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CAMP BUCKNER - 1955

By LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM L. STARNES, JR.,

"Get down in your holes, cover your eyes and wait for the blast. When you hear my whistle after the blast, get up out of your positions and follow me." These orders were put out by the First Class Platoon Leaders to their platoons during one attack phase featuring a mock atomic explosion, of the company field problem at Camp Buckner. This field problem held during the final days of the Yearling summer training period was the culmination of an intensive seven week training program for the Class of 1958. 625 strong, at Camp Buckner the summer camp of the Corps of Cadets.

The three principles stressed by the director of the Field Exercise, Captain H. E. Emerson were: living in the field, under sometimes adverse weather conditions, small unit tactics, with the emphasis on rifle platoon actions; and aggressive leadership, mainly at the squad and platoon level. New combat developments were featured with the inclusion of a H-21 helicopter assault landing and subsequent tactical problem as one phase of the exercise. The cadets were afforded a real opportunity in this exercise to put into practice the tactics and techniques that had been taught to them previously during July and part of August.

Leading up to the field exercise had been six weeks of interesting and varied training, planned and under the control of the 2d Regiment, USCC, commanded by Colonel Julian J. Ewell. The program first stressed proficiency in individual and crew served weapons and later emphasized the basic small unit skills of all the combat arms—Infantry, Artillery, Armor, Engineers and Signal.

The highlight of the individual weapons instruction portion of the summer training was the qualification firing with the M-1 rifle on the Known Distance Range. A total

of one week of the seven available training weeks was spent in preliminary rifle instruction and range firing. The class of 1958 made an enviable record with the M-1 by qualifying 135 expert riflemen, 268 sharpshooters and the remainder of the men as marksmen. Lieutenant Colonel George T. Larkin, CO of the Infantry Section, Combat Arms Detachment, under whose immediate direction the rifle marksmanship instruction was given, attributed much of the success of the program to the spirit of the Yearling class and their positive attitude towards the training.

To bridge the gap between known distance firing and the squad firing problems to come later in the Technique of Fire course, each cadet company spent 8 hours learning to shoot under simulated field conditions on the transition range. The completion of transition firing marked the end of the most difficult rifle marksmanship course presented at West Point in many years.

Following rifle marksmanship instruction the cadets were given a somewhat shortened but intensive course in the light machine gun. Firing at both paper and field type targets was included in the 16 hours of instruction. To round out the weapons instruction phase familiarization firing courses in the carbine, automatic rifle, pistol, 60 mm mortar, 57 mm recoilless rifle and 35 inch rocket launcher were presented.

At the end of July, when the weapons training was completed, each cadet had received a basic background in many of the weapons which he would be expected to know as a Second Lieutenant. This background would, of course, be expanded in future instruction at West Point and service schools, however, each cadet could rest assured that he had received as thorough a

course in Infantry weapons as was possible to give in the time available.

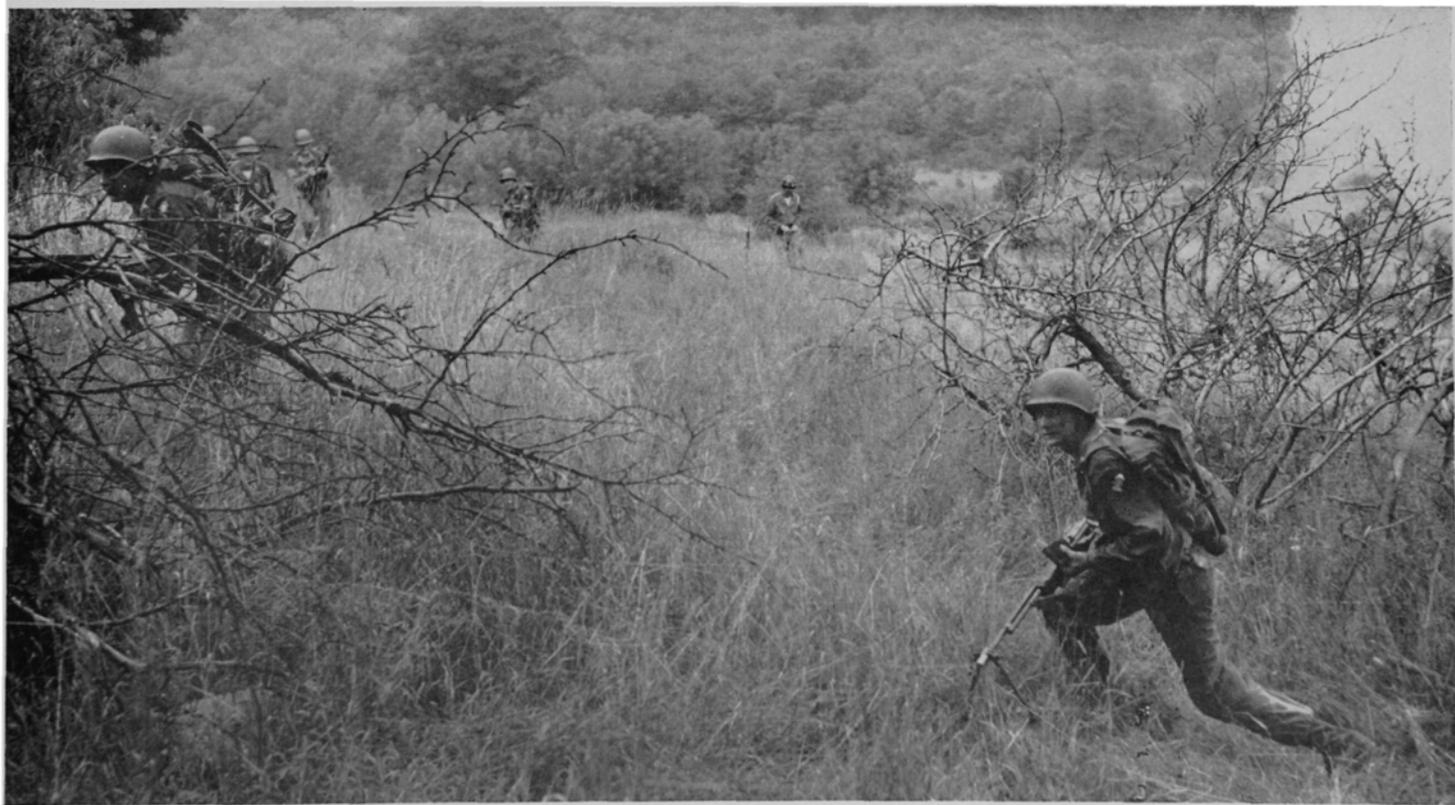
The completion of the weapons phase and the beginning of the small unit phase of training at Camp Buckner on 1 August saw also the changing of the First Class Detail. The Class of 1956 had departed West Point after June Week for a three week training tour of service schools which included Fort Sill, Fort Knox, Fort Belvoir, Fort Monmouth and Wright Patterson Air Force Base. One half of the class went on leave after the training trip and the other half formed the First Class Detail for both Camp Buckner and New Cadet Barracks. At the end of July, the half of the class that was on leave returned to West Point and assumed the duties of the First Detail, thus allowing that group to take a well earned month's leave.

The First Classmen at Buckner officered the Buckner Battalion of six companies and acted as assistant instructors for certain portions of the training. A great deal of responsibility was given the cadet company commanders and platoon leaders and, in fact, the first classmen were treated more as junior officers than cadets. This approach was most successful and the cadets responded by doing an outstanding job, both in command positions and as assistant instructors.

The ceremony transferring command from the first detail to the second also marked a definite change in the complexion of training at Camp Buckner. The emphasis changed from individual proficiency and weapons firing to unit achievements, teamwork, role of the combined arms team and combat support of the services.

The unit phase of instruction was started with an 8 hour period in Technique of Fire which featured target designation, squad

Cadets Assaulting the Final Objective in One Phase of the Company Field Problem. . .



firing problems and control of fire by squad leaders. Firing was conducted both at field ranges and at landscape targets.

Small unit tactics beginning with squad problems introduced the Yearling squad leaders to the difficulties of command and control of the basic combat element of our army. Problems in squad formations, attack, defense and patrolling were run by each squad over varied terrain.

Using the basic knowledge gained in the squad problems the cadet companies next moved into the more complicated platoon problems of attack and defense. A series of challenging situations using the best terrain possible on the reservation was set up, the solution of which gave every man a good insight into the more complicated troop leading procedures of a rifle platoon.

In both the squad and platoon problems, realism was stressed to the limits of safety; Aggressor was played using enlisted men from Company "E" of the 74th Regimental Combat Team from Ft. Devens, Mass., and where practicable the role of the Combined Arms team was included in the problem.

The inclusion of the role of the Combined Arms team in the training was comparatively easy, however, due to the make up of the major training support unit at West Point—the Combat Arms Detachment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel F. W. Oseth. This detachment of outstanding NCO's and officers composed of an Infantry, Artillery, Armor, and Engineer Section is a concrete example to the Corps of Cadets of the teamwork necessary to train for and fight a modern war.

The place in the Combined Arms team of the Artillery is taught during August with the cadets actually firing problems and acting as forward observers for a 105mm Howitzer battery. The Third Classmen also learn how to service the guns, and are given basic instruction in the operation of a fire direction center. To round out the summer's program in artillery training, Lieutenant Colonel Bavaro, CO of the Artillery Section, arranged for each cadet company to visit an operational site in the anti-aircraft defense ring of New York City for a one-half day program in anti-aircraft artillery. At



Cadets Tank Crew being initiated into the capabilities of the Patton M-48 Tank by an Enlisted Instructor from the Armor Section of the Combat Arms Detachment of the 1802d Special Regiment.

both a 90mm. gun battery position and a Nike guided missile position, the cadets were given a series of demonstrations in the acquisition of targets, the operations of the guns and radar and given practical work in many of the operational procedures of the batteries.

Following the artillery training, the cadets moved into a two day engineer training period during which they learned many of the combat support operations of an En-

gineer Combat Company. The engineer training which includes fixed and floating bridges, mine warfare, obstacles, demolitions and heavy equipment, is concluded with a dawn river crossing exercise which again tests the leadership ability of the cadets at the squad and platoon level. It is in this assault river crossing problem that Lieutenant Colonel Walter Hogrefe, CO of the Engineer Detachment has worked in the Department of Tactics Air Force in a close

Transition Range Firing on the Camp Buckner Transition Range by Cadets of the Third Class. . .





The finer points of one of the Signal Corps' radios are being explained to Third Classmen by a Non-Commissioned Officer of the Signal Section.

support role. Captain James R. Allen, USAF, whose usual duty is a company tactical officer, leads a jet plane strike of the crossing site. The effect of diving jets close in over the waters of Lake Popolopen gives the cadets their first brush with the capabilities of air power in support of ground operations.

Either just before or just after the Engineer training, the Signal Corps presents its block of instruction to the cadet companies. The cadets learn to operate radios, switchboards and field telephones; to lay wire and finally to set up the communications net for an Infantry battalion. Lieutenant Colonel Benson, in charge of the signal instruction, has arranged the training to give the Yearlings sufficient knowledge of communication operations to allow them to operate all the communications facilities required for the company field exercise which follows later in the month.

In further preparation for the field exercise and to give the cadets an appreciation of the important role of the services, four hours of instructional time are allotted each to the Quartermaster, the Transportation Corps and the Corps of Military Police. All of the instruction in these branches is basic and oriented towards their combat support mission. The Quartermaster training, presented by a detachment of the 36th QM Battalion from Fort Lee includes, in addition to normal Quartermaster support operations, the only airborne orientation given during the summer. A conference on heavy drop technique, parachute packing and paratroopers equipment introduces the Yearlings to this important technique of war.

As a preview for the cadets of the physical requirements of the airborne training so many graduates now take, the standard Army physical Fitness Test was administered twice for record during the summer. To prepare for the test, a daily exercise period was scheduled each morning after reveille featuring conditioning runs, log exercises and an obstacle course. The average score of the Yearling Class for the two tests was 337, which attests to their excellent physical condition since the Army passing score is 200.

a cadet how much he has learned during the summer and where his weaknesses are.

The foregoing account of military sweepstakes, field problems, weapons firing, combat training and physical conditioning might lead one to believe that the summer was all work. On the contrary, however, the excellent recreational and social facilities at Camp Buckner were used to the maximum during the cadets free time. Canoeing, boating and swimming from a very pleasant beach was the most popular activity, with fishing, skeet shooting and just plain loafing running a close second.

The social side of life was watched over by the very capable cadet hostesses, Mrs. Doris Barth and Mrs. Beatrice Holland. Formal or informal dances were scheduled for each Saturday night and as a change, square dances were held on Wednesday or Sunday evening. The climax of the social portion of the Yearling summer was the traditional Camp Illumination week-end from the 26th thru the 28th of August. The week-end began with best squad competitions in military type events, followed by open house in all facilities at Buckner. On Saturday, the final review and awarding of prizes was held followed by a water carnival. That night a formal dance was held in the Assembly Hall with everyone in their best. On Sunday, the next day, there was a display of military equipment which gave the cadets a chance to show off their new knowledge to dates and families, and later in the evening a variety show, costume dance and carnival. The popularity of dating at Camp Buckner has remained undiminished which was proven by the fact that only 75 cadets did not have a date for the Camp Illumination week-end.

Following the big week-end, on Monday, 29 August, the 2d Regiment returned its charges to West Point to rejoin the Corps with one big step of their military training at West Point completed. The Class of 1958 could be proud of their accomplishments and look forward to further training sure in the knowledge that their basic background in field training would prove worthy of the effort spent at Camp Buckner.

Camp Illumination Hop in the Assembly Hall at Camp Buckner. . .



New Cadet Barracks - 1955

By CAPTAIN CHARLES F. McCARTY

The mission given by the Commandant of Cadets to the Commanding Officer of New Cadet Barracks is:

- to instill discipline and a high sense of duty and honor in each New Cadet.

- to indoctrinate the New Cadets in the customs and traditions of West Point and the Armed Forces in order that each shall be motivated toward cadet and military life.

- to instruct and train the New Cadets so that each shall be qualified to join the corps at the conclusion of New Cadet Barracks.

The planning essential to the accomplishment of this mission began last fall in Headquarters, First Regiment, United States Corps of Cadets, with the collection of recommendations and the screening of vault files and training records of the previous summer's New Cadet Barracks. This was done with a view to determining what instructional emphasis would best further the accomplishment of the summer's mission in order to make appropriate recommendations to the Commandant of Cadets. As a result the training program was divided into three parts; (1) Training designed to inculcate a strong sense of discipline to be accomplished primarily by the requirements of the Fourth Class System and the daily administration of cadet life; (2) Indoctrination in the spirit of West Point, and the philosophy of the professional soldier. This required an approach on many fronts; an understanding of the ethics of duty and honor, the example and attitude of the Tactical Officers and the First Class Detail, the knowledge of military traditions and customs, the intangible influence of parades and ceremonies, the role of the Armed Forces, the history and contribution of West

Point—these are some of the areas in which influence was brought to bear on the New Cadets. (3) Professional training with a view to teaching the New Cadet the techniques and procedures of garrison life, as well as introducing him to the rudiments of life in the field.

To impart this material to the New Cadets a combination of unit and committee type instruction was used. Most of the lectures, as well as other subjects where either elaborate rehearsals or detailed preparation were necessary, were assigned to training committees. Those subjects which emphasized practical application or teamwork were assigned to the chain of command down through squad level. Except for one series of lectures, all instruction was carried out by the First Class Detail.

The New Cadets were organized as a battalion of six companies under the command of a Cadet Battalion Commander, the traditional "King of the Beasts," assisted by a cadet staff. Each company consisted of a Cadre of 24 members of the First Class Detail and approximately 113 New Cadets. The companies were numbered chronologically by height, with the tallest men going to First Company. Companies One through Three were housed in South Area, and Four through Six occupied the North Barracks. This divided area resulted from the maintenance and repair work being done in Central Barracks during the summer.

The organization of the Department of Tactics paralleled that of the Cadets. Exercising command over New Cadet Barracks and reporting to the Commandant of Cadets was the Headquarters of the First Regiment, United States Corps of Cadets, commanded by Colonel Michael S. Davison (1939). Init-

ially, one of the regular Tactical Officers from the previous academic year was assigned to each New Cadet Company, with assistants appointed from the newly assigned officers as they arrived. This gave each of the newly assigned officers at least a short apprenticeship under an experienced "Tac" before assuming his regular duties in the fall.

The First Classmen assigned to the New Cadet Detail were organized into two complete command groups which changed over on the first of August. This was necessary in order to accommodate other First Class training requirements and also to allow each man a 30 day leave during the summer. The first group was commanded by Cadet Captain Charles W. Bagnal of Florence, South Carolina, and the second by Cadet Captain Robert G. Farris, of Montgomery, Alabama, the present Brigade Commander.

In the late spring, the Tactical Officers for New Cadet Barracks were appointed and assigned their training missions (each officer was in charge of one or more training committees). At the same time the organization of the New Cadet Detail was announced. Tactical Officers then oriented the principal members of the Detail who started the preparation of lesson plans for the instruction which would be presented during the summer. By June Week, then, everyone who was connected with New Cadet Barracks knew what he was responsible for and had a good idea of how he would accomplish his mission.

Following graduation, and while the cadets on the Detail were away on the summer training trips, the Tactical Officers assigned to New Cadet Barracks were given a course of instruction covering the major as-

New Cadets Arriving at West Point.



pects of the summer's operation in order to establish a uniform approach in all six companies of the battalion. Next came the most critical phase of the entire operation, the moulding of the Beast Detail. In recent years there has been as much, if not more, emphasis placed on the leadership training of the First Class Detail, as there has been on the "followership" indoctrination of the New Cadets. Because a well prepared, highly responsible and enthusiastic Detail assures a successful Beast Barracks, the final shaping of the Detail was reserved for the week preceding the arrival of the New Cadets. During this period, known as Instructor Training Week, the standards for the summer training were set. Classes were dress rehearsed, and through the exercise of command, the Company Cadres were transformed into efficient teams. This year, due to the change back to squad drill, the Detail was confronted with the additional problem of mastering a system of drill of which they had only a rudimentary knowledge. Their wholehearted, enthusiastic response to this problem and the proficiency they attained as instructors during this six-day period were both a tribute to their diligence and devotion to duty and a prediction of their future performance.

During this period, the First Class Detail was also impressed with the importance of keeping the mission of New Cadet Barracks foremost in their mind and cautioned against allowing themselves to be side-tracked on minor issues. They were charged with developing Fourth Classmen who were mentally and physically resilient, keen and enthusiastic in performance of duty and proud of having successfully responded to the challenge of Beast Barracks. This required maximum emphasis by the Detail on motivating the plebes through positive leadership, rather than driving the plebes to compliance through arbitrary exercise of the upper-classman's authority. Before the New Cadets arrived it was understood that every West Pointer is entitled to a rigorous, demanding Beast Barracks, but that this need could best be satisfied if the Detail insisted on the proper standard of performance by the plebe in every phase of the training mission, rather than becoming involved in a short-sighted obsession with the "harass-



New Cadets draw equipment. . .

ment" of the Fourth Classmen as a means of creating a "tough" Beast Barracks.

On July 5th the 682 members of the Class of 1959 passed through the processing line in the West Academic Building and were marched off to their companies by members of the "Hell Cats." The day proved to be one of the hottest of the summer, both literally and figuratively. As the thermometer climbed to a humid 96 degrees, a pre-rehearsed and expertly executed reception program under the direction of the First Class Detail made the difficult transition from civilian to cadet appear easy. As in

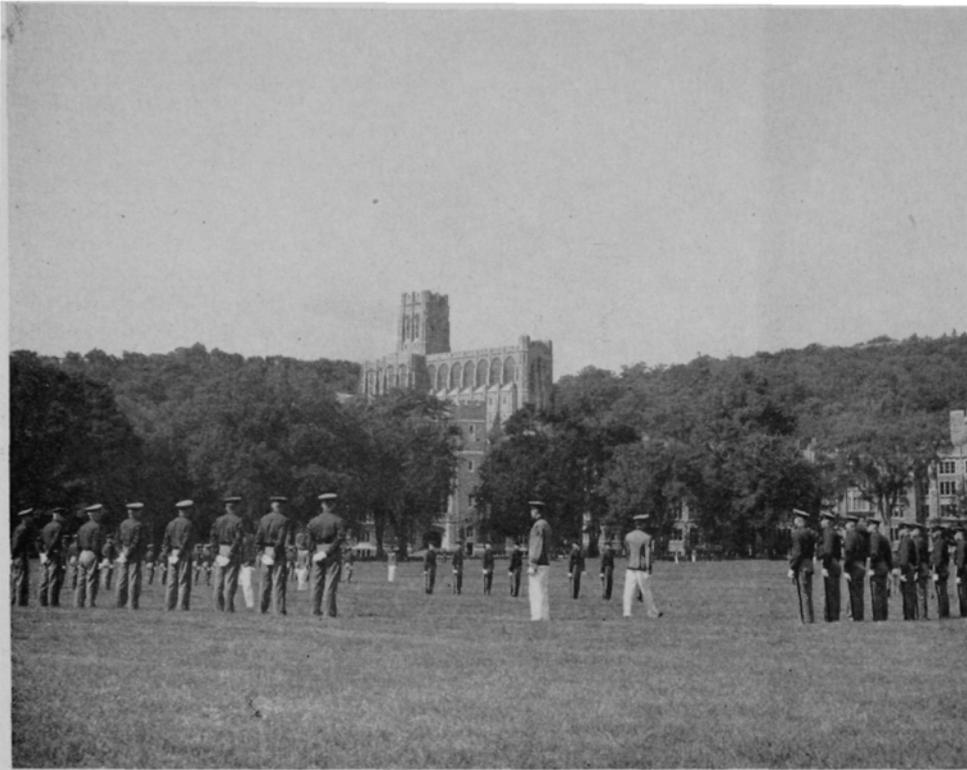
past years every man in the class was sheared, weighed, measured, clothed and drilled on that first day, so that by 1730 hours the New Cadet Battalion marched to Trophy Point for the swearing in ceremony with creditable military demeanor.

Despite the intense heat of the hottest summer in Weather Bureau history, which necessitated occasional modification of the requirement that the New Cadets double time everywhere they go, the initial training progressed very rapidly.

With the first week over and the man and his equipment well on their way to meeting

Major S. B. Berry, Jr., giving the Oath of Allegiance to the new Plebe Class.





New Cadets at Drill Practice

the West Point Standard, the training program moved into high gear. The efforts of the First Detail were devoted primarily to teaching the rudiments of garrison soldiering and instilling in the individual the spirit of West Point. The major portion of the training time was devoted to Dismounted Drill, Manual of Arms, Rifle, Care and Cleaning of Equipment, Cadet Regulations, Customs and Courtesies, and Physical Conditioning.

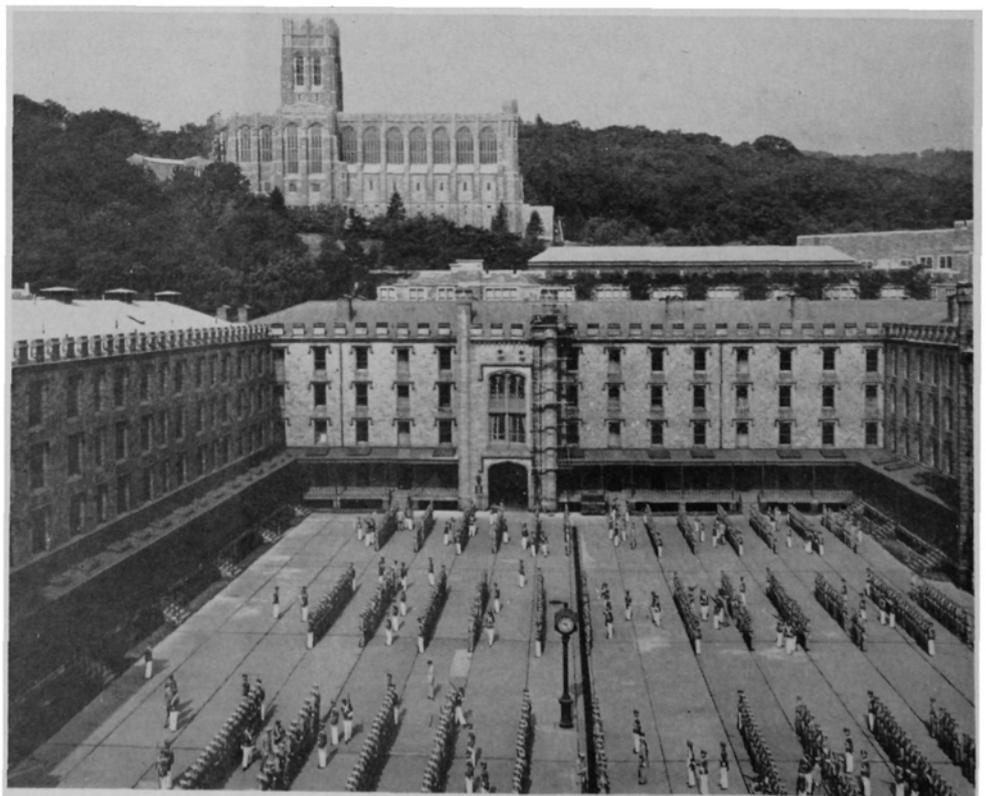
In addition, the New Cadets were given the ingredients for a viable philosophy of the professional soldier's way of life through lectures, instruction and orientation presented in each of three areas. First, the cadet Honor Committee explained the meaning of honor at West Point, its integration into Cadet life, and its influence after graduation. This course was keynoted by Brigadier General O. J. Gatchell, USA-Retired, Class of 1912, who delivered the opening lecture to the plebes. Second, a series of guest speakers, including the Cadet Chaplains of all faiths, gave the New Cadets a view of their responsibilities as men under God in order that they might have a firm foundation for the development of a strong sense of duty. This series of lectures was high lighted by one on "Duty to Country" given by Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, USA-Retired, Class of 1913. Finally, the First Classmen of the Orientation Committee presented a series of lectures, tours and demonstrations designed to give each plebe a realization and feeling of the compelling nature of tradition, of the contribution of West Point to the national life, and of the rich heritage of the professional soldier. This course included the History of West Point, the Histories of the Army and the Air Force, guided tours of Cullum Hall, Grant Hall, the Museum, the Library and the like during which the purpose, history and other pertinent information on each were presented to the New Cadets. An interesting feature of the course and one appreciated by cadets and post personnel alike was a stage presentation of the History of Martial Music by Lieutenant Colonel F. E. Resta and the United States Military Academy Band.

By the end of July a physically and spiri-

tually hardened, as well as exceptionally well disciplined New Cadet Battalion marched in their first review and command was ceded to the second group of cadet instructors.

At this time the tenor of the training changed. While garrison soldiering and physical conditioning still high lighted the training program, the New Cadets' development had been such that most of the work in these fields was one of brushing up weak points and rounding out the individuals' proficiency. The main job of the Second

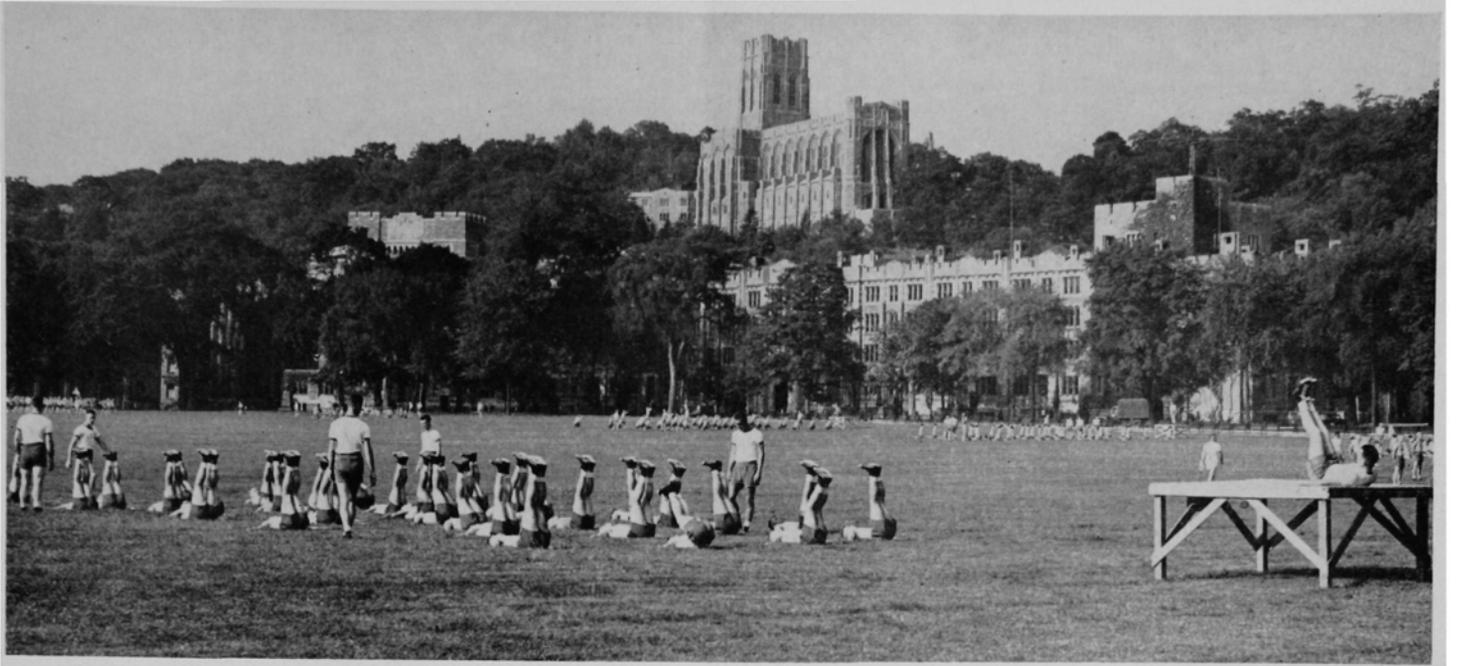
Plebe Inspection. . .



New Cadet Detail was to introduce the Class of 1959 to field training. Many of the training hours previously spent on care of equipment and orientation on cadet life were devoted to such practical military subjects as care of personnel and equipment in the field, bayonet training, rifle marksmanship and conditioning marches. By the end of the summer, marked by the annual Plebe Hike of one week's duration, the Fourth Class could handle themselves with confidence in the field, could shoot, march and take care of their individual weapons.

Among the factors responsible for the extremely enthusiastic response of the New Cadets and Detail alike to the training were the individual and unit competitions. Every week each company in the Battalion designated its best squad based on the week's performance and nominated one New Cadet to compete for the title of Best Plebe in the Battalion. On the other hand, a Best Company Competition which embraced every facet of Best Barracks training ran throughout the entire summer. The best evidence of the effectiveness of this competition was the fact that at the start of the last day the race was so close that all of the six companies were still contending for the championship which was finally won by Second Company. As a reward the plebes of Second Company drew an extra ration of ice cream and ate "at ease" in the mess hall on the last day of Best Barracks. The Best Company Streamer was presented by the Commandant at the final Battalion Review of the summer and will be carried on the Company guidon during next summer's training.

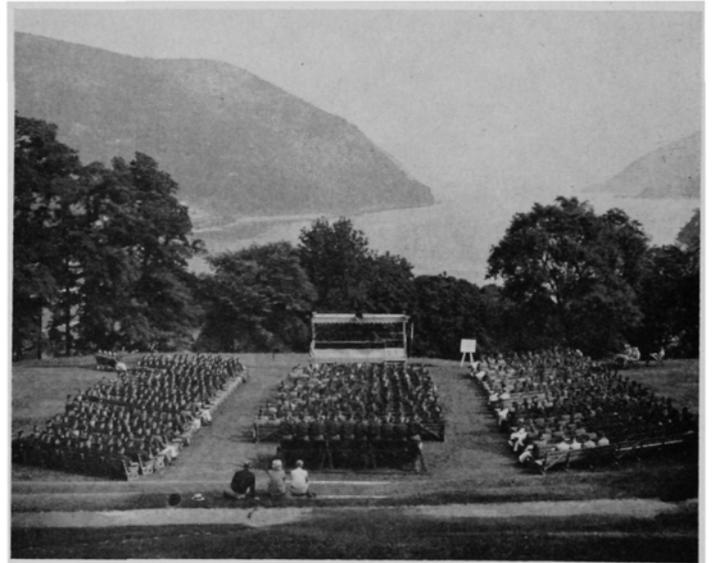
When the Class of 1959 was presented to the Corps on 31 August it seemed apparent that the mission of Best Barracks had been satisfied. The Fourth Class started the academic year in excellent physical condition, well versed in basic military skills, as illustrated by their superior marching ability, and with a class and Corps esprit that would do credit to their forebears. Their First Class instructors had, in the meantime, matured into confident reliable leaders who had taken a quantum jump towards qualifying for their lieutenants' bars.



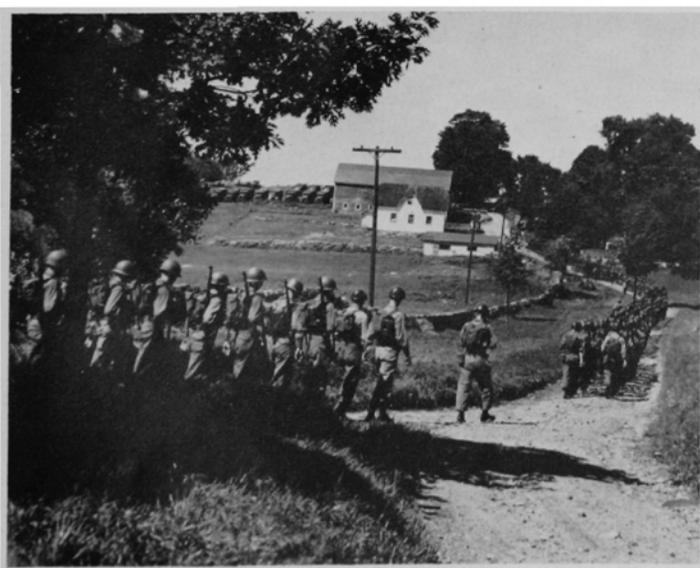
New Cadets receive Physical Training.



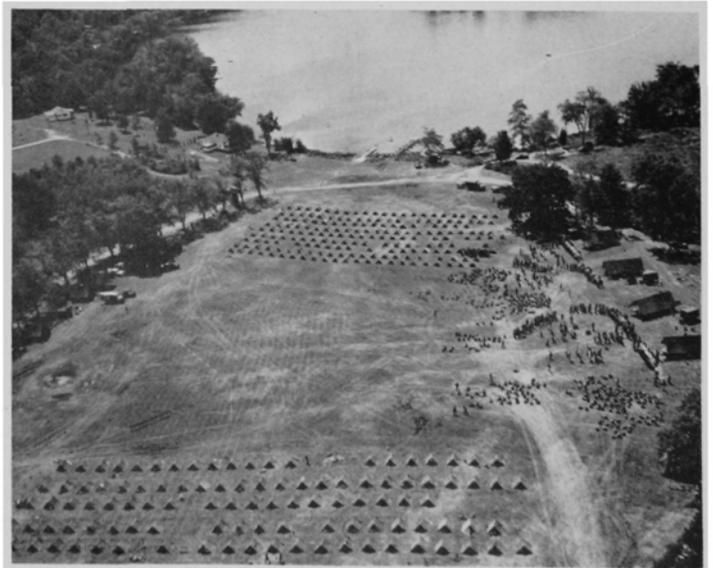
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Plebes on the march. . .



Plebe Hike—Round Lake, Monroe. . .

Football Beginnings at West Point

By ALEXANDER M. WEYAND, U.S.M.A., 1916

Author of "The Saga of American Football", Macmillan, 1955

When did cadets add football to their extracurricular activities? It is not improbable that the game has been played at West Point ever since the foundation of the Military Academy in 1802. Joseph G. Swift, the first graduate, wrote in his "Memoirs" that "the afternoons of the day were variously occupied in some brief military exercises but much more in field sports." He did not specify the types of field sports but it was not too early for football in the northern colleges. At Harvard it is claimed that, even before the Revolution, freshmen were required to furnish footballs for the use of upperclassmen and, at Yale, an engraving dated 1806 depicts students kicking a football.

The first known reference to the sport at West Point was made by Samuel P. Heintzelman of the Class of 1826. On November 5, 1825, he wrote in his diary, "The cadets played foot-ball today." This interesting event occurred during the superintendency of Sylvanus Thayer. It was Major Thayer's successor, Major René E. DeRussy, who accorded Official sanction to the game, Battalion Orders No. 5, dated January 13, 1838, included the statement, "The Superintendent has no objection to cadets playing at football."

A few months after the publication of this order, James Longstreet was admitted to the Academy as a plebe. In his book, "From Manassas to Appomattox," the great Confederate General wrote, "As a cadet I had more interest in the school of the soldier, horsemanship, sword exercise, and the outside game of foot-ball than in the academic courses."

We hear no more of the sport until May

5, 1850, when Napoleon's grand nephew, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, Jr., of the Class of 1852, wrote to his father that, "the officers have presented a foot-ball to the Corps and you may depend the cadets take exercise enough now." This was probably the ball that caused another future distinguished Civil War leader some inconvenience. On May 31, 1850, Philip H. Sheridan, then a plebe, and two upperclassmen, George S. Peirce, '50 and Isaiah N. Moore, '51, were "skinned" for "kicking football in vicinity of barracks." As punishment, each received an extra tour of guard duty.

Football as played in those days, in many parts of the world, was merely a crude form of kicking game. In 1863 when the London Football Association was organized, rules were formulated and the game which they regulated became known as Association football or soccer. The London code was adopted by the American colleges in 1873. Rugby was introduced into the United States in 1874 and displaced soccer as a major fall sport in 1876. What we now call American football came into existence in 1880.

During the 1880's interest in athletic sports increased at West Point. A contributing factor might have been the presence, as a cadet, of Peyton C. March, later Chief of Staff of the Army, who had been an outstanding football and baseball player at Lafayette College. Another athletically inclined figure was Charles S. Farnsworth, '87 who was the first West Pointer to become head football coach at a civilian college, at the University of North Dakota in 1895 and 1896. He also became the Army's first Chief of Infantry.

In the fall of 1888 the first attempt was

made to organize football. The Class of 1891 formed a football club and elected Hanson E. Ely, later the Hero of Cantigny, as captain of the team. The two upper classes were not interested in forming teams and it was not considered proper for the plebes to engage in competitive sports so the yearlings reigned in solitary grandeur.

Enviously watching the crude play was the only man on the post who knew much about the game, the plebe, Dennis Michie who had been a star football and lacrosse player at Lawrenceville School. The next year, when his class was "recognized", Michie promptly formed a team. The '91 club reorganized and elected Gordon Voorhies, team captain.

With two teams on the post, the result was inevitable. They met for the championship on Thanksgiving Day, 1889 and battled to a scoreless tie. Few incidents of the game have come down to us. Colonel Francis Schoeffel recalls that, when he illegally tackled Sterling Adams, Lieutenant George H. Cameron, the referee, reprimanded him severely and threatened to put him in the guard house if he were again guilty of such ungentlemanly conduct.

Colonel Kirby Walker, the sole survivor of the '92 team, remembers that his team lined up as follows:

Ends: J. T. Moore and F. A. Wilcox.
Tackles: C. B. Swezey and J. A. Shipton.
Guards: H. A. Pipes and W. E. Gleason.
Center: S. P. Adams.
Quarter-back: K. Walker.
Halfbacks: L. M. Prince and J. B. Cavanaugh.
Fullback: D. M. Michie (Captain).



1891—(Left to Right) First Row: Lyon, L. S.; Whitman, W., Horn, T. N.
Second Row: Livermore, R., Morrow, J. J., Voorhies (Captain).
Third Row: Hines, J. L., Schoeffel, F. H.
Fourth Row: Echols, C. P., Furlong, J., Heavey, J. W., Murphy, T. O., Ely, H. E., Crabbs, J. P.

Although the three survivors of the '91 team are not certain, the following line-up seems to be correct, as far as it goes.

Ends: G. Voorhies (Captain) and ?
Tackles: J. L. Hines and J. P. Crabbs.
Guards: J. W. Heavey and T. O. Murphy.
Center: F. H. Schoeffel.
Quarterback: L. S. Lyon.
Halfbacks: J. J. Morrow and C. P. Echols.
Fullback: H. E. Ely.

Curiously no one remembers the other end. He must have been one of the four other players who appear in the class team picture: T. N. Horn, R. L. Livermore, J. W. Furlong and W. M. Whitman. On this team, in addition to General Ely, were John L. Hines who would succeed General Pershing as Chief of Staff of the Army, Jay J. Morrow who became governor of the Panama Canal Zone and the now well remembered Math. P.—Charles P. Echols. Also of note is the fact that Truman "Taurus" Murphy weighed 224 pounds.

The class game aroused so much interest that the cadets desired to join in intercollegiate strife. With the strict regulations in force at the time, they realized that there was only one college in the land that the authorities might permit them to play—the Naval Academy where games with outside teams had been played as early as 1879. General Henry H. Whitney, President of '92, told the writer many years ago that he was the man who wrote the now famous letter to a friend at the Naval Academy suggesting that Navy challenge Army. Claims have also been made in behalf of Michie and General Palmer E. Pierce, President of '91. Possibly several cadets who had friends at Annapolis wrote along similar lines.

Navy, rightfully, gives the credit for initiating the first game to William H. McGrann, the cadet manager of the team in 1890. It was he who obtained permission to send the challenge. McGrann has been described as a happy-go-lucky individual and his friends thought him very clever concocting a scheme to take them away from Annapolis for a few days. But the Naval Academy authorities did not believe in overdoing it. The Navy team arrived at West Point at midnight prior to the game.

The game was scheduled to be played in the southeast corner of the Plain. The grounds had been used for artillery drill and the wheels of the heavy caissons had cut deep ruts. A sudden drop in temperature the night before the game caused the field to freeze solid. The ever reliable plebes were sent forth armed with Indian clubs and other implements and they succeeded in beating the field into reasonable shape by game time.

Descriptions of the first Army-Navy game have appeared too frequently to require further attention here but one feature should be mentioned. It had been agreed that each side should furnish an official. Reginald R. Belknap, a Navy substitute, was appointed referee. Army had no qualified man available and Navy consented to William H. Hyndman, former Yale tackle, serving as umpire. Admiral Belknap says that Navy considered Mr. Hyndman the Army coach but all survivors of the Army team insist that they had received coaching from no one but Michie, the captain. However, it is known that some old Yale players did visit West Point during the course of preparation for the Navy game. Colonel Schoeffel stated that, on one occasion, Yale's celebrated William "Pa" Corbin told the assembled players, "What you don't know about football would fill a good sized volume but you have the material to make a good team."

There was an amusing aftermath to the game. Naval Officers stationed in the vicinity of New York City were so elated at Navy's decisive victory that they subjected their local army friends to an unmerciful amount of "kidding." Smarting under this attack, a group of young army officers, artillerymen from Governors Island and engineers from Willets Point, organized a football team and challenged their tormentors. The game was played at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on December 6, 1890 and Army won, 4-0; a touchdown then counting four points. Now it appeared that the game was considered (locally) as a continuation of the series begun at West Point. A rubber game was in order and, at Governors Island on

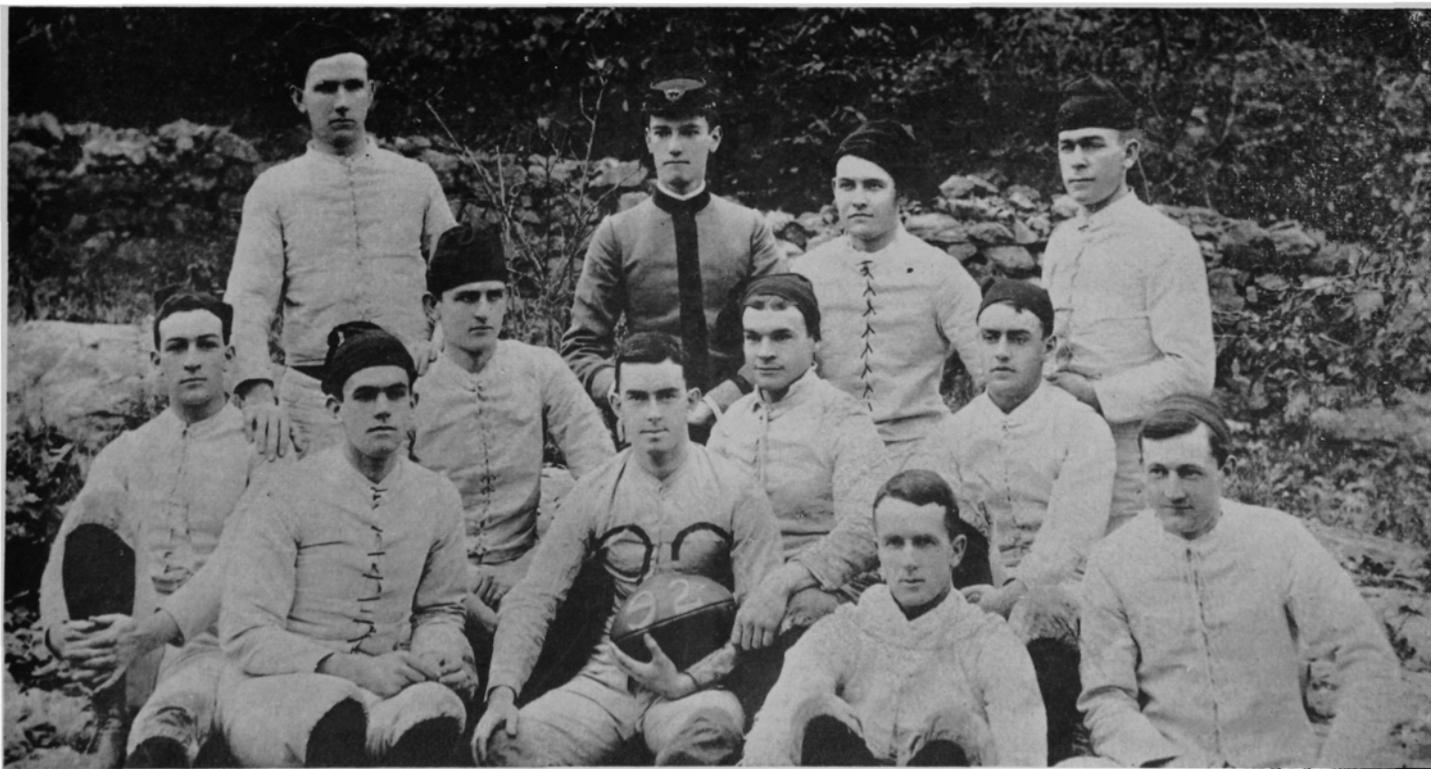
December 20, Army won it, 12-0. The navy officers were infuriated at this turn of affairs. It being too cold for further outdoor play, they suggested hiring Madison Square Garden and staging an indoor game but the army officers were content to rest on their laurels.

Seven West Pointers played on the victorious team. These unsung heroes of early Army football were: William C. Rafferty, '80; Samuel Rodman, '82; Charles T. Menoher, '86; William V. Judson, '88; Clement A. F. Flagler, '89; William W. Harts, '89 and Colden I. Ruggles, '90. All of them became general-officers except Rodman who resigned in 1892. Menoher, the 210-pound center, rose to the command of a corps in World War I.

In 1891, Michie again captained the West Point team which now had a coach, Henry L. Williams, former Yale halfback and later famous coach at Minnesota. William H. Anderson, the cadet manager, instructed a friend to attend Navy's preliminary games and report on what he saw. This seems to have been the beginning of a scouting system. Due to the scarcity of funds either the coach or the manager had to forgo the trip to Annapolis. Cadet Anderson was left home. Dr. Williams, years later told the author that he was highly gratified when he was invited to accompany the team. He coached without remuneration. At Christmas, the grateful cadets took up a collection and bought him a dresser set which he prized until his death.

Army won that game. When the victorious team returned to West Point, the Corps escorted it to the front of Professor Michie's quarters and called for a speech. According to Major Anderson, the Professor said, "My prestige and distinction have gone. In the future I shall be known only as the father of Dennis Michie, the football hero of West Point."

As every reader knows, Dennis Michie was killed on the blood soaked slopes of San Juan Hill, in 1898, but his unconquerable spirit, which was likened to a lambent flame, will never die as long as football is played at West Point.



1892—(Left to Right) First Row: Shipton, Michie (Captain), Walker, Cavanaugh.
Second Row: Adams, Pipes, Prince, Wilcox.
Third Row: Moore, J. T., Anderson, H. H., Gleason, Sweezy.

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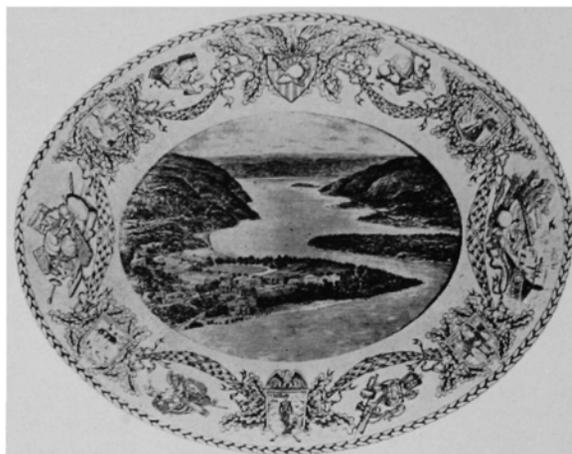
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West Point Adopts College Board Tests For Admission Requirement

By **CAPTAIN ROBERT S. DAY,**
Registrar, U.S.M.A.

Effective July 1, 1955, the United States Military Academy will require tests of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) exclusively for the mental examination of candidates seeking admission to West Point. These are the same entrance examinations required by leading colleges and universities throughout the nation.

The specific tests required depend upon a candidate's nomination (competitive or non-competitive) and upon his scholastic record. A competitive candidate must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test and Achievement Tests in Intermediate Mathematics, English Composition, and—unless he has earned a unit's credit in United States History by March 17—the Social Studies Achievement Test. All candidates having a competitive nomination will be required to take the March series of the College Board Tests. A noncompetitive (Congressional, etc.) candidate with an acceptable college record may qualify mentally by taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test only; all other candidates are required to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Achievements Tests in Intermediate Mathematics and in English Composition; in addition, any non-competitive candidate lacking a unit's credit in United States History will be required to take the Social Studies Achievement Test. The Scholastic Aptitude Test consisting of Verbal and Mathematical Sections is of three hours duration, while the Achievement Tests are of one hour length for each test.

The College Board tests are offered in December, January, March, May and August. Because of its July admission date, the Military Academy will not accept scores on the August series. Medical and physical aptitude examinations for entrance to West Point are given at certain military stations only on the two days prior to the March College Board tests. See the 1955-56 USMA Catalogue for list of examining centers at military installations. The March College Board tests will be given at these military stations as well as at the approximately 800 regular examining centers. Thus, a candidate may complete all of his examinations for West Point—mental, medical, and physical aptitude—at one place. Applicants for West Point are therefore encouraged to register for the March series, entering as Item 10 on the CEEB application blank the military installation to which they have been authorized to report for medical examination. They must pay the required fee directly to the College Board. All candidates completing their examination requirements by March 17 will be advised by approximately May 1 concerning their qualification or nonqualification for admission to West Point. A candidate's examination fee entitles him to have his test scores sent to two other schools in addition to West Point. A special series of College Board tests, together with medical and physical aptitude examinations, will be administered at West Point on the Tuesday preceding the 16th of June for candidates nominated after 25 February 1956 and to noncompetitive candidates unable to take

the March examination because of illness or other unavoidable cause.

Chart No. 1 is the 1955-56 calendar for administration of College Board Tests in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Mexico, and West Indies:

Chart No. 2 is the 1955-56 calendar for administration of College Board Tests in Europe, Asia, Australia, Central and South America:

The fee for the Scholastic Aptitude Test is \$5.00; the fee for the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Achievement Tests is \$12.00. The Bulletin of Information concerning College Board Tests and application for the examinations will be sent free of charge to anyone requesting them. The Bulletin of Information gives the location of the various test centers and sample questions indicating the scope of the examinations. For copies of the USMA Catalogue, Bulletin of Information — College Board Tests, the pamphlet *Building Leaders*, or any other additional information on admission requirements to West Point, write to The Registrar, West Point, N. Y. The Military Academy will furnish without charge to candidates (after receipt of their nominations) descriptive booklets about the College Board Achievement Tests in Intermediate Mathematics and English Composition and Social Studies if the latter is required.

No special preparation should be necessary for the College Board tests; they are designed to be taken in stride and to minimize the effect of cramming or last-minute study. However, candidates taking a test in a specialized subject, such as mathematics, may find it helpful to review material covered in previous courses if they have not had a course in the subject shortly before taking the test.

The correct answer to a question requires not only factual knowledge but also a general understanding of the subject and

ability to make use of the knowledge in a new situation. The tests measure the student's knowledge and understanding of the subject. It is obvious that study and experience supplementary to classroom work will enlarge his knowledge and understanding in any subject-matter field.

The tests are made up by college and school teachers who try to insure that the tests are fair to all candidates, whether they are students at public or independent schools, at traditional or progressive schools, or at schools located in different sections of the country. Questions are provided in such numbers and are distributed in such a way that it is believed all students will have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and ability.

It is hoped that the use of College Board examinations will further increase the quality of candidates admitted to West Point. The improvement of the quality of candidates is of maximum importance to the Military Academy; the attainment of this goal is one in which every graduate of West Point throughout the world can be of assistance. It is urged that the alumni keep their eyes open for desirable young men and inform them of the various methods of obtaining a nomination for West Point.

A desirable candidate for West Point should show evidence of all the following qualities:

- (a) High moral standards.
- (b) Ambition, competitive instinct, eagerness to accept responsibility.
- (c) Pride in country and interest in military service.
- (d) High scholastic aptitude.
- (e) High physical aptitude.
- (f) Good physical appearance.
- (g) Habit of leadership, as in school activities, recreational enterprises, or actual military duties.

CHART NO. 1

Test Series	Registration Begins	Regular Registration Closes
3 Dec. 1955	6 Sept. 1955	12 Nov. 1955
14 Jan. 1956	1 Nov. 1955	17 Dec. 1955
17 Mar. 1956	9 Jan. 1956	25 Feb. 1956
19 May 1956	19 Mar. 1956	28 Apr. 1956

CHART NO 2

Test Series	Registration Begins	Regular Registration Closes
14 Jan. 1956	28 Sept. 1955	26 Nov. 1955
17 Mar. 1956	28 Sept. 1955	28 Jan. 1956
19 May 1956	28 Sept. 1955	31 Mar. 1956

BULLETIN BOARD

Brigadier General Russell C. Langdon, Class of 1896, Presents Silver Service to West Point Army Mess

At a ceremony held on September 29th in the West Point Army Mess, Brigadier General Russell C. Langdon, USA Retired, Class of 1896, presented to the Mess a silver tea service which had belonged to the Langdon family for 95 years. The ceremony was attended by several members of General Langdon's family, friends whom he had known during his long Army career, and a number of officers presently assigned to the Military Academy, with their wives. Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, oldest living graduate of the Military Academy, drove from his home in Stamford, Connecticut, to be present for the occasion.

In making the presentation, General Langdon reviewed the history of the silver service, explaining that it had been a gift from the citizens of Brownsville, Texas, to his father, Loomis L. Langdon, USMA Class of 1854. Loomis Langdon, then a lieutenant, was stationed on the Mexican border in 1859, supervising the dismantling of forts along the Rio Grande, when the Mexican bandit Cortinas raided the town of Brownsville. Although Langdon had no troops under his command, he organized the citizens into provisional units, erected barricades, and effectively defended the town against further depredation. His actions and the esteem in which he was held are best described by the inscription on the silver tray:

"Presented to Loomis L. Langdon
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By his Friends in Brownsville, Texas

As a testimonial of their regard for him as an Officer and a Gentleman, and more especially in token of their gratitude to him for his signal, voluntary, and disinterested services, in defending their lives and property, from October 15th, 1859, to February 7th, 1860, against the attacks of the Mexican Bandits."

Lieutenant General B. M. Bryan, Class of 1922, Superintendent, accepted the gift on

behalf of all the members of the West Point Army Mess. Mrs. R. C. Langdon, wife of General Langdon, then initiated the silver set in the service of the Mess by serving tea to the assembled guests.

West Point Society of Philadelphia Announces Army-Navy Game Activities

General George D. Pence, President of the West Point Society of Philadelphia, invites all West Pointers and their families and friends, who will be in Philadelphia for the Army-Navy Game, to participate in the several activities of the Society planned for the night before and the day of the game when it is played in Philadelphia on Saturday, November 26, 1955.

The Philadelphia Society will maintain Information, Message and Registry Desk in the main lobby of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, 9th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., from 12 noon Friday, November 25th until 7 P.M. Saturday, November 26th. General Pence urges all visiting firemen to make full use of this facility and to get in touch with their classmates and friends by registering at the desk.

A giant football rally will be held in the main Ball Room of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on Friday evening, November 25th, the night before the game, from 9 P.M. until closing. There will be music, entertainment, celebrities, cheers, songs, and a lot of fun and fellowship. Admission is \$1.00 per person. Cocktails will be available at reasonable prices. The Philadelphia Society hopes that all visitors will make it a point to attend this rally and show we intend to sink the Navy the next day.

Saturday, after the game, from 4 P.M. to closing, the Society is holding open house in the Betsy Ross Room, on the mezzanine floor of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. There will be music and cocktails will be available at reasonable prices. There is no admission charge.

General Pence hopes you all will meet your classmates and friends at this open house and celebrate a glorious Army Victory (or, heaven forbid, drown your sorrow) before having dinner and painting the town red.

BOOK REVIEW

From *The Bookshelf*, edited by Laura Scott Meyers, El Paso Herald-Post, Saturday, August 20, 1955.

THE MACKENZIE RAID. By Colonel Red Reeder, New York: Ballantine. Hardbound, \$2, Paperbound, 35c.

During the years immediately following the Civil War the Rio Grande River as an international boundary did not exist for groups of Mexican bandits, cutthroats, and scalping Indians. These outlaw bands crossed the river at will to rustle cattle, kidnap, and murder. There were few Texas ranchers along the Great River who had not lost members of their families as well as droves of cattle and horses.

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To stop these depredations General Phil Sheridan chose Colonel Ranald S. Mackenzie, 11 years out of West Point and a veteran of the Civil War, to cross into Mexico on an "unauthorized" punitive expedition. Colonel Mackenzie realized the dangers involved, for he alone would bear full responsibility for his actions. The expedition could lead to war with Mexico, and it could also lead to his being court-martialed and cashiered out of the Army.

How Mackenzie accomplished his hazardous assignment is a matter of history. The old 4th Cavalry still recognizes the Mackenzie Raid as one of the glorious chapters in its long and glorious record.

Colonel Reeder, also a graduate of West Point, has woven an unforgettable story around Mackenzie and the Texas border of 1873. The result is more effective than if he had written a dry, factual account of the raid. Not only is the book well-written but the characters are real and live in the reader's memory. Even the historical characters are truly delineated. For instance, Colonel Reeder has an enlisted man describe Secretary of War William W. Belknap as "an out-and-out, genuwine, all-around, low-life, rubber-bellied politician."

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Colonel Reeder also gives an excellent and accurate picture of the Old Army with its pack-mules, strikers, and pay-day drunks. One can "feel" the loneliness of a frontier Army post.



West Pointers of the Yukon Command at a Picnic near Fairbanks, Alaska, 31 July 1955.

There is, however, one criticism. A map of the area would have added greatly to a better understanding of the raid. Be that as it may, the book is unusually readable and interesting. It will rightly take its place in the increasing volume of Southwestern Literature.

Eugene O. Porter.

(Note: Eugene O. Porter is Professor of History at the Texas Western College of the University of Texas, and Editor-in-Chief of the El Paso Historical Society Quarterly.)

THE SAGA OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL By Alexander M. Weyand. New York—The Macmillan Company, 1955; 240 pages; \$4.50.

Reviewed by

JOSEPH M. CAHILL,
Director, Sports Information, USMA

Based on a first-hand knowledge gained from his experience as an all-American tackle, and a monumental job of research, Babe Weyand, '16, has made his second major literary contribution to the sports world.

Closely associated with the sports scene throughout virtually his entire life, Babe made an indelible impression as an Army tackle, making the all-America for three years running, and captained the 1915 team. It was during his first class year that he was tagged with the nickname "Babe" by halfback Ike Eisenhower.

Colonel Weyand was in service continuously from 1916 until his retirement in 1946. Wearer of the Silver Star and Purple Heart, he saw action on the Mexican Border and in the first World War.

Using the deft touch of a veteran writer and applying the technical knowledge of an ardent student of the game, Babe's effort is particularly welcomed by the football fan, and also would serve as an excellent reference piece on anyone's book shelf.

There is an amazing amount of football contained in this compact, fast-moving 240 page edition. Beginning with the advent of the game in the United States, and even beyond that to the inception of football as a sport in England, Babe plots the interesting, at times dramatic, and often exciting course of football since 1633.

Hardly a great play or player, game or incident, escaped unnoticed. Excitingly recaptured for the edification of the reader are the exploits of such immortals as Knute Rockne, Red Grange, Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis, and Alan Ameche, to name a few. The pages are sprinkled with action photos of the big games of yesterday as well as individual pictures of many of the game's greatest players.

Rounding out this complete panorama of American football is a ready reference table which lists the all-America teams since the very beginning.

I greatly enjoyed wandering down memory's lane, thrilling once again to the exploits of Indian Jim Thorpe; the four horse-men of Notre Dame; memorable KF-79 and its attendant Rose Bowl victory for Columbia; the meteoric career of "the Galloping Ghost," Red Grange; the fifth down incident at Dartmouth; the great Army teams of the 1944-46 era; and so many, many more milestones of football history.

In his foreword, the late Grantland Rice, Dean of American Sports writers, refers to the author as "probably the foremost living authority on football."

The book, in the reviewer's opinion, is a salient contribution to the game of football.

The Making of a West Pointer

The Military Academy's new color documentary film, **THE MAKING OF A WEST POINTER**, will be ready for distribution in approximately another month. Some delay has been encountered in the production of the prints, but there seem to be no more obstacles to its completion and distribution. It is anticipated that there will be seventy-five (75) copies made, and of these the large proportion will be 16 mm films, with only two (2) 35 mm prints. Several will be retained at the Military Academy, but the majority will be sent to Signal Corps Film Libraries and West Point Societies in key geographical locations. It will not be possible to give it the spread which **THIS IS WEST POINT** has, because there are one hundred (100) fewer copies; but, through proper planning, everyone interested should be able to obtain the film without much delay. The cost of color production was the principal prohibitive factor in giving the film the same distribution as the older documentary. Since the new film is designed primarily for showing to teen-age audiences, it is hoped that it will be considered as a much needed supplement to **THIS IS WEST POINT**, rather than as a replacement thereof.

New Nominating Committee Elected

The following members of the Board of Trustees of The Association of Graduates, USMA, were elected to serve as members of the Nominating Committee:

Boyd W. Barlett, '19 (Chairman);
Charles P. Nicholas, '25;
Edwin J. Messinger, '31;
Walter J. Renfroe, '34;
Robert E. Woods, '45.

College "Baby Boom"

For 10 years the Population Reference Bureau of Washington, D. C. has conducted an annual survey of the fertility of college graduates in the United States. Alumni have been surveyed in their 10th and 25th year after graduation to measure their current and completed fertility. In 1955, a total of 22,494 graduates (classes of 1945 and 1930) from 178 colleges throughout the country was studied. This past year, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy participated in the count of marriages and children of the graduates of '45 and '30.

The national results of the Bureau's studies show that the college birth rate is steadily climbing. Each year of study has shown an increase in babies of the 10-year graduates. The "baby boom" among graduates is continuing and there is indication that the size of their families is still growing. Men and women of the class of 1945, in their

Course for Teachers

Retired officers and officers planning retirement within the next few years may well be interested in a new course of instruction being contemplated by the School of Education of New York University. The objective of the course will be to prepare retiring officers for teaching careers in colleges and secondary schools.

The University has announced that a meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 15 November, in Room 170, Waverly Building (just east of Washington Square North) for officers interested in details of the proposed program. The meeting will be conducted by Professor Alonzo F. Myers, Chairman of the Department of Higher Education of NYU. Dr. Myers will discuss the growing demand for teachers, the qualifications necessary for teaching appointments, and the general plan by which the University hopes to assist officers to prepare themselves for entering the teaching field. An invitation to attend the meeting is extended to all interested officers.

Texas Army-Navy Game Party

The West Point Society of North Texas will be host for graduates from the entire Southwest at their renowned luncheon and television party to see the Army-Navy game on November 26, at Amon Carter Field, midway between Dallas and Fort Worth. Annually our Society and the Annapolis graduates get together for this event. Reservations can be made with Tom McNiel, Secretary, West Point Society of North Texas, 708 Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas.

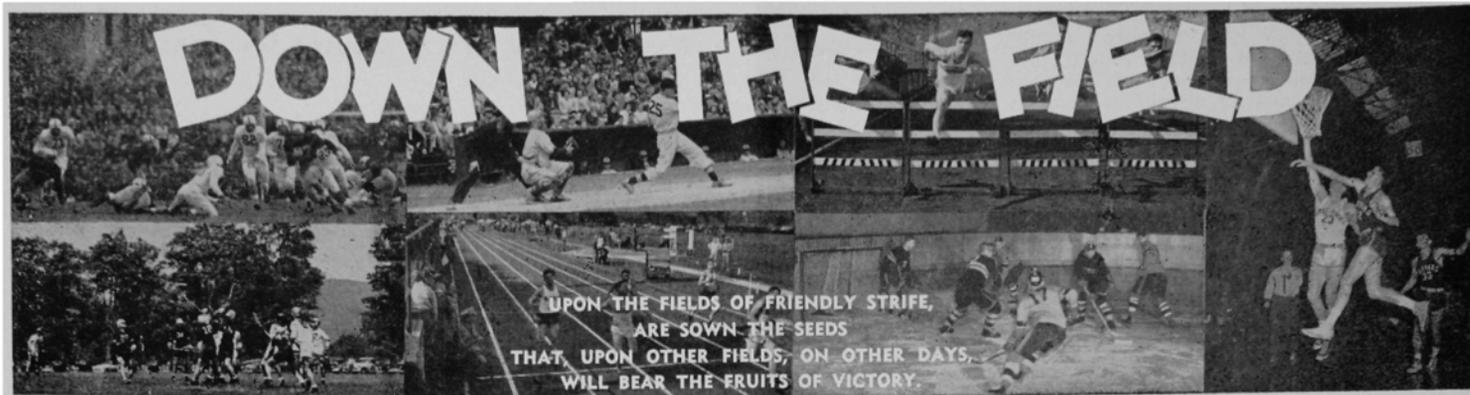
10th year after graduation, already have as many children as were in the completed families of graduates of a generation ago.

West Point's class of 1945, surveyed last winter, reported an average of 1.95 children per alumnus. These men are well above the 1.73 average for the 86 classes of '45 men reviewed and rank in 25th place in the listing for the class. 94% of our reporting alumni of '45 have married, with an average of 2.08 children per husband. 89% of their marriages have produced at least one child, giving an average for the class of 2.32 children per father.

Our class of 1930 was also reviewed this past winter. Twenty-five years after graduation when their families are nearly completed, they average 2.10 offspring apiece. 99% of the reporting men of '30 are married, with 2.13 children per husband and 2.38 per father.

TABLE Children Per Graduate — 1945 and 1930

U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY GRADUATES	NATIONAL AVERAGES					
	1945	1930	1945	1930		
	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Children per Graduate	1.95	2.10	1.73	1.43	1.97	1.36
Children per Married Graduate	2.08	2.13	1.95	1.84	2.09	1.77
Children per Parent	2.32	2.38	2.25	2.19	2.43	2.25
Per Cent Married	94	99	89	77	94	77
Per Cent of Marriages, Fertile	89	89	87	84	86	79



By Joe Cahill

Lady Luck, the unpredictable mistress of football, has turned her back on the Black Knights of 1955. A succession of injuries, the worst ever to stalk an Army team, dampened the early season ardor of eastern football enthusiasts.

At this writing Red Blaik has been able to field only a patched up lineup. Missing, and probably for the season, are four potential starters. Nevertheless, the team got off to a pair of convincing victories with Furman (81-0) and Penn State (35-6). Then, came Michigan, the No. 1 team in the country, which turned the tide against the under-manned, injury-ridden Cadets (26-2). More on this later.

A series of setbacks has befallen this squad since the spring practice. It all began last summer when Mike Zeigler, a starting halfback was slugged for the duration of the season. Then on the first day of practice this fall, Bob Kyasky, the other starting halfback, was put out of commission with a sprained knee.

Coach Blaik then dipped into the pack for alternate halfbacks to man the guns. Joe Cygler, who filled in quite capably for Kyasky in the opener, came up with a fractured ankle and is also lost indefinitely.

Dick Murtland, the reserve who took over for Zeigler, got off to a good start too, but then suffered a severe charley horse the week of the Penn State game. Blaik was then faced with the possibility of starting third string backs, or taking the alternative of shuffling. The latter, he chose, and so effectively that the squad ran all over one of the East's elite, Penn State.

The new combo found Captain Pat Uebel, a fullback starting at left halfback; Vince Barta, a newcomer replacing Uebel; Tony Munger, another newcomer at halfback; and Don Holleder, an all-America end turned quarterback. It was an amazing sight to see Uebel playing both halfback posts and fullback in the same game. Also, Murtland and Pete Lash interchanging at either halfback. This just does not happen on major football squads. It's happening at West Point, but thanks to the genius of Red Blaik, we have been able to offset the dearth of good backs.

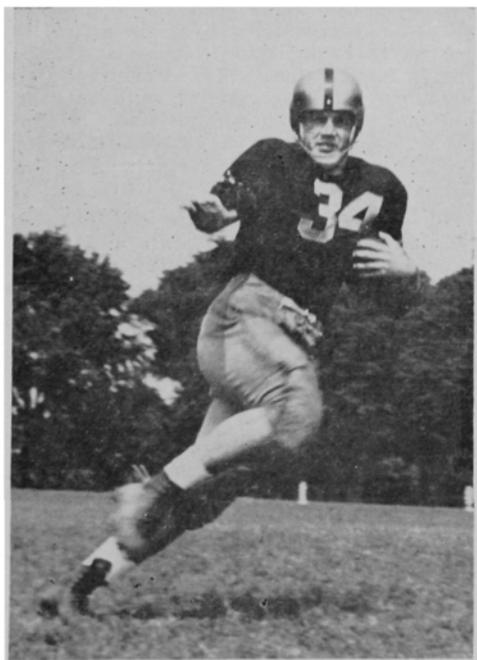
On the eve of the Michigan game things began to take a turn for the better. Zeigler through the graciousness of Prince Albert of Belgium was granted amnesty along with fifty other "sluggoids." Another ray of sunshine broke through the clouds, too, when it was learned that Jim Kernan, a yearling center and linebacker, had changed his mind and decided to play football. Kernan, a linebacker of the ability of Bob Farris, received a serious neck injury in a scrimmage with the Plebes near the close of last fall and decided this summer against playing. Though he figures to be of only limited help against powerful Michigan, he will be a notable addition to the squad in the ensuing games.

Generally speaking, Coach Blaik believes that the line is stronger than its predecessor and that the backfield falls short of matching the '54 quartet in over-all firepower. There is no one, in the coach's opinion, who can match the graduated Tommy Bell as a ball carrier. Bell, incidentally, led the country in this department. Then, too, we broke up one of college football's great passing combinations, namely; Pete Vann to Holleder. This running and passing tandem cannot be equalled by the '55 squad.

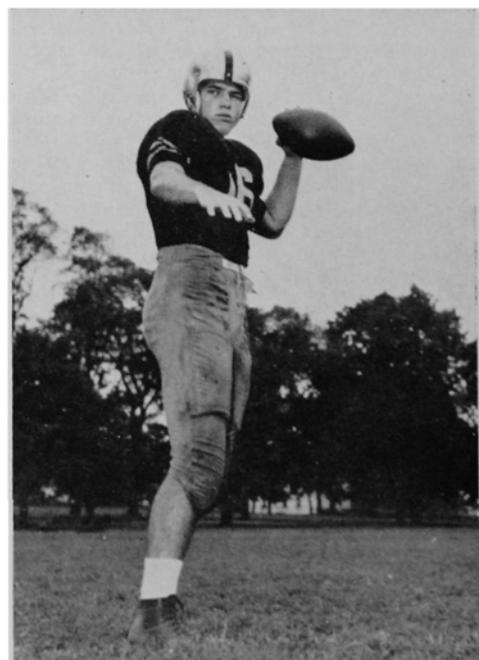
All of which gets us around to discussing the provocative experiment which spots Hol-

leder at quarterback. The 6 foot 2, 190 pound signal-caller never before played in the backfield. Add to this the fact that he only had five days of spring practice over center and it is not difficult to deduce the scope of this experiment. Never in the history of college football has a coach dared take an all-America end and insert him boldly in the key job at T-quarterback.

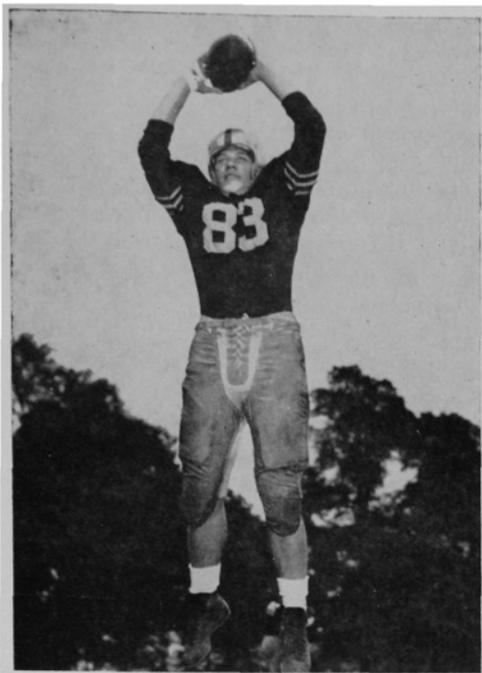
What prompted such a move? A combination of circumstances. Vann, a turn-back, used up his eligibility. Russ Mericle, Vann's understudy, lacks the over-all proficiency to carry the burden of a starting job, though he is a very adequate performer in the role of alternate. Zeigler was tried out during spring practice and just could not master the assignment. Then, in desperation, Blaik called on Holleder. An outstanding all-around athlete, and a great competitor, the native of Webster, New York, responded with grim determination and desire. His progress has been steady, and he has done a masterful job in the short time that he has had to put in on the task. Still not a finished ball handler, nor a sparkling passer, Don, nevertheless, has something that can't be denied such as a Joe DiMaggio or a Ted Williams at the plate. There are phases in which Don is



PAT UEBEL (Captain)—Back. . .



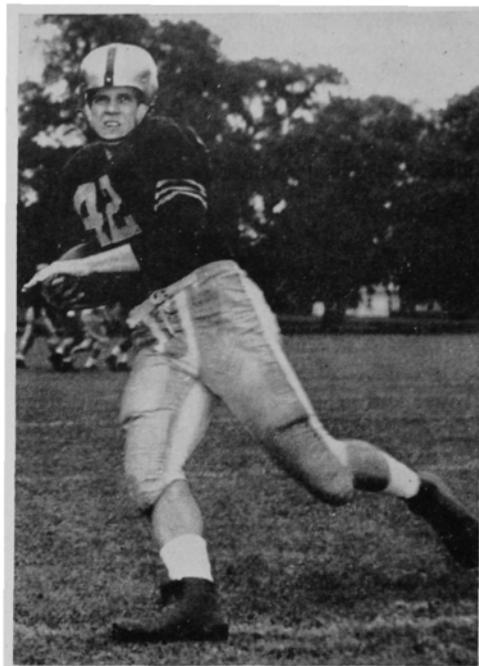
DON HOLLEDER—Back. . .



ART JOHNSON—End. . .



RALPH CHESNAUSKAS—Tackle. . .



BOB KYASKY—Back. . .

noticeably stronger than Vann at this early stage. Holleder is as fine a defensive back as there is in the country. He has a natural gift for intercepting passes, and derives a great deal of satisfaction tackling ball-carriers in the secondary.

Holleder's shift to the backfield altered the look of the line, too, though the face-lifting was not as important. In the early weeks of the season Don Satterfield, a first classman who lettered last fall has held title to Holleder's former wing post. His running mate is Art Johnson, a regular in '54 and very fine all-around performer. The tackles are manned by Ralph Chesnauskas, an all-East guard last year, and Dick Stephenson, another returning starter. At guards Flay Goodwin, back from last year; and Stan Slater, a yearling, are currently holding forth. Ed Szvetez is the present cen-

ter, but Kernan cannot be disregarded, even at this writing when he has had only a week of practice.

This is the youngest cadet squad in years, averaging slightly over 19. It is not particularly big either, with only one man in the starting line over 200 pounds. And, finally, the squad is not lacking in gray matter with ten holding forth on the Dean's list.

The following is a synopsis of the first two games:

Twelve players contributed to the scoring in the 81-0 debacle with Furman. Big scoring plays were executed by Pete Lash, who raced 73 yards, John Andrusko, who galloped 52, and Holleder's fifty-five yard pass to Art Johnson.

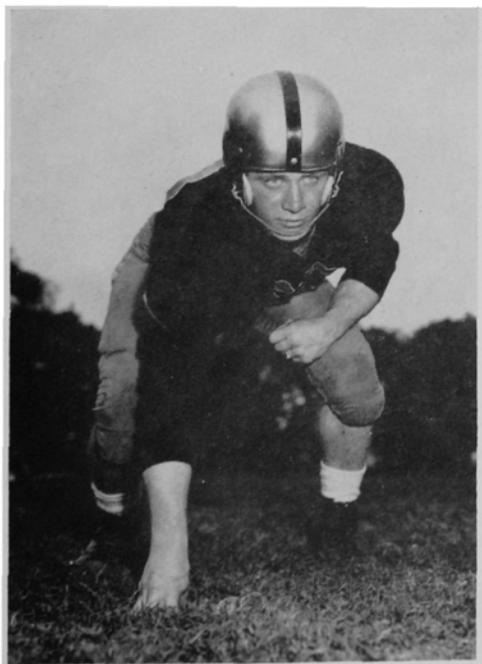
Scoring one touchdown in the first period, adding two in the second, and two more in the fourth, Army demolished Penn State's bid for Eastern honors by a score of 35 to 6.

Vince Barta, making his first start at fullback, scored a pair of two yard bucks. Holleder passed to Don Satterfield for another. Pat Uebel and Holleder added the other scores on plunges from the two yard line.

Playing before a sell-out throng of some 98,000 in the Game of the Week, the Black Knights showed the effects of the critical shortage of front line backs when they fumbled their way to a 26 to 2 defeat at the hands of Michigan. The Wolverines are generally regarded as the top team in the Nation. Nothing they did against the stout Army line proved their claim to this lofty position, however. The Cadets rolled up 199 yards rushing to Michigan's 69, picked up 11 first downs to their 7 and yet fumbled nine times to decimate their opportunity for a sixth consecutive win over Bennie

Oosterbaan's talented aggregation.

It is difficult to find the real answer to such pitfalls as befell the Army squad. Some of it, of course, must have been psychological in nature. Most of it, it appears, was due to the constant changing of personnel in the backfield. For example, the night before the game Coach Blaik had to make up a complete new backfield when Dick Murtland reported lame with a chronic charley horse. This change necessitated the breaking up of what appeared earlier in the week to be the strongest quartet Blaik had been able to mold together this season. As originally planned, Holleder would have had the newly-returned Zeigler and Murtland at left and right halfbacks and Uebel at fullback. At kick-off time Uebel was at left halfback, Zeigler at right, and Barta at fullback. The timing, obviously was affected, and it seemed unfair to individuals



STAN SLATER—Guard. . .



MIKE ZEIGLER—Back. . .

to have to move them without as much as an hour's practice. But despite the precarious position that this squad finds itself in, never has Coach Blaik done so much with so few front line backfield operatives.

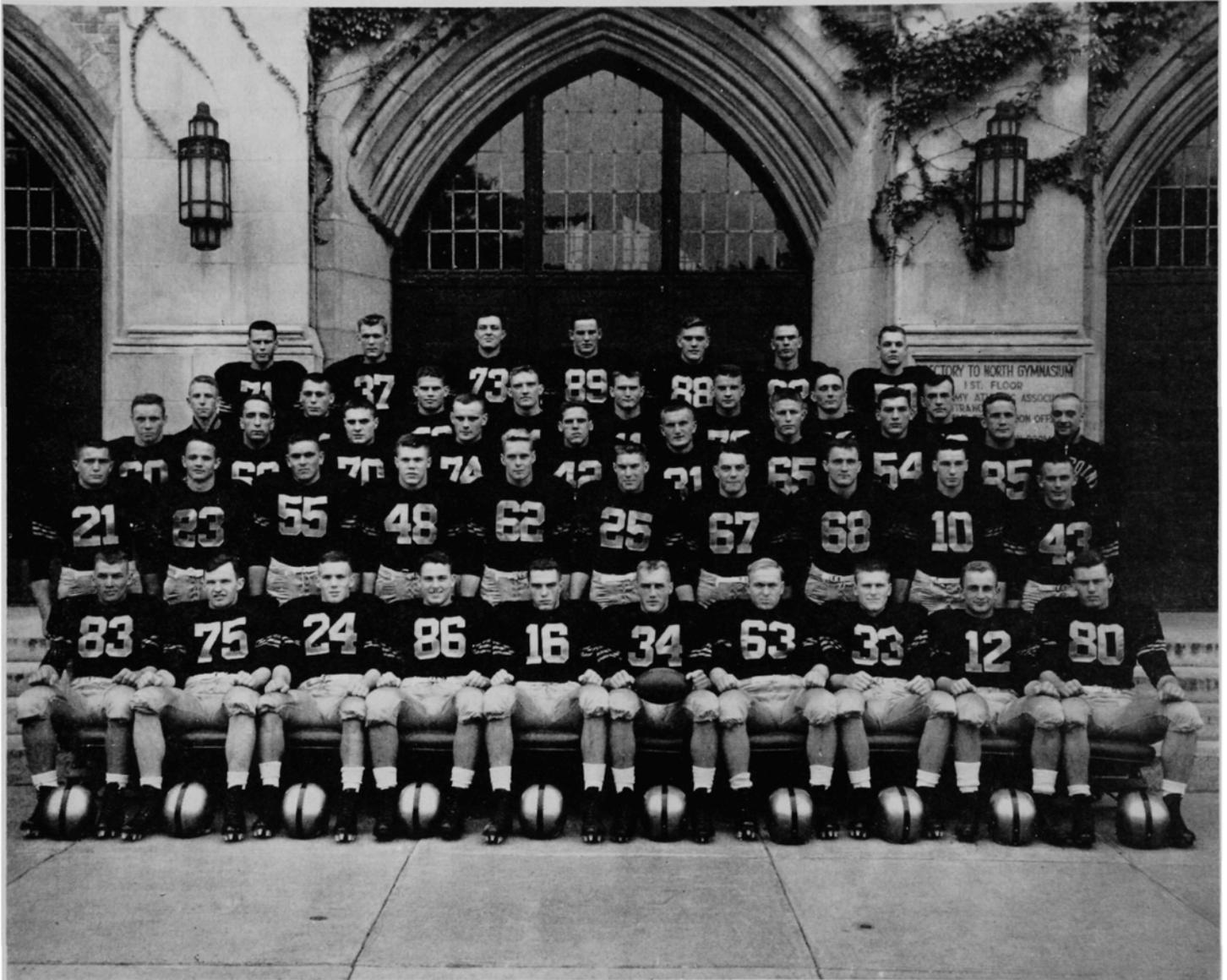
Though handicapped like the rest of the squad by the incessant fumbling which kept Army in its own territory most of the afternoon, Holleder showed enough natural talents to convince the coaches that he can

man the guns if given a fair opportunity to operate. In most quarters the criticisms of Holleder in this game have been both unjust and unfair. This observer prefers to await developments on November 26th before passing judgment.

The soccer team, under the direction of its new coach, John Kress, opened the season with a 4-1 victory over Ithaca College. In a closely contested match, the cadet

booters were defeated by Pennsylvania State 3-1. The cadets had numerous opportunities to defeat the highly regarded Nittany Lions, but inexperience in the first line proved costly.

In its only meet thus far this fall, the cadet cross country harriers edged out St. John's and Providence College in a triangular affair over the hilly West Point course.



ARMY FOOTBALL SQUAD - 1955

First Row (left to right): Art Johnson, Don Shannon, Pete Lash, Don Satterfield, Don Holleder, Pat Uebel, Ralph Chesnauskas, Frank Burd, Russ Mericle, Dave Thomas.

Second Row: Joe Cygler, Turner Gauntt, Al MacLeod, Dick Murtland, Stan Slater, Tony Munger, Tom Shuff, Ernest Lenart, Ralph Wensinger, Jude Thiebert.

Third Row: Dick Warner, Joe Bishop, Flay Goodwin, Loren Reid, Bob Kyasky, John Andrusko, Dick Stephenson, Ed Szvetecz, Milt Ewanus, Mel Wuest (Equipment Manager).

Fourth Row: Forrest French (Manager), Dick Fadel, Darrold Erickson, Bill Saunders, Dave Bourland, Mike Petruno, Pete Millspaugh, Joe Shea.

Fifth Row: John Elliot, Vince Barta, Arley Finley, Ron Melnik, Bill McCaffrey, John George, Tom Looney.

U. S. M. A. FALL SPORTS 1955

(All Contests to include 15 October)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

FOOTBALL				SOCCER				CROSS COUNTRY			
Date	Opp.	Army	Opp.	Date	Opp.	Army	Opp.	Date	Opp.	Army	Opp.
Sept. 24	Furman University	81	0	Sept. 23	Ithaca	4	1	Sept. 30	Triangular: St. John's Providence and Army	39	45
Oct. 1	Penn. State	35	6		30—Penn State	1	3	Oct. 8	New York University	34	23
	8—Michigan—At Ann Arbor	2	26	Oct. 5	Univ. of Connecticut	4	0	14	Syracuse	28	27
	15—Syracuse University	0	13		8—Brockport State Teachers Coll.	1	2	21	Triangular: Manhattan, Pittsburgh and Army	....	....
	22—Columbia University	....	....		14—City College of New York	2	3	28	Vilanova	....	....
	29—Colgate University	....	....	Nov. 4	Yale	....	....	Nov. 4	Heptagonal—At New York	....	....
Nov. 5	Yale—At New Haven	....	....		12—Pennsylvania	....	....	14	IC4A—At New York	....	....
	12—Pennsylvania—At Philadelphia	....	....		19—Navy	....	....		
	19—Permanently Open	....	....						
	25—Navy—At Philadelphia	....	....						

U. S. M. A. WINTER SPORTS 1955 - 1956

(All contests to be held at West Point unless otherwise indicated.)

		February	1—Yale 4—AIC 10—MIT—at Cambridge 11—Boston Univ.—at Boston 18—Dartmouth 22—St. Lawrence 25—Hamilton—at Clinton 29—Univ. of Massachusetts	February	4—Yale 8—Pittsburgh 10—Amherst—at Amherst 11—Wesleyan—at Middletown 25—Harvard	
	BASKETBALL	March	3—Norwich 10—R.M.C.—at Kingston	March	3—Navy	
December	7—Ithaca 10—Amherst 17—Columbia—at New York				SWIMMING	
January	7—Boston University 11—Colgate 14—Yale—at New Haven 18—Pennsylvania Military Col. 21—Manhattan 28—Fordham	January	28—U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.	January	7—Colgate 11—Lehigh 14—Harvard—at Cambridge 21—Yale 30—Duke	
February	1—Albright 4—Bradley—at Peoria 8—Lehigh 11—Pittsburgh 15—Hartwick 18—Geo. Washington Univ. at Washington, D. C. 22—Penn State 25—New York University 27—Swarthmore	February	4—N. Y. State Maritime Coll. 11—Triangular — U.S. Coast Guard Acad., Univ. of Connecticut, and Army — at New London 25—MIT	February	4—Dartmouth—at Hanover 8—Pittsburgh 11—Cornell 15—Pennsylvania 18—Princeton 25—Columbia—at New York	
March	3—Navy	March	3—Navy—at Annapolis 10—R.M.C.—at Kingston	March	3—Navy—at Annapolis 15, 16, 17—Intercollegiates—at Ithaca	
	GYMNASTICS		PISTOL		TRACK	
January	14—Univ. of North Carolina 21—Georgia Tech 28—Springfield	December	10—Georgetown	January	21—Manhattan 28—St. John's	
February	4—Syracuse 11—Temple—at Philadelphia 18—Penn State 25—Pittsburgh	January	7—N. Y. State Maritime Coll. 14—New York University 21—Lehigh 28—Yale	February	4—Pittsburgh 11—Princeton 18—Cornell—at Ithaca 25—IC4A—at New York	
March	3—Navy—at Annapolis 9 & 10—Intercollegiates 23 & 24—Nationals at Univ. of North Carolina	February	4—City College of New York 11—U.S. Coast Guard Academy —at New London 18—Triangular—Univ. of Maryland, V.P.I., and Army—at College Park 25—Norwich—at Northfield	March	3—Heptagonal—at Ithaca	
	HOCKEY	March	3—Navy 10—MIT—at Cambridge 17—Easterns		WRESTLING	
January	7—Princeton—at Princeton 14—Amherst 18—Williams 21—Middlebury	January	7—Princeton—at Princeton 14—Trinity 20—Williams—at Williamstown 21—Dartmouth—at Hanover		January	14—Springfield 21—Columbia 28—Yale—at New Haven
			SQUASH	February	4—Syracuse—at Syracuse 11—Pittsburgh 18—VMI 25—Pennsylvania	
				March	3—Lehigh—at Bethlehem 9 & 10—Intercollegiates — at Bethlehem	



New Members

We welcome to our membership 24 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 13,376.

ABOUT 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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1895

I am sure that all the survivors of '95 wish to have recorded in this issue of *Assembly* our love and esteem for Frank B. Watson, who died in Germany June 24th and for Frank C. (Bowser) Bolles, who followed close behind. Undoubtedly, Watson did more than any of us to keep the fraternal spirit created at West Point alive throughout the years. Bowser might have been called our "Old Rough and Ready", because to the unknowing he sometimes seemed rough in his way of getting things done, and because he was always ready in battle not only to command but to be an exemplar in his attitude towards the enemy's fiery darts. One might think his three wounds received in separate actions would make him gun-shy but not Bowser.

It is a pleasure to report that the health of no member of the class is poorer than when report was made for the July *Assembly*. Some are better, notably, Nuttman and Pritchard, who says "I feel fine"

Mrs. Cavanaugh's niece writes that since our classmate's death Josepha has been quite frail.

Nellie Richardson has entirely recovered from a fall she had several months ago and writes that her daughter Lorraine, is recovering wonderfully after a severe heart operation.

Bertha Bash writes that Hrs. Casper Conrad, who has been in Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Antonio, was, according to her last information, about to return home.

Zinia Sturtevant's health just now is somewhat below her usual high par.

Rose Darrah has recently become a great grandmother. The baby's father is Woodlief Thomas, Jr. with the Eastman Co. of Rochester. Woodlief's younger brother is Thomas Darrah. Thomas now doing post-graduate work at the University of Cal-

ifornia at Berkeley pursuant to a three-year fellowship granted by the National Science Foundation.

All the others of our classmates' widows whom we have heard from or about are as well as or better than at the time of the last report. Notable is Katrina Schulz who recently assembled her family *in toto* and all in the best of health.

No word from the Mesdames Bigelow, Charles, Dwyer, Pearce and White.

Did you know that back in 1899 and 1900, Joe Herron was on an exploring expedition in Alaska and that he named a group of three mountain peaks, Gurney, Augustin and Lewis and that a river there bears his own name, all of official record? Joe recently had his 86th birthday celebrated by a party given by his niece. He still studies Spanish, attends all the West Point Society meetings at Los Angeles and keeps himself young as befits the daddy of our class.

—P. L. M.

1897

James F. Brady, Colonel, retired, a beloved member of the Class, died at St. Petersburg, Florida, 10 December 1954, and was buried at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, National Cemetery.

Arthur F. Conklin was the only member of the Class to attend the graduation exercises in June. He was number 7, in the column of old grads, which shows how we are progressing—if it can be called that.

Francis H. Pope has moved to The Greenbrier, 4301 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington.

Charles D. Roberts has a grandson, Thomas D. Roberts, II, son of Heyward B. Roberts, of the class of '24, in the new plebe class.

—C. D. R.

1899

A recent bulletin of the Library of Congress notes the acquisition of a manuscript copy of the autobiography of George Van Horn Moseley, prepared by himself for his sons and grandchildren and not to be released to the public until after his death. It speaks of "his wide acquaintance with the outstanding military figures of his time" and might well have said the same of outstanding civilian figures. "The forthright quality of his comments on persons and events", which the bulletin notes, will surprise none of us. Certainly no one in our times has achieved so distinguished a military career with so little "Pussy-footing", nor has anyone else in the Class except Embick been so closely associated with so many "greats". Moseley still holds forth at the Atlanta-Biltmore.

Charles Brooks Clark reports that he has given up the trailer he so long used to satisfy his urge for travel, but that he still gets about a bit. Says he has been in 18 states, Canada and Mexico this past summer, and that he looked up the Schulls, Woodruffs, Yates, Clark, H. B.s and Sep Humphrey. Regretted that he could get no trace of Merry, although he did not get to McAllen, Texas. CBC and Mrs. Clark are now back in St. Petersburg and recommend the fishing there to all classmates. He found the classmates he saw well and comfortably pursuing the even tenor of their respective ways.

During the summer, Herron looked up Bunnell in Boston and found him seeming much as for the last thirty years, but declaring that his activities are painfully limited. Herron also reports that he and Louise have had good crops this year on their suburban acre—apples, pears, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, garden truck, figs, mushrooms and even truffles; also blue-ribbon roses and various grandchildren much of the summer.

—C. D. H.

1903

The Class Fund of 1903 is now deposited in the National Bank of Highland Falls. Howze reports that arrangements have been completed for it to pass automatically to the Association of Graduates upon the death of the last surviving member of 1903. This has been accomplished by titling the account: "Class of 1903, United States Military Academy, in trust for the Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy, payable to the latter Association upon the death of all members of the Class of 1903. It is, of course, understood that the present titling is revocable at will by proper action of the Class of 1903."

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

Crystal is well and still living in New York City. At present he is proud of the fact that Tom, Jr. has been appointed Professor of Philosophy at the Air Force Academy.

Dillard's daughter, Hope, was graduated from Vassar in June "summa cum laude" and with a Phi Beta Kappa key.

Early in September, Ellen and Bill Bryden drove to West Point to see Fenton. He met them at the hospital door and went with them to his home in Cornwall where he was to spend the afternoon and evening. They were delighted to find him up and around and looking so well.

Another classmate has gone, Harry Hawley! Following an unfortunate cataract operation in 1952, Harry gradually lost ground because of high blood pressure and an enlarged heart. After a month at Walter Reed in 1954, he returned to his home in Florida, where in May 1955, a gradual paralysis of his right side began. On 8 May he fell, fracturing his right hip, and was admitted to the Veterans' Hospital at Coral Gables, Florida, where he died on 12 May. After cremation, the remains were taken to Windsor, Ontario, Canada, for interment in the Windsor Grove Cemetery. His widow will continue to live at 208 S. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach, Florida, although at present she is staying with relatives at Harrow, Ontario, R. No. 1 c/o Oscar Lonsbery.

Harry Reilly is still in the Veterans Hospital at 1st Avenue and 23d Street, New York. His blood pressure came down several days after the stroke that sent him to the hospital, and since then he has been constantly on the mend. A few weeks ago, due to a foot infection, his left leg was amputated about six inches below the knee, the best kind of amputation for the artificial limb which will be fitted before he leaves the hospital. He is receiving splendid care and with a ration of brandy two or three times a day and plenty of pretty nurses to look after him, he is cheerful and looks fine.

It is sad to record that Laura Thompson, Tompo's widow, died in Washington, D. C., on 3 July 1955. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.

—W. B.

1905

Through the courtesy of Tom Doe every member of the Class should have received an excellent 8" x 10" photograph of the reunion group at Bear Mountain Inn after Tom and Betsy Doe's luncheon, together

with an identification sheet. If you did not receive your copies I have additional photographs and identification sheets.

In case you missed it do not fail to look up the excellent picture of Dutch Kunzig and his three fine sons on page 50 of the *July Assembly*.

The Los Angeles Times of August 1, 1955 had quite a story on Calvin Titus receiving the Purple Heart fifty-five years after the action when he was wounded. Calvin and Grace celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 20th and they received the congratulations of the Class. On August 12th Calvin had a cataract removed from his right eye at Letterman General Hospital and in the course of time will have to undergo a similar operation on his left eye. His recuperation has been slow but steady.

Bloxham left the reunion last June headed for San Antonio where he anticipated a similar operation on his eyes but no further word has been received from him.

Yank Upham is rightfully very proud of his daughter, Beth June, who graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1954 after majoring in Mathematics and making Phi Beta Kappa and other honorary societies.

Allan Rutherford has given up his home and real estate business in Baltimore and is now located at The Westchester, 4000 Cathedral Avenue N.W., Washington, D. C.

Anne Waugh is making her way up in the New York Theatrical world. This summer she had one of the leading parts in "Me and Juliet" presented in the Lambertville and Neptune circuses. Minna and I saw her and she was excellent. The show came to life when she came on the stage.

Class Letter Number Fifteen with a full story of the reunion will soon be ready for the printer. It has been delayed by a very full and busy summer, the highlight being the visit of Norman, Jr. and his family upon their return from a year's absence in Europe.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

It has been a nice cool summer in Dillard, while the heat was reported to be terrific elsewhere. One night in July, the telephone rang, Junction City, Kansas, calling. It was John Montgomery and his lovely wife Maryliz, old friends from Miami Beach, having a farewell party for Jim Riley and Gene, for their son-in-law Joe, and daughter Nanie Anderson, and General Lentz, the Division Commander. All in succession came on the phone to say nice things, and Elizabeth and I lay awake long hours talking about how nice it was to hear from those we loved, so pleasantly. Son-in-law Jim Shaw and daughter Betty are in Holland on duty as Naval Attache at the Court of Juliana, and the Andersons are in Germany. Jim and Gene set up their Maine camp later and had Red and Christine Hoyle there for a couple weeks. Red says the camp is the best run of any camp anywhere. Red is Disaster Chairman for his vicinity and is still occupied with the relief of the New England flood victims.

Ruth and Bill Akin are back in their Kenwood home. Bill has the revolver that Skinny Wainwright carried in the Philippines and some other things pertaining to it, which have been accepted by the Museum at West Point, and will be presented with ceremony at the Golden Reunion. Max Elser is running a 90 acre farm in northwest Arkansas and looking after the local church with his wife and one boy at home. An-

other son is a captain of Ordnance in Germany, and two more are in civil life away from home. Earl and Edith McFarland spent the early summer at Casco Bay, Portland Harbor, and had lunch with Marjorie and Plupy Shute. On the way home they spent a while with daughter Mary Ann and her husband Colonel Twitchell at Fort Devens. These last are ordered to Washington for duty and have already bought a house over the river. McKew Parr, after much correspondence all over the country, has now put the Gatewood papers with the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society. They will publish some of them with proper credits in Arizona Silhouettes.

Sadly, we report the death of our beloved honorary member, Brice Frey, in New York, last July. Jim Riley sent flowers for the class, and Brice's wife Grace has written a lovely letter about them and about Brice's devotion to 1906 all his life. Joe King reports from Lake Okoboji, Iowa, that he and Charlotte had son-in-law Hugh Hammer, and daughter Jo and little Joe, with them and daughter Julie coming soon. Joe Green and his Julie are just across the lake from Joe. A clipping from the San Antonio papers says that Harriet Smith has nine hundred hours credit with the Volunteer Service Bureau. Plupy Shute's daughter and her husband Dykes, in San Antonio are trying to get Plupy and Marjorie to move there. Robert A. Merrill, John's son was presented by wife Mary with an eight pound son, John C. Merrill, at Lackland A.F.B. Hospital, July 31. Cort Parker sends a congratulatory letter about the preservation of the Mettler Woods, and suggests the early formation of The Army League, to foster Army morale and civilian enthusiasm for army things.

September 2, the four members of the class in Washington held their monthly luncheon and their postal indicates that Alec Gillespie got stuck for the refreshments. We had appreciative letters from Mick Daley, Charlotte Gatewood, Frederika Williford, Catherine MacMillan and others who read the last *Assembly*, also copies of letters from Chauncey Fenton and Crittenberger to Jim Riley thanking him for his eighteen years splendid service on the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates and making him an honorary member for life. George and Christine Morrow are over the hill at High Hampton, after a long trip west to Banff and points in Canada. By and by, there will be a bulletin about the golden moments next June. Keep putting pennies in the piggy bank and stay well.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

Mildred Yount attended the formal opening of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in July and reported that a portrait of Bart is to be hung in the gallery of Leaders of the Air Force there. Mildred is living at 815 East Edgemont, Phoenix, Arizona, and Bart, Jr. is on duty in Madrid, Spain.

Chief Rice spent a month in California during the summer, and in September left for a month in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He met no classmates on the west coast but said that he saw Buzz Christy at the hospital in San Antonio last year. He also had a call from Johnny Jenkins who lives in Dallas, and had learned that Anne Marley, Jim's widow, was living in Austin.

In September Roger Alexander visited his daughter, Ruth, in Falls Church, Virginia. After the football season, he is looking for-

ward to visiting Roger, Jr. who is with the Standard Oil Company of California in Bak-ersfield, California.

Right after graduation we Wagners took off for the Presidio of San Francisco for a most enjoyable visit with Dinny and Duncan Somerville, and the four young Somervilles. We saw Ijai and Waldo Potter and had dinner with them in their charming home in Oakland. Waldo looks younger and Ijai lovelier than ever. It was delightfully cool during our entire stay and we returned home just in time for the extremely hot weather and the hurricanes.

Ben Castle was elected President of the newly organized West Point Society of the District of Columbia, which had its first assembly luncheon at the Fort McNair Officers Club on the 6th of September. General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff, was the principal speaker.

Paul Larned wrote that Johnny Sullivan's son is at the Command and General Staff School, Lucian Booth had been elected to the Roanoke School Board, and Harry Rutherford and his daughter had recently returned from a motor trip through the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

Bob Glassburn wrote that he saw Andy Lang of the indomitable spirit and unflagging wit at Walter Reed in June. The Dan'l Boone's new address is 32 Wakeman Drive, Darien, Connecticut, where they have purchased a most attractive Georgian Colonial home.

In response to our inquiry, Rick Morrison reported that there was no change in their status, only a different way of life. They thought they had the answer to the proper way to live in retirement. Instead of a house in the winter and hotel in the summer they reversed this procedure. The plan worked perfectly until last summer when the trials of the householder caught up with them. Their house in Marblehead Neck was directly on the ocean, beautiful in the moon light, but not so comfortable in stormy weather. Last year hurricane Carol hit them a hard wallop. It lifted the roof off the garage and dropped it down on their car which didn't do it any real good. This added to other misadventures discouraged them and they sold the house. Now they are in the same section of the country in a very comfortable apartment in the Andover Inn, Andover, Massachusetts without any of the cares of house-keeping and are thoroughly enjoying it. They have kept their membership in the Eastern Yacht Club at Marblehead and started having regular Sunday family reunions with their son, Eric, his wife and three daughters down from Kittery, Maine. Unfortunately this had to be discontinued because of the polio epidemic in Boston but it holds great promise for the future.

Bob Glassburn's idea of retirement was to live in the country and they settled on a farm near Scottsville, Virginia. Bob says that country folks may not lead exciting lives but they live rather busy ones. "Because country life is so demanding on time and energy, and because the years seem, at last, to be catching up with me, we have put the farm up for sale. Gene will be a third grader in September and to avoid breaking his school term, we have taken an apartment in Charlottesville to which Genia and he will move early next month. They will spend the weekends here at the farm until we sell it. I'll stay here until it is sold. Last hunting season the realization forced itself upon me that I had slowed down. Theretofore I had always been able to hunt all day, every day, right through the season. But, last fall, I found that I wanted to rest for an hour, or two, after a morning with the dogs and that it

was harder to keep up with my pointers. They were no faster, nor more wide-going, than they had been the year before; it was just that Old Man Glassburn had become that, old. So I sold my fiery pointers at season's end and cut myself down to Don's Hightone Bill, a wise, birdy, old English Setter who will be ten years old, come December. That puts him exactly in my age-bracket and he and I totter around together in a rare demonstration of perfectly co-ordinated slow motion quail-hunting. With Amigo, the cocker, who has a high-powered nose, with low range legs, and is no slouch at finding the birds, we three will be quite a team this fall at both farm management and bird hunting. If I could only teach those two dogs to make beds, cook and wash the dishes."

From our daughter who lives in St. Petersburg we learned that the Eastmans were coming north this summer. We asked Clyde for a report and quote from a letter just received from Portland, Oregon. "Margaret and I left St. Pete on the first of August and drove to Minneapolis. Despite the heat in the middle west the trip was not uncomfortable although we would have been cooler at home. After three weeks with Margaret's sister and brother, I left her in Minneapolis. She will fly to Southern California in a few days and after a month I shall join her and we will start for home to arrive there about November first. Going west I traveled by way of the Glacier National Park where I stopped over for two days for sightseeing and found it well worth while. This beautiful country has lost none of its charm. Much of my boyhood was spent six miles to the north at Vancouver Barracks so I am in familiar territory and am enjoying it. Flowers and fruit of all sorts, coupled with a delightfully cool and salubrious climate, make me wonder why we didn't stay here instead of in Florida. I plan to make some trips around this area and if I get near Seattle I shall drop in on the Bartletts. I expect to stop in Palo Alto for a few days and will look for members of the class enroute. On our return home we plan to stop in El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and New Orleans to look up friends and relatives."

We hope that members of the class received the mimeographed copy of our notes intended for but omitted from the July *Assembly*.

—Hayden W. Wagner.

1908

Edgerton will leave September 9 for Istanbul to attend the annual meeting of the Boards of Governors of the International Bank and Monetary Fund. He will be gone about ten days. He is resigning as President of the Export-Import Bank effective October 1 and expects to take up consulting practice in Washington.

Ruby and Tom Terry spent the months of June and July of this year in Europe. They visited France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and England, and enjoyed good weather throughout the journey. Having been in New York for the past six years as Executive Vice President of The Fifth Avenue Association, Tom has decided to resign and return to his home at 21 Griffing Boulevard, Asheville, North Carolina. The Terrys plan to arrive in Asheville about the first of October and hope that Classmates will jot down their new address, in order that they may have the opportunity of seeing passersby.

—C. L. S.

1909

Lee D. ("Duke") Davis died at his home in Palo Alto very suddenly from a heart attack on August 9. He is survived by his wife Beatrice, whom he married in 1916, and by their son, Lee D., Jr.

Our class joins 1910 in mourning the death of Harvey H. ("Lucy") Fletcher, which occurred at his home in Fitchburg, Mass., on August 10.

Ying Wen is back home recuperating from a serious abdominal operation in a Washington hospital. He will appreciate letters addressed to him at 1351 Park Road, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.

Tom Milling is convalescing at his home in Washington, following an attack of appendicitis with complications.

"Sunny" Ord, accompanied by Garry, Jr., has been on an extended fishing trip which took them to Yellowstone National Park and through British Columbia.

The Partridges have been visiting their married son and daughter in Washington, D. C.

The R. D. Johnsons have moved into a fine new home in Falls Church, Virginia.

"Buttsy" and Katherine Hughes have been summering at their island home on the St. Lawrence River.

Ting C. Chen has applied for entry into the United States under the Refugee Relief Act. A sponsor is required who will guarantee suitable housing and employment. Anyone who is actively interested in his case should communicate with Aid Refugee Chinese Intellectuals, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, New York—Chen's address is 4 Peking Road, 1st Floor, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Ed Marks reports that he sees Gramp Hunter fairly often. In spite of serious ailments which kept him in Letterman Hospital for months and now confine him to a wheel chair, Gramp is as cheerful as ever. Gramp's son, Francis R., Jr. (USNA '51), is now an Air Force pilot. Marks' older son, Edwin H., Jr., Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, is on duty in the Pentagon. His younger son, Willard, retired account of wounds received in France, is part owner of a plastic ceiling business in San Francisco.—Jim Dunsworth motored East last spring, attended a class luncheon in Washington and spent several days with the Hickoks in Brookline, Massachusetts. "Since returning I am back at my usual occupation (resting in all its forms)".—Barney Oldfield reports that Bertha has been in poor health but is feeling better. Barney, Jr., is manager of the General Electric Micro-Wave Laboratory at Stanford University. — Bob Sears attended a 3d Division reunion in Portland, Oregon, in July and then toured the principal Rocky Mountain peaks. His older son, Roderick, is manager of a paper company in Marinette, Wisconsin; his youngest, Colonel R. C. Sears, Air Force, is on duty in the Pentagon.—P. D. Besson reports that he has spent considerable time in the hospital. "The grand godson of the Class of 1909 is now at West Point".—Eley and Florence Denson spent ten weeks in Japan last fall, visiting their son Eley, Jr., and his family. On the voyage home Eley sustained a broken vertebra, from the effects of which he has now recovered. Their married daughter, Marian, (wife of Colonel C. H. Morhouse, Med. C.) is still in England with her family.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

The Class will be saddened to learn of the death of Lucy Fletcher. He died in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, August 10, 1955 after a long illness. He is survived by his widow, Norma Pierce Fletcher, who resides at 15 Beacon Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and a daughter, Mrs. Damon H. Wilman of Princeton, Massachusetts. Funeral services were held at Fitchburg and interment was at Arlington National Cemetery. The members of the Class in Washington attended.

A number of the Washington contingent were away for the summer: Pappy and Gertrude Selleck to Lake Dunmore, Vermont; Joe and Gwladys Leonard to West Winfield, New York; Charlie and Lowella Hines to Princeton, Massachusetts. Bo and Kay Lewis were at one of the pleasant beaches near Jacksonville, Florida for the month of July. We hope all escaped some of the heat. Dan and Alice Torrey had a fine visit during August from their grandchildren, Lieutenant Fredrick F. and Alice Irving, and the *two great grandchildren*, Alice and Cynthia, upon their return from a three year tour in Germany. Young Irving and Alice are stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He has just transferred from Armor to the Engineers. The Class can well be proud of Dan's four generations.

Esther Polk (Harding's widow) writes interestingly of her fine family of which she also can be proud. They are: Colonel James H. Polk '33, instructor at the Army War College for three years, now ordered to the 3d Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Colonel John F. Polk '37, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Molly Polk, married to Colonel Arthur H. Wilson, Jr. '37, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Lieutenant Thomas H. Polk '45 (at the Naval Academy), a submariner based at Key West, Florida. She has *eighteen grandchildren!* and this is wonderful!

—R. H. D.

1911

With great sadness I report that Ida May Holland wrote Betch that dear old Psi passed away very suddenly on August the third of cerebral arterio sclerosis. He had a stroke about 11:00 A.M. and died at Murphy Army Hospital at about 11:00 P.M. that day. For several months he had been quite miserable and unhappy not to be able to accomplish more about the place. The Class extends our deep sympathy to Ida May in her sorrow.

A report from Frank Kemble says that regardless of how worthless he is about writing he likes to hear what the others have to say, and that he envies the boys who are near classmates and other service men.

News has infiltrated through devious channels this quarter: From Calvert to Bradford to Mooney we get the news that the 1911 Crew in Florida is getting along as usual. Tod Larned is up the pole for health reasons (Editor's Note: We hope only temporarily). Poor Bobby Clark's eyesight hasn't improved. Bob still has a stout heart. Harry Kutz doesn't drive his car any more but does drive a golf ball. Congratulations to Jay, he says that he has lost only four teeth and the dentist tells him that he may not lose any more in the next 15 or 20 years.

From Weaver to Stanton to Mooney we learn that Jim W. kindly substituted for Nick when he missed the Class party at Jim's place on June 21. I hope this fine

spirit will be emulated by other members of the Class. Here are extracts of his letter: Dave Cowles underwent exploratory surgery to determine diagnosis of a muscular condition that has had him hors de combat for several months. Report has not come through as yet.

The Bagbys are family partying: their daughters, Barbara Bettenfeld and Marjory Schwartz, with husband and daughter each, being guests. Jake, despite his pedal disabilities, still plays golf; and is the youngest-looking 1911'er known.

Major Jim Ladd, DSC, Peggy, and two children, changing station from Leavenworth, are with Jess and Florence. Fred and his family are for duty in Istanbul. Jess like his one-time Exec now gone national, is doing some painting. Hasn't exhibited yet. Major Elizabeth Hoisington, GSC Hq. Sixth Army, was at a recent party the Ladds had for their guests. Greg has had a long, hard, pull. His amazing stamina and cheery persistence have served him well.

Lieutenant Cherry Lane Lockwood, WAMS, continues on duty at Beaumont Hospital, Fort Bliss. Another 1911 daughter, Betty Conard Heinlein, her husband, Colonel Rex Heinlein and three lovely 1911 granddaughters now live in Palo Alto. As yet the Art Conards haven't made it out here. We all remember most happily the Heinleins' hospitality at West Point on the occasion of one of our epochal reunions.

Virginia Weaver and our two granddaughters have just joined Colonel James R. ('36) in Tokyo where he has the Foreign Liaison Section, J-2, FEC. The Bagbys' son who was at Oregon State is doing his Army stint in Japan.

Molly Weaver and I are starting to plan for the 1956 reunion. Think we'll come via the Canal, if we're feeling as pert as now. None of the others have committed themselves yet.

John Hatch reports that he has, after two years, resigned as Executive Vice President and Manager of the San Antonio Safety Council. He still works as a member of the Board of Directors and with the Membership Committee and the Traffic Committee. Philip Coldwell has been helping the traffic safety cause by persuading his neighbors to trim their hedges and trees. Ike Spalding spent the summer in Colorado as usual. Ben Delamater attended the Fort Sam West Point dinner last March. Except for gray hair and a few extra pounds he hasn't changed much since cadet days.

A letter from John to Fred caught up with him not in Austin, but in Dayton, Washington, Fred's birthplace. Fred and Edna left Austin on August second for the Pacific Northwest. They had a very fine trip, stopping at several places including Fort Leavenworth where they called Mike and Lucille Murray in Kansas City. Fred is planning to spend some time around Dayton and Walla Walla revisiting the scenes of his childhood. Then they will go to San Francisco where they hope to see the West Coast contingent of 1911, getting back to Texas about the first of October.

After Jim Weaver's letter a note from Nick brought the good word that he had recovered from the cold. He reported that on August 1st Helen and Shek had that day arrived in S.F. and were getting settled in their Jackson Street Apartment.

Jim Mooney informs us that Peggy Wheeler Wilkinson and daughters, Laurie and Keithley, have been house guests of Speck Wheeler. Speck has recently gone to Chile on business for the International Bank. The Wilkinsons will be at the Army War College for the next course.

Phil Fleming's broken ankle is mended. He and Dorothy are spending what remains of the summer at Sandwich, New Hampshire.

Karl and Lorraine Bradford have returned from their summer sojourn at Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Bill and Marguerite Morris are at Shrewsbury, New Jersey.

Curt Nance has recovered from his ills and with the clearance from his doctors, is touring the Carolinas.

Joe Mehaffey's check up disclosed that he hasn't the same kind of heart trouble that affects us others. However he took off by plane for Paris, Rome and Palermo on a month of inspection for the International Bank. Watch your heart in Paris, Joe.

—I. T. W.

1912

Due to the summer doldrums this column will be shorter than usual but here are the notes as submitted to date:

Allen: Terry was among the five former C.G.'s of the First Division to welcome the return of the first contingent of "The Big Red One" to the United States on 23 July 1955, in New York. How thrilled he must have been to see his old outfit once more!

Arnold: "Too much work here", reports Archie at the end of a busy summer at their Cranberry Lake, New York camp, "what with boats to paint, heavy logging jobs, chain-sawing fire wood, and a rotation of visitors". After mailing out the questionnaire to the class as source material for our next Christmas Bulletin, Archie wrote: "Who was that math instructor who said: 'My head isn't working so well this morning, so you'll have to work that out the best you can'."

Barrett: Leonard and Margaret broke away from their Atherton home this summer for a tour of the Canadian Rockies. They still maintain a rapid pace in musical and gardening circles in their community.

Boykin: Ed writes that he is swamped at the moment cleaning up loose ends of his new book and that upon the insistence of his editor-publisher he will probably embark on another book in the near future.

Brown, A. E.: Burfy and Jess are proud grandparents again. Jean and Bob Van Volkenburgh are the parents of the baby boy, their fourth child. Burfy and Jess enjoy having as neighbors in Asheville classmate Steve Chamberlin and Sarah. While on vacation in Florida Jean wrote home that she had seen Helen and Si Sibert at Destin several times and that their daughter Sis was arriving from Germany and that Si had to go to Pensacola to collect the cat upon arrival there. Burfy laments: "We grandparents are called upon to do some mighty queer jobs."

Chamberlin: It is gratifying news to know that Chamby's injured eye is gradually regaining sight as he and Sarah enjoy life in retirement in Asheville, North Carolina, at their new address 14 Red Oak Road.

Chynoweth: Chen took a couple of trips this summer into the high Sierras, packing in on horseback. He challenged Swede Anderson and Bunny Hobson to join him on his second trip in early September but they both reneged, Swede pleading that he would be back in Monterey High School teaching math at that time and Bunny had the alibi that he would be chauffeuring Frances and Mary to the Lake Tahoe area during Mary's annual vacation from her secretarial position in San Francisco.

Cook: Doc is reported engaged in doing some research for the Army and is at the Air Force Academy at Montgomery,¹ Alabama. This is in addition to his Remington-Rand assignment.

Crawford, D. M.: Dave reports that while in Naples, Italy, he spent a month in the U.S. Naval Dispensary and almost cashed in his chips due to five compound fractured ribs, punctured lung and pneumonia. He says that he is still weak but coming along all right.

Crawford, R. C.: Red is reported convalescing at Walter Reed Army Hospital after a serious operation in which his colon was removed.

Crittenberger: In addition to his many other offices and duties Critt was elected President of the New York Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars at its 35th annual meeting in New York on 23 June 1955.

Faymonville: Always the gracious host to those visiting San Francisco, Phil greeted Colonel Snow's daughter Barbara and her husband upon their arrival from Rangoon, Burma, early in September, and entertained them at dinner along with Bunny Hobson's daughter Mary.

Gatchell: Helen Youngs reports that her grandson and our Class Godson, Chandler P. Robbins, III, now a plebe at West Point, wrote home that "General Gatchell had delivered a very fine talk to his class." How well do we realize that few graduates know more about West Point and its traditions than our "Gatch", who spent so many years of devoted service as a member of the faculty there.

Hager: Dick writes from Wyoming, Ohio, to the effect that he is now with the Dep't. of Agriculture and rounding out fifteen years of service with the Government and that he can retire at any time now. He sends his best to all of his one-time classmates.

Hochwalt: "P.B." and Mary, both nimrods in their own rights, wrote in from the big game country around Jackson, Wyoming, in August that they were on a reconnaissance in that area preliminary to the opening of the hunting season this fall. From tinkering with a collection of Terry clocks to killing grizzly bears is some spread in activity, we must admit.

Holliday: Marguerite is back in her pretty little white house in Hampton, Virginia. Her large family is widely scattered; son John, the oldest of the five children, is now stationed in Germany, and son Bill has recently moved to Santa Barbara, California.

Kuldell: Here's another happy family, busy as bees with all kinds of activity! "Kuddle" has closed up his old office and moved to another where he calls it a simple studio office (4900 Travis Street) without a secretary, yet you will find him there three mornings of the week trying to get rid of tasks that won't turn loose. And the rest of the time he is down at the ranch pushing with full steam ahead a wide range of special projects.

Lewis, H. B.: The Monk Lewises are enjoying a new toy—a motor boat which they pilot around the far reaches of San Francisco Bay, even as far up as the Duck Club, where the "Monk" bags his share of water fowl in season.

Lewis, J. E.: We are indebted to the ever-vigilant Bill Wilbur as a reporter for this column for a press clipping from the Highland Park, Illinois, News, showing civic-minded Jack Lewis, dressed in his best uniform and all his medals, presenting commissions on 10 June 1955, to the graduates of the ROTC at the University of Colorado at Boulder. A salute to Jack for that fine example of participation in local civic af-

fairs relating especially to National Defense!

Lindt: John and Pattie spent August in San Francisco visiting Pattie's mother, Mrs. Merriman. At this writing we find the expectant grandparents waiting it out at Marysville, California, to welcome the stork's arrival at son John's home there.

MacGregor: From Steve's son Harrison comes word that poor Steve suffered a cerebral vascular stroke at Savannah, Georgia, on 15 July and is now a patient at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Beaufort, South Carolina, making an excellent recovery and able to get around. Harrison reports that Steve shows every promise of continued improvement.

Malony: From his summer home at Canaan, New Hampshire, Harry writes that he was visited by Maxwell who was en route to Hanover and who left Harry enough liquor to last him the rest of the summer. Says Harry: "I think he must have just returned from Russia, for among other nice things, he left me a bottle of Vodka, the like of which I have never before met." Harry and Dorothy are planning to return to Washington in October.

McLean: Harry is on his annual pilgrimage visiting all the European countries and at last accounts was in Munich and on the way to Austria.

McLane, J. T.: Ruth enjoyed a wonderful summer in camp on Lake Dunmore, Vermont, with her two grandsons Mike and Bruce. She enjoyed visits with Sallie Flint and friends from Middlebury where she and John lived the first four years after his retirement.

Nalle: Bill and Lucy are enjoying the peaceful serenity of their lovely home near Culpepper, Virginia, where they are still raising Black Angus cattle. Bill says he is looking forward to our 45th reunion in 1957 and hopes that the 1912 wives can be accommodated on the Post so that he can leave his car at home and not be bothered with it. They plan to be on hand. Bill's son-in-law, Brigadier General Bob Tyson, recently joined the 82nd Airborne Division after taking a course in parachute jumping and getting his AB insignia.

Nickerson: Frieda writes from her home in San Diego that during the past year she has been visiting around quite a bit with the children and has also had them with her. Donald (Class of 1939) is a mechanical engineer stationed in Seattle; Fred (Class of 1950) and his wife and two year old Nancy are stationed at White Sands, New Mexico, while Richard and his family have a beautiful home in Alamo. He heads the U.C. Lab. of Metallurgy at Livermore, California.

Patterson: Bob Patterson's widow, Dorothy, recently purchased a lovely new home in Wilmington, Delaware, the address of which is 1300 duPont Road.

Rayner: Josephine sold her home in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, in July and recently moved into a duplex garden apartment at Montclair Gardens, Apartment 1, 125 Gates Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey. The memorial article on Harold which was written by Crittenberger is scheduled for publication in the October issue of *Assembly* magazine.

Robertson: Lorene is back at her home in Sacramento, California, after being called to her home in Carmi, Illinois, because of the death of her father. She is anxious to dispose of her home in Sacramento and continues undecided as to where she may settle permanently. She was hostess to the Bunny Hobsons when they motored through Sacramento en route to the high Sierras in early September.

Rose: Buddy, our Class Treasurer, reports that the annual collection of dues went well and that he was well pleased at the best

response ever. The Class Fund at the moment amounts to \$1,450.42, with more funds yet to come in. At last accounts Buddy and Mildred have not yet found their ideal home but hope to settle in the San Francisco Bay area.

Snow: It was a very happy event at "Fairview" when "Colonel" and Margaret welcomed home their daughter Barbara and her husband Jimmie Cassedy early in September after the young couple's absence of two years on a teaching assignment in Rangoon, Burma. They are both graduates of Middlebury College and both are teachers with the degrees of M.A. Jim is returning to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, to study for his PhD degree in history. On their arrival in San Francisco the Cassedys were entertained by Phil Faymonville in his inimitable manner at the Olympic Club.

Wilbur: Bill spent a good part of August in Walter Reed Hospital getting his lame legs in shape for a trip of several months in Europe gathering material for his winter lecture series. He reported that Gladys Thomas was in Walter Reed because of injuries received in a fall and that Red Crawford, after major abdominal surgery, was making a splendid recovery.

—R. T. S. and W. H. H.

1914

Jim Cress has asked me to handle the writing of our Class letter for the next four issues, possibly more, and of course I am glad to do so, especially since it gives me prompt news of Classmates. Our set-up for news is now: Brand for Washington, Royce for Florida and any of his trips, Cress for the San Francisco Bay Area, Waddell for the Los Angeles Area, and yours truly for Central U.S. If you have any special news send it in to me or to any of the above, and I'll try to get it in the next issue.

Please note this. Jim Cress has appointed a standing committee to get pictures of our distinguished Classmates hung at West Point. Here's the membership: Brand, Chairman; Ingles, Jouett and Hogan. This is their notification. The committee's immediate objective is to obtain this honor for Toohy Spaatz.

Perhaps the big news item this time is the tour of the U.S. made this early summer by Jack Jouett and his wife, Gus. They travelled from the Virgin Islands to California to visit their son, Major John K. Jouett, Inf., and his family, and to be present at John's graduation from the G-2 Area Specialist course at Stanford University. Later, they saw them depart for Formosa where John will take a year's course at the University of Taipei.

I received a long, ebullient letter from Jack, describing his trip. Wish I could quote it verbatim, but it is somewhat too long for this letter. However, here are the highlights.

Of course, Jack and Gus took advantage of the opportunity to make a tour of the country and visit many Classmates and other friends. In all, he saw fourteen classmates and their spouses and many more Academy and Service friends. He writes glowingly of the delightful hospitality they showered on him and Gus.

The classmates Jack saw were Cress, Feibeger, Harrison, Herrick, Ryan, Forbes, Jens Doe, Glass Waddell, Houghton, Brannon, Lanphier, Kennard, and Wop Royce. There, it adds up O.K.!

Here are some scraps of news, gleaned from Jack's letter. Dad Herrick has a charming wife of 13 years (married life, Jack hastily adds). Vera Waddell is recovering well from a broken hip. Jack says she is "right spry". Tom Lanphier's son, Tommy (M. of H.) is President of Consolidated Vultee. Of course, Tom is very proud of him. Johnny Kennard has come through a long siege of surgery, but is now up and around, and facing life with the courage that has always been one of his outstanding traits. Don't fail to see him when you pass through New Orleans.

Another letter, from Jim Cress, is full of Jack Jouett's visit. He corroborates the winings and dinings they enjoyed, and my summary is taken from both letters. Jim asked me to express his appreciation, in which I'm sure we all join, for the good work of the Picture Committee headed by Brand (named above) in so ably representing 1914 at the presentation of Bill Somervell's oil portrait to the Academy. He also thanks you all for the unfailing cooperation he has received in assembling our Class letters.

Skimp Brand writes: "Shrimp Milburn spent about two months in Washington on active duty with the POW Board. He attended the July dinner along with Anderson, J. B., Brand, Bull, Hannum, Holcombe, Ingles, Paschal, Spaatz and Stanford. Several wives turned out for a dinner of their own, including Sue Anderson, Helen Brand, Dorothy Holcombe, Grace Ingles, Helen Paschal, Ruth Spaatz, Maude Stanford and Libby Milburn. That made a total of 18.

In August we were surprised by the presence of Johnny Carruth who was on a trip from Texas. Xen Price also came down from Eagles Mere where he spends his summer. Loomy was back from New England and Hannum had gone up for the summer, Andy was down at Virginia Beach. Pink Bull showed up though he was in the midst of moving to 4714 Jamestown Road, Washington 16, D. C."

My news is rather brief. Amy Rees has returned from a long European trip. She had a grand time, and looks fine. Earl and I spent five weeks this summer at Virginia Beach with our May (Berry) and her family. This explains my presence at the August Class Dinner in Washington of which Skimp wrote. Our daughter, Bonnie, recently returned from Frankfurt, Germany with her husband, Colonel Wilmot McCutchen, Class of '39, and two sons. He is now on duty in the office of the Engineer, Fourth Army, at Fort Sam Houston.

—John Carruth.

1915

Judging from the lack of news from classmates since the reunion I gather youse guys either broke your right arm or are still nursing a protracted hang-over. I hope it's the latter.

Let me again remind you, ever so gently but nonetheless firmly, that I ain't no fiction writer, so, loosen up and send me facts and fancies about fifteeners before the next deadline December 10.

Shortly after my return home from our delightful get-together at "Hell-on-the-Hudson" I received a most gracious letter from Judge Adolph Unger which I quote in full: "If I lived a thousand years, I shall never have a more enjoyable time than I had at the reunion. This was brought about principally by the extremely friendly attitude of the class. I received a letter from Ed Hartigan the other day and his impressions were the same.

"I thank God that I have been fortunate enough to associate with the men of this class; the finest class, in my opinion, that the Military Academy has ever turned out. If you come through Canton, Ohio, at any time, be sure to let me know."

Hume Peabody, writing about the same time admits that he never enjoyed anything as much as that last gathering. He adds: "I agree that we don't look too bad for a bunch of has beens, but, 'Hell's Bells' we were so much better looking than the average to start with." (Modesty is an admirable virtue.)

Since the distribution of the July *Assembly* in late August I've received the following items which I report in chronological order:

1. From P. A. Hodgson: "The telegram from the class was very much appreciated. I had intended to tell you so long before this but a kidney stone got in the way. Thanks to all of you for your good wishes on that momentous occasion. My best to you and my other dear classmates."

(We missed you Paul and hope all is well with you now.)

2. From Tom Hanley:

a—A few people responded to his call for pictures of the reunion. He has about forty for Price to fit into his book for distribution to the class. (A vote of thanks from the class to Earl.)

b—Financially the class came out a little in the blank. Not enough to make a pro-rata refund but a sufficient amount to swell the Kitty. (In other words, gents, the budget is balanced but there will be no tax cut.)

c—Eileen Davis is recuperating from two unrelated operations about a month apart. Not serious, she says but quite painful and restricting her activities for a while. (Best wishes for your complete recovery, Eileen.)

d—A fine article in the Savannah paper on Jessie Saylor, Collector of Customs, compliments her on her ability, initiative and friendliness. (The reason for Buddy's claim to fame has finally come to light—Nice going Jessie.)

e—Freddy Boye and Walt Hess are busy trying to get all the facts for and against a memorial for the class at West Point. If you have any ideas write Freddy, Box 239 Warrenton, Virginia, Suh!

f—The Washington group holds its class luncheon on the first Monday of each month. Hereafter, if the first Monday falls on a holiday, the luncheon will be held on the following Monday. Place: A & N town club; Time: 12:30 P.M. Join the group if you are anywhere around.

g—Changes of address:

Mike Davis—302 E. Lullwood, San Antonio, Texas.

John Conklin—5215 Farrington Road, Westminster Hills 16, Maryland.

3. From Tenth Ellis:

a—Louise and John Kahle just returned from a trip to Western Canada and Alaska returning via California, the Grand Canyon and other interesting places in the U.S. They visited the Jody Haw's and Mrs. Buck Finley and report all three in the pink.

b—Midge and Bob Strong dodged the heat by going to their customary Canadian retreat, at Malin's Point, Quebec.

A fan letter from Bunny Hobson '12 includes the following: "Of course we of 1912 are rightly proud of 'Our Plebes'—They are a vital part of the fruits of 1912"

I imagine everyone in the class knows, by now, that our many sided classmate "Dutch" Aurand is a newspaper columnist.

He writes, I'm told, for the Honolulu Advertiser every Monday. The regular columnist writes the column the other six days and calls his column "In-One-Ear". Dutch calls his "And Out the Other" Clever boy that Dutch. He sent me the clipping of his column dealing with our reunion. Here are some quotes:

a—"The reunion was not as noisy as some which I attended in previous years and the bull sessions didn't last all night". (gentlemen, this is the opinion of an expert on both activities).

b—"Hartigan told this on himself at one of the bull sessions. He had just arrived as a new cadet back in 1911. His section was turned out and instructed to line up in alphabetical order. The upper classman in charge of the 'Beasts' went down the line asking each man his name. The new cadet at Hartigan's right called out 'Mr. Hart, sir'. Then Hartigan sounded off 'Mr. Hartigan, Sir'. The upper classman glared at Ed and asked 'Did you say Hart Again Mister?' 'Yes sir' replied Ed. 'Fall out and join the awkward squad' roared the upper classman, 'I'll teach you to get funny with me.'"

c—Someone nudged Doodle Harmon during alumni exercises and pointed to the Thayer Monument saying: "see Doodle, that's the way you will look at Colorado Springs about fifty years from now." (Too true brother but if Doodle is represented by one of those modern abstract statues it might look like any old decrepit of 1915).

Shorty Hearn apparently liked the story of the sharp shootin' democratic robin, which I related in the July *Assembly*. He thinks some artilleryman should award said robin the Medal of Merit. "Not many gunners" opines Tom "could have singled out the primary target amidst those teeming hundreds (I didn't see any one teeming Shorty) and scored a direct hit especially when you consider the close proximity of the very capable cavalry screen."

It is my sad duty to inform you that our one and only Tom Fox joined the Long Gray Line September 12. May he be at peace.

And that's about all till the January issue. Remember December 10 is the next deadline. Beat Navy!!

May you all have a happy and blessed holiday season and may God guide and protect you one and all. Hasta La Vista.

—Wog.

1916

Maybe it's the hot weather this summer, or possibly it's the hurricanes, but news seems to have been scarce this quarter on the home front—most of our correspondence has come from overseas.

Red and Bobby O'Hare have been spending the summer travelling in Europe. They started in the north this time doing Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Belgium. When last heard from they were in Paris and about to leave for Deauville and Dinard. They should be back in the States, however, by the time this appears in print.

Louie and Margaret Hibbs came north from their new home at Lake Chappala in Mexico to spend the summer as usual at Mirror Lake, New Hampshire. Mike and Ellen Mitchell are reported to have spent at least some of the summer at the same place—a class reunion for the boys and a family reunion for the girls. Hibbs spent a week at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington undergoing a minor operation. Among others who have had sessions with the Med-

ics is Jess Tarpley who had a slight heart attack in August and was confined to the Suburban Hospital in Washington for about two weeks, and Dick Levy's wife, Marquenta, who underwent a serious operation at Walter Reed. Both of them have made splendid recoveries.

When Fay Prickett returned home in June he had much to tell about his Far Eastern trip last spring. Altogether he visited Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa and Formosa with a flying trip to Hong Kong. He was not enthusiastic over Formosa but says that Okinawa is becoming an ideal overseas post. Fay is now planning a fishing trip to the Moosehead Lake region of Maine.

In June, Jack Nygaard was in Forte dei Marmi on the Italian Riviera and from there he went on to Verona. In August he planned to visit Yugoslavia and Greece. Incidentally, he is one of our most distant members who is planning to return for the Fortieth Reunion next June. Bob Walsh has the ideal job for a retired officer. He is with the Fairchild Aviation Company in its Foreign Operations Division; always on the go, Canada, Mexico, South America and way stations, but despite the variety of scene, he enjoys his fixed base in Washington, D. C. On one of his recent trips to New England Bob saw Ray Moses in New Hampshire and says he looks fine. Joe Grant has left the Canary Islands and had been travelling in Central and South America and Cuba. While he was in Venezuela he visited with Jose Diaz who was a foreign cadet in our class. Diaz appreciates the contact the class has kept up with him. His address is Apartado 2328, Caracas, Venezuela, if any of you want to write to him. Grant is returning to El Paso, Texas where his address will be c/o Hearse Henderson, 1801 Elm Street.

So much for class gossip. Now a word about the Fortieth Reunion next June. A surprisingly large group of the class was at the Point for last June Week. All agreed that it had meant a lot to them even if it was an "off" year for us and all agreed that next June our Reunion should be the

best we have ever had. It can be, but it will require the help of everybody. The Committee can't do it all. One very important thing is to be able to reach every single member of the class with information. Here very definitely you can help. If you know of someone who has moved since last Xmas, write the Secretary and give the new address. If you know anything about the whereabouts of any members of the class whose address has been previously unknown, please let us have the information. Here are some of the lost trails: Hodges, J. L.; Evans, C. H.; Ferguson, J. L.; Doyle, F. W.; Lee, R. E.; Moore, E.; Peck, W. E.; Watson, V. H.; Young, G. C.

One thing more, the class craves news about what others are doing. Brig can't write news unless you tell him. Drop him a note once in a while, or a post card will do. His address is 930 H Street, N.W., Washington 1, D. C.

—Bliss.

April 1917

The following-named classmates and wives were present for Matt and Penny Ridgway's farewell garden party at Quarters 1, Fort Myer, 22 June.

Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw, Gladys and Joe Collins, Suzanne and Ira Crump, Bill Cowgill, the Birdie Eagles, the Bill Eleys, Johnnie Devine, Rothé and Leo Erler, Louie Ford and his sister, Ada Wald, Florence and Make Macon, Mildred and Dan Noce, Aline and Burnet Olmsted, Helen and Bob Ransom, Enriette and Harry Schroeder, Jule and Willis Slaughter, Mary Smith (Cooper and Steve Sherrill were unable to attend because of recent hospitalization at Walter Reed), the Sam Smiths, Mary and George Wooley, and Kewp Yuill.

Joe Collins returned to Washington in June after he and Gladys had enjoyed a two-week holiday in Hawaii, following com-

pletion of Joe's mission as special ambassador for the President during the troubled period in Viet Nam.

The farewell review for Matt Ridgway at Fort Myer, 29 June, must be ranked as one of the finest ever seen in Washington. The 3d Infantry used, for the first time since World War II, the old squad movements, which had been also used again by the Corps of Cadets for the first time at June Week ceremonies. The Army Band in the new uniform with white coats played and marched magnificently. Happy memories came to all who were there when the band played "The West Point March," so familiar to all of us who have seen The Corps march on the field at football games and then, later in the ceremony, played "The Graduation March." A part of the ceremony was an "overflight" of troop carrier jet, transport, Army liaison and helicopter aircraft, a tribute to Matt's fame as an airborne soldier. After the review, invited guests attended a reception given by Secretary and Mrs. Stevens in Fort Myer's beautiful new Officers' Club. Classmates present were: Joe Collins, Bill Cowgill, Dot and Bill Eley, Rothé and Leo Erler, Fred Irving, Aline and Burnet Olmsted, Helen and Bob Ransom, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Enriette and Harry Schroeder, Willis Slaughter, Mary Smith, Elizabeth and Van Vander Hyden, Mary and George Wooley. In July, Matt assumed his duties as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mellon Institute of Industrial Research in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Charlie Mason, ex-member of our class, has informed us that he would be happy to help any member of the class find a home in the San Antonio area. He has his own real estate firm at 322 Haverhill Drive, Jefferson Terrace.

Clare Armstrong and Mrs. Stephen Crump Taylor announce their marriage at Bayreuth, Germany, April 14, 1955.

Tupper Cole came down to Hot Springs, Virginia, to judge hunters and open jumping at the horse show there in August.

Joe Collins will be awarded the Cardinal Gibbons Medal at Catholic University's homecoming November 12. The award is made annually to a person who has rendered distinguished service to the Country, the Church, or the University.

Long and interesting letters from Jack Nygaard in Paris, describe his fascinating travels through much of Europe with Anna Maria on the opera circuit. He reports that Laddie and Jim Hayden's son, Buster, and family called on them at their Riviera villa.

Nina and Charlie Gerhardt's son, "Chuck," was married to Miss Nancy Ming at Point Clear, Alabama, on September 3d.

Mary and Henly Frier announce the safe arrival of their twenty-fifth grandchild—David Joseph Magee.

The Bill Heavey's have moved to Washington and are living at The Berkshire on Massachusetts Avenue.

The number two graduate at this year's Command and General Staff College Class was Henry Schroeder, Jr. (USMA June 1943).

Cooper Smith retired 30 September. He and Mary will continue to live in Washington. Now, there are only three still on active duty: Joe Collins, Bill Harrison, and Prof Jones.

The first meeting of the newly organized West Point Society of Washington was held at Fort McNair, September 6. There were 173 present. Percy Black was master of ceremonies. Others of the class who were present were: Joe Collins, Ira Crump, Bill Eley, Make Macon, Burnet Olmsted, Harry Schroeder, Sam Smith, and Steve Sherrill.

—S. H. S.



Matt Ridgway, with Secretary Stevens and General Taylor at Matt's farewell review Fort Myer, Virginia, 29 June 1955.

August 1917

Adelaide and Budd Cooney have joined the many of our class who have selected California to spend their days of leisure. They have joined the Bringhams, Reeds, Bingham and Bertholets in Los Angeles, and are now settled at 2770 Roscomon Road (Bel-Air) Los Angeles 24, California. Their eight acres of ground are situated on the top of Santa Monica Mountain.

Understand the Mallorys are about to pick California, having decided to settle in San Francisco Bay area.

Jules Schaefer seems to be back in harness again. He attended the Air Force Convention in San Francisco last August and, as usual, endeavors to contact all our classmates. He talked with the Bobrinks, deCamps, Mallorys and Malings but was unable to reach the Coles or Chapmans. The latest to join this colony of classmates are Anne and Ray Williamson who have purchased a house in Pebble Beach, California—address Box 582.

Brigadier General Kenny Sanborn, Jack and Mary Knight's son-in-law, was in Wichita early in August with two of his crew to be briefed by Jules Schaefer's organization on how to get the "mostest" out of a B-47 for the G.E. Trophy race on Labor Day.

Bob Bringham's youngest son, Peter entered the Corps in July. Peter, as a plebe, is following in the footsteps of his three brothers who are now a Lieutenant Colonel, a Captain and a First Lieutenant. Congratulations Bob and Margaret! Other classmates' sons still in the Academy are Bob Bacon, Ernie and Nick Wilson (sons of Carl and Madeline) and Steve Place, Jr.

Doddy and Lois Stamps spent most of July in the Penobscot Bay area of Maine.

The "Kit" Carsons have moved to a new home in Gainesville, Florida. Their address is 123 N.W. 23rd St. Kit, who just received a B.S. in Business Administration, writes he is having a hard time keeping up with his daughter who is expected to graduate with high honors from the University of Florida in January.

Pinky and Nan Rolfe stopped by the Carsons in the spring. They have settled in Winter Park, Florida—another August '17 colony.

For any classmates visiting in the vicinity of Washington, our class luncheon has been changed to 12:30 P.M. on the second Monday of each month.

A long letter from Maris Black tells me he retired December 31, 1953 and after a promised trip to Florida and California they built a home in Hartford County, Maryland, near the Army Chemical Center where he served for one-half his active career. The Black's oldest son, Leslie is with Proctor & Gamble; their second son, Robert an engineer at the Army Chemical Center; and their youngest, Bill a Captain in the Regular Army, stationed at Rocky Mount Arsenal in Denver. Bill, gifted with a fine voice, has taken the lead in several operas with the Denver Civic Opera in the last two years.

Hi Ely writes that although his place was in the general area of the terrifically damaging floods along the Delaware in August, because of careful forethought in locating at a "Hi" place, they just let the floods go by. He reports that when it rained some of their little dogs got their stomachs wet, but other than that they stood out and watched the grass grow greener and the corn taller as a result of the rain, so badly needed.

Ted and Mary Buechler are enjoying life in Grand Island, Nebraska. During the past year they have been on a number of family

missions, chiefly grandparental, to Long Island, Dallas and Pindale, Wyoming. A grandson, Bruce Earle Buechler, son of Bruce 1948 and Wanda, was born in March.

Elaine and Llewellyn Griffith flew to Germany to visit their son, Captain Llewellyn B. Griffith, Jr., his wife and children. Llewellyn Jr. is Sanitary Engineer for A.M.F.E. and is stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany. While on the Continent, they toured most of the countries. Born this spring was their third grandchild, Ann French Griffith. The Griffiths' other son, Charles is now associated with his father in engineering work. Llewellyn was recently elected Vice-President of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

Bill Reeder is spending part of his time in Arlington, Virginia and the rest in Syracuse, New York where he is teaching graduate work in the College of Business Administration at Syracuse University. He reports the work he is doing is lots of fun and that academy freedom agrees wonderfully with his temperament.

Ed and Ruth Leavey, who have a place in Middleburg, Virginia, saw the Rileys at a dinner given by some local friends. Dad and Elizabeth have bought a home and small farm on the outskirts of Leesburg, Virginia and from reports are living the "Life of Riley." Elizabeth is active in all sorts of things and Dad is doing his share in the various community activities, as well as operating a real estate business and riding in the hunts.

The Leaveys, who have been living in New Jersey, have sold their home and have taken an apartment at the Brevoort, Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The Gantt family, residing on the York River, while enjoying the salt water bathing and the cool breezes across the water, have spent a good deal of time repairing the ravages of last year's "Hazel" and bracing themselves against this year's "Connie" and "Dianne." Henry was recently elected a vestryman in the historic old Abingdon Church, which duties with various civic activities take up some of his time. Their daughter Sally, age 17, has won a scholarship to Radcliffe where she will go this fall. Ann and the twins, Lynn and Jean, attend the Gloucester High School. Ann won the district competition in poetry reading which sent her, last spring, to the University of Virginia for the final competition.

Katy and Katy White have selected their place of retirement and have bought a house overlooking Crystal Lake, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Put down on your calendar—"Open House" January 1, 1961.

It's getting later than we think! Our fortieth reunion will be here before we know it. Why not make it our biggest and best reunion, and start planning for it now.

—W. G. W.

June 1918

With one or two exceptions our class does not go in for letter-writing in the heat of the summer; hence these notes will be sketchier than ever.

Johnny and Ellie Bethel spent July and early August at the old Bethel homestead in Vienna, Virginia. Bill Barriger enthused over the relaxed atmosphere and friendly hospitality at the Bethel acres amid old beeches, walnuts, and wisteria. The inhospitable heat of Virginia sent the Bethels hurrying for the cooler climate of their home in Mount Dora, Florida.

Bill and Mickey Barriger were able to capture Lloyd and Maurice Mielenz for an

evening while the Mielenzes were up in Washington from their home in Macon, Georgia. Lloyd is planning to study law so that he can draft his will.

When "Bugs" and Claudia Hanley's younger daughter was married, Bill Barriger had the privilege of escorting her down the aisle.

Kitty Boineau, besides raising African violets, is Director of Agents License Division of the Insurance Department for the State of South Carolina. He and Harry Mewshaw compete at golf quite often.

Squire Foster gave me a good howling out for missing the notes last spring. He says Hotelitis is too common in his area to be accepted as an alibi. On my next trip to his area I hope to convince him of its distracting influences; at least it will be fun trying.

Got a nice letter from "Swede" to report no news from his area. In case you missed it before, the Axelsons are now at 627 Carla Way, La Jolla, California—classmates are welcomed.

Heinie Baish has been a student at American University earning credits toward his teacher's certificate. He is again teaching math in Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School. He is busy as a beaver as Secretary-Treasurer of the very active West Point Society of D. C. (also a Board member).

My latest dope on Bud Miley is that he and Fenie will come to New York, where Bud will do some preliminary work in connection with his association with a brokerage firm.

Jack and GG Grant went to Mexico for the summer. Jack had a grand time pampering a latent urge by studying art. None of his works are yet displayed in the Metropolitan Museum, but time will tell. In mid-August he returned to New York for the marriage of his eldest son John Laughlin Grant, Jr. to Patricia Donoughue. Junior has a teaching fellowship at Chapel Hill. GG strayed down to Guatemala while Jack was in New York.

Hal and Frances Lewis left for a tour of middle Europe in August. They expect to return in late September and hope to take in an Army football game before going back to Miami.

—C. P. T.

November 1918

Eleanor Shaler Dickson stopped in this morning on her way through Vermont to Paoli, Pennsylvania, where she and the Monk live. Her only class news was that Harrison Shaler has rented a house at 91 Morton Street, Palo Alto, California. Dexter Shaler, Harrison's son is still at West Point, she says, "by the skin of his teeth." She reports the old Monk still flourishing.

Elmer Barnes writes from 3411 34th Place, NW, Washington 16, D. C.: "Heath Twichell bought a place on Chesapeake Bay; address: Cove Point Beach, Lusby, Maryland. Babe Gullatt is temporarily at the Army-Navy Club. He will be in Washington for a couple of years. I will send you his house address when known. Swede Ericson has moved to 13802 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, California. He built a house next door to Mac Monroe. Our Washington Group now numbers 31 local, 9 near enough to appear now and then, and 4 widows, local. Dorothy and I are leaving this week for our usual annual trip to New England. We will be back 27 September. I have to miss the 14th luncheon, but Joe Moss is handling it. He got back finally from his ten month's trip west and way ports, and

has settled in his old home at 4309 Van Ness, NW, Washington."

Pop Hendrick has just sent in a Change of Address card, which was gratefully received. Wish some of you other birds had the decency to do the same! Pop's new address is: 909 Lilac Drive, Montecito, Santa Barbara, California.

Dave Ogden writes from the Office of the I.G., Washington 25, D.C.: "Joe Holly was in Washington last week. He is living in Oakland, California. The following are still on active duty in the Army: Ogden, Deputy The Inspector General; Schow, Deputy Ass't Chief of Staff, G-2, Dep't of Army; Stokes, Commanding General Military District of Washington; Hastings, The Quartermaster General, Dep't of the Army; Muller, en route to California Military District, San Francisco; Kendall, to retirement; Bowman, Commanding General, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Chorpeneing, G-4, U.S. Army Forces, Far East; Hinds, Ass't Chief of Staff for Dev & Test, CONARC, Fort Monroe, Va.; and Peckham, Chief, Army & Air Force Exchange Service, 25 W. 43rd St., New York City. Bill Bennett is living in Washington, D. C. and selling real estate."

Fred Pearson writes from 110 El Rancho Way, San Antonio 9, Texas, on 29 August: "Saw Andy March recently and he looks fine. His better nine-tenths says daily he is becoming more and more of a Texan and thoroughly enjoying it. I went through Amarillo recently and tried to contact Otto Praeger. Apparently he has moved as he wasn't listed in the telephone directory. My son, Jack, who will be a senior at Texas A & M this fall, took his summer advanced AFROTC training at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base at Tucson, Arizona, in July and August. At the conclusion of the training he was designated as Camp Cadet Commander. There were 223 boys at the camp from universities all over the country. I saw Ben Chadwick the other day, but I didn't get a chance to talk to him. I had a nice vacation for two weeks, but wasn't near any of the class." Fred had also written previously, on 23 July: "Glad you and Van got the 4th Army Retired Directories that I sent you. At least you won't have to go far to find out where they are down here. On a recent aerial stopover at Houston I called the different classmates. Babe and Nell Gullatt were quite busy packing and getting ready for their move to Washington. I did not get to talk to Frank Corzelius, but did talk to Ruth. She said Frank had not been too well recently, but at that time he appeared to be on the upgrade. Dick Wheeler was back there to sell his house and then move to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, where he has some acreage and is going to build a number of cabins to keep him occupied. I hope he is successful and the cabins are occupied, too. Wheeler's son-in-law recently graduated from the C&GS school at Fort Leavenworth and is now stationed at Washington. His younger daughter works for the 4th Army and recently she and some other fellow workers took a vacation trip to Puerto Rico. 'Bob' Offley's daughter, of the class ahead of us, was one of the group. I did not contact Howell Cocks while in Houston—I guess he was in California. Recently I had a nice visit with Charley and Cora Moore. They enjoy their retirement and play a lot of bridge together. Charley belongs to a poker club, which meets, I believe, weekly. Cora has had to undergo three major eye operations, all of which have been successful. She may have to undergo another major eye operation before her difficulty is finally cleared up. I quit being educated for the summer — too hot. That coupled

with my innate laziness keeps me out of school. I do plan on entering the university again in the fall. I may take a trip later on, and if so will again be your traveling reporter."

Dick Babbitt writes from The School of Real Estate Law, 139 East Pine Street, Orlando, Florida: "Much water and other things have run under the bridge since we last parted in Germany some thirty-three years ago. I still have a picture of you and me taken in some cafe in Cologne. The flash of the flash bulb had caused us to close our eyes, making us look drunk as billy-goats (probably were). Also have a picture of you on that good looking little mare 'Mickey', the Service Company had. If you mention in the 'Notes' that any classmate in central Florida that has news write or contact me at the above address, I will send it on to you. Joe and Gertrude Swift are building a new house on Lake Osceola in Winter Park—they hope to be in it in about a month. Johnnie and Mable Sherman recently moved to an Old English-type house on Lake Sylvan in Winter Park. Betty and I are still living in our old home on Lake Susannah in Orlando, where we came when I was retired in 1946. I am now holder of an impressive-sounding title of President of the School of Real Estate Law. Betty has recently joined the staff as school secretary. We prepare applicants for the state examinations to become real estate brokers or salesmen. In addition, we give them a basic knowledge of the profession and of real estate, which any person should have, even if they are only going to buy property for themselves. We are accredited for G.I. training (a 16 weeks course) so any of our recently retired classmates coming to Florida to look it over as a possible place in which to live could, as many other retired officers have, take the course while making up their minds as to just where they want to settle. An ex-classmate of ours, Don Davidson, who was turned back to the following class in February of '18 on account of illness, also lives in this vicinity. Don was a great entertainer on the piano and as a singer. He used to perform before Army-Navy games and in the 100th Night Shows. Don and Lucy live on Lake Rose in Orlando. Yes, I take *Assembly*—thanks for the plug you put in the last one."

Alfred Bergman writes from Suite 1007, 80 Broad St., New York 4, New York: "The only news I have as to our classmates is from Bill Blair in Denver, Colorado, who was my roommate at West Point. Bill writes that Hunk Holbrook and Helen visited Denver and he also saw Mark and Esther Rhoades there. I intend to go to Europe in the fall. I received a letter recently from the Premier of France thanking me and highly complimenting me on the great unselfish work I had done for the French in 1940 and 1941 against the Nazis."

Howard Peckham, vacationing in Maine, writes that he and Marian plan a two weeks trip through Canada, visiting Quebec and Boothbay Harbor. On a recent inspection of West Coast exchanges he lunched with the Dunklebergs and Winns on "Cannery Row" at Monterey.

Mac Monroe, too excited over his daughter's imminent return from Europe to write much, writes of the Molitors' house building plans and of a visit from the Holbrooks. By the way, Willard Holbrook, 3rd, did graduate last June. I saw Ike give him the papers myself. Helen just telephoned and gave me what for because I omitted mentioning our only class son in the Class of '55.

Archie Colwell says that he went to Europe to study the motor industry, but his

letter was full of bull fights and a motor tour through Spain. The Colwells now boast four grandchildren—and some of us are just getting started on the first generation! Young Bryan Conrad, 3d, arrived at the West Point Hospital at 0607 hours 8 September, and weighed in at 9 pounds 15¼ ounces.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

Congratulations are in order to Bob Montague on acquiring his third star and to Bobby Gard on his becoming a permanent Major General. Retirements since the last issue include Buddy Ferenbaugh as a Lieutenant General and Jack Whitelaw and Urban Niblo as B.G.'s.

Don Shingler writes from Korea that he and Peewee Collier are the only SO's left in Korea since the departure of Ferenbaugh and Sebree. He asks for recruits.

Bully Van de Graaff has been named advisory football coach at Fort Carson, Colorado. He was recently retired because of arthritis and has been living in Colorado Springs, where prior to World War II he was Athletic Director at Colorado College.

Marion Sheehy (63 Kellogg Ave., Palo Alto, California) reports considerable class activity in the San Francisco area. Roly McNamee has recently acquired a new home in Los Altos. The McNamee's entertained the local classmates recently at cocktails, guests including the Al Moores, Clarence Franks, John Armstrongs, Rocky Rockafellows, Louise Paquet, Marion Sheehy, and Bob and Rhoda Springer, visiting in Palo Alto from their home in San Antonio. Marion Sheehy followed suit with a party at her home for the same guests plus the Babe Ruth's and General Jim Weaver and his wife Molly. Marion says General Weaver was most complimentary in his remarks in proposing a toast to the class. Unfortunately the Springers were unable to attend the second party, Bob having been hospitalized following a heart attack. At last accounts he was holding his own.

Bob and Helen Carter were brief September visitors at USMA. They have just finished remodeling a 160 year old farm in Topsham, Maine, a suburb of Brunswick, Bob's business headquarters.

Gerry Mickle writes from Route 1, Box 143E, Fairhope, Alabama "Circumstances have conspired recently to prevent my attendance at recent reunions; but I am hoping we all will live long and well to attend many more yet. Since data was sent in for the Year Book, I now have twin grandsons, a year old, the fourth and fifth boys. And the eldest, now 10, is the Godson of the 1944 Class, having received his cup last year. Since I got my blood pressure down to that of a boy's, I feel like starting a new crop of my own. Our new house will be finished shortly."

Chick Noble's new business card reads "Executive Vice President, Federal Services Finance Corp. of Texas" The company opened a new building at 2100 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas on 1 September.

Kyke Allan hopes to publish some address and address changes to the 35 Year Book before the end of the year. The more time elapses since the publication of the book the more I personally appreciate its value and the thanks we all owe to Kyke for the editing job he did and to the anonymous angel who financed it.

On Saturday afternoon, 27 August, Henry and Es Nichols were driving from the railroad station to their home on RFD No. 1,

Durham, New Hampshire when a car coming toward them suddenly veered across the road out of control. In spite of Nick's efforts to avoid collision the oncoming car struck his rear wheel and knocked his car into the ditch, where it overturned. Nick was unharmed, but Es died at the Exeter hospital the same evening of a fractured skull and other injuries. My informant about this tragic accident, a close friend of the Nichols, said it was believed that the young man driving the other car had dozed off at the wheel. I know I speak for all in extending the deepest sympathy of the Class to Henry and his four children in their bereavement.

Chris Hildebrand reports that in addition to his difficulties with cancer he has recently been hospitalized with sciatica, a disease which he strongly urges none to acquire. Having had considerable experience with the replacement system of the Army he has accepted an invitation to submit some of his ideas thereon to D/A as a means of whiling away hospital hours.

The number of SO's still on active duty is gradually being whittled away. My present count indicates 4 Generals, 3 Lieutenant Generals, 11 Major Generals, 3 Brigadier Generals, and 1 Colonel-Professor, a total of 22. To the best of my knowledge there are no class sons in the new Plebe Class (1959). In the Corps as a whole there are two First Classmen, Bob Flory and John Snodgrass, and one Second Classman, Dick Emery.

—B. W. B.

1920

At the end of this column in the June notes, classmates were advised that a fairly complete list of addresses of the retired members of the class has been compiled and is available for distribution to those classmates who may desire a copy. I shall be pleased to send you a copy if you will be good enough to send a stamped and addressed envelope for its delivery. Send your inquiry to Colonel E. C. Gillette, Jr., Department of Physics and Chemistry, West Point, New York.

Subsequent to the June issue, which described 20's 35th Reunion events, I have heard little class news. One or two releases picked up in the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal seem to be all that I can find in my file.

On July 16th the following were recommended for promotion to permanent Major General: R. C. (Dick) Partridge; Edward J. (Eddie) McGaw; Charles K. (Charlie) Gailey; and Francis W. (Baldy) Farrell. On the same list C. G. Holle was recommended for promotion to temporary Major General.

On the 23d of July the announcement of Sherman V. (Gloomy) Hasbrouck's retirement was announced. Gloomy retired on his own application. His last assignment was Commanding General of Sandia Base, New Mexico.

While on vacation this summer at my place in Castine, Maine I encountered Colonel J. P. Barney, Retired, and Mrs. Barney, the parents of our Jim Barney. The elder Barneys are in wonderful physical condition and have lost none of their old enthusiasm and energy. They reported that Jim and Ann are happily settled at Steilacoom, Washington where they live a profitable and full life in their own home.

A week ago Clovis and Marie Byers, with their son Clay, passed through West Point on their way to Paris where Clovis has a new assignment. They looked simply grand and I was particularly impressed by the size and manly self-possession of young

Clay. He is fifteen years old and plans to enter West Point in about three years.

—E. C. G., Jr.

"P.S. In perusing Ted Gillette's excellent account of our 35th Reunion in the last *Assembly* and particularly that portion thereof wherein credit is given to those primarily responsible for its success, I note that he quite naturally and modestly fails to include himself in the enumeration. For the sake of the record, let it be said that Ted was one of the hardest working members of the Committee, not only handling the great volume of preliminary correspondence with those contemplating attendance, but also the many details connected with registration, collections, and housing as well as having charge of the Bear Mountain dinner. Good work Ted; we're glad you'll be around in 1960!"

—C. W. W."

1921 and 1922

According to the news reports it has been hot everywhere at some time this summer. Must have been hot enough to hold down the activity because there is so little to report.

Mark McClure returned in August from Korea, where he was in command of the 24th Infantry Division, to Fort Holabird, Maryland. Jimmy Spry left the MAAAG in England for a new command in California. Max Taylor visited West Point in August, looking fit as ever, and even found time for some tennis, which shows why he's fit.

Numa Watson was at West Point in the summer for the funeral of his father, who was a friend of all the Orioles and who had attended his 60th Reunion at West Point last June.

DJ Crawford made a recent trip through the Caribbean, winding up with a survey of business possibilities in Santo Domingo. Charlie Barrett went to England with the Army-Yale track team for a meet with Oxford-Cambridge and later on to Ireland for some additional competition. He also managed to visit Atlanta and Columbus, Ohio, during West Point's summer recess.

McDavid plans to attend the Navy Game again this year. Last year he was there but not sitting with the class. He says that if the Orioles have grown as apoplectic-looking as many of the people around him then, he'd have trouble recognizing them.

Mudgett has left Washington to command an infantry division. The line-up of Orioles still on active duty shows six in Washington, five in the US outside of Washington, and three in Europe. The figures seem to decrease each year.

But there are five second-generation Orioles currently in the Corps of Cadets. Perry Smith has a son in the Class of 1956, Thomson has one in 1957, Lawton in 1958, and Max Taylor and Red Woods are each represented in the Class of 1959. The Long Gray Line continues!

—C. J. B.

1923

The Class has several sons on the most recent make list. In the First Class: David R. Larr, Lieutenant; Richard B. Pierce, First Sergeant; Joseph R. Carraway, Sergeant; and Stuart W. Bowen, Sergeant. In the Second Class: Charles B. King and Richard H. Morton, Corporals. The list of plebes includes John A. and Thomas G. McIn-

erney (twins) and Walter B. Tully, Jr. Jim McInerney's older son, James E., Jr., graduated in '52. Last May 18th the New York papers carried an account of how he shot down a Mig over Korea. We had a little party for the three plebes shortly after they were given walking privileges, but unfortunately Tom McInerney was on duty that afternoon; however, the other two came and we enjoyed meeting them.

Einar Gjelsteen has been ordered to the Army Audit Agency in Washington. He wrote some time ago, "My daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is no longer the youngest baby of our Class. Andrew Charles Gjelsteen was born the evening of 9 April 1955."

Jazz Harmony goes to USAFFE, Zama, Japan. Bill Craigie is now Vice-President of Hydro-Aire, Inc., Burbank, California. Ray Milton has retired. Keñner Hertford, now retired, has been named Manager of the Atomic Energy Commission's Santa Fe Operations Office, which has the job of developing, testing and producing nuclear weapons. Ralph Bing is Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky. Harry Roper, Deputy C/S G-3 and Army Member of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission, has retired.

Bill Biddle's new address is Major General William S. Biddle, Hq MAAAG-Japan, APO 500, San Francisco. Bromley has stepped up from Assistant Commandant to Commandant of the Armored School, Fort Knox.

The 30 July "Journal" announced the following promotions: Frank Albrecht to permanent Brigadier General; Binns, Gjelsteen and Bromley to temporary Major General.

Pinky Palmer is now a consultant with Mutual Funds Associates of San Francisco. He lives at 14990 Santa Clara-Los Gatos Road, Los Gatos. Frenchy Grombach continues to report from almost any place in the world. This time he sent a post card of the Eiffel Tower from Paris.

Wendell Johnson writes: "After retiring from active duty 30 September 1954, and three weeks of playing at golf in Madrid and a week of sailing and swimming at San Antonio, Abad, Ibiza, Balearic Islands, I went to work 1 November as consultant to a Spanish manufacturing group and a banking house in Madrid.

"My wife and I return to the States in August, taking advantage of official travel to permanent residence (3305 Woodbine St., Chevy Chase, Maryland). We plan to put our furniture in our house, live there in September, rent it in October, and return to Spain for another year. I am planning to take some courses at the University of Madrid, under GI Bill, towards a Masters Degree, and probably continue part time as consultant."

Dolly and I took a three weeks vacation on the coast of Maine in July. On the way back we stopped by to see Woppie and Jan White at their farm near Gardiner, Maine. They gave us a tremendous welcome—they and their dog and cat. The latter two are characters. Bob, the dog, is a great big weimaraner, a friend of all the world and a born greeter. Nosy is an outsize coon cat with a long, silky coat, a bushy striped tail and a flair for investigation.

Woppie has fixed up a 130-year-old farmhouse with every modern convenience. As stated in the previous issue, he has given up farming. The enormous white barn, which stands behind and to one side of the house, is now used to house a tractor-bulldozer. Woppie keeps the machine facing the door so that, when it snows, all he has to do is hoist the door and drive out, pushing the snow aside until he reaches the main road.

Some of the items that were omitted from the previous issue follow. It is believed that they are still topical. Pat Timberlake, promoted to Lieutenant General last May, succeeded Bill Craigie in command of the allied air forces in the Mediterranean. The Command has been a Class of '23 affair from the beginning—Schlatter to Craigie to Timberlake. Bill Carraway is a member of the board of the newly formed Pikes Peak West Point Society. Lieutenant General Carter Magruder was named Deputy C/S for Logistics, DA, last April. Hoyt Vandenberg's widow has taken up permanent residence in the Westchester Apartments, Washington, D. C. Bill Lucas is a real estate broker, address: 912 Lambert Drive, Bowling Green, Ohio. Kehm is with the Army Mutual Aid Association, Fort Myer.

The officers of the Washington Committee are as follows: P. D. Weikert, Chairman; Woggie Towle, Secretary-Treasurer; Paul Mahoney, Meeting Arranger; Jim Carnes, Member Without Portfolio; Baron Kehm, Reporter.

—Bill Morton.

1924

The Thirty Year book will be in the mail by the time these notes are published—if any member of the Class does not receive his copy, please advise "Class of 1924, USMA, P.O. Box 371, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D. C. That is the permanent address for the Class of 1924 organization.

Our Class President Art Trudeau and his wife Helen left Washington by air Sunday, 11 September en route to the West Coast and thence by ship on 14 September for his new assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff, Far East Command (APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California). Art will be greatly missed here in the Washington area. His energy, interest, and initiative in 1924 activities has been an inspiration to all of us.

The annual meeting and party of the Class of 1924 USMA Association will be held in the McNair Room, Officers Club, Fort McNair, Washington, D. C., at 7:00 P.M., October 29th, 1955. Officers for 1956 will be elected at that time and other Class business conducted, followed by the usual buffet and get-together. Ballots were distributed by mail on 22 August. The present Class officers urge as many as possible to attend this annual affair. If you cannot be present, please send in your vote.

As reported in the last issue of *Assembly*—a Class luncheon is held on the second Thursday of each month at 12:15 noon at The Army and Navy Club, 1627 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

The Marcus B. Stokes have moved into their new home at 940 Canterbury Hill, San Antonio 9, Texas. Marcus says that, if you want to pass easily through that transition period between active duty and retirement,—build a home! He has never worked so hard in his life—supervising, landscaping, etc. But, it is a grand feeling when you have a place of your own.

Ray Beurket has been appointed as insurance consultant for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and is associated with the Fort McHenry Maryland District in the Munsey Building at Fayette and Calvert Streets, Baltimore, Maryland. His son Raymond T. Beurket, Jr., entered West Point in July as a member of the Class of 1959.

Craig Alderman has been appointed Superintendent of Sewanee Military Academy,

Sewanee, Tennessee, according to a press release we received. Craig and his wife Dorothy were stationed at Sewanee from 1946 to 1952, when he was Commandant of Cadets there. One son, First Lieutenant Craig Alderman, Jr., (Class of 1952) is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Another son, Allen, is entering college this fall. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is a student at Stuart Hall, Staunton, Virginia.

Zero Wilson has written stating that he was selling insurance in Houston, Texas, and that he was enjoying life.

Charlie Dasher has taken over as Commandant of U.S. Forces in Berlin.

John Elmore has returned from Europe where he was Assistant Division Commander of the First Division. He is at present at Fort Meade, Maryland, and intends to retire this fall.

Haydon Boatner is Chief, JUSMAG in Greece.

Bill Liebel received his second star in early August. He is expected back in the States soon from his current assignment as Chief, MAAG in Portugal.

Bill Sexton is commanding the 5th Division in Germany. Following his tour as Chief of Staff, Hqrs. 6th Army, Bill took over as Chief MAAG in Pakistan. His second star descended on him in August.

Ralph Glassgow, who is Army Attache, American Embassy, London, England, will retire at the end of this year and plans to travel in Europe as his first major activity after retirement.

Bob and Janet Berry have just returned from Paris where Bob was Director J-1, Hqrs USEUCOM. They are settling in at Quarters No. 6, Fort McNair. Bob is Deputy Commandant, The National War College. He received his second star this summer. Their daughter Mrs. Francis Stuckey and husband are stationed at Erding Air Base in Germany. R. V. Lee has taken over as Director, J-1, USEUCOM.

Charlie Palmer, recently promoted to Lieutenant General, is headed for the Far East to become Deputy Commander of the Eighth Army and Army Forces Far East. Charlie has been Chief of Staff of the U.S. European Command since May 1954. He has a new addition to the family, Charles D., Jr., age six months.

Eddie Hart is Commanding Vth Corps with headquarters at Frankfurt. He too has a third star on his shoulders. One of the important social events of the season was the marriage of his daughter Susie Jane to Tom Forman's son, Robert. Bob Berry ran across the newlyweds at a training area in Grafenwohr, Germany.

Charlie Royce will be retiring before the end of the year and has indicated he may remain in the Washington area.

Rumor has it that Peter Hains now in Yugoslavia may be returning in the near future.

Duke Arnold is expected back from Austria in October to take over his new assignment as Commanding General, Fifth Army, with Headquarters in Chicago.

Dudley, W. K., who is associated with the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, informs us that their daughter Joan graduated from the University of Colorado this year. Life is treating the Dudleys well and they hope to be in Washington for the October 29th meeting of the Class.

Hey Roberts has been a math teacher at Sewanee. He has moved to VPI at Blacksburg to teach mechanical drawing, and is elated with the prospects.

Logan and Betty Berry—he with Civil Defense at Eugene, Oregon—have announced the marriage of their daughter Carol.

Gus Watson has been vacationing in Maine and Canada, with Mildred and son Charles. Gus is recuperating nicely from his serious illness.

Clyde Eddleman has taken over as Commandant at the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He and Lorraine are both well and look forward to a fine tour of duty at that wonderful old station.

Howard John, Charles Van Way, Wendell Blanchard and Jags Eyerly all work for a Research Organization at American University, Washington, D. C.

Harry Bertsch is working for an engineering firm in the D. C. area.

John and May Hincke have moved to Washington, and John has turned to with a willing hand to help get the Thirty Year Book on its way. He plans on going to George Washington University, D. C., this fall. Son John, Jr., is in Panama, and daughter Catherine a First Lieutenant, WAC, is in Tokyo. (Your correspondent pauses here to pay his respects and record the outstanding job John performed as a one-man Task Force in re-organizing and bringing up to date our Class address files as well as conducting other Class business during the torrid summer weather.)

D. D. Martin has accepted a job in Detroit, Michigan. It appears that Kessinger has moved to Janesville, Wisconsin, where his present address is c/o The Parker Pen Company.

John and Selma Hill have had a visit from John, Jr., and his wife—on their way to station in Germany. John Hill reports an enjoyable visit with Frank and Jo Kidwell at their home in Rumson, New Jersey, in June. Frank is with the New York State Civil Defense.

Luke Smith is now living in Dallas, Texas, and is with TEMPCO. George Crosby is reported as established in Bradenton, Florida.

Marrow Sorley reports that his son Lewis S. Sorley, 3rd, is a new Cadet Captain and Brigade Supply Officer, U.S. Corps of Cadets. He will graduate next June on the sixty-fifth anniversary of Marrow's father—Lewis S. Sorley, USMA—1891. Marrow's daughter Judith is entering Sweet Briar College this September.

Sam Strohecker took advantage of his opportunities to write us from Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley, Idaho,—and then cautioned us not to get any funny ideas—he alleged that he was there for a meeting of the Idaho Mining Association Convention—and that it was all work for him. Fine story!

Any news for the next issue of *Assembly* please mail into the Class Address given above.

Our address list is pretty well up to date, and if the Treasurer can afford it, we will try and mail a copy to all members later in the fall. Our addresses on widows of Classmates is unfortunately most incomplete. Your help in supplying these addresses would be appreciated.

—F. J. G.

1925

The news is lean this time. As Mike stated in the last issue, we feel that it is simply padding this column to reprint items, from Daddy Dunn's excellent circulars which you have already read; hence, no reprint! Since the Dunnscripts contain just about all the Class news, that leaves little for the world to note or long remember here. I second Mike's motion in the July issue, namely that Daddy select the highest

lights from his mail bag, and send them quarterly to the Editor of *Assembly* for printing, while the rest would be circulated in mimeographed form as heretofore.

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In the local scene, it happens that I do have something to add as a matter of pride to 1925. Namely, Cadets Vincent Joseph Esposito and George Kenyon Withers, Class of 1956, were among the distinguished few called forward from the parade lines on September 10th to receive stars from the hands of the Superintendent. These stars, be it recalled, are awarded to cadets in the top five percent of their class on the general merit roll at the end of the school year. Congratulations to Mike and George senior, as well as to their scholarly juniors!

Classmates witnessing this ceremony, in addition to Mike pater familias and the undersigned, were Ax Devereaux and Briar Strickland, both present as itinerant Alumni. Ax, who maintains that he held the title of the most senior as well as the most long-standing of all PMS&T's, told me that after this trip East he plans to go back to Columbus to settle. While I did not see Strick to talk with after the parade, I gleaned from alert intelligence agents here that he was en route to his new house at 9208 Chanute Drive, Bethesda, Maryland, where he plans to settle. After retiring with honors at (Fort) Ethan Allen Air Force Base in July, he and Tillie, with their youngest boy Terry, went to California to visit relatives, including their eldest son, Captain Henry E., Jr., USMA 1950, who is studying for his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Southern California. While we are on the subject of the academic pursuits of the Stricklands, you will be interested also to know that their intermediate son, Mr. Gregory Strickland, is at Loyola Seminary at Shrub Oak, New York, near Peekskill, where he is far advanced in studying for the Jesuit priesthood.

I had a brief chat with Hubert Cole recently, by telephone, as he passed through West Point en route to New York. Since I was deep in a Sunday afternoon nap at the moment, I am not completely sure what I said to Hubert and what he said to me, but I recall distinctly that he is now enrolled in New York University, studying for his Master's degree in Mathematics.

The only other Class news in the local scene is that only-child Frances (Kitty) Nicholas, who graduated from Vassar last June, was given in marriage by her father to Richard Ashford Lee on 27 August at the Cadet Chapel. The son-in-law, Yale '53, is enrolled in Harvard Business School, while Kitty is also enrolled for graduate study in Boston at the New England Conservatory of Music. The father of the bride survived (that Cadet Chapel aisle is *really* long!) and when last seen was sampling the champagne at Cullum Hall after the ceremony.

—C. P. N.

1926

The first reunion bulletin should have reached all of the class by this time. It describes the plans for our thirtieth reunion at West Point in June of 1956 and urges all of you to do two things: one, to sweeten the kitty known as the Class Fund (to the tune of ten dollars), and two, to let us know whether or not you *intend* to make the reunion. The first request is necessary for obvious reasons because no dues have been assessed for five years and the treasury is beginning to sag. The second request will give us a chance to count noses for plan-

ning purposes so that we can estimate how many accommodations we will need for classmates and wives, and how big must be the establishments in which we hope to hold our gatherings. Please help the reunion committee by sending in your checks and intentions as soon as you can—which should be *to-day* if you have not already done so. If, by any chance, you did not receive our first bulletin, please send us your present address pronto because your failure to receive is probably due to our lack of current information on your whereabouts. Check and information should be sent to Vald Heiberg, Department of Mechanics at West Point.

Red Reeder has made headlines again, this time by becoming an author—not just for the first time, but for the first *and second* times practically simultaneously. His book "West Point Plebe" has already received the public praise of the President of the United States, so I can add nothing to that endorsement. The other book, "The MacKonzie Raid" is a thriller of the old Army during the hazardous days on our southern border. Not only is it authentic but full of suspense and action. It is recommended reading for all members of the class. The Plebe tome is directed to youngsters with aspirations, but should be of real interest to any grad. You may have seen Red Reeder the actor too, in "The Long Gray Line", when he portrayed the Post Adjutant in a scene taken at Battle Monument. With all these new professional attainments, I don't know what is to become of Red the fisherman.

Four members of the Class have retired recently, thus thinning our forces on active duty to 83. Olaf Pearson was retired at the end of last March and is at present living in Lexington, Massachusetts. He writes that he expects "to settle permanently somewhere in New England and enjoy retirement." Pinky Grinder was also retired in March, for arterio sclerosis. He and Dorothy are now at 8042 North 12 Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona. Ted Wenzlaff, who was reported in the last issue as "building his political fences at Sutton, Nebraska" has now retired there. Our earlier report implied that he was waiting for the fateful year of 1956 before leaving the service, but he has jumped the gun to make a home in the place of his choice. Our millionaire classmate Ben Thurston has also sought the freedom of civilian life so that he could better manage his uranium empire. He has retired and is now living in Albuquerque. We extend best wishes to these classmates and their families, and hope that they can get the enjoyment out of retired life which they have earned. Of course, they will be joined very soon by many other members of the Class who will shortly elect to leave military ranks and wallow in the privileges of being civilians.

Our only other news deals with the change of station of the following: Frank Bowen who has moved from Leonard Wood to the 101 Abn Div at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Ralph Osborne, who was switched from Fort Campbell to Bragg; Pick Collins, who left Camp Gordon to join the drones in the Pentagon, and Kirk Kirchoff who has moved to Belvoir from San Francisco.

The new plebe class boasts three sons of 1926, to fill the shoes vacated by the graduation of a like number last June. The new members of the Corps are: J. M. Burwell, C. P. Hutton (his older brother is now a yearling), and T. F. Plummer, Jr. We are glad to welcome these youngsters and are proud that they have elected to become members of the Long Gray Line. Three other cadet sons have recently distin-

guished themselves: Corderman and Johnson, H. W. were appointed cadet lieutenants on the recent make-list; and Collins, S. P. (yearling) received academic stars at a brigade review held at the beginning of the present academic year. Congratulations to all of these young men!

—E. R. H.

1927

Jack Griffith, who toured South America in June with the National War College group made personal contact with classmates there—cocktails with Chick Harding in Lima, Peru, where Chick has been Chief of the USAF Mission since 1952—dinner with the Bob Turners in Bogota, Colombia, where Bob has been Chief of Missions since 1952—dinner with the Bob Sinks and a cocktail supper with the Woodie Hockers, both in Rio. Bob is Chief of JUSMAG and Woodie MA. Jack also reports that Jack, Junior, entered the University of Virginia this fall.

Mr. Horatio Walker McKinney and Miss Margery Elizabeth Black were married in August. The bride is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Aubrey Black of Knoxville, Tennessee. Harry McKinney served as his son's best man.

Miss Nancy Eugenia Matthews became the bride of Lieutenant John Godfrey Middleton at The American Cathedral, Paris, France, on 15 August. Willis Matthews gave his daughter in marriage.

Miss Nancy Paxson and Mr. William Stodghill were married 3 September at the Fort Myer Chapel. Harry Paxson gave his daughter in marriage and her sister, Alice, who is a sophomore at Principia College, Elmhurst, Illinois served as maid of honor.

Congratulations to Ed Mechling on his promotion to Major General.

George Levings, looking trim and dapper visited the Pentagon in July from Redstone Arsenal where he is Deputy Commander.

Matt Deichelmann is Chief of the Air ROTC at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Ray and Becky Curtis and daughters, Norma and Mary Anne, visited in Washington in September. Ray is Assistant Commandant, The Armored Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky. Mary Anne is a member of the freshman class at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. Norma Louise has announced her engagement to Cadet Stainton Smith, USMA 1956. A June wedding at Fort Knox, Kentucky is planned.

The Howell Jordans' have announced the birth of a daughter, Susan Lynch Jordan, on 12 June.

Hustler Hutchison administered the oath of allegiance to his second son, Joseph W. Hutchison, in Alexandria, Virginia, in September. Young Hutchison is assigned to the 101st AB Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and will attend the USMA preparatory school at Stewart Field. Charles R. Hutchison, who was sworn in to the Army a year ago by his father, entered the USNA in May with the class of 1959.

Bob Turner has been designated Chief, Virginia Military District, Richmond, Virginia. Bob writes that he is very happy with his new assignment. The location is ideal for him as his father, Colonel Turner, is retired in nearby Fredericksburg, his wife's family live in Alexandria and his sister, Tally, and husband, Colonel George Milliner, USMA 1924, are retired in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Oley Kyser is CG, 47AAA Brigade, Los Angeles and Southern California Defense Area.

Pen Bixel has an interesting job as Chief of Staff, United Nations in Korea. Evelyn, Gay and Dabney are durating in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Gay entered Ole Miss this fall.

Orrin Grover, after a tour as Chief, MAAG Saudi Arabia, is commanding the 3450th Technical Training Wing, Francis E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The Ostenburgs are home from Bremerhaven where Frank commanded the Port for the past two years, and are assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Our Washington Chapter is still going strong; however, we only meet for luncheon in the Pentagon on the first Thursday of each month instead of weekly as has been our custom. When you are in town, call the class secretary at extension 53713 and he will arrange a special gathering of the clan. Please make this contact and furnish some news for this column. Insufficient material is coming in. The Washington Chapter consists at this writing of Ted and Kathryn Brown, Buzz and Kaye Butler, Woodie and Marianna Burgess, Jack and Grace Griffith, Jack and Ova Hines, Jack and Grace Hopper, Charlie and Ester Hutchison, Max and Helen Johnson, Betty Lovell, Bob and Katherine Lowe, Dana and Peggy McGown, Pat and Betty Pachynski, Harry and Margaret Paxson, Bill and Bert Pence, Larry and Sue Shaw, Chuck and Ami Stone, Ken and Vivian Thiebaud, Lee and Annette Washbourne, and Tom and Jean Watlington.

Hank Hoeffler is Engineer of the South Atlantic Division, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ham Hunter attended the class luncheon in the Pentagon on 1 September. Ham is Chief of Reserve and ROTC affairs at Conarc, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Jack Kilgore departed Washington this summer for the Far East, no news yet on his new job out there.

Cocky Crume, after three years at Western Reserve University, has moved to New York City as C.O. of Air Force Installations, North Atlantic Region.

P. D. Ginder commanded Fifth Army following General Gay's retirement and has been designated Deputy Army Commander to General Arnold.

Pearl and Chris Nelson are at Fort Hood, Texas, where Chris is Inspector General of III Corps. Chris recently returned from Korea where he served as IG of IX Corps and later Eighth Army.

The Paul Berrigans have moved inland from their lovely home overlooking San Francisco Bay where they have spent the last three years. Paul is now Engineer of the Great Lakes Division, Chicago.

Freddie Day has returned to Fort Monroe after a tour in the Far East. Freddie is in the Development and Test Section of Conarc.

Mike Williams is G-4 and Charlie McNutt Engineer of Seventh Army, Stuttgart, Germany.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit with the Scoon Gardners at their attractive home adjacent to Camp Stewart, Georgia, where Scoon is IG for Dick Mayo, 1926. Scoon has a weather eye on nearby Florida as a retirement site.

As we enter our 29th year of service, many are making retirement plans. Some will attain permanent star rank and continue to serve. Buzz Howard, Brooksie Trapnell, George Martin and Stan Meloy have permanent rank, and we may expect many more.

Carl Graybeal, who requested retirement early to enter Security Investments gave a very fine talk on the occasion of his retirement. Carl has a distinguished record and he was awarded a Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement in appreciation for his outstanding service. Major General

John A. Klein, The Adjutant General, made the presentation at a luncheon in Carl's honor in the General Officers Dining Room of the Pentagon.

We have had a few additional retirements since the last issue. Fred Kunesh retired from Lexington, Kentucky on 30 June; Ty Cobb, Chester Dunham, and Paul Meredith also retired this summer. Please let us hear from you.

Verone and Gar Davidson drew a pair of queens to a full house on September 1st and are the proud parents of, to quote Gar, "two of the most beautiful brunettes you ever laid eyes on—Bonny Elaine, 5 pounds, 13 oz.; and Gail Marie, 5 pounds 11 oz."

Marty Moran is finishing up his Korean tour as an Assistant Division Commander and is assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Two ruffles and flourishes and our congratulations to Tom Watlington and Willis Matthews who recently received their second stars with rank from 1 July 1951.

—R. G. L.

1928

We have had a quiet summer with just a few classmates passing through to say hello—Tom Wells on his way to New England, John Morrow who brought his daughter up for a visit, Felix and Mary Yost on their way to Washington and Half from Dallas.

Bob Howard visited Wright Patterson AFB on 5 July and ran into Freddie and Sue Dau celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary. Their daughter and small son were visiting them so Freddie could make like a grandpa. Bob returned to Philadelphia in time for the Depot reception for Web and Virginia Anderson also their 25th anniversary. Russ and Sunny Blair were at the party; they live nearby in Broomall.

Tom Tarpley is still Chief of Virginia Military Dist. but expects orders soon. He writes that Mundy and Hauseman were through there on a trip this summer. Tom tells us that Grinstead is at Fort Eustis in R&D, Cummings is Comptroller at 2nd Army and O'Brien is in G-4 there.

Sam Myers' son Sam, Jr., spent his leave taking Armor training at Fort Knox. He is a third classman now.

John and Nancy Farra want us to let you know that they have a new address even though they have lived in the same house eight years. This is the third time their address has been changed but hope this will be permanent. It is 1953 Lycoming Ave., Abington, Pennsylvania.

Donald M. Ludlum, Clayton Mansfield and Winston M. Shepps have joined the '59 Plebe Class.

On 7 September Don Smith died suddenly of a heart attack while on leave in Maine. He was stationed at Stewart AFB in Newburgh and was buried at West Point on 9 September. At the request of the family there were no military honors. We are sure that all members of the class join us in deepest sympathy to the family.

The following is a report from the Washington area:—

New assignments have taken their toll of the Washington contingent this summer. Roger Goldsmith has gone to Fort Lawton, Seattle, Washington; Paul Adams to Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Frank Falkner to Sixth Army Headquarters, San Francisco; George Mundy to Second Air Force Headquarters, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana; Gilchrist to Air Force Finance Center, Denver; and Tarrant to Sandia Base, Albuquerque.

Bryant Boatner, Marion Pohl, Green, J. L., are retiring. Jim is going to Princeton to teach civil engineering. Bryant's plans are uncertain at present. He and Bertha are on a motor trip to the West Coast. Pohl is en route to Florida in his cabin cruiser to reconnoiter the situation for a possible home site.

The only new arrival thus far is Felix Yost who has just reported to Andrews Air Force Base to take command of the new Air Defense Command Division there. Currie is expected here soon.

We are happy to note new stars in our midst. Seeman, Fleming, Currie, and Nelson are new BG's in the Army and Sirmeyer in the Air Force.

We hear that Paul Gavin is returning from the Far East for station at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Tommy Moran who retired last year is now a student at the University of Georgia. Reports are that he is maxing the courses.

Stu McLennan is our new Washington correspondent. His home address is 3700 North Woodstock Street, Arlington, Virginia—Phone Kenmore 8-2756—the office is at 726 Cafritz Building, 1625 Eye Street, N.W. He would like to hear from newly arrived 28ers here for permanent or temporary duty.

Class luncheons are held approximately once a month usually at Fort McNair. Visiting classmates are always welcome.

We hope to see those of you who are not too far away at the football games here this fall. Send us any news you know so we can keep the column going.

—P. D. C.

1929

We have started the academic year with 8 sons of the Class of '29 in the Fourth Class: Bennett, Elias, Evans, Mackintosh, McCoy, Mc Nerney, Robbins, and Stone, making a total of 27 from '29 in the Corps. The Class of '29 is still doing well in its contribution to the Long Gray Line, being topped this year only by the classes of '31 and '33.

Bill Talbot has sent a proof that he owns a very fine camera. The editor of *Assembly* has promised to print the picture from last June's Alumni luncheon. If it is around on this page the '29ers, with Doc Snyder in the center, are Andrews, Bishop (ex '29), Viney, Poorman, Roth, Wiegand, Snyder, Talbot, Francis, Lincoln, Mc Nerney, McCulla, Cooper, and Kearney. Some of us have changed a bit in 26 years. Bill reports that he watched Bob Chard come within one stroke of beating the Second Army Commander in the Second Army Golf Tournament. Bill has left the Civil Defense Administration and is now the Washington manager of the Cook Electric Company which deals in aircraft, electronics, etc.

Our correspondent, Jupe Lindsey, Mayor of Fort Meade, presents the following report.

"Although hurricane 'Connie' (11-14 August 1955) did its best to disrupt the plans for Fort George G. Meade's annual class of '29 picnic, all who said they were coming showed up at the Scout Lodge in the beautiful setting on the banks of Fort Meade's Kelly Pool. Over sixty (60) classmates, wives, guests, West Point Cadet sons, daughters, children, babies and pets braved the early afternoon bad weather which finally turned into a clear and cool evening.

"Classmates in attendance for this occasion were: Wiegand, Sykes, Svensson, Stevenson, Steadman, Rasmussen, Poorman, Pierce, O'Hara, Nesbitt, Murphy, Miller, W.

W., McKenzie, McDonald, Mays, Lynch, G. E., Lindsey, Kearney, Hughes, Harkins, Hail, Chard, Bullock.

"After the usual cocktails on the lawn consumed to 1920 accordian musical airs all adjourned to a sumptuous buffet supper. Only complaint about the supper was registered by Bill Bullock who strongly recommended the use of 24 inch dinner plates instead of the normal 10 inch.

"Following the supper an impromptu entertainment program was unleashed with Jupe Lindsey acting as Master of Ceremonies. After Jupe gave his speech No. 51 (two bum jokes about a Rear Admiral USN, and a nauseated VIP), the Ed Murphys gave out with fine songs as only Eddie can do. Then Patsy McKenzie rendered several piano selections. This was followed by Patsy McKenzie and George Conner rendering a piano duet, which eventually broke the piano keyboard.

"A small choir consisting of Svensson, McKenzie, Murphy, Harkins, Lindsey '56, led by Poorman sang 'The Corps' as it had never been sung before—or—ever will again—we hope.

"The evening wound up with the class voting for and the funds readily available to present the Whitside Millers with a 1955 Class baby cup in honor of Linda Madeline, age 3 months. Presentation of same will be made at the next class party in Washington probably in the late Fall."

This ends Jupe's report. Tom Griffin has been assigned to Fort Meade.

Daddy and Grace Woods dropped by West Point on 1 July leaving a note that they were sailing for France having just left Tokyo. Daddy expressed his conviction that things of and pertaining to the Army and West Point are better than they ever have been—a note of optimism which may cheer some people.

The Lincolns spent five weeks in the mountains of Colorado except for your servant who spent a portion of the time being something called a "consultant" of the Air Force Academy at Lowry Field. Some people

will object to comparisons but, nevertheless, the view is ventured that the Air Force Academy at this stage compares favorably with West Point today and will give us some useful things to think about as they go forward. Frankly the plebe's summer training looked little different than that seen at West Point—which is very good indeed. The plans for curriculum, the enthusiasm and competence of the staff, and the general climate are impressive. Don Zimmerman is doing a great job building the studies side of a military college. He has with him Terry Abbott as Deputy Dean and the designated Professor of Mechanics.

From New Orleans come newspaper clippings and a very ornate luncheon program on which the Governor of Louisiana was the principal speaker, all in honor of Charlie Tench who has retired to join the local consulting engineering firm of Palmer and Baker as Assistant to the President.

Under the heading of miscellaneous and important activities of classmates, Lud Bryan has gone to Wright Field where he will be with Bozo McKee now Vice-Commander of the Air Materiel Command. Newt Hunter is DC/S for Administration of the Sixth Army and Lank deRiemer is with the Sixth Army. George Carey is PMS&T of the University of San Francisco. Tom Sands has been reported by Renee as being modernized in Armor preliminary to becoming the top artilleryman at Fort Hood. George Lynch bounced into and out of G-3 of the Army to take command of the Third Division. G-3 is already adequately subverted by the class with Paul Harkins as G-3, Russ Vittrup as Chief of the International Division and Swede Svensson as Chief of Plans taking Paul Caraway's place who has gone off to Korea to command the Seventh Division. With Svensson, Harkins and Gavin as the top people in their respective strategy making jobs, we can now count on the working level of the Army's thinking being in safe and imaginative control.

Harley Parks reports that '29 is now running the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission in Korea. The

three U.S. Military Representatives are Parks, Air Force; Mace, Army and Admiral Pete Persons of Navy '29. Harley is an Air Force Major General and signs himself as senior member. How times have changed when the Navy can't find the senior guy for an interservice committee.

Jim Evans has been indoctrinating the new Professor of Social Sciences, USMA, who is learning about Asia by being there. Jim sends his regards from Saigon. Larry Bork goes to the 8th Div at Fort Carson. We now have about a squad of '29 in Colorado.

Thus far class sons have done adequately at West Point but have not given much news as individuals. Harper Keeler got into the scoring by jumping 5 feet 11¾ inches in the Navy meet (we won it by one-third of a point) and received stars for his academic work last year.

How about a few letters from classmates on what they are doing and why?

—Abe Lincoln.

1931

The Class of 1959 entered USMA on 5 July 1955, with a strength of 682. Eleven of these New Cadets were sons of '31. (We led the field, '33 was next with nine, and '29 was third with eight.) Our Plebes are: Carroll, David R.; Dick, James S.; Hightower, Louis V.; Houser, George D.; Lehrfeld, William; Markham, Harrison; Passarella, P. F.; Singles, Gordon C.; Thomas, Marvin L.; Train, William F.; Turpin, William P.

In addition to these men we have 20 upperclassmen as follows:

First Class: Daneck, Robert B.; Lash, Peter W.; Little, Donald C., Jr.; Quackenbush, Robert E.; Ragland, Joseph E.; Scholz, John C.; Skidmore, Wilbur M.; Saint, Charles P.

Second Class: Buck, Champlin F.; Houser, Houston P.; Maloney, James E.; Moses, Charles C.

Third Class: Brown, Glenn A.; Daley, John M.; Densford, Charles; Guenther, Frank J.; Haynes, Ashton M.; Reidy, Richard F.; Saint, Crosbie E.; Timberlake, Edward.

We have a recent letter from Herb Mansfield, telling about the adoption of the Class Charter, and activities of '31ers in and about Washington. A portion of Herb's letter is quoted below:

"At the luncheon meeting of the Washington Group, 7 September 1955, it was announced that we had received votes from more than a majority of the Class, all in favor of adoption of the proposed charter; therefore, we will plan to elect the first group of officers to serve under the provisions of this newly adopted charter when we meet on or about 5 October.

"Among recent arrivals for duty in the Washington Area are Andy Adams, 'Big Swede' Carlson, Bill Hall, Charlie Hoy, Grove Powell, and Sam Smellow. Adams will be helping solve some of Dep. Log's headaches; Carlson and Smellow are assigned to office, Chief of Ordnance; Hoy is the new Deputy Chief of AFSWP; Powell is on ICAF staff; and Bill Hall joins Bays, Little, and Marnane, as schoolboys at McNair. Of the new arrivals, only Adams was unable to join the group for last week's lunch at the Army-Navy Country Club. Others who attended were Bays, Eddie Brown, Callahan, Cusack, Carhart, Jack Daley, Ellis, Flaherty, Harris, Heiss, Little, Ned Parker, Purnell, Ragland, Russell, Landaker, Lichirie, and McCrimmon.



"Doc" Snyder (Hon. '29) and other '29ers at Alumni Luncheon. (See Notes for names.)

"Al Gay, who retired from the AF last year and who is now a project engineer for RCA, dropped in for a short social call last week. Retirement, and perhaps some increased satisfaction from being able to work full time on technical problems, seem to have agreed with Al. He looks almost too young for another new role—grandfather. His address is 237 Jefferson Avenue, Haddonfield, New Jersey. He is making plans to attend our 25th reunion next June."

Hugh Harris will leave Meade in November for Europe, where he will take over the Berlin Command. Pat Pachler is now in Command in Berlin. Micky Moses is coming back from a tour in Paraguay for duty in OSD. Dick Reidy is leaving Second Army for duty as a PMS&T at Penn State. McCrimmon is leaving Belvoir for duty at Fort Leonard Wood. Burroughs has left the Pentagon for duty in Europe. Cornie Lichirie has left for Bonn, Germany. Johnny Davis is Division Artillery Exec of the 4th Armored Division.

Pat Carter has reported to Fort Sheridan to take over the 5th Regional AA Command. Shortly after he arrived there he was hustled to the hospital to have a kidney stone removed. He bounced back to health very quickly, and is reported to be okay.

Walt Ellis wrote that he expected to find business in this vicinity for one of the football games. (We have *five* home games this season!) He reported that John Inskeep is undergoing pilot training and is preparing to place a guiding hand on the Army Aviation Program at Camp Rucker.

Two other classmates are taking over brigades in the AA Command. Charlie Duff at Fort Wadsworth, New York, and Pete Schmick at McChord AFB, Washington.

Received a PIO notice that Levenick was recently graduated from the Infantry School's field grade officer refresher course at Fort Benning, Georgia. He transferred from Infantry to Finance in 1946, and transferred back to the doughboys in 1954.

Bill Train is Assistant Commandant of the C&GS College at Fort Leavenworth. He and Charlotte, with their daughter and younger son, Bruce, made a short visit to West Point recently. They were on their way to enter Bruce in Andover, and stopped by to see, and feed, their Plebe son William. En route here from Leavenworth they came through Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and dropped in at the War College for a Class party. Klemm Boyd and C. C. Smith are on the War College faculty, Bill Hampton and Don Webber are there as students, and Herb Mansfield was a visiting brasshat from the Pentagon.

Dick Lawson reports that he and Ruth are still enjoying the frivolities of Paris, but wish that they could plan definitely on attending our 25th reunion next June.

Ernie Easterbrook is G-3 Allied Land Forces Central Europe. He, Nance, and the children are living at Fontainebleau, in some sort of lush chateau, we presume. At any rate, they are enjoying la vie immensely. Ernie reports that Phil Bethune was joining ALFCE as G-2, and that he expected to see Bill Hardick, who is now Chief of MAAG BELUX at Brussels.

Bob Hackett wrote from Heidelberg that in spite of his impending promotion and his recent association with comptroller activities he still aspires to be a field soldier and hopes that those who write his reassignment orders will take cognizance of his wishes.

From Madrid, Warren Hoover advises that he and Margot have entered the social whirl of the Embassy and MAAG. The pace is terrific. Johnny Inskeep has been a recent visitor to the Spanish capital and Warren

saw Budge Howard at La Pallice, France, when he picked up his car. Living in Madrid is not so inexpensive as advertised. It took a \$185 fee to locate a three bedroom apartment renting at \$200 a month, accommodations for a maid but no utilities; gas and electric meters, light bulbs, etc., extra.

Micky Moore, Hq MATS, Andrews AFB, has recently been designated as Vice Commander MATS, with additional duty as Chief of Staff. Deane Gough is back from Japan and assigned to the Transportation Training Command at Fort Eustis, Virginia. John Hansborough, with the 8th Infantry Division, at Camp Carson, Colorado, has a 21 year old son who is a Navy midshipman. Glenn and Mary Farris are living it up in Paris, France, where Glenn is a student at the NATO Defense College. Charlie Densford, while touring through Nebraska, ran into Chet Diestel. Chet is PMS&T at the University of Nebraska. Lightning and Alice Brown expect to be at West Point for one or more football games. They live at 707 Cotter Road, Harundale. Glen Burnie, Maryland. Margaret Lash also hopes to be at West Point for some of the football games. Margaret is living in New Hampshire while Percy Hotspur is in Korea. Keep your eye on young Peter Lash. At the present time he is first string half-back on what we hope is a great Army football team.

Pumpelly and family are enjoying a very pleasant tour of duty down in Managua, Nicaragua, where Pump is Chief of the U.S. Army Mission. His four sons and daughter are all being educated in Spanish. Pump reports that it is a beautiful country, with a great future, but that the Hudson Valley will look mighty good, come next June; besides, he hasn't been able to find any chimes down there.

Betty and Bill Chandler are in Heidelberg, where Bill is in the G-3 Section USAREUR. He writes: "My oldest son Charles is headed for Sully's in September to prepare for the Air Force Academy. Our Alma Mater will no longer take 5 foot 4 inch runs! Can't understand it myself!"

Ted and Nina Parker, with their daughter Kathleen, made a short visit to West Point on their way to Northampton, Massachusetts, where Kathleen will be a student at Smith College.

Adios—for now. See you at the football games!

—Bob Johnston.

1932

In my callow youth I saw a picture of Joe Cook in his juggling act keeping seven balls in the air and would have given anything to be in his place. Persistence is always rewarded, of course, and 30 years later as I take pen in hand to write this column I feel that I am finally part of that picture. Not that I could keep more than two pellets in the air at once if I had three hands and a plebe to help me, but I sure have a kindred feeling for ball No. 5.

It all started, when the Cold War hotted up and I suddenly found myself on TDY in San Antonio for six months as the Signal Officer for Exercise SAGE BRUSH. The task as usual, is simply expressed, viz., merely to install something for the new Army which is comparable to the Bell System and which travels at 40 miles per hour. A letter to faithful Bill Powers for the Washington accumulation of news elicited the fact that he is in Boston for three months. While moving and getting established, the A N A F Journal did not catch up for a month so that I was even denied

the privilege of some honest plagiarism, but what we got here it is.

Returning to San Antonio after ten years has its rewards. (Thanks to the single river ranging in width from three to fourteen feet, which dawdles through town, it is now known as the "Venice of the Southwest".) Made contact with Kay and Todd Slade who helped us get established and found Kay just about to start her two weeks active duty as a Captain WAC reserve (dietician at Brooke General Hospital). During his five years on the faculty of the University of Mexico, Todd acquired a Master's Degree, wrote a truly formidable thesis in Spanish, and now they combine their talents nicely—viz., they have an intimate knowledge of every Mexican restaurant for miles around.

Two other prominent Latinos, Poo and Poula Hilsinger returned from the State Department job in San Salvador a couple of months ago and Poo is now at Kelly AFB in a civilian capacity. Poula's lovely sister Sue, widow of Hank Cherry, USMA '35, is also living here as she was in 1932-4 when she might have become a member of our class if any one of seven guys I could name had had anything to say about it.

All the above plus the George Grunerts were at the pleasant picnic the West Point Society of South Texas held at the Fort Sam (Salado) pool. A sturdy, well-organized society, that, of more than 400 members. Their president, Jack Gordon, 31, incidentally has everything a man needs for the job—leadership, personality, sound judgment, and the vice-presidency of the Lone Star Brewing Company.

A letter from Benny Webster (see, we do have a man who can spell and has a working knowledge of the U.S. mails) reveals that he has returned from Ankara, Turkey, and now owns the 30th Air Division with headquarters at Willow Run Air Force Station in Belleville, Michigan and which includes several stations in Canada. Ben is still troubled by an old football injury (I stabbed him in the cheek with a pencil while marking up the winning tally at a Navy game) but Bobby and both boys are fine.

While on the subject of the not-so-small fry, Pete McKeown is enrolled in OCS at Fort Devens, and Dick has just started at the U. of Texas. Also, Dick Daniel and Sandy Beach enrolled in the Old Gray Pile this past summer and right now are trying to conceal their chins behind the collars of their dress coats. (I know it's impossible because I tried it from all angles under the best tutelage in the world).

Bill Powers' News Bulletin dated 8 August contained complete info on several vital subjects such as the 25th yearbook, gifts to graduating sons, and our 25th reunion. It also gives the status of the class memorial plaque to which we will add Bobby Glassburn's name and which we are trying for authorization to add those of Hyatt Bache, Erv Somerville, Maggy Maguire, and Bill Thomas. If you have not received a copy of that letter it means Bill doesn't have your present address so please write him—(Office, Chief of Engineers, Wash. 25, D. C.) and ask for one. The bulletin is very informative and we must have an expression of opinion in order to make intelligent decisions. Besides, if he doesn't know where you are, he won't be able to send you the new roster of addresses of the entire class which he is bringing up to date and publishing shortly.

News elsewhere:—Big Bigelow has gone to USAFFE, Zama, Japan; George Power to Headquarters Fifth Army, and Bob Terrell is now Director of Operations for the Strategic Air Command.

Pretty Stephanie Mellnik (second of Steve and Thelma's all girl chorus) married Ensign John R. Richards, USNA, '55, at Annapolis in June, and Harv and Dort Fischer's Sue Lain is engaged to Lieutenant Francis E. Shields of the 11th Airborne for an early fall wedding.

In Japan, just about the loveliest bride Philadelphia ever turned out got a nice accolade in the A N A F Journal when it quoted, "Mrs. Donald Hardy has served with personal charm and organizational ability as Chief of the Bride's School, where Japanese wives and fiancées of American Security Forces personnel are introduced to U.S. customs under the joint supervision of the ARC Volunteer Services and headquarters of the Central Command—" Just make 'em like you, Marian, just make 'em like you.

And so it goes. Dwight Beach is back from Korea and is now at Fort Bliss. Flo is as snappy as she was at the 1932 German here in San Antonio when I asked for her telephone number, and Dwight looks as fit as he did that bright day in '33 when he was awarded both ears and the tail of the bull in the Plaza de Toros at Nuevo Laredo. Not since the great Manolete had anyone worked closer to the bull, and as we passed through the town the natives were still talking of "El Galante" who executed such perfect veronicas using a Hart Schaffner & Marx sport coat.

Adios for now and remember that anyone in your pay bracket can afford a three-cent stamp—let your conscience be your guide.

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

As these notes are being prepared, class members of the 1933 Society located in the Washington, D. C. vicinity are looking forward to a class luncheon 16 September, on which occasion new class officers will be installed; more information on this subject will appear in the next *Assembly*. Recent gains in Washington include Billy Calhoun, Sues Pritchard, Hal Maddux and Ben Harrell; and Bobby Tripp is expected soon.

Old friends will be glad to know that James R. Chapman, Ex '33 (Ethan's brother) who now resides at 3358 Clydesdale Drive, Dallas 20, Texas, is doing first rate in the business world. Classmates will recall his misfortune of having been released from USMA in the summer of '32 because of eye trouble.

Pop and Elma Ridsen's daughter, Cathy has entered Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

"K" and Charlotte Kaesser, recently retired and are doing great in Florida. They have built a new home in Fort Lauderdale at water's edge and have been enjoying swimming and boating. Their daughter Sally has been getting on nicely in College.

Johnny Scoville, G-1, Fifth Army, tells us as follows: Adrian Hoebeke has departed Fort Carson for Korea; Bill and Dora Due and their four youngest children have gone to the Armed Forces Staff College where Bill became class President. The two older children are in College; Joe Remus has recently become head of the Colorado Military District; Cy Letzelter is PMS&T at Notre Dame and Ed Ashworth is Chief of Staff, AA Command at Colorado Springs; Matt Kane and Earl Signar, both physically retired, are living in Chicago and have excellent jobs at Sears Roebuck; Hoy Davis is Fifth Army Engineer and Lloyd Fredendall is in the Army G-3 Section.

Corwin Vansant has just been transferred from Guam to SAC at Omaha, Nebraska.

During their two year Guam tour, Van and Mildred had pleasant visits from Howie Webster and Tommy Moorman. Van and his family spent two weeks in Japan, before returning to the United States. Now they are getting settled in their new place in Omaha and Van junior has become a plebe at USMA.

A roundup from Joe O'Malley at SHAPE gives us the following: Sam Donnelly, Johnnie Ferris, Billis Harris, and Sim Whipple are also at SHAPE; Solly Solomon is at Headquarters EUCOM and Jerry Roberson is at the Ecole de Guerre; Duck Hallock, Ted Conway and Hermie Versace have left for the States; Karl Truesdell has just checked in at Fontainebleau; Maurice Kaiser is in Norway, Ralph Alspaugh in Poland and Al Denton in the United Kingdom; Dan Parker, Bill Given, Milt Summerfelt, Pete Cleveland, Bill Quinn and Freddie Fairchild are in Germany.

Fred Zierath reporting for Third Army, in addition to forwarding his and Chet DeGavre's annual \$2.00 dues to the 1933 West Point Society gave us the following: Bud Powell has just departed Camp Stewart, Georgia for Puerto Rico; Freddie Coleman departs Benning for the Far East in October; Bob Speiser recently checked in for duty with the 82nd Abn Div at Fort Bragg; King Henderson has left Fort Jackson to become PMS&T at Wyoming U.; Paul Gillon is doing research for Ordnance at Duke U. Ed Raff is CO of the Psy War Center and School at Fort Bragg; Sid Giffin at the Air War College reports that his son has entered API at Auburn, Alabama as a NROTC midgie; Fred Zierath tells of our other classmates with him at Fort Benning: Joe Stilwell, Slugger Douglas and Tom Beck all of whom are becoming grayer or balder or both.

Bob Arnette reporting for Fourth Army tells us: The West Point Society of South Texas had a picnic at Salado Creek, Fort Sam Houston on 6 August. '33 members attending were Chet and Tommy Dahlen, Ed and Dorothy Doleman, Bill Fuller and Thalia Frentzel; Ralph Alspaugh is due back from Poland soon for duty at Hq. Fourth Army; Carl Darnell, located at Bliss has visited Hq. Fourth Army from time to time; Blackie Myers was in San Antonio recently and visited active and retired classmates in the vicinity; Mac and Dody McClelland just got back from a vacation in Colorado — had a fine time except for the fact that Mac chipped an ankle while working out on a miniature golf course; Bob and Jean Arnette send their best to all.

Fritz Hartel reporting from Hawaii tells of seeing Howie Webster who puts in at Hawaii on his occasional trips to the states from Japan; Ed and Dottie Ehlen have completed their Hawaii tour and are headed for Washington, D. C.; Al Mossman has taken Ed Ehlen's place as G-4, USARPAC. Fritz also tells of the fine tour he is having in command of the 35th Infantry. His outfit is engaged in extensive training tests but still finds a way to win numerous athletic championships against tough competition.

Russ Broshous is the only member of our class still stationed at West Point. He reports that Dick (R. J.) Meyer's son is a member of USMA 1959.

A good letter from Tex Hetherington was received recently. Upon graduating from the National War College in 1954 he was assigned as Operations Chief, 806th Air Division, Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana; soon he took a 13 week B-47 Transition Course and also took various other indoctrination courses in the ways of SAC. He is now C.O. of the 379th Bombardment Wing and

expects to be located at Homestead AFB, Florida by November. He hopes any '33 member living or visiting near Miami will look him up.

At the request of Paul LaDue, Second Army reporter, Pete Clainos and Jimmy Polk have passed us the word on Carlisle Barracks and Fort Knox respectively. Nine of our class are at the Army War College; John Brindley, George Carver, Chet DeGavre, Frank Kleitz and Stan Lonning are taking the course; and Johnny Armitage, Bob Leslie, Mo Edwards and Pete Clainos are helping them take it. Pete and Helen Clainos have greatly enjoyed the two years they have already spent at Carlisle.

Jimmy Polk is Chief of Staff of the 3rd Armored Division and is up to his neck in work organizing a fine new division and getting ready to ship to Germany in May 1956. Jimmy reports that Ted Schull is the only other '33 member at Knox. Ted is with the Board and having gotten off to a late start family wise, has been making up for lost time and is heavily involved with kindergarten and such matters.

Bob Thompson reports that two classmates besides himself are at the AFSC, Norfolk, Virginia; they are Johnny Honeycutt and Bill Due. Recent word from Bill Daniel tells us that all is well with him and his family at VPI, Blacksburg, Virginia, where he is PMS&T.

Sincere thanks go out to all reporters and contributors of '33 class notes. Any contributions not included are missing for the reason that they did not arrive in time to make the *Assembly* submission deadline. They will be held for inclusion in the January 1, 1956 *Assembly*.

—Chase, Bus Evans, Heintz.

1934

Since your local correspondent at West Point has not exactly been deluged with letters, telephone calls, or other media of conveying class information, the pickings are really slim this time! Our main bit of news is the fact that six more sons of '34 joined the Long Gray Line in July, bringing to 13 the total number of class offspring in the Corps. The current crop of plebes is composed of sons of the following: Chatfield, Dale Smith, Stilson Smith (Who said the Smiths were on the decline?!), Volckmann, Jim Walsh, and Jim Wells.

Russ Volckmann, father of one of the above-named Fourth Classmen, is presently assigned to the J-3 Division, HQ EUCOM, Paris, having graduated from the National War College something over a year ago.

Dan Brookhart, West Point Yearling, is doing anything but following in the footsteps of his father, "Ace" The younger Brookhart finished Plebe Year ranking No. 3 in his class and recently had stars pinned on his collar by the Superintendent.

Reliable reports have it that the '34 contingent in the USAF did itself proud this summer by being on the receiving end of promotions as follows: To Major General—Jud Reeves; to Brigadier General—Dany, Griffith, J. W. White, and Wise. We've never seen this in print, so don't hold us too closely responsible for absolute accuracy; nevertheless we are reasonably certain of the facts. Congratulations, all you denizens of the Wild Blue Yonder!

The following members of '34 are reported to be presently stationed at the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks: Bob Adams, Charlie Johnson, Johnny Darrah, Dick

Weber (recently returned from Alaska), and Bob MacDonnell (just back from Germany).

Val Pothier retired from the service some three or four months ago and has become an educator at a college in Ohio.

Moon and Nancy Northam recently announced the arrival of a new Northam: Sally Wendy, born at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on August 3d, 1955. Congratulations! And that's it.

—W. J. R.

1935

Since the last edition the class will note that the "Guard" has not changed—editorialwise, at least. It has been a lazy summer with most people, preoccupied with changes of station, moving, getting into the swing of a new job, etc. Correspondence has proportionally dwindled so this edition may not be as ponderous as its predecessor. We did assemble at Red and Lois Miner's for a gala picnic at which we welcomed newcomers and at the same time ushered into retired life Jim and Margaret Lang. They've joined the 20 year retirement group and are settling in Dallas, Texas. We have no address or more definite info but will have same by the next edition.

Since reunion it has been a great source of pride to learn of the acquisition of Brigadier General's stars by Tommy Gent and Bob Stillman. Tom and Martha took off from West Point the latter part of June in their new Hillman for a leisurely tour across the country, thence to Hickam Field, Hawaii, where Tom assumes the post of Vice-Commander, Pacific Air Command. We're sure George Eckhardt and he have divided up Oahu in every way possible and that the place holds a lot more lure now than merely a vacation spot.

We hasten to add a correction. Jim and Ruth Ellen Totten are NOT in or en route to DC as previously stated. Jim has been appointed Chief of Staff, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, and, to our knowledge, no orders are in sight. Ruth Ellen is due in DC to place Michael in school and we'll button up the details on the Tottens at that time.

Locally, the New National War College class included Milt Taylor as the only '35 representative. Across the "campus" at the Industrial Institution, Curley Hill, Butch Bristol, Sal Armogida and Deac Moore have "enrolled." Gerry Brown and Floyd Pratt departed DC for duty with MAAG, Japan. Tom and Rosemary Clarkin should be in Rio by now for a takeover of the Army Attache spot. John Duffy is at Fort Bragg after graduating from AWC. Jack Rhoades has moved on to the Staff and Faculty of the Command and Staff College at Leavenworth. Jim Kimbrough has departed Carlisle Barracks for USAREUR leaving Dave Wallace and Nat Martin from '35 on the Staff and Faculty with—to date, Ben Hecke-meyer and Chuck Symroski as students in the '55-'56 class. Jim Adams has been "lured" back to his old haunts on the West Coast and reported to Hqs, 6th Army at the Presidio. Mike Bowyer, after a relative brief absence from DC is back in the Pentagon with the Comptroller's Office. Stumpy Haug has joined the DC contingent and is also serving in the Office of the Comptroller. Al Foreman has joined the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. Walt Simpson remains there, giving the class a fairly solid representation at that post.

In the office of G-1, Dept. of the Army, we have a real "quorum", Jim Alger, Sieb Bassitt, Hugh Exton joined old-timers

there, Charlie Rich and Autrey Maroun. At least, we should obtain the most up-to-date roster yet, with that weight to rely on. (This in no way reflects on Charlie, who has been the absolute tops in co-operation in respect to buttoning up lost addresses—he can be "spelled-off" in the future.)

Duke and Jan McEntee, as reported last, are not en route to Clarksville, Tennessee, but will remain in Louisville, address: Federal Services Finance Corp., 700-A Francis Bldg., Louisville, Kentucky.

Stopped by USMA to see my young Plebe and visited John and Gina Throckmorton who are well settled as Chief of Staff at the Academy. They report Noel and Helen Cox dropped in en route to New York, thence to Panama. Downs Ingram is assigned to Mitchel AFB; (we'd like to know if Tom Wildes is still assigned there also). Ed Harris is back from Spain, has checked in the Pentagon for duty with the JCS.

Jim and Carol Skells are back in DC and serving in the Office of the Secty Defense, with Manpower and Management.

Late arrivals—find Bob Glass also on the Staff and Faculty at the Army War College. Harvey Bowser, Ray Pillivant and Al Wells constitute the contingent at the Ordnance Center, Aberdeen, Maryland.

Speaking of arrivals—Al and Judy Ashman, from the Army Attache's Office, Cairo, Egypt, proudly announce the arrival on 15 June of Margaret Abbey, their first. Our very best to all three.

We hope with the influx of all the newcomers a few class gatherings will be generated and with same the unfolding of more news. Your scribe is getting the dust off his bookkeeping and to any of you who have a check outstanding—a trip to the bank is indicated. The mandate handed down at USMA to form a committee is in the offing as soon as the newcomers to DC have unpacked.

Relative to June Week—there are some group photos and table groups here that I will be glad to forward. They are one dollar each and, so as not to involve me in a cash transaction, make a check to "Arthur A. Kepler"—the photographer. I shall forward the checks to him. So—for now—I remain Message Center Chief. You will be duly notified of any change.

—E. H. F.

1936

Early this year it was of keen interest to hear from our affectionate and famous Casey Vincent. After many years, lovable Casey and attractive Peggy and family reappeared as we had known them. This recent picture reflects proof of Casey's similarity to him whom each of us knew so well at one time in the past. For many who may not otherwise remember him but as an heroic and almost story-book legend, this family picture is reproduced to show "Our Casey"

On our greatest national holiday, one of our most famous American soldiers—in age at least—passed away. To date no class loss has been so widely felt and acknowledged. Cecil Combs was the pillar of strength in arranging and coordinating the final ceremonies, and remains at hand to lend assistance as Peggy may need it. She and the family will undoubtedly stay in San Antonio. Her present address is 149 Terrill Road, San Antonio.

On the first day of August, news appeared in the headlines announcing an event that

many of us have prayed for many years. Eleven American airmen were being re-prieved from oblivion. This in entirety is what Jack Arnold sent me:

"8 National Street,
"Montgomery, Alabama,
"Wednesday, 24 August 1955.

"Dear Phil,

"Your letter of 1 August to May and the one of 19 August to me arrived without delay, but—all is not yet settled and back to normal, and therefore we have put off answering from day to day, as you allowed us to do. Today, however, my conscience started to bother me—and this is the result.

"We, the whole family, have been overwhelmed by the consideration and good wishes of so very many people, not the least among them many of our class. I would like, if I may, to use this letter to thank you, and through you, our other classmates. It has been a wonderful experience to see and feel the warmth and friendly feelings of our incomparable American people.

"My plans as yet are very indefinite. I now am on thirty days convalescent leave which I intend to spend pretty darn close to 8 National Street with my family. I'm



Colonel and Mrs. John K. Arnold, Jr.

to report to Bolling AFB on or about 12 September for the rest of my processing, etc., and to receive an assignment. I have been led to believe that a few days there will suffice, and then I hope I'll be outbound from Washington—but not from the United States.

"At the moment, I greatly desire to have everyone else forget the unusual and humiliating experience that I have been through, and consequently, I am extremely reluctant to break into print any more. But, if it is appropriate, I would like for the class and the entire Long Gray Line to know how much I was helped by the principles and the devotion to our nation and the Academy which were instilled in me during those four years from '32 to '36. At the most difficult times, I felt that if I could just have a few seconds to stand in the center of the parade and breathe in the atmosphere of the Point, nothing that the Chinese could do would be effective. And although I did not live up to the finest traditions of the Corps, I know that I came closer to doing it than would have been possible had I not been exposed to its in-

fluence for those four years. I've expressed this poorly, Phil—there are no words, really, to describe the feeling and reverence I have for the Point—and the value which I feel it has for our country. I do love the old place and everything that goes to make it up. I wish—but I guess you know what I wish.

"Your request for a picture has caused a minor storm in the bedroom, but I've picked out a picture that to me is most typical of this period—it was taken about fifteen minutes after I'd first taken May in my arms. It doesn't nearly show my joy, my ecstasy, over our reunion—for so long it was beyond my wildest hopes. And it's still exactly the same. I know how very fortunate I am. And I shall forever be obligated to all those who helped her during my absence. I knew it would be that way while I was lost and alone in that cell, but it was extremely gratifying to return and be assured that my confidence in the services had been fully warranted. Lemme get in a thank you for that, too.

"And that ought to about do it, Phil. Thanks for your letters and I hope this will serve your purposes.

"So long,
"s/ Jack."

As this column is somewhat censorable in the interest of good judgment and military morale, I am fairly confused on this occasion to express what the class wants to read as compared to what I feel like writing. The latter is prevailing:—At least the retired or ex-member of the class of '36 could have no greater hope for nor claim



General and Mrs. Clinton D. Vincent and three of their children.

to fame than to admit acquaintance with the Vincents and the Arnolds, the Carmichaels and the Cliffords, and the host of others. If you think I am being sentimental, I am not ashamed. If a tear has come after several readings of the above letter, so did one—when I met an emaciated and failed classmate, who but for an atomic bomb would have been beheaded by the enemy. I am not attempting to add anything to Jack's letter. The significance of Casey's and Jack's stories is the proof that our class is donating fully its lives, its

character and its bodies—to our civilization and our country—in a manner not exceeded by any group of men. * * * It is with apologies, therefore, that I do not consider so important (in this issue), the meanderings, the school rosters, and the "who-saw-whoms".

Now (Eisenhower paragraphical license), with my own self-approved exceptions explained above, I wish to offer heartiest con-



Colonel and Cadet Sibert.

gratulations to Beverly and Cecil for his acquisition of the stars that were offered him first in the class and which therefore are not only long overdue, but the more merited. It is of equal satisfaction to the whole class to recognize the new promotions to Colonel. They are Pack, Stinky Davis and Bob Trout. At last count there were three who as yet are not addressed by the "sign of the fowl" Eagerly we look for their achievement of the rank.

Of widespread solicitation and response is the recent questionnaire on money—reunion—gifts. Though less than 50% of active officers have replied and the reaction of 30 or more whose addresses are not known—is in question, certain present reports are significant: The attendance of persons (including dependents) at Operation June-week will equal the class membership. I suspect however, that the percentage of answers relating to individuals' known attendance is prevalent. I wish, therefore, all who are questioning ability to be present, would reply anyway stating their indecision. At least, this way we shall not be guessing if our addressee ever got his questionnaire. "Without a quorum" I refrain from expressing the tallies or preference of schools to be accepted for receiving class gifts and on the gifts most acceptable by the class; so send in your answers! Of questioned value—but relative to the subject matter, I made a calculation of class statistics based on about 50% of class reporting. It shows that of sons 15 to 19 years of age, the class has 50; 4 more are already in college. On this basis there will really be some "graduating" starting around 1960.

Because our recent endeavors center about sons' recognition, it is a privilege to reproduce a picture of our first born son, first son admitted to the Academy, and the first link from our own ranks that we are attaching to the Long Gray Line. (Year-

ling George Sibert's picture alone says nothing—but the revealing pride on Bill's countenance speaks paragraphs to the rest of us old fud fathers).

—Phil.

1937

It's conceivable that I could have gone through four years at the Academy completely overlooking some of the South Barracks residents, but certainly that couldn't have happened with the Flankers. Therefore, I am continually dismayed to have strangers come into the office, claiming '37 and, indeed, dropping familiar names right and left, but failing to ring a bell with me even after they have departed. The toll of the years, I suppose.

Seedlock is one I have in mind. He came into the office Monday with a briefcase as big as a trunk, said he was just in from Africa, and, wanting to check in with the '37 Association, had been referred to me. I didn't know him from Adam—didn't even know if he was cleared—and so I naturally asked him to prove his claims. Somewhat stuffily, he mentioned Hortense, who turned out later to be his wife, and he claimed I knew her, too. That may well be, but I had no chance to find out because he had left her and the children in Casablanca, where those riots are going on. He said that he travels all over North Africa and the Middle East supervising construction of bases and I couldn't help remarking that he certainly seemed to be stirring things up.

He did mention some names I knew. He had run into Woody Dunlop in Beirut, and Woody was there on a trip from Dhahran. At Wheelus Field in Tripoli he had visited with Sugar Cain and that confirms Sugar's address as APO 231, New York. In Cairo, he had spent several nights with Hank Byroade and from this visit he reported that Hank was working hard at a difficult assignment and that he welcomed the occasion when a classmate could drop in on him. His wandering path had crossed that of Julian Sollohub in Paris, where Solly was working for the Joint Construction Agency but evidently branching out into Procurement every now and then, for he obtained two tickets to the Follies for Seedlock. I couldn't help but wonder if, here again, Hortense and the children had been left in Casablanca, where those riots are going on. I tried to get him to the class luncheon on the following Thursday but he professed a need to return to Africa immediately and so my suspicions of his '37 qualifications, so nearly allayed, again arose to chill our interview.

The summer shifts are about complete and I can only say they played havoc with my address rosters. Quite a few new faces—well, not exactly new; some of them look pretty beat—have turned up in Washington. At the last luncheon, Stu O'Malley came over from the National War College and Gus Prentiss came from the Industrial College. Others who could have come but who couldn't afford to leave Study Hall for that long are Marshall Gray, Tank Hardaway, Jim Posey, Kelsie Reaves, Johnny Shields, and Hank Spengler. These can all be reached now at Fort McNair, Washington, D. C., as can Eph Graham, Dink Spaulding, and Giles Evans, who came to the luncheon but who have been around for some time. Chief Evans had his picture plastered all over the Washington papers when he moved over from the District Commissioner's Office to the War Col-

lege, and I toyed with the idea of printing it this issue. However, it catches him accepting a beautiful silver pitcher from his devoted but painfaced subordinates and I thought the least I could do was refrain from calling attention to it in this quasi-official publication.

Em Burton has reported to G-2 from Carlisle. He attended the luncheon and he and Pudge are living at 500 Linden Lane in Falls Church, which is a house the family holds on to for whichever member happens to be in Washington. Trapper Drum was there, lighter by fourteen pounds and twenty-two to go. I saw him and his beautiful Betty at a Georgetown party last Spring and he showed me some bow-ties he makes as a hobby. Out of airline maps and other unique cloths and they are quite good, either as ties or Bikini bathing suits. Monk Montgomery is also in G-2 of the Army and he and Georgie live at 4 West Grove Drive in Alexandria. He didn't come to lunch and neither did Bill Easton who is now with the Judge Advocate's Office here in the Pentagon. George Walker arrived at the Chief of Engineer's Office after the Army War College term and before the floods, and Charlie Young has reported for duty with the National Guard Bureau.

Up at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania, Perry Eubanks has joined Bud Underwood, Bill McKinley, and Bert Connor on the faculty, and into the student body have infiltrated thirteen of the Class; to wit, John Cone, Coy Curtis, Jimmy Duncan, Pete Hyzer, Chet Johnson, Monk Meyer, Jim Reeves, Pony Scherrer, Gene Stann, Bob Stumpf, Ed Teeter, Johnnie Zierdt, and Solly Sollohub (thus terminating Seedlock's Paris ticket agency). Down at Monroe, Jack Polk and his rear echelon have been ordered across the James River to the Staff College at Norfolk, and he is getting Betty, the children (7), and Maggie (the Weimer-auner) qualified for overseas movement.

I attended the First Annual Orientation Conference at Monroe in late July and I must say it was the best First Annual Orientation Conference I have ever attended. Finn Unger was there from his home port at Fort Sill and Jack Tolson had flown up from his at Fort Benning. Jack and I went swimming but we both got stung by jelly fish and that ended the athletics except for a few gym tricks on the clotheslines in Harry Wilson's back yard on the final evening. Carl Buechner was also there from the Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, Coronado, California.

Bill Hipps has left Washington for Okinawa, and it serves him right. Brucie Holloway silently stole away to Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina, and George McGee went to Benning to take some infantry refresher training before moving on to Korea later this Fall. He was in G-1, and this transfer just goes to show what can happen to the little picture when you get to concentrating too hard on the big one. Obey Oberbeck reported in July to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for duty and in the course of my business I see his smiling face regularly. Dave Parker, having left SHAPE, has arrived at the Air War College with what Bob Seedlock describes as a very beautiful and charming Mrs. Parker. Soon, if this keeps up, Georgie Sloan's initial status report will become factual and I *will* be the only bonafide bachelor in the class.

Beaver Stevenson and Tug are now at Langley Field and I don't see how he can raise any press furores there unless he gets to hitting the neon circuit with the enthusiasm he used to show in San Antone. Bill Lewis went from Carlisle to the New Orleans Engineer District and I don't blame him. In

the dim past, and I do mean dim, I remember the Lewises, the Norvells, and Quandt sampling with gusto the shrimp creole at the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria, Louisiana, and I imagine that's what Bill had in mind when he angled for N'Awleans. Bob Palmer came in from Fort Bragg last week and spent an evening with the Milt Clarks, but I missed him. On my way to Paris last month, I stopped at Harmon Air Force Base in Newfoundland in the early hours of the morning and was confronted at every turn by some prohibitive order of the Base Commander, Dick Fellows. The one that particularly irked me and my planemates was that which closed the bar an hour before we landed. His picture was posted in the waiting room but no reward was offered and so I didn't go looking for him. Bill Bailey earns a kudo for finally nudging Bill Ryder ('36) out of the attache job in Tokyo, and Day Surles and Freddy Campbell merit them for covering the busy spots outside the doors of the Chief and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, respectively.

In the spirit of long range planning, and prodded considerably by old Ball-of-Fire Donohew, we have completed tentative arrangements with Ed Richardson, PIO at West Point, for our twentieth reunion. Yes, twentieth. They are to be confirmed in January of 1957 and I for one hope we have another secretary by then. My project to investigate Texas wives of classmates has run into some husbandly opposition, though not much, but I am proceeding steadfastly and resolutely, nevertheless.

Now I must report with regret and sadness the deaths of Noel Ellis and Carroll Wood. Noel had hardly gotten to the Far East, as I reported last issue, when he was taken seriously ill and, though he underwent an operation, he could not make the grade. The sympathy and condolence of the Class have been expressed to Sarah by the Washington Group and are here reiterated. Our information on Carroll is limited to the place, Reno, and the date, May of this year, and I would appreciate further information, particularly of his family and its whereabouts, if anyone should have it.

New officers will be elected next January and nominations are welcome from now on. Personally, I favor Gashouse Martin of DepLog for Secretary; all he'll need for this column is a recorder. If they make them that sturdy.

Fraternally

—D. P. Q.

1938

Dear Classmates:

I keep telling myself to wait a few days longer to hear from the plug I put in the last edition of the *Assembly*; after all, at the time this edition is being put to bed the previous publishing is just arriving in the boondocks. For example, probably Doris, Ed, and the three junior Machen's—Ed is CS of the Combined Armish-MAAG, APO 205—are only now rassing for first look at the column. Pat and Bob Works the same, in Lebanon.

Honest John Corley, Seventh Army G-1, is an outstanding exception to the traditionally silent class of '38—I'd better crawlfish a bit for fear of alienating the other loyal correspondents and loyal supporters of our class unity, Ed Machen, Frank Glace, Hal Moorman, and quite a number of others—who provided much of this edition's copy material. And speaking of John reminds me of Ben Sternberg, who the last time I saw him was G-1 of another Army, the 8th. Here in the Pentagon, however, the class

membership on the GS is preponderantly G-3. Assisting Warren Williams, Curley Harvey, Chuck Wilson, and Jim Henderson in this Plans and Operation department are new arrivals Johnny Damon, John Tilson and Michelet.

Getting back to John Corley's letter, he reports Hallinger in the Ord section with him at Stuttgart and Jack English as the Three of V Corps in Frankfurt. Another Corps Three is Sammy Hogan (III Corps) at Fort Hood. Sam was one of the nine (as I have it) graduates of the AWC last year.

The Moorman's must have had an interesting journey on their way back from Taiwan this Spring. Circuiting through Germany they encountered the Aberts at Salzburg, the Ekman's at Bad Tolz, and the Sinnreich's at Coblenz. The next reported stop on the Moorman's itinerary was Colorado Springs (seems you hit the principal international watering spots, Hal, but didn't you even stop by for an aperitif in Paris?) where Dave Sherrard was trout fishing. Well, why shouldn't a member of '38 fish for trout in Colorado: a grad of '15 makes a pretty good show of it.

If you want to write Hal, you should be able to reach him by now at the Canadian Defense College, Kingston, Ontario. That is, if he is not excursioning in, say, Bermuda.

Another man who seems to have the world by its hinderpart is Art Smith. I haven't seen Art but once, that I recall, since the big day of 6/15/38 and was delighted to get a letter from him last week. Art it seems has also worked his way up in the "G-1 business", now being Salaried Personnel Director for Reynold's Metals in Phoenix. Art says he could use some more of us in his business. But I'm afraid I must tell Art there's little chance of recruiting among our class with people like Hal and Dave having nothing to do but recreate and catch trout.

Bill Wansboro, who with Frank Izenour is taking a short tour in the Pentagon in order to make the current Korean Levy for Koernels, threatens me with the exercise of his official powers unless I set the record straight on two accounts: first, he is assigned to OSA, *not* OSD. And second, he claims *not* to have challenged any of our more fruitful classmates to a paternity contest.

But some of you champs better keep an eye on Frank (FD) Miller. Bless him, he stopped in to chat while he was up from Panama to attend a DepLog conference two weeks ago. Frank is the G-4 there, and the only '38er in the Hq. I'm surprised that so many of us have overlooked such a fine place for assignment, including Hal.

Frank disclosed that while many of us were unaware of their efforts he and Polly have been scoring a family of six, and he added that confidentially their seventh is due on publication of this column (I didn't spill it in advance, Frank).

It occurs to me now that perhaps my suggestion of birthday letters may not be the success I envisioned: from a spot check of the *Howitzer* it appears that a number of us are Jack Benny's age. Like Jack, we may have suspended the habit of having birthdays!

Please write!

—Bill Corbett.

1939

Following the rather strenuous June Week as reported in the July *Assembly*, the

summer, despite the intense heat and long drought, passed rather quietly and by now West Point has recaptured all cadets, the athletic squads are working hard, and everyone has pulled himself together for a new school year.

Reports from you have not been voluminous but we have managed to collect some news which we hope will be interesting to you.

Walt Brinker from Office of Chief of Staff at SHAPE submitted the following SHAPE news: Louis Kunzig is now assigned to G-3, DA after 18 months as General Gruenther's military assistant.

Bob Greer leaves for a flying outfit in England.

Walter Dolle is Executive to Chief Signal Officer.

Bob Camp is working in the Intelligence Division.

Don Beere extended a year and moved from O & T Division to Office of the Air Deputy.

Pete Van Devanter arrived from National War College and replaced Bob Richardson in Office of Air Deputy. Bob returns to ZI for schooling at National War College.

Walt also reports:

Meeting Stan Dziuban while vacationing in Garmisch. Stan recently moved from JUSMAG Spain to command Engineer Group in Karlsrube. Clyde Sutton just reporting to be the new USAREUR Headquarters S-4.

Pappy Myers left Hq. US EUCOM J-3 Section for unknown ZI assignment. Let us know where you're hiding out Pappy.

Note from Tom Dolvin informs us that he is now Director of Command and Staff Department of the Armored School, Boylan is Director of non resident Instructions Dept., Levin Lee is Ass't. IG of Armored Center, Jap Wilson has Wheeled Vehicle Section of CONARC Board No. 2 and Chuck Parsons is Executive of ARTC.

Jack Habecker gives us a very fine run down on our brethren in and around Washington: Andy Goodpaster's relaxed from Presidential duties to render his vocal specialty "Tit Willow" at a banquet at the Naval Gun Factory. Understand we can all relax in the knowledge that Andy's voice has lost none of its sterling qualities displayed plebe year. Manzo and Van Harlingen did fine job as action officers for the banquet. Sal is now Commander of Iceland Defense Force.

Bud and Mary Stocking are located at Andrews AFB. Ray Will recently left the District for Alaska to command a Wing. Roger and Marjorie Phelan remain in the Washington area and have redecorated their home to include a rumpus room and extra bedroom. Henry and Paulette Newcomer remaining another year while Henry attends National War College. Bob and Mary Sears have new vacation spot upstream from Arlington where they take the tribe on weekends and hot summer evenings. George Pickett, Freddie Boye and Frank Mildren are the first Army '39ers to attend National War College. Congratulations!

Hatch and Virginia Hatchell recently departed Washington for Italy where Hatch is Asst. Military Attache. Strother and Grace Hardwick are staying for year at National War College. Connie Traiano is an investment counsellor in Washington. Jack Dobson and Eloise have rented a two hundred year old estate in Virginia, complete with horse stalls where Eloise is teaching the children to ride. Bunny and Jean Adams are now in Texas. Bunny runs AF Training Command. Al and Ruth Ginder are in Ger-

many. Seen around the Pentagon are Johnny Wald, Tom Crawford, Jack Habecker and Ed McKeever making muscles in the Athletic Club. They all report they can fit into their cadet clothes — (shoes and hat). Jay Lampley got hit by a car at Bolling AFB and broke the hand he uses to turn the pages of the market report. He claims it cost him several thousand dollars. He is better now and recuperating at a local beach. George and Anita Jumper left for Japan but not until after George told us how to fly through a thunderhead over Allentown. It's a riot. Ask him. George is now Wing Commander at Johnson AFB, Japan. Walt Higgins on TDY enroute to the Army War College from Korea. Herb Price is Executive Assistant to General Gavin. Bob Pennell in Army Real Estate with G-3. P. D. Wynne smoking fifteen cigars a day. Bob Studer in G-3. Jim Billups with a gorgeous red head. Bob and Billie Cassidy G-4ing. Geary in Manpower Control of G-1. Bill Boyd in AF Intelligence. Jack Kinney moving into AF Sec. office. Lee Kirby in the Army Secretary's Office. Red Dog Davis patrolling the Concourse.

Jim and Rachel Keller have a three month daughter named Mary Lynn. Chet and Nancy Lennhoff vacationed in Connecticut this summer. Joe and Helen Dickman staying over for the National War College course. Florence is in the QM office. Dave Dillard in G-2. Art Allen in G-1, Beck Beckedorff in AEC. Dave Matheson is with the Engineers at Baltimore. Ray and Frances Marlin are leaving for the Army War College. Carl McFerren is with the Army Historians. Jack Merrell is becoming one of the class' best golfers. Al Rollins is with the Sec. Def for R. and D. while Bobby Wray represents the AF in the same business. John Urban is with the Chief of the Signal Corps. Wintermute is retired and the Megicas have been transferred to an Ordnance Arsenal in Illinois. Spook Lurette is in G-2 and Bart Lane just reported in to take the International Branch of G-3. Kirby-Smith is still comptrolling. John and Dottie Carpenter reporting into the area. Harry McClellan going to office of Secretary of Defense.

Good work, Jack. Thanks for fine report from the Nation's Capitol.

Additional notes from here and there follow:

Swede Larsen is in AF NORTH with headquarters in Oslo. Curley Walton is with FEAF Hqrs. in Japan. Rough House Halloway commands a Bomb Group at Johnson AFB, Japan.

These classmates graduated from Army War College last June (assignments listed where known): Paul Clifford; Bill Barnett—now in Washington; John Boles — probably commanding 14th Armored Cav Regt. in Fulda, Germany; Don Miller; Art Poinier—assigned as CO of 11th Armored Cav. Regiment, Fort Knox; Wiley Wisdom; Joe McChristian—assigned as Military Attache in Greece; Linc Simon; Buzy Chapman; Johnny Watt—assigned as executive Secretary of JCS; John Byrne; Bob Ploger.

Frank Forrest located at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Jim Shepherd is teaching school at C&GS, Leavenworth. Heinz Weisemann is Asst. QM, Hqs., US Army, Alaska. Jack Norris now commands the 53rd Inf. R.C.T., Fort Richardson, Alaska. Bill Smith located at Elwendorf AFB and working as the communicator for the Alaskan Air Command. Brownie Brownfield a school boy at Air War College. Jack Beier and Billy Stubbs are living close to one another in Chicago area.

Karl Ockershauser is still in Detroit area with the No Sag Spring Company.

Very little new from West Point since the July Assembly. Harvey Fraser boning for PhD at Illinois on leave from USMA for one year. He informs us that Clarence Seipel now lives in Manchester and welcomes visits from any classmates in the Hartford Area. Seipel is quite interested in the West Point Society of Connecticut and was recently informed he had been advanced on the retired list from First Lieutenant to Major. Congratulations.

Jim Schwenk has orders for a Far East assignment but will be permitted to remain at West Point through the football season.

Last minute news just received from Ben Chapla. The following classmates at Army War College: Muir as instructor and among the students are: Bill McConnell, Ray Marlin, Bernie Teeters, Bill Hale, Walt Winegar, Marshall Wallach, Walter Higgins, Walter Vann, Dick Wolfe, Ug Gibbons, Don Simpson, Harry Kennard, Josiah Kurtz and Jim Billups.

—Jim Schwenk.

1940

The fifteen year book is now being printed and should be in the hands of those who ordered one on or before 31 December. Response to our letters was excellent. Fifty-nine percent of the class have ordered a copy and 70% of the class sent in information concerning themselves. Deems came through with seven cartoons, Orman has compiled some statistics and Wermuth has contributed a summing up of the first 15 years. Book is being published by the American Yearbook Company of Hannibal, Missouri.

Speaking of books, look for the appearance this fall of one by Tony Wermuth on Pentagon types. I have read the advanced copy and strongly recommend it. Newsweek magazine has periscoped it in a recent issue.

The class is always moving and here is where some of them are now: Aber is going to school on the West Coast, Hank Adams ordered to MAAG in Holland, Addington in the Pentagon, Ahmajan at Fort Leonard Wood, Urey Alexander and Aubrey in Warsaw, Poland, Hank Arnold at Fort Sill. Baker is in the Far East with an Engineer Group, Balthis on his way overseas, Banks on Okinawa, Barry in the Far East, Bavaro at USMA, Beaudry in the Pentagon, Bell at Fort Monmouth, Belt at the AWC, and Bengston is in London. Bierman is at Camp Carson, Colorado; Black in the Pacific, and Bonham is on his way to the Pacific. Bowlby and Brewer are in the Pentagon and Brice is with the Tech Div Comd C School at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Danny Briggs has been ordered to Europe.

Cagwin at TIS, Benning, Scott Case is with MAAG in Pakistan and Dick Cassidy is at Hq. AA Command, Ent AF Base in Colorado. Martin Chandler is with MAAG in Brussels, Belgium and Phil Cibotti is with MAAG in Indo-China. John Coontz recently got order from Reno, Nevada to Fire Direction Test Detach., Fort Meade, Maryland. Paul Cullen is Post Comptroller at Fort Sill and Cunningham is at Fort Bliss. Ben Delamater at Fort Bragg and Hank Daniels at Fort McPherson. deLatour is stationed in Paris and Devlin is PMS&T at Creighton University. Leo Dunham with MAAG at Indo-China. Epley ordered to the Pentagon. Erspamer at Hq. Wisconsin

MD in Milwaukee. Bill Farthing in the Pentagon and Bob Fate is at Fort Bliss. Fellenz with MAAG in Indo-China. Ferry at Sandia Base, Floyd in the Far East, Francisco at Fort Bragg and Chester Freudendorf is down here on the island of Puerto Rico with me assigned to ROTC duty with the University of Puerto Rico. Fritter is at Fort Dix.

Galbreath at West Point and Gasperini should be back in the States now at Fort Riley. Gleszer is at TIS, Fort Benning and Graf in San Francisco as District Engineer. Gunster in the Pentagon. Hamelin home from Indo-China and assigned to Fort Bragg. Harnett at Fort Lewis. Len Hase-man with District Engineer in Alaska. Marvin Jacobs on his way to the Far East and Kasper in Iran. Larry Klar in Ottawa, Canada and Kreitzer in Alaska. Lederman with MAAG in Japan and Legere in the Pentagon.

McDonald in Union of South Africa and McLean in Far East. Maedler in Southern France and Mastran is in Alaska. Mendez waiting for birth of ninth child at this writing. Milner with Department of Motors at the Artillery School. Steve Morrissey at the Information School at Fort Slocum. George Mueller taking Masters Degree at University of Alabama. Tom Muller is with Bd No. 3 CONARC at Benning. Murphy, C. A. is with Military Department St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, New York. Art Nelson in the Pentagon and Norris is in Europe. Dave Parker is with District Engineer in Portland, Oregon. Mike Paulick at Bragg and Perry in the Far East. Peterson with CONARC at Fortress Monroe. Pillsbury in the Pentagon and Podufaly has another year yet at Fortress Monroe. Tom Qaid in the Pentagon and Ray Renola with MAAG in Brussels, Belgium. Al Richards overseas to London. Jake Roberts at TIS Benning. Oval Robinson in Far East and Roedy at Fort Benning, with 3rd Div. Babe Rogers teaching at West Point. Rooney is at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Rosen is in Europe. Saunders in Europe and Schmaltz is at QM School at Fort Lee, Virginia; Shoss at Fort Riley.

Page Smith now at AWC, Woody Smith in Europe and Spengler at Fort Bliss. Harry Stella in Europe and D. B. Stewart at Fort Sill. Stoddard at Columbus, Gen. Dept at Columbus, Ohio. Jim Strauss is with MAAG at Formosa and Strock is in the Pentagon. Sullivan on way to Europe and Swift is at TIS at Benning. Johnny Townsend still at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Turner in Europe and Jim Walters at Fort Bliss. Webster stationed at Fort Huachuca and Freddie White with MAAG, Indo China. Wilderman at Governors Island and Williams R. R. at Board No. 6, CONARC, Camp Rucker, Alabama. Lanny Witt is in London, Wohner in the Pentagon, Woodward in the Pentagon, Yates at Army Language School at the Presidio, Yeager going to C&GSC and Zahrobsky, newly married, in the Far East.

Butch Dixon is president of Dart Truck Company in Kansas City, Missouri, Spider Heidtke in Donelson, Tennessee, Alan Gee with American Optical Company in Buffalo, New York and not Rochester as previously mentioned. Dixie Fraser in Norman, Oklahoma; Haggard in La Mirada, California. Donnell is in Grosse Point Park, Michigan and Craig in Austin, Texas. Bob Mackin is in West Hyattsville, Maryland. Sanford is in Minden, Nevada and Smiley is in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Harry Wilson is in Morgantown, North Carolina. Wright, W. B. is in Jacksonville, Florida.

Barnard is in Europe and Jim Berry has received orders for Kingston, Ontario. Beth-

une, Delia, Willis, Lewis, McFarland, Milton, Roy Nelson, Carey, O'Bryan, Russell, Smith, J. J., Strong, Verner, and Warren are in the Pentagon. Willy Buck is in Hq. Alaskan Air Command, Harvey Bunze, Knight, J. R., Mosshead Parker, and Manford Wetzel are at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Wilcox is at Clark AFB, P. F., Wynne in Baltimore, Summers at Hill AFB in Ogden, Utah, Stirling at Fairchild AFB in Washington, Smelley in the Far East, Sheetz in French Morocco, Shearer at Westover AFB, Massachusetts, Rauk at Andrews AFB in Maryland, Rasmussen at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, Norvell at March AFB, California, Norman at Clovis AFB in New Mexico, East at McGuire AFB, New Jersey, Downey at Chanute AFB, Illinois, Dalziel in the Pacific, Colligan with AEC in Washington, Coleman at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. Campbell and LaBreche to attend Armed Forces Industrial College at Fort McNair, Washington, D. C.

Most of addresses are up to date but of course change all the time. Please let me have change of address card when you get your orders.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

The poop for the book is pouring in. One third of the questionnaires have been answered. Two hundred dollars are credited to the "'41 Yearbook Fund". About one tenth of the family pictures are in, and many more are on the road. Paul Ramee tells me the WP contingent is already laying plans for the reunion parties. This operation looks like a *goer*.

If you have not already done so, please send me (1) A family picture; (2) A picture of you in your soldier suit; (3) A check for \$12; (4) A filled out questionnaire. Make the pictures black and write, glossy, 5x7 if possible. Also please send any good snapshots you have of class activities. Name the principals, the time, and the place. For your information, I have all the pictures that were sent in for the X year effort. These can be used unless you care to send in something more current. As I have said, this will be a picture book, mostly. The consensus demanded a minimum of poop; wanted pictures of wives and kids and of receding hair lines.

Dick Scott, commanding the 2nd Bn, 6th A/C at Landshut, Germany, is returning with his five beautiful girls in December to attend Norfolk. Ernie Whitaker and six sons live at Rt. 4, Box 486, Alexandria, Virginia; he is in Dep Log, D/A. Babe Hendrickson, in J-2 Div, Hq FEC, reports Walt Mather just passed thru from Okla en route to AFS College having turned his job over to Lynn Lee. Jim Roy, CINCOSOUTH, Box 1, FPO, New York, is Asst Sec for Staff in sunny Naples; reports Herb Stern just reported in. Clare Armstrong, recently PMS&T, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas (Home of one Frank Gerig). Clare saw Joe Myers, Stan Ramee, Babe Hendrickson, and Jim Sykes in Tokyo before he left and Ace Tyndall in Palo Alto en route to Arkansas. Tom Cleary, Chief, Management Branch G-4 USAREUR, Heidelberg says that Frank Gerig, a long way from Arkadelphia, is with him in Heidelberg as is Red Moyer. John Manley just departed and Red Purdy and Clemer are on the road in. Joe Gurfein is Area Engineer in Bermuda. Frank Stainback is Project Officer, Off of AF Instl Rep, Omaha. Poopy Ellis is Asst PMS&T at Texas A&M and he says John D'Esposito has the same

job at Penn State. Sy Coker, Ex O, Assoc Prof Dept MA&E, WP reports Spike Briggs at Stewart and Norm Coker at 78 Valley Wood Road, Cos Cob, Connecticut.

Cocky Cochran is in the Office, Chief of Engrs; Wendy Knowles in G-3; Felix Gerace in OQMG; Bill Gribble in AEC; Harley Marsh in G-2; Bob Dixon in OTIG; Bill Gurnee in Off Asst Secty Army; John Deane in OCO; Ted deSaussure and Al Muzyk in G-3; Milo Moucha in G-2; and Bob Coakley in OCINFOE all in the Pentagon. From the same big building came the good news of promotions to Colonel, USA. (Note: I have had some difficulty getting an accurate list so please forgive me if this is not complete.) I am told, the make list includes: Don McMillan, Bill Gurnee, Roy Kelly, Howie Clark, John Murray, Jim Laney, John Barney, Sy Coker, Charlie Schilling, Bill Linton, Phil Seneff, Bill Starr, Larry Greene, and Butch Kaiser. In addition those selected for promotion this year include Joe Ahern, Jack Christensen, George Pickett, Bucky Miller, Frank Linnell, Walt Woolwine, John Deane, Vince Carlson, Woody Garrett, Wally Lauterbach, and Lloyd Salisbury.

And sadly, from the same area, came the tragic news of George Cooper's death. Cancer ran a swift course beginning in January and he passed away on 18 July. Lucy and the four children are at 3351 Dickerson St., Arlington, Virginia. George was buried at West Point following services at the Catholic Chapel. Classmates from the Point and many from Washington and other Eastern stations were present.

Jack Norton writes from Belgrade that he will return this summer for another engagement at the Pentagon. John Locke from Kinross AFB, Michigan says, "If you would like to go fishing in Lake Superior through three or four feet of ice, come up and see me this winter." Dunc Brown managed to arrive in Omaha just after we left so I missed him. He departed Leavenworth with Tuck Brown, Ray Schnittke, and Moe Schremp. He reports that Will Vaughan and Bucky Miller are teaching. Walt Woolwine writes that he is joining the student detachment in September. Guy Goddard says he has been joined at the Avn Engr Hq by Joe Weidner. John Atkinson has just been ordered to Clark AFB, Philippine Islands to be the Honcho in charge of Intelligence. No doubt this will lead him to several mysterious and exotic stomping grounds, where he'll learn more of sin than of Ho Chi Minh.

Not content with breaking the sonic barrier, the world's speed record, and being one lap ahead of the nearest contender in the class Stork Derby, Fred Ascani, like the Brooklyn Dodgers, is making a runaway of Dependent Race. He reports number eight due in March and requests that I hold two pages in the Family section of the book. Originally at Landstuhl, the Ascanis re-deployed to Hahn AFB when Dad (and I do mean Dad) took over the 50th Ftr Wing. Chuck Willis is Fred's Exec; Jack Harris came by on a visit from Sculthorpe.

Pat Tansey is at Aberdeen; John Redmon is an Ordnance Tech Rep at Ottawa; John Henschke is at Westover; George Johnson is a student at C&GSC, and Ed Poole dropped in here for a visit recently from Tempe, Arizona where he is PAS&T. John Telfair has recently been promoted to Head of the Engineering Department of the Central & Southern Florida Flood Control District. Army Home Town News reports the following graduates of C&GSC with destinations: Bob Panke—Governors Island; Bill Roton — Pentagon; Chuck Maynard — Europe; and Ray Schnittke—Pentagon. Re-

cent arrivals at WP: Herb Richardson and Jack Christensen.

More on the book: if you want to hold up your family picture to include a 1956 arrival, or your individual picture for some new insignia, just let me know and I'll save you a space if you'll promise not to leave me holding the blank. Also the files from the X year effort contained some checks (still not cashed) for \$7. If you do *not* want these cashed and credited to your account or if you paid before by some other means please let me know. The records are incomplete.

The troops at WP are laying plans for the Reunion; I have a publisher drooling for the contract for the Book; and it is later than you think. Don't put this down until you've made a date with a photographer and signed a check! Make it to "'41 Yearbook Fund" and mail it to me at March AFB, California.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

Hyde and Palfrey captained a social boat ride for the Washington contingent in August. We are growing older—no one fell overboard.

Bill Shedd and Frank Clay passed through Washington lately — also Johnny Atwood. New arrivals in Washington on PCS include: Berman, Trainer, Terry, Weeks, Standish, Stapleton, Deane, McAdam, and Bart.

Timothy and Bringham recently finished refresher course at Benning and are on their way to FECOM as 1542s.

Dick Scott is at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk. Al Ward is at the Air Command and Staff College.

Phil Wyman is now at SACLANT Hq., Norfolk.

Anderson was chairman for a picnic in Washington area in July. Dubious weather kept most of the gang away but about 12 families had a good time.

You should all receive post cards soon asking for poop for the class news letter. Hope you can return them quickly.

News from USMA contingent — Ulsaker is chairman of the gang. Believe John Baker is secretary. Jake Lewis is custodian of 4 season books for home football games—see him for assistance. Arrangements have also been made at West Point to decorate graves of classmates buried at USMA on Decoration Day; and to provide flowers for any future funerals.

Rumor has reached us that Plott now answers to "Grand Canyon"—Kenny Hanst has details but it's something to do with Vitamin B-1.

Martinez is taking graduate work in physics at University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Hottenroth writes from Korea that he has recently been transferred from KCOMZ to Engr Section of AFFE/8 Army. He expects to take his family to Japan soon.

Wish you readers would send in more items to *Assembly Notes*—'42. We had only two last time. The Washington gang sends everyone best wishes.

BEAT NAVY!

—Obie.

January 1943

Another academic year, another football season and several new faces have arrived

o.. the West Point scene. We welcome Bill and Peggy Knowlton, Bob and Kiki Marshall, Merle and Sally Carey, Danny and Skippy Moore, Jim and Eileen Michael and Joe and Nancy Benson. This gives us a total of fifteen classmates now assigned here, the old timers being Bill and Mary Dee Starnes, Jim and Missie Frakes, Dick and Nancy Batson, Roy and Ann Bowlin, Walt and Jo Hogrefe, Brenning and Judy Waters, Bill and Virginia Hensel, Bill and Ruth Wade, yours truly and wife Ruth.

We were deeply grieved and saddened with the sudden death on 10 August of Johnny McClure from bulbar polio. Services and interment were at West Point. Bob Marshall escorted the immediate family. Starnes, Carey, Waters, Upchurch, Burlin, Betts, Hogrefe, and Knowlton served as honorary pall bearers. Becky has returned to Spokane, Washington, where her address is: c/o Mrs. A. S. Blum, Cooper-George Apts, Spokane 4, Washington.

At a recent class meeting here we elected Jim Frakes President, Brenning Waters Secretary and Walt Hogrefe Treasurer. We will continue this year on the program to submit to *Assembly* all obituaries of classmates which are as yet unpublished. We need help on this program and would gratefully hear from any volunteers.

I am sure we were all thrilled and proud as a result of Tot Talbott's great victory in the Bendix Trophy Race. Congratulations, Tot.

Also making national news was Bob Fishel who received the Hughes trophy for commanding the outstanding defense unit in the Air Force during the past year. The 496th Fighter-Interceptor Sqn of Landstuhl, Germany, is Bob's deserving outfit. We are indeed proud, Bob. Congratulations!

Recent visitors at West Point include Herb and Ann Kemp. Herb is reorganizing guided missiles units at Edgewood, Maryland. Also seen here was Jack Wood who has moved from Battalion Commander and Corps Staff jobs at Fort Bragg to the Legislative and Liaison Division in Washington. Georgette and little Jack are visiting in Paris until Fall. Dee and Kate Armstrong passed through on the way from Germany to C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth.

Recently noted in the New York Times was an article on the Special Force being trained for behind-the-lines work. An accompanying picture identified Harry Pritchett being thrown by the Japanese World Judo Champion. It was Harry all right!

Darrie Richards is doing a year of orientation and on-the-job training at New York Port after his transfer to T. C.

Tony Antonioli reports that Bob Cook, Bob Peden, Burton Hood and John Nazzaro are at Benning in important jobs. Tony has reported to C&GSC for the Regular Course. Wife Verlie and daughters Valerie and Virginia are with him. Virginia obligingly arrived on 19 January 1954.

Bob McDermott advises that five classmates are helping inaugurate the AF Academy in its first year. Besides Bob, who is Assistant Dean and Head of the Dept of Social Sciences, there are Bob Whitlow, Howie Linn, Jack Gorman, and Joe Dover. Joe recently received his Masters degree in Business Administration from Harvard. McD further reports that Mark Stephen arrived 30 July and has turned the patter of little feet in the McD household into a stampede!

Ellie Brittingham was married to Dr. Elden Pecka on 13 August and now lives at 3924 Alameda Place, San Diego 3, California.

Stuart and Suzanne MacVeigh announce the arrival of Robert Roy on 11 July.

Chuck Alfano also recently completed his course in Business Administration at Harvard and has received his Masters degree. Mitch Goldenthal has arrived at Fort Leavenworth where he is assigned to Staff and Faculty.

News from the Far East is relatively plentiful for this report. Keep up the good work out there. Send us more. Bob Fiss has been reassigned from the 7th Inf Div to G-1 Section, Hq, AFFE, APO 343. George Rebb left the 13th Engr Bn and is now in G-3 Section, 8th Army. Dana Stewart is S-3, 2d Engr Gp. Bill Waters is G-1, 7th Inf Div. Adrian St. John commands the 73d Tk Bn, 7th Inf Div. Charlie Wirt is CO, 2d Bn, 17th Inf, 2d Inf Div. Lowell Wilkes is with KCAC near Seoul. Bob Baden commands an infantry battalion in the 24th Inf Div. Fly Flanagan and Bart Mallory were due for assignment in Career Management at the Pentagon this summer.

Ed and Ginny Faust arrived on Okinawa in July. Ed is with the Okinawa Engineer District, having been reassigned from Hq AFFE in Japan.

Dottie Bennett returned from Formosa this summer to be near her mother who has been quite ill. She has taken an apartment in Highland Falls to await Ed's return in October when he will be assigned to the Office Chief of Engineers.

Jim Frakes has furnished the following addresses. We hope soon to compile a more complete list. Bill Thompson, Hq, SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Bill Criss, Hq USAF, (leaving soon for Peru); George Kinney, Staff and Faculty, AC&SC, Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Wendell Bevan, Student, AC&SC; Bill Stewart, Student, AC&SC; Quentin Goss, Student, AC&SC; Carlos Talbott, Foster AFB, Texas; John Buckner, Perrin AFB, Texas; Art Hurr, DCS/P, Hq USAF; Y. A. Pitts, Hq ADC; Ches Butcher, Hq ADC; Hank Mazur, Hq USAF, APO 633, New York City; Mr. Hank Sayler, 861 19th Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Florida; Bob Maloney, Hq FEAF; Jim Cobb, Kadena AFB, Okinawa; Terry Ellis, APGC, Eglin AFB, Florida; B-Ball Harrington, c/o AIRA, Tokyo; Don Thompson, Hq USAF; Dave Lowe, Hq USAF; Cleo Bishop, J-3, Opn Sagebrush, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Joe Gatewood, Pinecastle AFB, Florida; Bill Pitts, Smoky Hill AFB, Kansas; Bill Hovde, Air Def Wing, McGuire AFB, New Jersey; Dave Barger, Hq FEAF (headed for AFSS, Norfolk, Virginia in February); Hodge Kirby, PAS&T, Colby College, Waterville, Maine; Jim Hackler, 50th Ftr Gp, APO 109, New York City; Ed McGough, 36th Ftr Gp, APO 132, New York City; Russ Herrington, WADC, Wright-Patterson AFB; Keith Lindell, WADC, Wright-Patterson AFB; Bill De Gruchy, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB; Jack Day, AFRTC, Hamilton AFB, California; Mr. Jack Shaffer, Mercury Div., Metuchen, New Jersey; Lee James, Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Maryland.

I have pinch-hit for this and the preceding article. Bill Wade takes over now. Keep the news flowing.

—V. K. Sanders.

June 1943

Here in the dying summer Delafield is closed, the "New Cadets" have all become plebes, Buckner has fallen back to sleep, the academic departments have gotten out their long knives, the Army Team is cooking up all kinds of devilment behind drawn

curtains, and your faithful scribe is going through his drawers (*you* know what I mean) for what news there may be.

First let's see where all the Leavenworth crop have gone, with the help of Gordon Cantlay's poopsheet. All the following were caught and, screaming and kicking, dragged ignominiously off to the Army General Staff in the Pentagon: Baker Bond, Willy Calnan, Hambone Carter, Bobbie Griffin, Harry Schroeder, and Art Surkamp. Now for the others who found work: Carlos Young is at 47th AAA Brig., Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California; Luke Wright went to USAFFE, Nippon; Pinky Winfield and his little old family all are at Leavenworth, having "gone over to the enemy"; Charley Wilson to AAA&GM Cen., Fort Bliss, Texas; Van Schoick to study bird-watching at NYU; Pappy Wilkinson to USAFFE Japan; Duane Tenney to USAREUR, but my spies said something about his resigning (this we can't believe; European operatives please check up and report); Milt Steinbring to Hq. Fourth Army, Fort Sam; Bill Roos and Hank Romanek are both at the Chief's office (Engrs, you know) at darkest Gravelly Pernt; Bernie Rogers went to 2nd Div in Fort Lewis, Washington; Snuffy Rhea to Rock Island Illinois Engr Dist; Art Rasper to Natl Guard Bureau, Pentagon; Dugout Parham to Fort Belvoir (do these engineers NEVER learn?); Hal Parfitt, who, you all will be saddened to hear, committed matrimony just when he was about to graduate from C&GSC, to SHAPE, Paris France; Jimmie Miller to Office of CS Pentagon; Bob Mathe to Engineer's Office, Dist. of Columbia; Bruce Koch to 1st Arm'd. Div., Fort Hood, Texas; R. K. Jones to CONARC Hq. Fort Monroe (they loved me there); Don Jalbert to USAREUR; Warren the Hecker to Hq. ALF, SE Europe, Izmir, Turkey; Big Jim Greene to USAFFE; Bill Deekle to office of the QMG, Washington; John de-Camp back to yet more school, this time at Harvard; Howie Coffman to USAREUR; George Gordon Cantlay, Jr. came here and is teaching military art to the first classmen; Mark Boatner is here also, and took John Moses' cushy job as Lawgiver to the Poop School at Stewart Field; Raymonde (THE Lover) Blatt is, of all things, career managing in the Pentagon. How do they THINK of these assignments?

Speaking of L-worth, and who isn't these

days?, our boys really done good out there this past year. Four of the brethren graduated in the top ten: Snuffy Rhea number one, Harry Schroeder number two, Ham Carter number five, and Bernie Rogers number eight. Who knows; maybe we will amount to something after all. As if this feat were not in itself enough for Snuffy, he somehow found—ah—time to father a nice new daughter in August.

Almost forgot: Jack Morris left Leavenworth and is assigned to (gulp) Det. 1, Eastern Ocean Dist, w/ sta. at Gooseflesh Bay, Labrador. So let that be a lesson.

Now for random notes, largely unintelligible, from All Over. Here's a picture of Tom Johnston, who evidently has mended his ways, getting presented with a Bible for his work helping the chaplains in the ETO (Eastern Tip of Okinawa, that is, HAW!) Letter from John Cochran at Benning got here just after the June *Assembly* went to press, so his news may be stale, but we don't mind that. He speaks of several orgies there involving Bud Bolling, Jack Collins, Dave Conard, Jim Darden, Bill DeBrocke, Fox Fredericks, Hal Head, Johnnie Lucas, Wes Westfall, and Maggie Saine. What an enviable bunch of good eggs to be amongst. And here's some welcome news of some Air Folks! Bud Hough moved in June from Johnston Island to Hickam, and so began seeing people. He saw Jim Keck, a full AF colonial, on the latter's way to a new assignment in Personnel, Hq. USAF, Pent. He saw old Frank Ball who is now at Hq. Western Air Defense Force, Hamilton AFB, TH. And he heard from Dale Sweatt who is back from Germany and in Hq. USAF, Pent. Bud is at 206 Beard Ave., Honolulu, and has closets full of the stuff, so we are all to drop in whenever.

Here at Mecca we have this summer exchanged Bill Malone, Bob McCanna, and Big Jim Farley for Jim Betts, Gordon Cantlay, Geo Moe, Mark Boatner, and Mo Anderson. Now for sweepings from the brethren stationed here. Bob Plett heard from Ivan York, 506 State St., Petoskey (yes, Petoskey) Michigan, stating all is by him good. Bill Greenwalt was despatched on an *Assembly* trip to Bliss and there saw George (G-Co) Alexander and Pete Langstaff. Bill goes into raptures of praise for old George's quality of teaching. Says he's never heard better. Comes a card from Man Mountain Cover, announcing he has finally been pried loose

from his hideout in Ames, Iowa and is now at Leavenworth.

Jesse Fishback, the smiling Math P (so look out, already) had a letter from Warren Rogers and we are all to start being aware that Warren is an associate professor at MIT. Nancy was expecting number 3 in July, and the plan was to name it "Benjo" but this I don't believe so Boston operatives get on this. "Speaking of John Buyers, he is at Sandia Base (so dunt esk) and plans to visit the Farley's in L-worth at Christmas, since he's so worn out studying already and four nights a week at the U. of New Mexico." This is the English of a star man?

You should have seen the heartrending tableau of Jess helping his old company-classmate Clare Farley on Jim's day of departure for Leavenworth. There was van-confronting, icebox-scrubbing, luggage-rack-lending, and sobs. And both are engineers! Walt Mitchell and Frau were up here at Delafeld one hot day and Jess and Janie had them over for an infusion before they returned to NYC where they dwell. Al Healy told Jess that Rollo Brandt, who is supposed to be in England, was helling around the US on TDY all summer. Speaking of England, Dave and Audrey Chamberlain are there, as are the Schaeffers and the Roger Kullmans. They sent us a picture of Christy and daughter number 2, Sandy, buying a second English car so they'll have 17 horsepower between them. Eddie and Helen McCabe stayed at the Fishback Arms on their way to Leavenworth. Jane got an announcement from Doris and Bill Westbrook of the birth of young Katherine Ann on 14 July at Lockbourne AFB. Bill's address is R. D. 1, Groveport, Ohio. For a math P, Jess has lots of friends, you know it?

We wish there was room to reproduce, in its thoroughly decadent entirety, a new letter we have from that idiot Cullinane. You all remember how this column boned him through the Langwirth School only to see him banished to Baghdad. Well this letter tells of the Great Disillusionment. The only thing that's happened to him is one day the ex-Sec of AF (so dunt esk) in the company of Lee Hogan, dropped down and spent one night. This leaves Flannel with one thousand nights with nothing to do. He wants us ALL to drop by whenever we're in Baghdad. Meanwhile I have added this latest to the Museum's collected letters of Cullinane and Hamblen, which see. Dan'l didn't mention any per diem, but he says send money.

Letter from Sam Pinnell. It encloses a most compromising photo of a debauch held at the Al Brown's Glocca-Morra Shangri-La in Tokyo which I'm sure the ASSY in its wisdom will decline to reproduce. Out of its smoke-filled depths peer the leering faces of the Browns, Del Perkins, the Eddie McCabes, the Charlie Reeds, and the Bill Herres's. They were later joined by the Marty Martin's, who don't get photographed and are full colonels as a result. In May came Del Perkins, Jr., weighing 7½ lbs., 20". Sam says life over there is terrible and he has extended for another year.

Dave Galas here had a phone call from Al Shielely who was up at Stewart on business from his station in Manhattan a while back. And we all saw Ralph Scott here a few days ago. He's out of the AF and is the VP of Columbia Prep Military School in Tennessee.

Old Undersigned himself, who almost never leaves the Rock, decided he'd better check up, and took a trip to Washington for the Column. There he saw and admonished the Willy Calnans, the Englebart



The party at Al Brown's house in Tokyo.

Mathes, the Hank Romaneks, the Gus Brills, and people like that. Barbara Blatt I also saw but (or should I say Because) Raymond was on some sort of hegira to the A&GM School, where ignorance is Bliss.

Allen Burdett came roaring through here with his father and stayed with the Al Jones's while filling up on dogma and uniforms prior to his assignment at the Air Folk's Academy out at Colorado Springs.

Did you all notice how on the same day that Willy Malone (our only living ex-scribe) arrived in Japan, talk began to be heard of withdrawing the forces therefrom?

Dick and Frankie Snyder spent about 14 days of leave here in late July. Holed up at the Thayer with their two young sons and Mrs. Peck. Dick is now ADC to some Navy Admiral named Radford in D.C.

As you faithful ASSY readers know, a memorial tablet of the names of battle deaths in the Korean war is going to be put up soon in Cullum. The Class has four names: Bill Greene, Bill Hunt, Lew Webster, and Johnnie Nelson. The expense will be borne by the Class Fund.

To our delight (and the vast annoyance of the cadets) there are five home games this year; see schedule, supra. Now you all know how much we like to see each other, so you all come. Too soon we will all scattered be. Just send word to Box Two and we will gladly billet and buffet and bed and breakfast you.

And listen. Ye scribe has exhausted himself all summer getting EVERYONE in the Class located. So stay PUT. Remain where you're at. Whatever you do, don't move. Aw, you MOVED!

—Wick.

1944

With the Navy game coming up shortly a pretty fair reunion of sorts should materialize among those of '44. Quite a few in and around the Washington-Philadelphia area are making plans to see the game.

Approximately forty of our class are in the Washington area now. I'll give you the names as many of you will be going to or through there at one time or another and can look up some of the old crew. Dave Blake, Jack Brady, Bass Hanley, Jack Irvine, Dave Ott, Bud Partridge, Joe Petrone, Les Salzer, Ed Samuell and John Sanders will be around until sometime in '56.

John Donaldson, Jerry Hall, Dave Henderson, George Ingersoll, Bryan Leeper, Bob Mummy, Ev Mire, Charlie Steel and Jim Weathers have assignments until into 1957.

Bing Bingham, Jelks Cabaniss, Don Carter, Charles Daniel, Del de la Mater, Jack Hennessey, Leo Hinkey, Doug Kinnard, Ed Murphy, Bob Rodden and Johnny Susott are all settled down in present assignments until 1958.

All those above are in the Pentagon as far as I know. Ernie Graves and John Eisenhower are at Fort Belvoir and Ricky Kleist and Bob Nixon are supposed to be there by now.

I left out Heath Bottomly and Jim Downs who are at the Pentagon. I think W. P. Anderson is there by now in an Air Force assignment. Hal Sloan is at Andrews AFB. Beth Blanchard and Betty Cooch are living in Arlington and Falls Church respectively while George is in Formosa and Fran is at Fort Knox.

This Washington group has frequent luncheon get-togethers, had a class picnic back in August and are planning an Army-

Navy game TV party for those who stay home.

Ken Cooper left for an assignment in Paris early in September and Betty was to have joined him around 1 November.

John Donaldson told me of Bob Daly and Frank Moore having left Washington for the course at Leavenworth this Fall and Winter.

Ace Harper is still at USMA. He and Ronnie stopped in Washington on the way back from a quick trip to Virginia.

Art Hyman, after eleven years of Airborne duty is now at the Presidio of San Francisco as aide to the Sixth Army Commander. By a strange coincidence a conference Art will attend will be held in Philadelphia on Army-Navy weekend.

Other temporary California residents are Wolfinger at the University of California and Dean Bressler at San Jose College.

John and Annette Sullivan are now at Leavenworth after a couple of years with Tennessee Military District in Nashville. While on leave this summer had seen Buzz Gordon, Norm Shepard, Willie White, Bill Tuttle, Carl Peterson and M. C. Murphy at Benning.

Jim Connell is Bn. Exec. with the 22nd Infantry at Ayers Caserne, Germany. Also in the general area are Frank Mahin who has a battalion in the same regiment, Dondanville in the 30th FA group and Dixon Rogers, assignment unknown.

Curley Jackson has just returned from a somewhat curtailed tour in Germany with the 7th FA Bn. of the 1st Division and is now at Fort Riley, Kansas with the same outfit.

Jack Cushman, after finishing the course at Leavenworth this past summer, has been retained there on the faculty. Also teaching with Jack are Bill Enos, Bill Smith and Tom Tarpley. Students at C&GS this year in addition to Daly and Sullivan are: Black, Emly, Harper, Moore, Pickett, Todd and Tully from the Infantry; Cyr, Flynn, Grace, Pollin and Vitullo from Artillery; Boyles, Drake, Forsythe, S. H. Smith from Armor; Brooks, Conant, Davis, Graham, Kimbel, Moon and O'Donnell from the Engineers and L. C. Ellis of Chemical Corps, along with Ware.

Back during the summer a few new assignments were given out: Deeter going to Europe, Shelton to Berlin, Nelson to FECOM, Tuttle to the Detroit Tank Arsenal and Mulkey to West Point.

Bev Snow checked in to Leavenworth late in August after having been erroneously reported as being at Belvoir. Bev had just finished a tour in May with the Royal Engineers War Office in London.

Bob Ginsburg, after four years at the Pentagon, is now in Italy and has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Bob's family is with him in Naples where he is Strategic Plans Officer with a NATO command headquarters.

Chuck and Dot Davis with Fred and Harriet Black finally got away from Puerto Rico and they, too, reported for the new class at Leavenworth (it seems to me the entire 1944 class has been there in the past two years). Chuck had seen Bill Miller off and on during his tour. Bill has recently married and is still with the Department of the Interior, working and living on St. Croix.

After finishing the Advanced Ordnance Course in 1954, Roy Hoffman went to Fort Bragg, took jump training, became a paratrooper, and finished both the basic and advanced Airborne courses. Roy by now should be somewhere around Tokyo as he

was expecting a transfer to the Far East in September. At Bragg with Roy were T. E. Moore, Nye, Parker, Reeves, Thompson and civilian Les Babcock at Chapel Hill.

Paul Kutchinski, also now at Leavenworth, was awarded the Third Army Certificate of Achievement upon his departure from the headquarters at Fort McPherson.

McAuliffe has just been transferred from Fort Sill to duty on Okinawa with the 663rd FA Bn.

Once again, the only source of personal information I have is each of you. This past couple of months lots of you wrote after my suggestion in the last issue. We are going to try to get out a supplement to the 10th yearbook in the form of a letter this Fall to bring everybody up to date and continue this procedure once a year so try to let me know where you are and what you are doing.

—B. N.

1945

Hello Holiday-ers!

You know one of the incongruities of writing the column is that the dead-line somehow manages to fall betwixt and between. Here 'tis a crisp, clear, cool, early September evening as I practice my hunt and peck typing and scratch reporting; however despite the clearness and coolness of the twilight there's a probability that the sunrise will bring summer back. And so, in the middle, we're thinking of summer news behind and autumn news ahead, and late fall it will be when you read this. In fact it will be "BEAT NAVY" time, almost. So to start off, let me relay the word from Bob Dingeman that the class affair following the big game is to be at the Ben Franklin Hotel—pay as you enter—pro rata. Further details will be available from anyone you see at the game. There's also to be a cocktail-buffet whing ding at the Club at West Point following the Penn State Game, though this may see print too late for planning purposes.

And speaking of parties, we really had one down here in Pentagonia on the 10th of September. The layer-owners were Keith Nusbaum, Frank Kane, and John Bennett. Program was cocktails, dinner, and dancing at the Naval Gun Factory Club over near Anacostia. About 67 of the tribe (plus some fractions) showed up. Feature of the cocktail hour was, obviously apart from the cocktails, Frank's poster which should be loaned out to the various outposts. Sort of a before and after idea, it showed the ten year ago, spoony, barrel-chested kaydet schlumped into a sleazy, pot-bellied olive-drabber; whereas the pro, slick chick femme of dragging days had become the prototype of the barefooted and... pregnant housewife. However everybody had on party attire for the evening. A big surprise turned up in the form of Bart Kerr and wife. Wish I had more details than this but fact is I have not. On Bob Waddington's secession from the ranks of bachelor-hood, however, I can supply some data. The event occurred here in D.C. on August 20th and one glimmer of Gwen and you'd not only understand why he gave up his single state but you'd add that he was wise to have held out. A sparkling eyed, dark haired addition to the ranks is the new Mrs. W. Back to the party, there were a few new faces in the D.C. crowd here. Loretta and Andy Favret, civilian variety classmates, are here now, Andy being with American Machine and Foundry. Louise and Jim

Gilland of the long-time-no-see Gillands were also there. Jim is a double dyed deserter from the Artillery now carried on the rolls of the Engineers and attending the course at Belvoir. Nan and Neil ImObersteg are sort of passing through as members of the current Strategic Intelligence classes. Janis and Larry Jones journeyed over from Edge-wood Arsenal for the evening, and Chris and Jim Morris came from Baltimore where he is with Air Research and Development, as, we hear, is Dan Perry though Dan did not make the party. Nor did Bob Zeidner who is SIS-ing with Neil these days, Bob preparatory to an attache assignment in Turkey. Also present were Suzanne and Nick Manitsas, also from Belvoir. Jim Mueller and wife also were up from there, but we missed Hap Adams and Frank Mehner who didn't make it. Also greatly missed were Peggy and Dan Whitcraft who used to help make the class parties at each event. Dan became a civilian this Summer and is now with General Electric in Syracuse, New York. However those who showed up made the affair quite a celebration. If we had to pick the couple who belied Frank Kane's art work, it would have to be Theo and George Bush who took the "best couple on the dance floor" prize hands down. However it wasn't "hands down" but instead a frenzy of beating them together when the next party committee was elected consisting of George Benson, Chuck Curtis, and Bud Farris. Of course, that led to a speech of "appreciation" by George, and at this point rumors are rampant as to the nature of the next affair. One has it that we'll rent a Potomac River excursion boat; another that we'll re-open the old Gaiety Theatre. Reservations are being received from Los Angeles and environs, so let's see you here. George, in addition to this outside activity, is here in D.C., after attending Leavenworth, to prepare for an Attache assignment in Indonesia.

The class really seems to have a foot in the door of this attache racket. Had lunch with Tom Gleason just before he, Joan, and the two kids took off for Hungary on September 7th. Tom was inquiring about '45ers in Europe, and so I certainly wish I had then had Arch Arnold's letter at hand. Arch and Barb are at Erlangen where he is S-3 of the 599th AFA Bn. Says no classmates nearby and that Jerry Briscoe was the only one to turn up for the Founders' Day Dinner in Wurzburg. Arch further reports that Jack Boettcher is with 39th Inf of the 9th Division in Furth and that Bill Flint is currently doing an instructor's stint in Tank Training Center in Vilseck. Ren Fortier is with 4th Div Arty, while Ginger and Wally Wittwer are soaking up the atmosphere of old Heidelberg. Bob Wag-onhurst is in Darmstadt and the Jim Henshaws in Murnau; Jack Rhett S-3 of an Engineer Battalion in Mannheim. Thanks Arch! However, be on the lookout for Johnni and Bill McNamee who should have arrived over there by the time you read this.

Back here in Ike-ville, we lost Geoff Keyes in late August to Fort Knox where he is forgetting his Engineer past for an Armored Force future. Probably he may also be recalling the evening after work when he picked up the evening paper and received his first notification that he'd passed the D.C. bar exam! We had a number of visitors to the area during the Summer. Dave Thomas was over at Fort Meade for many weeks with the Army Pistol Team. He and Lois and two kids are still at Knox. Ray Cavanna, with 2nd AA Regional Command, is a permanent party member at Meade these days. C. B. and Tommy Maer-

tens and the two boys not only blew into town from Okinawa but blew up a small whirl of parties among their happy-to-see-them friends. Bev Wallace also happened to be around for part of that time while George was on various summer training assignments, though he too showed up for a week-end. The two of them are quite happy in their assignment down at University of Virginia. Shortly after the Maertens took off for a stop over at C. B.'s home in Georgia prior to heading west for Leavenworth, Dink Nelson came through en route, also, to C&GS school. He and Joyce have just completed an ROTC assignment. Their family consists of Dink Junior, about 3 and a half years. Incidentally speaking of Leavenworth, Jim Herbert promised us in June that he'd give us a roster of the colony there this year and we're looking forward to receiving it in time for next issue, so don't forget Jim, hey??? We do know that Barbara and Nick Carter have stayed on there after completing the course, Nick now instructing classes instead of attending. John Murphy, Bill Zook and Bob McAlister are others among the 20 or so of the class there this year. Ann and Lucian Truscott stayed on awhile after the C&GS Course for him to attend the Special Weapons Course after which they took off for new assignment in Germany.

A few bits of random news: Charlie Greer tabbed as being on ROTC duty at Florida State. Say there!! Some other classmates who have ROTC assignments showed up at Belvoir during the months just past. Bill Trefz came from Carnegie Tech, Harry Stewart from North Carolina State, Art Fridl from NYU, and Joe O'Hanlon from Clemson. It's just a hop, skip, and jump from those Dixie institutions to Fort Bragg so let's record the Jack Neffs and Elizabeth and John Linden as being there. Incidentally there were three Lindens going to Japan and four coming back, for there is now a baby sister in the family. There's a new baby sister at the Dick Haleys here in D.C. too. Barbara Marie arrived on 18 August. Dick, incidentally, heard from Betty and Art Lozano and two offspring out at Fort Sill. That was some time ago, though, so can't guarantee they're still there. Lucky them if they aren't!!! AND, we can't say that orders to Fort Sill were the only reason, but Harle Damon got 'em and now the Army ain't got Harle no more! At least it won't have when you read this, for we last saw Rojo over the fourth of July week-end when he flew back with his papers to try to expedite things so he and Bee could be off to Chicago where he joins up with a construction corporation, thereby forming, with Edna May and Bill Combs, a nucleus for the class in the Windy City. Two others tired of being behind the hump are Ted McLendon and Eddie Powers. now civilianized.

Three PIO releases pin point Charlie Rey noldson in Stuttgart, Clarence Driscoll with Eighth Army Headquarters, and Tom Musgrave also in AFFE. Doug Atkins reports in from Munich and also locates Fred Jones in Kaiserslauten. Walt Jagiello was headed in that direction from a PMS&T assignment at Tennessee State when last we heard, also. Walt asks for news of Jim Reints. Anybody have any??? Jerry Briscoe wrote himself to add his news to Arch's back there. He and Nancy should be at Fort Riley when you read this as a result of Operation Gyroscope. Ed Eneboe will also be involved therein. Jerry reports the marriage of Waldo Carbonell but no details. Jerry has been S-3 of 63rd Tank Battalion. Bud McChrystal went from Leavenworth to Carlisle Barracks on an aide assignment.

Nell Preston en route to Tokyo to join Randy, and Barney Broughton will be busy in new assignment here at Pentagon with Staff Communications when you read this. At June Week, Harry Walker and Jim Christiansen came to Woo Poo on a "scouts out" basis since they're both being schooled in New York these days for assignment to the Academy this year.

Bert Bailey's letter is dated back in May but it reached us only in time for this issue so we'll hope this news is still accurate. Bert's name stamp at the end gave the clue as to his own duties, G-3 Air, 2nd Armored Division. John Vallaster transferred to Ordnance and now in Baumholder. Buster Hayden at Mainz with 259th FA Missile Bn; Ed Gudgel and Bob Burgess in Darmstadt, Ed with 216th FA Bn, Bob with 36th FA Group. Steve Day commands 3rd Battalion of 22nd Infantry, Glen Childs then Passive Defense Officer of 12th AF at Ramstein Air Force Base, but due for rotation last June. Bert reports that the WP Dinner in Heidelberg had a much larger turnout for '45 than its companion affair reported by Arch. Loch Caffey continues to be our most reliable informant from Nippon. George Jackson has left there for an ROTC assignment in New York. Fred Rankin transferred from Korea to Yokohama Engineer Depot. Ed Winthrop now at Advance Course at Monmouth. Del Vecchio now with AFFE G-2 Section. Larry Hardin writes to extend a welcome to any classmates traveling near Madrid. I, for one, would love to take Larry and Eleanor up on it. They and their four girls had a holiday visit with Marge and Rey Eckstrom in Naples last May. Another vacation group was made up of the Wade Shafers and the Warren Cobbs who sojourned at Knotts Island, North Carolina. Wade is now at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Warren is a "Mister" in the frozen foods business in Suffolk, Virginia.

It is our sad mission to write the news of the deaths of Bill Brown in a B-57 crash and of Bob English after a protracted illness. Though I do not have the dates, Bob Dingeman tells me that Bob died one day after Bill. The ironic twist here is that the two were roommates. At least we know they have gone in each other's companionship.

One last flurry of news of D.C. visitors. Joe Adams flew in and out the same day when he stopped over briefly to see his brother. Nusbaum seems to have been the only one who saw him. Joe is still at Bliss, Bn S-3 with a missile outfit. A more leisurely visitor was Jim Rasmussen, most welcome. En route from his battery in the boondocks of Fort Hood to the Air-Ground School at Southern Pines, Rass came the long route to spend a week-end here in Washington. Unfortunately we were visited by Hurricane Connie the same week-end so we didn't see as much of Jim as we'd have liked. Man, these big blows really show the Pentagon what a real flap is! Martha and Jim and the kids have been down in Texas since their return from Europe over a year ago. He later wrote that Dale Mahan and Joe Martinez were at Southern Pines when he was, but at time of writing had not seen them to exchange news.

Well, three marriages, several babies, and countless miles later we have reached the end of another column. Daresay I haven't missed much of the available news this time because this particular late Summer issue invariably finds me scraping the bottom of the barrel. But now that you're settled, how about putting me up with the A's on your Christmas Card list??? The ad-

dress is 1404 North 12th Street, Arlington, Virginia. I'll really believe in Santa Claus again if I get lots of cards with lots of news. Meanwhile I'll hope to be watching together with you when we BEAT NAVY. There will be a class party following the Army-Navy game at the Hotel Ben Franklin. All classmates in the area are cordially invited to attend. A joint committee will make the arrangements. Cost will be pro rated as you come in. BEAT NAVY. See ya.

—Jim Alfonte.

1946

Dateline — Bangkok, Thailand. Harlan Koch, his wife Dottie, and his daughter Diane are stationed at the American Embassy where Koch is Assistant Army Attache. They will return to the ZI about 1 June '56. They are involved in some diplomatic social functions, but mostly he spends his time in the jungle. While having not yet come face to face with one of the leopards or tigers Koch has purchased the skins for taller tales upon return to the States.

Taipei, Formosa. Minter Wilson, his wife Helen, and their two daughters Mary and Ann left this area last July for assignment to the 4th Armored Div at Fort Hood, Texas. Tom Constant is now Aide-de-camp to the CG of Army Section MAAG in Taipei address Army Sect., MAAG Formosa, APO 63, San Francisco. After leaving the Arty School in '54 Clarine and Tom were at USMA for June Week. They then travelled west arriving at Camp Stoneman on 2 July '54. They visited Frank Bowen in San Francisco where he is now a lawyer with the firm of Pillsbury, Maddison, and Sutro with offices in the Standard Oil Building. Frank by the way was married 4 December '54. When first in Formosa, Tom was Artillery Advisor to a Corps of the Chinese Army. Clarine and their son Steve are now with Tom. Joe Meerbott is also on Formosa and is advising the Chinese Army on POL matters. The Constants were in Manila at which time they heard that Bill Stone was with the Attache there, however, they did not get to see him.

Seoul, Korea. At the 185th Eng Bn, Bud Sterling, Commanding Co. C. This is Bud's fourth Co. since December. Bud is assigned to the 19th Group with mission of constructing Ascorn City Supply facilities. At Co. C., 44th Eng Bn (Const) Wayne Nichols, with his third Co. since December. Depot building is part of Wayne's work also. All these different company command changes are due to rapid unit changes in Korea. Mike Strain is working for KMAG, advising the comptroller for the ROK Army. Mike's wife is staying in England while he is in Korea. Lew Tixier is serving as Aide-de-Camp to the CG, I Corps. George Hall is assigned to the 443rd QM Bn with POL matters his major responsibility for most of the army in Korea. Leo Miller is working at the Eng Sply Sect 8th Army, APO 301. Bill Pence is S-4 for the 73rd Eng Bn (Const) in the 2d Group. He was C.O. of Co. C. Bob Malley has been with the S-3 Sect. 44th Eng Group at K Cem Z, but has been re-assigned to 8th Army.

Tokyo, Japan. Art Hansen is Chief, Engineering Office for 8231 AU, an automotive rebuild plant in the Tokyo area. Art was CO of the 19th Ord Co, Seoul, Korea. Peg and PaHy age 6 joined Art in May '55 and are now in government qtrs in Tokyo. In the same housing area are Thorton Milton and Bill Richards both with the QM in Yokohama. This past June Rob Hefferon

and his family stayed with the Hansens over night en route from Sendai, Japan to Aberdeen, Maryland. Frank Richter is at Camp Zama, AFFE Hqtrs. Jim Hoey and family departed from Japan in March '55 with possible relocation at White Sands, New Mexico.

Paris, France. Don and Emily Wilson are with SHAPE Hqtrs. With them are their daughters Mary and Terry.

Germany. The Finley tribe is on the move, Joe barely had time to get acquainted with his new job as Asst. G-3, TI&E, 5th Inf Div before he received orders to report to Hq USAREUR on 2 July '55 to become administrative assistant to the Chief of Staff, Major General J. F. Uncles. Virginia and Joe have three youngsters, Becky 8, David 5, and Janet 2. They are scheduled to stay over in Germany until the summer of 1957.

Fort Benning, Georgia. Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. James F. McBroom have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter Mary Cecelia to Captain William C. S. Simpson on Friday, 1 July '55. The Simpsons are now at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Evanston, Illinois. Dave Hinshaw was awarded the Susan B. Wise Theology Prize of \$50 at Garrett Biblical Institute on 4 June '55. The award is given for superior work in the field of systematic theology. Dave is studying at Garrett for his B.D. degree. Garrett is the largest of the ten Methodist theological seminaries.

Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Bill and Claire Bowley and Bill and Ann Horton met at this base this past summer. The men are among those selected to instruct the USMA cadets who went to Maxwell for 2 weeks training in "the Air Force in General". Hortons have another girl Deborah Sue 8 months, that is now 2 boys and 2 girls for them. Hortons are now at their home base Loring AFB, Limestone, Maine. Bowleys are at Enid, Oklahoma.

Fort McPherson, Georgia. The 3rd Army Certificate of Achievement has been awarded to Bob Rheault for "performance of outstanding service as chief, reports and inspections unit, Third Army Schools Unit, and additional duty as chief of the Schools Unit." Bob and Caroline have two daughters Susanne age 8 and Michele age 5. Bob is now with the French Dept., USMA after station at the famous Sorbonne University at Paris.

Columbia, Missouri. Bob Kren has received an A.M. degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri. His thesis was "History of the Antiaircraft Journal 1892 to 1954."

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Caroline Collins, who is doing newspaper work, wrote to announce the first of our class to graduate from the Command and General Staff College. There were 10 members at the Fort all graduated this past June except Jerry Collins who arrived too late to begin the course. He was CO of Hq. Co. at the Fort this past year and is now a student in the regular course CGSC. The others with their new assignments are: Art and Barbara Bugh to G-2 in the Pentagon; Byron and Betty Greene to Europe; Jim and Peggy Ladd to 3rd Armored Div, Fort Knox after cancellation of all Austrian orders; Ken and Joanne Barlow to USCARIB; Bill and Blanche Young to Staff and Fac TAS, Fort Knox; Keith and Mary Jane Zimmerman to Fort Sill as instructor following special weapons course at Fort Leavenworth; Fred and Barbara Alderson to Fort Bragg following special weapons course; Charles and Lolita Hall to 11th Abn. follow-

ing special weapons course; John and Les Hill to Europe following special weapons course. The only addition to these families was Frederick King Alderson, Jr., born 12 March '55 at the post hospital. The class there presented the Aldersons with a silver porringer.

Georgia Tech, Georgia. Ralph Starner and Hal Terrell received their M.S. degrees in E.E. this June. Ralph is now at Fort Sill and Hal at Fort Bliss. Harry Davis and Fred Hickey are presently in school at Tech studying E.E.

Misc. — Al and Bobby Wood and their three sons finish three years in Hawaii with assignment to Fort Benning this past August. Roy Thurman assigned to CGSC, Fort Leavenworth from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Lloyd Dunlap is assigned at Fort Hood, Texas with the III Corps as air liaison officer in the Corps Operation and Training section. Dunlap leaves Shaw AFB, South Carolina. His wife, Helen, and children are now living in Killeen, Texas.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Rolly Desert was at Bragg until 5 August '55; he is now at CGSC, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Dan and Ruth Graham on the faculty of Psy War Sch, Fort Bragg. They have three children. Dan recently transferred to the Inf. and will probably go to TIS for Associate Advance Course. Dave and Joan Peters Aide to CG, General Cleland. The Peters now have a baby girl. Bob and Betty Richmond will be at Bragg with the main body of the 187 RCT. Others at Bragg are Parnly, Lewis, Bentz, and Humphreys.

Livermore, California. An experimental physicist by the name of Bill McMaster is with the University of California Radiation Lab. at Livermore. Bill graduated from the U. of Virginia in 1954 with a PhD in physics. He then had a 5 month tour with AFSWP at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He left Sandia in December '54 for Livermore. On June 6, 1955 Polly gave birth to a boy Mark Alan McMaster at Parks AFB Hosp.

Dallas, Texas. Joe Warren sends his greeting to all from Texas. Joe is in the big gamble of oil with an independent operator in Dallas. He is wildcatting and so far has not hit the big pool I know he's looking for. I'm sure we all wish Joe the best of luck. Joe married Mary Grafe of Dallas on 15 October '54 and they live at 3216 Raleigh, Dallas. Jack Miley has recently visited Joe while on a sales training trip with the Fibre Drum Div, Continental Can Co. Jack as you may know was retired for Phy. Dis. as a result of wounds received in Korea. Jack and Joanne have two girls. Jack expects to work in the Philadelphia area for CCC. Jesse Harris is in Dallas with Proctor & Gamble. Tom Dillon is halfway thru medical school at Southwestern Medical Foundation. At the local (Dallas) Founders' Day Dinner were Pete Burnell and Glen Smith. Pete has one more year to go in his ROTC assignment at Sam Houston Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas. Glen has been with Std Oil of California for about 3 years now and is doing well as a landman. Betty Arnold recently presented Bob with a son. Betty is in Dallas while Bob sits on General Courts Martials in Korea. Bob expects to be back this October. Rufus Garrett is a successful attorney in Fort Worth. He made the highest grade on record for the Texas Bar exam.

McCormick, South Carolina. The Buzhardts announce the birth of their second daughter Jill on 20 June '55. Irene Wesolowski is staying in Columbus with the three children while Tony is in Korea. Bill

and Betsy Griffin with daughters Libby and Brenda live in Charlotte. Joe and Gene Buzhardt hope to join us all at 10th Reunion next June.

Huntsville, Alabama. B. T. "Skip" Strain is now the Air Force Development Field Representative at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville. After leaving training in industry at North American in September '53 he went to the AF Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB as a flight test engineer. He flew as co-pilot on T-29 tests at San Diego and then worked on the F-89d, B-47, C-123 and F-100 before getting his own project on the F-89D. In March he left that project for Huntsville. Irish and Skip have children Barbara (8), Debby (6), and Glenn (5). Rocco Petrone (Ord) transferred from Redstone just before Strain arrived so the only other classmate there is Jerry Bowman who is a project engineer in the R&D Div. Strain left behind him at Edwards AFB Marshall Jones who is in the Power Plant Branch.

In the Pentagon are Ken Van Auken (Ord) in the office of Chief of Ord. and Wes Posvar with Hq. USAF, Plans. Other people Skip Strain sent news about were: Major Ben Bellis in Weapon Systems Project, Wright Patterson AFB working on Mator; Milt and Do Sherman also at Wright where Milt is working on Navaho program; Bob Buckley is a wind tunnel man up at Arnold Eng. Dev. Ctr (Tullahoma) about 60 miles from Huntsville; Roger Lengnick is at Albuquerque in Sp. Weapons; Jim Paschall is at Eglin with the Air Proving Ground Command; Ed Jernigan is in Hollywood with the AF Development Field Office; David Bradburn is in Hq ARDC at Baltimore.

Korean War Memorialization Plaque—Cal Benedict wrote me concerning this plaque which is to be erected in Cullum Hall with the names of all graduates killed in action or as a direct result of action. Our class has eleven such men. Each class is raising funds to defray the cost which is computed on the basis of \$25.00 per man or \$275.00 for our class. The class officers feel all will be willing to support this program. Each classmate may send \$1.00 to the class treasurer marking the funds for this cause. The excess funds will be put into the class treasury for use in a manner consistent with the desires of the class. As you know we have at the Highland Falls National Bank an account which is the Class Fund. Each year a classmate at West Point is appointed as Class Treasurer by the local group. I am unhappy to say I don't know who the present Treasurer is. It would seem that a check payable to Class Fund USMA 1946 would be acceptable and that any classmate stationed at West Point receiving same would turn it over to the proper party. By all means we do want to pay our share and I am certain the present balance will not cover the cost. So everyone must do something about this be it now or next year when I hope to tell you who is Class Treasurer. Benedict is with the 25th Div along with Ireland, Barker, and Bob Patterson. Cal likes Hawaiian duty as who wouldn't. His address Hq 3rd Bn, 35th Inf Regt, APO 25, San Francisco.

That winds it up for this issue. Your reporter Sam France expects to be living at 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey by the time you read this. So once again you all must start to spec a new address for class news. I'm keeping up in moves with you service men at least.

Respectfully submitted,

—Samuel E. H. France.

1947

Well guys and gals, here I am back again; Jack Faith has done a fine job during the past year and the comments I have heard have been most complimentary. However Jack contracted (was drafted) to do the column for one year and at our recent meeting stated that his year was up. I offered to do this one in the absence of volunteers, but not on a permanent basis. There is lots of news to spread out and here goes (please excuse errors or omissions as I am gathering information in a not too systematic manner).

Jim Johnson called a class meeting and 18 of the gang were present. Elections were held and Dick McAdoo was chosen as chairman of the Class Council at West Point.

Of primary note at the meeting was the very unpleasant news that Bob Hoffman has come down with a very serious case of Polio. Bob is on Ward 16B in the Keesler AFB Hospital, Biloxie, Mississippi. The Class is sending Bob a year's subscription to a fine magazine. All who know Hoff can write to him at the address above.

By way of business, a number of things were kicked around. Tom Benson was named as chairman for the publication of our "Ten Year Book". Work is starting now in this direction and cooperation of the Class is badly needed. If you don't receive a letter from Jack Faith (the Secretary of the project) within the next month, then we probably don't have your address, so write to Jack. With a Class as small as ours, we are undertaking a project of considerable size, so help us by giving us your address and support. Write Captain Jack Faith, English Department, West Point, New York. Plans for a big June Week in '57 are being made, under the able direction of Jim Egger. We hope to have a big turnout so make your plans to be with us in '57.

This coming June Week plans are in the hands of Bob Haldane. Hal Richardson was appointed as the Treasurer of our Funds. Hal and Louise are among the new arrivals here at the "Rock", joining the Ordnance Department. Bob and Elise Haldane join Tactics; Jim Egger, MP&L; John and Mary Jo Hoover to Social Sciences; Jack and Lannie Dunham to Physics. Those who departed include Bert and Mary Brennan, who are now in England with a fighter unit; Don Litt, J. J. Murphy and Babbitt all resigned. Al and Pat Haig are exchange "Tacs" at Navy; Wally Griffith to school, then Asst Air Attache in Bangkok.

Bits of news from here and there—Hap Arnold brought back tales from Colorado Springs where Ed Robertson married Jean Ashworth on 11 June. Also attending were Cecil Fox, Jim Enos, Brent Scowcroft and Willy Gray. Rumor has it that Willy Gray is married, let's have confirmation on this Willy! Jack Palmer is at Maxwell Field attending AIC slated to be an AFROTC instructor at Texas A&M. Dean Gauche was at Maxwell attending SOS in July, now is stationed at March AFB. Jack Pearce is at Maxwell as an instructor in Special Weapons. Bert Coffield is flying MATS out of Charleston, South Carolina.

Word of the birth of the future President of Ecuador was received. On 18 April arrived the second child, first son, named Raul Oscar Roca in Town of Quayaquil; daddy invites any of us in Latin America to come see the heir! Write c/o the town above (I have no other address).

Jack and Kathy Sullivan with their five (5) boys visited West Point in late July. They were en route to Fort Knox; where

Jack will serve with the AFF No. 2 Board. Jack, with tribe, vacationed last April for a week at Ellinor Village, Daytona Beach, Florida. I met Jack on the Beach—we both recommend the place to take your family. George and Lee Lynn also visited, they are still at Dugway, Utah. Pat and Marilyn O'Connell, 2012 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul 5, Minnesota, working for the Aeronautical Division of Minneapolis-Honeywell Co. Bill Field (Hirshfield) married on 30 July to Donna Brenner at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. Marvin Stock still a bachelor, address JUSMAG, Thailand, Box B, APO 74, SFC—he's looking for classmates so we'll send him Wally Griffith (what attracts bachelors to that place?). Bev and Bob Rosen are having an "At Home" on Thanksgiving, Qtrs 506A, Fort Richardson, Alaska, RSVP c/o District Engineers, APO 942, Seattle, Washington. A letter from Bob and Ann Baer, with the G-4 Section Central Command, APO 500, SFC. They saw Norm Salisbury and Dan Hering at a West Point dinner; Dan is with G-3 Section, 1st Cav Div.

A letter from Dave Jarvis of the USAF. He has completed an exchange tour with the Ordnance Corps and expects to go to Eglin or Wright-Pat. He met Goose Gossett in the Pentagon. Dave says Sam Starobin is off to Europe after finishing the Engineer School.

Last June we received a lot of poop from Gordon Duquemin in Austria. I've got a feeling that the Dukes, Congers and Nairns are no longer there. Pat and Duke adopted a son, Peter James, who was a year old on 4 July. The Dukes and Congers were present in Salzburg when Bunny Nairn made her debut in the opera as one of the leads—congratulations to the star who joined our class.

Just a word about my status. In the near future I shall appear before a Retirement Board at Walter Reed—a result of Korea. Not certain as to outcome, results in next issue. With 30 others I was a candidate for what might have been a permanent position here as Registrar, USMA. I was the redhot choice until the Academic Board selected between Bob Day ('44) and myself. However, when they checked my Math record as a cadet, I lost face Baaaa! While traveling in Washington, D. C. this summer, I visited with Jim and Pat Ellis in Chevy Chase. They have two boys and a beautiful home. I didn't mind the traffic congestion due to the trolley strike, but the detours caused by A. J. Ellis Construction Co. shows that Jim is doing well.

In closing, a few items I just picked up—Bob and Bonnie McNeil with son and daughter visited overnight here with the Dunhams. Bob is Aide to General George Reed at NATO, stationed at Ismur Turkey, address HALFSEE Navy No. 525 FPO, New York, New York. Bill and Jeannette Grant have been erroneously reported at Georgia Tech, while actually they were at the Univ. of Alabama. Bill is soon to report to Fort Knox. Hugh Bartley is now at 324 Skyline Apts., 753 James St., Syracuse, New York. Shelton Biles is with an Engr Bn of the 1st Cav. John Miller went to FECOM last June. Frank Boerger is in Korea and Barbie, with the four little ones, is in Minnesota.

If you are planning to attend the Army-Navy Game and desire to join us in a after-game dinner and cocktails, please notify J. V. Dunham, Quarters 509F, West Point, New York as soon as possible. We need to guarantee a certain number to reserve any spot, so please be prompt—figure \$5.00 per couple for dinner plus drinks.

—Bill Cooper.

1948

As this column changes hands a Pulitzer Prize and a Well Done to Lowell Genebach whose timely, accurate reporting of the news of '48 made headlines and interesting reading throughout the past year. Keep the news coming. Mail will reach me at the Department of Mechanics, USMA, West Point, New York.

First the news from abroad. Larry Hoyt, having just completed a year as ADC to Major General Clyde Eddleman and now working as Plans Officer, G-3 Section, 4th Inf. Div., writes of the following EUCOM assignments as of July 1955: In the 8th Inf. Regt. Bob Peterson has Heavy Mortar Co., Punk Hartnell B Co., and Jim Blakeslee Tank Co. Jim's orders transferring him from Infantry to Armor came out in July. Phil Day is C.O. of Headquarters Co. V Corps and Sam Holliday aide to C in C Allied Forces Southern Europe. Bill Caldwell, now in G-3 Section 1st Inf. Div., will soon gyroscope to Fort Riley, Kansas. Johnny Wadsworth is in the office of General Honnen, US Commander, Berlin. The Second Armored Division claims Jack Doody as S-3, 43d Armored Inf. Bn. and Tom Bowen in the G-3 Section.

Tom Jones writes that he is in the Engineer Section Berlin Command and that Frank Cancelliere is due in to work with the QM Section. Tom and Jerry have a three bedroom apartment and are looking forward to their 3 year tour there.

Helena and Bill Patch are in Paris with their two boys. Bill is aide to General Schuyler C/S of SHAPE. At Orleans about 1½ hours from the Patches are Smockie and Tom Hoffman.

Donn Starry who "just celebrated the advent of the last hundred days in Korea" brings us up to date on the Far East. Don Deehan has the 7th Div. Recon Co. and Tom Tyree is administrative assistant to General Quill the DC/S, 8th Army. Ed Nelson works in the Secretary General Staff's Office. Jack Waggener is in G-4 and Andy Witko in the railroad business. John Egbert is in the 7th Division Engineer Bn. Fred Tibbetts is still in Hawaii with the 25th Div. Starry is in G-2 Sect., 8th Army.

The Cushings and Whites organized a picnic at Round Pond on September 4th. Present were the Burrows, Webers, Willard Scotts, Malletts, Wursters, McInerneys, Packards, Quanbecks, McEnerys, Cormacks, Adams, Enderles, Wagoners, Whiteheads, Clarks, Genebachs, Sid Berrys, and Burns with the bachelors represented by Whitson, Smith and Walter, and "out of towners" by the Sternburgs, Halls, Chittys, Vreelands and Bandeen.

New Arrivals: John Huntington Mallett born to Sarah and Dave at West Point on 21 August. William Emerson Wagoner born to Jane and Bud on 30 June; also a West Point arrival. Bobby and Roger Conover send word of the birth of Laura Jane on August 24th in Montclair, New Jersey; while Carolyn and Ken Barber report the arrival of their second son, Douglas Hawthorn, in Kansas City last May. Ken is ADC to Major General Crabb, Comdr CADF and is living in Belton, Missouri near Grandview AFB. Margaret Mary Buckley was born 24th July to the John Buckleys in Michigan. Virginia Burchett was born to the Dotys in Baltimore. Sally and Harry Buckley in Heidelberg have a second son, Lawrence. Congratulations one and all.

Gleaned from the Journal of 27 August is news of Lee Doyle's appointment as aide to Major General Willems, CG, 3rd Armored Div., Fort Knox, Kentucky.

While attending the summer session at Purdue Univ. this summer, I ran across

Ed Rudd just starting a 2 year graduate course under the sponsorship of the Ordnance Department. Also saw the Frank Williams and Sam and Alice Cockerham. Sam, just completing his ROTC tour can boast of coaching the national champion drill team.

September finds Bob Kirwan transferred from Riley to Knox and Meinzen, Dingenman, Whitney, Swearengen, Pabst, McCray, and Hatch at Benning. Jay is now a Ranger and Paratrooper.

From Wright-Patterson AFB courtesy Dick Brill comes news of '48 there. In Air Development Center, are Waldo Bertoni, Wilho Heikkinen, Bill Lynch, and Brill. Jim Muehlenweg, Jake Pompan, and Walt Weller are in Air Materiel Command. Dick Stein works in USAF Institute Technology and Moe Selig and Andy (A. B.) Anderson are students there. Stu Young just left to teach math at the Air Force Academy, where he will join R. O. Barton. Moe and Andy should be in the middle of a PCS—Moe to MacDill AFB and Andy to Lake Charles AFB. Bill reports several transients: George Rutter, Connally AFB, Texas; Arnold Braswell, Luke AFB; Ben Jacobellis with Chief Signal Corps, Washington; Mort Mumma, Williams AFB. Kay and Dick Brill have bought a little three bedroom brick home at 517 Chaucer Road and hope to see "any and all troops that pass through these parts". Jay Josephs is stationed at ARDC HQ Baltimore and Dick Miner at Lockbourne AFB near Columbus, Ohio. Miner is going to instruct at the Air Academy.

A fine letter from Irv Schoenberg brings news from Washington, D. C. George Thomas is still an executive assistant to Lieutenant General Everest, DC/S for Operations. John Pickering, with his MA in Business Administration from Harvard, is in Officers Assignment Branch (Air Force) in the Pentagon. "Pinky" Jack Miller is still aide to Lieutenant General Palmer now Deputy C/S under General Taylor. Jim Richardson is now in the Army JAG. The amazing Paul Weaver, just back from North Africa where he was a Wing Adjutant and now on his way to the Far East, has been spending his spare time working on his Doctor's thesis. Irv, still a White House aide, is in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force in Legislative Liaison.

Steve Griffith and Anne are settled in Georgetown with two small sons very near Steve's studies at Georgetown University.

Here and there around the Stateside posts are Norm and Carol Robinson and Jim and Betty Walk at Fort Ord, California; Dave and Benning Garrison and Kit and Glen Wilhide at Fort Lewis, Washington; Ann and Tom Ware at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and Squeak and Charlotte Webber at Camp Carson, Colorado. Wally Williams and Babs are still with ROTC at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The Macklins are at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and Sally writes that Jim is very pleased with his work in JAG there. Charlie Sunder was due to arrive in September to attend the advanced course in the Transportation School.

Lake Churchill sends news from El Paso way. Johnny and Betsy Edwards and Art and Marge Barondes are at Holloman AFB 100 miles north. Ash and Marian Foote, Pierce and Barbara Gaver, Ken and Carol Olson, Bugs and Elaine Beinke are all at Bliss. Lake and Jug Haskell continue to hold down the fort as bachelors. Ashby and Pierce are in the school and Ken the signal representative at Board No. 4. Bugs and Jug are with Nike units, and Lake himself is a Nike test officer at the Board.

Jack Creed has left IBM and is planning to enter Georgetown Law School this fall.

Recent visitors to West Point: Les and Ginny Carter still with ROTC at Western Maryland College and Chris and Jim McRay with daughter Keri Lynn en route to the Inf. Adv. course. Bill and Louise Shuster came through in July, and on the 16th some of the class got together at the club for supper. Present were the Keans, Malletts, Webers, Shusters, Cushings, Whiteheads, Willard Scotts, Allens, Wagoners, and Bud's Mother, McInerneys, and Joan Cormack, Lyle Walter and Lowell Genebach. Shuster has just received orders for Far East.

The class of '48 welcomes a new bride—Congratulations to Jess and Jo Hendricks way down South in New Orleans.

—Tom Cormack.

1949

Recently I received a number of letters from different ones and shall try and include all the news in this article. If some of the news that you have sent in is not reported, it will be because of time and space and I shall include it in a later issue.

I received a letter from Major Les Harris, who is stationed at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and is still flying B-47's. To my knowledge, Les is the first Major in the class but perhaps there are others. If so, please let us know who you are so that we can report them in the next issue. Congratulations, Les, on your promotion.

Les reported that he had seen Dave Krimendahl in May when he stopped at Indianapolis. In June Les saw Carl Arantz at Barksdale and learned that Carl's brother had recently been killed in an air accident. Carl, haven't heard from you in some time. Let us know where you are. Les reported also that George Wentsch recently was written up in the August issue of Combat Crew, which is the S.A.C. monthly magazine, as George had a narrow escape in landing a B-47. I suppose that many of you have heard the story and particularly those in the Air Force.

A letter from Bill Nordin reports that he is struggling with mathematics at Purdue along with Frank Clark and Frank Barnes. Bill reports that all of them will be leaving LaFayette, Indiana, sometime next June. A letter from Jim and Suse Steele reports that presently they are stationed at Fort Meade as Jim is assigned as Ass't. S-3 on the Post Staff; before leaving Augsburg, Germany, they had a reunion with the Bob Fallons and Jack Forests. They had also seen the Snuffy Smiths and Jack Fatums.

Ted Swett has written that before leaving Germany to attend the Advanced Course at Fort Benning starting in August, he had seen Lou Messinger and Dave Colgan who are in the Air Force there. Ted reports also that Clay Moran and Jack Bender were with him at the Founders Day Reunion in Heidelberg in March.

Ed Yellman has written in that he was to be married in Massachusetts in June and classmates Earl Ford, John Paulson and "Tiger" Howell were to be ushers. Ed is presently taking Textile Engineering at Rowell Tech and expects to receive his Masters Degree next June. Ed reported also that he had seen Earl Ford and Ben Suttle at M.I.T. who are taking graduate work.

Recently heard from Jim Poore that he is now being transferred to the Air Force and is undergoing pilot training at Graham AFB, Marianna, Florida. Jim has three

girls and seems to like the Air Force much better than the Airborne Infantry. Glad to have heard from you, Jim, and hope that you will let us in more on what you are doing in the future.

John Sutton, who is in the Transportation Corps at Fort Lee reports that a number of 49ers showed up for the play of LOGEX, Transportation Corps players including himself, Duane Smith, Jack Carr, Bob Erbe, Jim Lampros and Dick Morton. Engineering Corps players included George Stukhart, Ed Townsley and Bernie Greenbaum. Dick Morton is on his way to a year at the University of Heidelberg to study German and then will return next year to U.S.M.A. as a language instructor.

A news release came through that Tom Stockton has been appointed Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Bowdoin College. The Turner Croonquists and J. A. Wilson's report that they both recently had daughters in May and April respectively. The Jamisons reported receiving orders to report to Nouasseur, French Morocco on August 25th. Jack and Gloria Hammack are now in Tulsa, Oklahoma and their address is 1722-A East 22nd Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. I believe that Jack recently resigned his commission. The Mort Camerons are at Shaw AFB after his exchange duty with the Marines. Frank Neef is with ADC doing a year's tour at Goose Bay, Labrador. I understand that his wife and child are in the States. Joe Guthrie is at Randolph as a B-47 instructor, and Bill Dederick is presently stationed as an ROTC instructor at M.I.T. Dick Schoeneman is at Nellis. Bob Swantz has reported the following:

"He is starting his third year in the Headquarters, Air Research and Development Command, Baltimore, Maryland and has recently moved to Annapolis.

"Frank Bondurant graduated from the Harvard Business School this month. He was married on April 2nd—his wife's name is Sally. His plans are to join the General Electric Co. Hugh Kinney was married on September 25th, 1954, and has recently announced the arrival of Hugh Kirk. He is stationed at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

Bill Liddicoet has been transferred recently from W-P AFB to Los Angeles, California. He's still with the AF. Dee and Bill have two children. Andy Lay was graduated from the graduate school at MIT this month. He was studying automatic computing devices in the Electrical Engineering School. Bob and Barbara Orem and family left the Univ. of Illinois this month after he had completed graduate work there. He hoped to go to W-P AFB. Dan Guyton is studying graduate Civil Engineering at Georgia Tech. Also, Paul Fleri is the only other 49er in the Baltimore area. He's assigned to a Signal Batt. at Fort Meade."

Larry Ogden recently has been transferred from the PMS&T at Pennsylvania Military College to Fort Benning to take the Advanced Infantry Course.

I hope to see some of you at one or two of the football games this year and if there are any reunions or parties to be held, please spread the news so the class will be well represented.

—John Saalfeld.

1950

7 September 1955, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Not too many letters this time but that's okay—we did take up plenty of space in the last issue. Fifth Reunion news was

covered then, but I have a letter from Jack Murphy giving us the poop on the business meeting held during June Week. The following items were discussed and agreed upon:

1. Our Representative for any and all functions and activities at West Point will be a Class Officer. If no Class Officer is present, then the senior Army or Air Force Officer stationed at WP will assume the duties of Class Representative. In addition, this classmate will be the personal representative of the Class Historian and assist him in any way possible.

2. There will be no Class Memorial at this time other than the Cullum Hall Plaques denoting Class Battle Deaths. (D/A determines Battle Deaths.)

3. Class Elections—to fill the vacancies created by the deaths of Pete Monfore and Bob Pierce, Vice-Pres. and Historian respectively. Jack will select a committee to handle post card balloting and allied data and we will all be notified accordingly. The following slates were selected by the group of classmates attending the Reunion. For Vice-Pres.—Walt Vannoy, George Vlisides, Bill DeGraf, Vern Kinner, and Walt Baxter. For Historian—Charlie Eshelman, Lou Genuario, Dave Hughes, Joe Love, and Gail Wilson.

4. Class Fund was considered adequate for present needs.

5. Index for Howitzer—Class fund will cover cost of printing alphabetical index for the Howitzer. The index will show Company, page on which picture appears, and wife's name.

6. Class Swagger Sticks—Matter referred to a committee for collection of data and recommendations.

Thank you, Jack—we'll be looking forward to more news regarding the above items.

Other letters received this quarter came from Hank Strickland, Norm Hubbard, Dick Lorette, Paul Vanture, Les Holcomb, Jack Crittenberger, Larry Jackley, and Lou Reinken.

Hank Strickland is at the Univ. of Southern California with Frank Baish and Frank King in the Army's Guided Missile Program working on a Masters in Mechanical Engineering.

Norm Hubbard writes from Salt Lake City, Utah where he is an Instructor in the ROTC Unit at the Univ. of Utah. By now he has spent his six weeks of summer camp at Fort Lewis and should be back at school preparing to coach the freshman basketball team.

Dick Lorette was at Mather AFB, California expecting to go to a B-47 outfit in Abilene, Texas or in Little Rock Arkansas. Jim Cronin and Bob Ableman are at Mather also; Jerry Rusch and Bob Whiting are at Castle AFB as Observers on B-47 crews.

Paul Vanture was listed in the "Whereabouts Unknown" column in the April issue of *Assembly*, but now we've found him—or he's found us!! He's presently the "harried S-3" of a Nike Missile Bn. at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Les Holcomb — at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in the 25th Div with the following: John Goldsmith, Sandy Sanderson, Ralph Detherow, Jack Mackmull, Bill Davis, and Francis Therrien. Goldy was recently married no further news on that item though.

Jack Crittenberger writes from Heidelberg, Germany where he is "one of the many peons" in USAREUR HQ. In that area also are Frank Sailer, QM Div., and George Lear, Eng Div. Jack expects to return in September '56 for the Advanced Course at Knox.

Larry Jackley—Hey, your note doesn't

tell us where you are. We do know that you're with the 77th Special Forces Group, Airborne. Benning or Bragg, I presume!! With Larry are Bill Bloss, Pete Hayes, and John Truesdale.

Lou Reinken is at Norfolk, Virginia where he is Adjutant of the 3rd AAA Gp. Ronnie Rovenger is Missile Officer in the 38th AAA Missile Bn. at Norfolk; Mal McMullen, Buzz Baxter are at Langley AFB; Howie Blanchard is at Fort Eustis in a Light Aviation Transportation Co; and George Middleton is presently in an AAA Gp. in Detroit, having completed school at Bliss a few months ago.

A recent press release noted that John McCleary has been associated with the summer training program of National Guard and Reserve Units at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Attending the Advanced Course at Belvoir are the following: Gerry Kelley, Manley Rogers, Paul Triem, Ira Ward, Karl Weber, Dick Ewan, Ray Hansen, Mal Johnson, Ben Lewis, Charlie Osterdorf, Jack Parish, Russ Preuit, Bill Read, Ed Stefanik, Jim Thompson, Jim Trayers, and I. About half the class has been sent on Flood duty to the recent disaster areas in the Northeastern States and will probably be gone for another month or so. From the 9th to the 15th of October we all go on a trip to Benning so we should have quite a time with the rest of our class there.

Only a few BABIES reported this time . . . let's not forget the Average, now! Boys to Barbara and Carm Milia, Florence and Herb Underwood, Mary Lou and Lou Reinken, Dahl and Norm Hubbard. Girls to Freddie and Frank Wondolowski, Rickey and Wade McCormick (June '54), Mary and George Morrissey (June '54). The Underwoods (2 of each) and the Wondolowskis (3 boys, one girl) have joined the "We own FOUR—We want More???" Club. Charter members, in this order, are: the Singers, Genuarios, Hansens, and the Workmans. We're running a membership drive so for further information as to how to qualify, contact us!!!

—Lou Genuario.

P.S. Just received a note from Ed West at MIT with Dave Carlisle, Tom Loper, Bob Wilson, and Harry Coyle. Apparently Bob is raising the academic standards at "The Factory". Ed says that they all plan to go to New Haven this fall to wave slide rules and log tables for the Rabble. Say Ed, do you know the difference between Harvard and MIT? Harvard humanizes the scientists, while MIT Simonizes the Humanists!!!

—L. V. G.

1951

It occurs to me as I begin this article, and after reading the past *Assembly*, that it won't be too many more months before five years have come and gone, and it will be time for us to enjoy the first of many five year reunions. Something to definitely look forward to and plan on.

A glance at the mail indicates that we're a little shy on news this time. Any gathering of or assignment of classmates anywhere is always news to those who aren't there, so a few lines this way any time you have a free moment would certainly be appreciated by all.

Another glance at the same mail indicates quite a few blessed events over the past few months. Donald reported to Alice and Elmer Birdseye in Frankfurt, Germany on the 28th of May 1954. Another son David

Herbert to Cynthia and Bill Scheumann at Fort Knox on the 6th of November 1954. Michael proved to be Dolly and Bruce Bailey's third at Fort Bliss in March 1955. Some pink in the form of Jeanne came to Eda and John Moroney at Fort Bliss in April. Rose and Al Costanzo made room for Christopher Albert on the 1st of May at Valley Forge Army Hospital. B. J. and Bill Crouch celebrated Deborah's arrival at Fort Bliss in May. Mary Anne greeted her parents Phyllis and George Bicher at Fort Belvoir on the 2d of June. Jean and Fred Rockwell added John Browning to their morning report on the 9th of July at Murphy Army Hospital. John Little VIII made Anita and John Moffat proud parents on the 14th of July at Fort Lee, Virginia. Brian Arthur, born at Murphy Army Hospital on the 16th of August, found his home with Susan and Ron Roberge. Good sleeping all!

Only a few reports on the fatal step: that of Henry and Mary Agnes Evans in Baltimore and Dick and Lynn Wells at Fort Carson. It is understood that Frank Winfield finally broke down and although Don Schwartz was kind enough to send along an announcement it didn't arrive so details are lacking.

Several resignations to report: Howie Williams, Jim Guyer, John Moroney, and Don Kasun.

Paul Coughlin received the BSM for service on Okinawa recently. Paul is now Ass't PIO in HQ, RYCOM.

A very nice note was received from Dorie Leyshon which indicates that Dave certainly would be proud of young Laura Lee, now three years old.

The West Point contingent of '51 appears to be growing steadily. Latest look around the "Rock" finds Hank Otten, Bob Johnson, Ed Markham, Bill Louisell, John Lewis, and Bruce Ackerson. Rumor has it that Bill is sitting on the pouring end of the table in the Tactical Dept.

Some miscellaneous items show Phil Gwynn attending Wharton School of Business at the U. of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; Bob Snyder and Bill Monsos sporting ROTC assignments; Don Schwartz now Bn S-2, 56th FA Bn at Fort Carson; the Herb Roths arrival for a tour at Fort Knox; and Jack Craigie, now with the 510th Fighter-Bomber Sqdn at Langley, participating in a formation flyby for his father's retirement ceremonies.

Nub Reed wrote from Maxwell AFB at the Sqdn Officers School that in the same class were Lou Bretzke, Dain Milliman, Howie Peckham, Joe Crocco, and Ken Hite. Nub and Bill Allen are together at Hunt-

er AFB in Savannah, Georgia, Bill with the 2nd Air Refueling Sqdn and Nub with the 49th Bb. Sqdn. In his travels Nub notes seeing Don Roloff in Waco, Texas entering AOB School and Bill Malouche at a Founders Day Dinner at Hunter. Bill was TDY to Camp Stewart from Fort Bragg.

Elmer Birdseye is now enjoying an assignment as Ass't PMS&T at Cornell (125 Grandview Court, Ithaca) and would like to see anyone stopping through that way. He reports seeing Dud Thompson before leaving Frankfurt, on his way for a year's graduate work at Purdue.

A recent and welcome face here was Joe Smith, who came up as a part of the emergency rehabilitation program for the New England area damaged by the floods. Joe, actually TDY from the Engineer Advanced Course at Fort Belvoir, indicates Dave Carter, Tom James, Andy Remson, and Fred Irving are in the class also. Fred is a recent transfer from Armor.

The picture included is that of what appears to be a partially controlled mob scene snapped by Bob Snyder at a '51 party at Fort Bliss. Included in the picture (I'll not attempt the wives since I know only a few and don't have a list) are Bruce Bailey, Don Anker, Henry Evans, Frank Hamilton, Ted Atkeson, Bill Monsos, Joe Luger, Jim Keeley, Bill Depew, Bob Dean, Bill Crouch, Pete Thorsen, John Moroney, Ed Van Keuren, Jack Ross, Dick Ryan, and M. S. Grant. Not in the picture: Bob Howes and Bob Snyder. Between swapping lies and catching up on each other, a good time was had by all.

That wraps up this issue's report. Let's fill in some more space next issue by writing Lieutenant R. L. Harris, 362 Lexington St., Watertown 72, Massachusetts.

—Buck.

1952

The memorial to the class KIAs that I mentioned in the last issue has been confirmed with the Association of Graduates. The cost will be about \$125.00 for our class. Details on financing it later. Those to be so honored are Cummings, Inman, Koenig, Lockard, and Shea. I have also tentatively confirmed this list of names.

News of the class is too scarce. Suggest you include the class rep on your list for change of address then pen a small note on the card. All for two cents!!

Alaska reported in via John and Marjorie Aker who proudly announce the arrival of Cynthia Jane (second girl) on 9 February

'55 at Fairbanks. John is a Bn Adjutant with the 4th Inf. The Akers are looking forward to stateside duty in the fall and are hoping for Fort Bragg. Last November 22nd Bill and Joan Schroeder, also with the 4th Inf, also had a girl (Karen Joan) also awaiting stateside orders. Stephen Lindsay MacGarrigle was born to proud parents on 29 March in Alaska, shortly before they moved to the Baltimore area where George is now at school at Fort Holabird. Nancy and Dave Boone are reported to be in the Chicago area with newly arrived David Morgan Boone, born in January 1955.

In Japan both Blair Buckley and Pinto Holt have participated in the Far East Rifle and Pistol Matches. Holt took a 1st in three events and traveled with the team to Benning for the All Army Matches. Blair is with Hq Co KCOMZ and Pinto is in Co M 8th Cav Regt.

Bud Corbridge is in a lush sounding job—Advisor to the Army Reserves in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Simonets second son James Francis was born on 18 March. Ken is kept busy between studies and boys and expects to remain at Bryan for another year. Bob and Audrey Dunn are still at Fort Dix and there seems to be a dearth of classmates there. Bob is now Aide to General Ward after a pretty rough year with the troops. Ray and Betty Espey and son Johnny (expecting number two momentarily) are at Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Ray is instructing at Ranger school. Leo and Claire Lennon at Fort Myer announced the arrival of their first, a girl, Deborah Ann on 29 July. Hank Hollander has received his orders from the Pentagon Signal Section to Stanford University. Tom Brodin sees his wife only occasionally now that he is on ROTC duty in the midwest. Tom travels and Bobby sees him in between trips. Gerry Gibbs is currently going through Ranger school.

Tom Rehm, agent No. 1 sends much news from Texas. Tom is with CCA, 4th Armored. Jack Withrell, also with the 4th Armored, and wife just had a baby girl; Sam Wetzel is an Adjutant with the 512 AIB; Jim Rodriguez with 553rd is contemplating a return to Hawaii. I also hear Bob Wells, Hildebrand, Bradley, Don Ross and Bob Pfeil are resigning. I voice the sentiments of the class in expressing our sorrow at your departure but you certainly have our best wishes for success in your new work and our continued hope that you will keep in touch. Mac Gowan is now Aide to General Waters and plans to go to Yugoslavia in October. Bill Horn is recently of the 16th Engrs at Hood, now of El Paso Dist Engrs. Also at Hood—Craig Alderman a Co Cmdr with the 13th Tankers; Carl Guess in 1st Armored commuting from nearby home in Temple. Word is that Red Day recently married a Texas girl. How about the facts, Red? Pete Withers, Dick Richards, and Bert Toepel are in light aviation school at San Marco. John Claybrook is at Benning teaching the machine gun and keeping out of Phoenix City. Orin Hilmo is out of the Air Force and may soon be in the Army? Thanks to Agent No. 1.

According to the Army Times, Orville Ireland and John Sadler as well as Bill Myers have also resigned. Again, the class will miss you but won't forget you.

Don and Pat Pafford are now in Arlington, Virginia. Don is with the White House Signal section. Pat, Don and daughter Kathy just moved from Camp Gordon where Jack and Bonnie Biddle are located. Jack may soon be a civilian too. Anyone in D.C. be sure to look up the Paffords at 5112 Seventh Rd., South, Arlington 4. Don and Nadia Lasher are now the proud parents of a boy born early in August. Finally the 24th



Class of '51 Party at Fort Bliss.

Div. is out of Korea and Bob Leach, wearing a Bronze Star, came with it. Arden joined him by the next freighter and they are now settled outside Camp Younghans in a converted Japanese storage vault complete with fish pond and rock garden. They expect to head stateside in December. Bob is Asst S-3, 82 FA. Also at Camp Younghans (Northern Honshu) are Joann and Charlie Hoenstine and daughter Susie; and at Sendai is Walt Parks, general's aide for General McGaw. Bill Mitchell's new wife is the former Miss Judith Parisette (Judy) and the big date was 22 January in Ozone Park, New Jersey. Thank you Bill Landon.

Harry Baird is a civilian cattle rancher now at Route 2, Lake Wales, Florida. Harry is recently of the 25th Div. in Hawaii where also were Jack Kleberg, Jack Pilk, Footh Elmore, Bob Durie, Joe Hannon and Eddie Eckert. Harry says the cattle business is not quite like the movies portray but is satisfying. He would like to hear from Gil and Ellen Burns, Bennie Reaves and Mone Ascensio. So would we!

Doug Slingerland is at 8th Army Hq in Japan now. Doug Ludlam is on a 4 year tour at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo with the 56th Weather Recon. and finds the assignment very "fat". He is flying WB-29s (and soon WB-50s) in North Pacific and East China Sea and has 2,000 hours in already, including 5 typhoon penetrations. Doug has also been in the SJA business. June and children Laura (15 July '53) and Lyle (31 October '54) are enjoying Japan with Doug.

Nearby Yokota are Jim Underwood, navigating B-57s, Tom Hobbs with FEAF Intelligence, Howell Hodgskin at Yokohama. Doug and June would like to get addresses of John Morgan, C. V. Jackson. Classmates in the area please call Yokota 77825.

Sincere congratulations from all to all who have blessed the class with little drags and ducrots, to all those who are or have celebrated anniversaries and or weddings. Welcome to the class new wives and children.

With the three year mark behind us there are bound to be many changes in the near future so keep the class informed. Resignations, weddings, births, new assignments and the impressions you receive are

of interest to your friends. Undoubtedly arrangements for your Fifth Reunion will be in the mill soon and it will be important that we know where everyone is. WRITE.

For one more year I will be at House 42, Court C, West State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana, or write c/o the *Assembly*.

—Dave.

1954

Greetings: to all. Fall of '55 finds '54 represented in Germany, Austria, Korea, Alaska, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Texas, and the old U.S. Flying classmates are sporting wings, married classmates are sporting little ones, and all are looking forward to silver bars and a football victory over Navy. Now for news.

The Cup: was taken well in hand by Our Godson, Chris Tomsen, at a presentation party at Fort Campbell. Thanks to Janice and Ed Pawloski for sending pictures and following write-up:

"Feeling proud and prolific, the troopers of the 11th Airborne Division and their wives met at Fort Campbell Officers' Country Club on 30 July for a cocktail dinner party to present Tiny and Dorothy Tomsen the "Cup." With about 10 couples vying for the supreme honor, class Big Chief Bill Schulz had his IBM multi-math machines grind away for months to unearth the winner and heap the distinction on our Tiny and Dot Tomsen.

"Among the celebrants were Fred and Elsie Lindsey (expecting), Jim and Susie Chandler, John and Terry Eitel (expecting), Jim and Mary Lou Henry (married in July), Jack and Joan Kincaid (baby), John and Barbara Miller (December wed), Bill and Loretta Winston (baby), Jim and Mary Allison (February wed), Joe and Gretchen Peisinger (baby), George and Lynn Guy (expecting), Lou and Gladys Mentillo (expecting), Wally Carlson (wife expecting), Warren Palmer, Ted Neu, John Klingberg, and myself with wife Janice (steno on post).

"Unable to attend were: Almon, Allen, Bahin, Boe, Buckley, Creath, Cutolo, Hicks, Muth, the Van Valkenburgs (honeymoon-



Class of 1954's Godson, Chris Eris, and the Cup.

ing), Wagner, Whitley, Purdue, the Ank-lams (on way to Germany), the Eltons, the Jesse Moores (baby), the Lochners (baby).

"Fred Lindsey was Master of Ceremonies. He and Elsie got the group together. Peisinger and Klingberg snapped the pictures.

"Most of us are going to Germany—Augsburg and Munich. Some of us are going in November—and all should be there within six months thereafter."

Over There: Enjoying "a lot of field duty and border duty, but all good experience" are five representatives of '54 in the 370th Armored Inf Bn. They are Bill Schulz and Andre Lucas in A Co, Bill Odum in B, Don Shebat in C, and Dave Thorsen in D. Lee Schulz writes of "large five-room apartments, nicely furnished and new. Living in Munich is interesting—there is so very much to see and do. I'm sure it will take the whole three-year tour to feel even vaguely familiar with this town. We all had nice trips to Bremerhaven to pick up cars."

Six engineers — Wilbur Buckheit, Fred Galloway, Ed Keiser, John Purdy, Carl Stark, and John Tilley — graduated from Special Demolitions Course at Fort Belvoir, lived it up on a 30-day leave, then reported to Fort Dix on July 5. The Air Force gave them a 15-hour trip to Frankfurt, and then the Corps of Engineers scattered them all over Germany.

John Marcus flew TWA from Germany to New York last June to help this civilian get married. Then the next week got himself engaged to one Rosamond Dougherty of New Rochelle. Back in Germany a few weeks later with leave and cash all gone, Johnny had problems. So, come November Roz will take the boat to Germany and stroll up the aisle to Johnny there at Darnstadt.

Also seen in Germany are Jim Kriegh, Ben Breslauer, Dick Tyler, Bill Epling, and Seb and Sandy Lasher. The Lashers were transferred from Austria to Stuttgart.

Down There: at Camp Losey, Puerto Rico, George Calhoun and Pete Johnson "have at long last shaken off the siesta in Sunny Puerto Rico and boned up enough strength to depress the keys on the portable. We are 15 strong at Camp Losey, not



Tiny, Dorothy, Chris Eric Tomsen, The Cup, and Class of '54 at Fort Campbell at Presentation Party.

counting wives and dependents. Camp Losey is a regimental post slightly beyond commuting distance from the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, although 'San Juan John' Koun (as he has come to be known here) has not yet learned this. Nearest community, eight miles west of the post, is Ponce, which is noted for its brilliantly colored fire house and good-looking women. Many nice young ladies here, but unfortunately for the bachelors, their chaperones intend to keep things that way. . . usual situation is for mothers to go right along on the date. Weather is almost perfect, sunshine every day, and a dry heat that is usually bearable. . . duty hours are long and full run is only 75c a fifth!"

Married folks at Camp Losey are George, Jane, and Laurie Jane Calhoun; Luke, Nancy, and Luke, Jr. Callaway; John, Dorothy, and John, Jr. Farrar; Jan and Jane LeCroy; Pete and Peggy Johnson; Lou and "Button" Ginn; Charlie and Joan Storrs; Jim and Marilyn Burris; Ed and Joan Freeman. Bachelors are Dick Boyle, Dale Danford, Jack Galvin, Charlie Hanson, John Koun, and Ken Kramer.

Way Over There: 15 engineers are representing '54 in Korea. Bob Riese, Paul Driscoll, Mark Kortum, Maury Leiser, and Lou Mologone are with the 7th Inf Div; Mark McDermott, Harry Hilt, and Kerly Barrand in 24th Div; Max Janairo and "Turk" Benfer in 36th Engr Gp; Bob Harvey, Ed Druge, Hugh Robinson, Viril Haas, and Jim Ransone in 2nd Engr Gp.

Korea "isn't too bad, not as horrible as some people make it out to be." But the big question is: "What we engineers are trying to figure out is where are the representatives of the other branches?" Well, Bill Cory has the answer. Leaving Fort Lewis, September 26, Bill expects to be the first of the Infantry to join the troops in Korea.

Overseas Veterans: are Jim Henry, Fletch Buckley, Ed Cutolo, Jim Allison, Gerry Van Valkenburg, and Jesse Moore. They claim the first complete overseas tour after a trip to Panama on "Exercise Jungle Jim" from April to June.

Good Deal: of the summer goes to Jesse Moore, who "had an appendix out had an attack and all that stuff. . . was hospitalized 10 days and got convalescent leave for another 21 days."

Celebrity: of the summer is Bob Badger who visited Fort Sill in July for the All-Army swimming meet, and took second place in the breast stroke event. (Pete Wittered wasn't able to visit Sill, as he was taking a Motors Course in Detroit.)

Thanks: to Mrs. Thomas Healy, Sr., for news of Tom, Jr., and classmates. Mrs. Healy braved Fort Hood's dust and 100-plus temperatures for a 10-day visit with Tom and Gloria. Tom has a platoon in 4th Armored Div. He and Gloria (Sam Field's sister, incidentally) live next door to Pat and Shirley Dyer. Tom and Pat expect to meet up with quite a few others of '54 at "Sage Brush" maneuvers in Louisiana this fall.

Form DD 415: is that change-of-address notice that doesn't cost a cent, but tells everybody where you're going. One of them did find its way to my mail box: Glen Stout is on the move from Fort Riley to Btry A, 40th FA Bn, 10th Inf Div Arty, APO 162, c/o Postmaster, New York.

Life in the Air Force: finds wing-laden classmates off to advanced schools. Greta Mae and Ken Haff broke themselves from "the list of no and slow correspondents" to report from Greenville AFB, Mississippi. Receiving wings August 1 were Pat Murphy, Loren Hart, Don Hutchinson, Don Lewis, John Morris, Rudy Wacker, and

Scott Wetzel. Now they are off to Moody, Georgia, or Perrin, Texas, for F-89, 94-C, or 86-D. Graduation for Ken and others was delayed a month because of weather so foul that "sometimes it's so bad the birds don't fly."

At Laredo September 15 meant graduation for Bob Gray, Duke Fredericks, Jake Diebold, and Bob Kaiser. Now they take observer training at James Connally AFB, Waco, Texas, prior to entering the B-47 phase. Jody Rude, Al Hamblin, and George Kronsbein received wings at Laredo and moved to Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Florida, for all-weather school with the F-86-D.

At Webb AFB Phil Brewster, Dave Scott, and Johnny Wintrode graduated August 1 and packed for F-84 school at Del Rio. From there they'll be going to Luke AFB for 19 weeks.

Random notes find Scott Wetzel in Germany "having a bawl," before he returns to Greenville AFB as a flight instructor. Jim Higgs is taking advanced training at West Palm Beach; his home base is Dover AFB, Delaware. John Weiler put in ten weeks at Special Investigations College, Washington, D. C. Then he and Rosemary packed up the Cadillac and trekked back to Lowry AFB, Denver, for more "private-eye" work.

Fort Bragg: has Bill Barnes back with the 505 after finishing Special Forces School. Bill and Sally have a house in Southern Pines. Jerry North is a battery exec. Bill Hauser spent six weeks at Fort Jackson with his battery training reserves. "A lot of fun and learned a lot about artillery while teaching it." Bill just finished CBR school at Bragg and "learned how to drop bombs, bubonic plague germs, and nerve gas on the peace-loving proletariat."

Fort Campbell: is the home of Our Godson and the 11th Airborne—"a pretty good outfit you can usually find someone in worse shape than you are . . . and this jumping is 'all right.'" Three signal corpsmen are there in 511th Signal Co: Jesse Moore, Joe Bahin, and Bill Almon. Jesse, Joan, and David, are going to Europe on "Gyroscope." Jesse leaves in December on the advance party and says, "I had concurrent travel, now I don't. . . one of those deals where you don't know what you've got till you've had it. We 'young' officers won't take dependents with us regardless of the PIO releases."

Fort Sill: is the "frontier" home of seven—"Brick" Brickwell, Freddie Attaya, Jim Chapman, Bob Clarke, Bob Cottle, George O'Brien, and Joe Palumbo. Chapman, Cottle, and Palumbo are bachelors yet and report the prospects at Sill aren't the best. Chapman is a Battery Exec in 534th Armored FA Bn and is attending a 16-week communications course—"a pretty good deal, but must admit it shook me for a while." Cottle spent the summer lounging in the hills of Pennsylvania training National Guard outfits at Indiantown Gap—six hours from home and two hours from New York City. Attaya had a starting slot on Sill's football team, All-Army Champions in '54, but banged up his ankle and had to call it quits. O'Brien and Palumbo are looking forward to "Sage Brush" in Louisiana swamps this fall.

Miscellany: Wes Gritton and Ron Lemanski spent the summer at Camp McCoy training National Guard and Reserves, then back to Fort Carson. Bob Gray reports on whereabouts of Juan Favole: after a year's work at Hotel New Yorker "Chich" married Martha Tolon in Havana, June 8, honeymooned in New York, then returned to Cuba for a job with Havana's big radio-TV outfit. Joe Feiler, ex-'54, is flying with the Air Defense Command in up-state New

York, "keeping the Russians from our door."

Released from PIO: Bill and Carolyn Archer are with 2d Inf Div at Fort Lewis, Washington. Nick and Patricia Barnes are at Fort Richardson, Alaska, with 42d Engineer Const Bn. PIO adds that Nick is "undergoing intensive training while guarding the northern approaches to the U.S."

Suggestion: sent by an Engineer asks about "a '54 reunion at Christmas time? Perhaps someone will have a suggestion in the next Assembly?" Maybe so. Let's have them.

Class Additions: Patricia Ann to John and Betty Lohman, June 2; a boy to Jim and Mary Ann Diebold, June 16; David Paul to Martin and Pauline Lachance, June 18; Karen Lea to Ken and Greta Mae Haff, June 22; Dana Joan to Larry and Nancy Skibbie, June 29; a girl to Ron and Faith Lemanski, July 18; Marilyn Elizabeth to Joan and Eddie Hart, July 25; Lisa Helen to the Russ Parkers, August 10; and a girl to Bill and Helen Stroh, September 1.

Also acquiring a tax deduction were: Audrey and Barbara Short, Jack and Sally Moore, Ken and Joan Brant, the Loren Harts, Don Hutchinsons, Pat Murphys, Ray Gareys, and Jerry Curtises. No other info available on those little ones.

To the Altar: Jim Brodt and Leason Bovard at Cocoa, Florida, August 20; Ed Freeman and Joan Freeze in Brooklyn, September 3; Jack Charles and Mary Kathleen Conroy at Rutherford, New Jersey, September 4; Gerry Lodge and a femme incognita at White Plains, New York.

An Invitation: to all. If visiting or passing thru New York City, please call the Plunketts at Yonkers home or McGraw-Hill office. We have a couple of extra beds, and it's a real treat to see any of the class. If you'd like theater tickets, etc., just drop a line.

John Westervelt's father passed away on July 2 from a heart attack. Many of the class knew him well. And all send their deep sympathy to John and family.

Finale: as one sage classmate writes, "I notice that the older the class, the sparser the news in Assembly. I hope that doesn't happen to our class, and I intend to keep writing you until hell freezes over." He sobered up and added, "Now don't come around and quote me this when you see me at the twentieth reunion." Well, I'll quote it to him and to all of you. Your letters keep this column in business. So how about a few lines around December 1? Just send them to: James G. Plunkett, No. 1 Hawley Terrace, Yonkers, New York. Thanks, all.

—Jim.

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Leveling their bubbles and counting RBI's in the heart of dry (two ways) Oklahoma, the field artillerymen are finding life extremely tolerable. John Rudzki has been appointed "Class Leader," assisted by Jack McCloskey, Dave Finley, and Don Andrews. When classes are over each day (except Friday, when the "Happy Hour" is held in the Student Lounge), the more energetic of the troops turn out for Mr. Lewis-type calisthenics led by Joe Vincent, Mike Stevenson, and Smirk Feagin. Bob Chapman has added class to his BOQ room with a huge floor model hi-fi set. Jim Fleegeer, Eck Hayes, and Bob McClelland, roommates at the Point, sing of old C-1 together here in the barracks. Bruce Wilburn, Al Cini, and Jim Drummond are the local experts on movies and other evening entertainment.

Jack Farrington keeps the Lawton girls breathless as lifeguard every evening and on weekends.

The Sill married couples get together often in their Lawton homes. For example, John and Joan Clayton, Herb and Maureen Finger, Leo and Pauline Hergenroeder, Cliff and Jean Fralen, and Sid and Pat Mason gathered not long ago at Dick Dinwiddie's home for a surprise party for Dick's wife, Pat. Don and Mary Andrews, Cliff and Jean Fralen, Bob and Nina Stanley all have invested in dogs. Cliff, John Senger, and Jack Matteson claim they have the largest TV set in Oklahoma, the outdoor theater screen just behind their houses. The other Sill married couples include the Steve Matuszaks, the Bob Browns, the Dick Cheesboroughs, the Ken Dions, the Ted Pattersons, and the Myron Minichs. Myron married Darrel Heaster here at Fort Sill on September 10. Perry Boyd was best man, the rest of OBC 4 in attendance.

From Fort Monmouth, where the Signal training has now ended, comes word of their pre-Ranger training, a three-weeks' period during which even the married officers live away from home. The Jack Campbells, Phil Enslows, Bill McCullas, Dick Struss's, Bill Wix's, and Harry Yorks, form the Monmouth married brigade, living in the three neighboring towns. From the BOQ comes news of John Dryer's convertible; Norm Sparks, Hi Stevens, Chuck Symonds, and John Rock burning up the golf course; Tom Price, Ed Mendell, and Paul Smor building muscles at the gym; and Frank Ceglowski acting as charity rep.

Bliss-men may be cheered to learn that electronics at Monmouth provided many a "mystery hour." Benning-men will enjoy hearing that drill and SAMI were part of the Signal Corps routine.

Speaking of Benning, word from there has been scarce, the assumption being that time is spent other than in incidental communication. In fact, rumors have drifted in of a two-weeks restriction to get things going right, followed by many of the more memorable aspects of infantry training the previous four summers. But with Columbus nearby, and so many addresses left over from last summer, it couldn't be too bad, could it, Sam?

News from Knox is equally limited. Sixteen '55 grads and their wives have a sort of "Officers Club Annex" of their own by living in the same apartment house, complete with a regular coffee hour for the wives from 0830 to 0930. Mary and Dick Shimunek, Angie and Pete Pikaris, Terry and Bob Shaffer are among the crowd there at Knox.

At Fort Bliss, Rawleigh and Ann Ralls are prepared for quintuplets with an eight room house. John and Marge Pearson, Bob and Mary Alice Johnson, Ed and Jan Zabrowski, Dick and Dianne Gottron, Rod and Elaine Waterstrat, Ray and Cecilia Dax, Al and Dottie Spaulding live in a new apartment development on Lincoln Avenue. Bob Cummins and wife are presently motel dwelling.

Bud Goldstein had a run-in with the mumps toward the end of his leave, putting him one class behind. School does not end until the 22nd of November at Bliss, necessitating changes of orders for those originally headed for the 10 November jump class at Benning.

Jim Murphy reputedly is thinking of becoming the only matador in history with a Brooklyn accent. Joe Skaff is still playing hop manager, but never wears his red sash in Juarez due to the large bull population.

The Ken Ikedas, Tom McGreveys, John Millers, Chuck Steinmans, and Larry Stock-

etts all are living in town off post. Paul Parks' wife is due to join him soon from Connecticut.

Bob Schmidt and Bruce MacDonald are giving e.i. in juice, which they claim has innovations cow year never excelled. All of the classmates at Bliss qualified in their carbine firing.

At Gary AFB, San Marcos, Texas, several of the class of '55 are "Green Hats" at the eighteen weeks Army Aviation course. Next, they will go to Camp Rucker, Alabama, for aviation tactics. Ray Shideler and Don Smith were the first to get the tigers (every man a tiger) on their helmets for soloing. Ray and Don both have their wives with them at San Marcos, as have Skip Massey, Tom West, George Page, and Bill Welter. John Calley has become a base VIP in his black Cadillac. John (it-was-easy) Wing has been "cleaning up" on Tuesday night bingo. The "Green Hats" are flying L-19's and L-21's.

The Malden AFB boys feel fortunate that they are the first class there to fly the T-34's and T-28's. Up until solo time, they were flying about one and a half hours per day, but putting in a day that started and ended at six. "P.T." and marching were thrown in free. The only news from the Malden married folks comes from Walt and Nan McCrillis, who are proud of their new handsome beagle named Duke.

At Moore AFB, in Mission, Texas, the bachelors glory in the parties of the neighboring town of McAllen and the dinners given by the married classmates' wives. Monterey and Mexico provide interesting visits in the intervals.

Although there is much studying, the Mission-men have undertaken such extra activities as bowling (several five-man teams in a league) and a Base Glee Club. Singing with the Glee Club are Dick Wargowsky, Reb Young, Chuck Roades, Al Worden, Pete Hornbarger, George Kennebeck, and Ron Weissenborn.

The married officers make up an impressive group at Mission: George Blitch, Dave Burroughs, Bill Carrington, Frank Chura, Dennis Cosca, Chuck Flynn, John Hardy, Larry Herdman, Jim Johnson, Fred Knieriem, Don Law, Paul Martin, Bob McKelvey, Bob Phieff, Jack Poirier, Chuck Roades, Gerry Samos, John Secrist, Don Sutton, Tom Weaver, Ron Weissenborn, Ken Wilson, Lloyd Wolfe, Al Worden, Reb Young, Jim Cutchin, Norb Glidden, Bill Hock, Russ Rodges, Hank Hollensbe, John Hotchkiss, Hank Klung, Bill McWilliams, Chuck Stoekel, Bob Thornquist, Dale Ward, Jim Howard, and Jim Heye. Jim Howard was married September 3rd; Jim Heye was married September 10th. Fred Phillips will be married to Jean Gelb on November 25th in Washington.

At Mission, an equal number of middies in the class has made the forthcoming Army-Navy game definitely the local debate topic.

Very sorry that there are not more details on some of the posts at which you are stationed. Now that you know who to send the information to, please write often. If you could get together around the first of November and send a consolidated report on the activities at your base, we could get a good overall survey of the class for the next *Assembly*. You can reach me at Sill until 10 November; also, now or at any time at my permanent address.

—John.

P. S.—

The memorable juice failure at Graduation Supper deprived Class President Fred Bliss of the opportunity to say a final few

words to the class. Therefore, excerpts of that talk are reprinted here:

"I would like to take this opportunity to turn this into more or less a Class business meeting.

"The first thing I would like to mention is the Class Cup. It is always the policy of each graduating class to have a godson, and of course it will be our policy also. A Class Cup will be given to the couple having this son after the proper contacts have been made with Mrs. Barth, the Cadet Hostess. If you feel that you are the rightful winner of the Cup, please contact Mrs. Barth, who in turn will wait several weeks until she is reasonably sure that all letters should be in to her and she will then contact the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, maker and holder of the Cup. They in turn will send the Cup to the rightful winners. Mrs. Barth also will send this information to John Lovell, Class Historian, who will make a note of the winning couple in our section of the *Assembly*, the Association of Graduates magazine.

"Speaking of John Lovell and the *Assembly*, John is to be the person who writes the Class news for publication in this magazine. Of course, he cannot write this article without help from all of us. John desires that any news you might have be sent to his father's home in Wisconsin. This information will be forwarded to John by Mr. Lovell. Mr. Lovell's address (459 William Street, Racine, Wisconsin) is in the Class Guide which was recently distributed by the First Class Committee. I want to encourage you to send this information to John. Class news which is published in the *Assembly* is the only means we have to keep the Class informed on common grounds.

"I want to be somewhat premature and say a few words about Class Reunions. Any time that two or more members of our class can meet at the Point, we'll have a reunion. I am afraid that the reunions within the next few years will be rather small, but I am sure that more and more of us will begin to drift back to the Point four or five years from now. In fact, at that time maybe a few will be either in the tactical or academic departments. If such is the case, the focal point of our class will be shifted to the Point. These tacs and instructors will serve as the nucleus for future class contacts and affairs.

"One month following graduation, our class fund will be shifted to the Highland Falls First National Bank. Even after all the expenses of the spring, our fund is still a considerable amount of money. This fund will serve very well as a basis for future class expenses.

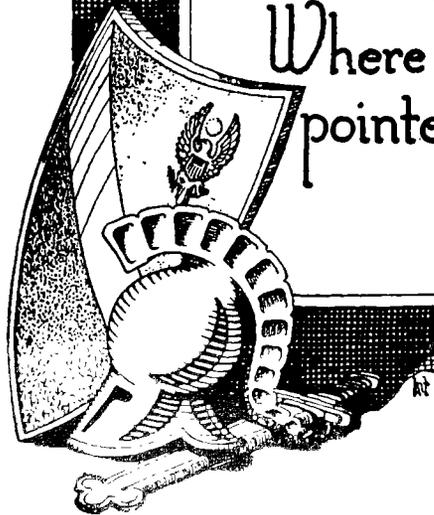
"This concludes the business portion of my talk. I would like at this time to take the opportunity to thank those who have made it possible for the Class of 1955 to have such an enjoyable First Class Year. I would like to especially thank Colonel McCaffry, Major Perry, and Major Cooper for their helpful advice and assistance to the Class with affairs of a general nature.

"I feel that our Class has been well represented by such groups as the Howitzer staff, the Pointer staff, and the One Hundredth Night cast. My most sincere thanks from the remainder of the Class is extended to each person who participated in these groups.

"Finally, I want to wish each of you a very successful future. May God speed the time when we once again have the opportunity to be together."

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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John Charles Lewis Rogge

EX-1890 CLASS OF 1890

DIED MARCH 31, 1955, IN SOUTH SALEM, NEW YORK, AGED 86 YEARS.

THE writer would pay tribute in this column to his tent-mate in Plebe Camp, John Charles Lewis Rogge (ex-1890, U.S.M.A.), who died in South Salem, New York, March 31, 1955. He was born in New York City, July 28, 1868, the son of John and Margaret (Malone) Rogge, received his early education in the public schools, and was not quite eighteen when he entered West Point in June 1886. Like many of his classmates he fell victim to Papa Bass' semi-annual math examination in January 1887, and was dropped from the Corps. Baffled but not defeated, he immediately enrolled as an engineering student in the Cooper Union Night School, and four years later (1891) graduated with degree of Civil Engineer. Thereafter he served many years as Chief Assistant Engineer in the City's Parks Department and as Chief of the Department of Sewers. For twenty years he was an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Withdrawing from the City Administration, he organized and for a number of years was President of the Contractors Supply Co. of New York, after retiring from which he made his home in Katonah, New York, Westchester County, about 20 miles East of West Point, in the Croton Watershed. His last active work was as Engineering Inspector, Board of Water Supply, New York City.

Rogge, throughout his life was a hard student and kept well informed on all public and economical questions. He thoroughly believed in military preparedness, and was a great booster for West Point, joining the Association of Graduates and participating with his classmates and other graduates in most of the Alumni reunions of later years, the last being in 1950.

He married September 19, 1911, in Chapel of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, Florence Edith Sainsbury. Since 1914 they have made their home in Katonah. He is survived by his widow and one son, John Ransom Rogge, both of Katonah.

—William Church Davis.

Julius Theodore Conrad

NO. 3483 CLASS OF 1892

DIED MARCH 30, 1955, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 86 YEARS.

It is a justified assumption that a graduate of West Point should be a good soldier, with all that this connotes of loyalty to country and to the ideals of the Academy. If to that essential he adds a charming personality, a sincere attachment to friends, a gentle and kindly disposition and a keen taste for the refined cultures, then, indeed, we have the measure of a gentleman of the old school.

Such a man was Colonel Julius T. Conrad, U.S. Army, Retired, who departed this life at Washington, D. C. on March 30, 1955, after a long illness. As a classmate puts it in a recent letter: "I hasten to tell you that 'Mr. Julius' was as fine and loveable a character as ever was. I know, for we were roommates all of Plebe year."

Born at Union, West Virginia, on November 9th, 1868, Julius was the son of Colonel Joseph Conrad, a Civil War veteran who carried in his head a bullet intended for General Phil Sheridan but which the senior Conrad received when he interposed his person for the protection of his Chief.

Before entering the Military Academy in September 1887, Julius graduated from the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, a fact which, plus his Army background, enabled him to fit comfortably into the pattern of cadet life at West Point. Well liked by fellow cadets and by the ladies who came up in June and on other occasions, he enjoyed his stay at the Academy so thoroughly that he decided to remain for an additional year, but he never lost his affection for his original Class of 1891.

An enthusiastic horseman, it was natural that he should desire service in the Cavalry, and upon his graduation in 1892 he was assigned to the 3d regiment of that arm and took station at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He entered with zeal into the duties of his office, and early in his service he received commendatory mention in reports for his conduct in the field against Mexican



border-jumpers and other violaters of the laws of the United States. Later, in the Santiago campaign of the Spanish-American War, he won the Silver Star decoration for gallantry in action, and he was awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat. Advancing through the grades of rank at the leisurely rate prevalent in those years, Conrad became a temporary colonel in 1917 and attained the permanent grade in 1920.

Incidents of his service included the field duties already mentioned; mustering and recruiting duty; A.D.C. to General Sam Sumner; adjutant's duties; transport quartermaster; Professor of Military Science and Tactics at his Alma Mater at Chester, Pennsylvania; three tours of duty in the Philippines, including General Young's campaign in Northern Luzon in 1900; command of a regiment of field artillery in World War I; and duty in The Adjutant General's Department beginning in 1919 which brought him to stations in Washington, Governors Island, the Philippines and Baltimore. He retired from active duty at the Headquarters of the 3d Corps Area in the last named city on November 30, 1932.

Conrad was married in 1902 to Miss Jean Hoskins, a belle of our cadet days and daughter of one of our tactical officers of that period. Their union was blessed with

two children—a son, Julius Deane Conrad, and a daughter Jean. The latter, a talented and charming replica of her Mother, died several years ago.

After Conrad's retirement, the family resided in Washington, where they enjoyed the companionship and affection of hosts of admiring friends, and where Mrs. Conrad will continue to make her home.

—L. S. S.

Frank Ross McCoy

NO. 3775 CLASS OF 1897

DIED JUNE 4, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 79 YEARS.

AT rare intervals, there walks across the American stage a man who leaves upon those who were privileged to know him a profound impression of greatness. Such a man was Frank Ross McCoy—soldier, statesman, American—who died in Washington on 4 June 1954, at the age of 79. By any measure one of West Point's most distinguished sons, it may be that his like will not be seen again.

Frank McCoy was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, on 29 October 1874. Son of Thomas Franklin and Margaret Ross McCoy, he descended from forebears who had come to America from Northern Ireland, mostly in the first half of the 18th Century. Frank's father was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, and a number of his ancestors had fought in the American Revolution.

Frank McCoy was raised in the at once strict and tolerant manner characteristic of his Scotch-Irish Presbyterian background. While not a particularly good student, he became a voracious reader and early was considered to have an exceptionally fine memory. His other interests as a boy lay mostly in the out-of-doors. He liked to roam his native woods and hills, and he developed a love for nature which was to remain with him throughout life.

Although Frank's parents did not encourage him to choose an Army career, his father's military record impressed him profoundly; and he early declared his wish to go to West Point and never wavered from that intent. He accordingly sought and won an appointment to the Military Academy, entering in June 1893. At that time a rather slight, dark-headed, highly active youngster of 18 years, he soon made himself a quiet but effective force in class matters, displaying even then the versatility and the moderating influence for which he was to become well known in later life. His activities included those of Hop Manager, member of the 100th Night Committee, and catcher on the Baseball Team. In his First Class year, he became Cadet Captain of "C" Company.

Upon graduating, in June 1897, McCoy was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry and served at Fort Meade, South Dakota, initially in the 8th and then in the 7th Cavalry Regiments. On the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he was transferred to the 10th Cavalry and in June 1898 accompanied that regiment to Cuba, where in the Santiago de Cuba Campaign he saw his first action, at Las Guasimas on 28 June. On 1 July, he was wounded at San Juan Hill; and he there had a chance encounter with an individual who was profoundly to affect his career—Leonard Wood, then Lieutenant Colonel of the Rough Riders. Wood happened to notice McCoy, lying wounded under a tree with only a tempor-

ary dressing on his leg; and he took time to apply a new and ship-shape bandage. "Above all", McCoy wrote later, "he braced me up with his sympathy and interest so that I was a devoted admirer from that moment."

After convalescence, McCoy rejoined the 10th Cavalry which had returned to the United States. In April 1899, he again went to Cuba with his regiment. About a year later, Wood, who had become a Major General and the Military Governor of Cuba and had again encountered McCoy as commander of his escort on an inspection trip, called him to Havana as his Aide-de-Camp, charging him with the additional duty of general supervision of insular finances, the first of many non-military assignments which he was destined to perform.

In 1902, McCoy, now a First Lieutenant, went to Washington, serving as a junior Aide to President Theodore Roosevelt. It was during this period that he first became acquainted with Mr. Elihu Root and other great personalities of the time, who surrounded the President and who made a lasting impression on the young officer. Early in the following year, McCoy departed with General Wood and Major Hugh L. Scott for the Philippine Islands, with stops in Egypt, India and Java for the purpose of studying colonial administration.

From August 1903, when he became a Captain, until February 1906, McCoy served as Aide-de-Camp to General Wood, Commanding General, Department of Mindanao, and Governor of the Moro Province. During these years, he also held several offices in the civil government; and he participated in some 10 operations against hostile Moros, including in 1905 the celebrated expedition against Datu Ali, last of the great Moro Chiefs, which he commanded.

In mid-1906, after some five months in Manila at Headquarters, Philippines Division, McCoy returned to the United States. That autumn, he was recalled from leave to accompany the Peace Commission to Cuba, serving as Aide to the U. S. Secretary of War and Provisional Governor of Cuba, Mr. William Howard Taft. On his return to Washington in December, McCoy became senior Aide to President Roosevelt, a post which he held until 1908. Concurrently, he furthered his military experience and education by serving with the 14th Cavalry in Yosemite National Park in the summer and early fall of 1907 when the President was out of Washington and by attending the Army War College from October 1907 until November 1908.

Upon graduation, McCoy became Commanding Officer of the 3d Squadron, 3d Cavalry, and of Fort Wingate, New Mexico, where he remained until 1910. His service there was greatly enriched by the opportunity which it presented to pursue his keen interest in Western history and Indians, developed at Fort Meade and in the Yosemite Valley.

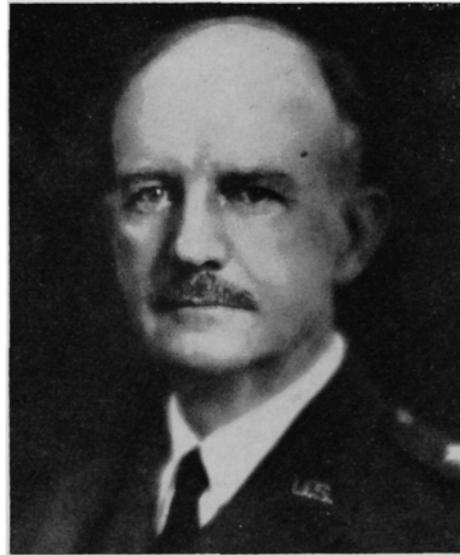
From 1911 until 1914, McCoy served in Washington on the General Staff. An important and confidential mission performed during this assignment—in company with a Classmate, Major Sherwood A. Cheney—was the investigation and reconnaissance of proposed inter-oceanic canal routes to Columbia, generally via Cupica Bay, the Atrato River and the Gulf of Darien. Another significant occurrence of the period was the close friendship which McCoy developed with Mr. Henry L. Stimson.

In June 1914, McCoy became Aide-de-Camp to General Wood, commanding the Department of the East with headquarters on Governors Island, New York. The fol-

lowing February, he rejoined the 3d Cavalry, then on the Mexican Border, where he remained for two years as a troop commander. In addition, he initially commanded the Mission Cavalry Patrol District and subsequently served as Chief of Staff of the Brownsville District. Included in this tour of Border duty was the command of two successful engagements with Mexican Bandits.

In early 1917, McCoy went to Mexico City, where he served as Military Attache for about five months and became a Major. Then, the United States having entered the First World War, he went to France to join General John J. Pershing, as Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Major General James G. Harbord, and as Secretary of the General Staff at General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Force.

In May 1918, McCoy, who had become a temporary Lieutenant Colonel in August 1917 and a temporary Colonel in February 1918, took command of the 165th Infantry Regiment (New York's "Fighting 69th") of the 42d (Rainbow) Division in the Baccarat Sector; and he commanded it the fol-



lowing month in the Champagne Defensive and then in the Marne-Aisne Offensive. In August, McCoy was promoted to temporary Brigadier General and assigned to the 63d Infantry Brigade, 32d Division, which he commanded in the Oise-Aisne Offensive of August and September and in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive from September until the end of hostilities in November.

Soon after the Armistice, McCoy, who had marched his brigade into Germany, was called to Headquarters, Service of Supply, and made Director, Army Transport Service. He next became successively Deputy Director General and Director General of Transportation.

In August 1919, McCoy left for Constantinople as Chief of Staff of the American Military Mission to Armenia, headed up by General Harbord. In November, he returned to the United States and early in 1920 assumed command of the Arizona District, with headquarters in Douglas. Soon thereafter, having reverted to the grade of Colonel, he became Assistant Department Adjutant, Central Department, in Chicago, and then Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, VI Corps Area, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

In the spring of 1921, McCoy returned to the Philippine Islands as Chief of Staff of the Special Mission of Investigation to the

Philippine Islands; and he later served there for almost four years as Technical Assistant for Civil Affairs to the Governor General, General Wood, a duty which took him often to China and Japan as well. It was during this period that McCoy, who had become a permanent Brigadier General in December 1922, took charge of American relief activities in Japan, from September to November 1923, following the disastrous earthquake there.

In the fall of 1925, McCoy returned to the United States, having travelled by way of Europe. In February of the next year, he assumed command of the 3d Infantry Brigade, 2d Division, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. In May 1927, he took command of the 1st Field Artillery Brigade and of Fort Hoyle, Maryland.

This tour was interrupted later that year by McCoy's being sent to Nicaragua, as Special Representative of President Coolidge and Supervisor of Elections there. On the completion of this task in early 1929, McCoy was appointed Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry and Conciliation, Bolivia and Paraguay, which sat in Washington.

In October 1929, McCoy, having become a Major General in September, took command of the IV Corps Area, with headquarters at Fort McPherson, Georgia. In February 1932, he was appointed by President Hoover as the U. S. Member of the Commission, headed up by Lord Lytton, which had been established by the League of Nations to investigate the dispute between China and Japan over Manchuria. This duty took McCoy, during 1932, to Japan and China; by way of Singapore and the Suez Canal to Geneva, Switzerland, where the Commission's Report was considered successively by the Council and Assembly of the League of Nations; and finally back to the United States.

In March 1933, McCoy assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division and of Fort Bliss, Texas. The Civilian Conservation Corps had then just been organized; and McCoy devoted a great deal of his time, interest and energy to this project and thus had opportunity to see again much of the picturesque Southwest country, greatly beloved by him as result of earlier service.

From Fort Bliss, McCoy went to Omaha, Nebraska, in October 1933, to command the VII Corps Area. In February 1935, he moved to Chicago and assumed command of the Second Army and of the VI Corps Area. Finally, in May 1936, he was sent to Governors Island, New York, where he commanded the II Corps Area and from January 1938 also the First Army. He was retired from active service in October 1938, by operation of law.

Sixty-four years old then, McCoy went to his boyhood home in Lewistown to live; but, although he had richly earned his retirement, he was not to remain inactive for long. In September 1939, on the recommendation of Mr. Stimson, he became President of the Foreign Policy Association in New York, a position which he held throughout the Second World War, though being more than once called upon by the U. S. Government for the performance of special work.

The first such instance occurred in the Spring of 1941, when—on behalf of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Department of State, and in the interest of simplification and systemization of standards and procedures affecting civil aviation—he made a tour of the South American countries. In December of that year, he was named by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a member of the Commission, headed

by Supreme Court Associate Justice Owen D. Roberts, which investigated the Pearl Harbor Disaster. In 1942, he was appointed President of the Military Commission which tried and convicted the Nazi saboteurs who had been landed by submarine on the east coast of the United States. In 1943, he was recalled briefly to active military duty as Chairman of the War Department Procurement Review Board.

Finally, in 1945, McCoy was appointed by President Truman as U. S. Member of the Far Eastern Commission, the multi-national body created to formulate policies governing the military occupation of Japan; and he became as well the Commission's first Chairman. He relinquished these responsibilities in 1949; but although increasing ill health, resulting from leukemia, gradually limited the scope of his activities, he maintained a lively and knowledgeable interest in both American and international affairs for the remainder of his years, being consulted frequently by high leaders in various walks of life practically up to the day of his death.

In 1924, in Manila, Frank McCoy married Frances Judson of New York. For the next thirty years, she shared his career and interests, giving to his already full and satisfying life an added richness and rare happiness. She and two sisters, the Misses Hannah and Margaretta McCoy of Lewistown, and a brother, Mr. John H. McCoy of Cranford, New Jersey, survive him.

Frank McCoy was widely known as America's "Soldier-Statesman"; and he richly earned that title, over the years and in a generation when the accomplishment by military leaders of non-military tasks was a much rarer phenomenon than it has since become. However, skilled as he was in the field of statesmanship, the military was his real love, and there never was a keener or more gallant soldier. "The best soldier I have ever laid eyes on", remarked President Theodore Roosevelt.

Several pictures of McCoy, the soldier, come vividly to mind. These and other characteristics of the man will hereafter be illustrated in part by quotations from certain letters generously sent to the writer by many of McCoy's friends and admirers.

We see first the eager young lieutenant and platoon leader in Cuba, "with rain streaming off of his campaign hat and poncho, happy as could be" in anticipation of imminent action. Next, the keen young staff captain in Mindanao, actively seeking and obtaining the chance to "have a go" at Datu Ali, a thorn in the side of the American administration for years, and boldly and adroitly directing that difficult and dangerous mission, "smiling, debonair, blue-eyed" Again, the energetic general staff colonel at G. H. Q. in 1918, seeking and obtaining command of a fighting regiment, preceded, as the colorful Father Duffy put it, by the reputation that McCoy had "done all kinds of duty that an officer" could "be called upon to do but" had "never missed a fight—a good omen for the 'Fighting Sixty-Ninth'"; and later—again according to Duffy's account—counter-attacking desperately with his regiment across the Ourcq, with his command post "right there in a shallow trench on the exposed river slope", and "with his spare soldierly figure and his keen soldierly face, radiant with joy of action and the prospects of victory, always a stimulus to those who might be down-hearted" Finally, the calm, dignified, trim brigade commander, directing his command with great ability, issuing orders in his clipped manner, and giving throughout a splendid example of teamwork and of that

inestimable quality, "tactical neighborliness".

As a soldier, McCoy "was imbued with common sense, endowed with good judgment, possessed of the power of decision—three military essentials which when combined with high professional attainments, as in this case, make the truly superior officer". "He was a leader, not a driver. His subordinates were encouraged to use their initiative within the limits of their orders and were not harrassed while doing so. . . To serve under his command was a stimulating and educational experience"

Frank McCoy was, then, first and foremost a soldier; but his was indeed a happy balance of qualities which peculiarly fitted him also for the role of statesman which he was often to perform. He "was two remarkable personalities enclosed in the same envelope. As a soldier, he did not know what fear was. He could order his troops to kill when that was the order of the day; but also, he could sit around a conference table and win his adversaries during the first meeting"

McCoy was a man with a deep understanding of human character. "His ability to evaluate the personalities of his acquaintances was uncanny. He knew men and where and how to make use of their various talents"; and the confidence which he placed in his subordinates helped them reach levels of performance higher than they might have thought possible. He left his mark upon much of the world "but still more upon the hearts and minds of subordinates whose lives he profoundly influenced"

McCoy had notable poise. He was "in every sense an officer and a gentleman. One of his most distinguishing characteristics was his unfailing courtesy, suavity and gentlemanly conduct". "He was calm in emergencies and seldom lost his temper, although he could and would speak when the occasion required it; but he always did so temperately and dispassionately." Though involved in great and active events throughout adult life, he seldom gave the appearance of being hurried or under pressure. For example, in Nicaragua in 1928: "He carried a great responsibility and he had to get a great many things done by a definite time. But if he ever felt hurried or ruffled or tense, he certainly never showed it. The atmosphere of easy-going relaxation tempered with firmness which he exuded was memorable." Still, McCoy could move exceedingly fast when the occasion warranted. While never ambitious in the narrow sense, he was always keen to serve; and he accepted responsibilities gladly and lost no undue time in discharging them.

McCoy was a man of wide ranging interests. People fascinated him, not only as individuals but as representatives of families and races. "Are you a relative of Pemberton of Vicksburg?" he asked a flustered young liaison officer in the somewhat charged atmosphere of his Brigade Command Post during a heavy bombardment in August 1918; "Or", he went on, lacking a prompt reply, "have you never heard that Pemberton defended Vicksburg?" His memory for names and faces was amazing, as was his faculty for friendship. "A friend of the high and mighty without compromise; a friend of the poor and lowly without condescension."

Places likewise were to McCoy of abiding concern. The only soldier on record who had "gone to war with a Baedecker." "In the very best sense, the 'world was his oyster'. He enjoyed everything in it and contributed something in whatever place he might be. Though perhaps one which had

the reputation of being dreary or unhealthy or backward, it mattered not to him. He always looked for and always found, something good about the country and about the people."

Events, especially those of some historical interest, claimed Frank McCoy's attention; and he had an amazing memory for them, particularly those of which he had personal knowledge. He greatly liked books, had a well-chosen library and read extensively. His extraordinarily wide acquaintanceship—with the exchange of ideas, through both conversation and correspondence, which resulted—added to his store of knowledge. While never a student in the strict sense, he was an exceptionally well informed individual; and his intellectual attainments, balanced as they were by a fine and discerning mind, were recognized by Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Brown and Clark Universities, and Washington and Jefferson College. Also, organizations of such varied nature as the Council of Foreign Relations, the American Museum of Natural History, the American Leprosy Foundation, the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Society, the Army Relief Society and the Association of Graduates, USMA, sought his counsel; and he served them and others in significant capacities, particularly after his retirement. In addition, he was an esteemed Member of the Board of Directors of the Equitable Life Insurance Company for some ten years.

Frank McCoy had a lively imagination and a great zest for living. For him, no task was humdrum: he always saw and brought out the interesting and unusual aspects of it. He had an eye for beauty, both in nature and in man-made objects; and he habitually left the stamp of his interest and good taste on his surroundings. He was as well an ardent sportsman, enjoying particularly horses and dogs and the active and healthful recreation which they afforded.

Frank McCoy had real stature. He was a big man—not physically but in every other sense. Not only did he never do anything small, but also he was not known to have ever contemplated a small act. Characteristic of the man was the unique and "superb gesture of the perfect friend and comrade", when in early 1929, about to be promoted to major general, he stepped aside and thereby delayed his own advancement in order to make possible the promotion of another officer of distinguished record, whose age would have made his later advancement impossible.

Frank McCoy had, in unusual measure, the ability to instill confidence in his superiors, as well as his associates and subordinates. "Few men . . . over many years of service have commanded so completely the . . . trust and admiration of all who knew him . . . From the early days he . . ." was "in close touch with the great of America. . ."; and he won "not only their respect but their devotion. Presidents consulted him frequently and utilized his services . . . General McCoy was beloved of many men, and he gave them a perfect example of a splendid American, without conceit, unselfish to the extreme, and courageous in principle."

What was the secret of this extraordinary ability of Frank McCoy to gain the trust of so many of the "giants of his time"—including often men of diverse and even clashing personalities, such as a Wood and a Pershing—as well as of individuals of less prominence? Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that, in all of his associations, he returned in full measure what was given to him. Beginning with the very deep admiration and devotion which he felt for

his father—and which no doubt helped to make him so readily at ease with older men—and continuing through his loyalty and respect for the various great figures of his day as well as the many younger and lesser but nonetheless able and gallant men with whom he became associated, there was always in him that quality of one might say “hero worship”, for associates and subordinates as well as superiors, which endeared him to those who knew him and made them eager to retain his friendship and support. From the beginning, Frank McCoy not only enjoyed these associations—he learned from them; and as opportunity for high service gradually came to him, he was able to draw to great advantage from his earlier observations and experience.

McCoy's official services over the years were widely recognized and rewarded, both at home and abroad. The decorations received by him from grateful governments included: from the United States, the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart; from Belgium, the Order of the Crown (Commander); from Great Britain, the Order of St. Michael and St. George (Companion); from France, the Legion of Honor (Officer) and the Croix de Guerre (with three Palms); from Montenegro, the Order of Prince Danilo I; from China, the Order of Chia Ho; from Japan, the Order of the Rising Sun; and from Nicaragua, the Medal of Merit.

“Soldier, statesman, sportsman, scholar—General Frank R. McCoy achieved greatness by any standards of any age. His integrity, his moral and physical courage, his vision, his powers of calm objective analysis, his simplicity of soul, his chivalrous courtesy, kindly thoughtfulness of others, and his consummate ability to draw from associates, especially those much his junior in military rank and experiences, the best that was in them—all these qualities were his in fullest measure, elevating him among the truly great of his generation, and giving him that final, complete and cherished possession—the abiding admiration, affection and respect of associates, all over the world, through a rich lifetime of noble service to the Army and the Nation.”

—William S. Biddle.

Paul Stanley Bond

NO. 3948 CLASS OF 1900

DIED JANUARY 9, 1955, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 76 YEARS.

THE son of Joseph W. and Jane Casselly Bond, Paul Stanley was born April 18, 1879, in New York City. His lineage traces to James Thompson, who arrived in America in 1630 and aided in founding Charlestown and Woburn in Massachusetts. In the direct paternal line Captain Joseph Bond of the Continental Army was an ancestor of the American Revolutionary era.

In Stanley's early boyhood his father died. His mother married William R. Hamilton, Class of 1876, then a Lieutenant of the 5th Regiment of Artillery. As a boy in an Army family, moving frequently under orders, Stanley attended various public and private schools in both eastern and western states.

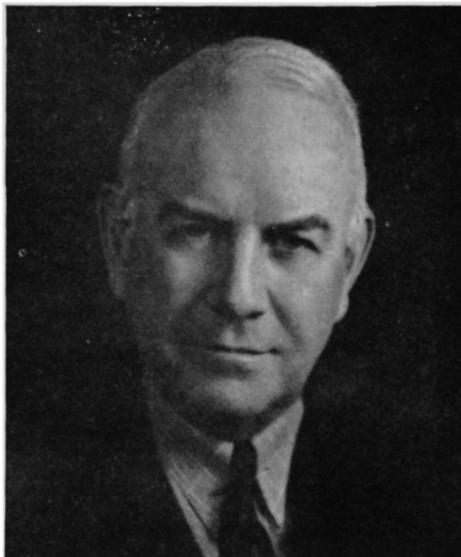
In 1894, a youth of fifteen and one-half years, he entered the University of Nevada upon a course leading to the degree of Mining Engineer. Midway of his second year Senator Newlands nominated Stanley Bond Hamilton (as he was then known) to

a cadetship at West Point. Although the nomination was that of “alternate” he decided to take the examination “just for the sake of the experience”.

His “principal” failed to qualify and on June 15, 1896, Stanley was admitted as a “Cadet M.A.” in the Class of 1900. At that time he was “small for his age” and was even “young for his years”, but he was endowed with an equable temperament, a brilliant and active mind, a ready wit and a keen sense of humor—all qualities which endeared him to his associates all through the years of a long life.

He got off to a slow start in his Plebe Year, but on the Graduation Roll he was No. 9 in spite of a very low standing in “Discipline”. In no sense, however, was he ever motivated by a spirit of hostility to constituted authority. He did have a curious lack of appreciation of the military minutiae of Cadet existence and his name embellished the “Skin List” all too often.

During his Cadet days his ability in the heavily weighted academic courses, and a real talent for teaching, enabled him to help others who encountered difficulties in



those important subjects. His kindly “out-giving” nature was evidenced by the fact that he sacrificed many of his off-duty hours to “coach” freely and even enthusiastically, not only his own classmates, but fellow cadets in other classes.

Upon graduation he was assigned as a Second Lieutenant, to the 7th Artillery Regiment at Fort Schuyler, New York, then commanded by his step-father, Colonel W. R. Hamilton.

By the Act of February 2, 1901, Congress expanded the Army, and authorized additional officers of the Corps of Engineers by transfer from other branches. Bond decided to “transfer”; the transfers were announced by special orders No. 56 Headquarters of the Army on March 7, 1902, which in respect of First Lieutenant, Stanley Bond Hamilton, Artillery Corps, read “Under the operation of a decree of the Supreme Court of the County of New York, State of New York, this officer will hereafter be borne on the Army Register as Paul S. Bond”

From then on his record is characteristic of service in the Corps of Engineers, comprising duty with engineer troops in the Regular Army and in the National Guard, details as student and instructor at the several Army Schools, and assignments to the “civil functions” of the Corps,

including river and harbor improvements, construction of public buildings and miscellaneous staff and special service details.

During his tour in the Philippines (1909-1912) Bond located and built the electric railroad, numerous roads and trails, and defenses against landing attacks on the Island of Corregidor. He was Chief Engineer of the Department of Mindanao under General Pershing. Monuments to his engineering service include the improved Overton-Keithley Road, several District Capitols and Moro Province Penitentiary, which later served as the model for similar establishments at other points in the tropics.

Then, as a student officer at the Army Field Engineer School at Fort Leavenworth, he “emerged” in 1913 as the top (No. 1) Honor Graduate of his class and entered the Army Staff College, graduating in 1914. In recognition of his qualifications his name was placed on the General Staff Eligible List.

Bond was then ordered to Cleveland, Ohio, to duty as U.S. District Engineer in charge of the Civil Functions of the Corps. On August 5, 1917, he was commissioned Colonel of Engineers in the National Army to command the 107th Regiment of the 32nd Division, with station at Camp MacArthur, Texas. He was also appointed the Engineer of the Division. This unit arrived in France early in 1918, but on March 1st Bond became Commandant of the Army Engineer and Gas Schools, where he remained to February 15, 1919, then on to Epernay in a defensive sector on the Marne. In the meantime he had participated in the Battle of St. Mihiel.

In 1919 he returned to the United States for service at the War College to write training literature based on recent World War experiences. Plans were changed and he reported for duty in the Personnel and Training Section in the Office of the Chief of Engineers—then in charge of his classmate, Youngberg.

In the course of their service in France both Bond and Youngberg had made many contacts with the civilian engineers, who in the highest spirit of patriotism and self-sacrifice had entered the National Army. The two classmates had become acutely conscious of the desirability of maintaining and furthering the mutual understanding and spirit of cooperation which had developed during the wartime association of the engineers of the Regular Army and those civilians who had become military engineers “for the duration”.

Prior to Bond's arrival in the Office of the Chief of Engineers, the latter had already approved Youngberg's suggestion that effort be made to effectuate an association for the purposes named. Accordingly Youngberg concentrated on the organization phases, and Bond directed his energies to the publication of a suitable “house organ”. Because of commercial publication difficulties Bond even set up a well-equipped printing plant. The joint efforts of the two soon resulted in the establishment of the Society of American Military Engineers, and its very excellent Journal “The Military Engineer”

In October 1921 Bond entered upon a brief service with the New York National Guard, and then back to Cleveland for river and harbor and National Guard duty.

From 1924 to 1928 he served at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, as an Instructor and Chief of the Second Section of the School. Taking advantage of his technical qualifications, the Post Commander assigned him to “extra-curricular duty” as General Manager and Engineer of the

Recreational Center. In that capacity he constructed Doughboy Stadium, Gowdy Baseball Field, Russ Swimming Pool, Post Theater and other facilities.

During his final period of active duty he was the Engineer of two separate New York Districts and the Puerto Rico District of the Corps of Engineers. He was promoted Colonel on the last day of 1928 and, at his own request, was retired on March 9, 1929.

During his service on river and harbor works Bond wrote several articles on engineering subjects, but, while on school and troop duty, he concentrated on military literature and entered into the publishing business in a limited way. After his retirement from active Army duty he continued to write prolifically and established the P. S. Bond Publishing Company, wholly owned and controlled by himself and wife. His name appears as the publisher (in 1937) of "West Pointers of 1900"—an excellent biographical volume of the Class of 1900 U.S.M.A.

During World War II Bond was recalled to active duty for service in the Historical Section, where he prepared a "Study" on the use of Inland Waterways in World War I, and compiled material for the volume on Military Operations of the A.E.F. Champagne-Marne, and Aisne-Marne.

For the purposes of this sketch the writer addressed inquiries to a number of persons as to their impressions of Bond as a professional military man and as to his social off-duty personality. Replies were received from several distinguished officers of the Regular Army, and from a number of civilians who have been in the military service. The following excerpts are typical:—

"As the Colonel, commanding the 107th Engineers of the 32nd Division (a National Guard Unit), his drive, devotion to duty, and professional knowledge enabled him to produce a well trained regiment within a short time. But the most remarkable thing was the regimental spirit he developed. He sensed just how to handle the citizen soldier, how to instill discipline without lowering morale. The result was a proud outfit that distinguished itself in the campaigns of World War I * * * His men held him in such esteem that wherever he was stationed in the years after the War they sought him out to pay their respects and renew their friendship. * * * It was a delight to attend a social gathering with him for his brilliance of mind and ready wit made him the most entertaining and interesting man present. In my opinion he was the most accomplished writer and editor that the Army had. His gift of expression was truly remarkable. His military publications, and particularly his R.O.T.C. manuals, were used as texts in most colleges with military units".

He was always held in the highest esteem by the members of his class. They are deeply indebted to him for the very effective work he did on the manuscript and subsequent publication in 1937 of "The West Pointers of 1900" The survivors of the Class—graduates and non-graduates—are particularly appreciative of his activities as Class Secretary during the past 15 years.

Bond was married twice—first in 1902 to Marie D. Evans, of which marriage there was one daughter who, in 1925, married Malcolm F. Lindsey, one of Bond's students at the Infantry School. He is now a Brigadier General on the Retired List. They have twin daughters—Sally and Marie. In 1931, Bond married Mrs. Katharine Feeter, the widow of Captain George I. Feeter, U.S. Army, and daughter of Colonel John Vasser White, Class of 1877.

Bond was a member of many engineering and military organizations, and of sev-

eral social clubs. In his latter years he toured the United States and nearby foreign countries, taking many excellent photographs in color. He also enjoyed his membership in an informally organized group of scientists and specialists of various kinds, who had retired after years of service to their fellowmen. Being "has-beens" some newspaper man had dubbed them "The Fossils" Their President has written that Bond was a tower of strength, taking an active part in the programs, that he discharged all his responsibilities "with distinguished ability, but neither this nor his enthusiastic participation in all our other activities, however much they commanded our appreciative respect, so endeared him to us as the sincere affection he unremittingly bestowed on all of us personally".

Although in apparent good health, Bond suffered a massive paralytic stroke on a night early in June 1954. He was taken to Walter Reed General Hospital where, except for a brief period at a nursing home, he remained until he succumbed on January 9, 1955. At his own request, which was in keeping with his lifelong unassuming modesty, he was buried with simple rites in Arlington National Cemetery.

From the date of his first commission as an officer in the Army of the United States the preservation of the Nation by the maintenance of a well organized, equipped, and trained military force was ever his major concern. When the first draft of the Constitution of the Society of American Military Engineers was submitted to him he immediately inserted the words—"in the interests of the national defense"—as the prime objective of that organization. All his writings and teachings constitute a distinct contribution to that end. His whole career was one of intelligent service devoted to the security of his country.

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that Nature might
stand up,
And say to all the world, This was
a man!

—Gilbert A. Youngberg.

John Knowles Herr

NO. 4112 CLASS OF 1902

DIED MARCH 12, 1955, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 76 YEARS.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN K. HERR, the last Chief of Cavalry of the U.S. Army, was born at White House, New Jersey, on October 1, 1878. His parents were Judge Henry Burdette Herr and Virginia Buford Large Herr. After graduating from Reading Academy in Flemington, New Jersey, he entered Lafayette College when he was not quite seventeen years old. He was a member of the Class of 1899 and of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he left Lafayette to enter the U.S. Military Academy, graduating with the Class of 1902.

As a cadet, Johnnie Herr attained fame as a rider, baseball player and boxer. During the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to West Point, at the Exhibition Ride in the Riding Hall, each cadet performed at will an individual bareback stunt. The Prince requested the Superintendent to have Cadet Herr repeat his performance, which was one of dismounting at a fast gallop as the horse arrived at the take-off to jump a hurdle and in a continuous motion leap-

ing, as soon as his feet struck the tan-bark, to a standing position completed as the horse landed; and then riding, standing, about the hall. He repeated the exercise faultlessly. This required perfect co-ordination of the movements of the rider and his mount, correct timing and smooth rhythm.

On the baseball team Johnnie played principally at shortstop and was the clean-up batter. During his last season he hit home runs against Harvard and Yale teams when those teams were tops in College baseball. He played in the first baseball game ever staged between the National Academies; it was played at Annapolis in 1901, —West Point winning by a score of 4-3. On graduation, Johnnie was assigned to the Seventh Cavalry, the famous o.d Custer Regiment, at Chickamauga Park, Georgia. There he met, and married Helen Maxwell Hoyle, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Eli D. Hoyle, and on September 15, 1903, began what was to become a wonderful partnership lasting over fifty-one years. They are the parents of two daughters, Helen Herr Holbrook, wife of Brigadier



General Willard A. Hoibrook, Jr., and Fanny deRussy Herr.

In World War I, Johnnie served as Colonel and Chief of Staff of the Thirtieth (Old Hickory) Division, and was awarded the D.S.M. After the War, he was detailed in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, and in 1920 became Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of the American Forces in Germany. There he devised and was the Chief Empire of the Maneuvers of 1921; they were attended by many foreign military attaches and, at the close, by General Pershing. In 1922 he returned to duty with the War Department General Staff, G-2, having charge of information concerning the Balkans, the Near East, and the British Empire. During 1924-1926-1927, he attended the Service Schools at Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, and the Army War College.

Always an ardent horseman, he captained and played on Army polo teams for more than twenty years, reaching his peak as a member of the great Army team which defeated the British Army team composed of the best players of England. In two out of three games, on the Inter-National Field at Meadow Brook in 1923, our team won by a score of 10-3. This was one of the greatest upsets in the history of sports.

Johnnie was a natural athlete, and continued his interest in sports throughout his life. He felt strongly that participation in athletics provided essential training for

officers and enlisted men, developing the ability to think and act quickly, in combat or in any other emergency situation. In every outfit of his, he developed "Esprit de Corps".

From 1928-32 he was instructor and Director at the Army War College. From 1933-35 he was on duty with the Inspector Generals' Department, at Governors Island, and did an outstanding job as acting Chief of Staff for the First Army, for the G.H.Q. Maneuvers of 1934. In 1935, he was assigned to command his old Regiment, the Seventh Cavalry, at Fort Bliss, Texas. Under his leadership, the "Garry Owens" took part in the First Cavalry Division Maneuvers at Marfa, Texas, and won high praise from that great Cavalry General, Hamilton S. Hawkins, Division Commander.

In 1938 Johnnie was appointed Chief of Cavalry, retiring in 1942 at the expiration of the four year detail, at the age of 64. While Chief of Cavalry, he promoted to the fullest degree expansion of Armored Cavalry, but maintained fiercely that Armor did not exclude horse Cavalry and that they were supplementary. Johnnie always gave forceful and fearless expression to his convictions; there was no timidity in him. He was motivated by the highest conception of patriotism, and throughout his service he was looking toward this Nation's attainment of its greatest potentials, in a world beset by threats of conflict. Of most Cavalry officers, it was appropriate to say "he belongs to the Cavalry", but of Johnnie Herr it became fitting to say "the Cavalry belongs to him." No one ever loved his chosen Branch more, nor fought for it harder. In his dominating personality were typified the aggressiveness, the fearlessness, the colorfulness, and the dash of the U.S. Cavalry.

In 1942 Lafayette College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. His retired years were active and given to further achievement . . . in 1953 he wrote "The Story of The U.S. Cavalry 1876-1942", in collaboration with Edward S. Wallace. To the men who had served under him, he continued to be "The Chief". His great qualities of leadership were an inspiration to all young Cavalry men, and one junior officer spoke for many, when he said: "General Herr's passing marks the loss of a great soldier, and a man who stood out as a model of truth and straight-forwardness. We shall miss him very much, but we shall continue to feel his presence in all that is good and right. To me, and to many, many, others, General Herr was a true representative of the old Cavalry; courageous, confident, true to his word, loyal to those who served with and under him, and willing to fight for the ideals he cherished. His influence will be felt by many an officer who is better for having known him."

Many things, including his lovable individuality and keen sense of humor, will make Johnnie unforgettable in our world, but to those who knew him best, his vital spirit, strength of character, and undefeatable courage will always light the way for others to follow.

—J. Franklin Bell, Classmate.

Owen Glenn Collins

NO. 4152 CLASS OF 1903

DIED NOVEMBER 5, 1954, IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AGED 75 YEARS.

WITHIN a few hours after his sudden illness at his home in Arlington, Virginia,

death came to Owen Glenn Collins on November 5th, 1954. A ceremony was held the next Tuesday, November 9th, in the chapel at Fort Myer with burial in the adjacent Arlington National Cemetery. Full military honors were accorded.

Typically and affectionately nicknamed "Wilkie", the son of J. G. Collins, a Chicago, Illinois, publisher, he was educated in the grammar and high schools of that city. His early ambition to enter the United States Military Academy was prompted by observing the Corps of Cadets at the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893. Thereafter he attended the Michigan Military Academy at Orchard Lake, Michigan, for a period of one year, was graduated with a high standing, and then returned to that institution, not only for another year's post graduate course, but also to serve as one of its instructors and to perform the duty as cadet adjutant.

Entering the United States Military Academy in June 1899, benefitted by his scholarly attainments and early training at Orchard Lake he mastered with distinction all the studies presented, the military



duties imposed, held the appointment of cadet corporal and sergeant, and graduated with a standing of eleventh (11th) in his class. Tendered a commission in the Engineers, he chose the Artillery Corps, was assigned to the Fifth Field Artillery at the Presidio of San Francisco, and remained with that organization until it was returned from the Philippines in 1907.

He was then assigned to the Coast Artillery at his own request and detailed as instructor and assistant professor in French at the United States Military Academy. In 1912 he was detailed as student at the Coast Artillery School and, upon graduation, he was assigned to the command of the 114th Company, Coast Artillery, at Forts Totten and Wadsworth for a four year period. There followed in 1916 his detail to the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and two years later orders reached him directing his departure for France.

From March 1918 to June 1919 came the most important assignment of "Wilkie's" career. As Depot Quartermaster at Gievres, France, with very limited personnel—poorly equipped—he found an organization designated as an Intermediate Depot, reorganized it as an Advance Depot, and greatly increased its personnel and operating functions. Then, with effort and determination he forwarded ample supplies to Divisions on the Marne and later to the

First, then to the Second and Third Armies, as they came into being. "Wilkie" was commended by the Chief Quartermaster, American Expeditionary Force as having "the model Q.M. Depot in France".

"Wilkie" was retired as Colonel, U.S.A., June 21, 1930. Recalled to active duty at his own request in August 1940, he served in the Office of the Quartermaster General for two years and for the next two years he was on duty at Fort Totten, New York, and Pine Camp, New York. He reverted to the inactive status of Colonel U.S.A. Retired on January 9, 1944.

The records show that "Wilkie" received many letters of approval from various commanding officers. His awards included the Distinguished Service Medal, as well as "Officer, Order of University Gold Palms", France, and "Cavalier, Order of the Polonia Restituta", Poland.

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

In "Wilkie's" death the Army has lost a distinguished soldier of the old school and all who knew him have lost a fine friend.

—C. L.

Frederick Ernest Shnyder

NO. 4141 CLASS OF 1903

DIED APRIL 11, 1955, AT U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, ST. ALBANS, NEW YORK, AGED 76 YEARS.

FREDERICK ERNEST SHNYDER, or "Fritz" as we all knew him in the Class of 1903, died suddenly on April 11th at the U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York. He had not been feeling entirely himself for some weeks and was finally persuaded to have a physical check-up which he had not had done for nearly forty years.

The doctors told him he needed only a very slight operation which he went to the hospital to have performed, but he died in his sleep before it took place.

Having served with Fritz for four years as a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry, many years ago, when he and I lived together on several posts, and having frequently seen him and broken bread with him since his retirement as Lieutenant Colonel, I naturally knew him well and possibly better than most others, for in his later years he was somewhat of a recluse. A few months ago when at my house, he stated categorically before the family that the mere report of his death was all he desired to have published. I am sure that he meant this, and that he had not said it in anticipation of death—he just never liked any form of horn-blowing.

While I have somewhat exceeded this request, I have, in consequence of it, avoided herein any detailed account of his life and have confined myself to writing out a brief statement about him, merely as a much loved classmate. I would have liked to be less brief.

Assigning to the title its full meaning, which we learned to value as cadets, Fritz's entire life, on all occasions, exemplified that of a thorough gentleman. I cannot think of anything to say of him of greater appropriateness or of greater praise.

He was always somewhat shy. Yet, that statement must be qualified. I have seen him as aggressive, as bold and as determined, when the occasion warranted, as anyone could be. He was ever a man of firm convictions to which he would hold through thick and thin. He never jumped

to conclusions, so that his convictions, gained after careful and painstaking consideration, he believed to be right or he would not have held them. They were not always popular convictions, as he knew well and cared less. He never lost a friend by taking his definite and firm stand for what he considered the right, because he was, above all, tolerant of those with contrary ideas, though seldom conciliatory. This tolerance and this determination created for him admirers of everyone who differed from him.

He always was a brilliant intellectual. His last years were, characteristic of him, largely devoted to study. He even taught himself German so that he might read, in their own language, the words of the German Philosophers. He was a student of history and especially of the genealogy of the ruling families of Europe, and his own compilation of their interwoven blood lines made them readily traceable and seem relatively simple to the average layman. Few people ever knew of this elaborate work of his.

Fritz had really never been sick since his graduation. Before he went to the hospital for the very minor operation which the doctors had suggested, he told his two sisters, who survived him, and he told me, that he would be home in a few days. I am sure he was not worried about himself or about the outcome. Yet, he passed away peacefully in his sleep.

We could not wish him a more serene ending and yet we cannot avoid wishing him back with us. The world cannot well spare such a thoughtful, loving, upright character who has borne unostentatiously within himself a soul of honor. The world cannot afford to lose Fritz Shnyder, but it has, and now it must make the best of it and so must we in 1903.

—A Classmate.

Irving Joseph Phillipson

NO. 4261 CLASS OF 1904

DIED APRIL 4, 1955, AT BARCELONA, SPAIN.
AGED 73 YEARS.

IRVING JOSEPH PHILLIPSON was born at Dowagiac, Michigan on April 3, 1882 and graduated from the Dowagiac High School in 1899 as Valedictorian of his class. While still a senior in high school he won the competitive examination for appointment to West Point from the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan. He entered the Military Academy on June 19, 1900 and graduated therefrom on June 15, 1904, standing No. 47 in a class of 128. Choosing the Infantry, he served in it continuously for nearly 45 years, except for six years spent in The Adjutant General's Department.

His first regiment was the First Infantry which he joined as a Second Lieutenant at Fort Wayne, Michigan on September 15, 1904. He accompanied that regiment to the Philippine Islands, sailing from New York on February 1, 1906 and served with it until it was colonialized in Hawaii late in 1915. While commanding Company F of the First Infantry, he was engaged in active service against Pulajane Insurrectors in Samar and Leyte during 1906 and 1907. In 1908, the regiment returned to the United States for station at Vancouver Barracks, Washington and remained there until May 1912 when it sailed for Hawaii. On September 1, 1909 Lieutenant Phillipson and Miss Florence Morrison were married at her home in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Phillipson spent thirty-five years with the active army while her husband progressed from

second lieutenant to major general. He became a first lieutenant on March 11, 1910 and remained with the First Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii until November 1915 when he was assigned to duty at the Recruit Depot at Fort McDowell, California. He was promoted to the grade of captain on July 1, 1916 and to the grade of major (temporary) on August 15, 1917.

Late in 1917, he was assigned to the Thirty-Sixth Division as Division Inspector and joined that organization at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas. He accompanied it to France early in 1918 and soon thereafter was assigned to command the Second Battalion of the One Hundred and Forty-Second Infantry. He was with this Division throughout its combat service, commanding successively a battalion, a regiment, and a brigade in action. In recognition of this service, he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with gold star and was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel on September 18, 1918 and to the grade of Colonel on October 29, 1918.

Returning to the United States with his regiment (the 143rd Infantry) in July 1919,



he was assigned to the Recruiting Division of The Adjutant General's Office in Washington as Executive Officer and remained on that duty until September 1921 when he reported at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as a student in the School of the Line. He graduated from the School of the Line in 1922 as an Honor Graduate and from the General Staff School in 1923. In 1924, he graduated from the Army War College at Washington Barracks and was assigned to the Enlisted Division of The Adjutant General's Office in Washington for the next four years. From May 22, 1922 until May 28, 1928 he was a member of The Adjutant General's Department. Returning to the Infantry in 1928 in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, he served with the Sixteenth Infantry at Fort Jay, New York until July 1930 when he was detailed as a member of The General Staff Corps and assigned to duty with the War Department General Staff. He was in charge of the Budget and Legislative Branch of the General Staff in the years that General MacArthur was Chief of Staff (1930-1935) during one of the most trying periods of the Army's existence. For that service, General MacArthur made of official record his appreciation in the following citation:—

"My dear Phillipson:

"I need scarcely tell you again of the value I place upon the services you have

rendered to the Army during your five years' tour as Chief of The Budget and Legislative Branch of the War Department General Staff. But, I want, through this letter, to make of official record my lasting appreciation of the loyalty, intelligence, and zeal with which you discharged your heavy responsibilities in that difficult post."

"Under your leadership, the Branch has so carried on its important work as to win the hearty cooperation of other elements of the War Department and the respect and esteem of Congressional Committees. During your incumbency, the Army not only passed through its most serious financial stringency of the post-war period but emerged therefrom to attain, in the appropriation law just enacted, its largest peace-time budget. Your record of accomplishment in helping stave off disaster in the first instance and then in fighting through to final victory furnishes proof sufficient of your soldierly qualifications and your broad grasp of the Army's fundamental problems. Time after time, you have taken a critical part in winning a success out of a seemingly hopeless situation. Coming immediately to mind as recent examples were your invaluable contributions in the struggle to increase the enlisted strength of the Army, to expand the Cadet Corps at West Point, and to revise the promotion system.

"Because of your abilities, among which are preeminently vision, decision, and forcefulness, you are assured of a brilliant future and of opportunity to serve the Army in positions of increasingly higher rank. But I doubt that any peace assignment will ever entail more onerous or exacting duty than that you are now so successfully completing. As you go to your new station I can say only, as a final word of commendation, that through the character of your work in the past five years you have added immeasurably to your already enviable reputation as a soldier.

"With cordial personal regard,

"Sincerely,

"Douglas MacArthur,

"General,

"Chief of Staff."

General Phillipson reached the grade of Colonel on August 1, 1935 and was immediately assigned to command the Thirtieth Infantry and the Presidio of San Francisco. Under his leadership, the Thirtieth spent many months in field operations and maneuvers, shuttling back and forth from San Diego to Seattle. During the same period, the Presidio was transformed from actual obsolescence to one of the most modern of Army posts. "San Francisco's Own," as the Thirtieth Infantry was popularly called under his able command, will long be favorably known and fondly remembered by the West Coast.

He became a Brigadier General on July 1, 1938 and was assigned to command the Second Brigade of the First Division with headquarters at Fort Ontario, New York. In 1939 he served as Deputy Director of the Plattsburg area First Army Maneuvers and again in the same capacity in 1940 at the Western New York First Army Maneuvers. With war threatening, these maneuvers under General Drum's able leadership did much to arouse the country to the pitiful state of unpreparedness to which it had fallen.

In March 1940, General Phillipson was again detailed to the General Staff Corps and assigned to duty as Chief of Staff of the Second Corps Area with headquarters at Governors Island, New York. In the following November—more than a year prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor—he succeed-

ed General Drum as Commanding General of that key Corps Area. He became a Major General on his fifty-ninth birthday (April 3, 1941). For his service in preparing the Second Corps Area for war and directing its operation during the initial stages of war, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and by direction of the President was commended for outstanding service "during the initial period of the war emergency, covering the intensive preparation of combat and service units and the rapid expansion of the military establishment."

On May 15, 1942, despite his reluctance to relinquish command, he was selected by the Secretary of War to relieve Major General William H. Haskell as Executive Director of Army Emergency Relief which was then being organized. During the succeeding two years, he was occupied exclusively in developing the Army's own relief establishment, devoted to the care of soldiers and their dependents. Under his direction, \$20,000,000 was raised by public and private subscriptions and through army activities. The unforgettable "This is the Army" owes much of its incomparable success to his foresight, judgment, and guidance. Innumerable enlisted men and their families were freed from personal worry in order that they might devote their all out efforts to the service of their country.

General Phillipson was detailed on January 15, 1944 to duty on the War Department Dependency Board with which he served until retired for physical disability incident to the service on December 31, 1944.

Following his retirement, General Phillipson was employed as Director of Industrial Relations in the Botany Worsted Mills of Passaic, New Jersey. His success with industry was immediate and as outstanding as had been his previous service.

In Irving Phillipson, exceptional ability was combined with human understanding, a combination which won him steady advancement and hosts of friends. He invariably sought duty with troops and took particular pride in his service in three distinguished combat divisions—the First, the Third, and the Thirty-Sixth. His deep interest in the welfare of enlisted men, his sympathetic understanding of their problems and his recognized capacity for command and leadership are unmistakably distinguishable throughout his career. He was direct, kind, just, approachable and unassuming. Duty came first, always. A soldier of outstanding recognized attainments in every phase of the military profession, he appreciated the responsibilities of rank more than he craved its honors. A plain, simple, sincere American without cant or prejudice, of him it can be truly said that he kept the "soldier's faith." He would wish no more pretentious an epitaph.

General Phillipson is survived by his widow the former Elsie Salvadore of Clifton, New Jersey and a brother Herbert Phillipson of Dowagiac, Michigan.

Robert E. O'Brien

NO. 4692 CLASS OF 1908

DIED FEBRUARY 21, 1954, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 68 YEARS.

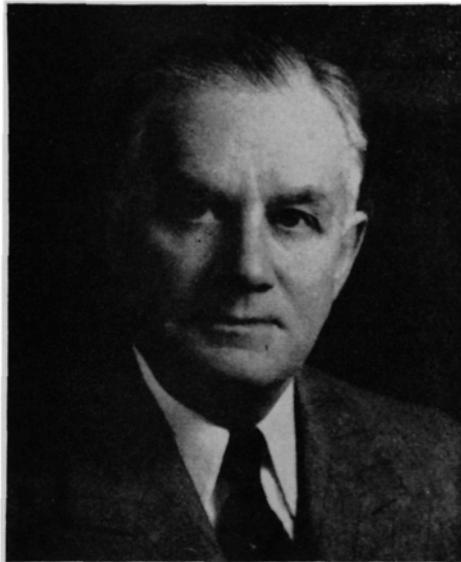
BOBBY O'BRIEN died at his home in Washington, D. C. of a heart attack. Although retired officially, he never actually retired from taking a deep interest in all aspects

of life. He kept abreast of world affairs; he was keenly aware of military affairs and voiced his logic and wisdom on these matters with a wealth of background knowledge gathered during his tours of duty in the War Department.

Robert Emmett O'Brien entered the Military Academy from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, on that first weekday in July 1904. Beast-barracks was taken in his stride and his "D" Company assignment lasted four years and was culminated as he rose to be one of the company's cadet lieutenants during his first class year.

He was manager of the football team and participated in all phases of cadet life. He never lost interest in his Alma Mater, and was most pleased when he was ordered back to duty at West Point for a brief period as an instructor in mathematics.

Reminiscent of the shortened classes of World Wars I and II, Bobby and his classmates were graduated six months early in February 1908, because of the demands for trained officers during the Cuban Pacification. In Cuba, he served with the 27th In-



fantry and returned with the "Wolfhound" Regiment to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, in 1910. It was while he was stationed at Fort Sheridan that he met and married Miss Keturah Foulds of Highland Park, on New Year's Day, 1913. Soon afterwards, Bobby and his bride departed for the newly established post of duty in Panama when the Canal was nearing completion.

In World War I, Bobby was a major on the staff of Major General Patrick, Chief of Air Corps of the AEF, after being awarded one of the first observer's ratings in the fledgling Air Corps. He finally returned to his beloved Infantry as Commanding Officer of the 305th Machine Gun Battalion of the 77th Division.

After the war, Bobby returned to his native state as the O'Briens were stationed in Bloomington, Indiana, where then Major O'Brien was PMS&T at Indiana University until 1923. He attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, graduating in 1924 as an Honor Graduate. During the four year period 1926-1930, Major O'Brien served in the Office of The Chief of Infantry, handling personnel affairs, where he met many of the younger Infantry Officers who were to attain high rank in World War II. Major O'Brien graduated from the Army War College in 1931. He was on duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of the IV Corps Area at Atlanta,

Georgia, when he became ill and retired in 1933.

Colonel O'Brien's early retirement cut short a promising career. He had qualified himself for high command and undoubtedly would have attained it, but for the illness which ended his active service. Nevertheless, he spent his years in retirement cheerful and busy, never with regrets. Bobby was devoted to his classmates and cherished their friendship. The feeling was reciprocated, and his gay companionship was always sought at the Army and Navy Club, where he spent many happy hours. He was loved by scores of the young people whom he befriended, counseled, and aided in many ways. Above all, he was an inspiration to his family, who alone knew of his pain, saw him master it, and present the buoyant air for which he was loved. A stanza from "The Song of the Camp" is most befitting:

"Sleep, Soldier! still in honored rest
Your truth and valor wearing;
The Bravest is the Tenderest,
The loving—the most daring."

Colonel O'Brien is survived by his widow, Mrs. Robert E. O'Brien, and daughter Keturah, both of 2205 California Street, Washington, D. C., and son, Colonel Robert E. O'Brien, Jr., an armor officer stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

—B. W. H.

Homer Havron Slaughter

NO. 4670 CLASS OF 1908

DIED DECEMBER 21, 1953, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 68 YEARS.

BORN February 26, 1885, in a country suburb of Kansas City, Missouri, the eldest of the eight children of Orlando V. and Elizabeth Havron Slaughter, Homer Slaughter early set the pattern of the distinguished teaching career that was to occupy over a third of his forty years of active duty in his beloved Army. While still an undergraduate at Hickman High School, he was often drafted for substitute teaching. This gave him the mature, quiet assurance and habit of study with which he entered the Academy in June 1904, to graduate in February 1908, 29th in his class.

The early graduation of 1908 was precipitated by the threat of trouble in the Far East. True to his Missouri origin, Lieutenant Slaughter sought to be shown, electing a foreign station nearest the oriental tinderbox. His first station was Cebu in the Visayas. This oldest city of the Philippines had least changed since its origin in 1535, and retained more closely the complexion of the Days of the Empire. It was garrisoned by the 14th Infantry, but lately returned from the China Relief Expedition—our first international adventure, in suppression of the Boxer Rebellion. From his messmates in the 14th, all veterans of CRX—Taylor '89, Learnard '90, Burnside '96, Titus '05—he acquired the bent that was to serve his country so well 1917-20, as the archetype of the WW II OSS officer agent and undercover diplomat, unsung in his feats of derring-do because of their import and potential.

Returning to the States with his regiment, just two years from his graduation, and stationed in Montana, he met and won lovely Isma Eidell of Helena, attending the University at Missoula, Montana. Married June 13, 1911, they left Fort Wright in August for duty at West Point, where despite his youth Lieutenant Slaughter taught Law,

It was typical of his investigative mind that the intricacies of P. Gordon's Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy should claim him for the last three years of this faculty tour. Always intrigued by the unique resources of the Cadet Library, he did much original research in association with his great friend, Doctor Holden, the Librarian; and contributed major articles to the library files, still standard in their fields. Of the many cadets that were inspired by his soldierly and scholarly qualities, four westerners of the Class of 1915 were familiars in his quarters: Benedict, Bradley, Fox, and Eisenhower.

Back to the Philippines in July '16, to the 13th Infantry at Batangas and Corregidor, he was claimed by the growing travail of Asia; and July 1917 found him camped with the 15th Infantry on the shores of the Yellow Sea. Duty as provost marshal and expeditionary force judge advocate at Tientsin enabled his family to join him briefly in the ideal setting of the British Concession there—their last association until 1920; for shortly, orders as attaché to Jassey, Roumania, cast him in a major role in the cosmic drama just starting in Asia. His first duty thereunder, enroute to join by a circuitous route, was to command a trainload of supplies destined for Ambassador Frances—a project that was aborted by the rising Bolsheviks, retreating Czechs, and advancing Germans. Accredited as assistant attaché to Russia initially, he served his country notably for the next three years under most precarious conditions in Siberia. As first American attaché to the Far Eastern Republic, as American Military Representative and Liaison for the American Expeditionary Forces with the Kolchak Armies and with Ataman Semenov, American associate and representative in Inner Siberia with the generals of the British and French Missions, and finally as G-2, AEF in Siberia, he ranged from Vladivostok to Ekaterinburg just east of the Urals. He was just outside of Ekaterinburg the night the imperial family was massacred there; and was the first outsider to visit the scene, investigate, and report. Thereabout he saw the fabulous private emerald mines of the Czar, and the platinum stores. At Perm, Ufa, on the Volga, it was he who found in captured communist archives the full text of the controversial and hitherto secret treaty between Germany and Japan, transmitted it to our State Department, whence it was transmitted to the British and French Foreign Offices. The Peking & Tientsin Times of April 17, '19 which chronicled this pictures the troubled conditions even on the most organized fringe of Major Slaughter's huge sphere of responsibility, in headlines: "SEARCH OF AMERICAN MISSIONARIES HOMES IN KOREA", "KOREANS SHOT", "HASEGAWA WARNS KOREANS" — prescient of thirty years later; and "200 Members of Parliament petition Lloyd George to refuse any proposal to recognize the Russian Soviet government" Another yellowed sheet, of July '19, shows the ponderous railway fortress captured at Cizran by the Czechs. It housed the traveling "mint" that turned Lenine's "sight drafts on the world", counterfeits of the gold-secured Kerensky roubles, as Bolshevik pay tables required—another Russian "first". Noted in the picture is American Major Slaughter. For his services with Gaid and the Czech Armies he was decorated with the Czechoslovak John Hus Medal, and later in 1920, the War Medal. From the United States—the Victory Medal with Defensive Sector Clasp.

Returning Stateside July '20, he served the next four years at West Point as Assistant Professor in the Department of Natural

and Experimental Philosophy. Graduating in '25 in the Advanced Course at Benning, and in '26 from the Command and General Staff School as "Distinguished", he was retained at the latter as instructor and Chief of the Military History Section until 1930. Graduating from Army War College in '31, he had battalion command in the 29th Infantry until '33, when he was detailed to G-2, WDGS. There his outstanding knowledge of the Asian Theatre and its actors was exploited for four years as Chief of Far Eastern Division. Thence, to command the 1st Infantry at Fort Warren, '37-'39; and after a tour as PMS&T at Iowa State University, he became Chief of Staff of General Krueger's Eighth Corps. There, with due recognition and award for his WW I work imminent, the tremendous imposition on his eyesight caused the second cataract to form, forcing him into limited duty, again at the University and as officially commended Director of Training, Seventh Service Command. In this duty, and as a colonel since 1936, he was retired for phys-



ical disability October '44, his sight impairment having become exigent.

The Slaughters returned to the Virginia locale of his first American ancestors, Robert and Frances Slaughter, who as late as 1731 had lived near Culpepper. At their place, Willow Spring, in the country near Purcellville, Homer and Isma teamed in exploiting his works and his old hobby of photography which had found early expression in many of the pictures in the 1908 *Howitz*. Despite a new engrossment in horticulture, he found time to play leading roles in county affairs, both Loudon and Fairfax—as the first Director of Civil Defense of Loudon County, as head and director of County Red Cross. Still active in county politics and the collation of his notable notes and records, his gallant heart gradually yielded in a three years' decline. He died at Walter Reed December 21, 1953; and was interred at Union Cemetery in Leesburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Slaughter still resides in the Virginia home. The three sons—all in the Service—are Colonel John E. Slaughter, FA, USMA '35, BSM, now in Lisbon, Portugal; Major Stephen F. Slaughter, Armored, BSM, now at Holabird; Lieutenant Lawrence H. Slaughter, AF, now at the Pentagon. There are four grandchildren.

Homer Slaughter's work goes on in the memories and evidence of his broad interests, his attainments, his humor and cheer,

his thoroughness and brilliance—as scholar, teacher, soldier, comrade.

—J. R. N. W., '11.

Charles Albert Chapman

NO. 4896 CLASS OF 1910

DIED JANUARY 27, 1952, AT WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, AGED 65 YEARS.

"CHAPY" was born at Waterford, Michigan, February 26, 1886. He began his military career as a cadet at the United States Military Academy June 15, 1906, and graduated in June 1910 with a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps.

His service in the next few years was the usual garrison duty. Promotion to First Lieutenant came along in June 1915, and he was made Captain in August 1917.

The First World War was now in control of the destinies of Army officers, and brought him an appointment as Major in the National Army in May 1918, and as Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, U.S. Army, on November 12, 1918.

He had been on duty at the Field Artillery School of Fire, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, since July 1917, and later held successively, while with the Field Artillery, the positions of Artillery Instructor 81st FA; Battalion Commander 327th FA; and Brigade Adjutant of the 3d FA Brigade on this side, and, later, AEF in Germany and France.

He was authorized the Army of Occupation of Germany Medal for World War I; World War I Victory Medal with two battle clasps for participating in Meuse-Argonne and Defensive Sector; American Theater Ribbon; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; and World War II Victory Medal.

In April 1920, he reverted to the grade of Captain on return to the United States and was sent to Washington, D. C. as Assistant to the Commanding Officer, European Claims Unit. He was promoted to Major in August 1920.

After a short period as Chief, Labor Bureau, Army Service Forces, he was assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas, and remained there until September 1924.

The next two years were spent at school, the first in the Advanced Course at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia; the second at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was rated a "Distinguished Graduate".

Ordered to Hawaii, he first served a year with the 64th Coast Artillery, and was then assigned to the Hq. Hawaiian Special Brigade and Coast Artillery District. Here he served as Brigade Adjutant and Plans and Training Officer until July 1928, then as Chief of Staff and Inspector until June 1929.

On his return to the States he served a year in the Headquarters, Third Coast Artillery District at Fort Monroe until August 1930, and was then assigned to the University of Illinois at Champaign, Illinois. There he commanded the Coast Artillery Unit, with a promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in November 1934.

He was retired in that grade on September 30, 1936, at his own request, and lived quietly with his family in Williamsburg,

Virginia, active in civilian affairs of all kinds, especially those for young people.

When the Second World War broke out, he was recalled to active duty (May 1941) and assigned again to his former station



and duty at the University of Illinois. He was promoted to Colonel in March 1942, A.U.S. was appointed Professor of Military Science and Tactics, and continued on this duty until his return to the Retired List in February 1946. He was promoted to Colonel on the Retired List for Physical Disability incurred while on active duty in that grade.

On the evening of January 27, 1952, he died of a heart attack. He was in the home he loved, surrounded by members of his family and warned, in a way, by several more or less serious previous attacks.

"Chapy" had a good life and he enjoyed it. Two marriages enriched his life. In June 1914, he married Miss Rosalind L. Wood, of Savannah, Georgia whose untimely death came in October 1921. December 1934, he married Mrs. Hortense Fish Brigham of Glencoe, Illinois, the mother of five children, Erwin, Jane, William, Frances, and Hortense who became by adoption, Chapy's Children. His love for, pride in, and intelligent guidance of these children made him the "ideal" father.

He was one of the best "all-around" officers I've ever known. He was curious about everything and he had an unusual memory, so that as time went on, he acquired an immense and detailed knowledge. He had tact and he had strength, and so developed, with experience, into a real expert in correct staff work. As a staff officer and as a commander, he handled things well and smoothly. Friction with others developed rarely, and usually as a result of encroachments by others on the members of his unit. Loyalty was perhaps his outstanding quality.

—R. B. C.

Bethel Wood Simpson

NO. 4953 CLASS OF 1911

DIED FEBRUARY 16, 1955, IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 66 YEARS.

BETHEL WOOD SIMPSON, known to his classmates as "Simp," chose to follow in the footsteps of his father and chose the Reg-

ular Army as his career. Bethel entered the United States Military Academy with the Class of 1911 in June 1907. Four years later he graduated well up in his class.

As a cadet his fine logical mind, honesty, self control, most pleasing personality and energy secured for him a most creditable scholastic record.

His high degree of intelligence and ability to study made it easy for his fine mind to grasp and retain the varied material in the daily assigned studies at West Point and later in his career as an Army Officer. Lesser gifted individuals required hours more of effort than did he. Bethel's modesty made others feel that he never considered he had been blessed with greater ability than they were. In fact he gave generously in assisting those with whom he came in close contact to master the subject under study at the time.

These attributes paved the way for an outstandingly productive and efficient career during his thirty-nine years of active duty in the Army. His first five years of commissioned service were in the Field Artil-



lery and the last thirty in the Ordnance Department. A detail, and later a transfer, to the Ordnance Department in those days was a greatly prized assignment secured only after a highly competitive test of the applicants ability.

As early as the 1920's his scientific and imaginative mind grasped the possibility of applying the then infant electronic developments to the improvement of our anti-aircraft defenses. He suggested that the problem be studied of the application of the principles of the radio receiver to be included in a projectile fuse. His thought was that this would permit the detonation of the shell when it reached an advantageous position with respect to the target. At that early date the development of the techniques in the then largely unexplored field of electronics were not such as to permit a solution. Since then the progress in this science has more than overtaken his early vision.

Bethel was retired from active service as a Brigadier General in 1946. After retirement he made his home in Pasadena, California, where his wife and daughter now reside.

As a friend, roommate at West Point, and sincere admirer I personally, his classmates and his host of friends, together with his

wife May Byrne Simpson; his son Colonel Charles L. Simpson, United States Army, and his daughter Mrs. Wyatt Flock, Jr., have indeed suffered a great and irreparable loss. To all it is a treasured memory to have known Bethel Wood Simpson. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery.

—Benjamin C. Lockwood, Jr.,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Retired.

Harold Marvin Rayner

NO. 5071 CLASS OF 1912

DIED DECEMBER 8, 1954, IN MONTROSE, NEW YORK, AGED 66 YEARS.

THIS may not be the place to recite his illustrious service to his country. That is all indelibly written on the record. Instead, it may be appropriate here to recall the character of the man, and those qualities which made him a leader, through and through.

Harold was an ideal officer.

He turned in a superior performance of duty in any assignment.

He was both a highly competent staff officer and an inspired commander.

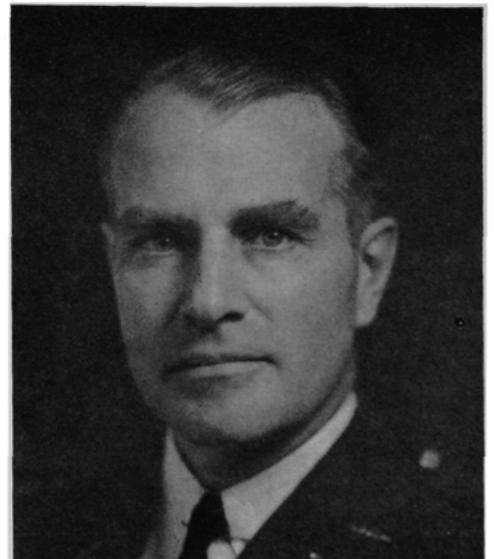
His experiences and inclinations broadened the scope of his interests to international proportions.

Although unusually gifted physically, he drove himself hard throughout life, to measure up to his own physical standards.

How proud West Point can be of this son, his high purpose and his great spirit.

To those of us who were nurtured, trained, and dedicated within those gray, stone walls, it is enough to say—for it says it all—He was a West Pointer—every inch of him.

I like to think that he carries his drive and energy along with him, as he takes his very special place in that Long Gray Line. Up there, we can hear his buoyant voice, now:—"Rayner—1912—reporting in for the



long call" And back echoes the welcome from the God of All Battles—"Well Done, Rayner, Be Thou At Peace"

—W. D. C.

Brehon Burke Somervell

NO. 5211 CLASS OF 1914

DIED FEBRUARY 13, 1955, AT OCALA, FLORIDA,
AGED 63 YEARS.

ANOTHER of our Alma Mater's most illustrious sons has answered the final roll call. Death came peacefully to General Brehon Somervell, affectionately known to a host of friends and admirers simply as "Bill", while he was recuperating from a heart attack which he suffered last summer.

Bill Somervell was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 9th of May 1892. Entering the United States Military Academy in 1910, he graduated sixth in his class and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army. His early reputation for efficiency and accomplishment brought him many special and difficult assignments. In 1916 he joined the American Expeditionary Forces in Mexico, under General Pershing, in pursuit of the border raider, Pancho Villa.

On our entry into World War I he was assigned as Adjutant of the 15th Engineers, Railway, which he helped to recruit and organize, and which he accompanied to France. After several months of distinguished service with this organization he was transferred to a combat division and became Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of the 89th Division. When World War I ended, Somervell remained in Germany with the Occupation Forces as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, of the U.S. Third Army. During this period of his service he met Mr. Walker D. Hines, who had become arbiter of shipping on the Rhine River, and assisted him in preparing a comprehensive report on Rhine River shipping.

This association with Mr. Hines led to Bill's assisting in a survey and report on navigation conditions on the Rhine and Danube Rivers for the League of Nations in 1925, and later, during 1933 and 1934, he had charge of all field work in connection with an Economic Survey of Turkey to be used as the basis for a five year plan for industrialization.

In 1936 when the Works Progress Administration in New York City had bogged down, Bill Somervell was called in to remedy the situation. He succeeded where seven previous administrators had failed and for the next four years efficiently directed the operation of this, the largest W.P.A. organization in the nation.

In December of 1940, Bill was appointed Chief of the Construction Division, O.Q.M.G., to speed up the Army construction program which was lagging badly, with the possibility that our expanding army would not be sheltered before winter set in. His characteristic dynamic attack and efficient management produced results and before the heavy February rains began in the south our newly inducted soldiers were provided with adequate shelter and the construction of numerous munitions plants was well under way.

The post of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, of the War Department became vacant in October of 1941, and Somervell was honored by selection to fill this position of importance and responsibility. Shortly thereafter the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor and war became a reality. To facilitate its prosecution, a bold and drastic reorganization of the War Department was decided upon which provided, in general, for a War Department General Staff and three major commands, i.e. the Army Ground Forces, the Army Air Forces, and the Service of

Supply. The designation of this latter command was almost immediately changed to the Army Service Forces, by which name it was known throughout the war. It was charged with the logistics support of our war effort. Bill Somervell was promoted to Lieutenant General and appointed Commanding General of this extensive and diversified logistic command, and thus fell heir to one of the most difficult military assignments of all times. From the beginning, the Army Services Forces became the biggest business in history, with its vitally important activities extending to the far corners of the world. Bill's magnetic personality and his dynamic energy permeated throughout this far flung organization, unifying it and spurring it on to ever greater efforts.

The designation, Army Service Forces, and the name of its distinguished commander were, in a sense, synonymous. The A.S.F. accomplished its difficult mission—a great American army was inducted, sheltered, fed, armed, transported overseas, supplied with essential logistic requirements, and brought back home again and demobil-



ized when the fighting was finished. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, with whom Bill was closely associated throughout the war, paid this tribute to this great war time contribution to victory: "In organizing and directing the world-wide supply lines on which our troops depended for their offensive power, General Somervell performed a service without parallel in military history. He was completely dedicated to the task of winning the war in the shortest possible time and with the smallest cost in American lives, and the energy and ability he applied to his task contributed in great measure to the force of our attack and the speed of our victory"

Bill's brilliant service was recognized by many awards and decorations bestowed upon him by our government and by our allies, and in March of 1945 he was promoted to the four star rank of General.

The war having ended, he terminated his military career by retirement at his own request on the 30th of April 1946, and became President and Chairman of the Board of the extensive Koppers Company, Inc., which position he held at the time of his death and to which he contributed the same brilliant leadership in the industrial world that he had demonstrated throughout his active military career.

At the end of World War I Bill was married to Anna Purnell, and to them were

born three lovely daughters, Mary Ann, Susan, and Constance. After many years of happy married life, his wife Ann died. In 1943 Bill married Louise Hampton Wartmann, a long time friend of the family, who was his devoted wife and helpful companion during the most trying and active years of his life. This was also a very happy marriage and united two families of three lovely daughters each, Louise's daughters being Elizabeth Ann, Mary Louise, and Mildred Alice.

For over forty years it was my good fortune to enjoy Bill's warm and lasting friendship. During the five year period from 1941 to 1945 it was my high privilege to serve him in the closest association. These were the critical years of preparation for and prosecution of the war, full of dark and discouraging moments. These were the days of many seemingly unsurmountable crises when the success of military operations and the lives of thousands depended upon the timely receipt of essential logistic support. I have seen Bill confronted with hundreds of the most difficult and complex situations. His response was always immediate and decisive, his performance in solving them was magnificent and effective.

He was truly a man of action—dynamic, forceful, determined—possessed of a profound sense of duty and responsibility and an accurate sense of urgency and timing. He operated with an air of seriousness enlivened by a great spirit of gaiety and zest for living and a happiness born of keeping continuously busy doing things worth while. He aroused great sentiments of loyalty in those closely associated with him, which was a reflection of the great loyalty and friendship he gave in return. He was a demanding taskmaster but drove himself even harder than he drove his subordinates. His devotion to duty and determination were fanatical. To him the impossible only took a little longer to accomplish.

On a hurried trip to Florida last fall we had a brief but most enjoyable visit with Bill and Louise. Bill was relaxing and resting under her loving care. He looked wonderfully well. It was evident that he was enjoying the quiet life in the serenity and comfort of their lovely home and in the companionship of family and friends. The same old time sparkle shot from his flashing eyes, the humor and gaiety of spirit were undiminished. Though temporarily slowed down physically, he was confidently looking forward to more worlds to conquer when he regained full health. When we departed, little did we realize that we were bidding our last goodbye to Bill Somervell, one of God's great noblemen and a true friend. The world mourns the loss of a great soldier and inspiring leader whose life was unselfishly devoted to the service of his country and to his fellow men.

—W. D. Styer,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army
(Retired), Class of 1916.

Gilbert Smith Brownell

NO. 5450 CLASS OF 1915

DIED DECEMBER 26, 1954, AT NEW ROCHELLE,
NEW YORK, AGED 62 YEARS.

"Doc" was born in Schenectady, New York, on December 21, 1892, to Doctor and Mrs. (Molly Don) Frank V. Brownell, and was brought up in Canjoharie, New York. His father was a family physician with

many friends among whom he practiced until he was 80 years old.

Doc attended Dean Academy at Franklin, Massachusetts, and then went to Highland Falls to prepare for West Point which he entered with the Class of 1915.

As a cadet, Doc's only troubles were with the Academic Department. Again and again he donned his white gloves and joined the tense and worried group turned out for the "finals." It was in these trials that he first showed his ability to deliver under pressure and his determination to graduate and achieve his ambition of serving his country as an officer in the U.S. Army.

In his relations with his classmates he had no troubles—only unqualified success. Always thoughtful, generous and kind, he was a most welcome addition to all "bull fests" and "boodle fights." These qualities he retained throughout his life and combined with his experience, understanding and knowledge of leadership, earned for him the love of all with whom he served.

On graduation he joined the 17th Infantry and in 1916 went with it to Columbus, New Mexico, then into Mexico with the



Punitive Expedition under General Pershing.

After the regiment returned from Mexico it was sent via El Paso, and Fort McPherson, Georgia, to Chickamauga Park where it was divided to furnish cadres for the 17th, 55th and 56th Regiments.

Doc was assigned to the 55th and in the Fall of 1917 was detailed as an Instructor in the Officers' Training School at Chickamauga Park. In the Spring of 1918 he went with the 55th to Waco, Texas, and overseas that summer when the 7th Division was ordered to France, returning to the United States about August 1919.

In the Fall of 1920 he entered The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student in the initial Field Officers Advanced Course, was graduated in 1921 and remained there for 4 years as an instructor.

In 1925 he went to Schofield Barracks, T. H., where he served as Adjutant of the 22nd Brigade under General Stuart Heintzelman, returning in the summer of 1928 for the two year Course at The Command & General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he remained after graduation for 4 years as an instructor.

In 1934 he was detailed to the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks, New York.

After completing his two year tour with that regiment he was assigned to duty at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina,

then took the Field Officers Chemical Warfare Course at The Chemical Warfare School, served with the Infantry at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, and was ordered to The Georgia Institute of Technology at Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1941 he was assigned to the 113th Infantry of the Eastern Seaboard Command, at Fort Hancock, New Jersey, on duty patrolling the East Coast north of New Jersey, inclusive, an extremely difficult, nerve-wracking and onerous duty.

In 1943 he was sent to Newfoundland but returned in that year to Walter Reed General Hospital where he was retired on December 31st, 1943 for physical disability.

Recalled to active duty in 1948, he served in the Pentagon in the Office of The Adjutant General of the Army until illness forced him to revert to the Retired List in April 1949.

After final termination of his active service he lived most of the time at Highlands, North Carolina, spending the winters at Charleston, South Carolina.

On November 16, 1916 he married Laura B. Wishart of Grand Rapids, Michigan, the daughter of the Reverend Doctor Alfred W. Wishart who was for many years Pastor of the Fountain Street Baptist Church.

His wife, Laura, of 43 South Battery, Charleston, South Carolina, and their three children, Mary Don (Mrs. Claude S. McDill, Jr.), Charleston, South Carolina, Alfred Wishart Brownell, New York City and Laura Adams (Mrs. George B. Eager), Valdosta, Georgia, and six grandchildren survive him.

To them his classmates and his many other friends extend their deepest sympathy and share their sorrow in their bereavement.

Doc was a man of pleasing personality, of character and integrity, a competent officer who always did well to the best of his ability any duty assigned him, reserved, a friendly and unassuming comrade, always courteous, thoughtful and considerate of others, a gentleman in the most comprehensive meaning of the word.

He came to the end of the trail having attained the best and finest type of success, that of having never done anything which caused him to lose his self respect.

As he passes from the visible ranks of the Long Gray Line to join those in the shadows, we shall miss him but shall not forget him, for

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Vaya con Dios, amigo.

—John Hale Stutesman.

Colonel, U.S.A., Retired.

Thomas Benoit Hedekin

NO. 6300 CLASS OF 1919

DIED JULY 13, 1954, AT FITZSIMONS ARMY HOSPITAL, DENVER, COLORADO, AGED 54 YEARS.

THOMAS BENOIT HEDEKIN was born on September 13, 1899, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. His parents were the late Brigadier General Charles A. Hedekin (USMA '88), at that time a First Lieutenant in the 3d Cavalry; and Adelaide Drew Hedekin, before her marriage a belle of Highland Falls, New York.

There was never any doubt about Tom's career. On his way to West Point, he went with the regiment to the Philippines and Hawaii, and to Forts Sheridan, Myer,

Apache, Sam Houston, and Leavenworth. His father was then stationed for several years in Washington, where Tom followed the Army boy's standard pattern by graduating from the Peter Force School, and breaking off after three years at Western High School to attend Schadmann's prep school.

Tom entered the Military Academy on June 14, 1917, by appointment from his father's home district in Indiana. He was one of the famous Student Officer Class, who entered as the Class of 1921, became Second Lieutenants on November 1, 1918, and are counted in these annals as the Class of 1919. With little effort he stood 45 on a graduation roll of 284, and chose the Field Artillery. It was a happy choice. He found lifelong pleasure in his chosen arm, and attained a professional standing surpassed by none. It was the fate of his Class to spend nearly 22 years in the company grades, and then to flower into a display of leadership which demonstrated, by unquestionable achievement, the remarkable morale, cohesiveness, and flexibility



of the corps of officers of the Regular Army.

Tom laid the foundations of his Field Artillery reputation by graduation from two schools of the arm: the Basic Course at Camp Taylor in 1920 and the Battery Officers' Course at Fort Sill in 1929. His regimental experience included service with the 14th, 1st, 4th, 8th, and 6th Regiments of Field Artillery. He served with light, medium and mountain guns, variously moved by horses, mules, tractors and trucks.

Tom had a first-rate mind, broad, inquiring, vigorous, and clear. For his friends, one of the finest pleasures in life was watching the maturing of this fine instrument. When Tom met you after a gap of years, he spent little time in resurrecting the trivia of bygone days. Almost immediately he wanted your opinion about several current problems, and his modesty was so genuine that it might be some time before you realized how far his careful sifting of fact from notion and his clarity of analysis had enlightened your own biased approach. He was a gifted instructor, sympathetic and eager to transmit thought, and much of his service was passed on such assignments.

From 1924 to 1928 he was an instructor and staff officer at the Military Academy. This was a very happy period, reaching its

climax in 1927 when he married Mary Molitor, the sister of his classmate Carl Molitor, and of his closest friend and longtime roommate, Eric Molitor of the Class of November 1918. It was a wonderfully happy marriage to the end.

For five years (1933-1938) he was an instructor with the ROTC unit at Yale University, following which he attended the Command and General Staff School. Thence he went in 1939 to the faculty of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, where his tasks became increasingly responsible. On the day that General J. D. Balmer took command of the Field Artillery School (July 1, 1942), an old friend came in to see him and said, "I want to give you a tip. This fellow Hedekin is brilliant but so quiet that it will take you years to discover his exceptional ability. Give him all your toughest problems and watch him go." The advice was accepted.

In December 1943, Tom was ordered to London as Deputy Artillery Officer of the First U.S. Army Group. He was handpicked for this assignment, in order to place him at the central coordinating spot of all field artillery activities in the European Theater. A year later he became Artillery Officer of General Bradley's Twelfth Army Group. This was a brigadier general's position, although Tom's promotion did not go through before the war ended. Nevertheless many in high places appreciated the capacity behind his selfless modesty.

Following World War II, he had three key assignments with boards for artillery experimentation and testing; a tour in Japan, including a year in charge of the Eta Jima School Command; and three years at Fort Leavenworth as Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Post Commander. In November 1953 he flew to Korea to become Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division Artillery. He was made Brigadier General with rank from January 10, 1954. Soon after his promotion he was advanced to Commanding General, IX Corps Artillery. He returned to Fitzsimons Hospital in the summer of 1954 and died there unexpectedly, when thought to be on the road to recovery.

His widow and two fine children, Sara and Toby, make their home in Washington.

Tom's life was marked by a serenity unusual in a man of such vigorous intellect. He was utterly unimpressed by the superficial rewards of ambition. The world and his place in the world, the Army and his share in the Army's great missions, he saw with rare discernment. He always seemed to have an inner contentment that was equally unruffled by triumph or disaster. His judgment accordingly was balanced and his advice was wise, and his powers were just coming into their fullest richness when his last call was blown.

—Williston B. Palmer,
Mary Molitor Hedekin,
Eric S. Molitor.

Perry McCoy Smith

NO. 6885 CLASS OF 1922

DIED MARCH 18, 1955, AT ORLANDO AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, AGED 55 YEARS.

"Perry is gone!" . . . thus his mother, over and over again—barely audible, as if trying to convince herself of the fact of his death. We—a few intimate friends—and most of Perry Smith's immediate family had stopped at Charlie West's quarters after the military funeral services and bur-

ial on March 22nd in the beautiful cemetery at West Point—in a location near the Old Chapel and overlooking the ever majestic Hudson River. It was a gathering of old friends and family that Perry would have liked and approved—not too much solemnity or outward signs of grief—the tension of the shock we had all felt at his sudden death of a heart ailment in Orlando, Florida, on March 18th, still persisted among us.

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I never knew Perry Smith well while we were cadets, as we were in different battalions of the Corps and consequently not often associated in the everyday contacts of cadets in the same barracks. Upon our graduation, however, we both were commissioned in the Coast Artillery, with our first station together at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where we pursued adequately, but not too diligently, the last of the so-called "Inc" (Incubator) courses, then deemed so essential by the Coast Artillery School for newly commissioned Second Lieutenants.

For our living quarters Perry and I were assigned together to one fairly large room



in the upper reaches of the notorious old Sherwood Inn—long since demolished, but then serving as a combination officers' club and bachelor officers' quarters. One of the memorable features of our room was that it was held fast to the main building by a heavy iron bar which bisected the room about five feet above the floor. We both soon learned the hard way to respect the existence of that bar. It was not fluorescent, and it was a real hazard to anyone entering the room late at night—as we both frequently did. .

It was during the short time that we lived together at Monroe that I discovered what I have ever since believed to be Perry Smith's outstanding characteristic—he was a gregarious extrovert, first, last and always, if I ever saw one. . . . Wherever he went — then and thereafter — he made friends easily and was usually to be found wherever the social activity of his immediate surroundings was centered at the moment—day or night.

This is a memorial article to Perry—not a chronicle of his various assignments and duties during his more than thirty years' honorable and highly creditable service in the Army. (Such matters are set forth where they belong—in the decennial *Cul-tum's Register* and in the annual *Register of Graduates*). We served together in the Philippines in the "days of the Empire"

and of the "white man's burden"—and had a wonderful time. We, as care-free bachelors then, were convinced that life would go on forever and should be lived accordingly.

In 1929, after his return from the Philippines to the States and while he was again stationed at Monroe, as a student in the Battery Officers' Course, Perry married the girl he had wanted to marry for a long time, Mary Emily Porter, of New York City, a descendant of Major General Andrew Porter of Revolutionary War fame. Of this happy union were born a daughter, George-Anne Porter, and a son, Perry McCoy, Jr., now USMA '56. Both were born at West Point, while Perry was stationed there in the nineteen-thirties.

When the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II came, Perry was stationed on Oahu. His assignments during the war and afterward — until his retirement for physical disability in 1954—were varied and interesting, and included many important duties in both command and staff positions, in the United States and abroad. Perry performed them all with his customary meticulous attention to detail and conscientious regard for his duty as he saw it. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Italian Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus and the Italian Medal of Valor—in addition to the campaign ribbons awarded for service in combat zones in the Pacific and in Europe. At the end of the war in Europe Perry was on duty in Italy as Antiaircraft and Liaison Officer (to Allied Force Headquarters) with the United States Army Ground Forces Board. Soon after the end of the war he was appointed Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, at Allied Force Headquarters, and served concurrently as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of the United States Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Four months before the end of this service in Italy he was appointed Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, at Allied Force Headquarters, with additional duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, United States Base Sections in Italy.

One of his outstanding postwar achievements is the present *Visitors Information Center* at West Point—where thousands of visitors to the Academy annually receive a graphic orientation concerning West Point's means and methods used in the education of a cadet. Perry—then on duty with the General Staff in Headquarters, USMA,—was one of the prime instigators of this project, and its realization and present value to the Academy are largely a result of his original idea and staff planning.

Perry was a native of Ohio — born in Zanesville on February 21, 1900. He is survived by his widow, his daughter and his son. His mother, Mrs. Perry Smith, of Zanesville; his sister, Mrs. E. L. Haines, of Baltimore; and his brother, Wilbur M. Smith, of Santa Ana, California, also survive him.

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"Perry is gone" but is he? Had you seen—as I saw—his tall, straight cadet son receive the flag at his father's funeral a son so startlingly like his father as a cadet, and so determined to follow, close order, behind him—you would agree with me that Perry, Sr. has merely taken his final place in the Long Gray Line—from where he will point the way to Perry, Jr.—another West Pointer who can do no better than emulate his father—a true son of our Alma Mater, a distinguished soldier of his Country, a loving husband and father to his family, and a friend to so many who knew him well. —Charles N. Branham, '22.

Allen Lloyd Keyes

NO. 7017 CLASS OF 1923

DIED NOVEMBER 15, 1951, AT WEST POINT,
NEW YORK, AGED 49 YEARS.

ALLEN LLOYD KEYES was born in Chicago on May 24, 1902. His father, Allen Collins Keyes, was a graduate of the Class of 1901 and, at that time, a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry. The baby was the first boy born to the Class and therefore, his father received the Class Cup which is now preserved in the West Point Museum. His mother was Ida Frances Lloyd Keyes of New York City. On March 4, 1913, Allen's father died at Fort Clark, Texas, of illness induced by the rigors of prolonged field service on the Mexican border. His widow and son then settled in New York City where they lived until Allen entered and graduated from the Military Academy.

Allen won a presidential appointment and entered the Academy on June 13, 1919. He stood high in all his classes and, for his military efficiency, received successive cadet appointments as corporal, color sergeant and first sergeant. He was a member of the "Beast Detail" during his first class year. He was also Assistant Editor of "Bugle Notes" and a pistol expert. On June 12, 1923, he graduated number 58 in a class of 261 and was commissioned in the Field Artillery.

During the years following his graduation, he served as a battery officer at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; Camp Lewis, Washington; and Camp Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands. Then he was ordered to Paris, France, where in 1928 and 1929, he studied at the Alliance Francaise and the Sorbonne, receiving the "Diplome d'Etudes de Civilisation Francaise" from the University of Paris.

He returned to the United States via England and on August 17, 1929, took up his duties at West Point as a French instructor in the Department of Modern Languages. In the summer of 1933 and until the end of August, 1934, he served as a Company Tactical Officer. During this time he received the degree of Master of Arts from Middlebury College, Vermont, for the advanced studies in French which he had pursued there during the summer sessions.

Upon leaving West Point, Allen went to Fort Sill and graduated from the Field Artillery School in June of 1935. He was then detailed to the Advanced Course in Motors, from which he graduated in February of the following year. He remained on duty at Fort Sill in command of a battery of the First Field Artillery (having been promoted to Captain in the meanwhile) until he was once more ordered to the Military Academy.

Allen was at West Point from June of 1937 to August 1939, serving as an instructor in French. During the last year he was in charge of the Third Class Course.

His next assignment was to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, from which he graduated in February 1940. After that he was on artillery staff duty with the Fifth Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Fort Custer, Michigan.

Allen's unusual ability as a French instructor prompted his recall to duty once more at the Military Academy. There, from July 1941, to June 1942, he was Assistant Professor. Then, until April 1943, he was Associate Professor. In the meanwhile he had attained the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Although Allen appreciated the usefulness

of the work he was doing at the Military Academy, he was eager for combat service. His desire was realized with his detail to the Corps of Engineers and transfer to the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations. There he commanded a detachment of the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade from May 1943, to July of the same year. From August and through the following May, he was Executive Officer of the Brigade.

On February 3, 1944, he was promoted to full colonel, and in June 1944, he was given command of the 592nd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment of the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade. He remained its commander through the rest of the war, in Japan, and until its inactivation at San Luis Obispo, California, in November of 1945.

Colonel Keyes participated in heavy fighting during the war. He earned battle stars for the New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Leyte and Luzon campaigns. He was awarded the American Defense Medal, American Theater Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Occupation Medal (Japan), and the Philippine Liberation Medal with three



stars. He held the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. He was awarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster for the amphibious landing at White Beach, Leyte; and the Legion of Merit for the retaking of Bataan and Corregidor.

The best picture of Colonel Keyes' gallantry and inspiring leadership in action can be gained from the citations for award of the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. They will therefore be quoted here.

BRONZE STAR

Colonel ALLEN L. KEYES 015173, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Leyte Province, Philippine Islands, from 20 October to 23 October 1944. Colonel KEYES was assigned the duty of commanding the shore party of the 1st Cavalry Division in its initial assault landings in the Philippine Islands. In this vitally important task, he was ashore immediately following the first waves, disregarding the fact that the terrain he reconnoitered was still being cleared by our troops. He had completed plans for roads and dumps, organized his party, and commenced the unloading of the unprecedented volume of supplies and equipment in an incredibly short time. Throughout the first four days operations, subjected

to threat of enemy stragglers and endangered constantly by enemy air raids aimed at destroying the beach dumps, Colonel KEYES worked incessantly and by his personal example inspired his men to extraordinary efforts. When an adjacent beach became untenable he immediately expanded his activities to include the unloading of shipping consigned to both beaches, and through his indefatigable devotion to duty successfully accomplished the enormous task of getting supplies ashore in a minimum of time, thereby lessening the danger to valuable vessels from air attack and contributing greatly to the success of the operations.

LEGION OF MERIT

Colonel ALLEN L. KEYES, (015173), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services on Luzon and Corregidor Islands from 29 January to 5 April 1945. Colonel Keyes, commanding an engineer boat and shore regiment, landed with the first assault wave on the west coast of Zambales Province, Luzon, and immediately organized beach dumps so efficiently that naval shipping was cleared without delay. A week later he established his regiment at the port of Olongapo and began unloading to permanent dumps there. Part of his organization accompanied the assault battalion in the Mariveles landing, and without delay established dumps and connecting roads. While this portion of his regiment was unloading troops at Mariveles, another section was loading men for the assault on Corregidor. Under his direction this two-fold task was accomplished quickly and efficiently. Accompanying initial assault waves ashore and personally supervising unloading during each major amphibious operation in which his regiment was engaged, Colonel Keyes displayed qualities of leadership and organizing ability which markedly contributed to our success in the Southwest Pacific Area.

On December 31, 1946, Colonel Keyes was retired for physical disability and took up residence in Coronado, California. He was recalled to active duty from April to August 1947, in order that he might write the amphibious training manuals for the Corps of Engineers. The following commendation which he received from the Commanding General, 2nd Engineer Special Brigade, attests the importance of his achievement:

COLONEL ALLEN L. KEYES, 0-15173, CE, United States Army (Retired), while assigned to the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade, Fort Worden, Washington, during the period 1 May 1947 to 13 August 1947, rendered outstanding service in compiling training literature which embodied the principles gained from the Army's entire amphibious experience in war.

The work accomplished by Colonel Keyes was largely original and demonstrated great intellectual capacity, thorough knowledge of the subject and a large amount of research involving data of a highly technical nature. Succeeding generations of commanders and staff officers will benefit from these works which so ably represent the compiled experience of a hundred thousand men. In the name of six brigades of gallant men, this tribute is paid to his accomplishments.

When he had finished this task he returned to inactive status and became the Director and Superintendent of the Brown Military Academy, San Diego, California. He was well settled in and accomplishing many constructive things when West Point again called him.

The West Point Museum had been closed during the war. Before then it had been primarily an ordnance museum and, as such, had been an extra responsibility for the Professor of Ordnance. With its reopening, it became apparent that the old arrangement would no longer serve the purpose. Activities and responsibilities had been greatly expanded, and an able executive was needed for the new position of Director, which had just been created. Colonel Keyes was selected from a wide field of applicants. He assumed his duties on April 16, 1949.

Colonel Keyes' experience at the Military Academy and in the Army fitted him admirably for the position. He was tireless and efficient. He worked out the details of the new organization, trained his assistants and produced a smoothly operating force. He began modernizing the Museum, filled gaps in its collections, and improved its maintenance and storage facilities. He developed its fine arts program and helped bring coherence into the policies relating to the Academy's acceptance of gifts and memorials.

His position brought him into contact with artists, writers and civilian leaders. All of them exhibited a high respect for his judgment in their respective fields as well as an affectionate regard for him as a friend. He was in every way an admirable ambassador for the Military Academy.

At the same time that he was engrossed in the administration of the Museum, Colonel Keyes was making an extensive research into the history and development of the cadet uniform. The mass of material which he collected has since proven of great usefulness to his successor.

In 1951 the Chief of Engineers prevailed upon him to undertake the revision of the training pamphlets which he had previously written in 1947. As his time was fully occupied with his assigned duties, Colonel Keyes essayed to accomplish the task in the evenings. Laboring from early morning to late at night proved too much for his constitution so that he collapsed and died on November 15, 1951.

Al, as Colonel Keyes was affectionately known to his friends, was a person of all-round ability and great steadiness of character. Enough examples of these qualities have already been cited to illustrate the statement. It is worthy of note that he impressed his associates and superiors at West Point with his worth even during his plebe year. Although he was one of the youngest members of the Class, his height and bearing made him seem older, and he possessed a maturity beyond his years. He was seemingly born the tower of strength and dependability that made him the one to be chosen whenever anything difficult or arduous had to be done. In his case West Point put its stamp on a coin that was already pure gold.

To pass to his more personal qualities: Al was a devoted son who cherished his mother and gave her every loving attention as long as he lived. He was too sincere to offer his friendships to all the world; but when he gave one that status, he gave with it all the loyalty and steadfastness that was in his nature. Although he was of a naturally serious turn of mind, he could be gay and witty upon appropriate occasions. While unswerving in matters of principle, he was always kindly and considerate of the feelings of others. In short, he was "all that a man should be—just, honorable, gentle, generous and brave." We who knew him will always hold his memory dear.

—W. J. Morton, '23.

William Clark Jackson, Jr.

NO. 11311 CLASS OF 1938

DIED MAY 25, 1955 NEAR SENDAI, JAPAN, AGED 39 YEARS.

TAPS sounded, it seems to us, a little prematurely for Bill Jackson, when a helicopter crashed near Sendai, Japan, on May 25, 1955 and ended his tour of duty.

Bill, as we all knew him, exemplified the motto of his Alma Mater,—“DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.”

William Clark Jackson, Jr., was born January 31, 1916, in Ayer, Massachusetts, which became a very busy place when Fort Devens was built prior to World War I. While still a youngster in knee pants, he once asked the Commanding General of Fort Devens why he didn't have a gun, and this General explained to this lad with the black, sparkling eyes, why he carried a Swagger Stick instead of a gun. Bill understood and realized from past experiences what punishment could be administered



with a stick. He resolved then and there that some day he'd carry one of those weapons.

When Bill graduated from Lawrence Academy in Groton, Massachusetts in 1933 with his Cum Laude, he was only 17—too young for West Point, so he took a Post Graduate course at Lawrence Academy to brush up on his weak points. With the help of his Mother, he worked out all the West Point examinations for eleven years back, realizing that in those days of the depression, to obtain a higher education, it was up to him.

In December 1933, Congresswoman, Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, offered Bill an opportunity to take the Civil Service Examination for West Point. He passed number one man. Next came the West Point examinations, and a heart breaker happened—wrong drops were put in those eyes and he couldn't see for several days. Bill's Mother, his inspiration and guide, read to her son hours on end, all the histories and text books, so that he'd have a fighting chance to win his goal, and in spite of his blurred vision, he passed his exams and entered West Point July 1934,—and Lawrence Academy added a new banner in their main hall,—their first and only student to enter West Point.

Long hours of study did not keep Bill from being a great sport fan and down through the years this enthusiasm grew

into a strong “esprit de Corps.” He waited a long time to find the right girl and when he did meet Emma Schneider of Monterey, California, there was no doubt of the outcome. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married April 10, 1944, sharing a boundless love of life demonstrated in their appreciation of fine music, the theater, golf, tennis, swimming, and including farming and a delight in ranch life. Their great dream was their ranch, Rainbow's End, near Warrenton, Oregon. Wherever they went, their happiness spread to others, it was so real. The Army will miss Bill's Emmy.

Superiors and subordinates alike were impressed by Bill's drive, tenacity, resourcefulness and leadership. To be a good soldier was his ambition; he was more—a competent, devoted professional who left his individual stamp on any assignment. With this drive, he carried a zest for living, a true “Joie de vivre” that was the keystone of his character. He played a clean, hard game and he played to win, often stating his philosophy—“Work hard, play hard, and never be second best.” Inefficiency he held in active contempt. His concept of Duty was evident in his devotion to duty. He was quick to discern the cause and then he applied himself and the God-given talents which were his, to the utmost. HONOR was a sacred word for Bill. There was no questioning of motives. He was zealous in maintaining his own honor and would never engage in words or actions which might taint another's honor. For Bill there were no half-truths. COUNTRY represented the nation he served, realizing he had been made an heir of a great heritage which he, in turn, must defend and preserve for succeeding generations. He came to give service; it was rendered in full.

In his death the Academy lost a staunch supporter, the Army lost a fine soldier and future General, his family has lost a loving husband and admirable son. Every officer and soldier who was fortunate enough to know him and serve under him feel that they have not only lost a great leader but a real friend who was at all times sincerely interested in their welfare.

God has decreed many stars for Bill's crown and has benefitted by adding a great man to His Staff. So we turn this page to a new chapter, cherishing Bill's memory and thanking God for allowing us to share his presence for 39 years.

“It is for us all to remember that the only excuse for our existence as military men is our constant readiness to fight the battles that we hope will never have to be fought. Every day should see us better prepared than the day before. If we set our standards high and strive with all our might to reach those standards, and then war comes with its accompanying casualties, we can look their loved ones in the face with a clear conscience and say we did our best,—we trained and led our men as best we could.”

Chaplain (Colonel) Herman H. Heuer,
IX Corps, U.S.A.
F. R. Veach, Jr.,
Class of June '43.

James Bjarne Furuholmen

NO. 15978 CLASS OF 1946

KILLED IN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT IN JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, FEBRUARY 15, 1955, AGED 29 YEARS.

At Arlington Cemetery, on February 18, 1955, family and friends gathered in the

Memorial Chapel to say good-bye to Captain James B. Furuholm, fatally injured while performing the duty he knew and loved best. Jim's last flight was a night navigation training mission from Cherry Point MCAS to Shaw AFB, South Carolina. Shortly after takeoff from Cherry Point, Jim notified the tower that he was at 17,000 feet, 1,000 feet on top of all clouds, and proceeding on course to Shaw. He was found the next day near the wreck of his jet trainer about 60 miles from Cherry Point. In trying to deadstick his crippled aircraft into a small civilian field he apparently waited until too late to successfully bail out.

Jim was an Army Brat, the son of Colonel Bjarne Furuholm of the Class of 1924. As a child Jimmy lived the interesting and happy life of the pre-war army family, as his family moved from station to station—Schofield Barracks, Fort Bragg, Washington, to name only a few. After graduating from high school Jim attended Vanderbilt University, in the state he was fond of calling home—Tennessee, and while there was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He never lost sight for a



moment of his main purpose in life—to attend the Military Academy—and finally obtained his appointment and entered on July 1, 1943, with the Class of 1946.

At West Point Jim thrived on cadet life, as he arrived well-briefed on all phases of cadet activities dating back to the years when his father was stationed there. J.B. enjoyed all the many facets of our existence at West Point, parades, hops, inter-murder, tactics, trips and, to a lesser degree, academics. Most of all Jim enjoyed the warm companionship of his friends in H-1 Company and the rest of the Corps, the bull sessions after supper before call to quarters, the week-end leaves with their welcome relief from the sometimes tedious life in barracks, and the week-ends of dragging for football games and big hops. While a cadet, Jim realized his second ambition to be accepted for flying school and received his wings at graduation with the other members of his class. One of the proud moments of Jim's life was at graduation when he was formally welcomed into the Long Gray Line by members of the Class of 1924—his father's classmates—with a formally inscribed scroll.

In July after graduation Jim, assisted by his friends and classmates, married the former Ann Hoover in a gay and happy ceremony in Washington, D. C. Reporting to Williams Field in Arizona later that

month, Jimmy started to learn the serious but exhilarating business of flying fighter type aircraft. From Williams Field, the Furuholms moved to Shaw AFB, South Carolina where Jim continued to practice his favorite trade as a fighter pilot. Here at Shaw his first child, Ruth Ann, joined the family at their converted barracks apartment — the apartment that was the center of social activity for all the junior officers on the base. It was here that people came to believe that no social gathering at the club was a success until it concluded at the Furuholms'; eating a midnight meal, and following Jimmy's lead in singing all the old Air Force songs.

Jim was transferred to the Far East in 1948 and was assigned to the Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Yokota AFB near Tokyo; and started into the business that was destined to be the high point of his career. Ann and Ruth Ann joined him at Yokota in early 1949. Here in 1950 "Barney," James B., Jr., entered the scene as Jim and his family enjoyed the pleasant life exploring Japan. By the time of the outbreak of the Korean War, Jim had become one of the most skilled tactical reconnaissance pilots in the Air Force and was sent immediately to combat to aid in accomplishing this vital mission.

After completing his combat tour, Jim and Ann and the children were sent back to Shaw AFB, where Jim spent the remaining years of his life teaching the intricate skills of tactical reconnaissance to pilots enroute to Korea. After a short one year tour with the Marine Corps at Cherry Point, Jim returned to Shaw where he was stationed at the time of his death.

Although Jim is gone, we who knew him can never forget him. He loved the life he led—his boyhood in the army, his life at West Point, and his career in the Air Force. Jim was a man's man in every sense of the word from the early days of his life to the end. He took pride in the unofficial motto of the Tactical Reconnaissance Pilot — "Alone, Unarmed and Unafraid"; although in Jim's case he was never alone in the true sense, armed as he was with his confidence in himself, and his knowledge that he was doing a job that he liked to do and that needed to be done. We who are left behind have gained strength from Jim and his approach to life—strength to continue the job and carry it through to the end—secure in our knowledge that our most eloquent tribute to Jim is to remember him as he was: strong, generous, and living life to the hilt without regret or apology for any trial that came his way.

—Randy Adams, Phil Farris and Twill Newell.

Thompson Cummings

NO. 18974 CLASS OF 1952

KILLED IN ACTION, JULY 25, 1954, IN KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CUMMINGS, then Second Lieutenant, United States Infantry, while leading a patrol at Heart Break Ridge, was fired upon by enemy machine guns, mortars, and small arms. Lieutenant Cummings ordered the patrol to withdraw and, while one automatic rifleman covered the withdrawal, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire. His heroic and resolute actions enabled the patrol to return to friendly positions and thus saved the lives of several men. Great courage and outstanding devotion displayed by him, won for him the admiration of his superiors and subordinates alike, reflect-

ing great honors upon himself and the United States Army.

Tammy was the son of Mrs. Isabel A. Cummings of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He played outstanding guard on his high school football team, which was later to gain him an appointment to West Point. Upon graduation he received an award for special achievement in English from one of the local civic organizations. His scholastic and physical achievements made it possible for him to gain admittance to the Academy and on July 2, 1948, he was admitted to the Class of 1952 as an alternate.

His years at West Point were spent in reading, studying, and hitting the sack. It had been his desire to play football for the Academy, but a knee injury, sustained in scrimmage during his plebe year, curtailed this later activity. He, however, did play football for the company team and later coached them. Besides this he also participated in other sports but not with the great fervor he had for football.

Graduating from West Point, he spent his time in Pittsburgh and in New Hampshire. He then reported to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended paratrooper school. After



successfully completing the Associate Infantry Company course he returned home for one month and then reported to Camp Roberts, California. From Camp Roberts he left the states for Japan and then was assigned to Korea where he joined the 223rd Infantry Regiment.

In a letter received from Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Spillman, it was stated, "I would like you to know that your son was truly respected and affectionately regarded by his men. He greatly distinguished himself in courage and inspired their confidence by his fearlessness and calm leadership under fire. As his commanding officer, I knew well his devotion to duty and his ability to meet his own standards of leadership under fire."

At first Tammy was reported missing in action, but one year later, according to military custom was declared legally dead. His body has never been recovered and only a few personal articles being returned, his class ring not being among these items. Efforts have been made to identify his body from the countless unclaimed bodies of the Korean War, but nothing has been learned.

He has joined the long line, living up to the motto so well, "Duty, Honor, Country." He proved that he was a true son of his country even to the point that he didn't hesitate to give his life for his country's sake.

—His Sister.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the July 1955 ASSEMBLY.

Name	Class	Date	Place
Frank B. Watson	1895	July 24, 1955	Munich, Germany
Ola Walter Bell	1896	September 21, 1955	Nashville, Tennessee
Frank C. Bolles	1896	July 14, 1955	Marlin, Texas
William H. Tschappat	1896	September 22, 1955	Washington, D. C.
Clyffard Game	1899	July 18, 1955	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Walter D. Smith	1901	September 20, 1955	Washington, D. C.
Andrew J. White	1904	February 21, 1955	Washington, D. C.
Arthur R. Ehrnbeck	1905	July 29, 1955	Los Angeles, California
John C. Henderson	1906	June 18, 1955	Sea Bright, New Jersey
Carl C. Oakes	1908	August 17, 1955	Hartford, Connecticut
Lee D. Davis	1909	August 9, 1955	Palo Alto, California
Harvey H. Fletcher	1910	August 10, 1955	Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Philip B. Fleming	1911	October 6, 1955	Washington, D. C.
George D. Holland	1911	August 3, 1955	Waltham, Massachusetts
Hubert G. Stanton	1911	September 15, 1955	Cornwall, New York
Thomas W. Fox	1915	September 12, 1955	Palo Alto, California
Harold M. White	April 1917	July 23, 1955	Poplar Bluff, Missouri
Thomas V. Webb	1922	September 4, 1955	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Harry T. Rowland	1923	August 28, 1955	Birmingham, Alabama
Worth Harper	1924	May 17, 1955	Beckley, West Virginia
Raymond K. Quekemeyer	1925	April 6, 1955	Gainesville, Florida
Donald B. Smith	1928	September 7, 1955	Rangeley, Maine
Clinton D. Vincent	1936	July 5, 1955	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Noel H. Ellis	1937	July 20, 1955	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
John A. Norris, Jr.	1938	August 13, 1955	Washington, D. C.
Robert J. Belardi	1939	July 20, 1955	Edgewood, Maryland
James L. McBride, Jr.	1939	December 31, 1953	South Korea
George W. Cooper	1941	July 18, 1955	Washington, D. C.
John McClure, Jr.	January 1943	August 10, 1955	West Point, New York
William J. Greene	June 1943	August 14, 1951	Korea
William P. Brown	1945	June 23, 1955	Randolph AFB, Texas
Robert B. English	1945	June 30, 1955	Glen Cove, New York
Eugene C. Etz	1950	September 7, 1955	Stewart AFB, Newburgh, New York
John R. Hall, Jr.	1950	September 7, 1955	Stewart AFB, Newburgh, New York
John J. Pimental	1953	May 23, 1955	Foster AFB, Texas
Frank B. Tiffany	1954	September 9, 1955	Laredo, Texas

Editor's Note: The date of death of Frederick Ernest Shnyder, Class of 1903, published in the Last Roll Call in the July 1955 issue of ASSEMBLY as April 7, 1955, was in error. The correct date of his death is April 11, 1955.

