respects, thanks to Bill DeGraf and our other classmates stationed at WP. Further credits and a detailed account of the festivities will appear in the October issue, so pick one up at your nearest newsstand. On second thought, I'll send this draft to Bill and let him add the details and possibly a picture now.

We have about a dozen letters this quarter from the following: Clark Duncan, Jim Dunn, Jim Workman, Sally (Hal) Strickland, Ruth (Kieth) Loucks, Jim Thompson, Stan Fye, Dave Campbell, Al Crawford, Bob Ehrlich, Ann (Vern) Kinner, Janice (Volney Frank) Warner, Mrs. Carlos (Warde's Ma) Wheaton, and Mike Dowe & Bob Shaffer.

Clark Duncan, at Maxwell AFB reports that Mike DeArmond, Carl Johnson, Bobby Vinson, and Bob Ableman have just completed the Squadron Officers Course there.

Jim Dunn and Jack Barnett are at Columbia Univ. completing their work for a Masters in Political Science. Both are in the Area Language Program and will soon depart for Oberammergau, Germany for two years of Russian studies. Jim mentioned that since he last wrote he has acquired two sons and a daughter. When did you last write, Jim? Jack Barnett is also the proud owner of two sons.

Jim Workman wrote a short note as he was preparing to depart from Europe after a tour of 43 months. Jim and Charlie Bell, who had been aiding General Maddox, 9th Div will be reporting to Sill for the Advanced Course. At the Founders Day Dinner in Stuttgart last March were Will Hill Tankersley, Vin Hirsch, Walt Stanton, Jim Barnes, CQ Jones, Bob Douglass, Lloyd Mielenz, Charlie Bell, and Jim Workman. Jim reports also that he and wife Ellen have four daughters—Great!! Last item: Art Shemwell is with the 39th Inf. in Nurmberg.

Sally Strickland: Husband Hal is Engineering Officer of the 47th Ftr. Intcpr. Sqd. at Niagara. Frank and Carrie Watson are at Princeton where Frank is a Divinity student.

Ruth Loucks writes that Keith is out of the Army and is now working for the Continental Oil Co. He's got an interesting job—in charge of a company of Bedouins (Egypt) removing WW II mines from the desert. When this work is completed he will take up studies in the field of Petroleum Engineering. Ruth and the two boys, Mark and Mike, will join Keith in July and will live in Alexandria, Egypt.

Jim Thompson is or was at Fort Carson with John McCleary, Ed Gradoville, Bob Lunn, and Hank Singleton. Jim is on orders to the Advanced Course at Belvoir; Hank to the Advanced at Knox; and John and Bob are training NG Units at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Here's a nice note from Stan Fye who decided, while filling out his application

for the *Assembly*, to include some class news and thereby save three cents. That's thinking Stan—and thanks. He is CO of a Nike Battery in Van Nuys, California but will soon be reporting to Sill for the Advanced Course. He and wife Joan have two boys and a girl, all previously unreported, I believe. Po Cornay is with a defense unit in the Seattle area; Roy Easley and Bob Gard are Commanding 90 MM AA Gun Batteries in the Chicago Defense, though Bob will soon be reporting to Harvard for a year of study prior to his teaching assignment in Social Sciences at USMA; Ed Reidy is starting his third year in London as an Air Force cloak and dagger expert. The Fye's recently had dinner with Jim and Mary Nold at Mary's home in Los Angeles. Jim is improving steadily from his very serious wounds received in Korea. Bill Waddell and wife also attended the dinner—Bill is out of the service and presently winding up his work at USC for a Masters in Industrial Engineering. Jim Cronin has been on a series of TDY's from Walker AFB, New Mexico. He completed one school at Mather AFB, and was recently en route to Wichita, Kansas for another school.

Dave Campbell, out of the Air Force and studying for the Presbyterian Ministry in Austin, Texas, plans to return to the service after graduation. The Campbell's had their third child recently and Dave asks, "How do you mass production artists keep sane?" I presume that the question is directed to the following: Jim Workman (4 daughters), Ray Hansen (2 pair — all singles), Ray Singer (3 boys, one set of twins, and one daughter), and Me (3 daughters and one son). Have we missed anyone—speak up! Now let's see; if these were poker hands, Jim Workman would be high with four of a kind, therefore, Jim —answer the man!! Now in my particular case, I have them all well under control: I do whatever they say and harmony prevails. In a word or two "passive resistance" is the key to sanity under these conditions.

Al Crawford is at Stanford pursuing an intensive course in Electrical and Industrial Engineering. With him are Grady Banister and George Fullerton. George Scithers has just completed his course and will be assigned to the Special Weapons Program at Sandia.

Bob Ehrlich sent a list of classmates presently at Purdue working for Masters degrees: Fred Nickerson, Ed Quinn, Abe Allan, Jack Fahs, Jere Sharp, and Mauro Maresca.

A press release from Camp Desert Rock, Nevada—Ed Freedman took part in the Tactical Armored Task Force Maneuver during the Atomic tests last March and April.

A note from Ann Kinner informs us that Vern has been at Narsarssuark AFB, Greenland since last February and will return in February '56. Ann and daughter and son are temporarily residing in Larchmont, New York.

Janice Warner writes that she and the daughter and two sons have finally joined Volney Frank in Linz, Austria. They're planning to tour Southern Europe soon. The Phil Harpers are in Vienna and of course all will be moving out of Austria in the near future.

From the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal, a welcome change in assignment for some of the Engineers. Overseas orders were cancelled—Civil School assignments published: Univ. of Illinois—Jim Boylan, Jack Hurst, Emmett Lee, Burke Lee, and Denny Roush. Princeton—Jim Tormey, Russ Glenn, Jim Lynch, Jack Maxwell, and Andy Pick. Cal Tech—John Brinkerhoff and Jim Kelly. Texas A&M—Dunc Joy, Ding Price, Marv Rees, Vic Cuneo, and George Shaffer. Iowa State Coll.—Al Griebling. MIT—Dave Carlisle and Eddie West. Most of us in Civil School now will soon be at the Advanced Course at Belvoir. I don't have a complete list yet but we'll make some noise in the future issues.

Advanced Course at Benning—Shorty Adams, Bill Mastoris, Jim Howell, Howard Mitchell, Jack Murphy, Terry Parsons, Vern Quarstein, Chuck Butler, Pete Schira, Sam Smithers, Wiley Mangum, Ken Murphy, Joe Gappa, Ken Hall, George Hubbard, Roy Lounsbury, Jim Wheaton, Mark Hanna, Mark Jones, and Bill Slavins.

To USMA—Jay Durst—Social Sciences, and Dave Hughes—English. Eddie Ramos recently completed the Associate Inf Course at Benning, No. 2 in a class of over a hundred officers. He was at the reunion and by this time must have returned to the Philippines for a new assignment.

A note from J. L. Hildebrand of Pascagoula, Mississippi, parent-in-law of Dick Slay writes that Dick and wife Virginia are stationed on Guam and are enjoying island life very much.

Excerpts from Mrs. Wheaton's M-2 Newsletter—Bob Leary is at Syracuse Univ. studying for a Masters; Manley Rogers is winding up a Civil Engineering course at Cal Tech; Gus Dielens is stationed in Greece; Frank Gaillard is out of the service and working for the Texas Instrument Corporation; Warde left the service last Fall and while in New York being "separated" saw a lot of Don Miller.

Mike Dowe and Bob Shaffer sent a program of the Founders Day Dinner in Heidelberg last March. The program contained the following "legible" signatures: Frank Sailer, Jack Crittenberger, Cloyce Mangas, Lauris Eek, Carm Milia, George Tilson, Jack Hendry, George Lear, Phil Bolte, John Fox, Al Fern, and Sid Steele.

Oops!! Here come the movers. Don't pack the typewriter yet, please. Let me get these last few words written. Recent newlyweds: Art McGee and Lorette Marie Devine, Cleveland, 11 June; Bob Ableman and Dorothy Horne, 9 April; Harry Coyle and Jo Jo Oefinger, San Antonio, 26 March.

Only a few babies reported this quarter. Boys to Ray and Mary Hansen, Dick and Roxanne Ewan, Bob and Shiela Ehrlich, the Bill Waddells, and the Manley Rogers. Girls to Dave and Shirley Campbell, Jim and Hazel Thompson, and the Emil Pohlis.

Okay, Mr. Mover — PACK THE TYPEWRITER WHEW!!!!

—*Lew Genuario.*

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Lou asked that I add the reunion to this month's column in the *Assembly*, so here goes.

We here felt that the reunion went well and that everyone had a good time seeing many of the familiar faces. Altogether there were 92 classmates and 60 wives here, so you see that there was quite a crowd. Unfortunately we had reservations from 51 people who neither showed up nor canceled, which cost the class fund about $200. Luckily a few extras showed up at the last minute, but only a few.

Here is a list of those who attended: Jack and Betty Ahearn, Leni and Ed Allbaugh, Lila and Buzz Baxter, John Begley, Susan and Frank Borman, Alice and Ed Boyle, Joyce and Mac Chandler, Bill and Ann Clement, Monty Coffin, Rose Marie and Rudy Cosentino, Robin and I, Ernie Dunning, Charlie Eshelman, Jack Fahy, Tom Fife, Jim Fooshe, Shirley and Bob Gaffney, Pattie and Hank Gilbert, Pris and Russ Glenn, Ruth and Paul Gorman, Bobbie and Hal Gottesman, Ed Gradoville, Barbara and Bob Grow, Betty and Jack Hall, Ray Hansen, Henry Hart, Joan and Stud Heit (complete with a Greyline Bus, small style), Nancy and Roy Henderson, Gus Hergert, Jim Horsley, Lois and Bill Howe, Mitch and Philo Hutcheson, Dannie and Rex Jennings, Briggs, Jones, Dick Leavitt, Paul Listro, Tom Lobe, Mary Pharr and Joe Love, Martie and Dick Lunger, Gladys and Ray Maladowitz, Joan and Joe McCrane, Ray and Pat McGill, Pat and Jack Murphy, Wally Nutting, Chuck Ostendorf, Peggy Ann and Jack Parish, Joan and Terry Parsons, Fran and Andy Pick, Janet and Ralph Pinto, Peggy and Low Prentiss, Jane and Walt Price, Ed Ramos, Sally and Stan Reinhart, Hank Sackers, Lynn and Bill Schwoob, Tom Sharp, Peg and Ray Singer, Lois and Bill Slavins, Lois and Harry Steffensen, Irv Steinberg, June and Ralph Stephenson, Sally and Hal Strickland, Margaret and Nellie Thompson, Ann and Jim Tormey, Dick Trefry, Louise and Jack Wagner, Rita and Jerry Walder, Elaine and Bill Ward, Karl Weber, Lee and Bob Werner, Mary Lou and Bob White, Mary and Bob Willerford, Jane and D. S. Wilson, Bob Wilson, Elaine and Pat Wilson, Naomi and Archie Wood, Clare and Ted York, Nancy and Lilbern Roberts, George Vlisides, Mel Johnsrud, Carl Johnson, John Pennecamp, Betty and Kelly Veley, Don Smith, Janet and Steve Cameron, JoJo and Harry Coyle (newly married), Marilyn and Mal McMullen, Helen and G. P. Kelly, Marie and Lou Dixon, Dave Hughes, George Klie, and Shorty Adams.

Most of these were here in time for the dinner Saturday night at the club. Jane and D. S. Wilson came the furthest that I know of, on leave from Fort Bliss. Several got in for just that night. Shorty Adams came up with the Presidential party, by the way.

Everyone took advantage of the time Saturday night to talk and visit. Murph finally presented the cup, but it had to go to Carolyn Tandler, Mary Hall's sister, for Ken and Mary were tied up with their fourth. Tom Sharp took over the piano for more than an hour while about 30 of us tried our best to sing. After that the party split up, though I understand the last group didn't leave the club until about 0400.

On Sunday we held a business meeting of which Murph will write later. Then the picnic out at Buckner—all the hamburgers and french fries you could eat. No one went hungry to my knowledge. Bill Lewis of the PE department brought out his record player and called some square dances for us until about 2000 when we had to clear the hall.

On Monday we had a good turn out for the alumni service and lunch. Roy Henderson was elected to the Board of the Assn, so we will have some representation for the next three years.

And that was June Week. Things were most enjoyable, for we had a chance to see so many people, which is really the reason that June Week Reunions are held. Hope those at the one in Frankfurt enjoyed theirs as much. The dorm at Michie worked out well, though only six of those making reservations showed up. Paul and Ruth Gorman along with Mac Chandler really fixed the place up. They handled all the dependent housing. The parties were the work of Stan Reinhart on Saturday and George Vlisides on Sunday. Nellie Thompson designed and handled the Reunion pin.

Ray Singer worked with Murph on the business meeting while Bill Howe compiled a list of the deaths and resignations in the class which we hope to distribute later. Bill Schwoob was the treasurer and ran the registration desk. They all did a swell job.

Wish the whole class could have been here at least for Saturday night, but there will be other reunions.

—*Bill.*

1951

Another June is with us! It's only been four but it seems a lot longer. Maybe it's because of the similarity between ourselves and the last ball in a pin ball play.

I can't help but note the silence and serenity of the surroundings as I write this—the howls of infant youth, the TV, the neighbors polka records, and 5 (five) Davy Crocketts on the trail of a big "bar" in the front yard.

First things first, and I believe of interest to everybody will be the fact that the Academy plans to erect a bronze tablet of the roster type in Cullum Hall as a memorial to battle deaths of the Korean conflict. The official list contains nine of our classmates to be included: First Lieutenant Roland E. Cooper, Second Lieutenant Maynard B. Johnson, First Lieutenant Samuel A. Lutterloh, Second Lieutenant Richard R. McCullough, First Lieutenant Edward J. Meuller, Jr., First Lieutenant Robert F. Niemann, First Lieutenant Kenneth V. Riley, Jr., First Lieutenant Louis J. Storck, and First Lieutenant John R. Wasson. The initial cost will be underwritten by the Association of Graduates, to be later reimbursed by the individual classes. The cost to us will be approximately $171. In lieu of an almost impossible task of polling or requesting donations, we have agreed through our President, Dan Foldberg, to reimburse the Association directly from the treasury.

Several blessed events to report. Marc Alan to Cappy and Florence Bernstien last October in New York where Cappy will be finishing his first year of law school at Columbia this term. David Sherman reported to Bill and Mary Richardson at Fort Benning on the 1st of December. Also at Fort Benning both Pat Patillos received Van in December. One girl to report, Linda Kay, who took up residence with Dean and Marilyn Johnson at Fort Benning on the 24th of February. Prolific area that Fort Benning! Mark Andrews was the last stop for the Stork on 4 March at Guy and Bert Jesters at Fort Belvoir.

Wedding bells for Anne and Fred Hampton last May (1954) in Tampa, Florida. Ruth Farmer and Bill Barnett said their vows this March 5th. Bernice Corinn and Sam Samotis chose Manchester, New Hampshire for their wedding on the 19th of March. And finally Bruce Robertson, having seen the world, walked down the aisle with Suzanne Fields at Fort Knox on the 10th of June. Hearty congratulations all.

Tom James' resignation reported before is definitely in error. One resignation to report, that of George Scheuerlein.

Three Air Force promotions to Captain: Frank Fischl, John Brown, and Fred Hampton. Again congratulations.

The only news from overseas is that of Lew Casbon, who is now commanding Hq Btry, 64th AAA Bn in Yokohama.

Founders Day Dinner at Fort Benning brought out quite a contingent of '51: Dave Abshire, Frank Bashore, Joe Clarke, Joe Clemons, George Gividen, Jim Guyer, Ken Herring, Tom Hastings, Dean Johnson, Garland Owens, Nort Parks, Pat Patillo, Joe Rawlings, Bill Richardson, Roscoe Robinson, Howie Steele, Walt Steidl, John Ward, Sandy Weyand, and Charlie Walker.

Red Forrester and wife dropped in on Dean and Marilyn Johnson at Benning after finishing Guided Missiles School. Red is going back to Fort Bliss for a tour there.

Buzz Aldrin recently finished 14 weeks at the Squadron Officers School at Maxwell AFB and in the company of Pat Ryan, Bud Bacon, Jack Craigie, Dave Schlatter, Willie Cuthbertson, Jack Gordon, Bob Jacobs, and Pete Cook. Sounds like old home week in the Air Force. Buzz has been assigned as aide to the Dean of Academics at the Air Force Academy, temporarily at Lowry AFB. Also due at the Academy as instructors are Rudy Prince and Ted Post. Buzz bumped into Hal and Dorothy Shultz just reporting into Nellis AFB.

Just before leaving Columbus both Frank and Nancy Fischl and Jack Gordon were over for some gruel and biscuits. I don't want to be accused of any slander but that guy Fischl and cars is like Benny and his Maxwell. Jack was in town getting his furniture on the way to Westover AFB where he's on PCS.

A nice note from Jim Semmens shows he and Lil, Pud and Joan Keesling, and Dan and Jean Myers all at Fort Holabird in CIC school. Pud will be on his way to Fort Bragg and Dan to Philadelphia. Incidentally, Jim has two daughters now, Terri Dee and Debra Lee. Al, attended a reunion at Fort Meade and quaffed a few with Godfrey Crowe, there with the 3rd Arm Cav Regt. Jim recently saw Bill Lackman, now ExO of A Co., 3rd Inf Regt at Fort Myer.

A note from Dan Foldberg shows him pretty much on the go with the Ranger Dept, TIS, as a Tac Off. He's assigned to the Mountain Training Camp and was writing from the Swamp Camp in Florida. Charlie Walker has been in the act as an Aggressor down that way. Tom Hastings was just finishing up the Ranger Course at the time. Understand Shy Meyer is now a proud papa and that Bill Givens is doing nicely with an aluminum company in sunny California.

A lot of school orders show quite a few students about now. At Iowa State we find Larry Crocker, Al Frick, Pete Pazderka, Al Esser, Dick Wells and Chuck Ewing. At the U. of Illinois Dave Bills, John Cousins, John Daigh, Harry Lombard, and Dick Schwarz are representing the class. Tom Stumm finds himself by himself at Purdue. Here at MIT there is a small mob: George Harman, Ron Roberge, Fred Rockwell, Ed Willis, John Moffat, Ernie Peixotto, Chief Bicher, Al Costanzo, Marv Krupinsky, Jack Schweizer, and Pete Thomas.

While in Granite City not too long ago, I had two pleasant evenings, one with Al and Jean Esser then with the St. Louis District, and one with Bill and Marilyn Schooley. Bill is beginning work towards a patent law career and will shortly enter St. Louis University.

A very fine letter from Anne Hampton notes that Fred is now aide to General Landry at Hamilton AFB in California. Fred has been at the job for some time first at MacDill, and then at Barksdale AFB. While at MacDill they saw Gerry and Frances Dingman and Steve Taylor. Pop, still aide to General Mooney is now at Lake Charles AFB. Bill Barnett visited at Barksdale. A letter from Pete Matthews showed him still in Japan, occasionally ferrying planes to the States. Fred found himself the youngest grad at Founders Day at the Presidio and consequently made a few brief remarks, "The Point had not gone to hell as of June 1951".

Quite a group in the Belvoir vicinity at this writing and partied recently at the Jesters. Bert and Guy are now off on an assignment to the Fort Worth District. At the party were Bill and Alice Stockdale, Bill now with the Engr test unit; the John Daighs, John with BOMOP; Bob and Betty Vincent, Bob with Hq TES; the Dave Carters, Dave now aiding MG Prentiss; Dan and Noreen Wardrop, Dan still with the local AAA missile battalion; and Ev and Nancy Parkins who recently bought a new home in the area. Glenn and Jo McChristian couldn't be there but are very much at Belvoir. Larry Dosh and family recently arrived. Larry is expecting to be assigned to the Dept of Engr, TES.

That wraps it up for this trip. Don't fail to write Lieutenant R. L. Harris, 362 Lexington St., Fairfield Gardens, Watertown 72, Massachusetts.

—*Buck.*

1952

After three years of hard work and personal effort in making the 1952 column so popular with our class, "Willy" Ross has turned this column over to me. Willy will soon be on the way to Germany (10th Division) with Barbara and the girls (2). A sincere vote of thanks from the entire class to you Willy.

Letters received to date show that Austria is a very popular place with Jim Maloney. Jim and Jeri announced the arrival of Susan Elizabeth on 11 October at Salzburg Army Hospital, making it two girls. Jim is Assistant S-3 of 70th Engineer Battalion at Saalfelden, Austria. Bill and Judy Mitchell are with the 349th Heavy Mortar Co., after Bill served as aide to General Hoy for a year. Dan McMahon was instructing at USFA's Mountain Training Center, high in the Alps. Others in Austria are Carl and May Broadbent, and newly arrived Bryan (25 February) with the 63rd Signal Bn; Pete King, a bachelor, 72nd Heavy Mortar Co; and Jay and Ruth Luther. Jay is Asst. S-2 with the 1st Engineer Bn. of the 1st Division. Ralph Zellem and family are in Augsburg with the 21st FA. Also heard that Buster Brown and Pat are in Baumholder, Germany. Jimmy and Ginny Campbell are looking forward to return to the states soon from the 11th Inf. Regt. at Augsburg.

Janet Bethea, writing for Dave and herself, reports Dave is Assistant S-3, 1st Battalion, 350th Inf. at Salzburg. They are probably the parents of a second child by now—a confirmation in the next issue! The Pendletons (cup winners) were up for Founders Day from Leghorn. Norbert Szymczyk recently joined the 394th Mortar Co. from Trieste. Outside of lots of field duty the "Austrian" officers seem to "have it made"—good quarters, etc.

In the Far East we find Joe Jaggers (29th Inf) and wife at Camp Buckner, on Okinawa, looking forward to stateside duty this fall. Warren Spaulding and family are there too. Harry Wagner is with the 25th Division in Hawaii; Charlie Hoenstein is in the 61st F.A. in Japan. No details are available. Bob Holmes is Asst S-3 with 17th Regt, still in Korea. News from the Far East is scarce.

Stateside news shows Scotty Shipe on the retired list for disability. Sorry to

hear that Scotty. Best of luck in your new endeavors. Scott and Rosalie are at 5934 Woodland Ave, St. Louis, and offer a standing invitation to any of the class in the area or passing through. Scotty is now doing graduate work at St. Louis University majoring in Latin American Social Sciences. A true engineer at last.

Bill Copthorne is now with the Doctrine and Systems Division at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Within hailing distance are Dave Piske and Whit Brown. Glad to hear all are stateside once again.

Wuzzy Scaman and Chuck Luther are on their way to the cold country after a year and a half at Portland, Oregon. Chuck is heading for Goose Bay and Wuzzy is going to Anchorage in the Alaskan Air Command. Both are flying F-89D interceptors, and contributed 10 hits apiece when their 497th FIS recently set the Air Force Squadron rocket gunnery record. Nice shooting, eh!

Bob Rutte is now at Nellis Air Force Base, teaching F-86 gunnery when he isn't seeing the sights in Las Vegas.

Ivan and Evelyn Mechtly produced David Eugene on 23 April 1955 at Fort Meade—second child, first boy. Ivan now is with Baltimore District Engineers. Swede Berry is married! The happy couple is at Tyndall Al Lawrence and Nancy are settled now in Spokane, Washington with the Area Engineers. Metz Seebach is living at home in Washington, D. C., under treatment by Walter Reed Hosptial and showing great improvement, and would like to hear from all of the class. Mike Boos and Frank Allen assisted in Gil Scott's wedding in Washington last winter. Bob Dunn is still a Company Commander at Dix and working very hard.

The Nichols (Steve) announced the birth of a second son (no date given) recently at Fort Bragg. Tom Rehm reports a shortage of girls at Hood.

Ray Norton is now a member of the Hughes Research and Development, Culver City, California. Sounds like a civilian. Send us the news Ray.

Reports of Korean awards still pour in. Kermit Swanson got the Bronze Star. He is now B.C. 485th AAA Bn. at Fort Sheridan. Congrats! Dick Shea's wife was in Washington 16 May to receive Dick's CMH. The class is respectfully proud of Dick. Dave Lyon, Leo Lennon and Frank Allen were there for the ceremony and Secretary Stevens and General Ridgway presented the medal.

John Misch is scheduled to go with the 10th Division in June to Germany. Frank Allen recently returned from leave in Europe. He reported a fine time was had by all.

Heard from Lou Snyder (Bill's wife) that Bill is home from Korea and they are settled in Tacoma, Washington with the 2nd Div. Joe Santilli, Terry Allen and Tom Broden (Brodinski) are also there at Lewis.

The Tanguys (don't know where) are expecting a second child. John Garver is still in Panama. Lou Tomasetti is with the 3rd Div. at Benning. Ray and Betty Espey with Johnny, and expecting another, are at Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Ray is instructing in the Ranger School.

Attention Class of 1952! A new monument for KIA in Korea is to be erected at the Academy. Cost will be prorated to classes. '52 has indicated approval. If you know of KIA's not already mentioned please notify Ken Simonet or me.

As I mentioned, Willy Ross turned this column over to me, Dave Lyon, starting with this issue. For simplicity please send all letters to me at 35 Ramsdell Avenue, Roslindale, Massachusetts. Mary, Bobby and I are presently in transit to Lafayette, Indiana where I am taking civil schooling at Purdue. Just left Fort Myer, Virginia where Leo and Claire Lennon are soon expecting a little Lennon. Leo is with the 3rd Inf. Honor Guard Co.

Hope '52 will write lots of letters. Please include info you have on other classmates. There are several Sack-oids no one has heard of for 3 years. Congrats to all the new parents and those celebrating anniversaries. Welcome greetings go to the new wives who have joined our class.

That's all for this time. Start talking up the reunion in '57. Hope to see you all there.

Deadline for news is 10 June, September, December, March.

—*Dave.*

1953

It gives me great pleasure to finally introduce to the Class, our God-son and his parents. The cup was presented to the Zipps Saturday the 2nd of April 1955 in Nuremberg, Germany, at a presentation party. In the picture you will see that Charles Albert, III is quite a large boy,

PRESENTATION OF 1953 CLASS CUP

Charles and Margaret Ann Zipp, holding the Class God-son, Charles Albert, III, are presented with the '53 Cup in Nuremberg, Germany.

being over a year old. Those attending the party besides the Zipp family were: John and Betty Bringham, Bob and Sue Fernandez, Tom McKenna, and Ed Dinges and Delores Condon. Glenn Schweitzer was expected, however he was in the hospital recovering from a knee operation. During the party, he telephoned to extend his best wishes from the hospital in Stuttgart.

News floating around at the party was: Walt Henderson and John Toman are now in Hawaii. Walt was married recently. Bob Barton is in Ulm. "Red Dog" Smith and the Art Ackermans are in Schwabach. Mort O'Connor and wife are the proud parents of a son, Sean Tenane, born March 5 in Nuremberg. Art Brown is in Hokenfels. Margaret Ann saw in the "Army Times" that the following men have orders for Germany: H. B. Dierdorff, Bob Scofield, Sarkis Semerjian, John Cooper, J. H. Crerar, P. D. Tomlinson, Bill Dean.

Dave Motycka sent news from the 46th FA in Germany. He has seen Bill Sutton, who became a father a few months ago; Bill Harris, who is a General's aide; Hank Purcell, George Waters, Don Shaw and Frank Mleko, all of whom are in Augsburg. Dave has run into Larry and Vi Davis, Dick Tchon and Bill Cole in Ulm. Dave is executive officer of B Battery. He states he is still a bachelor.

Bob Alexander wrote from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where he is an aide to the MAAG chief. Bob came down from the 4th ID. While there, he was with Frank Kincaid, Ralph Greer, Stan Touchstone, Dick New, Hal Myrah and Frank Nerone. Bob also saw Jim Loedding in Frankfurt. Jim is an aide to General Bell of the V Corps. Bob had a letter from George Waters who is in the 5th Inf. Div. helping run a long range Patrol School. Stan Wielga is Commandant of the school, Waters is the executive officer, Art Cates is the chief instructor, and Leroy Ades is an instructor.

Sarrel Saffer sent news from New York before she left to join Mort in France. Mort is an observer in B-57's and left the end of May to go to Laon, France with the 38th Bomber Wing. Sarrel let me know that Roland Sullivan and his wife Barbara have twin sons. They are now in Japan. Bob Bartlett, his wife Carol and son are with the District Engineers in Plattsville, New York. Rick Gilmartin, his wife Joyce and his son are also with the Engineers in Boston, Massachusetts. Jim Dade, his wife Barbara and son are in Montgomery, Alabama. Jim is an observer in the C-97th.

Bill Horton dropped me a line just before his tour of duty was over in Korea. He left there the end of April for his next assignment with the District Engineers in New York City. Regarding the other men who were near Bill in Korea, Rod Smith is going to the District Engineers in Buffalo, and J. P. Maher is going to the same duty in Galveston, Texas.

Charlie Bishop sent a little news from Tyndall AFB. He is going through all-weather interceptor school with Ray Battle and Bob Beaucond. Charlie and his wife Pat are the proud parents of a son Paul born the middle of March. Jimmy Jones and Jean added to the sets of twins in our Class with twin daughters born in June 1954. Other births I have heard about are: to Andy and Susie Simko, a girl Debora Sue; to the R. H. Nutters, a girl Elizabeth Ann; to the Clifford Worthys, a boy; to John and Barbara Jones, a girl Vicki Irene; to Ed and Betty Davis, a boy; to Bob and Millie Albert, a boy Robert Steven, born April 14, 1955; to the H. J. Suttons, III a little girl Melissa Dawn; Keith and Jo Ellen Born, another little girl Kathleen Susan; to Don and Connie Schmidt, a boy David born at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; to Sam Fisher and Joan, a boy Sandy born in January 1955; to William T. Crim and wife, a son William Talmadge, Jr., born January 31, 1955; to the Duffy Martins, a son born in December.

Dan Christman sent his first letter since graduation. He is stationed in "Jolly Old England" with the AAA. Tom Hoffman, Bob and Ginny Joyce, Lowell Skidmore, Graham and Norma McIntyre, Ken Thompson and wife are there also. Dan has put in a transfer to Armor since he missed that branch by one file at the Class drawing. Dan writes he and the boys are living it up over there since there is no space for them in the B.O.Q. Dan is forced to live in a 400 year old house about 5 miles from the base, and in Dan's own words, it is making the tour "smashing".

My ex-roommate Bob Karns and his wife Marilyn finally wrote from Foster AFB in

Victoria, Texas. Bob is there with Lindsay, Johnny Jones and Fred Taylor to name a few. Fred had a flame out at 40,000 feet in April and got out in the nick of time but hurt his back. He has about a four month stay in the hospital. Hope you are feeling better by now, Fred. Your wife, little son, and daughter must have missed you.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of a member of our Class. Jack Pimental lost his life while flying an F-86 at Foster AFB. Jack is survived by his wife Cathy and daughter Louisa. He rests at Arlington Cemetery in Washington. With further regrets I report that Dusty and Barbara Rhodes' baby girl Linda, almost five months old, passed away suddenly in April. Regretfully I report that Jack and Pat Johns little girl Julie eight months old passed away last February. In the name of the Class I wish to extend our deepest sympathy.

C. B. Hutchinson sent news from Europe and especially Austria. He is at present S-3 of the 11th AAA Bn. With Hutch is Bob Boxell. They are in the process of deactivating in preparation for moving. Hutch thinks he is going to Worms, Germany where "Wemo" and Marie Wubbena and Chuck Tighe are located. Hutch reports that those going to Italy are: Craig and Joan Coverdale, Tom and Lynn Davis, Ken Sweeney, Rocky Ventrella, Bill Prince, Ray Condor, Jo Wilson and Jack and Pat Johns. Hutch saw Al Tardiff, who is stationed in Ladsburg, Germany.

Millie Albert wrote from Fort Hood with the news that Bob received orders for Mannheim, Germany after being at Fort Hood since November of '53. Bob is being assigned to the 57th Tank Battalion in the 2nd AD. Rick Vandermere received orders for Austria. Bob Zargan is leaving for Panama and Jimmy Pigg for Germany.

Cliff Neilson wrote from Fort Benning, Georgia where he is one of the last two members of '53 permanently stationed. The other '53 being Sam Fisher. Both Cliff and Sam are in the 3rd Divarty. Sam recently won the Div. Pistol Championship for the second year. The following have recently left the Div. or soon will: Jay Tanzer to Ranger School and then on to the 3rd Armd. Divarty, Ray Lesinski, Gayter Vernon, J. O. Cooper, Scotty Crerar and Paul Tomlingson to Europe, Corky Nordgren to Panama. The following all recently received European orders: Bert Fuller, Gene Seegmuller, and Bob Glasgow. Incidentally, Scotty Crerar is engaged to marry John O's sister. Wayne Alch was married to Mary Anne Geraghty on June 18, in Saint Louis.

It's really swell to be hearing from so many of you for the first time. I had been thinking about setting up a lost and found dept. Molly and Bert Fuller wrote from Fort Benning. Since February '54 Bert has been with the Heavy Mortar Co. 29th Inf. Soon Molly and Bert will be leaving for Augsburg, Germany.

Joan Walters wrote that Monty will be be leaving for Austria soon and she will join him as soon as she can. Fred Glauner is enroute to Alaska but stopped at Portland to be married on May 21, to Gertrude L. Plambeck. Bud Ellis is in Germany and Monty Lowry left for Korea. Ruth Brain wrote from her home. She and little Sally weren't able to join Tom in Japan since his division, the 24th, was transferred back to Korea. Tom is now Bn S-3 with the 52nd FA Bn. Joe Rears is a Btry CO in the 52nd. John Smythe is on his way to the F. E. Frank and Deani Gay are still in Orlando, Florida. They spent time in the Bahamas recently.

Bill Jewell sent news from the Canal Zone, where he found himself assigned to the 504th FA Bn when he arrived in November. The armored unit he was with was deactivated 14 days before he arrived. Mike Cousland's fate was the same and he is Ex O of B Battery of the 504th FA Bn. Dick Hoyt and his wife Liz have been in the Canal Zone since about August. Dick is Ex O of C Battery. The 33rd Infantry Regiment is loaded with '53ers. Bob Rogers just moved to Kobbe from Fort Davis. Tony DeLuca is 1st Bn. Adj. at Kobbe. He has a son Tom born in December. Cliff Landry is S-2 of 2nd Bn of the 33rd. Lou Kaufman is in the Tank Co. of the 33rd. Doug Kimball got down in January and is in one of the line companies. Jim Jackson is in the 26th Eng. Bn. Don Meyer is an S-3 in the 2nd Bn. Doc Viereck is in one of the line companies. Gene Fitzsimmons is with the AAA at Fort Clayton. Jim Miley is with the 3rd Bn over at Fort Davis along with Jerry Dresner. Bachelors are: Mike Cousland, Bob Rogers, Doc Viereck and Doug Kimball. Will be interested to hear about the addition to the Jewell family expected in May.

The following whereabouts were obtained from P.I.O. sources: Bill Stinson is in southern Germany in the 9th Inf. Div., Fred Smith is a member of the Korean military group in Seoul, Ken Heitzke received a Commendation Ribbon in Korea, John Wise took part in the Army's exercise Desert Rock the 6th in Nevada and was an observer at the final atomic explosion of the '55 series.

Earl Chambers sent in a few notes from AAA in El Monte, California. He was married to Nancy Reynolds of El Paso, Texas, on the 24th of June. He has talked to Lew Andrews who is in the AF at Travis. Earl, Don Fuqua, and Al Merritt are still Ex O's in a NIKE outfit in Los Angeles. Bob Thomas has a company in the 7th Div. in Korea. He is the only officer in the company so he must have some headaches. I'm sorry Earl but I have not heard from Jack Burns so I cannot contact him for you.

I attended the Founders Day Dinner here in Chicago, but much to my amazement I was the only member representing '53. Luckily, there was a young Second Lieutenant from '54 who showed up and he was forced to give the speech as well as do many other menial chores. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your many messages of best wishes to Emily and me on our marriage. The wedding went off without a hitch, we are very happy, and we are almost settled in our little apartment. My address will remain, probably for quite some time; Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. I hope to hear from many more of you in the next three months. Best of luck to everyone.

—*Jeff.*

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Greetings to '54 on its first anniversary. As the class settles down with one year under its belt, your letters are really pouring in at the news center here. So, thanks for the grand response.

The Winner of the Cup: is Chris Eric Tomsen. Our godson weighed in at 4 pounds and 9 ounces at 0531 on 19 January, and took Dorothy and Tiny "very unduly by surprise". Here's how it feels to be the father of this distinguished young gentleman: "He arrived at a very awkward time, right in the middle of jump school at Benning. . . Coming when he did took considerable worry out of the process—we hadn't even started to cut down on our visiting and general activities. . . Dorothy hadn't gathered very many baby clothes or the like . . . a little sweat for a short time, but now all is back to normal. He's growing like a weed, and we're really proud of him".

Dave Scott writes that the Cup is in the custody of Herff-Jones waiting for engraving instructions. Arrangements have been made for a proper presentation of the Cup to the Tomsens at Fort Campbell.

Class Additions: please pardon the collective treatment of these very important junior members of '54. At this time 32 babies have been reported: 24 boys and 8 girls. These young ladies will have it made.

Boys in March—to Ann and Alan Devereaux, Natalie and Charlie Andreas, Bea and Fritz Anklam, Joan and Bill Allan, Kathy and Loren Hart, Helen and Chuck Wilson, and Joyce and Les Kirshner; in April—to Dot and Craig Mehaffey, Etta Mae and Bill Hannon (He wasn't the fustest, but he sure is the mostest—10 pounds, 6 ounces, and "he has hands and feet just like his old man"), Fran and Lee Thackwray, Cornelia and Jim Kriegh, Sally and Bill Paul, Marlene and Jim Scovel, and Helene and Don Alameda; in May—to Johanna and Don York, and Eleanor and Frank Swenney; date unknown—to Thelma and Bob Goodwin, Lee and Jim Hayes, and Betty and Bob Ley.

Girls: on February 26 the first lady of '54 arrived to Lou and Glenn Creath; in April—to Mary and Bob Linton, Barbara and Don Porter, Mary and Jim Fraher, Ann and Vince Suppicich, and Bee and Bob Fromm; and in May—to Jo and Jack Kincaid.

Life in the Air Force: seems to be characterized by mixed feelings. The aviation program is just the greatest. But, Texas—no place to go, nothing to do, and what hot, windy, dusty weather. However, by August and September all expect to be graduated and off to advanced schools in healthier climes.

At Greenville Air Force Base: Scotty Wetzel and Rudy Wacker are squiring in town with two crabtown boys. They're quite proud of their domesticity: little cottage with garden, lawn, flowers, and a maid in to do the cleaning once a week.

At Webb Air Force Base: life in the "dust bowl" is a rather sad existence for bachelors. But the program again is the one bright spot in the blowing dust, as "everybody is quite satisfied with the program . . . we spend two months in T-28's and then three months in jets".

Random Air Notes: John Weiler has turned up in the Office of Special Investigations —the FBI of the Air Force. Now in Washington, D. C., for a ten-week course, John wears civilian clothes all the time, his rank is confidential, and "it's all a very sneaky sort of private eye deal, and I love it". Sam Mathews and Kev McKay were graduated from jump school in March and are now serving with combat control teams at Donaldson AFB in Greenville, South Carolina. They jump first and then guide the infantrymen in. After dreaming of multis for four years, Leon Bryant decided on jets at the last minute while held over at Hondo. Now at Webb AFB, Leon and Bobbie lucked out with a house next to the main gate, furnished right down to a TV set, sewing machine, and shot gun in the closet. One last note, a rumor—Bob Muns and Ann Smith of Tucson are making big plans. Thanks for the rumor, Bob.

Over There: John Marcus is commandant of the 160th Group's NCO Academy in Stuttgart, Germany, "A real soft job with the emphasis on chicken, and I am becoming amazingly proficient at just that commodity . . . today passed out 345 demerits on the Woo Poo scale . . . think I shall institute the slug with confinements as the reward". And he's only in the signal corps. Ben Schemmer is with B Co., 43rd Armored Inf. Bn. Ben was a rifle platoon leader for two days, then became exec officer to find six first lieutenants in the adjacent company glaring at him with very green eyes. As many others, Ben is mess officer, supply officer, administration officer, records management officer, morale officer, unit fund officer, etc ad infinitum. All that plus a "tough CO—relieved five company commanders in the past four months".

Then There's Concurrent Travel: "We had a nice trip over except Bill was sea sick (I wasn't, and that made him furious) and we both had the flu as did everyone on board . . . but we did have a wonderful time between illnesses". But the worst is yet to come. "We arrived in Munich on Tuesday. Bill processed on Wednesday and Thursday morning. We moved into our apartment on Thursday afternoon. Friday morning Bill left for a ten day maneuver". Even class presidents are susceptible to good deals.

The Overseas Roundup: Clark Benn left Fort Carson for a two-month demolition course at Fort Belvoir, and then over to Europe in June. Ben Breslauer was scheduled for the same, but a shoulder operation at Walter Reed Hospital kept him stateside. Andre Broumas is playing and coaching soccer with his battalion team, "but honestly, will never be in shape again". Jim and Lee Hayes and son have port call for Germany on 14 July. Fritz Anklam leaves Fort Campbell for Austria in July, but no concurrent travel, Mel Remus is with the 299th Engineers in Hoerst; George Chancellor is in the 14th Armored FA Bn at Baumholder. Floyd and Jane Siefferman like life in Germany. But Dave Dimick complains of having not much more than sleeping time, and not always that. To aggravate matters Dave's bride is still stateside waiting for orders.

Down There: Twelve of the troops are in the "Banana Army" in the Canal Zone. The bachelors—Jerry Anderson, Dunc Beaumont, Bob Downen, Bob Hunt, and Dick Baughman—have somewhat of a problem getting dates, for not many of the white ones are to be found. However, Frank Hart met a girl on the boat to the Canal Zone. She lives in Balboa (15 minutes from Fort Kobbe) and is the only white girl within 100 miles. Reports say that Frank is currently ruining his health seeing her; also ruined his car one nite on the way home —fell asleep at the wheel. But Frank's in action again.

The married folks at Fort Kobbe—the Bob Blaisdells, Buzz Grants, Bob Ellises, Chuck Browns, and Jack Hinckes — are rather pleased with life in the 33d Inf. Regt. on the Pacific side of the Isthmus near Panama City. "The only thorn on the bush is the six weeks each year that one's battalion spends at the Jungle War Training Camp. And believe me, when they say jungle, that's exactly what they mean: monkeys, boas, jungle itch, et al".

Our Allies: Ramon Aguilar and Bernie Serrano returned to Venezuela after graduation, became cadets all over again—in the Venezuelan Military Academy — and graduated with the class of '54, this time on July 6th. The next day they were on a plane to the states. Aggie credits it all to "using the right word, at the right time, to the right person"—something he can do in any language. He and Bernie have just graduated from R.P.I. as civil engineers. Now back to Venezuela on 15 July.

To the Altar: to participate in a great institution: Chet Piolunek and Monica Blair on 19 February at Hyde Park, Massachusetts; Jack Beringer and Joan Self on 12 March at Colorado Springs; Dick Hobbs and Diane Owens Weipert on 31 March at Fort Benning; Bill Welsh and Anne Harrell on 2 April at Washington, D. C.; Bill Klein and Carolyn Lindsey Purdue (Bill's sister) on May 7 at Fort Benning; Mark Ormsby and Marilyn Crawford on 7 May at Kokomo, Indiana; Pete Witteried on 4 June and Steve Avery on 10 June, but no info on their brides; Dick Grifenhagen and Vera Katz on 12 June at Columbus, Georgia; Skip Forman and Susie Jane Hart on 18 June at Frankfurt au Main, Germany; and Ed Knoff and Betty Newberry on 25 June at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The Celebrity: of the summer is the Army's leading movie actor—'54's own Jim Burris. The Signal Corps has starred Jim as the jumping platoon leader in "The Airborne Soldier".

Good Deal of the Year: goes to Bill and Marie Weafer. Now roughing it at Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, in September they adjourn to a Nike site at Woburn, Massachusetts for a three-year tour. Not only is this Bill's and Marie's hometown, but the Nike site is right on the same street on which Bill's family lives.

Financial Report: comes from Dave Scott. The class fund, with all expenses paid, is settled down in the Highland Falls bank. "It stands at $4,221.33—which should draw enough interest for us to have a pretty fair reunion in 1964."

Quotable Quotes: from your letters on the ups and downs of Army life. On the 82nd. "Rising at 0330 is one of the small objections I have to this life. The Honor Guard of America has a habit of wandering off to the boondocks at all hours of the night. But it's a good, clean life and keeps me out of mischief—so out of mischief that I could scream".

From Germany: "Spent part of last night teaching Mitzi, our maid, to spit shine shoes a la Woo Poo. She's quite a gal: cleans my room every morning, darns socks, shines shoes, washes and presses clothes, asks no questions about anything, and somehow goes everywhere on the run". More yet, "Just paused to fill the glass . . . Haig and Haig Pinch which is awfully expensive at $2.85 a fifth . . . but would gladly pay my $8.50 for Pinch in return for one commodity—American Women".

From the Crops of Engineers: "When I first arrived at Fort Carson after branch school and airborne, they shipped me to Camp Hale for cold weather training and —field duty. After that is was Bivouac in a section of 'Colorful Colorado' called Tarryall for—field duty. Since then I've gotten orders for the Far East—that means Korea and 18 months of field duty".

On "Funny little Memorandums from 'Higher Headquarters'": "Forward observers will not shiver on cold days while on the observation post. This practice is conducive to lowered morale". And a real gem, "All personnel with mustaches less than six months old will shave same off. Commanders will ascertain effective date of mustache and take appropriate action".

Life in the AAA: seems to mean isolation from the Army, or civilization, or both. Jim Williams, now a battery commander outside Philadelphia, has his own plush apartment and is quite pleased with life. Mark Ormsby is battery commander of the newest Nike site in Chicago. Scattered about Seattle, Washington, are Fred and Bonnie Bartlit, Pete and Terry Jones, and Pete Pilet on their own private islands. Art Sirkis and Tom De Simone are at Chicago, Don Geiger at Norfolk, Pete McCloskey at Fort Myer, Paul Jenkins and Bob Marcrum at Fort Meade, Tom and Kathy Flaherty at Saugus, Massachusetts, and Don Porter is attending Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss.

News from Tankers: says that at Fort Bragg, "The work isn't too hard, but they're running us down with parties". These long-suffering souls are bachelors Jim Brodt, Bill Acers, and Ed Moses, and Bob and Betty Ley, and Bob and Carole Reed. With the 11th Abn. Div. are Ted Neu and Warren Palmer. At Fort Knox are Jack and Joan Beringer, Bob and Pat Wells, Ed and Carolyn Roderick, and Ed and Joan Hart.

Troop Roundup: leads off with a battle story. First Lieutenant Jim Hayes (as of 4 December '54) is CO of B Company, 78th Engrs., and has only one officer, a handful of sergeants, and a 30-man cadre to put 120 trainees thru 8 weeks of field engineering training.

On the 3d Div. pistol team Norm Mattmuller ranked second and Larry Willner third. Larry and John Eckhardt of the 82nd fired on the 3d Army pistol team, and "had a great time while it lasted".

At a Founders Day celebration at Fort Campbell, Lou Bahin, Jesse Moore, Bill Almon, George Guy, Fritz Anklam, Lou Mentillo, Jack Miller, and Tiny Tomsen "had one tremendous brawl, but it was really a fine gathering". As the youngest grad present, Tiny (No. 605) was called upon to give a speech. He did admirably well.

About 50 members of '54 have arrived at Fort Lewis, Washington, — most of them just in time for two months of maneuvers with the 2d Div at Yakima. Just a few are: Bill and Etta Mae Hannon, Charlie and Natalie Andreas, Les and Joyce Kirshner, George and Patti Storck, Jim and Loretta Cooper, Lowell and Mary Ellen Toreson, Wally and Mary Ellen Christensen, Jim and Joan Sloan, Corky Gabbert, and Wes Gheen".

Thespians are Dick and Jo Renfro in all the plays at Fort Bragg. But Bob Hunt was not acting when he tackled a rope bridge in the mountain phase of ranger training and banged up an ankle.

An Invitation: is issued to all relatives and friends of '54 to volunteer news of the class. Don York's mother, Mrs. Arthur A. York, wrote from home in Asheville, North Carolina, with assorted bits of news.

A Suggestion: is urged on all of '54. John Tilley sent a change of address notice to say that he's home on leave, waiting for an APO number for his USAREUR assignment. That's form DD 415. Just put one in the mail when you get orders; your name and address will be printed in the column, and maybe an old roommate will be inspired to drop you a line.

My sincere thanks to the class for the privilege of being news rep. This job gave me the courage to enter the writing and publishing field as a news editor with McGraw-Hill Publishing Company—an exciting position with a fine outfit.

Thanks for all your congratulations, but marriage means a new address. Keep up your grand correspondence. About 1 September write to: James G. Plunkett, Apt. 2-K, No. 1 Hawley Terrace, Yonkers, New York. Thanks.

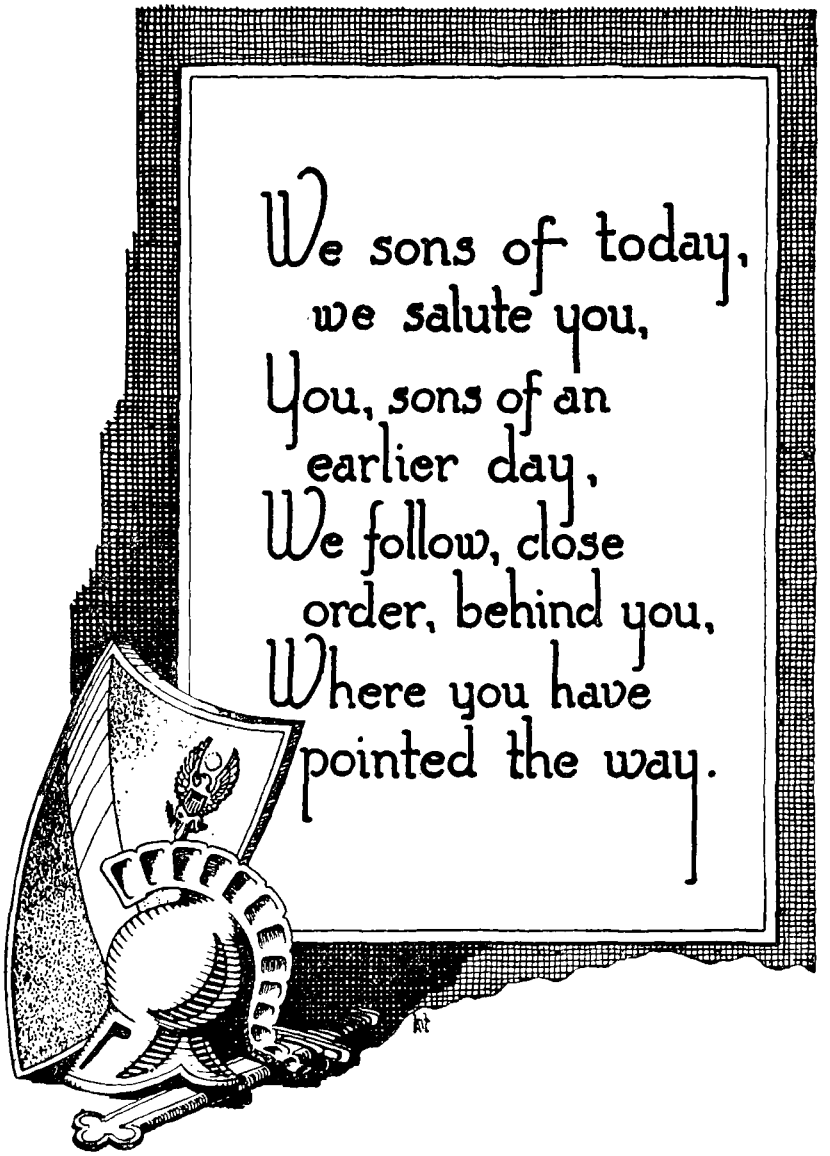
—*Jim.*

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Aprill 1955 ASSEMBLY.

Name	Class	Date	Place
Peyton C. March	1888	April 13, 1955	Washington, D. C.
John C. L. Rogge	Ex-1890	March 31, 1955	Salem, New York
Albert B. Donworth	1891	February 27, 1955	New Haven, Connecticut
Julius T. Conrad	1892	March 30, 1955	Washington, D. C.
Charles P. Summerall	1892	May 14, 1955	Washington, D. C.
William W. Hamilton	1898	July 29, 1954	Cary, North Carolina
Fred C. Doyle	1900	April 17, 1955	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Fred E. Shnyder	1903	April 7, 1955	St. Albans, New York
Harry Hawley	1904	May 12, 1955	Coral Gables, Florida
Irving J. Phillipson	1904	April 4, 1955	Barcelona, Spain
William A. Beach	1910	May 12, 1955	Fort Belvoir, Virginia
James B. Coleman	Ex-1910	February 24, 1955	Vienna, Austria
Charles A. King, Jr.	1913	May 24, 1955	Baltimore, Maryland
Dana Palmer	1913	November 13, 1954	White Plains, New York
James K. Tully	April 1917	April 6, 1955	Washington, D. C.
Joseph C. Kovarik	June 1918	May 10, 1955	Arlington, Virginia
Ricardo Poblete	1924	July 31, 1954	Pasay City, Philippine Islands
Edmund K. Daley	1928	April 23, 1955	Tripoli, North Africa
Thomas R. Lynch	1929	April 11, 1955	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
Othel R. Deering	1930	October 30, 1954	Germany
Claude E. Jurney	1930	April 3, 1955	Kingman, Kansas
Jack Roberts	1935	June 2, 1955	Grand Lake, Colorado
Carroll D. Wood	1937	May 17, 1955	Reno, Nevada
William C. Jackson, Jr.	1938	May 25, 1955	Near Sendai, Japan
Thomas K. Tannler	June 1943	June 3, 1955	Hawaii
Marshall G. Coulter	1945	April 20, 1954	Van Nuys, California
Robert F. Carter	1946	May 3, 1955	Fort Benning, Georgia
James B. Furuholmen	1946	February 15, 1955	Jacksonville, North Carolina
John W. Vester	1946	May 31, 1951	Korea
Charles O. Wiedman	1946	February 16, 1955	Near Castro Valley, California
Park B. Herrick, Jr.	1947	October 6, 1954	Willows, California
Thomas G. Davis	1949	December 14, 1954	Tyndall AFB, Florida
Joseph A. Giddings, Jr.	1949	November 30, 1950	Korea
Milan Mosny	1949	January 6, 1955	Tokyo Bay, Japan
Wilbur J. Mueller	1949	June 1, 1951	Korea
Robert Shebat	1949	June 23, 1955	Quonset Point, Rhode Island
George M. Jachimczyk	Ex-1950	June 10, 1955	Korea
Richard T. Shea, Jr.	1952	July 8, 1953	Sokkogae, Korea

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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CARROLL, P. T.	1933	September 17, 1954	89
CAVENAUGH, H. LaT.	1895	October 30, 1954	78
CRAIN, H. F.	January 1943	December 25, 1944	91
JARMAN, S.	1908	October 15, 1954	85
LEWIS, J. M.	1920	April 19, 1954	88
LOGAN, W. B.	1933	December 20, 1954	90
LUTWACK, E. E.	1923	May 29, 1954	90
MacMILLAN, W. T.	1906	March 1, 1955	82
MARCH, P. C.	1888	April 13, 1955	77
McKINNEY, C. F.	1911	August 8, 1954	85
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PENCE, A. W.	November 1918	November 8, 1954	88
ROBERTSON, W. M.	1912	November 22, 1954	86
SCOTT, C. L.	1905	November 27, 1954	80
STANGLE, D. M.	January 1943	December 23, 1944	91
TRENT, J. C.	1950	November 15, 1950	93
WILLIAMS, M. McD., III	1946	September 11, 1950	92
WILLIFORD, F. E.	1906	March 17, 1955	83

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Peyton Conway March

NO. 3247 CLASS OF 1888

DIED APRIL 13, 1955, IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 90 YEARS.

PEYTON CONWAY MARCH was born in Easton, Pennsylvania on 27 December 1864, one of a family of seven children born to Francis Andrew and Mildred Stone March. His father was Professor of English at Lafayette College, well known and respected in academic and learned circles, and the author of the March Thesaurus Dictionary of the English Language. In this erudite but active atmosphere, Peyton was reared and he entered Lafayette College and graduated high in his class with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. From Lafayette, he entered the United States Military Academy, graduating with the Class of 1888.

On the 4th of July 1891, he married Josephine Smith Cunningham, who died on 18 November 1904, after having borne him five children. Only two survive, Mildred Millikin and Josephine Mary Swing. On the 25th of August 1923, in London, General March married Cora V. McEntee of New York, who shared his life from then until his death thirty-two years later.

While at Lafayette, Peyton March played first base on the baseball team, winning his letter and, according to some, his nickname of "Old Turf" Others tell that the nickname was given him by his teammates on the West Point football team where he played at end. Whatever the facts, it is characteristic of the man that few knew he had a nickname, and fewer still ever used it. While a member of the Lafayette football team, he established an intercollegiate record for distance in the drop kick which was to stand unbroken for more than thirty years.

Throughout his life he maintained his lively interest in sports, playing golf, tennis, and, when he was past forty and a major, shortstop on his officers' baseball team. He encouraged and supported polo and once remarked that officers could get "much essential education through that game" During his later years, one of his greatest pleasures was to follow the big league games avidly and authoritatively. He had an amazing memory for people and events, and I remember when he was eighty-five, a few of us were gathered at his home and were talking baseball. In particular, three of us were discussing an old-timer "third baseman of the Chicago team" who had been a favorite. Though not of our group, General March overheard the conversation, interrupted, and remarked "He *was* a fine player, but he played for Detroit, not Chicago"; and he was correct. Only competitive sports held interest for him, however, and once when his wife invited him to accompany his son-in-law on a hunting trip "for the sport of it", he firmly declined, saying "I only shoot at things that can shoot back".

Peyton March graduated from the Military Academy in 1888 to be commissioned an additional lieutenant of artillery. He advanced through all the grades to that of major general on 5 August 1917 and general on 20 May 1918. He reverted to major general on 1 July 1920 and was retired from active service on the first of November 1921. On 21 June 1930, he was advanced to full general, retired.

The military career and the numerous honors conferred on him are admirably detailed in General Orders 26 of the Department of the Army, dated 14 April 1955, in which the Chief of Staff of the Army announced with deep regret his death which occurred at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington on the afternoon of the 13th of April 1955. With him at his side when death came, as she had been for many years, was his beloved wife, Cora.

Many honors came to him over the long span of his life, but one of which he was particularly proud was his selection as a first lieutenant, to command the Astor Battery, the mountain artillery unit raised, equipped, and offered to the government by Colonel John Jacob Astor for service in the Philippines. In June of 1898, he sailed for the Philippines with this battery and moved through various commands, serving with distinction in numerous engagements. On 5 December 1899, he received the surrender of General Venancio Concepcion, Chief of Staff to Aguinaldo, at Cayan.

In June of 1903, he was one of the small number of officers called to Washington as a member of the first War Department General Staff. The small size of the General ~~Staff to Aguinaldo, at Cayan.~~

later, he was selected as one of three official observers of the Russo-Japanese war, accompanying the Japanese Army in Manchuria.

In March of 1918, General March was brought back to this country from his post as commander of the artillery of the American Expeditionary Forces in France and detailed as Acting Chief of Staff, United States Army. On 20 May 1918, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Army and, under his direction, the Army successfully completed the first World War, and was converted to peacetime status. During this time, "the keynote of his administration", to use his own words, was "to get men to France", and he amazed the Germans and Allies by ferrying nearly two million men across. Again, to use his own words, "swimming was about the only means we did not use"

He was stern and outspoken, his orders were very concise, and he expected and appreciated work well done. He was a loyal man of highest principles which he steadfastly refused to compromise, no matter what the pressure, and his whole life of ninety years represented that of a great soldier and a great American. He lived to see proven and confirmed many of the principles for which he staunchly stood, so often in the face of bitter opposition and, indeed, recrimination. Among his accomplishments which have stood the test of time, these notable ones were instituted immediately after he became Chief of Staff: On the 7th of August 1918, he issued an order consolidating all the land forces into one Army, The United States Army. Prior to this time, there existed the Regular Army, the National Guard, and the National Army, each wearing distinctively different insignia; he organized and established Replacement Training Camps for furnishing combat arms replacements to the overseas command, thus eliminating the undesirable previous practice of draining replacements from organized divisions; by directive, he separated the Air Corps from the Signal Corps, where it had been a subsidiary, and made it a separate fighting arm; and, first and foremost, he reorganized the General Staff into an organization which could cope with the complexities of a war which, for the first time, required the mobilization of all the resources of the nation. Speaking of this reorganization, an editorial in the Star-Presidian, a soldiers' paper, calls him the "father of the modern Army", and, in a letter of sympathy to General March's family, the Honorable Bernard Baruch chose to emphasize this awareness of the changed character of war by writing: "I also wish to express my respect and admiration for him and his conduct as Chief of Staff. His was a difficult task in a new phase of war — a worldwide one. He kept troops, munitions and food moving. Once when told there were not sufficient rail transportation to move the troops to the front, he said 'what have they got feet for?' They went forward. He was the right man in the right place."

Though his austere presence discouraged familiarity, and none could claim intimacy with him, he inspired respect and confidence always and devotion often. At his death, a multitude of expressions attested to this, but none is more eloquent than that of the Corpsman who cared for him the last year of his life. Writing in condolence to Mrs. March, Private First Class Wilbur M. Hargreaves of Holyoke, Colorado expressed himself, in part, as follows: "I am thankful, Mrs. March, that God so ordered my steps that in His providence I had the honor and privilege of serving the general during the closing twilight hours of his life". From an earlier day, William Lanier of Hempstead, New York wrote "I was the first bandleader of his first regiment, the 8th Field Artillery, and I consider myself part and parcel of his military family who loved him so much. He was very strict, very fair and so, so kind. No one knows how deep I feel the passing on to his "Glorious Reward" of the *Greatest Soldier* of our time. I say this without reservation."

"The Thanks of Congress" were tendered to General March by the Congress of the United States on 27 July 1953, and he received them from President Eisenhower in The White House. After his death, he was eulogized in the House of Representatives by Congressman Dewey Short and in the Senate of the United States by the Honorable Gordon Allott of Colorado. Tributes to him as a great soldier and man were paid publicly and privately by many including the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, General of the Army George C. Marshall, and the Ambassador of France, who expressed the deep appreciation of his countrymen for the prominent part played by the General in the First World War.

General Peyton Conway March was laid to rest among heroes in Arlington Cemetery on Monday, the 18th of April. A mile-long cortege escorted his remains from downtown Washington, and included therein was a battalion of cadets from the United States Military Academy which he loved so much. Distinguished military, civilian, and foreign dignitaries attended the ceremonies, as well as representatives from the Society of the Cincinnati, the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, to all of which he belonged. On 14 May, the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, in congress assembled at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, formally adopted a resolution honoring the memory of General March.

Peyton March lived by a strict code, and he measured others by that code. His long life, spanning so much of the country's history, to which his own contribution was great, stands as an example of all that is best in that country's military. He did what he had to with the means at hand, never asking for more or for help, and, as he said in the preface of his book, he told "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth", and let the record stand at that.

Upon his relief as Chief of Staff, he toured Europe to inspect our forces there, and the attention and courtesies paid him demonstrated the credit which was given him in Europe for the part he played in victory. Upon learning he was in Europe, President Von Hindenburg requested that General March visit him to relate the details of the operations by which he had shipped over a million American troops to Europe, to the incredible amazement of the Germans. General March did so and at the conclusion of the visit, was conducted over the battlefields of the Eastern Front for about two weeks by the President, himself, to General March's great enjoyment.

Of all the men with whom General March was associated during his life, the one best qualified to judge his ability and his accomplishments in his chosen field was Newton D. Baker, the great wartime Secretary of War for Woodrow Wilson, under whom General March served as Chief of Staff. It seems fitting to close this account of his life with Mr. Baker's estimate of the General. It appears in the front of a copy of Frederick Palmer's book, "NEWTON D. BAKER" which Mr. Baker sent to General March, and it says: "To General Peyton C. March, whose work in the War Department was of incalculable value to his country and mankind, from his affectionate and admiring associate, Newton D. Baker."

—*B. F. Browne,*
Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Retired)
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Harry La Tourrette Cavenaugh

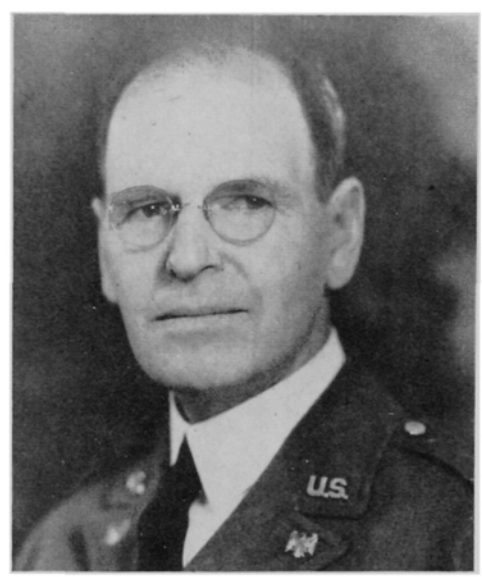
NO. 3630 CLASS OF 1895

DIED OCTOBER 30, 1954, AT WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AGED 82 YEARS.

HARRY LA TOURETTE CAVENAUGH was an Army boy of the third generation. Born on an Army frontier post and living most of his boyhood days in the midst of conditions where the West had not yet been entirely won from the Indians and life for the garrison was still occasionally punctuated with alarms, it is not likely that Harry ever had any other career in his mind than that of the Army.

Harry was a boy of 14 living with his father's family on the post at Fort Bayard, New Mexico at the time of the Geronimo Indian campaign. He had learned enough telegraphy to send and receive simple messages. At one phase of the campaign when the whole soldier garrison was in the field, the firing was so near the fort that it could be heard by the frightened women there. When it was discovered that the soldier telegrapher's inclusion with the other troops in the field had left the clicking instruments unattended, Harry's amateur skill was remembered and his attention called to the missing telegrapher. Thereupon Harry volunteered to substitute for him with the result that since it is remembered to this day, he, as a boy, probably had more influence on the battle than had some of the participating soldiers.

When Harry was a captain of cavalry during one of the last Indian troubles in this country in the winter of 1906-7, his regiment, the 10th Cavalry, stationed at Fort Robertson, Nebraska was sent to the



Ute country in Wyoming for a big "powwow" with their chief, from whom trouble was anticipated. Harry Cavenaugh was the one sent to meet the chief to do the talking and did so well that the Indians agreed to remain on the reservation. Harry never wore the Indian Wars medal but if he had been less convincing and sincere at this time he might have worn one.

Practically from his entrance to the Academy, Harry was spotted by the Tactical Department for the highest cadet offices available to his class. At the end of the first year, he was appointed First Corporal. His academic position, always in the upper part of the class, was high enough to assure him that no cadet office would ever be denied him on account of his class standing.

In his yearling year, however, a costly prank, which evidently was a never-forgotten lesson to Harry, since it was entirely out of character with anything else in his whole subsequent career, removed him from the primrose road selected for him at the Point. He fell out of ranks without permission at the after-supper formation at the Mess Hall to give himself additional time with a young lady during the half hour before "Call to Quarters" Harry paid for this foolish escapade during the whole of the remainder of his cadet life. Until graduation, he continued to be frowned upon as one of the "busted aristocracy".

Harry early received from his classmates the nickname "Hoss" because of his love for and way with a horse and his announcement that the cavalry was what he meant to be assigned to on graduation. And as he correctly foresaw, that is exactly what happened.

He soon became widely known throughout the military services as one of the best rifle shots in the country and in the course of years won a breast full of marksmanship medals of the highest rank. He was in the Battle of San Juan in the Spanish-American War, soon afterwards became ill and had to be evacuated as was the case with so many of our officers and men who were learning the hard way lessons of sanitation not yet acquired by ground armies the world over. After recovery, Harry returned to Cuba for a two year tour of duty.

In the long period between the Spanish War and World War I, Harry served a tour of duty in the Philippines, participated in the wide development of the Army's educational system, culminating in the War College, doing his part as already mentioned in preventing Indian warfare and finally being selected by General Pershing as his Commander of Trains in the Mexican Punitive Expedition. For the first time in our Army's experience, trains were to be motorized. The poor roads of Mexico would give a severe test for a service with no experience behind it. Harry would have to be the guinea pig. He might have become identified with this new service but we were soon after this in World War I and Harry, now a colonel, found himself as Senior Instructor of the First Training Camp at Fort Sheridan with 6,000 student officers on his hands.

Eventually he received the assignment he wanted most: that of command of a regiment of infantry going overseas. It was the 363rd Infantry in the 91st Division. He had much hard fighting with the 91st Division in Flanders, Ypres-Lys, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. It was in the Argonne on September 26, 1918 that he won his D.S.C. A plane with American markings and with American signals flew over the position and signaled for a display of panels. When this was done, Harry was horrified to see the plane make for the German line. He knew that very shortly his present location would be an inferno of fire and that he must get out of there fast at once. How Harry fooled the Germans, showed his caliber, saved his regiment and won the D.S.C. was by ordering his regiment *forward* instead of trying to withdraw it through a probable pursuing fire. When the officers and senior nco's who shortly after the displacement forward saw this deluge of fire light on their former location and then roll backward, they understood how their colonel's quick and splendidly correct action had saved them crushing losses and recommended insistently the award of the D.S.C.

Part of the official citation reads: "He continually exposed himself to terrific enemy fire while leading and organizing broken units and making reconnaissances of the front lines"

Back in the States again after the war, he was Director of Musketry and Tactics at the Cavalry School at Fort Riley. Another tour of duty in the Philippines as commander of the 26th Cavalry and finally the PMS&T assignment at the University of California at Berkeley saw the last of his active service. He was retired for age after more than forty years of commissioned service.

Harry was a family man living happily for many years with Julia, who bore him four sons, one of whom, Robert La T., is now in the Medical Corps of the Army. Julia, an orphan at an early age, was the daughter of a paymaster of the old Army. A grandson, "Mike", now at West Point, carries on in the Cavenaugh tradition. Several years after Julia's death, Harry married again, Mrs. Josepha Whitney, a prominent and gifted lady with whom Harry again lived most happily. Josepha now survives him.

A former Chief of Cavalry has the following to say of Harry La. T. Cavenaugh: "He and I served together in the same regiment and post for four years, from 1905 to 1909, each as captain of a troop. His was easily one of the best. His and R. J. Flemings ('91) were perennial rivals for the top position in our post. His troop was 'K' of the 10th Cavalry * * *

"He was unspectacular in his life, yet there was a dependability about him that with his ability put the seal of efficiency upon whatever he did. It was no surprise therefore when his troop was selected to represent the regiment in General Wood's Military Carnival in the Philippine Islands in 1908. * * * He was a fine leader of men, * * * a modest man and no self-seeking braggart. He enjoyed the confidence of his juniors who admired him for his character, ability, humility or rather gentility, for he was a gentle man, but above all, for his character. I am sorry that my memory does not resurrect more specific incidents, but it does retain the image of the loving, gentle, able and forceful (when necessary) soldier".

For those who picture a forceful soldier as a noisy, abusive type, Harry wouldn't qualify. But if force is the quality which a leader has to overcome obstacles which stand in the way of his accomplishing a difficult mission, whether the obstacle may be the weakness, timidity or indecision of a junior or a physical obstruction requiring removal without any apparent way of doing it, Harry had it on call in every emergency. Those who knew Harry best and recognized in him this effective but less blatant type of force would be likely to see in him as his dominant characteristic, kindliness. It affected all his relations with people throughout his life. It explains his attitude toward his senior and junior officers and towards the enlisted men he commanded. It was the God-given quality that made living always a joy to him.

A retired brigadier general, a close friend of Harry's for over fifty years, eleven of which were in the same cavalry regiment, has this to say: "When I joined the regiment, it did not take me long to learn that there were two officers in it who stood head and shoulders above all the rest, Harry and Bob Fleming. * * * Always I have considered my coming under their tutelage at the beginning of my military service as an officer, the most fortunate thing that ever happened to me. * * * Any duty required of him, he regarded as a trust to be carried out cheerfully, fully and to the best of his ability. * * * He was a strict disciplinarian but not a martinet. It was outstanding that he enforced his discipline largely through his personality. This quality made the deepest impression upon me and afterwards I never let myself forget it. * * * He was resolutely just to his men * * * (and) interested in their welfare. From all this stemmed their marked loyalty to him. In his treatment of subalterns * * * many more men than I will remember him with gratitude. * * * To his superiors, he was intensely loyal. * * * I have never known any of his fellow officers who did not sincerely like and respect him. * * * In the regiment if there was important work to be done, either Harry or Bob Fleming was assigned the task. * * * He was a modest, even-dispositioned, very steady-going fellow, not given to flare-ups or lapses in behavior. He was a highly qualified leader, honorable and just, preserving through his personality, the loyalty of the men under him and their willingness to serve him"

I suspect that Harry had more than the the normal number and seriousness of the disappointments, frustrations and sorrows that men in his station are heir to; but he always rose superior to any of them. Disappointments failed to embitter him. Frustrations were viewed by him as temporary episodes, only eddies unrelated to the deep currents of his life. Sorrows only mellowed him.

West Point, whose paramount objective is the building of character, can look with justified pride upon the career of Harry La T. Cavenaugh as one of the most shining examples in proof that it reaches that high objective.

—*P. L. M.*

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Robert Madison Campbell

NO. 4238 CLASS OF 1904

DIED SEPTEMBER 25, 1954, AT BROOKE ARMY HOSPITAL, FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS, AGED 74 YEARS.

ROBERT MADISON CAMPBELL known affectionately to his family, classmates and many others as "Bob" was born at Owings Mills, a small town near Baltimore, Maryland, on August 28, 1880.

Bob's father, William Henry Harrison Campbell, was a hard working conscientious family doctor with a reputation as a diagnostician of considerable ability. His mother was Jessie Warfield Garanch Campbell a pious Christian, devoted to her home and children. Seven children were born to this union, of whom Bob was the second. With this large family in its very American environment Bob received his early training, and laid the foundation of the many superior traits in his character.

In June 1900, President William McKinley signed an Act of Congress authorizing very substantial increases in the number of Cadetships at West Point. The ink was hardly dry on the President's signature, when Bob arrived at the White House. This was some years before appointments at large were made competitive. Nevertheless without political influence, his charming personality and inherent abilities made such a favorable impression that the President granted him an immediate appointment.

Bob with the other candidates appointed under this act entered the Academy August 1, 1900 became known as "Juliettes" and about doubled what otherwise would have been the strength of the Class of 1904.

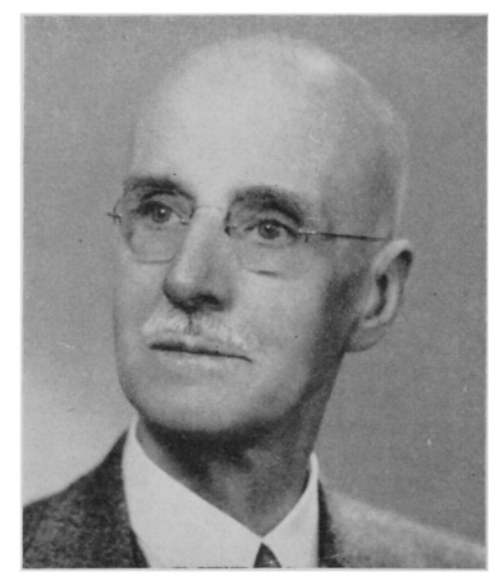
Upon graduating in the upper fourth of his class Bob asked for and was assigned the 12th Cavalry, stationed in the Philippine Islands. Some thirty of the class with assignments for Philippine Stations, began assembling in San Francisco about the middle of September 1904, with sailing orders for the first of October. For many it was their first acquaintance with the Pacific Coast. It became a gala occasion for these happy "Shavetails" Bob was at his best in this atmosphere of good fellowship.

Landing in Manila in October 1904 Bob soon found himself possessed of all the jobs except commanding officer and surgeon at a one troop station. Thus he gained valuable experience and quickly mastered the administration of an isolated command.

Returning to the States, in June 1905, he was within the year selected as an aide-de-camp. Over a period of nearly five years he served as an aide-de-camp, with unruffled calmness and outstanding efficiency, to three general officers whose temperaments and official methods were very different. The last being the commanding general of the Army forces in the Philippines.

Upon his return to the States he spent a few months with the 12th Cavalry then reported to the Department of Modern Languages at the Military Academy. He spent the summer of 1912 in Madrid, Spain studying the Spanish language. With this training and a natural aptitude for languages, his tour as a very valuable instructor was cut short by the passage by Congress of the "Manchu" act which caused many on duty at the Academy, in December 1912 to scurry back to their regiments.

Bob then served at various points along the Mexican border until September 1915



when he reported as a student at the Mounted Service School, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Following Pancho Villa's night raid at Columbus, New Mexico, the class at Riley was graduated and the officers returned to their regiments. Bob entered Mexico March 15, 1916 with the Punitive Expedition under General Pershing. After most grueling marches, he took part in the engagements with Cervantes' band of Villistas at Guerrero and again at Tomochic, both in the State of Chihuahua. For gallant and meritorious conduct in the latter engagement he was recommended for Brevet of Captain and some years later was awarded the Silver Star. He marched out of Mexico with the Punitive Expedition in February 1917.

In August 1917 Bob was ordered to Mexico City as Military Attaché, American Embassy, where he remained until July 1920. For his outstanding performance of this duty he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

After attending various service schools, Bob completed his formal military education in 1924 when graduating from the Army War College. While on the General Staff, 1st Cavalry Division, he was selected by General Pershing for duty on the Tacna-Arica Plebiscitary Commission in South

America. Following this duty Bob became an instructor at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth and then Executive Officer, The Cavalry School, Fort Riley until his retirement, as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1932, because of physical disability in line of duty.

While attending the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Bob fell in love with Miss Dorothy G. Atwood, daughter of John H. Atwood, a prominent Kansas City lawyer. Dorothy, at the time, was visiting on the Post and the courtship was interrupted by the hurried departure of the officers to rejoin their regiments for the pursuit of Villa in Mexico. But by June 1916 active operations in Mexico were discontinued and Bob, obtaining a short leave of absence, he and Dorothy were married August 26th, 1916 at Fort Sam Houston in the Army home of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Austin. One child, Dorothy A. Campbell, was born to this very happy marriage.

Bob's disability, diagnosed as polycythemia, required him to have frequent laboratory tests and treatments. Upon his retirement, a home near a large Army Hospital seemed desirable. Selecting San Antonio, he and Dorothy lived in that city for twenty years, among numerous Army friends and always ready as gracious hosts to extend a welcoming hand to the many other friends who happened through that busy military center.

Bob lived the first years of his retirement with some curtailment of activities and considerable inconvenience but without great suffering. However, during his last year and a half, his condition became continuously worse, with much of the time spent as a bed patient either at home or in the hospital. Toward the end he was kept alive by blood transfusions and intravenously fed.

He suffered terribly, but with his wife and daughter constantly at his bedside, his mind remained clear and he maintained his unmatched gallantry until he finally passed away.

With Bob's premature retirement the active list of the Army lost a loyal and efficient officer of great promise. Besides his military attainments, he was a true gentleman with a keen appreciation of justice and propriety, always considerate of others and more than willing to carry his share of any task. He was a delightful comrade.

In his immediate family he was devoted to his wife and daughter and it was their loving care that did much to sustain him during his last days.

—*G. B. H.*

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Charles Lewis Scott

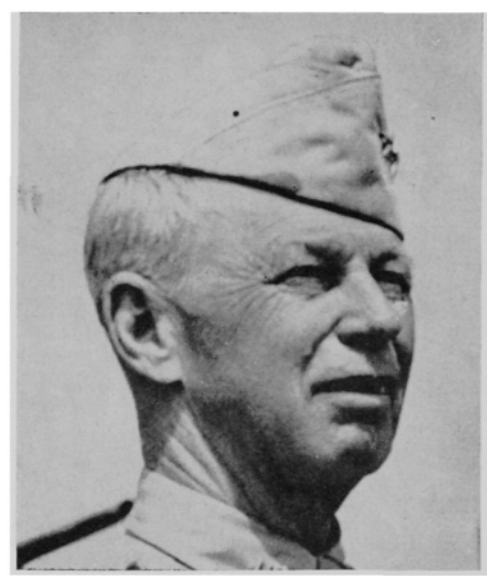
NO. 4387 CLASS OF 1905

DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 71 YEARS.

FEW officers of his time made such a direct impact upon the lives of so many men of the Army as Charles L. Scott. Certainly he was one of the most colorful and unique men of his day—a blend of the old and the new, of horses and machines.

Charles Lewis Scott was born on an Alabama River plantation near Mount Pleasant on 22 October 1883. He was one of five children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gormain Scott. His childhood was different from that of most boys in two important repects: (1) Complete freedom in the midst of an unusual rural scene; and (2) schooling at his mother's knee. While ranging the fields and following the streams of Alabama in the days before the automobile, he acquired a love for life in the open and for animals. From his mother, who was his only childhood teacher except for one six-month period spent in a local school, he acquired knowledge and guidance that prepared him for the trials of life. These childhood experiences had a profound influence on "Lutie," as he later became known in his most intimate circles, or "Scotty," as he was more widely known in the Army.

Few other men have ever passed the examination for admission to the United States Military Academy with his mother as his only teacher. According to the story he told on himself, however, Scotty almost missed his chance for a military career. He was familiar with river boats but had never seen a train. At the railroad station where he was about to depart for the north he did not climb on when the conductor shouted, "All aboard!" The conductor then said to



him, "Young man aren't you going?" "Yes," he replied, "but where is the gangplank? I don't know how to get aboard."

Scott was one of the youngest men of the West Point Class of 1905. A classmate remembered him as very slight and slender, with a great head of hair and an unruly forelock tumbling down over his eyes—an impression that was fixed by the snarling order of a yearling corporal: "Mister, double-time to the barber and get that scalplock off!" Naturally erect and quick to comprehend, he adjusted readily and showed no resentment against the harsh routine at the Academy. He thus escaped much of the severe hazing poured upon "beasts of lesser flexibility." Young Scott excelled in horsemanship and horsemastership and was a member of the first Cadet polo team to engage in competition matches. Most of his liberty hours as a cadet were spent on horseback reconnoitering the most distant points on the reservation. Always cheerful and a convivial and delightful companion, he was well liked by all who knew him.

Cadet Scott finished in the upper half of his class and upon graduation selected the cavalry and was assigned to the 12th Cavalry. But his outstanding equestrian record at the Academy led to his immediate detail to the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he met Miss Helen Patterson of St. Paul, Minnesota, who later became his devoted wife and lifelong companion. To them was born one son, Dean Robert C. L. Scott of Williams College.

Lieutenant Scott's record at the Mounted Service School eventually brought him into prominence throughout the Army and the horse world. As a purchasing agent of the Remount Service he bought many of the animals used in World War I. He won many trophies in equestrian competition, including the 300-mile endurance ride on Pathfinder (one of the Army's great horses of all time). He judged at many of the more important horse shows of America, and served as chief of the Remount Service in the Office of The Quartermaster General. Throughout most of his military career he was closely associated with the leading figures of the horse world. In this highly competitive field Scotty had a reputation for good humor, integrity, fair play, and sportsmanship of the highest. Many young officers of the mounted arm got help from him in the selection of mounts and in resolving problems of the equestrian art. His willingness to give his best to others rather than grab for himself was typical of the man. As a judge of horses and of men he had no peer.

Like many other cavalrymen Scott had no combat role in World War I, but he disliked the static form of that conflict. He believed that such a situation should not be permitted to arise again. Although loving horses for their own sake, Scott was interested in them principally as instruments of mobility for a fighting arm—the cavalry. As chief of the Remount Service he was able to influence the breeding of better mounts for the cavalry. Later, as a horseman and troop leader he was able to prove the soundness of his ideas.

In time Scott graduated from the Command and General Staff School. He excelled at this school where future generals are trained. Shortly afterwards he transferred back to the cavalry and was assigned as director of instruction at the Cavalry School. At the very time when horses and equitation were reaching their zenith of perfection—and he had made important contributions to them—Scott perceived the rising importance of the armored vehicle, first as an adjunct of cavalry and then as an instrument of war in its own right. With a flexibility of mind that is rare among military men Lieutenant Colonel Scott threw himself wholeheartedly into developing mechanization which he soon believed would be the dominant instrument of ground warfare in future wars.

Before continuing his work in mechanization, however, Scott managed the 1932 Olympic Equestrian Team and graduated from the Army War College. Then, after serving as chief of the Materiel and Equipment Section of the Office of the Chief of Cavalry, he was assigned to command the 13th Cavalry which was to be mechanized —the second cavalry regiment to serve on mechanical mounts.

Working closely with Brigadier General Adna R. Chaffee, and others, Colonel Scott contributed greatly to the development of the 7th Cavalry Brigade Mechanized, an outfit that pioneered basic concepts used by all the armored divisions of the Army. Scott led his regiment in many exercises and maneuvers and demonstrated physical toughness, outstanding leadership, and skill in the Plattsburg maneuvers of 1939, where the possibilities of an armored force were convincingly demonstrated in a preview of the blitzkrieg which was shortly to follow in Poland and France.

Scott's shrewdness, imagination, enthusiasm, judgment, common sense, and drive made him one of the outstanding pioneers in armor, and every individual who served with that arm in World War II was directly or indirectly influenced by these early leaders. Scott's close friend, General George S. Patton, Jr., won fame in battle using the same concepts. Now it can rightly be said that Chaffee, Scott, and Patton are the immortals of armor in the United States Army.

When his beloved chief, General Chaffee, was fatally stricken Scott filled his shoes until a successor was named. Promoted to major general he organized the 2d Armored Division, which later won undying fame in World War II. From that post he was soon assigned to the I Armored Corps. Scott's tactical ideas were too modern for the comprehension of less mobile-minded personalities at the time but are now accepted in this atomic era.

General Scott was detailed as senior observer with the British Eighth Army in Egypt and Libya shortly after Pearl Harbor. There he witnessed at first hand the flow of battle as British and German armored forces fought it out in the desert. Perceiving many deficiencies in British equipment he urged General Claude Auchinleck to send someone to America at once to see what could be done. Later, the British were furnished American equipment which played an important role in turning the tide of battle in Libya.

Although he was greatly disappointed when denied a combat role in World War II because of his age, Scott put away all personal regrets and ambitions and devoted his last days on active duty to the perfection of armored materiel and training—first as commanding general of the Armored Replacement Training Center and then as commanding general of the Armored Center. The thousands of officers and men who went through the great training center at Fort Knox to join the armored organizations that spearheaded the combat on far-flung battlefields will never forget the man who directed their preparation for battle.

General Scott was a profound reader, primarily of military subjects. He often stated that although no battle will repeat itself, there will be portions of future battles that bear a great resemblance to portions of past engagements. But he cautioned against letting history steer the course of the future, observing that "only men with a mobile mind can see around the corners of the road to success."

General Scott spoke with men of his command regardless of rank and contributed to each something that improved him as a soldier. His conversation and talks were richly spiced with similes, anecdotes, and the soldier language of picket lines and shop. It was characteristic of him, with his abhorrence of stuffiness and pose, to resort to the vernacular in conversation; yet few surpassed his amazing command of the English language or his ability in writing to put across an idea with such clarity, vividness, and punch. Few men have been more often quoted by their subordinates and few are recalled with greater affection. With all his insistence on efficiency and thoroughness and his emphasis on essentials, a great kindness and gentleness and loyalty to subordinates as well as to superiors lay deep in his soldier's heart. Even the children at Fort Knox loved and respected him. His crop slapping against his boot always appeared to be a warning to stay in line, and all the kids did. As with all the cavalry "characters" who have gone to "Fiddler's Green," there are countless stories that can be told about General Scott—all of them amusing and many pointing an important lesson.

General Scott's last greetings to veteran armormen, made while he lay sick in Walter Reed General Hospital, concluded with these words: "Guard and treasure always that mobility of mind and action which has characterized the mobile arm in the past and has marked its leaders not as cart horses but as stout-hearted thoroughbreds." Throughout his entire career to the day of his death, on 27 November 1954, General Scott kept that faith, practiced Christianity, used his talents to the very limit of his ability, lived by the code: "Duty—Honor—Country." Nothing finer can be said of any man.

—P. M. Robinett,
Brigadier General, USA—Retired.

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Clyde Rush Abraham

NO. 4509 CLASS OF 1906

DIED MARCH 25, 1955 AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL, AGED 71 YEARS.

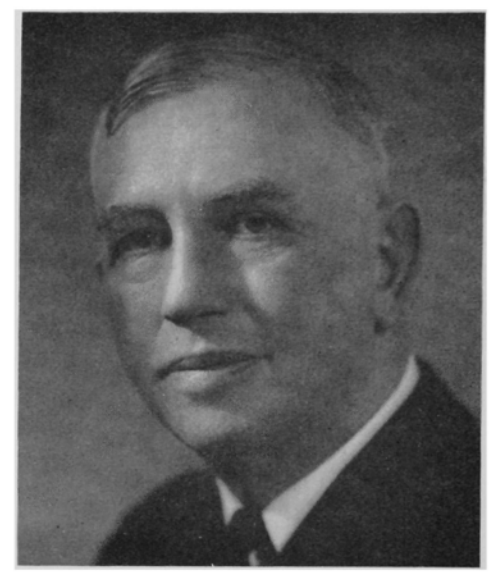
GOOD old "Abe" has gone. The center of our football team has gone from our lives. For us who played beside him, he was a tower of strength, a great pivot around whom the plays moved on our way to a goal. Abe played all through every game in our last season, giving his substitute the same raw deal that "King" Boyers and "Bull" Tipton had given him years before. We played seventy minutes, too, with only a break between halves.

When he arrived in June 1902 to join 1906, he was not yet nineteen, a bit timid, a bit overweight, and none too well prepared for the academic struggle, but he dug in determinedly to get that commission he desired; and though it kept him busy all four years, he made it. Alphabetically, he was the section marcher of the class in beast barracks but it didn't help much with the tactical department, for he remained with a clean sleeve to graduation. We tried several nicknames on him, such as "Whiffie", for no reason I can remember, and "Porpoise" because of the splash he made in the tank, but affectionately, in his class and in the service, he was just "Abe".

Reporting after graduation at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, with several classmates, to the Commander of the 27th Infantry, he was soon en route with the regiment to Camp Columbia, just outside Havana, Cuba, for the task of Cuban pacification. It took three years for the job before the regiment brought him back to Fort Sheridan. Just then, the head of the Bingham School in Asheville, North Carolina, asked one of his graduates, our classmate, George Morrow, to recommend a good Infantry lieutenant for his new R.O.T.C., and George, who had been manager of our football team, recommended "Abe" He got the assignment, just as he got his new silver bar, and as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Abe made for himself an enviable record of organization and administration at Bingham. Foreign service rosters then required his transfer to Hawaii, where many classmates greeted him. Soon, he returned to the States on leave, went back to Asheville to marry Maude Willis, and brought her to Fort Shafter to a rousing reception by many friends. Maude added greatly to Abe's military life, sharing all of it, wherever practicable, until his retirement, and then she made him a pretty home in St. Petersburg, Florida, until her death there in 1950.

Returning to Abe's military career, he was promoted to captain in 1916 and soon assigned to the newly formed 32nd Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. By then World War I had closed in on Hawaii. The German gunboat, the Geier, and a dozen German commercial ships took refuge in Honolulu harbor, with the Japanese navy patrolling on the horizon to prevent their escape. Suddenly, early in 1917, all the German ships were found to be on fire. The U.S. Army and Navy took them over, put out the fires, and interned the crews under control of Abe's regiment. We had a few hundred war prisoners long before we were at war—a ticklish international situation until the U.S.A. entered the war.

Abe's regiment returned to take its place in the new war army. He was promoted to major before the end of 1917 and to



lieutenant colonel in 1918. Sailing for France, he became Asst. Inspector General of the 2nd Army and then Inspector General of the 6th Division in France. Here again, he received many commendations, and on his return, reduced, with the rest of his class, to the grade of major, he was detailed to the Inspector General's Department for the next four years of Army readjustment. Afterward, he went to the new Infantry School at Fort Benning, then on to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth then for a short tour at Fort Brady, Michigan, and soon afterward to the Army War College in Washington, D. C., graduating to qualification for high command and senior staff duty.

He was given command of Fort Screven, Georgia, in 1933 as a lieutenant colonel, and I was nearby in Augusta Arsenal. We saw each other several times at the 4th Corps Area headquarters in Atlanta, but soon he was called to General Staff duty at Quarry Heights, Panama, first as G-3, and later as G-4, of the Panama Command. Returning in 1936 as a colonel, he commanded Fort Crook, Nebraska, and the 17th Infantry in the last depression years until 1939, assisting the CCC Camps, the Flood Relief, and many local matters in the Nebraska area. Again, he was detailed in the Inspector General's Department as Inspector General of the 1st Division, first at Fort Hamilton, New York, and then under Major General E. L. Daley at San Juan, Puerto Rico—a pleasant assignment with a grand class-

mate—until the summer of 1940. He was promoted to Brigadier General and sent back to a new command. By then, World War II was reaching an intensity in Europe and it was apparent that the U.S.A. would eventually have to prepare itself for future participation. Abe became Asst. Commander of the 5th Division at Fort Custer, training that organization for its part in World War II. After the Pearl Harbor attack by Japan, the war effort increased rapidly. Abe was sent to Europe as Chief of the Counter Intelligence Corps of Military Intelligence in the European Theatre of Operations until 1943, when he reached the age for retirement and was returned to the U.S.A. in July, being assigned for convenience to the Replacement Training Center at Camp Croft, South Carolina. After being retired from active service, and in spite of his impaired health, Abe was returned to active duty until December 31, 1943, and was finally retired for physical disability. This concluded his long army career—a very interesting one, of wide travel, an intervention, a border patrol, two world wars, and many tasks of peace well done. General E. L. Daley, his commander in Puerto Rico says of him; "He was my right arm in a military sense and Maude was of great assistance, socially, as I was living alone with my aide. There was no bigger heart nor better mind than Clyde Abraham's."

Abe and Maude were a fine army team, and Polly, their daughter, grew up to make a good military trio. Maude made a lovely home in St. Petersburg after Abe's retirement, reminiscent of their tropical service in Hawaii, Panama and Puerto Rico. But Maude developed an illness that caused her death in 1950. Polly married Commander W. F. Cass and went to Washington, D. C. Abe, left alone, sold the home and took an apartment in Washington to be near them. Their four children, two sons and two daughters, were Abe's greatest joy. Two of them, the boys, attended the funeral ceremony in Arlington. A few years before his death Commander Cass was ordered to command the Coast Guard Cutter, Castle Rock, with home port in Boston, Massachusetts, where he now remains, with Polly and the children at Marblehead, Massachusetts. Abe was left alone with his books and his diminishing list of old army friends. Finally his old heart stopped, and his classmates and friends buried him beside his beloved Maude in a lovely shady plot in Arlington. His sister, now Mrs. Crow, of Uniontown, his old home, and whom many of us knew in cadet days, long ago when she visited Abe, joined, Polly, her husband and children and many classmates and friends at the final ceremony.

Many merry moments of army and cadet life rush in to find a place in Abe's short biography—but they are often far too intimate for public reading. However they do mark that intensity of friendship that has made army life and class association so wonderful to remember.

With his grand laugh and his genial greeting, his even temper under the provocation of dirty football or low intrigue, his steadfastness of purpose and his full blown patriotism in the service of our country, Abe won a great place in all our hearts. He was a great reader, especially of our struggle for unity in the great civil war. He knew all the Northern and Southern leaders intimately from his books and spoke of them with deep interest and affection, as though they were his personal teachers, —as indeed they were.

As the years gather and 1906 becomes smaller from our losses, how much more precious are those who are here, and how much deeper the wound when they, too, pass on to their reward. So is Abe's passing, out of the little group that gathered monthly at the Army and Navy Club, out of the less frequent special meetings of his classmates, and out of the card groups where he played, another time of sadness and recollection. Another good son of West Point, a great soldier and a very proud one too, lies at rest in Arlington, until we meet again.

—*Charles G. Mettler,*
Earl McFarland.

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William Torbert MacMillan

NO. 4528 CLASS OF 1906

DIED MARCH 1, 1955, AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 73 YEARS.

MANY fragrant memories of classmates, of encounters with them in the far parts

of the world, crowd in upon us, when death comes to them and we realize we will not see them here again. The shock of William T. MacMillan's death, so quickly after a short and not painful illness, arouses many recollections of our joint endeavors and our happy meetings over the years. Alphabetically, at our first contact in Beast Barracks, we marched side by side. On the football field, for four years, he was a power on the scrubs (a name they have suppressed lately). We often pushed each other around, not too gently. In the gym, we slammed each other with broadswords and foil, pasted each other with the gloves, wrestled on the mat for Tom Jenkins and swam in the pool for Marty Maher. When the tenths were too few, we sometimes sat down together and prepared a bit for the examinations.

His classmates remember him as a pink-cheeked, erect, well groomed boy, showing, quite distinctly, a prior knowledge of military things, when he made his report and presented his credentials out there under the elms in front of the North Sallyport. The yearlings called him "Handsome Harry". When he graduated, the class voted that he had retained the title. He wore the chevrons of corporal, color sergeant, and lieutenant in the Corps. He wore a sharpshooter's badge too. He never won a scholastic star for he argued too often against the book, while the instructors sided with the author and took away his tenths. Sometimes he was called "P.D." from his state of appointment, but mostly his Scotch ancestry won out—especially with me—who lays a special claim to that endearing Pennsylvania cognomen.

He graduated to an Infantry assignment, reported to the Colonel of the 23rd Infantry as a Second Lieutenant. (There were no bars on second lieutenants' shoulders then). He followed the regiment through maneuvers, through the Jamestown Exposition at Norfolk, Va., across the Pacific Ocean to Manila, and then down to the last post in the islands, Jolo; where I was present to welcome him, assigned to the 23rd Battery, Field Artillery (Battery C, 4th Field Arty). But soon he went off on a mapping detail to Manila, helping to produce those maps that guided Wainwright and MacArthur in World War II. In Manila, he found Katharine Ladd, daughter of General Eugene Ladd there and talked her into a Manila wedding in 1910. Katharine survives him. Their two children, Ladd and Louise also in New England, Ladd in Maine and Louise, now Mrs. George Bates, lives in Boston. Both children were present at the Arlington ceremonies, but Katharine was not able to come on account of a crippling arthritis.

To continue Mac's interesting career, he was called to West Point as an instructor in 1913, serving there with many classmates and army friends of his and Katharine's age. And these days were occupied with the two children, with once in a while, a chance to visit the big city of New York just down the river. West Point was still small but men everywhere grew anxious about the impending war in Europe. Bandits were raiding the Mexican Border. There was an expedition to Vera Cruz. General Pershing formed a defense force along the Mexican frontier. By 1916, Mac had acquired Captain's bars and was sent to defend Douglas, Arizona, against raids on the rich mining areas of that region. Then the training camps began to be formed, the National Guard to be trained, and munitions to be made. Then the war began in terrible form in France. Mac was promoted to Major in 1917, to Lieutenant Colonel in 1918. He went to France with the 78th Division and became a part of the great American Expeditionary Force that broke the stalemate of trench warfare at Chateau Thierry, San Mihiel and in the Argonne. As staff officer of the Division, he acquired a Distinguished Service Medal for his superior work and came home with three battle clasps on his Victory ribbon. It was a wonderful, a truly marvelous experience for an officer of the U.S. Army and Mac told his story well. He was detailed as Assistant Professor of Modern Languages at West Point soon after his return from France, where again we were stationed together. West Point was then trying to bring to its curriculum the lessons of the war and was trying also to get ready to provide officers for the larger army that must now care for the defense of the growing nation. We worked together to inaugurate Alumni day, that has meant so much to the old graduates; to secure a new stadium, which finally arrived later as Michie Stadium; to build a luncheon club, that brought speakers from everywhere to keep us abreast of the rapidly changing times; to secure civilian leadership in the Association of Graduates to answer West Point critics and to entertain many influential visitors to show the value of West Point to the nation. He entered all of these interesting matters with enthusiasm. It was a high time in his military career.

In 1923, he transferred to the Adjutant General's Department of the Army as his permanent assignment and remained with that Department to the end of his service. He left West Point in 1924 for Adjutant General duty and I did not see him again until we were stationed together in Washington in 1929. For three or four years, we were occupied with the new problems of that depression that brought the United States economy to the very bottom of hopeless discouragement. The CCC camps had to be officered, the new alphabetical organizations sprang up one after the other to try to cope with the panic that affected everyone. In 1933, Mac went to Governors Island as Adjutant General of the Second Corps Area and again we were near, for I had been assigned to the Ordnance work at the Army building in New York City. In 1934, Mac went off to Manila again and was Adjutant of Fort Mills on Corregidor Island, where MacArthur and Wainwright made that wonderful final delaying action against the Japanese. When he returned in 1936, he came to my depot in Honolulu, en route home, and we had the locally stationed classmates in for a short reunion.

Assigned to the Seventh Corps Area at Omaha, he assisted with the long and extensive maneuvers with the growing U.S. Army. The war in Europe was impending again and many quiet methods were used to get our forces trained and organized for their future role on either ocean or across to the opposite shores of both of them. The Corps Areas were rapidly becoming Service Commands which they were called later on. They functioned to get armies ready and off to war with appropriaate supplies and officers and men. When Pearl Harbor brought this country headlong into the great conflict, the intensity of his work increased greatly. But the new law had come into effect, retiring colonels at the age of sixty years and Mac had to take his retirement. However, he was called at once to additional duty until he was retired physically disabled, in 1944.

Fortunately, his family had already established a home in Boston and he found the New England atmosphere congenial and interesting. He acquired a camp in the hills of New Hampshire for the hot summer months, where he could commune with nature and rest from the city excitement. For a while he found interesting work teaching military things at Boston University and later at Dartmouth, but soon he settled down to a quiet life. In 1951 he attended the forty-fifth reunion of his class of 1906 at West Point, lived in the barracks and with laughter and excitement went over the old scenes with his classmates, razzing and teasing in cadet rooms and on the stoops until late at night. When he left he was hopeful to make the fiftieth reunion. He was stricken suddenly with cancer of the liver. Unaware of the nature of the disease, he kept up to the last his hopefulness to return to his home. The end came swiftly and without much pain. Sedatives save us now from such terrors. With his wife and family around him he quietly passed over to the Long Gray Line.

Official orders have commended him, many officers who served with or under him have said nice things about him as he left them for new fields of work, many people who have been helped by his kindnesses have praised his thoughtfulness in handling their troubles from his offices, and the nation has received from him full measure of devotion to its destiny and its demands. What more can one ask of life? Outside his office and among his friends, he was a consistent, accurate, confident and lovable friend and classmate, never quite satisfied with things as they were, and ever ready to argue about their correction, generally just for the fun of it and to make the occasion merry. In retirement, he found congenial companions at the curling games and at bowling on the greens at the Country Club in Brookline. Through the years, we met many times, usually finding enough time to sit down and go over the health, wealth and unusual performances of classmates and friends. Such meetings are what hold with firm threads the older classes of the Academy in familiar and friendly association long after the closer moments of cadet days.

When the fatal character of his illness became known, Katharine advised Jim Riley, who telephoned Cort Parker in Boston, Earl McFarland in Washington, and me in Miami, so that all things were looked after in good time when the Reaper came for him. Five classmates, and two members of 1908 were present at the graveside ceremonies in Arlington. And now he lies where he belongs among the great soldiers of the nation in that beautiful burial ground facing the capital of the nation he served so well. And henceforth, he will march with his class, though unseen, in the Long Gray Line behind us.

—*Colonel Charles G. Mettler.*

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Forrest Estey Williford

NO. 4472 CLASS OF 1906

DIED MARCH 17, 1955, AT BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, AGED 73 YEARS.

VALUABLE, effective and satisfying to his Alma Mater, to his country, and to his thousands of friends and co-workers was that long life which Forrest Williford completed a little while ago at his home in Blacksburg, Virginia. Starting in the little town of Coffeen, going to school in Hillsboro nearby in central Illinois, enlisting in the local company of the Illinois National Guard (Company E, 5th Regiment), he was already a good well trained soldier when he reported at West Point in June, 1902. After his plebe year he promptly became a corporal, next year a sergeant, next year, Acting First Sergeant in camp, and then lieutenant for the rest of his cadet life. He joined the fencing squad in his plebe year and stayed with the fencing group until, in his last year, he became captain of the army team and president of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association. He was a proud wearer of the Army "A". His cadet nickname was naturally, "Willie" from his name, but it didn't fit very well and his family and intimate friends always spoke of him and to him as "Forrest"

Forrest Williford and I were generally in the same sections in the academic work, graduated close together in rank, and went to the same station at Fort Ethan Allen, just outside Burlington, Vermont, for our initial assignment, joining adjacent batteries of the Field Artillery (the 23rd and the 27th), and though separated soon after we joined, we were often together during our long army service. Many pleasant memories come to me now that he has left us. I will try to record some of his interesting life for the benefit of those who are left to read the story of a grand soldier.

First of all, I remember that lovely Autumn of 1906, when we received our first battery mounts and rode together over the hills and through the valleys, marvelling at the gorgeousness of the color on the trees, such as we had never seen before. It was only a short while. Classmate Olmstead, who often came over from the Cavalry to ride with us, went off with his regiment to the Cuban Pacification. I went off to the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley. Forrest and Jack Henderson soon turned in their fine mounts and their field guns, receiving mules and packs for Mountain Artillery, and then, by Vancouver Barracks, they took their battery to Camp Keithley on Lake Lanao, Mindanao, in the very heart of the hostile Moro country, of the Philippine Islands. Hardly had they become accustomed to their new, isolated surroundings when they were both reassigned to the Coast Artillery and ordered back home. Forrest returned to a Coast Artillery post on Puget Sound, Fort Worden, Washington, promptly taking over all the minor staff and extra duty jobs that were the customary duty of new lieutenants. It was not so fortunate for him, for a couple of years later, when he had a nice detail as instructor in mathematics at West Point, a new ruling counted his staff duty against him and sent him back from West Point to the Coast Artillery for line duty after only two years in Professor Echols care. But, from 1910 to 1912, his detail aroused his deep interest in mathematics, which he later pursued with excellent results.

From 1912 to 1914, he served with the heavy batteries at Fort H. G. Wright, at Fisher's Island, at the eastern end of Long Island Sound. Then he was sent to the Coast Artillery School for more complete education. Graduating, cum laude, from the school, he was retained as an instructor for another year. On account of his mathematical ability he was sent to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he won a degree of Master of Science, and incidentally, took a course at Harvard University which won for him the same degree from that University. When he was finishing his courses, the nation was preparing to enter the European war. Forrest was ordered to a new mobile regiment at Fort Adams, Rhode Island and was soon to accompany the organization by way of England into the American Expeditionary Force being organized by General Pershing in France. Already a captain from 1916, he was, at once, promoted to major in the new army, and assigned to be Director of the Trench Artillery School, being set up at Langres, France. Taking up his staff duty with the artillery, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, was assigned as Commandant of the Artillery Center at Vitry Vernois, France. For this work and for the superior work on the artillery staff, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and the French government awarded him the office of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

When the armistice was completed, he was sent over the German and Italian battlefields to examine the foreign artillery and their installations. He made a thorough study of the probable changes in artillery design and use, producing an interesting and valuable treatise on the subject called, "The New Artillery" General Ralph Pennell, well known Field Artillery expert, wrote to him not long ago, appraising his work and said, "It is a great compliment to your wise thinking and foresight that so much of the tactics in the employment of these highly effective weapons of today, is due to you. Indeed, the advance to guided missiles and rockets is also based on the same principles, you laid down for high angle weapons."

Returning from France, he arrived at the Army War College in Washington as a special student and as a liaison officer for the Chief of Coast Artillery and, with all the rest of the returning officers, was reduced in rank to his regular grade of major. He gave excellent artillery lectures during the course as a special student and took a prominent part in the artillery work in the simulated maneuvers following the course. He was assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, and Commandant of Cadets at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Virginia, which he found to be a very valuable and worthy task, organizing the Corps of Cadets and instilling a spirit of service and a discipline that still obtains there. He served there four years, and when he finally came to establish his home in retirement, he went back to Blacksburg and found a happy reception.

When he concluded the Blacksburg assignment, he started his command education, beginning in 1924 at Fort Monroe for the pre-Leavenworth course, then on to the Command and General Staff School. Graduating high there, he was held over for three years as an instructor, then went on to the Army War College, then in Washington, for his final military school education. Promoted to lieutenant colonel, he was now ordered to command duty with the 91st Coast artillery on Corregidor Island in the Manila Bay Defenses. Under his command the regiment won the coveted Knox trophy for excellence in target practice. Returning to the States, he went to the Seventh Corps Area as a staff officer for the next four years, then again to command duty, this time in 1938 to the Panama Canal Defenses as Commander of the 4th Regiment, Coast Artillery, again winning the Knox trophy in his regimental target practice. This trophy is the Oscar of the Coast Artillery. Back in the States, he commanded the Coast Defenses of Sandy Hook from Fort Hancock, New Jersey. Here he was directed to provide safe conduct for the King and Queen of England to New York City. He received many commendatory letters for his superior execution of this task. He was then promoted to brigadier general and assigned to the command of the 2nd Coast Artillery District, remaining there until the threat of World War II, demanded his talents again for the training of mobile artillery. In 1941, at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he organized the Anti-Aircraft Replacement Training Center, carrying on this work until he was called to the Pacific area for the final stages of the Japanese War. While in Pasadena, California serving with his classmate General Cortland Parker, his health began to fail and he was retired for physical disability in 1944.

In December 1908, while stationed at Fort Worden, Forrest returned to the east on leave and he and Fredrika Alston Martin were married in Tennessee with some of Forrest's classmates as assistants and guests. It was the beginning of a long and happy army life for them both. Fredrika has been with him wherever circumstances allowed until Forrest passed away at his home in Blacksburg. They had one child, Fredrika, whom we always called Little Fredrika. In Corregidor, she married William L. McPherson and in recent years, these children made their home in Blacksburg also. They have a son, Forrest, Jr., who was the great prize of the Williford family. These four people survive in the family to mourn the loss of a beloved father.

There is no room in this short biography to record the long pages of assignments and accomplishments that are given in the AGO file in Army Headquarters. It is a remarkable story of many thousands of miles of travel across nations and oceans, of many worthy deeds done well, and of many studies that have pointed the way to present day successes. The Wright Brothers, at Kitty Hawk spoiled the effect of his Coast Artillery by introducing a third dimension into battle. The new atomic world of electrons and neutrons, bursting from the earth's fissionable elements, have opened other ways of making war. Massive calculating machines have eliminated the many weeks and months of calculation that Forrest and his helpers used to make to secure accurate fire. And now target seeking missiles are being introduced that require no arithmetic at all. . . But it was his world and his work that opened the doors to the new.

His classmates, who marched beside him in the little Corps of fifty years ago, who practice marched through Fishkill and Peekskill and mapped the routes to Oscawanna, who paraded the wet grounds of the St. Louis Exposition, who tramped the streets of Washington to inaugurate Theodore Roosevelt as President, who visited forts and arsenals and proving grounds to learn the art of war; the class of 1909, who learned the Spirit of West Point from him in its Beast Barracks, the thousands of men who sat in his classes at Fort Monroe, at Langres, at Vitry Vernois, at Blacksburg, at Leavenworth and at West Point will remember his hesitant, staccato voice, his genial smile, his pleasant gaiety and his solid fund of knowledge. Returning to Blacksburg in retirement, he gathered around him again younger friends from his old school, and when he died, the flag of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute was flown at half mast. The school officials broadcast a beautiful tribute to him over the school radio.

He recalls that oration of Pericles at the funeral of the Athenian soldiers, "They gave their lives to the commonwealth and received each for his own memory, praise that will never die, and with it the grandest of all sepulchres, not that in which their mortal bones are laid, but a home in the minds of men, where glory remains fresh to stir to speech and action as the occasion comes." Forrest Williford made for himself such a home in the minds of men.

—*Charles G. Mettler.*

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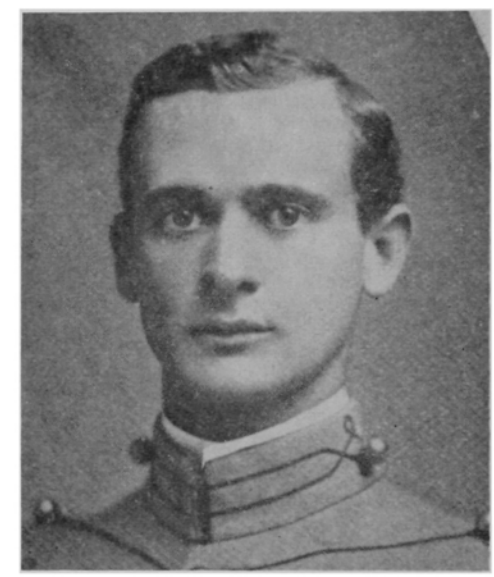
Clair Warren Baird

NO. 4672 CLASS OF 1908

DIED MARCH 31, 1946, AT PORT WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, AGED 62 YEARS.

CLAIR BAIRD was born 23 September 1883 at Burton, Ohio. He was appointed to West Point from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where he moved at an early age, and where he attended school, graduating from the High School. He was graduated from West Point on February 14, 1908, 31st in a class of 108. He was an excellent scholar, a baseball player and member of the Rifle Team; disciplinary troubles must have kept him from having chevrons on his arm, since he was a leader and admired by his classmates.

After graduation from the Military Academy he entered upon a distinguished career with the Coast Artillery Corps. One of his first stations was at Corregidor, where in 1913 he made the complete topographical survey of the Bataan Peninsula that later formed the basis of General MacArthur's defense plans.



He attended most of the Service Schools, including the Coast Artillery School, where he was an Honor Graduate in 1915. In 1929 he graduated from the Command and General Staff School and in 1934 from the Navy War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He was an expert in submarine mining and installed the submarine mine defense of the North entrance to Manila Bay. Later he was Commanding Officer of the Submarine Mine Depots at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and at Fort Totten, New York.

At the close of World War I he was awarded the DSM with the following citation: "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As Assistant to the Chief of Coast Artillery during the entire period of the war and as Chief Personnel Section from September 24, 1918, he displayed foresight, excellent judgment, and marked ability in the preparation and execution of plans for the effective accomplishment of the duties assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps in the operations in France, thereby rendering services of great value to the government."

With his great organizing ability and efficiency, he established during World War

II. Camps Upton, Long Island, and Kilmer, New Jersey, through which passed a million trainees. In 1948 there was a review and dedication, at Camp Kilmer, of a bronze plaque given by officers who had served under him.

In his biography in the 1908 *Howitzer* it was stated that in his gentler moments, Stub was a good fellow and boon companion. I can state also that he was a good roommate as a cadet, pleasant to live with and, except in his non-gentler moments, easy to get on with. He was on most occasions a mild mannered, courteous gentleman, loved by his classmates and subordinates, and respected by his superiors for his outstanding ability. The officers and men in the 91st Coast Artillery that I took over from him at Corregidor adored him. A violent temper which subsided as quickly as it arose always plagued him. He had a fine devotion to duty, professional ability of a high order, and on occasions displayed impatience with some of what he considered unsound theories and training policies that crept into the Army after World War I.

—*James H. Cunningham*, 1908.

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Sanderford Jarman

NO. 4671 CLASS OF 1908

DIED OCTOBER 15, 1954, AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 70 YEARS.

"FIRST Corporal, 1st Sergeant, Captain, etc." The above statements in the 1908 *Howitzer* gave early evidence of Sandy's outstanding character and his steadfast devotion to duty which he practiced throughout his distinguished career.

Born at Boatner, Louisiana, November 24, 1884, he lived there with his father, James Sanderford Jarman, and mother, nee Emma Amanda Tullos, until he was five, when the family moved to West Monroe, Louisiana. There he attended grade and high school and, like most boys of that place and time, spent much of his leisure fishing and hunting.

In 1901 he won a scholarship from Ouchita Parish which permitted him to enter the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge. As a Land Grant college, all able-bodied students were required to take military instruction and when, at the end of his junior year, he was offered an appointment to West Point by Congressman Ransdell of Louisiana, he accepted the appointment.

Reporting at West Point on June 16, 1904, and under the tender care of Bull Tipton, Pot Graves, Tom Doe, Lil Lyman, and others, Beast Barracks finally passed and Sandy was assigned to "F" Company (A and F Companies being the Flanker companies in those days) and never left it during his cadet days at West Point.

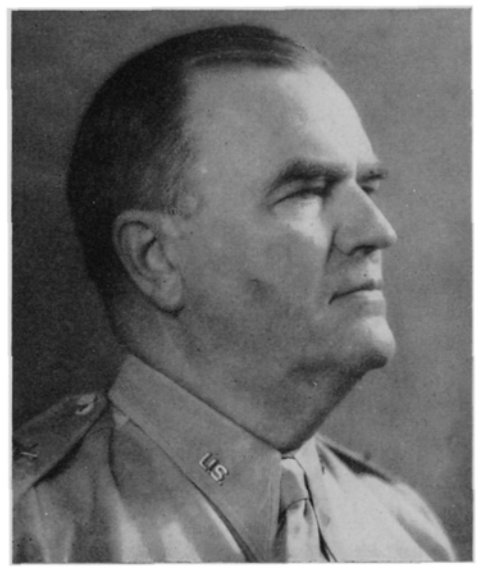
After graduation on February 14, 1908, he was assigned to the Coast Artillery and went to Fort Morgan, Alabama, as his first station. There he met and married Dorothy Donald of Mobile, Alabama. From this marriage two daughters were born, Katherine Lea, at Fort Hamilton, New York, in 1911, and Dorothy Schuyler at West Point, New York, in 1912.

During the next seven years Sandy had many varied assignments and stations including three years at West Point as an instructor in Math under "P" Echols. Also during these years he was stationed at Fort Andrews, Massachusetts; was PMS&T at Louisiana State University and A&M College at Baton Rouge, Louisiana; at Fort Monroe as a company commander at the First Officers Training Camp and in 1918, Division Ordnance Officer, 29th Division, at Camp McClellan, Alabama.

His World War I service was varied and outstanding. Going to France early in 1918 as a member of the Advance Party of the 29th Division, he attended the Army School of the Line at Langres and became an Assistant G-3, 5th Army Corps, and later with the Railway Artillery Reserve and at Headquarters 2nd Army with the Army Railway Artillery. Participating in both the St. Mihiel Offensive and the Meuse-Argonne Operations he was awarded his first D.S.M. for services during the war.

Returning to the United States late in 1918 he served as Assistant to the Chief of Coast Artillery until 1922.

Service Schools, either as a student or instructor, came along in quick succession: Centre d'Eludes Tactique d'Artillerie at Metz, France; Instructor at the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Student at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and finally the Army War College, Washington, D. C., in 1933.



In between times he commanded the 3rd Bn, 59th C.A.C. at Corregidor, P. I., and in 1931 was Assistant to the Superintendent, U.S.M.A., in Charge of Land Purchase.

After the War College he served on the General Staff in the GI Section. While on this duty he was largely responsible for the preparation and passage of the Selective Service Act that was effective during World War II. His next assignment, as commander of the 64th Coast Artillery and Anti-aircraft Defenses of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor in 1938, brought his superior ability as an organizer, tactician and leader to the notice of the War Department and in 1939 he was appointed a Brigadier General, the first general officer of 1908.

The next two years brought added responsibilities and problems as Commanding General, Panama Coast Artillery Command. That he accomplished his mission in an exceptional manner is attested by the award of an Oak Leaf Cluster to his D.S.M. His efficient reorganization and rehabilitation of the harbor defense and anti-aircraft artillery defense of the Panama Canal was considered by many as responsible for diverting the initial attack of World War II from the Panama Canal by the Japanese.

On his return to the States in August 1941 he commanded the Anti-aircraft Training Center at Camp Stewart, Georgia, and immediately after Pearl Harbor was placed in charge of organizing and commanding the Anti-aircraft Artillery of the Eastern Defense Command with Headquarters in New York City. For his work at Camp Stewart and with the Eastern Defense Command he was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

In April 1944 he was ordered to the Pacific where he served as Commanding General, Army Garrison Forces, United States Army Forces Central Pacific Area and United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Area to May 1945. From June to August 1945 he commanded the Western Pacific Base Command, United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific, which consisted of the Islands of Tinian, Guam, Saipan, Auguar, Ulithea, Iwo Jima and Pellilieu.

During his time in the Pacific he developed Saipan as a B-29 base for bombing Japan. During a phase of the fighting on Saipan he commanded the 27th Infantry Division with distinction.

Again, his services were so outstanding that he was awarded a second oak leaf cluster to his D.S.M., as well as the Navy Distinguished Service Medal on the recommendation of Admiral Nimitz. Returning home in August of 1945, he was retired on February 28, 1946.

On retirement, the Jarmans established their home in Pensacola, Florida, where Sandy became Pensacola's City-Council Representative in Washington. Shortly after the Jarmans came to Pensacola, the Alabama Pulp and Paper Company commenced construction of a new pulp and paper mill at Cantonment and Sandy resigned his position with the City and County to become Executive Vice President of this paper company. Incidentally, he built the paper mill. When this company merged with the St. Regis Paper Company, Sandy continued his association with St. Regis and moved to Washington where he established his home and office. He continued as the Washington representative and consultant for the St. Regis Paper Company until his death in Boston.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Donald Jarman; two daughters, Mrs. E. C. Clark and Mrs. Dorothy Jablonsky, and four grandchildren.

Such is the brief life story of a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, an outstanding soldier, and my friend. All who knew him admired, respected and held true affection for him because of his character and generous friendship. Sandy Jarman, big in stature and big of heart.

—*A Classmate.*

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Carl Fish McKinney

NO. 4993 CLASS OF 1911

DIED AUGUST 8, 1954, IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 64 YEARS.

IN April 1907 I had the good fortune to meet, among other future classmates, Carl Fish McKinney. It was on the occasion of our entrance examinations for West Point held at Fort McPherson, Georgia. At that meeting there was no way of knowing that the Fates were to decree that he and I should be roommates in Beast Barracks and for the last three years of our course. It was

during these associations that one of the finest friendships of my life was formed.

He was born in Athens, Alabama on the 20th of September 1889—almost two years after my natal day. He was one of the younger members of the class. The last time I saw Fish in 1949 when he, Katharine and their daughter Betsy stopped with us, he was the youngest looking member of 1911.

It was in Beast Barracks where I discovered his keen sense of humor. Whenever we were in our room there was always a recount of the amusing happenings of the day. Even after going to bed, some amusing incident of the day would call for several hearty laughs before going to sleep.

After Beast Barracks and Plebe Camp we separated. During the Academic year Fish lived with William W. Prude another Alabaman and I lived with Bill Hardigg, John Lucas and DeGrover Van de Boe.

At the beginning of Yearling year we paired off again and lived together the next three years. During these years I learned the fine qualities of Carl Fish McKinney. He possessed a keen sense of humor, an attractive personality, absolute integrity, unusual courage both physical and moral, an excellent mind, an excellent physique and an admirable attitude toward his fellow man.

He developed into quite an athlete. He was a little too light for football but was on the basketball squad all four years—on the team his second and first class years and was captain of the team the last year. He participated in both the indoor and outdoor meets and was one of the best in equestrian activities including polo, was on the wrestling team, and won the half mile run in our second class year. He was a very energetic individual in spite of the answer he gave me just before we graduated to the question I put to him as to why we had been able to live together so amicably for so long without any fights or even serious arguments. He half closed his eyes into a squint which he frequently did when amused and replied "When either does or says anything that the other objects to, he is too damn lazy to do anything about it." For many years I would tell this only to people from south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

He was always considerate of the other fellow, having the happy faculty of being able to see both sides of human problems. If everybody could practice the golden rule as well as he did we would have a far better world.

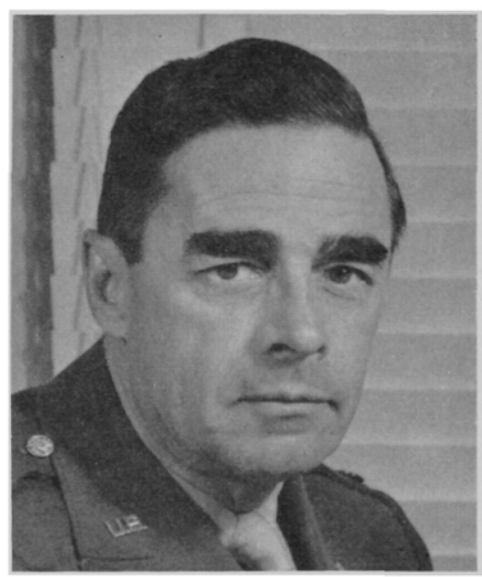
Before graduation, in submitting our preferences for assignment, we applied for the same regiment. A change of policy in the War Department, giving to each branch of the service its proportional share of the class based upon its commissioned strength, gave our class only five engineers instead of fourteen as recommended by the Academic Board. That had its effect upon the assignments according to class standing of the entire class. As a consequence, Fish who ranked me ten files was assigned to our first choice, the 8th Infantry and I was assigned to the 30th Infantry. I have always regretted that we didn't get the same assignment.

Fish was one of the first of the class to experience combat. Along with Sandy Sandeford and Fred Dillman he participated in the battle of Bagsak in the Philippines from June 5th to 11th, 1913. Here he distinguished himself as commander of a mountain gun detachment and received a letter of commendation from General Pershing.

While stationed in the Philippines he met a vivacious and charming young lady named Katharine, the daughter of Brigadier General Eben Swift who was appropriately nicknamed Peaches. After several years of pursuit he captured the young lady and she became Mrs. McKinney on August 22nd, 1917. There are three children—Carl Fish, Jr.—Swift—and Mary Elizabeth, married to Jack Woods—three grandchildren—Donna Elaine McKinney—Sharon English Woods and John Carlton Woods.

It was my great misfortune never to have been stationed with the McKinney family.

Going back to our earlier associations we found ourselves as second lieutenants of infantry, student officers at the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas in the fall of 1915. Freeman Bowley was also a member of the class but left us about a month after the course started to become a first lieutenant of Ordnance. The policy to send infantry officers to the Mounted Service School had just recently been established. Both of us, being very fond of horses and riding, felt unusually fortunate that we should be two of the three infantry officers selected from the entire army to attend the second class to which infantry officers were sent. It was almost like be-



ing back at West Point as we not only went to all classes together but both lived in Arnold Hall. It was during this year that Fish spent most of his spare time wooing "Peaches", who spent a good part of the time we were there with her brother Palmer. Palmer was the Major General I. P. Swift who had an enviable record in the Pacific during World War II.

During World War I Fish was in action on the Piave with the Brigata Bisagno on June 19th and 20th, 1918 during the Austrian offensive. There he was awarded the Italian War Cross for heroic conduct in battle. He distinguished himself as a member of the 77th U.S. Division in the operations which finally relieved the so called "Lost Battalion". In the Washington Star of September 30th, 1928 there is an article entitled "Decade completed since Lost Battalion fought" which goes into great detail describing the operation. As evidence of the modesty of the man I shall quote extracts from this article which quoted him. " 'Of course it was the pressure exerted on the whole enemy line by the seven days of Meuse-Argonne offensive that caused the German resistance to weaken and undoubtedly made it easier for my immediate command to outflank the enemy on the ridge and get to the pocket where Major Whittlesey's command had been surrounded on the night of the 3d of October.'

"In this modest manner Major Carl F. McKinney, who commanded the 3d Battalion of the 307th Infantry and other elements which effected the relief of the 'Lost Battalion', sought to minimize his personal part in one of the most thrilling encounters of American arms of all time.

"And Major McKinney adds his emphatic denial to reports that Major Whittlesey merited censure for allowing his command to lose its way and be cut off."

In elaborating on this reply Fish stated: "If ever a man merited the Congressional Medal of Honor he did, for he reflected great honor upon the American Army." I have been informed that Whittlesey stated tht Fish was the one who deserved the decoration.

After the war he kept up his distinguished career. He was one of the first of our class to be selected to attend the Command and General Staff School where he graduated distinguished; one of the first to be selected to attend the Army War College; and one of the first to be selected for duty on the War Department General Staff. These selections at that time indicated an outstanding efficiency rating. He received commendations for his work as Infantry Instructor at The Coast Artillery School. In 1928 he was detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Johns Hopkins University, where he remained for six years. The very fact that he was kept there six years and the commendations of the President of the University and the Inspector General of the Army indicate that his services were superior. With this outstanding record I expected that he would be among the first of our class to be promoted to general officer, and consequently I was sorely disappointed when he was not promoted to brigadier general during the entire war. I recognized his ability from my intimate knowledge of his personal qualities as well as knowing of his outstanding record. Immediately upon being assigned to command the 79th Division I tried to have Fish assigned as the Assistant Division Commander. I learned however, that the division commander had nothing to say about that assignment. In my opinion there was no member of our class better qualified for high field command. He did a fine job on the general staff of the Fifth Service Command for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Although I was terribly disappointed that he did not get the promotions he deserved, this disappointment is neutralized by the cherished memory of our associations and the feeling that my life was made better by Carl Fish McKinney.

—*I. T. Wyche.*

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Walter Melville Robertson

NO. 5059 CLASS OF 1912

DIED NOVEMBER 22, 1954, AT LETTERMAN ARMY HOSPITAL, CALIFORNIA, AGED 66 YEARS.

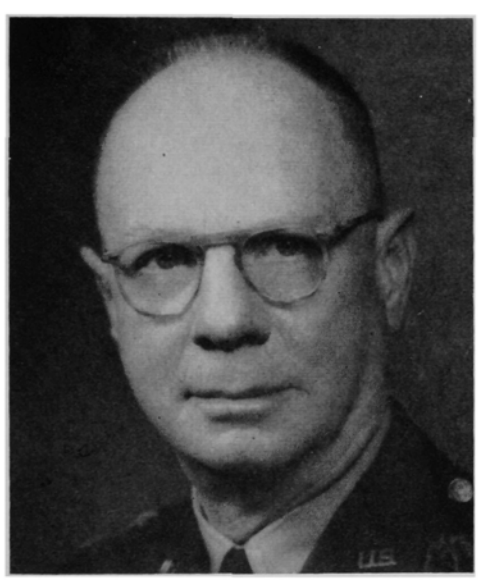
IT is with a heavy heart, and sad at the realization of our loss, that we undertake to write the record of Robby's life for Lorene his widow, for his classmates of 1912, and for all his friends.

Walter Melville Robertson was born June 15, 1888 in Nelson County, Virginia, was appointed to West Point as a candidate at large from Oklahoma, and entered the Academy on March 2, 1908. He was a fine-

appearing, bright, serious-minded, and industrious cadet with high ambition to do the job at hand to the best of his high ability. How well he used his splendid talents is attested by his outstanding cadet record; track team, four years on the basketball squad, individual tennis champion, and holder of all the "makes" from corporal to cadet captain.

In September 1912, he reported for duty as second lieutenant of infantry, to Company M, First Infantry, at Schofield Barracks, where his company commander, Captain Harry E. Knight, took the greatest interest in his young "shavetail", and this early training showed its fruit in Robby's later career as an infantry officer par excellence. Hinemon, his roommate at West Point, Anderson, R. E., Gonser, Maxwell, Riley, Rose, Schneider, Smith, J. N., and Snow all served with Robby at Schofield, and remember his serious attention to duty, and his gaiety, and his popularity at parties.

In 1915, Robby was transferred to the Twenty-fourth Infantry at the Presidio of San Francisco, and here he met Lorene Powell Crebs of Carmi, Illinois, who was visiting on the post, and they fell in love.



Soon Robby was transferred to Fort Missoula, Montana, where he was the only officer at this moth-balled post, and here he and Lorene were married August 10, 1916. In this biography, I am touching first on the important facts in Robby's career, and in his own opinion and in the opinion of all who knew her, nothing in his life was more felicitous than his marriage to Lorene, for in her he found the ideal mate, devoted, beautiful, charming, and taking with humor and fortitude the ups and downs of an Army career. Lorene married a soldier, and so, in truth, did Robby.

The light of glory that shines on Robby in the award of the Distinguished Service Cross for his achievements in December 1944 illuminates his long wartime service with the Second Infantry Division, with which unit he commanded two of the three regiments, the Ninth and the Twenty-third, was assistant division commander, and commanded the division itself for three years. Under our Robby's leadership, the immortal Indian Head Division stormed its part of Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 7, 1944; fought viciously down to Brest, where the garrison surrendered in Robby's presence; broke the Siegfried Line in December 1944; held firm on the left shoulder of the shattered Allied line in the Battle of the Bulge; crossed the Rhine at Remagen; and captured Pilsen and received the surrender of the enemy forces about Prague. This ended for the Second Division and its great fighting general, eleven months of victorious combat in the five major campaigns of Normandy, Central France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe.

In 1945 and 1946, Robby commanded the XV Corps in Austria, and in Bulgaria most ably discharged his duties as the United States Delegate to the Allied Control Mission.

His last active duty assignment was that of Deputy Commanding General of the Sixth Army, where he and Lorene lived most delightfully and entertained lavishly and beautifully at Quarters 341, Infantry Terrace.

Robby retired from active duty in June 1950, and was given a magnificent retirement review and reception by the Second Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, as a testimonial of the high regard and affection in which he was held by the civil and military components of the Sixth Army area.

This same year, Robby, in vigorous health and wanting to continue to serve his country, became Civil Defense Director for California, and with tact and devotion and success, worked at this somewhat thankless task until his death.

In October 1954, Robby came down from Sacramento to the Letterman Army Hospital for a minor operation, and it was discovered that he had a serious abdominal condition, for which he submitted to an operation on Tuesday, November 9; complications followed and Robby died on November 22. On November 24, funeral services were held at the Chapel of the Presidio of San Francisco, with the edifice full to overflowing; 1912 was represented by Barrett, Chynoweth, Faymonville, Lindt, Mallon and Morrissey. Robby was buried at Arlington on December 1, 1954, and his honorary pallbearers were Chamberlain, Crawford, R. C., Haislip, Littlejohn, Mooney, Snow, Spalding, S. P., and Thomas.

Between these high-lights of Robby's career, his life was a steady chronicle of work well and faithfully done, to his own credit and to the honor of the Service.

Robby's record speaks for itself, but to show the international recognition given him, here is a list of his decorations:

UNITED STATES

Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and Bronze Star Medal.

GREAT BRITAIN

Companion of the Bath.

FRANCE

Officier de la Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre avec Palme.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Cross of Gallantry, Order of the White Lion, 3rd Class.

RUSSIA

Eminent Order of Suvarov.

BELGIUM

Commandeur, Ordre de la Couronne avec Palme, Croix de Guerre avec Palme.

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Farewell, Robby, beloved friend and classmate! Surely these words of the Alma Mater Song we sang together by Old Hudson's shore, so many times, so long ago, apply to you;

"And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said 'Well done.
Be thou at peace'."

—*d'Alary Fechet.*

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Dana Palmer

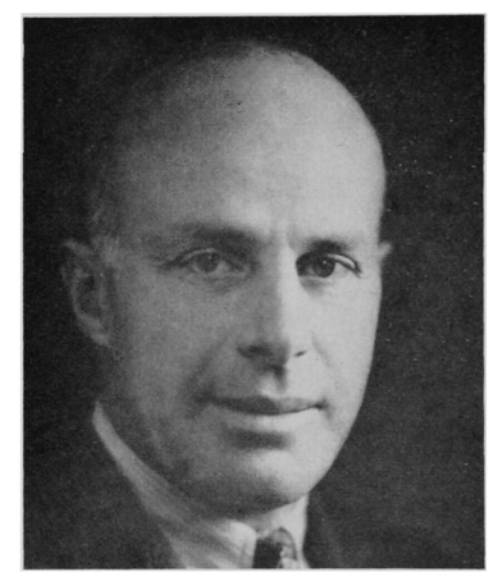
NO. 5186 CLASS OF 1913

DIED NOVEMBER 13, 1954, AT WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, AGED 64 YEARS.

IN 1912, that distinguished military man, congressman, and industrialist, General Butler Ames, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, gave to Dana Palmer, of Lowell, Massachusetts, an appointment to West Point.

Dana was the energetic and promising son of the mayor of Lowell, Massachusetts. He had graduated from the Lowell schools, and was attending Harvard University at the time of his appointment.

Conspicuous among the some 150 members who marched up "that long high hill" on that cold morning of March 4, 1913, was one sophisticated ex-Harvard student with an infectious manner of meeting and wishing to know all the rest of us. We came to know him as Dana.



Dana was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on 13 May 1890, the son of the Charles Dana Palmer, Mayor of that city.

As a cadet, Dana was not so studious as the various departments wished, so he, with "Dixie" Crutcher, "Monk" Lewis and a few other beloved members, was at the foot of the class, and was seen often at the end of the term, marching with "white gloves on" to take the final examinations. He also was often seen on the "area" on Saturday afternoons! No one of our class was so well known to the Tactical Department, as his brain and talents were active in other matters than the serious West Point educational curriculum. With "Dutch" Krapf he hazed the Tactical Department at every opportunity.

We of the Class of 1913 really appraised this fine lad for his true worth. He was a delightful classmate, and one of the leaders in all our extracurricular activities. With Crittenberger he did much of the writing of our songs for the Furlough Book, and for our 100th Night play; also for the memorable "color line" concerts of our summer camp days.

On graduation he was assigned to the 3rd U.S. Infantry, then stationed at Madison Barracks, New York. We recall, with much humor, Dana telling us that the C.O. re-

ceived him with much evident concern, and told him that it was "customary in the 3rd Infantry to always behave within one mile of the flagpole". He must have been in touch with the Tactical Department at the Academy!

Dana had other things in mind, so tried out for the Air Corps within a year, but failed to pass the required tests. He finally went on border duty at Eagle Pass, Texas, until World War I broke, when he joined the 37th Division at San Antonio, which trained at Laredo under our great 1913 Class friend, "Hans" Glade. This did not last long, as he was soon transferred to instructor duty at Camp Benjamin Harrison.

The Air Corps yet attracted his attention, so he applied for training at Kelly Field, but again did not qualify for flying.

So, back to the Infantry and the 9th Division at Waco, Texas, as World War I was on the horizon. It looked as though he would get active service as he reached Camp Mills for overseas duty, just as the Armistice was signed. He then was reassigned as M.S.&T. instructor at the Tennessee Military Institute. This he did not like, so he soon had the luck, so he said, to be sent to the A.E.F. in Siberia, in 1919, to help keep the Siberian railroads open.

This duty didn't last long, and in 1920 he was ordered to the Philippines for duty, at which place he resigned from the Army in 1920, and went back to Lowell, Massachusetts, to civilian life.

He was appointed to the faculty of Lowell High School in 1920, and served there with much distinction until the time of his death. In his later years he was the Student Guidance Director. Also, he had classes in Chemistry, Radio, Aeronautics, and several other erudite subjects. His high school was the first to prepare boys for the air force. During some of his last years he specialized in helping GI veterans to go to college under his special pre-college instruction.

Dana died in the football stands while attending the Lowell High School vs. the White Plains High School football game. He died of a heart attack in his seat without any undue notice. He drove to the game with his school team and with his wife. He was apparently in excellent health and spirits. This is as he might have wished it—smiling and debonair to the end.

He was buried at Lowell, Massachusetts. Several of his classmates were there to pay our class respects to this cheerful, friendly, and sympathetic classmate.

Dana married Elizabeth Skinner, of Watertown, New York, on September 2, 1915. They had four children, Peggy, Eleanor, Charles Dana, Jr., and Hildreth. The three daughters are, of this date, Mrs. John H. Costello of Lowell, Mrs. James Lynch of Lexington, and Miss Hildreth Palmer, of Lowell, Massachusetts.

Charles Dana, Jr., also went to the U.S. Military Academy and is now Captain Charles Dana Palmer, U.S. Paratroopers, Fort Bragg, South Carolina. Dana and Elizabeth have three grandchildren. One brother—Colonel Jackson Palmer—lives in Florida.

As time passes and our Class needs less space in the "Old Grads" parade in June, we shall have a deep and sincere feeling of sadness not to see Dana again at our future reunions at West Point.

We will miss his charm; his gaiety; his many stories of cadet days; and the friendship and camaraderie he always inspired among us. Dana was beloved by all of us.

—Joe Viner,
Doug Green,
Lunsford Oliver.

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Arthur William Pence

NO. 6031 CLASS OF NOVEMBER, 1918

DIED NOVEMBER 8, 1954, AT FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, AGED 56 YEARS.

IT was a very impressive funeral service that was being conducted at Fort Myer Chapel on November 10, 1954. What made it particularly impressive was first, the number of friends who turned out to pay their last respects and second, the special guard of honor of some six hundred Engineer soldiers in combat dress who volunteered to line the route from the chapel to the grave in order to salute for the last time a commander loved and mourned by all.

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Major General Arthur William Pence, Corps of Engineers, known as "Penny" to all his host of friends, died suddenly of a heart attack, November 8, 1954 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the great Engineer Center that he had commanded only a short time.

Penny, born in the service, raised in the service, died as he would have liked,—still in the service of the country he loved and served so brilliantly.

A cross-section of the honorary pall bearers, who included the Chief of Staff of the Army, a sprinkling of generals and colonels, a captain and a sergeant, was symbolic,—from the top command to the ranks, he was loved and respected by all who ever knew him.

He wore gold stars all his cadet days and graduated three in his class November 1918. He had the brains and the ability to go far and he did, as his two stars of Major General rank, the DSM, LM (OLC) and BS indicate.

There was a kindliness about Penny that is not usually associated with Major Generals, he never had to pound the desk and demand action, he was always willing to listen and learn. He had a never failing cheerful attitude toward life, he loved his home and his work, he could always see something optimistic in even a crisis. He would say with a smile, "Now let's see, it can't really be as bad as all that", and then he would start to dissect the problem until he reached something substantial upon which to build a solution and he was always successful in building a logical solution.

He could handle big jobs easily and he got them to handle. He put through the tunnels on the Fort Peck Dam after the contractor failed on the job and he did it with a saving to the government of several million dollars. He set up the training in the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Belvoir and established standards that were used as examples for other centers to follow. He established the Eastern Base Section in Constantine and furnished the logistical support of the United States Forces in the Sicilian Campaign and later established the Peninsular Base Section in Naples which supported Fifth Army in the Italian Campaign, and if any of you who fought in these campaigns wondered where all the thousands of tons of stuff came from that you used,—Penny got it for you!

These are just a few of the high points of a challenging career and are only mentioned to show that his two stars were not accidental.

Penny was of the "old army", an "army brat" himself he met and married Elizabeth Fuller another "army brat" and their contribution to the Long Grey Line are two sons both Captains, Arthur William, Jr., Infantry and William Fuller, Engineers, and a daughter, Betty Sue.

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The little chapel at Fort Myer was crowded, more people were standing than were seated and many had come from hundreds of miles away and were going back that same day, but one and all had a common impulse,—to pay their last respects to a loved and honored friend and a real soldier. Arthur William Pence, Major General and humanitarian. Vaya con dios, amigo.

—W. C. B.

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James Malcolm Lewis

NO. 6584 CLASS OF 1920

DIED APRIL 19, 1954, AT CAMP STONEMAN, CALIFORNIA, AGED 56 YEARS.

DEATH came suddenly to James Malcolm Lewis on 19 April 1954 at the United States Army Hospital, Camp Stoneman, California, terminating his career of distinguished service to the Army on the day of his nomination for appointment as a Major General, AUS. He was born on 17 February 1898 at Moundsville, West Virginia and entered the Military Academy on 14 June 1918. Official records may chronicle the details of his service but can not reflect the richness and variety of his assignments. The highlights of his career are worthy of enumeration.

After graduation at West Point on 1 July 1920, Jimmy, as he was affectionately known to his many friends in the Service, completed the courses of Field Artillery School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in August 1921. Serving next with the 82nd Field Artillery Battalion (horsed) at Fort Bliss, Texas, until October of 1923, he became an accomplished horseman and a most competent artilleryman. Next assigned to the 13th Field Artillery in Hawaii until June 1926, he served in several capacities but his qualities of leadership especially were demonstrated by his success as coach of the regimental football team which won two Divisional championships.

As an ROTC Instructor at the University of Illinois until June 1930, he was conspicuously successful both as an instructor and in his handling of college students. He amazed fellow instructors by his incredible ability quickly to learn and remember the names of hundreds of students. This ability he retained throughout the years of his service. After a year's duty in Pan-

ama as aide to Brigadier General Andrew Moses, Jimmy's regimental commander in Hawaii, followed by about nine months with the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland, he was assigned in August 1932 as instructor in the Department of Mathematics at West Point. It was no surprise to those who knew him that he was one of the first "junior" officers selected for the two-year course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, which he completed in June 1936. Following a period of service in various capacities with the 19th Field Artillery at Fort Knox and Fort Benjamin Harrison, he was a member of the Field Artillery Board at Fort Bragg from September 1938 until June 1942.

After serving successively as Executive Officer, 83d Division Artillery, and Commanding Officer, 203d Field Artillery Group, he was assigned in February 1944 to command of the 32d Field Artillery Brigade with which he served at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and in England and France. On 29 May 1944, he was appointed Brigadier General, AUS, and from July 1944 until November 1945, he was Commanding General, 30th Infantry Division Artillery, in

France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and Fort Bragg.

From December 1945 until December 1946, he served successively as Assistant Commander, Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bragg, Commanding Officer, 2d Infantry Division Artillery at Camp Swift, Texas, and Deputy Post Commander at Fort Lewis, Washington. On 1 February 1946 he reverted to the grade of Colonel. From January to June 1947, he was a Branch Chief of the Personnel and Administration Division, War Department General Staff. Upon his own request he was assigned in July 1947 as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Bost College.

In September 1950, Jimmy returned to overseas duty in Okinawa, where he served successive'y as Executive Officer, Military Government of Ryukyu Islands and as Civil Administrator, United States Civil Administration of Ryukyu Islands. On 27 June 1951, he was reappointed Brigadier General AUS, and on 30 March 1953 was appointed Brigadier General, Regular Army. In July 1953 he became Commanding General of Camp Stoneman, California in which position he served until his death on 19 April 1954. On 29 March 1954 Jimmy was appointed Major General, AUS, (Posthumous).

Jimmy was awarded the following Decorations and Awards: Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with first Oak-Leaf cluster; Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant; World War I Victory Medal; Americans Defense Service Medal; World War II Victory Medal; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one silver service star for the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe Campaigns; Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp; National Defense Service Medal; French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier, French Croix de Guerre with Palm; Netherlands Order of Orange Nassau; Belgian Cross of War 1940 with Palm; Russian Order of Home Defense; and the Belgian Fourragere.

To have known Jimmy was to have loved him. It is difficult to believe that anyone associated with him in a military or civilian relationship could other than have liked and admired him. Certainly he attained everyone's respect because of his fineness of character, his professional ability, his devotion to duty, his strong sense of justice, his modest self confidence, and his personal magnetism. His power of leadership was manifested by his ability to gain the complete loyalty and obedience of all those under his command or supervision; they desired most to do that which he desired. It is tragic that he could not have seen a document which reached Camp Stoneman but a few days after his death. "A Report to Brigadier General Lewis" was assembled and bound by busy men of his former command on Okinawa. It included memorandums, letters, sketches, and cartoons submitted by natives, children, American Civilian Advisors and Army officers and men; all messages were "Unsolicited and unrehearsed" The report set forth greetings from individuals, happenings since he left them ten months before, and outlined the progress made on his and their plans for the betterment of the Okinawans. It was my privilege to read the "report" and to marvel at the affection and the loyalty which motivated its preparation. The report is a prized possession of his family.

Jimmy never married. He loved a home. He loved children and they loved him. Among other fortunate families, mine was blessed for nearly ten years by his frequent informal visits for supper. Festooned with pajama-clad children he held their rapt attention with an unending flow of stories and rhymes drawn from his boundless memory and supplemented by those of his own invention. He had the knack of "talking up" to them. After the children were shooed to bed he liked best to raid the refrigerator and with a pot of hot coffee to share in the gossip of close friends. His humor was genuine and easily provoked but never unkind; he liked best the joke on himself. Be it Christmas dinner or a sandwich, with a twinkle in his eye, his invariable goodbye was "thanks for the snack".

He will live forever in the memory of those who knew him. His "Duty" always was fully performed; his "Honor" was never compromised; his "Country" was served with selfless devotion until his death. He lived at full ease with his conscience. He stoutly marches in the shadowy vanguard of "The Long Grey Line".

—*G. S. P.*

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Paul Thomas Carroll

NO. 9775 CLASS OF 1933

DIED SEPTEMBER 17, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 44 YEARS.

London Times, November 8, 1954—J. F. G. and B. E. F. write:—

As two British officers lately serving at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe, we feel that the recent death from a heart attack of General Paul Carroll, special assistant to the President of the United States, should not go unrecorded. He was an officer of considerable achievement and unlimited promise of whom all too little was known, even in his own country. Yet many people, both in the United States and in the other countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, who have never so much as heard his name, are deeply in his debt. His work was done modestly and unobtrusively; but he is being mourned today in 14 different countries by those who were privileged to serve with him.

Paul Carroll was born at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, on April 6, 1910, and was in the 1933 class at West Point. After service in Hawaii, the United States, and Iceland, he fought in the early stages of Normandy with the 5th United States Division, and was twice decorated with the Silver Star. We have before us copies of the two citations; and on both occasions, as we would have expected, he was far in the forefront

of the fight, and fully exposed to murderous enemy fire. He joined General Eisenhower's personal staff in November 1945, and except for two short spells of duty elsewhere remained there until his tragic and sudden death a few weeks ago.

Having shown himself to be a redoubtable commander in the field, he accompanied General Eisenhower to SHAPE when it was first established, and proved to be endowed with special gifts for this new and unfamiliar assignment. But more important even than these gifts were the qualities of his character. He was a family man, a devout Roman Catholic, and possessed of a deep desire to apply his life, his brains, and his energy to something constructive. The building up of SHAPE and of understanding between nations was the opportunity which Providence gave him, and he embraced it with both hands and his whole heart.

The door of his office at SHAPE was never shut; every visitor, no matter how important or how trivial his mission, was made welcome. The ideal NATO officer is the man who brings the best qualities of his own nation and commits them unreservedly to the common pool, with understanding of the point of view of others, yet without worrying overmuch about questions of his own national prejudices or prestige; "Pete" Carroll's contribution was the

stronger because of his intense patriotism as an outstanding American officer.

To his wife Ruth and his three young sons his loss must be irreparable; and President Eisenhower himself has suffered a cruel deprivation. Their sorrow is shared more widely than perhaps they know.

—*J. F. G. and B. E. F.*

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William Bruce Logan

NO. 9682 CLASS OF 1933

DIED DECEMBER 20, 1954, IN A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN MUNICH, GERMANY, AGED 42 YEARS.

THE tragic, untimely death of W. Bruce Logan, in an automobile accident, in Munich, Germany, on 20 December 1954, was a great shock to his classmates and his many friends.

The valedictorian of his high school class at Gloversville, New York, Bruce was one of the youngest members of his West Point class. He was retiring, almost to the degree of shyness, and reluctant to display his full knowledge or to push his considered opinion in the face of loud, stubborn resistance. However, a twinkle in the eye and a knowing half-smile on his face left no doubt as to his knowledge of the subject being discussed, his mental ability and his balanced judgment. His youthful appearance was adequately supported by the deeper brand of confidence which emanates from clear thinking, distilled knowledge, and breadth of vision. Bruce never lost this inner confidence and easy manner. He took West Point academics in his stride, and in an effortless manner secured a firm position in the upper sections and graduated 97th in the class of 347.

Beginning his commissioned service at Fort Monroe in 1933, Bruce served in Hawaii, Washington (two tours), the Far East during World War II, and in Japan. Entering the Comptroller Field in 1953, Bruce was Comptroller of Southern Area Command, Munich, Germany, at the time of his accident.

Specializing in Logistics work in the Pentagon, he continued in that area as Executive Officer of the G-4 Section, Hq AA Command, Richmond, Virginia, 1942-1944, as G-4, 14th AA Command in New Guinea and the Philippines in 1945 and 1946, and in the G-4 Section, GHQ, Far East Command in 1947.

Possessed of a wealth of cultural knowledge, a highly retentive memory, a quick and facile mentality, Bruce had that relatively rare ability to evaluate the important problems and separate them quickly from the mass of trivia. His calm, deliberate, almost reticent manner did not early gain him the recognition that his ability warranted; nevertheless he was the unsung hero, the anonymous man-behind-the-scenes of many important high-level decisions in the logistics field.

As I reflect on the many experiences we shared, both serious and humorous, throughout the past 26 years, I regret my inability to recreate those which might show others the many interesting aspects of Bruce's outstanding character and accomplishments. His indignation at oversea processing procedures at Fort Ord in 1944; the subsequent convoy trip on the "Sea Pike"; his seriocomic criticisms that pin-pointed the errors and suggested corrective courses of action that subsequently were demonstrated to be most valid. Bruce's enthusiasm and interest in exploring the sea bottom in full diver's gear off the coast of Samar in the Philippines in 1945; his penetrating analysis and prognosis of international events at the time of VJ day, which later events proved to be correct; his evaluation of the US economic position in 1953; his generosity and thoughtfulness demonstrated in innumerable ways throughout the years; the infrequent but always outstandingly pleasant family visits; these are but a few of the many memories that I always shall treasure.

A great admirer and collector of old pistols and rifles, during his later years Bruce also developed a liking for objets d'art—particularly ancient, carved pieces of historical significance. I well remember the intense interest he displayed in showing me some of his acquistions just a few weeks before his death. The fondness, almost to the point of reverence, with which he handled his favorite possessions and explained the stories behind them, brought out still another facet of his wide-ranging interests.

But above and beyond his varied and kaleidoscopic interests, Bruce had a highly principled sense of responsibility and duty.

He never swerved from his goal to insure that the Army got the maximum for each dollar spent. His ability to analyze and properly evaluate existing conditions coupled with his rich experience and sound judgment, made him one of the most effective officers in his field of endeavor. His talents and stature were universally recognized; and his passing will be keenly felt not only by his family and his friends but also by his Country and by the Army he served so well.

—*R. C. Leslie, Colonel, Arty.*

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Edward Elford Lutwack

NO. 7160 CLASS OF 1923

DIED MAY 29, 1954, AT AKRON, OHIO, AGED 54 YEARS.

"A NOBLE soul". This description of Eddie by his beloved sister, whom he predeceased by eight months, characterized his entire life.

Born in Connecticut February 5, 1900, the son of a prosperous Connecticut farmer, Eddie was graduated from Hartford High School, and passed the senatorial competitive examination from that State, entering West Point in June 1919. None of his family knew that he had taken this examination until it was announced that he had passed with the second highest mark in the State.

When Eddie arrived at West Point he had risen to the stature of manhood, gifted in mind and character—remote, indeed from the boy of yesteryear who would remonstrate, "Gee, Ma, don't call me 'Eddie dear' in front of the fellows!"

His cadet activities were highlighted by his silver voice in the cadet choir. He cherished the social activities, especially the hops, for Eddie was gregarious and fun-loving. His dimples and mischievous grin dispelled gloom forever. As a plebe he had no difficulty in widening his circle of friends throughout the Corps. Each became loyal and true to him, recognizing in him a natural leader. It would have been difficult to discover in the youth, Eddie, traits of character which were not of the highest. He possessed personal charm and sympathy which attracted friends to him like the magnetism of a loadstone.

The popular first captain of the Corps in 1923, "Fritz" Breidster, now commander of the 32d Division of the Wisconsin National Guard, recently remarked of Eddie, "As a cadet he was loved and respected by his classmates. He was ever jovial and always a helpful friend. He had an intense pride in the Corps, and that pride carried through in the years after his West Point days."

Upon graduation Eddie was commissioned in the Coast Artillery. He resigned from the regular service in 1925 and entered the engineering department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He then obtained a commission as a second lieutenant in the Reserve Corps in which he remained constantly active, and rose to the rank of Colonel in the Air Force. While representing the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Wisconsin he was named commander of the 9136th Volunteer Squadrons at Racine and Waukegan.

At the outbreak of World War II Eddie was assigned to the Technical Training Command of the Army Air Corps at Gulfport, Mississippi. His assistant at that station, Major Harry A. Johnson, Jr., presently a prominent lawyer of Shreveport, said of him: "Among the group of civilians which had been thrown together around *one* member of the regular establishment—the C.O.—Eddie shone like a lamp in the dark. From the very beginning of his service at Gulfport Eddie demonstrated his uncanny ability to judge men. By a brief personal interview he could, and did, pick the right man for the right job. He was a past master at building up one's self-confidence, and by doing this he was able to get for his commanding officer, the maximum performance out of everyone."

For his exceptional meritorious service at Gulfport Eddie was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944.

Later in 1944 Eddie was transferred to Headquarters of the Eastern Technical Training Command in St. Louis where he served as Deputy Chief of Staff. Upon his return to civil life at the close of World War II he received this warm personal tribute from his chief, General Hornsby:

"Your loyalty to the minute administrative details peculiar to the position of Deputy Chief of Staff are reflected in the excellent administrative reputation enjoyed by the Eastern Technical Training Command. This is direct evidence of your superior executive and administrative ability.

"Scrutiny of your record reveals that your performance of duty since your entry into the service has been consistently superior.

A record such as this can be gained only by constant attention to duty and a thorough understanding of the mission of the Command.

"The members of my staff and I feel a deep sense of loss on the eve of your departure, as we will miss your sound judgment and experience in the administrative matters attendant to post-war conversion."

After the War Eddie devoted himself to his wife and children in whom he was justly proud, and to his duties at the home office of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The President of that company said of him: "Colonel Lutwack joined the Company in 1927 and remained with it until the date of his untimely death. We here at Goodyear knew him as a man of exemplary character, whose life was guided by a high sense of duty and loyalty to Country, family and friends. At the time of his passing he was manager of the Trade Relations Department, and carried out his duties in a highly capable manner, and with a spirit of fair play.

"Following the War he gave generously of his time and specialized knowledge in

civic enterprises for the safety and security of his Country and community. As chairman of the Red Cross Committee of Summit County, organized to meet disaster, and to coordinate civilian defense activities, he performed in his usual highly efficient manner, and with his characteristic modesty."

Other close business associates of Eddie's have remarked of him, "He was a breath of fresh air on the business horizon. He was deeply conscious of the highest traditions of his West Point training. In a quietly impressive way he carried those traditions into his business life. He was an honorable man in the true sense of the word, and an unfailing friend. His early departure will leave a deep and lasting void. Indeed, he has left his mark on many of us."

Blessed with a devoted wife and two active, intelligent children, Eddie's life with them in his lovely home was ideal. He had more than the usual for which to live. His affectionate family were his constant companions. To them he was a demigod who could surmount all the obstacles of life—a Gibraltar of confidence and optimism. The realization that they shall see him no more in this life is difficult for them to contemplate.

Eddie died at Akron, Ohio, May 29, 1954 after a brief illness. His remains rest in Holy Cross Cemetery in that City where live his family and friends to whom he had so fervently dedicated his life. He is survived by his devoted wife, Mae, his son, Billy, age 13, and his daughter Rosalind, ("Nini"), age 6, who continue to reside at the family home, 414 Merriman Road, Akron.

Illustrious son of West Point, spread
Thy banner midst my noble dead;
Triumphant sons sleep at this breast;
A glorious State will guard thy rest.

—*John R. McGinness, Class of* 1925.

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Hal Fitzgerald Crain

NO. 13284 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

KILLED DECEMBER 25, 1944, IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, AGED 26 YEARS.

HAL CRAIN was born in New York City, 12 September 1918. As a lad of seven he moved with his parents to Los Angeles, California, where he received all his elementary and secondary schooling. He was a good student in school and read a great deal; particularly, he liked to read history books. Too, he had a talent for drawing and studied the piano from the age of five, becoming quite an accomplished performer. This study developed his appreciation of good music, and although he did not keep up his study of piano in later years, he expressed his love of fine music by collecting recordings of symphonies. He first showed an interest in a military career when as a sophomore at Hollywood High School in California he enrolled in the "Pershing Rifles," an ROTC course.

Hal finished high school in February 1936, and spent a few months on his uncle's ranch in Oregon before entering UCLA in the fall of the same year. At UCLA he so distinguished himself in history subjects that he was admitted to the History Club, one of only two under classmen so honored. At this time he determined to enter West Point and would not even consider the possibility of failure in this ambition. This determination was one of the dominant traits of his character. He would not admit the possibility of defeat in anything he had decided to do.

He received a congressional appointment, entered the Military Academy in July 1939, and promptly dedicated himself to his duties with great enthusiasm. Writing about him in the *Howitzer* a classmate said,

"In Hal ambition pointed a resolute, confident person toward the Academy, and we know him for this same positiveness and determination here. His energy, vitality, and agility placed him top goalie on the lacrosse and soccer teams and gymnastics apparatus expert. High ideals and dependability made Hal a most amiable companion. His enthusiasm for all West Point activities will cause us to remember him as a true West Pointer."

Hal's great persistence and determination accounted for his success in winning numerals, monograms, and major and minor "A"s in lacrosse and soccer, contact sports in which his tall, slender physique was a disadvantage.

Upon graduation, 19 January 1943, Hal was assigned successively to these stations: Fort Benning, Georgia; Camp Robinson at Little Rock, Arkansas; and Camp Rucker, Alabama. He loved his work and took his responsibilities seriously. He was particularly concerned with giving his men thorough training and always led them in their exercises. Shortly after Hal was promoted to Captain, his unit moved overseas, arriving in England in early December 1944. He enjoyed seeing the England he had read so much about in his history books.

During this period of training and waiting for action, Hal developed a premonition of his death which he mentioned in letters to his parents. That he was nevertheless ready as always to face whatever the future might hold he expressed in his last letter home, quoting these favored lines from Macaulay:

Up spoke brave Horatius, master of the gate:
To all men upon the Earth, death cometh soon or late.
And how could men die better than by facing fearful odds
For the temples of their fathers and the altars of their gods.

A few days after he wrote this quotation Hal lost his life in the sinking of the troop ship Leopoldville, which was torpedoed in the English Channel on Christmas Day, 1944. At first it was hoped the ship could reach France, but it suddenly lurched and went down almost immediately when within three miles of shore.

Hal was on deck, and when the last moment came, he rushed down into the ship to look after his men. According to a letter from his commanding officer, Hal worked frantically in saving others, finally giving his own life preserver to one of his men.

At the age of twenty-six he had achieved his life's ambition to live a soldier's life and to serve with distinction. He left the memory of an unsullied life filled with high ideals, courage, and strength to meet every issue squarely, even to giving his life that others might live.

He left these close relatives: a small son who resides in Switzerland; two brothers, John Crain of Pasadena, California, and Francis Crain, an officer in the United States Army; and his parents, Lily and Hal D. Crain of Pasadena, California.

—*Lieutenant Colonel Dettre,*
Department of Mathematics.

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Donald Maurice Stangle

NO. 13256 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

DIED DECEMBER 23, 1944, AGED 25 YEARS.

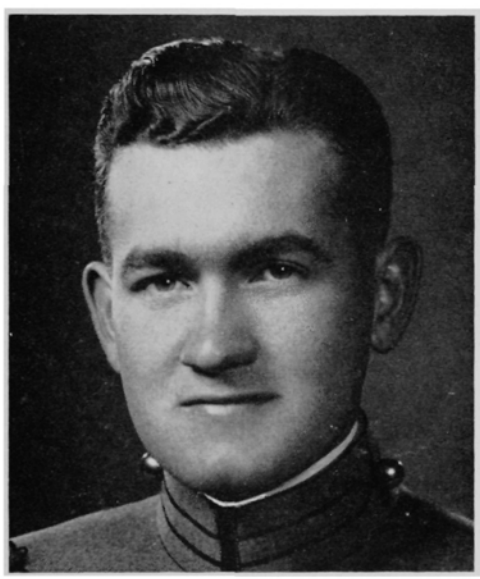
DON was born 21 October 1919 near Vincennes, Indiana, and grew up on a farm

with five brothers and four sisters. He attended Saint Thomas Catholic Grade School, and Lincoln Public High School, in Vincennes, and Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, D. C., prior to entering the Military Academy in 1939.

As a cadet he gave early evidence of the physical and moral strength which earned the friendly admiration, respect, and high esteem of his classmates and other associates. His sociable fun-loving personality won for him many lasting friendships during his stay at West Point. In academics he worked hard. He was never content with just passing; he wanted to get the most out of his instruction at West Point.

He loved sports and participated actively in baseball and boxing. As an athlete he displayed the tenacity, determination, and courage which later marked him as an outstanding leader in battle.

Writing about him in the *Howitzer*, a classmate said, "Don's boxing ability symbolizes his character. He works for what he wants and usually finishes with a clean knockout. Knowing how to exert initiative



in standing for his rights makes him an excellent leader. Sociable and dependable he will remain a true friend to the last count."

Don was commissioned in the Air Corps following graduation from the Academy in January 1943. Before assuming his new duties he married, on 8 February 1943, his childhood sweetheart, Catherine Marsh, whose home was just three miles distant from the farm on which Don spent his early youth. Just three weeks before Don left for overseas duty his wife presented him with a daughter Patricia Rosalie.

Following his marriage Don served at Fort Worth, Texas, and Hunter Field, Georgia, before flying a B-26 to England. In honor of his wife and child he named his airplanes Patty-Kay, and in his log book he wrote of as many as four aircraft so named.

As a member of the 598th Squadron, 397th Bombardment Group, Don attained the rank of Captain. He flew missions from England and the continent, often in the capacity of group leader. On his fifty-fifth mission, while leading a formation of thirty-six aircraft, his plane was shot down by enemy fighters on 23 December 1944. None of the crew ever returned.

Don took the last count in his characteristic fashion, leading his aircrews with the courage, tenacity, and determination which marked his entire career. He now rests in the Hamm Military Cemetery, Hamm, Germany.

He was survived by these close relatives: his widow, Mrs. Clearence Halter; his daughter, Miss Patty Rose Stangle, now residing at Vincennes, Indiana; his parents, Mr. (now deceased) and Mrs. Maurice Stangle; his brothers and sisters, John Stangle, Bruceville, Indiana; Colonel J. H. Stangle, Student Detachment, ARWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Arthur F. Stangle, Vincennes, Indiana; R. Curtis Stangle, Vincennes, Indiana; Frank Stangle, Vincennes, Indiana; Mrs. J. R. Wheatley, Evansville, Indiana; Mrs. Earl Minderman, Laurenceville, Indiana; Mrs. Tom Nee, Frederick, Maryland; and Mrs. Charles Wakelam, Indianapolis, Indiana.

—Lt. Colonel Rexford H. Dettre, Jr.

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Marshall McDairmid Williams, III

NO. 16083 CLASS OF 1946

KILLED IN ACTION SEPTEMBER 11, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 25 YEARS.

THE evening of 11 September 1950 the status board in the Fifth Air Force's Joint Operations Center listed: "MIA-1-RF-80A, 8TRS". Most of those who will read this are professional soldiers, and as such will recognize this to be the flat statement that the 8th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron had lost one of its RF-80 jet photographic aircraft on a mission behind enemy lines. Of course no such report, blunt and impersonal as required in war, can begin to hint at the grief of family and friends but the further listing of the pilot as "M. M. Williams" extended an individual, personal feeling of loss throughout a great and busy fighting Air Force, from 8th TRS airmen to the Commanding General FEAF.

I first met this big Texan in Beast Barracks, where "You red headed man, halt!" more often than not hinted that Rojo's basic sense of humor still prevailed over the iron hand of the system. I worked and played with him, flew and fought alongside him, from then until he walked out of the briefing tent to his last sortie. Let me tell you a little of Rojo and why so many feel his loss so keenly.

Marshall Williams came to the colors early, born on June 20, 1925 in Waco, Texas to the late Major Marshall McDairmid Williams, Jr., USA Ret., of Faison, North Carolina, and Lucy Lazenby Williams of Waco. Soon after the family moved to Tucson, Arizona where he began school. After his father's death in 1935 Marshall's mother moved with him and his younger brother to San Antonio, Texas where he became an Eagle Scout, played high school football and tennis and where his red hair earned him the Spanish name, "Rojo", that was to follow him on to West Point and the Air Force.

After graduation from San Antonio's Alamo Heights High School Rojo attended Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, D. C. and then entered the Military Academy in July 1943.

As a cadet he played varsity soccer, was a stand out on his company's intramural football and baseball teams, and had nonathletic tussles with the academic and tactical departments, always coming out on top.

Looking back on it all now, I would guess that the high point in Rojo's life came when he began to fly, or perhaps that day, just before graduation, when he won his wings. There are almost as many reasons for flying as there are aviators, a sense of duty, pay, a mistaken idea of glory and whatnot but this was a man who truly loved to fly, any time, any place, for any reason. There aren't many of that kind around.

Rojo couldn't have been happier in his job than he was from graduation until his last flight, and the Air Force couldn't have made better job assignments than they did in his particular case. After fighter transition he was assigned to a Tactical Reconnaissance unit in his home town of San Antonio. The unit moved shortly, however his disappointment at leaving home was softened by the fact that his was one of the first squadrons to be equipped with jets. The jet airplane and "Tac Recon" were the answer to Rojo's dream. He flew often and he flew alone. His photographic missions

took him from coast to coast and his flying ability made him part of a team that did more than forty air shows in one year alone. Two good years passed in this way and then he was ordered to Japan, to exactly the same type of flying organization.

There, with his ability as an airman established, Rojo's duties were expanded to include supervision of the photographic processing and back up facilities that are all-important to a reconnaissance unit. Soon he was the photo officer for the only such organization in FEAF. This carried a great deal of responsibility, especially since the squadron was committed to a tremendous post-war mapping project, but still he found time to fly. He flew long, lonely volunteer sea searches and participated in a jet cruise control test flight that set a record for distance. Every airfield in Japan knew the tall pilot and the airplane with "Red on the Head" painted on its nose.

When war came Rojo volunteered as a member of the first detachment to go into combat. He flew missions by day and spent his nights setting up and supervising the photograph laboratory. Even though the latter was his primary job he flew so much combat that when he was shot down he led his group in total missions flown. Rojo was posthumously promoted to Captain and awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart but to me his

greatest honors were the individual tributes of those who know him.

His squadron commander presonally flew back to his home base to tell his mother that he was missing. A half dozen other pilots flew extra combat missions to map every foot of the area where his plane was believed to have gone down and his technicians and photo interpreters spent hours of their own time in processing the film and searching for some trace of his aircraft. His crew chief spent a rest leave in the front lines trying to get some clue as to his fate. A very busy three star General made daily inquiries as to the measures being taken to find him.

We'll never be certain what happened on that last flight even though Rojo has since been found and returned home. What we do know is that his contribution was tremendously important—his last mission was to help prepare for the Inchon invasion, which broke the back of the North Korean army only five days after he was lost. Aerial photography provided over 90% of the information used to plan this master maneuver, and every foot of that aerial film was the product of the section he had built and trained.

When you know a man like that and you lose him you miss him, but you don't feel sorry for him because you know he died doing exactly what he wanted to do and doing it extremely well. How fitting that at the funeral, in Fort Sam Houston's National Cemetery, his pastor took as the text: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness" 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8.

—Captain Bryce Poe, III,
A Classmate.

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John Charles Trent

NO. 17938 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN KOREA, NOVEMBER 15, 1950, NEAR WONSAN, AGED 24 YEARS.

"WE are landing at the Port of Wonsan tomorrow; it has not yet been secured. Please don't worry about me." These were the last words heard from big, wide-smiling, gentle John Trent who met his death near Wonsan, November 15, 1950.

John, or Jack, as he was known to his family and friends in Memphis, was born on October 11, 1926 to Walter and Eleanor Trent. His parents still live in the house on Walker Avenue where he was born—a house filled with memories of his happy boyhood. The youngest of five children, John was born into a family, close-knit in love for one another, and one in which traditions, especially as to holidays and birthdays, are carried on from year to year —family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas, trips to the country at Easter and on the Fourth of July, picnics in the summertime and circuses in the fall.

In his junior high school years, John became interested in sports, entering every one that was offered in the school. His capacity for leadership was shown by his being elected president of the senior class, captain of the football team, and most popular boy in his class. The newspapers selected him as one of the most promising football players entering high school that year.

His interest and skill in athletics continued to develop during his high school days. As a senior, he was a member of the Student Council, and received many honors in athletics. Immediately after graduation, John attended Louisiana State University, finishing one year's work before he was called to the Air Force. After fifteen months in the Air Force, he entered West Point.

Whenever John was at home, there was a gathering of the boys from high school days, for a spaghetti supper. These friendships did not lessen with the years, and each time John returned, it became a standing joke to say, as the phone rang and rang, "Jack is home again!"

John's years at West Point and the few months after graduation, are beautifully described in the following tribute written by "HIS ROOMMATES":

"On that warm Summer day in 1946, a strapping young man came to us from a loving Tennessee family who had moulded him in the family traditions of love and honor. With those inbred ties of closeness and courage, he lived and died a true All-American. These words are most fitting to John C. Trent, our dearest friend,

who left us on the Korean field of battle on 15 November 1950.

"Our initial acquaintance with John took place on a field similar to that from which he left us . . a Beast Barracks tactics problem on the mock battle grounds that circumscribe our Alma Mater. Here for the first time we met the broad-shouldered, rugged individual who was to be our roommate for three years. John arrived at West Point and we immediately accepted the modest and unassuming typical "Rebel" for the friend that he was. Despite the many laurels and kudos that he earned for his prowess and accomplishments, he departed from us unchanged as the quiet fellow he had been from the start. We remember him for that cool steadiness and amiable personality that depicted a man who lived for the enjoyment of life itself.

"John never lost sight of his eternal goal to return home to his cherished family in Memphis and spend his days with Mom, Dad, his sisters, brother Bud, relatives and friends. The love and ties that are often absent within the American family of today were ever so present with the wonderful Trents. John's return from every leave always found him bubbling over with the joys of having been HOME. Naturally, too, there was always "THE" girl in John's life, which meant that Memphis was the garden spot of the world for him.

"If John's family and home were his first love, then we must call football his second. In the ALL-American game, John fulfilled his every ambition as he led our Black Knights of the Hudson through the difficult 1949 campaign . undefeated and untied. In each of his three years on the gridiron he held one moment to be more cherished than the others . . . 1947 . . A pass interception against Navy that resulted in a touchdown and a 21-0 victory FOR THE TEAM . . . 1948 . . His last-second grab of a Galiffa pass that proved the margin of victory FOR THE TEAM against Pennsylvania in a bitterly fought 26-20 battle . . . 1949 . Leading THE TEAM in the huge bowl at Philadelphia in defeating our great rivals, the Midshipmen of Annapolis, 38-0, the soundest trouncing in the history of that long series. The shy, reserved pride of this ALL-American John Trent was ever at its highest in receiving from friend and foe alike the simple accolade of recognition, 'Hi, Big John.' For this kind of man, it was more than enough. It was this kind of man they called 'ALL-American,' the best our beloved country had to offer.

"It was during his graduation leave that the desperate cry came to us from Korea. John came to us again to join the new Team which again was the best we had to offer. Big John was there with his brief words, with a pat on the back from those big fists to bolster spirits that sagged momentarily, just as he had done in every football game he'd fought keeping an eye on the score and the yardage. He was there, his platoon sergeant tells us, on that black Korean night as he started to check his position and see his Team, to give the pat on the back and the brief words to those who were fighting fatigue and sleep in their foxholes as they waited for the enemy. The sergeant had wanted to make the rounds, but as was the way of this ALL-American, Big John insisted on personally visiting his weary Team himself. It was during this necessary check of the perimeter that John received those fatal wounds. He was reverently laid to rest among others from the Team at the Marine Cemetery in Wonsan, Korea.

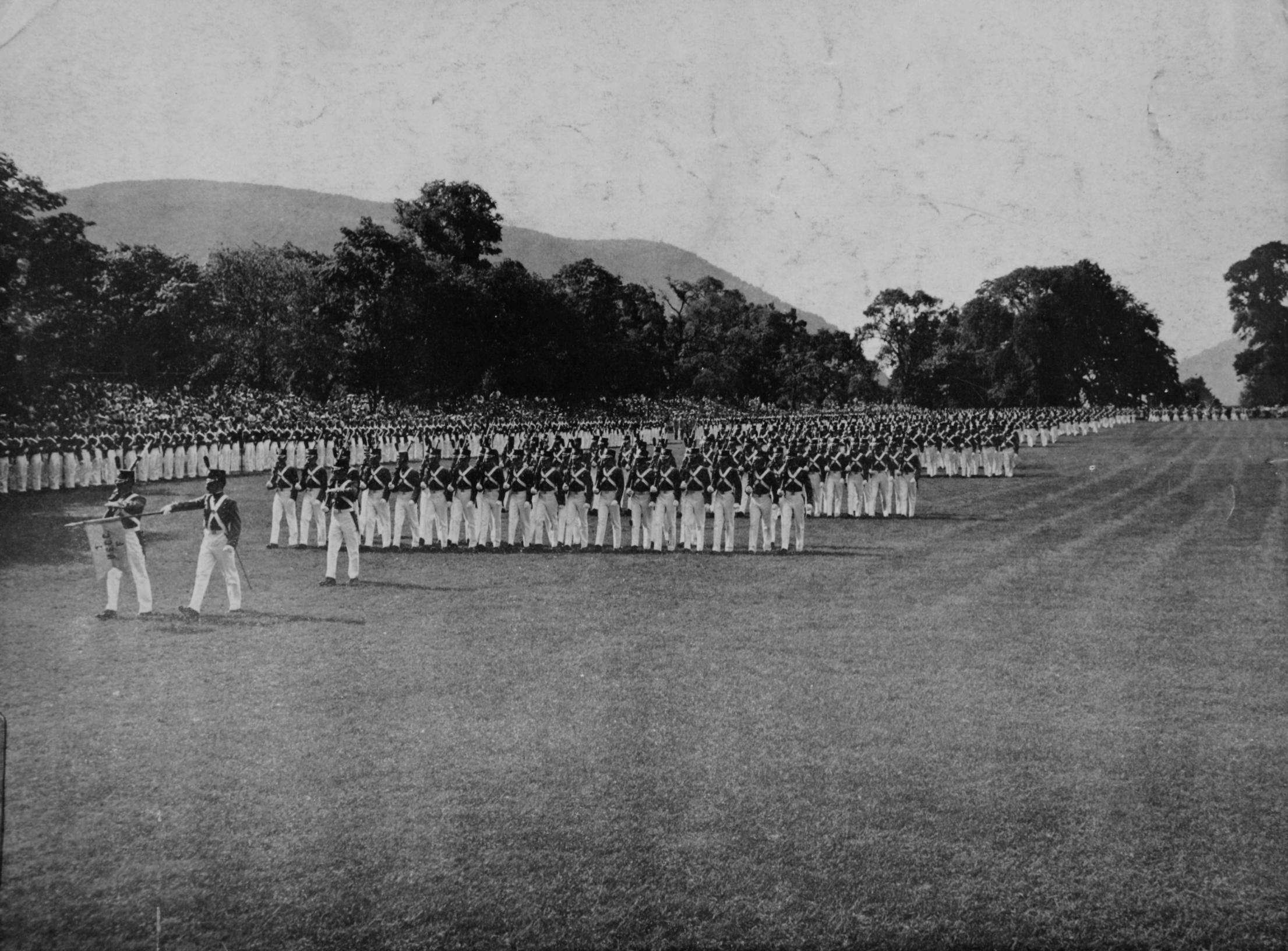
"That Big John had not changed to the very end is related by his platoon sergeant. His conversation throughout those last days was filled with his true loves . his family, his home and friends, 'the' girl, and Football.

"Thus it was that we came to know and love and lose our ALL-American friend . Big John Trent."

In him seemed to dwell the promise of greatness the sort of personality that made people love, admire and respect him; he had within him a love of people, kindliness and a deep, abiding faith in God. He has left a heritage of which he, his family and his friends may be justly proud.

Why he was chosen to die is not understandable, but perhaps he and thousands of others have died so that the generations to come shall be able to walk without fear, to live and worship as they please, and to hold their heads high, as free men should.

His Junior High graduation Speech is a strangely prophetic one, entitled "I Am An American," and ends fittingly:

"I become a link in an unending, unbroken chain, welded together by the Spirit of Freedom, and shining with an undying purpose that will keep forever the principles of Democracy supreme in a turmoiled world."

—Louise Trent Ferguson.