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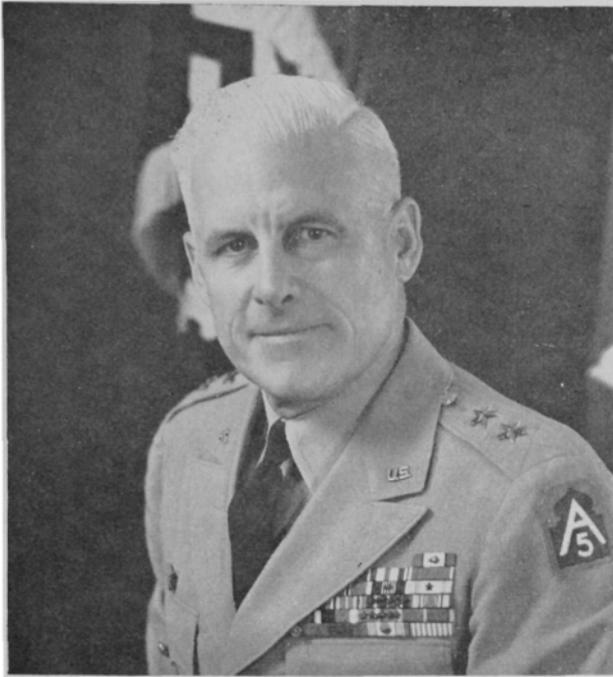
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NEXT SUPERINTENDENT, U.S.M.A.



MAJOR GENERAL G. H. DAVIDSON

Garrison H. Davidson was born in the Fordham Section of New York City on April 24, 1904 and graduated from the United States Military Academy, on June 14, 1927, when he was appointed a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

His initial assignment was as Assistant Football Coach at the Academy in September 1927. From then until the fall of 1930, he alternated between coaching at the Academy each fall and service as a platoon leader with the 1st Engineers at Fort Dupont, Delaware and Camp Dix, New Jersey. After the 1930 football season he remained at the Academy as an instructor in Physics (now Dept. of Mechanics), doubling as assistant football coach each fall.

In October 1932, when still a second lieutenant, he was chosen as Head Football Coach at the United States Military Academy. He is the youngest to have held that position in which he remained until June 1938.

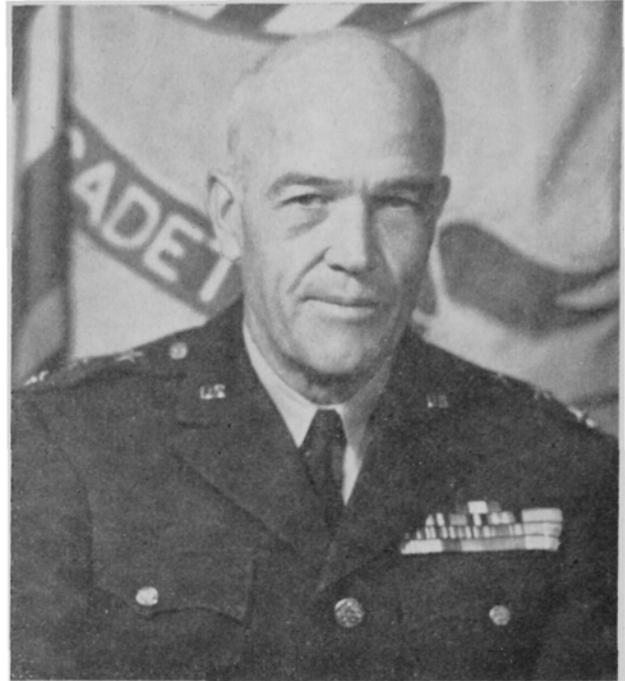
In July 1938, he was transferred to Hawaii for duty. He commanded a company of the 3rd Engineers, Schofield Barracks for a year and served as Assistant G-4 of the Hawaiian Division his second year there. In July 1940 he was detailed as Air Base Engineer, Hamilton Field, California.

In January 1941 he was detailed to duty in Washington, D. C. with the Construction Division of the Office of the Chief of Engineers and was assigned staff supervision over the near billion dollar program of the U.S. in preparation for World War II. He served in this capacity until September 1942 when he was named Executive Officer to the Engineer of the Western Task Force, which invaded North Africa under General Patton two months later. In November 1942 he became General Patton's Engineer in the First Armored Corps in the North African Theater of Operations and served in that capacity in North Africa and later when the corps became the Seventh Army on D-Day in Sicily.

Commenting on the performance of the engineer troops in Sicily, General Eisenhower stated, "Only through the engineers has the end of the campaign come so quickly." At the close of the Sicilian campaign, military insignia not being available locally, General Patton pinned a pair of his own stars on him, when at the age of 39 he became one of the youngest general officers in the ground forces.

During the month following General Patton's departure from the Seventh Army and prior to General Patch's arrival he "commanded" the Seventh Army, then a planning headquarters. In this capacity he was called on during this period to recommend the area of Southern France into which the assault from the south should be launched. He named the area between Cavalaire and Agay on the Cote d'Azur which was not changed during the months of further study and planning that followed and where the assault was made some four or five months later. He con-

SUPERINTENDENT TO COMMAND USARPAC



LIEUTENANT GENERAL B. M. BRYAN

Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker has announced the reassignment of Lieutenant General B. M. Bryan, Superintendent of the Military Academy since 1954. General Bryan will assume command of US Army, Pacific, in the near future.

Continued as army engineer under General Patch throughout the campaigns in France and Germany.

Of the performance of the engineer troops in the landing in Southern France and the pursuit of the German forces up the Rhone Valley to the Vosges General Patch commented: "The engineer support of the operation of the Seventh Army was the high-light performance of the Army." He pinned the D.S.M. on him in Saverne, Alsace-Lorraine.

In July 1945 he became president of the first German War Crimes Commission in which capacity he conducted the first mass trial of German war criminals at Darmstadt, Germany, preceding the Nurnberg trials. In August 1945 he was appointed Engineer of the Theatre Board, ETO, commanded by General Patton.

In March 1946 back in the U.S. he was assigned to Headquarters Sixth Army as Engineer. In September 1947 General Mark Clark appointed him as his chief of staff. He continued in that capacity after General Wedemeyer took command in mid-1950.

In August 1950 he was assigned to the Eighth Army in Korea and appointed Assistant Division Commander of the 24th Division. While serving in this capacity he commanded several task forces, notably one which eliminated the last North Korean penetration of the Naktong perimeter just prior to the Inchon Landing and one which held the bridgehead North of Anju on the Chongchon River against which the first Chinese intervention was stopped in the first week of November 1950. In February 1951 he was assigned to Headquarters Eighth Army and designated to supervise the construction of several defense lines, notably the defensive line North of Seoul against which the Chinese operation of April 1951 piled up and was stopped. In May 1951 he was appointed Acting Chief of the Korean Military Advisory Group in which capacity he served until July 10 when he returned to the Zone of the Interior.

He served as senior ground force advisor in the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group of the Office of the Secretary of Defense until he assumed command of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on July 3, 1954.

General Davidson and his wife, the former Miss Verone Gruenther, have six children, Garrison Holt, 20, Thomas Marshall, 19, Alan Richard, 14, Linda Lee, 3, and Bonnie and Gail, 6 months.

The Museum and the Graduate

By **FREDERICK P. TODD,**
 Director, West Point Museum

A recent, and informal, survey indicates that some 90 percent of the graduates of the Military Academy have, at some time in their lives, visited the West Point Museum. But it is equally apparent that most of these visits must have occurred



Opportunity to handle Museum objects is made if possible. Here cadets examine weapons in the Study Collection.

while dragging in a rain storm or escorting a delegation of distinguished Ruditanians, for few of these men can recall a single exhibit they saw. When pressed, graduates seem to remember the Museum held "a lot of guns." Visitors in the past decade usually think of Goering's baton, and those whose visit predated World War II retain some

Voted by cadets the "best display" of the season. It features a Martini-Henry rifle.



Some of the historic colors of the Corps of Cadets displayed in the Museum.

memory of a room filled with Filipino hats. And there it ends.

It cannot be said that this situation is either unexpected or unusual. There is little in any museum which would attract the cadet, busy with the realities of standing and exams; or the graduate, with only a few hours to travel so many sentimental journeys. But, assuming this is so, why the museum? Who does use it?

Well, one answer is that over a quarter million non-West Pointers go through each

year. Save parades and games it is their one obvious form of entertainment at the Academy. For these people, and for frequent parties of foreign visitors, the value of an interesting museum at West Point is obvious in terms of public relations. Since



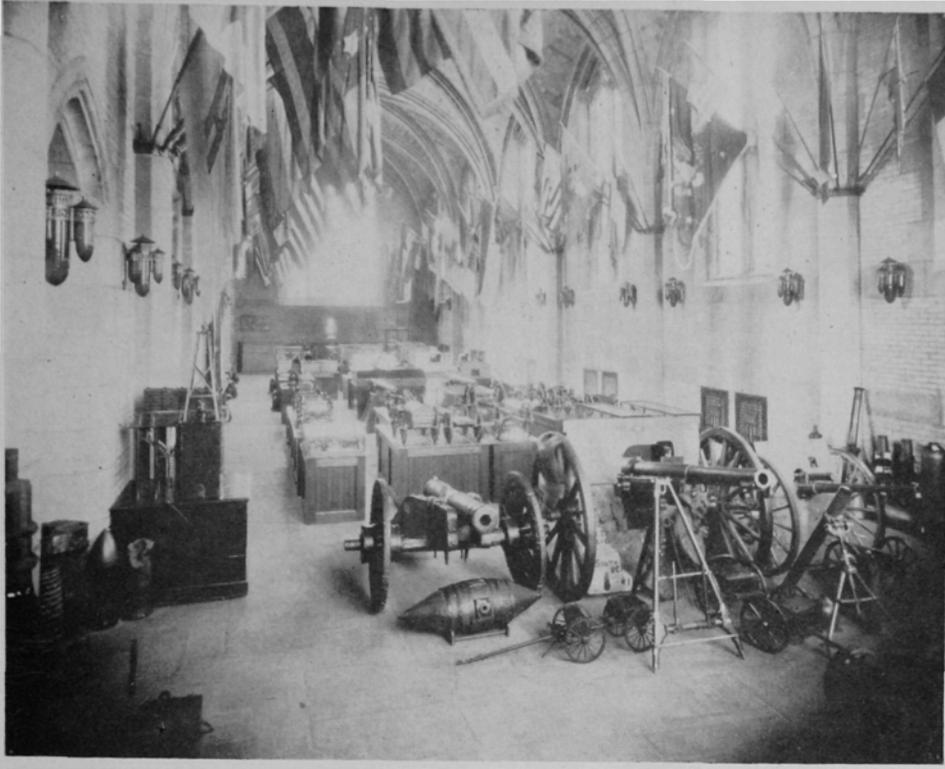
"The Return of the Flags, 1865," an oil painting by Thomas Waterman Wood, recently presented to the Museum by Mr. Christian A. Zabriskie.

1948, continuous renovation and redecoration has produced a far more dramatic, colorful and entertaining show than before, and this change goes on constantly.

But does this entertainment justify a relatively expensive plant? The Museum employs, full-time, four professionals (well

Temporary display on Europe in the 17th century installed in the Department of Social Sciences.





OLD MUSEUM

versed in military science, history or the fine arts); five guards and four others. This is nothing compared to the Met in New York, of course, or to the National Museum in Washington, but it means a larger budget than probably ninety percent of the museums in America can boast. And to this must be added innumerable services available through the overall establishment at West Point which gave the Museum an equivalent labor force of perhaps twice its actual staff.

It is the answer to this last question that will, I believe, come as a surprise to many graduates. Public entertainment or edification is only a secondary mission of the West Point Museum; its primary job is to supplement the education of cadets. For this reason, like the Library (whose mission is essentially the same), it is under the Dean of the Academic Board. Today, far more than half of the Museum's work goes in this direction, and the relative proportion tends to increase.

Strange as it may seem, most of the 102 years of the Museum's life has been devoted primarily to cadet education. For generations, as the Ordnance Museum, it was an adjunct of the Department of Ordnance and housed the "training aids" (as we would say today) for its courses. But the vast increase in size and complexity of ordnance which came with the First World War outstripped the Museum's facilities and it slipped gradually into antiquarianism. Predecessors of the modern Combat Arms Detachment took over the demonstration of contemporary weapons. The museum curators became more and more part-time custodians, submerged entirely in the fight against dust, rust and the ravages of moths and small boys.

In 1948 came the change. Appreciating that it wasn't worthwhile maintaining a museum unless it was maintained adequately, the authorities at the Academy gave it a revised mission, a new name, and a permanent staff. From that moment the es-

tablishment has grown steadily as an adjunct to cadet education, not merely in ordnance, but in far wider fields, and in fields of ideas more than of things. It is still a military museum, just as West Point is still a military academy, but its breadth of activity reflects the understanding that the American officer will have more to concern him than recoil mechanisms and muzzle velocities.

NEW MUSEUM



Today, members of the Museum staff give lectures to cadets in the development of weapons, in conjunction with the Department of Military Art and Engineering. They advise cadets on the preparation of their own talks and furnish them with displays and objects for demonstration. Exhibits are designed and erected monthly in academic areas in connection with courses given by the Department of Social Science. There are always one or more temporary shows in being on such topics as Armor, Infantry, Guided Missiles or Quartermaster Research and Development, for the Department of Tactics. And, regrettably, calls from other academic departments have had to be turned down for lack of time and personnel.

The West Point Museum maintains the assembly of historic flags in the Old and New Cadet Chapels; the magnificent collections of portraits in Grant Hall, the Library, the Cadet Mess, East Academic Building, and elsewhere. It even is called upon to watch over the condition of the paintings in Cullum Hall and, it may be added, spends several thousand dollars each year on the restoration of military colors, and as much more on the restoration of paintings.

Exhibits from the Museum may be seen as far away as the Pentagon, in Washington, for it works closely with other Army agencies in creating and maintaining exhibits. Its people have appeared on TV, and calls for outside lectures and, above all, historical research are constant. These functions are quite removed from cadet instruction, but the contacts and experience gained in extension services outside West Point are of direct benefit to the staff on its work inside.

At this stage we should pause to point out that all museums carry out four functions to some degree: (1) that of safe keeping objects of value, (2) that of entertainment, (3) that of education, and (4) that of memorialization. The West Point Museum

does all four, with conscious emphasis on each. Awareness of its place in the educational picture does not mean it has lost sight of its custodial obligations, even if bevy of visiting auditors and inspectors would let it. The Museum remains the best resting place for West Point memorabilia and its galleries continue to perpetuate the memories of the great and near-great who went out from the Academy.

This account, like the story of Frankie and Johnny, has no moral. But it does lead to two points which should be made clear to Graduates. Both hinge around its work with cadets.

The West Point Museum requires a wide variety of objects to carry out its job—far

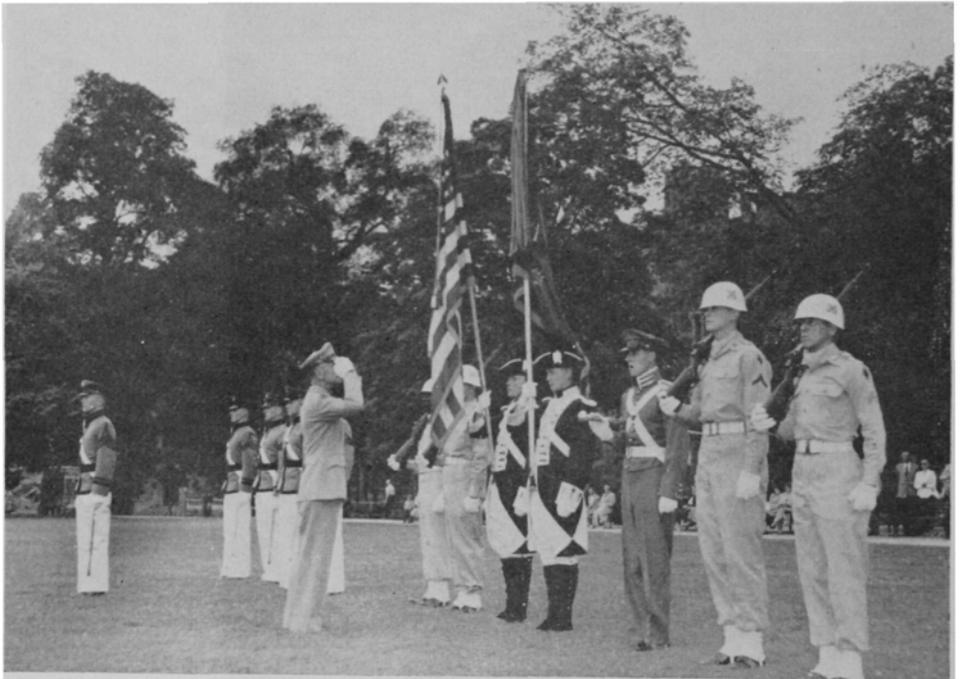
Entertaining visiting dignitaries plays an important part in the Museum's routine. Here Major General Hobbs, DSO, OBE, Commandant of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, is being shown the Goering baton by the Director and Colonel Fraser of the Academic Staff.



wider than most people imagine. Even though most of its needs center around military art, science and history, this is still a broad field. Many of these objects it already owns, but many more it must get by gift or purchase. It needs today, for instance, more paintings and pictures that reflect Army life and exploits at different periods. Its collections are quite weak on military insignia—a field of considerable hobby interest to cadets. It always can use more martial weapons, especially earlier American models that have reached price levels on the collector's market usually beyond its reach. Early Army technical equipment (like surgeon's kits, musical instruments, telegraph sets, or models of military transport) are sorely needed.

The second point readily follows. Only a small fraction of the objects it now holds can be placed on exhibit in the public galleries at any one time. But that does not mean that exhibits in storage are not used or seen. The Museum is, literally, a "lib-

The colors of the 2d U.S. Infantry being deposited in the West Point Museum for safe keeping in 1953, when the regiment was inactivated for a brief period.



rary of artifacts." Changing displays and direct use by cadets keeps our reserve supply in constant motion. There are very few classes of object that fail to be drawn upon in a year's time. Doubtless the larger museum now being constructed at West Point in Thayer Hall, the new academic building, will allow us to put more things on display, but the real wealth of the institution will always lie in what it has behind its cases.

There are no organized "Friends of the West Point Museum." Peculiarly enough, the gracious gentleman who for eight years now has turned over to the Museum a very respectable sum of money to be used as an acquisition fund, *with no strings attached*, is a Harvard man. Most of its important collections have come from non-West Pointers. Yet, graduates of the Academy have been most generous in a thousand small ways and the real purpose of this article is to thank them and their families for this support and, in a way, to offer this as a report of the Museum's stewardship.

Historic colors in the Cadet Chapel. Open display such as this is dramatic and impressive but demands continuous care and restoration of the flags.



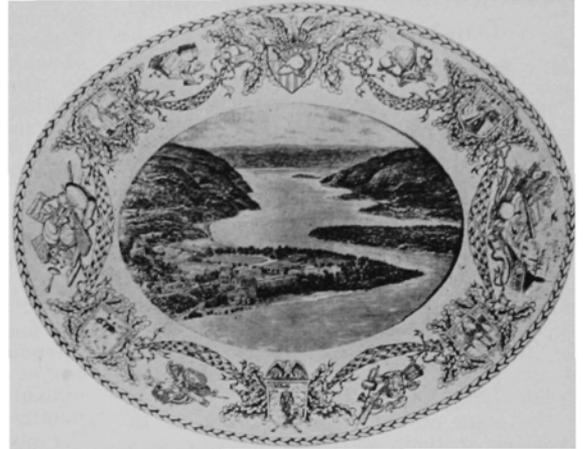
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BULLETIN BOARD

Nominations of Officers and Trustees for 1956-57

By BOYD W. BARTLETT, '19

Chairman, 1956 Nominating Committee of the Trustees of the Association of Graduates

This article is being written in accordance with the policy followed by the Trustees of the Association of Graduates in recent years. Its purpose is to acquaint all members of the Association with the names of the nominees, their qualifications, and some of the reasons for their selection by the Trustees, and to do this well in advance of the Annual Meeting to be held in the Cadet Mess Hall on June 4.

The slate of nominees approved by the Trustees at their March 17 meeting is as follows:

For President:

Willis D. Crittenberger, '13

For Vice Presidents:

James W. Riley, '06
Harold F. Nichols, '11
Edward G. Bliss, '16
Edgar W. Garbisch, '25
Elvin R. Heiberg, '26

For Trustees:

Robert M. Danford, '04
William L. Martin, '07 (Regional Trustee)
Thomas D. Stamps, August '17
John A. Chambers, '23 (Regional Trustee)
John S. Roosma, '26
Russell P. Reeder, Jr., '26
Garrison H. Davidson, '27
Gerard J. Forney, '37
Ivan Satten, '40
Curtis W. Chapman, Jr., '41
William J. Whitener, '46
John Hinton, Jr., '51

In the selection of this year's nominees the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees was guided by precedents established by its recent predecessors. In particular the Committee acted under the following general principles:

a. Vice presidents will be chosen from the reunion classes from the 30 Year Class to the 50 Year Class, inclusive.

b. Three of the trustees will be selected from the three youngest reunion classes: the 5 Year Class, the 10 Year Class, and the 15 Year Class.

c. Any Trustee who has completed the necessary service to qualify as an Honorary Trustee will not be renominated.

d. Trustees known to be leaving the metropolitan area or who have completed 6 or more consecutive years will not be renominated unless some very special reason exists for continuing them. (This policy does not preclude renomination of such individuals after the lapse of one or more years).

The main objective of these principles is to produce a well-balanced group of officers and trustees. Within the limitation that individuals selected as trustees live close enough to metropolitan New York to be able to attend meetings fairly regularly, it is desirable that all elements of the membership of our association have some representation on its Board of Trustees. Naturally, for certain functions of the Board, it must rely on the middle and older age groups for the special knowledge and experience they can provide.

In selecting the specific individuals to be recommended as nominees the Nominating Committee sought assistance from a variety of sources. These include the reunion classes mentioned above, each of the present Trustees and all of the Honorary Trustees, and the membership of the Association at large through the medium of a notice in the January 1956 *Assembly*. The Committee at its meetings considered the names of more than 60 individuals suggested for nomination as Trustees. These suggestions came from alumni in all age groups, and of widely differing backgrounds.

The nominations presented above have the unanimous approval of the Trustees in attendance at the March meeting. The names will accordingly be presented at the annual meeting of the Association as the nominees of the entire Board of Trustees.

I make the following specific comments on the slate presented in the hope that they may be of interest to the membership.

Honorary Trustees.

Last year four members of the Board of Trustees changed to honorary status. You

will recall that one of them, the retiring President, Chauncey L. Fenton, '04, was elected permanent Honorary Chairman of the Board at the annual meeting in the Cadet Mess Hall on June 6, 1955. This year only one member of the outgoing class of Trustees is eligible to be an Honorary Trustee. John A. McNulty, '20, will complete 15 years of loyal and distinguished service on the Board on June 30, 1956 and thereby become an Honorary Trustee. The Committee and the Board hope that he will continue his active interest in the work of the Association.

President.

It is a great satisfaction to your committee to be able to report that our President, Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, '13, has graciously consented to have his name placed in nomination for a second year in that office. It should be unnecessary to remind you that General Crittenberger is a very distinguished soldier and one of our most widely known alumni. He leads a very active life in retirement. He is, among other things, President of the Greater New York Fund, advisor to the Mayor on



From left to right in the picture: Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation; Admiral Radford; Cadet Sorley; Lieutenant General Bryan, Superintendent.

1954 Student Conference Wins Prize

The January issue of *Assembly* contained an article on the Seventh Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA VII) held at West Point. On February 22nd, at a ceremony at Valley Forge, the 1954 Student Conference (SCUSA VI) received the top award for College Campus Programs: a gold George Washington medal and one thousand dollars. Cadet Lewis S. Sorley, the Chairman of SCUSA VII, accepted the award on behalf of the Corps of Cadets and the Military Academy. Presentation was made by Admiral Radford, principal speak-

er at the ceremony, who had been the keynote speaker for SCUSA V.

The citation reads as follows: "Significant national leadership among colleges was attested for The United States Military Academy in December, 1954, when it assembled representatives from fifty-nine United States and five Canadian colleges and universities in the four-day *Student Conference on U.S. Affairs*. Its activities carried out its purpose to produce an orderly, informative examination and discussion of broad and important subjects in the field of U.S. foreign policy and American fundamentals."

Civil Defense, and a leader in the affairs of the West Point Society of New York. That he is willing, in addition to all his other commitments, to take the time to carry on the duties of President of the Association is very real testimony to his great loyalty to our Alma Mater.

Vice Presidents.

With one exception, the nominees for the honorary positions of vice president have been selected from the older reunion classes. The names presented have in each case been solicited from the indicated class. The exception is the Class of 1921, the 35 Year Class, which was graduated only 17 strong and whose membership entered with the Class of 1922. Instead of asking the Class of 1921 to designate a candidate, the Committee proposed, and the Trustees approved, the nomination of Edgar W. Garbisch, '25. Colonel Garbisch has been a member of the Board of Trustees for 14 years. His election to the office of Vice President for the coming year would make him eligible to become an Honorary Trustee on June 30, 1957, an honor which he well deserves by virtue of his past service on the Board and his active interest in his Alma Mater.

Trustees.

Robert M. Danford, '04, should be so well known to the membership of the Association as to need no biographical remarks. After distinguished service in World War I, he served for 4 years as Commandant of Cadets at the Academy and ended his active Army career with a 4 year tour as Chief of Field Artillery. Since his retirement in 1942 he has served 4 terms as President of the Association of Graduates and 10 years as a Trustee, in addition to editing the Annual Register of Graduates for 8 years. He is presently a valued member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

William L. Martin, '07, and John A. Chambers, '23, are the nominees for Regional Trustees, representing the Third and the First Army Areas, respectively. Both have been active in alumni affairs, Major Martin having served as President of the West Point Society of Birmingham and Colonel Chambers in the same capacity for the West Point Society of Boston. Originally elected for a short term when the 6 Regional Trustee positions were created, they have served less than two years each, so that it seems only proper that they be reelected for full terms of three years.

Thomas Dodson Stamps, August '17, has for many years been a stalwart on the Board of Trustees. Head of the Department of Military Art and Engineering at the Academy since 1938, Colonel Stamps has served on the Board of Trustees since 1942, except for a year off in 1952-1953. During much of this time he has been a member of the Executive Committee. For the last two years of General Fenton's presidency Dodson did double duty as Executive Vice President in addition to being a Trustee. He has been one of the small group of professors who as trustees have done innumerable unsung chores for the Association.

John S. Roosma, '26, now on duty at Governors Island, is completing his first year on the Board, having been elected in June 1955 to fill the vacancy left when General Crittenberger became President. Well known, among other things, for his ability as a basketball player, he has also been prominent in the affairs of the West Point Society of New York. It is expected that he will remain in the New York area.

Another man who needs no introduction to West Pointers is Russell P. Reeder, Jr., '26. "Red" Reeder's athletic history is known to all followers of Army teams. After retirement for wounds received in action,

Colonel Reeder returned to active duty to serve in the Department of Tactics for several years. Since 1948 he has been an Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics at his Alma Mater. "Red's" versatility is evidenced by his latest avocation, authorship. His first book, "West Point Plebe", has been hailed as one of the best portrayals of modern cadet life, and we understand that the rest of a series is in preparation. Colonel Reeder has never been a Trustee before. His residence at the Academy makes him readily available for the work of the Board.

As you all know, Garrison H. Davidson, '27, has just been designated to succeed General Bryan as Superintendent (see page 1 for biographical sketch).

Coming to the younger age groups, the Committee has selected two nominees from civilian life. Gerard J. Forney, '37, attained the rank of Colonel during World War II, serving with distinction in India and Burma. After his resignation in 1947, he entered the employ of The American Cyanamid Company as Plant Manager. He has been active in the West Point Society of New York, where he has displayed great interest and willingness to work. He has not previously been a Trustee. Ivan Sattlem, '40, completes his first term on the Board this June. Retired for physical disability in 1944, he was recalled to active duty for a tour in the Department of Military Art and Engineering. Lieutenant Colonel Sattlem returned to retirement in 1946, and is now employed at The Federal Telecommunications Laboratories at Nutley, New Jersey. He, too, has been an active worker in the New York Society and has also already proved his worth on the Board of Trustees.

The representatives of the three youngest reunion classes were nominated by those classes from among individuals known to be available for meetings of the Board during their term of office. Curtis W. Chapman, Jr., '41, saw service in the Pacific during World War II, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He resigned in 1954 and now resides in Middletown, Connecticut. Both William J. Whitener, '46, and John Hinton, Jr., '51, are coming to the Department of English this summer for regular tours of duty. Both Captain Whitener, now a student at the C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth, and Lieutenant Hinton, who is studying English at Columbia, are Infantrymen.

In summary I would like to repeat some of the criteria of a well balanced Board of Trustees. First of all, except for the Regional Trustees, its members should reside within ready driving distance of West Point and metropolitan New York, so that they can attend meetings regularly. The Board should normally be composed primarily of mature individuals whose experience and judgment can be made available to the Association. There should, however, also be some representation of the younger classes and their points of view. There should be a reasonable balance among active duty regulars, retired officers, and graduates in civilian life. Your Committee feels that the slate of nominees for 1956 meets all these criteria. Every decade from the one starting in 1900 is represented, the heaviest representation coming in the 1920's, or approximately the age bracket 50 to 60 years. Three of the 12 are retired officers, four are civilians, one is a West Point professor, and four are Regular Army Officers on active duty. Seven of the nominees are holdovers on the Board, while five are newcomers, a reasonably satisfactory turnover. We feel that the election of the above listed nominees will serve the interests of our Association well. We do wish, however, to point out the right of any member who does not agree with us to make nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting in June.

Letter to Regional Trustees

On January 11, 1956 Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, '13, President of the Association of Graduates, USMA, sent the following letter to each of the Regional Trustees:

Dear Regional Trustee:

When the Association of Graduates elected me President for the current year it did me great honor, and it imposed on me a responsibility which I cannot discharge without your help as a member of the Board of Trustees. I know that I can count on you.

At the meeting of the Board on 6 June 1955, there were present several of the Regional Trustees, who were first provided for at the annual meeting of 1954. One of these Trustees asked if he had any duties or responsibilities which differed from those of other trustees who are not designated "regional." It was a fair question, and I am writing this letter to each of the regional trustees in answer to it.

The idea of creating Regional Trustees was first proposed by a member of the Board, followed by a study by the Board, and by a sub-committee, of ways and means to make the participation of our members in the activities of our Association both broader and more effective.

Our membership is more widely scattered than in most alumni associations. Therefore attendance at our annual meetings is precluded for many members which results in the creation in some cases, as the Board discovered, of a feeling of being out of touch with the Association, which in turn produces a lack of active interest in it. In addition, our trustees have had to come from those living close enough to West Point to enable them regularly to attend Board meetings there or in that vicinity. West Point will always be our focal point, the center of our interest and the headquarters necessarily of our Association. This condition has left great areas in this country, containing the majority of our members, without a trustee resident therein.

The Board in May 1954, in order to help correct this situation, proposed an amendment to our Constitution creating six additional trustees to be called Regional Trustees, one to be selected from each of the six Army Areas.

This amendment was approved at the annual meeting of the Association in June 1954. Each regional trustee now will in effect become a representative of this Association in the Army area in which he resides. His authority and powers will be those of every other trustee but, because of his distance from West Point, he will not be expected to be able to attend meetings regularly and his absence from meetings will not be counted when determining a quorum.

His duties, however, are to some degree increased, to the extent he finds necessary and reasonable, by making himself available to those in his area who wish to offer suggestions to the Board of Trustees. Like any other trustee, he will be expected to comply with a member's request to be heard if it is reasonable and pertinent. He therefore should pass such requests on, by any convenient means, to the Secretary of the Association of Graduates at West Point, stating the case at hand and recommending if possible action thereon, with the full assurance that his communication will receive the same attention as though made in person before the Board of Trustees or before any officer of the Association.

The names of regional trustees with their location will be published in each issue of

Assembly. You therefore should not be obliged to inform members of your availability.

If you, as a Regional Trustee, can thus make our governing body and our Association itself, more real to members living in your area and can cause their thoughts about our Association, its activities and aims, to be increasingly better understood by our Board of Trustees, you will have fulfilled your additional duties as a Regional Trustee.

I trust this information may be helpful in fulfilling your assignment. We are all banded together, as graduates, within this Association, to help carry out its mission of helpfulness to our Alma Mater and to her sons of today and tomorrow. We must all take our turn in working for it and we thank you for accepting your part in the job.

Very sincerely,

(signed)

W. D. CRITTENBERGER
Lieutenant General, USA (Retired)
President

Regional Trustees are as follows:

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Boston, Massachusetts

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General Jacob L. Devers
RFD No. 2, Herndon, Virginia

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Sixth Army Area—

Mr. Brian H. Wells, Jr.
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See map below, showing Army Areas.

Founders Day Dinner at West Point

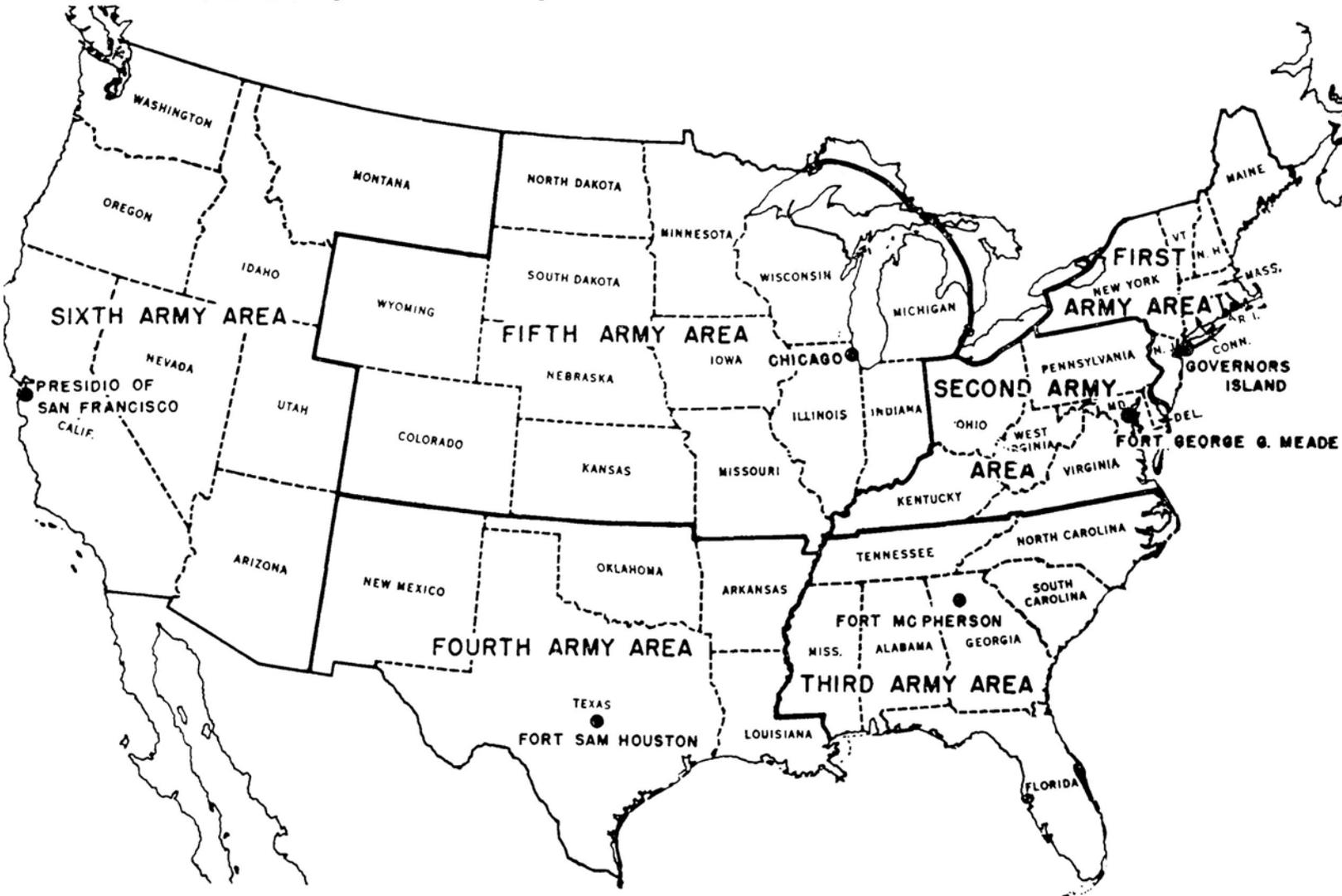
Last month, for the first time in a number of years, a Founders Day Dinner was held at West Point. Because March 16th



Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenger, guest speaker at Founders Day Dinner.

Retired Activities Unit

To meet the needs of the 100,000 on the retired rolls of the Army, a Retired Activities Unit has been established in the Office of the Adjutant General. The address of this unit is "The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: Retired Activities Unit (AGPR-AR)." The Navy and the Air Force have similar units. The Army unit will soon begin sending periodic news bulletins to all retired Army personnel. These bulletins will advise them of their rights, privileges and benefits and keep them abreast of Army developments.



MAP SHOWING 21 ARMY AREAS

was to fall on one of the days of the Cadet long spring weekend leave, with the probability that a number of officers would be absent from the post, the Dinner was scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th, in Cullum Hall.

Some 290 persons attended the function, including officers, civilian instructors and a few of the key civilian employees of USMA, several officers from Stewart Air Force Base, and a number of retired officers from the surrounding area. The group assembled in the Pershing Room, on the first floor of Cullum Hall, between 6 and 7 PM, and moved upstairs to the Ball Room for dinner at 7. During the dinner, music was provided by an orchestra from the USMA Band.

After dinner there was a half-hour of entertainment by a choral group from the Band; by Private Richard Hayes, who, in civilian life, is a television singer and entertainer; and by Corporal Cipriano, of the Band, who played a piano solo.

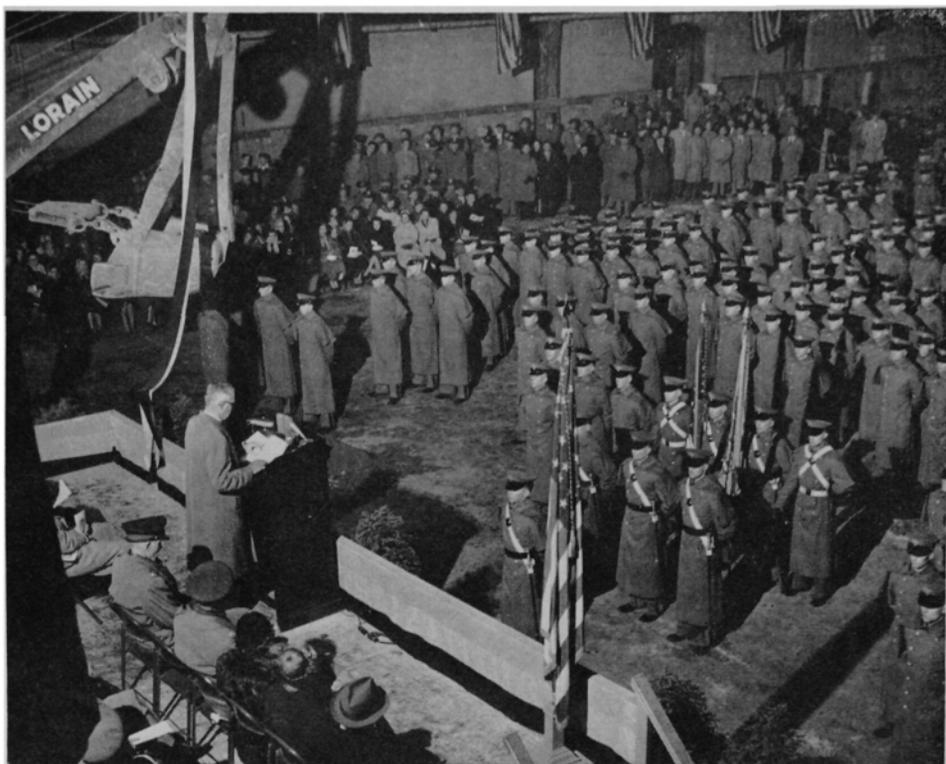
Colonel W. J. Renfro, Jr., who acted as master of ceremonies, then introduced the distinguished guests, whose number included Major General Norris B. Harbold, '28, Commanding General of the Eastern Air Defense Command at Stewart Air Force Base; Brigadier General Roger Alexander, Retired, Class of 1907, former Professor of Drawing and first Dean of the Academic Board; Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Retired, Class of 1904, former Professor of Chemistry and Electricity, and for eight years President of the Association of Graduates; and Brigadier General Harris Jones, April '17, present Dean. These introductions were followed by addresses given by Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Byran, '22, Superintendent of the Military Academy, and by Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, Retired, Class of 1913, President of the Association of Graduates.

At the conclusion of General Crittenberger's talk, the formal aspect of the program came to an end, and the majority of those present moved downstairs for further conversation, while some 40 or 50 remained in the Ball Room for a showing of the films "The Cadet Goes to School" and "The Making of a West Pointer."

JUNE WEEK 1956

The Superintendent's annual "Reunion Bulletin" will be sent out about the middle of April. This bulletin will go to all graduates and former cadets. It will contain a greeting from the Superintendent, an invitation to visit West Point during June Week, some general information to help you plan your visit, a schedule of June Week events, and a *Reservation Card* for those desiring accommodations in Old Grad Barracks or Cullum Hall. Older alumni, to include the Class of 1905, will be accommodated in Cullum Hall unless they specifically ask for Barracks. If you plan to be at West Point during Graduation Week, the *Reservation Card* should be completed and returned to the Alumni Reception Committee not later than May 22, 1956. The completion and return of the *Reservation Card* is all that is necessary in order to secure reservations in Cadet Barracks or Cullum Hall. Please do not try to get reservations through your Class Representative or from individual officers stationed at West Point.

Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army, was guest of honor at Founders Day ceremonies at the United States Military Academy marking the start of con-



Dedication of New Academic Building "Thayer Hall"

struction converting the old riding hall at West Point into a modern academic building, Friday, March 16, 1956.

Initiated in 1945, following the authorized expansion of the Corps of Cadets, the project to provide needed additional academic space was finally realized with the assistance of Mr. Stevens during his tenure as Secretary of the Army.

Constructed in 1909 at a cost of three million dollars, the riding hall is the largest masonry building of its type in the world. The independently trussed roof, sheathed with seven tons of copper, provided an unobstructed riding area of 565 by 65 feet, with space for tack rooms and picket lines increasing the overall dimensions to 600 by 94 feet.

At the base, the walls of solid granite are approximately three feet thick. The pilasters, supporting the trussed roof, are over eight feet thick at the base.

The building has not been fully utilized since instruction in horsemanship at the Military Academy was discontinued in 1946.

Present plans, submitted in competition by the firm Delano and Aldrich of New York, call for the construction of a modern concrete and steel building inside the present shell of the riding hall. Limitations on available space at West Point and a desire for architectural conformity dictated the use of the shell of the present structure as the most economical.

The new building will provide 191 classrooms, offices for eight academic departments, 2 auditoriums, plus additional study and laboratory space.

The 10 million dollar contract was awarded to the firm of Grove, Shepard, Wilson and Kruge of New York by the office of the New York District Engineer.

Completion of the project is scheduled for September 1957.

USMA Preparatory School to Operate Through 1957

By MAJOR MARK M. BOATNER, III
Commandant, USMAPS

West Point loses many potentially fine cadets every year because qualified and desirable men do not know how to go about getting in. Graduates—particularly those living in civilian communities—could perform a very real service if they would bone up on the few pertinent regulations and spread the word.

The USMA Preparatory School at Stewart AFB, near West Point, could be a much better source of cadets if more qualified men knew how to qualify for this training. This school, incidentally, will continue to

operate at Stewart Field through the summer of 1957.

As graduates know, many outstanding cadets have come to West Point by enlisting in the Army specifically for the preparatory training program. Although there is no longer a special one-year enlistment for this purpose (if a man fails to qualify he must complete his normal enlistment) this is still an opportunity that should attract high calibre candidates.

In a nutshell, the requirements for attending USMAPS are these: a man must be in the regular service and apply for the training before May 31; he then must pass preliminary physical and mental exams.

Detailed information is to be found in the West Point catalogue and in the new AR 350-55 (5 March 1956). The Commandant USMAPS, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, New York, will welcome the opportunity to answer specific questions.



Don Holleder was presented the Nelson Award by the Gridiron Club of Boston, which is presented annually to the player who, by his conduct on the gridiron demonstrates a high esteem for the football code and exemplifies sportsmanship to an outstanding degree.

Superintendent's Civilian Public Relations Advisory Committee

Late in 1955, after the groundwork had been laid by Mr. Stuart Little, Class of 1919, who is with the New York City public relations firm of Selvage & Lee, the Superintendent's Public Relations Advisory Committee was born. As stated by General Bryan at the opening meeting of the Committee in January 1956, "this Committee's purpose is to enlighten me as to probable civilian reaction to matters of great concern to the Military Academy and to be prepared, upon my request, to give advice on special problems in the public relations field." The Superintendent also mentioned points of major consideration in any publicity on West Point, the Military Academy's guiding principles in public relations which, briefly, are: West Point always must be dignified—which is not to say that it cannot be human; the Military Academy is a good educational institution, not a place where little else is done besides parade, shine brass, and play sports, although all of these are important in the balanced program; West Point has a rich heritage, and tradition plays an important part in the Academy's system; West Point has an obligation to turn out graduates equipped not only to think as men of today, but also possessed of the mental facilities to lead other men in the world of tomorrow.

Serving on the Committee are a group of seven civilians who are leaders in the public relations field in industry, men who are giving unselfishly of their time and efforts, their only compensation being their role in doing a real and valuable service for West Point. The chairman of the Committee, elected at the first meeting, is Mr. E. S. Bowerfind, Director of Public Relations for Republic Steel Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio. Other members, in addition to Mr. Stuart Little, are, Mr. John K. Barnes, Director of Public Relations for Carrier Corporation, Syracuse, New York; Mr. Richard W. Darrow, Executive Vice President, Hill & Knowlton, Inc., New York City; Mr. Morris M. Lee, of Selvage & Lee; Mr. C. G. Coburn, Director of Public Relations, Pan-American Coffee Bureau, New York City; and Mr. James A. Baubie, Manager of Public Relations Services, Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, Michigan. Assisting the Superin-

tendent on the Committee is Colonel Edwin W. Richardson, West Point Public Information Officer.

The function of this Committee in no way transcends or interferes with the normal operation of the Public Information Office; the Committee is, as stated by the Superintendent in the first meeting, an important sounding board for West Point, and a source of top expert advice on unusual problems confronting the Superintendent. In the brief period during which they have been in operation, the Committee have proved their great value to West Point, and have acquired, in their relationship with the Academy, an understanding of and a devotion to West Point normally found only in graduates or in friends of the Academy of many years standing.

Advantages You May Be Missing

By E. DETREVILLE ELLIS,
Class of 1915

The main purpose of this article is to call attention to the subjects discussed. Each individual who thinks he, or she, might benefit should then check with the local Internal Revenue Service, Social Security, or Veterans Administration Office, or with other competent authority. Each case must necessarily stand or fall on its own merits.

It is also desired to call attention of those now on active duty, as well as those already retired, to their definite duty of informing their dependents. This unpleasant task is usually put aside under the mistaken theory that "It can not happen to me".

Retirement Income Credit

The factors governing this credit are given in Schedule K, Page 4, Form 1040 of the Federal income tax returns, and on Page 15 of the Instruction Pamphlet which accompanies Form 1040. The individual taxpayer may receive a credit of up to \$240, or a couple up to \$480.

Each individual should check for himself as well as for his wife. In some cases the wife may qualify in her own right. Couples living in community property states (Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Washington, Idaho, Louisiana, or Texas) may derive special benefit.

Many widows, particularly those over 65, may benefit. Few know about this. The gist is contained on page 15 of the Instruction Pamphlet "If your deceased husband (or wife) would qualify for this credit, if living, you may claim the credit even though you do not meet the earnings test".

Social Security Benefits

Army service after September 16, 1940 may count toward Social Security benefits, but such benefits will not be payable if there are any other Federal benefits payable to the veteran or his survivors which are based on the same period of service.

There are several special cases, including retirement for physical disability, service prior to November 12, 1918, etc., but, in general, if an individual on active duty September 16, 1940, or on July 24, 1947, had a minimum of 30 years service on either date, and remained on active duty for a required minimum period from either date, he might qualify.

On reaching age 65 the individual should make application at his local SS office. If

he receives an award, his wife should apply when she becomes 65.

APPLICATION MUST BE MADE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. NONE ARE PAID AUTOMATICALLY.

Veterans Administration Benefits

One of the most important benefits available to retired personnel, and one which is most often overlooked, is the right to file claims for disability compensation with the Veterans Administration. The majority of retired persons are of the opinion that the receipt of retired pay either prevents their filing for this, or that no advantage can be gained. All persons in receipt of retired pay, however, should investigate their eligibility for a disability compensation award. This should be done within one year after retirement to obtain maximum benefits, but can be done at any time.

If a disability compensation award is approved by the VA, many benefits may accrue to the individual and to his dependents. For example, reduction in income tax; VA hospitalization and out patient treatment; payment for dental work which the Army cannot do, such as bridge work; additional sums for dependents (spouse, children, or dependent parents) if the veteran is rated 50% or more disabled; service connected death compensation for widow, etc.

Many other benefits are probably being overlooked. Hence, a visit to a VA Office might pay.

WEST POINT SAILORS

It could have been the Navy arriving the other day at North Dock, but it was really the USMA Sailing Club getting the spring season under way. Many graduates are only vaguely aware that Army competes with Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine in their home element and with many other eastern colleges as well. West Point possesses one of the larger fleets of sailing dinghies in the New York area. These boats are called "Tech" dinghies (after MIT), measure some twelve feet, and require a crew of two. They have a single loose-footed sail and are made of fiberglass.

The Sailing Club produces a team of twenty men each spring. Each weekday, instead of intramural athletics, they practice on the Hudson for the weekend inter-collegiate meets. Dinghy racing, like auto racing, requires a combination of experience, endurance, and sagacity. A cadet sailor must be born with some feeling for the water, but he must also learn how to comprehend complicated situations and instantly decide what to do about them. A race under pressure where complex rules apply and many boats interfere with each other is good training for combat situations on dry land. Sailing cadets must also get a feeling for a fairly complicated and touchy machine. They must be able to squeeze the small "extra" out of their boat that often means the difference between first and last. They must learn to adjust to the variables of wind and water and to bend nature to their own designs.

Intercollegiate meets are usually among four or five teams. Eight or ten dinghies cross a starting line and furiously sail around a triangular course. Team scores are the total of points awarded for first, second, etc., in all the races. At West Point the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association furnishes meet officials.

The USMA Sailing Club has its minor difficulties such as the venturi tube effect of the hills and narrows of the Hudson. But each year the club gets stronger and carries the flag better and further.

BOOK REVIEW

WHISPERING WIND, A Story of the Mas-
sacre at Sand Creek. By Colonel Rus-
sel P. (Red) Reeder, Jr., '26. Illustrated
by Charles Banks Wilson. New York:
Duell, Sloan and Pearce. Boston and
Toronto: Little, Brown and Co., 1956.
206 pages; 8 vo; \$2.75.

Reviewed by

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

The simplicity with which this tale is told belies the lengthy research that went into its preparation. On the face of it, it is an adventure story for boys; but it is more than that. The Sand Creek massacre, in which a defenseless and peaceful village of Cheyennes was ruthlessly wiped out by the self-appointed militia colonel, Chivington, is one of the historical blots on the record of the white man's treatment of the Indian.

The story is written from the point of view of a teen-age Indian boy, Whispering Wind, who accompanies his father to Denver on a mission to placate the ruthless "Colonel" Chivington and stave off the attack. An exciting sequence of betrayal, perfidy and heroism ensues.

Of almost equal interest with the plot is the picture of the Indians at home in their village, their customs and the strange antics of Tree Toad, the medicine man. The details are authentic and convincingly presented.

The dust jacket in full color and the line cuts used as illustrations have the special merit of accuracy. The reason is apparent once you know that the artist, Charles Banks Wilson, is a full-blooded Indian. In fact he asked Red Reeder if he dared depict a true Indian boy on the jacket instead of the usual romanticized white boy with a brown skin and fake costume. The resulting picture of Whispering Wind is therefore a convincing likeness of a Cheyenne lad with all the character that would make him capable of heroism.

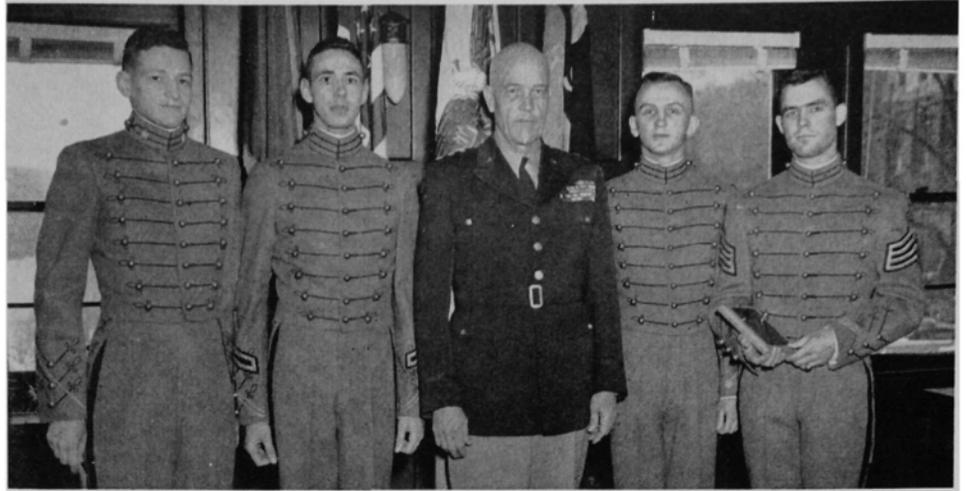
If you buy this book for your son or grandson, perhaps he will let you read it after he is through. If so, you will enjoy it.

Debate Council and Forum

Four cadets of the West Point Debate Council and Forum won the First Honors Plaque (Debate) of the 1956 Tau Kappa Alpha National Conference, which was held at New York University, March 26-28. In addition, Cadet George W. Walker, '58, was ranked fourth in speaking effectiveness among the 178 undergraduate debaters who participated in the Conference. This marked the first time that West Point has ever been invited to attend a national tournament sponsored by one of the four national honorary forensic fraternities.

In February, West Point also won the Marshall-Wythe Debate Tournament of the College of William and Mary; and in mid-March, cadets placed second in the negative division of the Cherry Blossom Tournament which was held at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. When the 1955-1956 academic year is completed, cadets will have participated in more than 200 intercollegiate varsity debates and in over 200 intra-squad debates at the varsity, novice, and plebe levels.

Besides debating, the Debate Council and Forum (monitored by the Department of Social Sciences) sponsors forum discussions and seminars on a wide variety of subjects ranging from contemporary international relations and political philosophy to prob-



CADET WINNERS OF THE 1956 TAU ALPHA KAPPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Left to Right: George W. Walker, James R. Murphy, J. Harper Gordon and Richard P. Dowell, with Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan, (center) Superintendent of the Military Academy, who presented the First Place Plaque to Cadet Dowell and a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement to Cadet Walker.

lems of atomic battlefields. This last seminar was led by a senior officer of the Department of Tactics and a panel of officer assistants. Officers of several departments participate in this seminar program, in which over 600 cadets, officers, and guest speakers were engaged this year. The Forum activities also provide opportunities for cadets to participate in panel discussions and seminars at civilian colleges and universities throughout the country.

During the week of "spring vacation" in March ten cadet debaters and discussants toured West Coast colleges and universities for ten days, appearing in debates, panels, and discussions before civilian college audiences. Furthermore, these same cadets spoke before West Point societies and appeared on several television and radio programs. These appearances, besides highlighting academic extra-curricular activities, appealed to potential candidates, for entrance requirements and procedures were inevitably discussed.

Over the period April twenty-fifth through twenty-eight, the Debate Council and Forum will be host to 35 colleges and universities participating in the Tenth Annual West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament. The visiting schools, having been selected by their respective district committees for excellence in debating, will represent all sections of the country. The National Debate Tournament is the climax of West Point's annual forensic activities.

Cadet Public Information Detail

One of the busiest extra-curricular activities in the Corps is the Cadet Public Information Detail. This 100-man group assists the Public Information Officer, USMA, in the preparation of hometown releases, feature stories and picture material for the various news media.

With an organization similar to that of the PIO on a large Army post, the Detail has one company representative from each class. All their work is done during off-duty time, so the members receive compensation only in the satisfaction of spreading the word about Cadet activities and the operation of the Military Academy as a whole.

One of the more important functions of the Detail is providing escorts for visiting members of the press as these individuals attempt, in a short space of time, to become familiar enough with West Point to write a feature story that will reach perhaps a million readers. By being familiar with the problems of the working press, members

of the Detail can assist the writers or photographers in getting a story that will be of great value to the Military Academy.

Furnishing the spotters and public address announcers at sports contests is one of the duties performed by the Sports Section. A similar activity is the preparation of the commentary used when the Corps passes the reviewing stand in New York parades, or enters the stadium at football games.

During the Second Class year one educational trip is made to the Army Information School and to either a metropolitan daily, or one of the major radio-TV networks. In the First Class year a trip is made to the Public Information Division of the Department of the Army where a tour of the facilities and an orientation on the operation of the Office of the Chief of Information and Education is conducted. Here the Cadets are given an opportunity to see what an important part they will play in this field as junior officers.

Opening of the Visitors Information Center

The Visitors Information Center opened for the 1956 season on 1 April. This facility is located just inside Thayer Gate and is open to the public from 0900 to 1700, weekdays and Saturdays, and 1100 to 1700 on Sundays and Holidays. Interesting displays on cadet activities, a model cadet room, and a theater are some of the features of the unit. Enlisted personnel are on duty to assist visitors in planning tours of the Academy. This is an excellent spot to start a visit of the grounds. The Visitors Information Center will close after the last home football game in the Fall, approximately 15 November 1956.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF A.A.A.

Copies of the Annual Report of the Army Athletic Association for certain years are much desired by the U.S.M.A. Library to complete its collection. Before World War II there was no systematic arrangement for furnishing the reports to the Library, and no system for checking their receipt, consequently wide gaps in the series exist. The following issues are particularly desired

- 1895 1898, inclusive
- 1900
- 1904
- 1912
- 1928 1938, inclusive.



By Joe Cahill

It is customary down Annapolis way to ring the Enterprise Bell at such times as the Middies take a majority of victories from Army in a season. Successful West Point teams have doomed the big bell to silence for more than a decade much to the satisfaction of Army men everywhere. Like all good things, this, too, was to come to an end. The silence was broken like a menacing thundercloud on March 3rd when the Sailors contrived ways to defeat Army in four of the six inter-service tests.

Only gymnastics and pistol were able to extract victories. We were blanketed in the events at West Point with basketball, squash and rifle all dropping decisions. The other defeat was in swimming.

Victory over Navy, however, cannot be the only yardstick of success. There were some sparkling performances which we would like to point out for the edification of the reader.

Tom Maloney's continued good work with the gymnasts is worthy of acclaim. The Tumblers finished with a perfect record, to win the Eastern diadem for the ninth time. In the individual championships which were held here, two cadets won titles. Willis Thomson and Dick Adams won the horizontal bar and side horse, respectively. In

the Nationals at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Paul Dean, a yearling, tied for second place with a 3.6 effort in the rope climb.

Next in line for an accolade is the hockey squad. Under Jack Riley, the ice team has developed remarkably well. The record of 10 wins and 5 losses is among the best ever compiled here. Highlight of the season was the 3 to 2 victory over Royal Military College of Canada in the 25th game of the traditional international series. Yearling Mike Harvey, son of Colonel Tom Harvey, '32, executed the "hat-trick" for the third time during the season and was the first cadet ever to score three goals in the series. Captain-elect Ed Hickey was the highest scoring defenseman in the East with 22 points on 13 goals and 9 assists. Len McCormack with 21 assists tied the all-time West Point record in this department, set by Fred Schweiger in 1954.

Though the basketball record of 10 and 13 was mediocre at best, Mark Binstein nevertheless fashioned two new local scoring records. His 50 points against Rhode Island in the Richmond Tournament stands as a new game high. His 1,222 points is also a new career standard here. The former record of 1,155 was set by Bill Hannon from 1951-1954.

In swimming the Cadets failed to accomplish very much as a team, but Coach Gordon Chalmers gave us something to cheer about when it came to individual performances. Don Kutyna, possibly the best ever to perform in the tank for the Black, Gold and Grey, shattered the World, American, meet and pool records for the 100 yard breaststroke at the NAAU Championships at Yale University on April 8th. Kutyna was clocked in 63 seconds flat as he overtook the finest swimmers in the Nation. This was the peak performance for the young second classman from Chicago, who broke the Academy 200 yard breaststroke record on several occasions during the regular season. He becomes the second cadet ever to hold an official world record. C. H. Jark was once holder of the Discus Throw record set in the Drake Relays in 1929. Frank Knight, second classman, became the first Army man ever to win an Eastern diving title when he took top honors on the three meter board.

The only other champion to be crowned was Jim Edgar, who brought back the Indoor Heptagonal High hurdles title. And speaking of track, the thinclads did not exactly cover themselves with glory. There were no record-breaking performances. The Cadets won 2, lost 3 and tied 1. They finished fourth in the Heptagonals.

Pistol and rifle finished with identical won and lost records of 7 and 1. Wrestling broke even with 3-3-2. Squash started out with a brilliant record of nine consecutive victories, but then fell victims to two of the best teams in the country, namely; Harvard, the National champion, and Navy.

Looking ahead to next year, wrestling is the latest sport to be added to the Army-Navy series and will start with a match at Annapolis next year. This makes seven sports in which the Middies will be scheduled in winter.

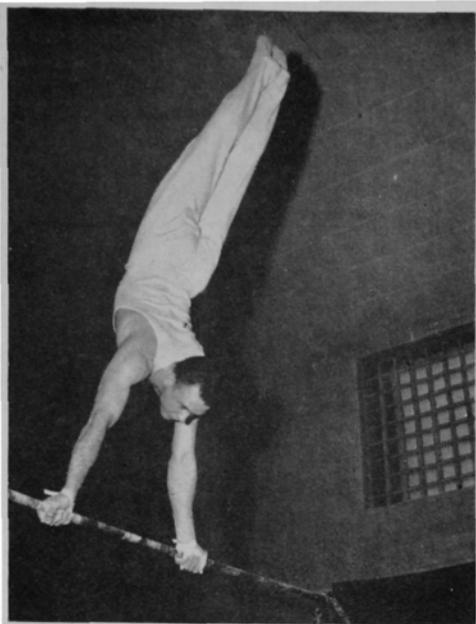
IN THE SPRING

The principal topic concerning the vernal season up to this writing has been the weather. Unseasonably late snowfalls have all but marooned the entire program. Golf and baseball, in particular, have been set back a matter of weeks by the tormenting weatherman. Track, lacrosse and tennis have been able to get in some conditioning via the fine facilities of the big field house and Smith Rink.

Prospects for a successful baseball campaign are rated good. Coach Joe Palone has an experienced man available at every position save right field. He also has on tap his first three pitchers from '55 in Bill Shepard, Gene Fisher, and Ed Vallenty. Fisher is a left hander and will play first base when he is not on the mound. Captain

Left to Right: Lenny McCormack, James O'Connor and Mike Harvey.





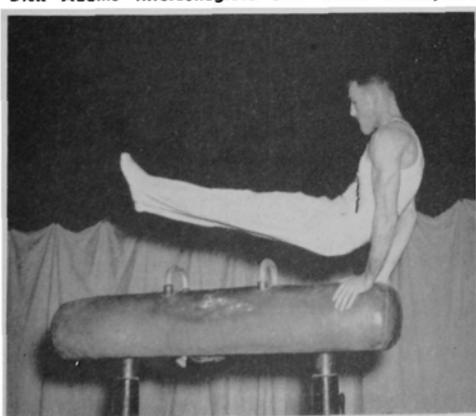
W. Thomson, Intercollegiate Horizontal Bar Champion.

Dennis Butler, catcher; Ralph Chesnauskas, left field, and Joe Cygler, third base, provide the power in the batting order. Chesnauskas was a regular in football and was captain of the hockey sextet. Cygler is a candidate for a starting halfback berth on the '56 football squad. Principal loss to the squad by graduation was Dick Cardillo, captain and spark plug.

The lacrosse situation is questionable. Coach Morris Touchstone is faced with a critical replacement problem as preparations get underway for the 38th season of intercollegiate play here. Seven regulars have graduated, including second team all-Americans John Giddings, midfielder; and Roy Dunaway, defense. Giddings led the cadets in scoring with an even dozen. Newcomers will have to be groomed for all three midfield posts. Another on attack, two on defense and a goalie are also badly needed. Nine lettermen form the nucleus around whom Morris Touchstone is hopeful of building a winning combination. The three starters back include Perry Smith and Norris Harbold, attackmen; and Ben Glyphis, defense. Smith was runner-up for scoring honors with eleven. Harbold was captain of the basketball quintet.

Bob Kyasky, who holds the 220 yard record and who is co-holder of both the Academy's 100 yard dash record and broad jump mark, will not compete during spring as a result of a knee operation for the removal of cartilage last December. Consequently, it is difficult to say just what scoring potential Carl Crowell can count on. Several appear to have at least an outside chance of

Dick Adams Intercollegiate Side Horse Champion.



copping Heptagonal titles when the championship event is staged here on May 12th. Mike Keating, Hep Indoor Pole Vault champion, sidelined throughout the winter campaign with leg injuries, may have recuperated enough to go after the outdoor title.

Golf prospects appear bright. Pro Walter Browne has seven yearlings, any one of whom could make the starting team. Three of the best include Bill Parks, son of General Parks; Art Mace and Jack Soper. Captain Jim Stroope is the mainstay of the squad and is conceded a good chance of winning the Eastern tourney. The tennis team is not expected to fare too well, particularly since no one on the squad has had any tournament experience.

FOOTBALL

As spring football practice gets underway, there is some speculation as to the status of the Army backfield.

It is an unusual year when an entire new backfield must be groomed. But that is the possibility facing Red Blaik in his 16th season here.

Captain Pat Uebel, a sturdy fullback over the past three seasons; Don Holleder, an outstanding athlete who did a creditable job at quarterback in the emergency; and Pete Lash, high scoring halfback, all graduate in June.

Bob Kyasky, the fourth man in the quartet, remains a questionable quantity. The hard-luck halfback from Ansonia, Connecticut, is still recuperating from a knee operation for the removal of cartilage and will not participate in the vernal drills. Kyasky is the fastest man by far on the squad and a potentially great halfback.

The best of the backs returning include Dick Murland, who starred in a substitute role in the upset win over Navy; Bob Mungler, who picked up some badly needed experience as a yearling; Joe Cygler, out last season after breaking an ankle following the season's opener; and Vince Barta, who spelled Uebel at fullback.

Gene Mikelonis of Dubois, Pennsylvania, the most promising of the Plebe backs, is a fast, elusive runner who can also pass and punt. Others who figure to work in gradually are Gil Roesler, a fine broken field runner, and Harry Walters of Cincinnati. The Plebes, incidentally, won 4, lost 1, and tied 1 in '55.

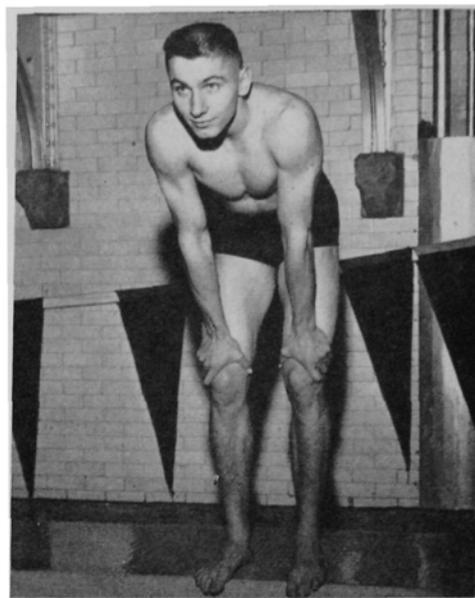
Particular attention is being focused on the quarterbacks. The most important contribution the Plebe squad can make is at this position. Pete Dawkins, and his understudy, Chuck Darby, will vie with Dave Bourland for the field general's job. Bourland played only a few minutes in '55.

Darby and Dawkins have much in common. Like Holleder, both are left handed. Both are on the Dean's list. Both are products of the State of Michigan. Dawkins from Royal Oak, and Darby from Sturgis. And, both are varsity potential in other sports, Dawkins in hockey, and Darby in basketball.

Other promising Plebes are Bill Rowe, big, fast and aggressive center from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Maurice Hilliard and Don Tillar, a pair of 200 pound tackles.

A nucleus of 15 lettermen are on hand. With the sole exception of Ralph Chesnauskas, tackle-end, the entire line which started against Navy remains intact. These men are end, Art Johnson; tackles Loren Reid and Dick Stephenson; guards, Stan Slater and Flay Goodwin; and captain and center Ed Szwetecz.

Alternates in '55 and still in contention are Bill Saunders, end; Joe Bishop, guard; Jim Kernan, center.



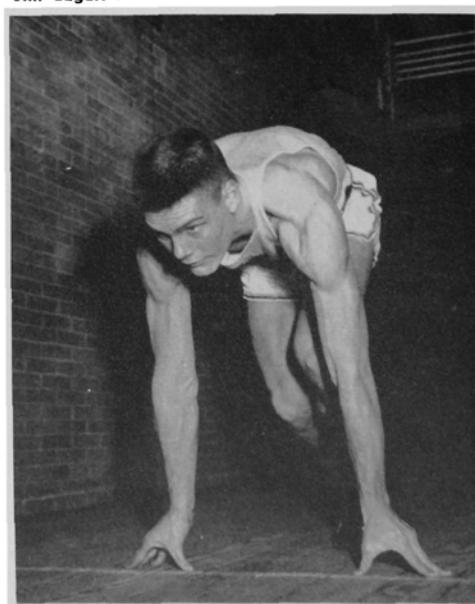
Don Kutyna.

The game with Columbia this year closes out Army's competition in the Ivy League. The home schedule finds VMI, Penn State, Colgate and William and Mary coming to Michie Stadium. The Black Knights will travel for games with Michigan, Syracuse, Columbia, Pittsburgh and Navy.

With the cessation of operations within the Ivy League, scheduling has become more of a problem. The cadets will have to travel longer distances and play a considerably stronger schedule in the future. Some of the better teams already signed include Rice, Georgia Tech, California, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Tulane and Nebraska.

Several significant changes have been made in the coaching staff. Paul Amen, head scout and defensive backfield coach, is now head mentor at Wake Forest. He became the 12th man developed under Blaik to attain a head coaching berth. Two new men have been named to the staff. Dale Hall, Class of 1945, All-American basketball player and halfback on the 1944 National championship squad, replaces Amen. Tom Harp, 28 year old native of Massillon, Ohio, takes over the backfield job. His experience to date consists of five years in the high school ranks where he enjoyed phenomenal success.

Jim Edgar.



JUNE WEEK PROGRAM - 1956

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE

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

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE

Review and Presentation of Athletic Awards, <i>The Plain</i> * - - -	10:30 A.M.
Fourth Class Picnic, <i>Constitution Island</i>	1:15 P.M.
Lacrosse—Army vs. Maryland Lacrosse Club, <i>Clinton Field</i> - - -	2:15 P.M.
Baseball—Army vs. Fordham, <i>Double-day Field</i> - - -	2:30 P.M.
Concert, USMA Band, <i>Army Theater</i>	4:30 P.M.
Motion Picture, <i>Army Theater</i> - - -	7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
Graduation Supper—First Class, <i>Washington Hall</i> - - -	8:30 P.M.
Cadet Hops:	
First Class, <i>Cullum Hall</i> - - -	10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
Second and Third Classes, <i>East Gymnasium</i> - - -	9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, 3 JUNE

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

Old Cadet Chapel:

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

MONDAY, 4 JUNE

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

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE

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

U. S. M. A. SPRING SPORTS - 1956

(With scores to include 21 April)
(All contests at West Point unless otherwise indicated)

BASEBALL		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
MARCH 31.....	*	Colby
APRIL 4.....	*	N.Y.U.
7.....	*	Pennsylvania (Away)
9.....	1	Trinity College
11.....	4	Villanova
14.....	4	Swarthmore
16.....	*	New York Giants
20.....	18	Brown (Away)
21.....	0	Harvard (Away)
25.....	*	Penn State
28.....	*	Syracuse
30.....	*	Amherst
MAY 2.....	*	Yale
3.....	*	St. John's University
5.....	*	Dartmouth
7.....	*	CCNY
9.....	*	Princeton
12.....	*	Cornell (Away)
14.....	*	Lafayette
16.....	*	Colgate
19.....	*	Columbia
23.....	*	Manhattan
26.....	*	Navy (Away)
JUNE 2.....	*	Fordham

GOLF		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 7.....	5½	Manhattan
14.....	6	Swarthmore
21.....	5	Colgate
28.....	*	Fordham
MAY 5.....	*	Dartmouth (Away)
12, 13 & 14.....	*	Eastern Intercollegiates—(At Ithaca)
19.....	*	Princeton (Away)
26.....	*	Navy (Away)

LACROSSE		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
MARCH 31.....	3	Mt. Washington (Away).....15
APRIL 7.....	17	Swarthmore
14.....	5	Yale (Away)
18.....	11	Rutgers
21.....	10	Princeton (Away)
28.....	*	Johns Hopkins
MAY 5.....	*	Hofstra
12.....	*	Maryland (Away)
19.....	*	Syracuse
26.....	*	Navy
JUNE 2.....	*	Maryland Lacrosse Club—(Exhibition Game)

TENNIS		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 7.....	5	Swarthmore
11.....	9	Manhattan
14.....	1	Yale (Away)
18.....	2	Williams
21.....	0	Princeton (Away)
27.....	*	Harvard
28.....	*	Colgate
MAY 2.....	*	NYU
5.....	*	Dartmouth
11.....	*	Columbia (Away)
12.....	*	Pennsylvania (Away)
19.....	*	Fordham
21.....	*	Cornell
26.....	*	Navy

TRACK		
Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 7.....	62	Pittsburgh (Away)
14.....	106	Triangular—Boston Univ.....34
		NYU.....36
MAY 28.....	*	Yale
5.....	*	Missouri
12.....	*	Heptagonal
19.....	*	Manhattan
26.....	*	Navy (Away)



New Members

We welcome to our membership 11 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 13,331.

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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1889

A letter from General Harts brings this cheery news — He has been spending the winter at the Army-Navy Club in Washington to be near his daughter Cynthia and her husband Captain Alan Banister of the Navy. He writes, "I have been here in this comfortable place since the middle of last December while my house in Madison, Connecticut, was closed. Yesterday, Jack Hains came in to see me with his cousin with whom he lives. Outside of a game leg, he is just the same as ever—going strong, quick witted and mellow. And the day before that I went to call on Captain Campbell of the Navy (Archie's son) who was at Annapolis with Alan Banister. Arch was there, too, and I was startled to see him so spry and nimble, bright as a button and lively as a cricket! Both Jack and Arch spoke so affectionately of Billy Lassiter that I wrote him of my rare opportunity in talking over old times with them. He replied, even at the risk of hurting his eyesight—"I wish very much I could have a gathering with you all. We have many, many things to talk about."

"While on the Pacific Coast last winter, I saw Lassiter and McKinstry ('88) in Santa Barbara. Both were in good health but both are troubled with failing eyesight. The Lassiters had us all in for an exquisite luncheon in their lovely home. Jeannette is a charming hostess.

"On our return trip home, I stopped over in Chicago to see my brother and we all lunched with my sister-in-law, Eunice Hale, where among the guests who should appear but George and Mary Langhorne. He is one of my best friends and Mary is adorable.

"So I am now reporting to 'Headquarters' a note concerning each of over five remaining members of '89.'" Thank you, General Harts!

At Christmastime, Colonel Langhorne wrote me he was fine again after a prolonged convalescence. And recently, Colonel Hains sent me some clippings about the A-N Club of which he is now the Dean.

Mrs. "Bobby" McGregor (Caroline King) makes her home with her daughter Margaret and her husband General Fay Prickett in Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Walter Bethel (Elizabeth Strong) is still living in Chevy Chase. She has recently spent several months at Walter Reed.

Mrs. Hearingd writes from Duluth that "Jock" (Ex-'89) has passed his 91st birthday and they have just had their 60th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Harry Lee sent Christmas wishes. She is living in Washington.

Mrs. Robt. M. W. Black lives with her son and daughter in Miami, Florida. She wrote from Fort Bayard, New Mexico, where she had gone for the "ride".

It was my sad duty to announce the death of Florence Crandel Lacey, widow of "Swift" Lacey, on December 13, 1955, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Frank McKee (Katherine Lacey), North Muskegon, Michigan.

Also, I have learned of the death of Mrs. Hamilton, widow of Campbell Hamilton (Ex-'89) sometime in the Fall of 1954.

For myself, I live with my daughter, Marie and her husband, Alton P. Donnell, ('40), at 1267 Balfour Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, returning to my own home in South Salem, New York, for the summer months.

—Marjorie Piper Siefke,
Secretary, Class of '89.

1891

As gently as she had lived, so, peacefully and painlessly in her sleep on March 1 passed Caroline Sladen Bradley. For a number of years she had made her home with her daughter Frances Chickering in New York City, and it was there that her serene soul took its departure. Burial was at West Point.

For our 65th anniversary in June, present indications are that Glasgow will come all the way from El Paso and that Cosby and

Sorley will represent our Washington contingent.

—Lewis S. Sorley.

1894

The sad news is that Mrs. Hoke Estes, Mrs. George Hamilton and Mrs. Peggy Whitworth have recently died. As for the rest of our classmates, they all seem to be up and doing and to be remarkably active considering that all are octogenarians, as one puts it. Le Jau Parker still roams about the mountains of Carolina and still claims that his private method of tying his own flies is best, so far at least as Carolina trout are concerned. Carlos Crain reports that each month he joins with Hamilton and Whitworth for a West Point luncheon at the University Club in Los Angeles and also that he plans to be at West Point during the Graduation and Alumni Exercises in June.

Billy Barden reports that he has no news but as he lives but a few blocks from where I live, perhaps I shall be able to add a later note about him. Pablo Malone was recently hospitalized on two occasions but as he later had four generations of Malones at his home in Sarasota over the holidays it would seem that he has many more years left for doing good work. He still tells us of his great great grandchildren who will join our Alumni in about eighteen years.

Hoke Estes will continue to live with his daughter Frances in Clearwater, and as for children, he reports four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Poor Frank Ely, in spite of his 20/200 vision still plugs away along the same line that he has followed for many years and he has spent and is still spending much of his private funds in his endeavor to create throughout the Country a deeper and a continuing interest in the advancement of good government.

It was necessary recently for Paine to spend a few days in the hospital. He then

flew to Honolulu and for a week he not only forgot all past years but also fully enjoyed everything that he saw and did—and this would make it appear that the hospital doctors and nurses had done a good job on him.

Following the annual convention of the Eightieth Division which was held in Indianapolis, Sep Cocheu spent the summer in southern Utah and California and then later visited all of the New England states when the fall leaves were most beautiful in color.

—F. S. Cocheu.

1895

Miles was called to San Francisco by the death of his favorite niece. The class sends sympathy. While on the West Coast Miles saw three of our class widows; Bertha Bash, Nellie Richardson and Katrina Schulz. He reports them all well.

It is reported that a plaque is to be installed at Fort Belvoir to commemorate the part Schulz had in planning and constructing the post when he commanded there.

Herron is much pleased that his favorite niece has recovered so well from a serious automobile accident.

Good reports were received from Dixon, Nissen and Nuttman.

—Lewis M. Nuttman.

1902

Abbot is rejoicing over the fact that he has gotten a competent retired sergeant to help him farm his place at Randlett, Utah.

Albert reports a fine trip to Europe last October.

Amerine grieves over the fact that he never sees any of his former classmates at his home in Montgomery, Alabama.

Frankie Bell tells us of the recent organization of a West Point Society of the District of Columbia which all West Pointers in that area seem to be enjoying. He, Edwards and Valliant are the only members of the class now attending the class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club. The Bells had a fine trip last spring to Florida, the West Indies and the Virgin Islands, and in the summer visited their daughter in New England. They enjoyed especially seeing the Longleys on Cape Cod.

Mrs. Cooper writes that Hiram is practically a shut-in now due to his physical condition. His sole entertainment consists of his daily newspapers and his television programs.

Dinsmore bemoans the fact that he never sees anyone from 1902 any more.

Sep Dockery is very proud of his new cottage at Carmel, California, which he considers a very lucky buy. We all extend to him our deepest sympathy over the loss of his wife last Christmas day.

Sep Edwards has become quite an amateur ornithologist and now talks to his birds by means of a little instrument sent to him by his grandchildren for Christmas.

Pat Foley has been bird hunting in Alberta, Canada again. He and his wife also visited Victoria, B. C. as a Christmas outing and reports an enjoyable time.

Frankenberger reports that he sees Carlos Telford occasionally and that he seems well and happy with his lone existence. He made his usual annual visit to his daughter in Michigan City, Indiana.

Franklin says he still has reasonably good health and is still enjoying life.

Fritz and Kate Griffith have been on the go again. This time they took in Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D. C. Fritz had lunch with Frankie Bell

in Washington and in November he and his wife enjoyed seeing Mrs. Foley in Louisville.

Runt Hannum, our new Class Secretary, writes that after forty-two years with the Corps of Engineers and ten years with the State of California as a Director under Governor Warren he does not find it simple to fit into retired life.

Lengthy Longley and Dolly will spend their winters at Orlando, Florida, and the rest of the year at their lovely home on Cape Cod, where they have received visits from the Griffiths and Bells. It is assumed they stop by East Orange, New Jersey enroute to and from Florida.

Beef Miller says that he and Lois find that the Richmond, Virginia climate agrees with them and that they both keep well but that he has no job and does no work.

The highlight in the Troup Miller family last year was their trip to Europe in August and September to visit their son, Troup, Jr. and his family at the Burtonwood Air Force Depot in England where Troup, Jr. is in command. They also visited Scotland, spent a week in London, and then took a two-week's bus tour of the continent, winding up in Paris for a week. Troup tells us that a West Point Society of Atlanta has recently been formed with some seventy-five members.

Johnny and Gwen Pegram have been traveling again. They put in several months in Spain, then came home to Virginia only soon to drive out to Banff and followed that by a trip to Southern Mexico where they were last reported sojourning.

Fat Rodney still maintains an office at Michigan State University with the title of Military Co-ordinator of ROTC affairs and adviser to students and others on their draft status and other military problems.

Razzle Dazzle Rozelle reports having difficulty with his hearing aid but says otherwise he is in good physical condition and lives on his happy memories.

Stewart and his wife last year had a grand trip out to Albuquerque, New Mexico to visit their son, Charles, and his family at the Kirtland Air Force Base, then on the way home, stopped off in Omaha with her brother and his family. They are rejoicing that four of their five offspring live within 75 miles of their home in West Orange, New Jersey.

Fatty Terrell and his better half tell us of two long fine trips they had to Death Valley, California, and to Canada, where the trout and salmon fishing was excellent. They are among the class's most enthusiastic travellers.

Rigby Valliant deplors the loss of our beloved friend and classmate, Johnny Herr, who used to attend so regularly the class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington where Valliant, Edwards, Preston and Bell were also present.

Sorry our notes are so abbreviated but this is all the space the Editor will allow us.

—Troup Miller.

1903

Another grandson reported in: Max Clayton Tyler, 2nd, born December 29, 1955, son of Lieutenant Colonel Max Campbell Tyler, Corps of Engineers, who is with the U.S. Engineer Office in Nashville, Tennessee. Congratulations and best wishes to the proud father and mother, and to our own "Bones" Tyler. The latter and Mrs. Tyler are apparently enjoying good health.

The Turtles had a siege of illness during the autumn. Mrs. Turtle's eyes went back on her and she had to undergo several operations. On the theory that no news is good news, we hope that she has fully recovered.

Billy Nichols was in Washington early in January, where his younger sister and her husband are living. He claims to have *three great grandchildren!* Billy is head of the corporation that runs the hotel and concessions in Yellowstone National Park, where facilities were crowded with 1,368,515 visitors this last summer.

In late January "Baldy" Schley and Denise made their usual trip to Panama for the meeting of the directors of the Panama Railroad Co.

March 5th "Puss" Farnum and Florence started on a prolonged trip to Europe. Flying to Madrid, where they were to pick up a small English car, they planned to tour Spain, France and England returning about July 1st. Now he will have a chance to put to good use all that French and Spanish he learned as a cadet. In his absence, the Class check book is in protective custody of your Class Editor. Contributions to the Class Fund and bills against it should be sent to the latter.

This year Hawkins and Colvin will celebrate their 80th birthdays. Look up the dates in your Register of Graduates and write them a note.

Comments have been received—adverse, of course,—on the failure to have any 1903 news in the last issue of *Assembly*, so somebody must read my stuff. This is evidence of the interest some of your classmates take in what you are doing. Why don't you brace up and send me some account of how you are getting along and how you spend your time.

—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

1904

Two more members of 1904 have been called.

On December 13, 1955, Anderson, R. F., died at the Maryland Hospital where he had been for about a month. Burial was at the Baltimore National Cemetery. At present, Mrs. Anderson is staying with a daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Worthington, at 1311 John Street, Baltimore 17. Another daughter, Mrs. Thomas G. Andrew, lives nearby at 4805 Keswick Road, Baltimore 10.

On January 5, 1956, Gillmore, Q. A., died at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Funeral services were held in the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point, followed by interment in the Post Cemetery.

Ward, writing from Denver, mentions that, apropos of our previous note about Dillard's granddaughter graduating from Vassar in 1955 with a Phi Beta Kappa key, his granddaughter, Millicent Travis, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. W. L. Travis (U.S.M.A. 1933) similarly is graduating from Vassar with a Phi Beta Kappa key in 1956. Ward sees Gimperling at West Point luncheons now and then and reports that Tom is still going strong and is still good at poker.

Woolnough announces the arrival, on January 21, 1956, of another great granddaughter, Carol Lynn Mull, daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. C. L. Mull, U.S.N.

Koch sends word that, for the most part, 1904 at San Antonio is getting along nicely. Brunzell looks like he is about fifty years old and is just as keen as ever. Edmunds does not talk any more than he did as a cadet; the bad knee wound that he received in Jolo has slowed down his walking but he still shoots good golf. Fenton was down there visiting his daughter and Koch thought he was looking wonderfully well considering his long hospital tour. Brant has been in the hospital but Koch gives no details, so, we trust, that no news is good news. As for himself, Koch says he is always well; that during his annual month's vacation in the summer when he goes up into the mount-

ains of Arizona fishing, he stores up enough good health to last until the next trip.

Bryden and Scott, W. R., drove down from Washington to Braddock Heights, Maryland, recently to say hello to Diller who is staying there in the Vindobona Convalescent Home. They were glad to find him up and around and comfortably situated in a delightful location.

—William Bryden.

1905

Clifford and Harriet Early sailed from New York on January 27th on the Cunard Cruise Ship *Britannic* for a Mediterranean cruise which ended at Lisbon, Portugal on March 22nd. They have been heard from in Morocco and Israel and the trip was going nicely. They left their ship at Lisbon and are traveling by land through Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and England. They are scheduled to arrive in New York City on the *Queen Elizabeth* September 25th, 1956.

Seward and Mary Weeks left LaGuardia Field on Easter Sunday and plan to meet the Earlys in Madrid about the time you will be reading this item. The Weeks are going to travel through Europe and will return to this country the last day of May. Hope to have a complete report of this "Reunion in Madrid" and of the correctness of P. Traub's Spanish Verbs.

Ned Hanford's daughter, Lucile Jr., her husband, Showalter, 1939 USMA and Edward Hanford Showalter, 1964 USMA have recently returned from a three year tour in Europe. They went to the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma where Showalter is on the staff of the school.

Case had a stay in Walter Reed General Hospital with a heart attack but he made good progress toward recovery. Mary was able to be with him and help out the nurses for many hours each day. He is now at home, 3900 Cathedral Avenue and getting along nicely.

The removal of a cataract on Calvin Titus' right eye was his first real hospital experience! The operation was quite successful and with glasses he has 20/20 vision in that eye. He does not expect to return to get his left eye fixed up unless it appears necessary.

Francois and Olive Wilby have been delayed in getting into their new home at 19 Town Mountain Road, Asheville, North Carolina but they expect to be in by the time this issue of *Assembly* reaches you.

On the third Wednesday in February Lane, Lowe and Gibson were on hand for luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington. Corbin was reported as being in Panama.

—N. F. Ramsey.

1906

Way last December we sent in the last class news. Since then a wonderful Christmas has gone by with greeting cards from nearly every classmate and many widows and children. Now the Golden year is rapidly moving to the grand reunion. Sixteen rooms have been asked for at Bear Mountain Inn in response to requests from all corners of the country and sixteen members have sent their checks to Jim Riley. The promise is great.

With great sadness of heart, I have to report the loss of that wonderful all-American end on the Army team of 1905, grand soldier, fine citizen, wonderful classmate, Alex Gillespie, at Walter Reed on January 17. He was buried in Arlington, Earl McFarland helping Mildred at the funeral and

afterward and Jim Riley arranging flowers for the class thru Earl.

Late information indicates that Tige Huntley died very suddenly and unexpectedly after a slight nasal operation, only remaining at the Fort Ord Hospital for the night for convenience. Tired of looking at the TV, he went to bed and soon rang for the nurse. She responded promptly but found his heart had stopped before she arrived. He was buried at Monterey cemetery with flowers from the class on his grave.

Jim Riley, recently recovered from an illness, plans to sail with Gene on March 28 for Rotterdam, Holland to visit daughter Betty, and sil Jim Shaw, now U.S. Naval attache at the Hague. Later, they will visit daughter Nanie, and sil Joe Anderson, now commander of the 87th Infantry Regiment at Aufschappenburg, Germany. In May after a visit to England they will return on the *Queen Mary* with son Jim, Jr. and wife Barbara to be at the reunion.

Hugo and Elsie Selton are planning to taxi to and from the Golden reunion to home at Forest Hills, Long Island.

Charlie Rockwell has been in these parts, stopping at Daytona to see George and Christine Morrow and agreeing there to room with Mrs. R. at Bear Mountain Inn, later he has been at Vero Beach but no telephone has been heard from him yet.

We had a grand visit from Edith and Earl McFarland in February touring with friends around east and west coasts of Florida. They stopped a while in Sarasota and called on Bill Ganoe.

Florence Ardery sends a clipping from London, where she is touring the British Isles. It announces the resignation of Mick Daley from the New York State Veterans Administration after many successful years of fine work. Mick promises to look after the ladies luncheon on Alumni Day.

Hap Pennell finally got two seats for the Orange Bowl game and Oklahoma gave us a great show of fine football, thanks to Hap. He fears he will not make the reunion, so send him some encouragement and get Norma to get him in the mood.

Tow Brett writes from Tombstone, Arizona, that his physical limitations are preventing him from taking part in the big-time, but spiritually, he'll be on hand to encourage us.

Henry and Helen Finch also need more encouragement and a bit of class spirit. Henry is fearing he wont get enough out of the party, now that Alex Gillespie is gone.

Red Hoyle has taken over the task of looking after the big reunion banquet and general arrangements with that efficiency which he has shown on every affair we have had. He will be at West Point soon to make the final plans. A bulletin will be along as soon as the schedule of events at the Academy is published.

Phil Mathews, Charlie Rockwell, and George Morrow are looking after souvenirs. Let Phil have any suggestions. Bill Akin is bringing the museum revolver. All thoughts are converging on West Point. Don't let them stray. Tune up the old engine, polish up the old wagon, practice the class yell and we'll be seeing you ALL on the parade ground right soon now.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

We received a letter from Bob Cheney reporting on members of the class in San Antonio. He wrote that Ray Hill had fallen from the top of a ladder but had escaped serious injury. These old football men are a hardy breed. Chief Rice was reported well and looking like a million dollars. Mrs. Cheney had a fall in their sun room a few

months ago and broke her arm rather badly but has made a good recovery. She and Bob will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on June 16.

Rick and Audrey Morrison were in Philadelphia for Christmas with their two sons and their families but are now back in Washington at The Westchester.

Paul Larned left for Florida around Washington's Birthday with one of his daughters who was in need of rest and sunshine. Cecilia went up to Long Island to look after the children while their mother was away. Paul went to St. Petersburg to visit his brother and was looking forward to seeing Clyde Eastman and Walter Wheeler while there and Bill Ganoe in Sarasota. Bill had very generously offered Paul the use of their guest house while he was down there but on the night of February 21 his Shoestring Chalet was destroyed by fire and Bill and Rosie have had to occupy the guest house themselves. The fire started about eleven o'clock. Rosie was awakened, smelled smoke and woke Bill. Practically everything in the upper part of the house was destroyed and both Rosie and Bill received burns. They were fortunate to have escaped without more serious injury.

Our annual visit with our daughter, Betty, and her family in St. Petersburg was deferred until the middle of March in the expectation that a new house which they are building would be finished by that time. Unfortunately such will not be the case but we are looking forward to seeing Clyde, Walter and Bill and only regret that we will miss Paul. He expected to return to Washington in time for the Founders Day Dinner but before his departure for Florida, sent us the following items of interest:

The Sullivans and Larneds drove up to Ruxton, Maryland for luncheon with Sloan and Josephine Doak and had a most enjoyable visit. As usual Sloan was a most genial host and Josephine a marvelous hostess. Sloan is much better and showed little effect from his long illness. Enrique White spent more than a month in Washington on his way west. He underwent an operation at Walter Reed and has made an excellent recovery. The Chiltons, both looking very fit, spent the Christmas holidays in Washington with their son, Major Alexander W. Chilton, Jr., USMC. Sandy is about to give up his teaching as he will shortly attain the age of retirement. Bruce Clark and Oliver Wood have not been too well. Bruce is having a rather difficult time and Woody is recovering from an operation on his eyes. Rutherford and daughter are off on a trip motoring to Texas, then flying to Mexico. A class luncheon was held in January with eleven present. The George Daileys are about to leave for Europe for an extended stay but George promises to be on hand for the 50th reunion. He is studying Italian, painting in pastels and boning up on opera. Bob Glassburn was at Walter Reed for his semi-annual checkup which he passed with flying colors.

Clyde Eastman wrote that Sunny Jim and Thelma Martin passed through St. Petersburg recently enroute home from Naples where Sunny Jim had gone to recuperate from an attack of asthma. The Wheelers entertained them all for lunch.

Roger Alexander recently returned from a visit with Roger, Jr. who is now living in Whittier, California. While there he had a very pleasant visit with Charley Wyman in Glendale and with Jerry Taylor in Hollywood. He reported that Eddie Householder had moved up from Banning to Los Angeles but had been unable to see him as he did not have Eddie's address. After his return home he visited his daughter, Ruth, and her family in Falls Church, Virginia.

Ben Castle wrote that Jimmy Steese was traveling in the South Pacific, Java, Hong

Kong, Sydney, Australia and Tasmania, thence to San Francisco.

Rose, J. B. gets to Washington from time to time but not very often so we asked him for a report and here it is:

Life is good in the Pignut Hills of Fauquier. Some home chores in spring and autumn—sleep in summer and winter. Only need is a nearby golf course. A few local activities provide excuse for town visits. Reflexes make long driving a bit unwise. Son John B., Jr.—Air Force—in Japan. Son Keith researches new plastic fibers. Five grandsons.

Tom Spencer's new address is P.O. Box 2564, Carmel, California and he had the following to report:

I saw Judge Henry last Thursday. While he looks too old for a beauty contest, he really looks younger than he did a year or so ago. He seems to be in better health now than he was in the winter of '54 and '55. The Judge's IQ seems to be holding up and he's got a memory that would be a credit to an elephant. He lives just a few blocks from us and we see him and his lovely daughter, Chiquita, rather frequently. I've not seen any others of '07 since Jeannette and I left for Japan last summer except Mrs. Bane who lives in Monterey. We attended a delightful party at her home during Christmas week. Jeannette and I have recently suffered a deep sorrow in the loss of our younger son, Charles, age thirty-seven. He died suddenly February 9 of a heart attack and was buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery. He was a lieutenant in the Air Force during World War II. At the time of his death he was preparing a thesis for his Master's degree which he expected to get in June.

In response to our request for news, Johnny Jenkins sent in the following:

Since my retirement in 1944 I have two main interests, first to make a home for my only child, a young bachelor, whom I followed to Dallas, and secondly, to insure that Jesse Drain would receive his dividends on his whiskey stocks in which he told me some years ago he was specializing. My wife and I have both been in and out of Brooke Army Hospital several times in the last six months but are about to leave for Washington, D. C. to make our home. I served there three times and was Secretary and Chairman of the House Committee of the Army Navy Club for two years during prohibition when the going was hard. I hope to enjoy the club again during these prosperous times and see my classmates there. My son is now with Socony Laboratories in the Philadelphia area and I expect to see some of our class at the next Army Navy game.

—Hayden W. Wagner.

1908

1908 mourns the recent loss of two of its members, Loustalot and Peterson. Loustalot died in January, at New Orleans, the result of pneumonia. He was buried at the Presidio National Cemetery, at San Francisco, beside his first wife. He had remarried just six days before his death. Pendleton, living at nearby San Mateo, California, arranged for flowers in the name of the Class. Peterson died at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, on February 15—48 years and one day after our graduation. Suffering from a heart attack in 1945, while Inspector General of the Army, he was retired from active duty and since then made his home in Washington. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on February 17. Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Edgeron, Fletcher, Garrison, Hughes, Johnson, Schulz and Sturdevant represented the Class at the graveside services, at which the

former Chief of Chaplains, Major General Luther D. Miller, Retired, officiated. Pete is survived by his widow, the former Lucia Hunting, 2202 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington; and by a sister, Mrs. J. B. Hubbard, of Campbellsville, Kentucky.

February 14th marked the 48th anniversary of the 1908 Class graduation. The annual Class Dinner accordingly was held at the Army & Navy Club, Washington, on Saturday evening, February 18. Present were Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Edgeron, Ellis, Fletcher, Garrison, Hayes, Hobley, Hughes, Johnson, Kelley, Kennedy, Schulz and Sturdevant. To be able to join in the occasion, Seery Hayes made the journey from Massachusetts, T. J. Johnson from Kentucky, and Kennedy from South Carolina. Greetings were received from many of those unable to be present, with some news items which were heard with interest and appreciation. Unfortunately, some of the "regulars" were prevented from being present. Lacey Hall had entered the hospital for a check-up on the preceding day. Spike Dougherty had just returned to his home at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, from a check-up at Mayo's, too late to attend. He brought back a good report, but was advised to take off some 20 pounds. Ayres, in Vermont, fearing an early run of maple sap, decided he would have to forego the dinner for this year. Jackson, at Baltimore, suffered a mild stroke last November. He is making good progress and expects to resume his duties soon as State Insurance Commissioner of Maryland. Terry, formerly located at New York City, has now moved south, to Asheville, North Carolina, and so was missing from this year's get-together. Sturdevant, as Class President, presided, and the following were elected and installed as Class officers for the coming year: President, Schulz; Vice-President, Hobley; Treasurer, Sturdevant.

Other notes of interest: Cunningham expected to take a Caribbean trip in February. Deans reminds us that we still have in Los Angeles or its environs the following members of 1908: Bailey, Barker, Brown, Garey, and "yours truly"—i.e., Deans. He reports that Marks recently moved to Las Vegas, "not for the gambling," but for his wife's sinus trouble; that Fitzmaurice recently moved to Alpine, California, about 30 miles east of San Diego, where he looks for improvement in his asthma; and that Deans himself has built a bungalow to which he expects to move shortly—or by now perhaps has moved—at Costa Mesa, about 46 miles southwest of Los Angeles. It is regretted that Higley, at Carmel, California, has been quite ill; and that Jimmy James, as reported by his wife from Charlotte, North Carolina, has been practically bedridden since he broke his hip about three years ago. Here's hoping both are improving. It is interesting to note that Mike Kelley (the Honorable Augustine B. Kelley, M.C. from Pennsylvania) was one of the Congressional members of the Academy's Board of Visitors this year.

—John W. N. Schulz.

1909

Jim Dunsworth died January 12 in a Pasadena hospital. He left no close relatives, his wife Germaine having died in 1936. Jim was President of the West Point Society of Los Angeles and was well known among the retired Service personnel of that area.

Eleanor Erlenkotter, who has made a generous contribution to our Class Fund in memory of "Dutch", reports that her three sons (all West Point graduates) are "carrying on"—one in the Air Force and two in the Army — Ying Wen has forwarded a

letter from Frank T. (Frutos) Plaza, dated December 1st in Madrid. Frank has been representing the Standard Oil of California with office at 200 Bush Street, San Francisco, c/o California Exploration Co. He travels extensively in Latin America. — Alice Donaldson makes frequent visits from her San Francisco home to her two daughters,—Dorothy, now living in that city with her children, and Donya, living with her husband in Mill Valley across the Bay. — "Admiral" Joe Plassmeyer is represented at West Point by a grand-nephew, Martin L. Plassmeyer, in the Class of '59. — Ed Marks reports that he has seen "Queen" Lyman's widow, on her way East for a few months. — Claude Thummel and wife Dorothy are taking a course in Genealogical Research at American University and "find it very interesting as well as time consuming". — Cliff Lee's son John and the latter's wife Patricia have recently given him a third granddaughter, Sarah Jean. Cliff is still active in the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and in other organizations and movements of the Protestant Episcopal Church. — Ted Chase admits having "hoisted a couple" with Barney Oldfield, the "Boeing Brain", when the latter was in Washington a few months back. And Barney writes that his older son, H. R. Jr., now heads the G. E. Microwave Laboratory at Stanford University, while his younger son, John F., aged 15, is qualifying as an Eagle Scout. — Ray Smith, our seasoned voyageur, and his wife Inga have settled in Detroit —permanently, he avers. — Delos Emmons reports four grandchildren and hopes to be present at the Reunion in '59. — "PD" Besson says: "there is life in the old dog yet —have ten grandchildren including the Class grand-godson now in West Point". — Merl Schillerstrom writes: "We celebrated our 43d wedding anniversary on September 12. Retiring in Florida will add ten years to your life". — Don Beere, who has been active in business in Mexico for several years, reports in from El Paso. — Monte Hickok declares that Louisa and he "are enjoying to the fullest extent the opportunity to live as we wish. Our grandchildren still number five". — P. S. Gage is still active in the insurance business in Atlanta. Their son and daughter have presented Irene and Phil with a total of eight grandchildren. — The Frank Purdons visited the Earl Norths at the latter's summer home in Maine last July,—a lovely, slightly place on a mountainside, with all the conveniences of the city". — From Bob Eichelberger: "We have seen a few classmates down here (Asheville) but wish a few more would look us over here in the mountains. They would find a warm welcome". — Bob Sears is just back from family visits to his two sons. "Looking for new hobbies less strenuous than mountain climbing". — Forrest Harding: "No formal business; no absorbing hobbies except reading; no major interest except old friends, but somehow have more to do than I have time to do it in". — Sarah (Brice) Everitt operates The Bookmark, a bookshop in New Rochelle, New York. She has two married daughters,—one in the Army and one living in San Bernardino, California. — Franz Doniat's sister, Miss Thecla Doniat, died last summer after serving 46 years in the Chicago public schools. The city has named a new school in her honor.

Cope Philoon (who recruited another grandson last summer) journeyed to Philadelphia for the Navy game. He says he was well pleased with an Army team which proved itself a most worthy successor of Cope's own outfit in the fall of 1908. — George and Effie Van Deusen made a three weeks auto trip to Florida in February. At Fayetteville, North Carolina, they stayed with the Smoothbore branch of the Van Deusens, who are living in a fine new home.

"E.R." plays his daily round of golf as a member of a retired foursome. The Meyers and Schillerstroms were visited while passing through Bradenton; they are enjoying life on the Gulf Coast. The Kellys were missed in Venice but Krog was reached by phone at Miami Beach. In Charlottesville, Virginia, on the trip home, they were entertained by the Stokelys but the Stearns' were away. In Washington the Garry Ords arranged a luncheon at the Naval Hospital Mess in Bethesda, at which Baehr, Thummel and Wen were also present. Everyone is looking forward to that big Reunion in '59.

—G. L. Van Deusen.

1910

Here is a much belated tribute to our former classmate, Dr. James Bruce Coleman, familiarly known to all of us as "J.B.", who died in Vienna, Austria on February 24, 1955. He left the Academy in June of our plebe year, 1907, because of an impairment of his eyes. Returning to his native state, South Carolina, he eventually became an instructor and then professor of mathematics at the University of South Carolina. As a teacher he was noted through many classes at the University for his patient manner of instruction backed by a thorough knowledge of the subject. As a student at South Carolina before going to West Point he was interested in all forms of athletics, especially football. Being of light weight he couldn't make the varsity eleven but played on second team for four years where he was an inspiration to all around him. In after years he was renowned for the many learned articles he wrote on mathematics. Much of his retirement was spent in travel, so it might have been expected that death would come to him in a foreign city. J.B. was one of the best and a most loyal son of West Point. His cheery smile and good nature will be long remembered.

It is very interesting to note that all of our eleven classmates living in or near Washington are members of the newly organized West Point Society of D. C. Almost all are regular attendants at the luncheons of the Society and undoubtedly most of them will be on hand for the Society's first Founders Day Dinner on March 17th at the Shoreham Hotel where Joe Collins, April 1917, will be the principal speaker. A good time is certainly expected.

A very sad note must be reported here. Sam Edelman writes that his beloved wife, Etta, died on January 24th after a long illness. She suffered from cancer and everything known to science was done for her but to no avail. Sam lives at 5761 Woodcrest Avenue, Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania. A word of sympathy from some of us would help him along his lonely way.

—Robert H. Dunlap '10.

1911

Again our hearts are saddened at the passing of Leo G. Heffernan. "Hefie" passed away on February 9 at his home in Los Angeles. We regret very much that, in spite of Jim Mooney's great efforts, no member of the Class was able to attend the funeral services and burial in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on the 15th. Flowers were sent by the Class and the "Early Birds", an organization of early Aviators to which "Hefie" belonged. Betty and Jim King, "Hefie's" daughter and son-in-law were able to attend the services. The Class extends to the family our deepest sympathy.

Jim Mooney reports the following activities in Washington:

"John W. Churchill, whom members of 'C' Co. will remember as one of their number in Plebe Year, is now a regular attendant at third Wednesday lunches. John has been an examiner in the United States Patent Office for a number of years—looking forward to retirement ere long. His address is Winthrop House, 1727 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

"Without reminders, attendance approaches 100%. Nine of nine in the Washington area were present at the February 15 lunch. At a recent lunch at the club the Group unanimously passed a vote of censure of Tod Larned for being present in Washington on that date and absenting himself from the lunch. (Other 1911-ers heed.)

"Speck Wheeler spent the four weeks beginning January 20th, with the President of the International Bank, Mr. Eugene R. Black, in Egypt in connection with preliminary arrangements for a loan to Egypt for the purpose of building the Aswan Dam on the Upper Nile.

"Speck Wheeler, Bill Morris, John Churchill, Curt Nance, Bluntie and Howell Estes represented 1911 at the 'kick-off' lunch of the recently formed West Point Society of Washington, held at the Officers' Club, Fort McNair, February 16, 1955."

In a letter regretting that he would be unable to attend the Reunion, Jim Crawford informs us that Mike Franke has been visiting in Auburn and that she looked wonderfully well. He also comments on the great number of very fine friends that the Frankes made while on duty at Auburn. Jim states that he considers himself an authority on motoring in Mexico and will gladly try to answer any questions on that subject which anybody would like to ask him. He, along with many others, seemed to be in full accord with the plan to have a committee in Washington run the Class matters. Speaking of Class matters, a letter from "Pink" Hardy recommends that we settle all questions before anybody opens a bottle. He states that Charlotte is as fit as Nashua and that he is doing as good as Swaps did—following the latter at about seven lengths distance.

Frank Kemble reports that our Godson will return from Germany next Summer, and is hoping that he will be stationed somewhere near him.

Bill Hardig gives us a bit of encouragement in our desire to continue having sons at West Point. Bill says the boys are fine. Bill, now 14, is ready to become an Eagle Scout next week. Jack, 11, is determined to better Bill's record. Jean Brew, 8, is doing well in school and seems to be popular. Bill plans to go to West Point if he isn't turned down on his eyesight. I am not surprised to hear Bill say he does well enough in his studies; like papa, like son.

Jess Ladd responded with a very amusing letter. He stated that "the members of the Class out here are getting along fine, except—" then he goes into the various difficulties that the members have had beginning with Benny Lockwood, a few comments on Jake Bagby, and that Jake is the only member who still plays golf. He also states that Jim Weaver is the same old Beau Brummel. One of his own deficiencies is that age doesn't improve his spelling. After commenting on Dave Cowles and Shek, he states that Nick continues to have ants in his pants and does a lot to keep the rest of us on our toes.

By the time these Notes are published, I hope you will have gotten a Bulletin giving all the information that I can gather on the details of the Reunion. For that reason, I have not given any statistics about the replies, etc.

—I. T. Wyche.

1912

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the three classmates who have passed to their rewards since our last report in *Assembly*: Otis A. Wallace, who left us early in our "plebe" year, died at Yonkers, New York, in August 1955; "Billy" Youngs, who died in the Veterans Hospital, Waco, Texas, on December 25, 1955, after a long illness, and Henry McLean who died suddenly of a heart attack while driving his car from Reno to Carson City, Nevada, on December 26, 1955. "Billy" Youngs was buried at West Point and Harry McLean at Tuxedo Park, New York. Peace be unto them!

Anderson: "Professor Swede" took time out from his math classes in Monterey to make the trip to San Francisco to hear Bill Wilbur's talk before the Commonwealth Club in mid February. According to Swede, Bill made a fine impression on his audience, having developed into a dynamic speaker.

Arnold: Marge and Arch plan to be in Europe in May and June and will visit their son Arch, Jr., Captain in the 599th AFA Bn., APO 66, New York, whose other address is Hindenberg Strasse 32, Erlangen Bay, Germany. They are also planning to tour through Spain, affording Arch an opportunity to brush up on the pure Castilian taught us by Senor Asensio.

Barbur: Herb writes from Portland, Oregon, that he is kept busy in his insurance business and has enjoyed very good health over the years, hearing from his one-time roommate "Red" Pulford occasionally.

Bennion: Our Number One classmate Howard plans to retire this summer, prior to which Marian and Howard expect to attend the World Power Conference in Vienna and then tour Europe for several months.

Boykin: We can all be proud of Ed's achievements as author and historian. His most recent book, "Congress and the Civil War", is being published by The McBride Co., Inc., 200 East 37th St., New York 16, New York. His previous books are: "The Autobiography of George Washington", "The Wisdom of Thomas Jefferson", and "Living Letters from American History".

Chamberlin: Chamby made his annual pilgrimage to New York to attend the MacArthur get-together dinner on January 26th and afterwards visited his daughter Sally and her husband in Boston.

Chynoweth: Chen's leadership as Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the San Francisco Commonwealth Club netted for him reappointment to that important position for another year. Bill Wilbur, who was Chen's house guest while in San Francisco to address the Commonwealth Club wrote: "I am much impressed by Chen's physical and mental vitality. He runs with his dogs every day and is driving hard on his U.N. Committee against clever, well-organized pro-communist activity. What a shame that he was not available to exercise COMBAT command, under Patton for example. We certainly needed him—"

Crawford, D. M.: Dave and Annye arrived in San Francisco via the Panama Canal en route to Hawaii early in February. On this occasion the "Grover Whalen of San Francisco", our Phil Faymonville, assembled the available members of the Bay Area class family for a party at the Olympic Club in honor of the visitors.

Crawford, R. C.: After his second major operation at Walter Reed Red wrote as follows: "I am progressing according to schedule and hope to be out of here in three weeks. Tommy Thomas is here, having been operated on for the removal and replacement of part of the aorta, a very ticklish affair which is not often done. He is

beginning to pick up and things now look very good for him."

Day: Warner and Harriette, to escape the rigors of January in New England, enjoyed a lengthy stay at Pompano Beach, Florida. In March they plan to sail for Europe to visit Italy, Switzerland, France and Spain.

Deuel: Thorne reports that his son Thorne III made a trip to Europe last summer, met an American student, Miss Mildred F. Thompson, there and married her in London in the fall. They are now making their home in Paris. Young Bill Deuel, now 17, graduates from High School in June and is studying hard in the hope he can follow in his father's footsteps and enter West Point in June, having received an appointment.

DuBois: Reports that Johnny and Patty Lindt stopped off to visit them; that they are both looking well, especially after a few rum cocktails, and that Johnny is now serving on the Riverside County Grand Jury.

Fechét: d'Alary, like good wine, improves with time, it seems. He is a great asset to the community, giving aid and comfort especially to the widows of Santa Barbara and doing more than his share in religious and social work. Reporting on his own health he writes: "I am so well that I am not only grateful but surprised as well."

Gonser: We regret to report that "Pug" Gonser's widow, Rita, passed away quietly in her sleep on January 6, 1956, in a Carmel, California rest home after an extended illness. She was a native of Portland, Oregon, and left no close relatives.

Greenwald: Joe says that arriving at the age of 67 only attests to his ability to dodge automobiles; that he likes being around and in good health, able to put in a good day's work every day and that he counts on attending our 45th reunion next year. Reports that John D. Kelly keeps a number of accounts for business firms, that Nalle Bodine creaks a little but still gripes with the best of them, that Ike Spalding looks well after spending a summer in Boulder, Colorado, doing some painting.

Halligan: Art is happy to report that he feels too young to retire as he approaches his 70th birthday but that he will most assuredly be on hand to see the gang next year at our 45th reunion.

Hinemon: Heine has already made plans to be on hand next June and has reserved accommodations for Mildred and himself at the Hotel Newburgh. He spends much time at his electric typewriter and always is glad to receive letters from his classmates, so get busy, some of you slow pokes!

Hobson: Bunny, Frances and Mary embarked from San Francisco early in March en route to Europe via the Panama Canal, to be gone for several months visiting all the foreign countries. While in Europe their address will be in care of the American Express Company, Paris, France.

Holliday: Marguerite carries on as usual at her home in Hampton, Virginia, and had with her at Christmas time her sister and her two sons, Donald and Bill.

Hyatt: We are all looking forward to seeing Bob Hyatt's creation in the form of a 1912 photo album which he courageously volunteered to get out and send around, round-robin fashion, as objective evidence of what we look like as we approach our 45th reunion anniversary in 1957. Let's all give him a salute for this demonstration of loyalty to the Class!

Lane: "Shady", from whom we have not heard in a long time, says he is neither bragging nor complaining about his health and that he is to shortly undergo surgery to give him a brighter outlook on life.

Lefebvre: Gordon has changed his address from Grove City, Pennsylvania, to Olean, New York, where he is Plant Manager of Plant No. 2, Dresser Operations, dealing in engines and compressors. He

too is looking forward to seeing his one-time classmates at our next year's reunion.

Lewis, J. E.: From Bill Wilbur came a clipping from the Denver Post showing Jack Lewis looking very fit as he holds his famed fowling piece (a big game rifle with a telescopic sight). Boulder boasts of Jack as a civic leader and distinguished soldier.

Lindt: Johnny keeps busy and thus keeps fit, what with gardening, carpentering, church work, member of the State Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, and many civic chores.

Littlejohn: A recent letter from John reported that he was taking Mary home much improved after successful surgery at Walter Reed Hospital. The West Coast newspapers ran a dispatch which stated in part: "Mrs. Eisenhower stayed on at the hospital to visit with her old friend Mrs. Robert Littlejohn, wife of the late Major General Littlejohn who served as President Eisenhower's Quartermaster in Europe." This report caused d'Alary Feché some few long distance calls to verify the status of "Big John", dead or alive, and revealing the fact that a White House release was garbled to the extent of using the word "widow" instead of "wife", thereby causing John to answer many letters of condolence to his reported widow Mary.

Malony: Congratulations to our "poet-laureate", Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Malony, in recognition of his contributions to the 1955 Christmas Bulletin of the Class of 1912. We all admire his understanding heart and facile pen, dripping with the wit for which he is famous.

Maxwell: Early in January Maxie wrote that Katherine skidded on a pebble, turned her ankle and fell just outside the United Nations Bldg., breaking her right wrist. While she is now out of the cast, splints and bandages she still has considerable pain and we trust that she will be back on the beam with her many good works in her community.

McLean: Henry's sudden passing was a great shock to all of us. With the same kindly consideration for others that had always marked his life, when he felt the pain of a heart attack, he evidently pulled off to the side of the road to avoid an accident to others and expired peacefully at the wheel. All of us are aware of Henry's outstanding loyalty to West Point and her high traditions, manifested by him in his will which made generous provision for his Alma Mater.

Mooney: Jim talks about retiring from his law practice in Washington but that does not mean that you won't find him eager and willing to give a helping legal hand in any matter involving his friends and classmates.

Morrissey: Slat and Charlotte enjoyed a sojourn in the Palm Springs area in late January and February, returning to their San Francisco home where they are most generous with their gracious hospitality.

Robertson: Lorene suffered a severe attack of the "flu" soon after her return to her home at 311 W. Main Street, Carmi, Illinois, and only recently has she been strong enough to be up and about again.

Rose: Buddy and Mildred are enjoying their new home in Oakland and especially having both their children and all their grandchildren nearby. Buddy recently took a trip by air to Yuma, Arizona, and to Palm Springs, California. Classmates will soon be receiving a yearly reminder from the Class Treasurer in the form of a questionnaire asking for information relative to billeting accommodations in June 1957, especially as concerns the class wives. If sufficient response shows that a goodly percentage of the wives plan to be with us during our 45th reunion a request for reservations in Washington Hall will be submitted not later than May 1956.

Sibert: Class son Bill Sibert, having completed a successful tour of duty as C.O. of the 20th Infantry Regiment (Sykes' Regulators), at Fort Ord, California, is under orders to new duties in Paris, France. His son George, our class grandson, is now completing his Yearling year at West Point and will be there to welcome his father's classmates at our 45th reunion.

Thomas: We cannot easily visualize helpful Tommy as a patient, for it long has been he who has been most attentive to other members of the class family, especially in the Washington area, who have fallen into the hands of the medicos. We are grateful to be assured that Tommy, now at Walter Reed, is making splendid progress toward recovery after a serious operation on his heart, according to fellow-patient Red Crawford.

Ulloa: Class Hound Ed Vaughan, who never gives up the trail of a lost classmate, wrote at Christmas time saying that his most recent letter to Ulloa had been returned to him with a stamp "Unknown". This leaves us wondering about the status of Herman and his lovely family whom the Hobsons found in fine fettle in 1939 on the occasion of their visit to San José, Costa Rica.

Walker: "Mother Walker", our Johnny's charming aged Mother, died at her home in Belton, Texas, in December. She had been in feeble health for several years. Caroline spent the Christmas holidays in Panama with son Captain Sam at his post, Fort Kobbé, Canal Zone.

Wood: In the January issue of *Assembly* we read with deep sympathy our class son Jack Wood's splendid tribute to his brother Carroll, Class of 1937, who died of a coronary thrombosis at his station in Reno, Nevada, on May 17, 1955.

Youngs: We were glad to know that Betty and her husband, Colonel C. P. Robbins, II, of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, were with Helen and her family in Kerrville, Texas, when Billy passed away after his long illness early Christmas morning, 1955, and were able to assist Helen through that trying period. Arch Arnold is doing the obituary article on Bill, a great favorite in our class, and a true son of West Point.

—Robert T. Snow and
William H. Hobson.

1913

Sorry to report the death of Roland Gaugler on March 13th. He was buried at Arlington.

Cooper Foote and Viner paid a visit to Jimmie Peale, Fairfax, Virginia, in February and found him and Cornelia in good health and well situated.

Viner paid a call on "Bones" Kimmel at their beautiful home on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay at Hampton, Virginia. Both were active and feeling fine.

A visit worthwhile is to Gertrude and Bill Rosevear at their most beautiful home at Edenton, North Carolina. They served wild duck from Abemarle Sound. Wonderful!

Pat and Virginia Rafferty are on a fishing trip to Florida and will meet me and Bobbie Crawford at Winter Park for the West Point Dinner. We expect to meet also at the dinner, Gertrude and Rosevear if they can get here.

George Lovell lives at Cocoa, Florida but as he had a recent operation, can not come to the dinner. We expect to call on him.

Imogen and Francis Englehart are visiting at Winter Park, Florida and have seen the Viners and the Crawfords often.

Cooper and Harriet Foote had dinner with the Viners at the A & N Club in Washing-

ton. It was a chance to hear a lot of news. Finis!

—Joe Viner.

1914

The response of the Class to our "round-up" letter has been excellent. The replies already received are summarized in this letter. I am sure other replies will be coming in, but they must be held for our letter in the July issue.

Skimp Brand is still Secretary of the Aircraft Industries Association in Washington. He writes that those attending our class dinners the past three months included Anderson, J. B., Bull, Elliott, Hannum, Holcombe, Ingles, Loomis, Paschal, Price, Stanford, and himself; and that the following wives have gotten together at the same time: Helen Brand, Betty Elliott, Dorothy Holcombe, Grace Ingles, Helen Paschal, and Maude Stanford.

Bratton writes from Hawaii: "After six years in Japan, I retired here in 1952 and bought a cottage on the beach, where Leslie and I are happily busy gardening, swimming, fishing, and beach-combing." Brooks writes that recently the Woodberrys stopped to see them on their trip to Florida; also, that their son, John III, is a Base and Fighter Wing Commander in Germany and will attend the next class at the National War College. Lou Byrne is president of an importing firm in Buffalo. Jim Cress writes a chatty letter. He and Eleanor enjoy brief trips to the Carmel area, for visits with the Jens Does, Ryans, and Glasses. They made a trip to Seattle last fall, and Jim managed to snare the elusive cameloup trout (he didn't say how many) in a high Canadian lake.

Jens Doe writes that they were in Boston last year to attend the graduation of their daughter, Camilla, from Garland Junior College, and that en route home they visited the Wards at Grand Lake, Colorado. Pete and Evelyn Downs spent Christmas with their daughter, Katherine, and her husband, Colonel Chester L. Johnson, at Carlisle Barracks. He is a student at the Army War College, and will remain next year as an instructor. On their way home, they spent New Year's day with their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, in New Orleans, where she is Director of Religious Training at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Dabney Elliott proudly announces the birth of their first grandson, Harold M. Ross, III. They have been living in Washington since 1953, but returned to Chicago for several months last year for planning work with the Illinois Civil Defense Agency. Ike and Lillian Gill will spend this summer in Jamestown, Rhode Island. Their daughter, Mrs. B. D. Dutcher, lives in nearby Darien, Connecticut. Monte Glass and his wife, in Carmel Valley in California, have two sons—one an architect in Texas, the other working for his Ph. D. in Archeology at Harvard. Hannum writes he is a "gentleman of leisure" and regularly attends our monthly Washington dinners. They vacationed in Maine and Nova Scotia last summer.

Mag Harris has sold his farm and moved into a home in Warrenton, Virginia. He and Helen vacation every winter in the town of Jupiter Island, Hobe Sound, Florida, where he is Vice Mayor. Dopey Harrison says their home escaped the California flood waters last Christmas. They see the Cresses and Fiebergers occasionally. Last summer Benny and Rebecca Hoge saw the Wards, who journeyed east, and went with them to spend a delightful day with Jack and Nina Thompson at their lovely old farm house on the eastern shore of Maryland. Ducky and Lucy Jones are living quietly at Spartanburg, South Caro-

lina, except for Ducky's civic activities, Rotary, Civil Defense, and occasional trap shooting, hunting, and fishing.

A nice letter came from Johnny Kennard, who has been an invalid for many years. He says, "The dope is situation unchanged." He is living quietly and comfortably. The only classmate he saw this past year was Jack Jouett, who passed by on his trip to California. He hopes that any passing through New Orleans will see him. Fat Kerr retired in 1953 from his job as Assistant Administrator for Personnel of the Veterans Administration. He is still lecturing at the New School for Social Research, and on duty with the Baruch School for Business and Public Administration, but plans to retire completely and settle down at his country home in Middletown, Rhode Island, this summer. The Lamperts flew to Havana last spring and enjoyed visiting the Torroellas. Pug says that Weldon Doe has a summer home only two miles from their home, so the two families exchange visits each summer.

Larabee writes that he is a widower with a twenty-four year old son who graduates from Pacific University in June, and plans to attend Stanford University for his Master's degree. The condition of Flip Lewis remains generally satisfactory after his serious operation two years ago. He and Jessie went to California last summer and saw the Houghtons and Blub Stuart. Skimp Brand drove over to see them while attending a meeting in Phoenix. John Markoe is still on the faculty of Creighton University in Omaha. He sends his best to all the class. Cliff Matthews is practicing law in Atlanta. Harry G. Matthews is actively engaged in several types of civil engineering, and heads a consulting engineering firm. Don McRae is supervisor of the State Employment Service in Palo Alto, California, but lives in San Jose. He frequently sees Fritz and Eleanor Forbes, who live in Las Gatos.

Duke Milliken's army family is scattered. His daughter, the wife of Colonel Raymond Goodrich, is at Ann Arbor, Michigan; his oldest son at Fort Huachuca, Arizona; and his second son in Saigon, Indo-China. Duke spends his summers fishing for speckled trout in northern Maine. Tom Monroe reports that their home in Eureka escaped the California flood waters, and that he was not involved except as a civil defense worker. He and Clara have two sons, both West Point graduates. The older, Tom, Jr., is in the Tactical Department at West Point; the younger, Putnam, is at Fort Benning. The Packards enjoyed entertaining the Byrams recently when they spent four days in El Paso, on their way home from a trip through Mexico. Paschal is recovering from a successful cataract operation. Potts is U.S. Commissioner for the Eastern District of Virginia, and in addition is occupied with many civic duties in Hampton, Virginia. He says that Mick McCain, who also lives in Hampton, is getting fat, and that Mick's hobbies are raising camellias and judging at dog shows—he has a champion cocker spaniel. Sorry my letter to Mick was returned, due to his listed address being insufficient. A brief reply came from W. A. Robertson. He wrote from Florida, where he spends his winters. He lives alone, as both his children are married. Bill Ryan wrote from New York City that he and Mary were about to sail for an extended trip through Europe. They will spend at least nine months on a leisurely tour, traveling in a German Volkswagen, to be delivered in Cologne, without restrictions as to time or itinerary. I'm sure they will see Villaret, who writes he has been living a "quiet, orderly, and sober life, wholly devoid of the spectacular" in Paris since 1950. Bruz Waddell writes that he and Vera enjoyed Skimp Brand's visit last summer. He

asked me to mention that the West Point Society of Los Angeles meets for lunch at the University Club the first Thursday of each month.

As for the Carruths, we are delighted to have our daughter and son-in-law, Colonel and Mrs. McCutchen, stationed here at Fort Sam Houston. The 1914 group enjoyed seeing the Byrams, when they passed through San Antonio in February, and had a dinner for them at the Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club. While I have been writing this, letters have arrived from other classmates so I will include them.

Jim Bradley's mother is quite old, so he spends most of his time in Rolla, Missouri, to care for her, but he occasionally visits San Antonio. He is an enthusiastic golfer, and he and Tim Rees play together during his visits. He makes an annual trip to San Francisco to see his daughter. Pink and Betty Bull made a trip to Florida last April, and spent Christmas with their daughter, Patty, and her family in Rochester, New York. Pink is still with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington. They are enjoying the home they bought last year. Davenport has a successful Accounting and Income Tax Service in Oak Grove, Louisiana. The yard and flowers of their home is a show spot of the town. The Hermans made a trip to Europe last year, and visited their daughter, Mary Rose, whose husband is an Army officer stationed in Germany. They were recently visited by Helen Cowgill, who addressed the local garden club.

Fred Herr is Chapter Red Cross Chairman and District Boy Scout Chairman for his county in New Jersey. The Holcombes had planned a trip to Europe this winter but dropped the plan for the present, due to the severe weather conditions over there. Bill Houghton writes of the visit of Flip and Jessie Lewis last summer. They recently saw the Byrams, and now and then they visit with the Waddels, Stuart, Lamphier, and Brannan, who are not far away. Price writes that he plans to do some world traveling after his son enters Yale University next fall. Jack and Nina Thompson recently finished a 20-day trip to South America. He writes of how much they enjoyed the visit of the Hoges and Wards last year.

Juan Torroella writes that he is still in the contracting business. Last year he and Graciela saw their eldest son, John, graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy, and a second son, Luis, graduate from Dartmouth. A younger son is also attending Dartmouth. Juan says that Ralph and Agnes Royce often fly to Havana, and they enjoy their visits, as they did the visit of the Lamperts last spring. The Woodberrys recently completed a long thrip through Florida, and took advantage of the opportunity to see the Harrises, Brooks, Haskell, and Houston.

—John Carruth.

1915

I don't know how you did it, Earl, but that album of snapshots, depicting the activities of those aging but hardy sons of "slum and gravy"—desporting themselves at their fortieth reunion is a masterpiece and a souvenir "par excellence" of a very memorable occasion. Your foreword is, as I predicted, priceless. Your apologies for not printing names is accepted although the flattery is as obvious and as subtle as that found in the sales talk of a used car salesman. Your classmates, one and all salute you as a "pontifex maximus" lithographer and extend their genuine and sincere thanks for a lovely job.

Two letters ran a late for the January formation just like their authors used to

run lates to cadet formations. These letters contain such revealing and intimate details about the December class luncheon and how things are done in the "Capital of Confusion", that I feel constrained to publish this information to the class. The first letter is from Hume Peabody. It was followed a couple days later by one from Jack Davis (not Daris, as was published in January notes).

THE PEABODY VERSION:

"The last class luncheon had a fine turnout which could not have been due entirely to the fine weather. There were Dutch Aurand and Brad, who naturally left home before what we laughingly call weather around Washington, had come to a jell. Also Duke Miller, from near Westminster, which is one of the more backward sections of Maryland and with no newspapers, radio or T.V., how could he know it would be a fine day? The presence of Dutch Aurand was a blessing for Walt Hess who always gets stuck for the cocktails by the Martini Syndicate (Eddie Lyons, Blister Evans et al). Being an amateur magician of sorts, I am usually pretty good at spotting the gimmick, but damned if I could catch how they stuck Dutch as they announced they would, the suspicion being that Dutch was on an expense account anyway."

THE DAVIS VERSION:

"Our last regular monthly luncheon was one of the best yet. As you know at these luncheons we let you buy your food but Walt Hess generally buys the drinks, for those who partake, after going through a little coin jiggling game which Blister Evans, Eddie Lyon and others of their like persuade Walt is on the level. Omar Bradley blew in from the West Coast looking very much the carefree executive but talking mostly about the oranges he grows in his back yard. Henry Aurand was there from Honolulu looking very editorialish, though the main purpose of his visit appeared to be to collect funds from the coon-can game in the card room downstairs. Freddy Boye of New York and Warrenton looked as gay and as handsome as ever, which is not saying much. Hume Peabody, perennially young, and Duke Miller made it from Maryland while Poopy Bragdon, assistant deputy to the deputy assistant President, made it from the White House without escort.

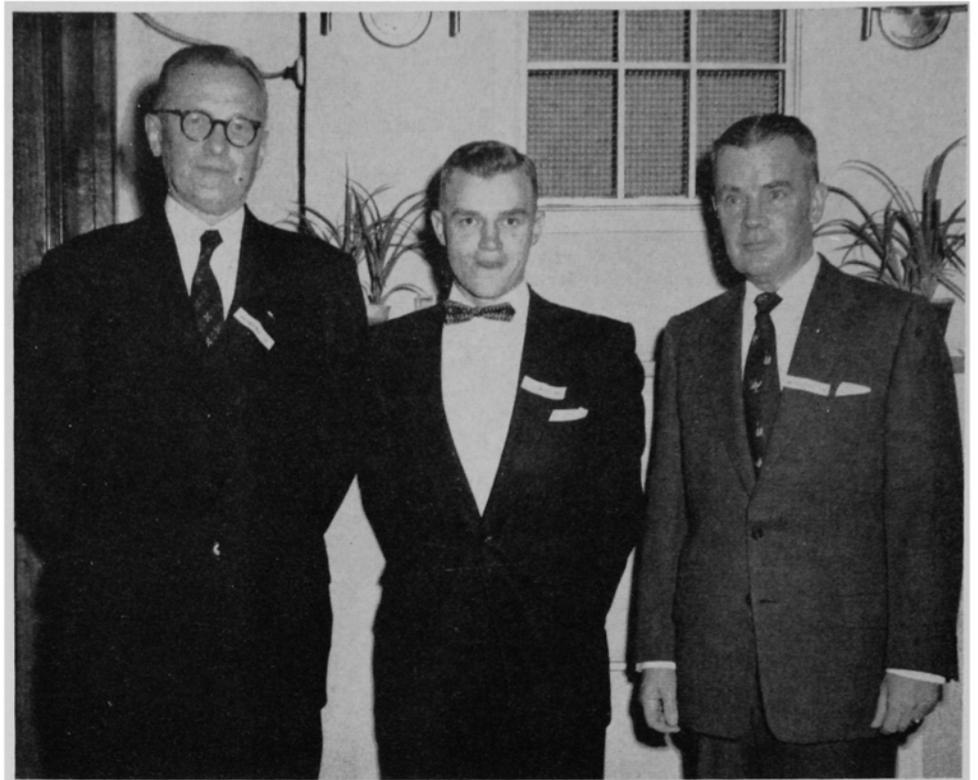
"(NOTE: As y'all know, them brawls are held at the A & N town club, first Monday of each month, 12:15 P.M. Y'all join in, heah?)"

Although I am again indebted to Det Ellis for much of the news in this issue I am happy to report the receipt of letters from several classmates. I believe, perhaps, the thought of approaching spring tra-la! has caused the sap to rise and opened the blossoms of articulate speech. Thanks men! Keep the ink flowing and the news coming in. My fox-hole is still Cherry Lane, Asheville, North Carolina and the next deadline is June 10.

Altman:—Clyde sends greetings to the class and appreciates having been included in the opportunity of participating in the proposed class memorial.

(NOTE: You will recall that President Fritiz' letter of January 21 announced that this proposal had been dropped. The class executive committee strongly urged instead that we work toward a 100% membership in the Association of Graduates and contribute generously to the Association's fund. I am confident you can get additional members if you point out that *Assembly* now contains the most entertaining literary gems ever published in that magazine—(Know what I mean?)

Mike Davis:—Mike and his C.O. plan "to drive to L.A. for a visit and with a willingness to secure something permanent



HEIDELBERG, (Special)—Over 300 graduates of the United States Military Academy celebrated the 154th anniversary of the founding of West Point at the Heidelberg Casino the evening of March 17. Distinguished graduate and feature speaker of the evening was General Anthony C. McAuliffe, Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR. Speeches were also delivered by Brigadier General Herman Beukema, (Ret.), oldest West Point graduate in USAREUR and Second Lieutenant Daniel D. Ludwig, 27th Engineer Co., 521st Engineer Group, youngest graduate of the Academy present. Left to right: Brigadier General Beukema, Class of 1915, now Director of the University of Maryland Overseas Program; Second Lieutenant Ludwig, Class of 1955; and General Anthony C. McAuliffe, Class of 1919, CINC/USAREUR.

there so as to divide our time in the future between San Antonio and Los Angeles."

Esteves:—El Señor Luis Raul writes that his travel days are over but "hope some of you young fellows can come to Puerto Rico for a visit sometime." Benny Ferris and Beeson Hunt can attest to the pleasure of a visit with Steve.

Gesler:—Doc and Jessica returned recently from a trip which included New Orleans, San Antonio and Mexico.

Hanley:—A letter from our secretary says "I have not seen any of our classmates except Boots. I asked him sometime ago to send you an account of his trip around the world." (No word from Bill; Evidently this is not for publication. J.B.W.) "This business of trying to set up two homes is a real chore even when you are doing it with the same wife. Think what it must be like if it isn't legal." (This *must* be a case of think or whim. J.B.W.)

Hayse—Lawyer Joe is president of the West Point Society of Louisville, Kentucky. I have no authentic information as to whether he is a Kentucky Colonel or not.

Hocker—"The medicos do say that they now think I'll live a while longer if I'm careful." We all hope so, Carl. Many thanks for the bouquets in your letter.

Kahle—John and Louise expect to leave around June 1st for a summer tour of Europe. Bon voyage, folks! Drop me a line, John and tell me about the native customs.

Leonard—That great exponent of Romance languages writes: "Je pense que vous est disillusionné avec les grandes hommes de 1915. Alas, c'est vrai. Mais mon ami recuerdez, les oiseaux chantent dans les arbes. N'est-ce-pas? Dites moi de votre congé." If any of you students should write John in French, I suggest you send a trans-

lation along. I doubt if John can understand *your* French.

Marsh—Ray and Louise will be back from their trip to Tokyo in April.

Melberg—Had a two months' trip to Mexico last fall. "Saw Ike Miller and his two lovely daughters several times. He is the same kindly, friendly Ike that he was as a Kaydet." You can say that again, Reinold.

Duke Miller—"The old farm has now been sold. Not having the stamina of a dirt farmer, nor the income of a country gentleman, I decided to sell and migrate Southward. Dottie and I have purchased a home in Southern Pines, North Carolina, and will move there in June. While there we enjoyed a most pleasant evening with Minnie and Laura Lee Menoher in their attractive home. He seems to be quite prominent in civic affairs and Laura Lee is the best lady golfer in those parts."

Mueller, P. J.—The P.J.'s have a granddaughter at Benning and a grandson and granddaughter at West Point so they shuttle back and forth.

Parkinson—From Donna's letter to Det we learned that P.D. has been quite ill for some time but has shown improvement lately. He regrets not being able to participate in class activities but would appreciate very much hearing from classmates. How about dropping him a line, gents?

Robinson—"Gracie and I are doing all right down here . . . we don't know how you can stand the awful climate up yonder. . . We see the Ned Zundels from time to time. (There must be a state Chamber of Commerce to which all Floridians belong—I wish some of these would write me about the mosquitoes and the summer heat. That would make good reading for us "up yonder".)

Tenney—"Hannibal" writes that Bob Strong had a physical check up last fall and got a clean bill of health. "We've been pretty busy lately; had the opening of the new bank last fall and it turned out to be quite an affair." (How about a long term loan, Cleve, with low interest rate?)

Van Fleet—"Had a wonderful trip. In Kenya I was successful in bagging a big elephant along with other game." (Republican, no doubt.)

Weart—Doug and Gertrude report a total of twelve grandchildren. Can any one beat that total?

Winfield—"Fat's" address is now P.O. Box 764, Santa Rosa, California. His business card bears the great seal of California and reads "Richard M. Winfield, Safety Engineer, Division of Industrial Safety, Department of Industrial Relations, State of California." Gosh, can any of you guys imagine Fatso an engineer?

Woodruff—"Alice and I get around about as might be expected. We both keep busy, she with her house work and much sewing for seven grandchildren overseas and I with yard work and an extemporized shop in the garage. A long list of shop projects bothered me until I doped out a simple system of "accomplishing" them by just scratching them off the list. I hunted often down towards the border last year and was successful in getting two legal bucks, a couple of javelinas, and coyote." (I haven't found out yet what a javelina is, I think it's something athletes throw, or maybe I'm confusing this with the bull.)

Dot Randolph—Returned recently from a very interesting trip to Chile.

Peg Lindner—Spent the winter at Fort Meyers Beach, Florida and reports it is a heavenly place to relax.

Mac and I spent a few days in D.C. to see son Jack, his attractive wife Katrina, and four husky brats before their departure to Denver, Colorado where Jack will join the faculty of the Air Force Academy. We stayed with Dot and Blister Evans who were the best hosts it has been our good fortune to visit.

I have information that several classmates and widows have been assisted in obtaining their social security benefits by our hard working assistant secretary Det Ellis, who has made a special study of the subject and knows the ropes—For a piece of rope see Det.

That's all from your scribe at this time. Write me before the next deadline June 10 and help this columnist do this column Right! God's blessing to you all.

—J. B. Wogan.

1916

Washington had a burst of Class visitors this winter. A visit from Andrew and McCullough before Xmas, then McCullough and his wife returned again in February. Dick Birmingham and his wife showed up in January on their way to DeLand, Florida. Next came Father "Duke" DeCleene. He is Chaplain of a Catholic school at Green Bay, Wisconsin and was on a trip in connection with his church work that had taken him as far south as Mobile, Alabama. Then about Washington's Birthday, Bruno Brun-dred called up from the station while changing from plane to train en route to Charlottesville, Virginia to visit his married daughter. The O'Hares after a two months' stop-over in Washington made a short visit to Cuba in January, then to Tucson, Arizona for the remainder of the winter. Jack Fraser is also in Tucson, he hopes to be at the Point in June. Bill Hoge was in Washington during the Fall. We didn't see him but he will be at the Reunion.

Florida also was popular. Besides An-

drew and Birmingham, Tom Peyton left Old Virginia for a trip to Sanford and Willie Chapin went to Pensacola. Willie's permanent home is South Portland, Maine but he finds Florida, where his son lives, more pleasant when the swan flies. Babe and Marie Weyand went to Hot Springs, Arkansas early in January. The doctor recommended treatment for his arthritis at the Army-Navy Hospital there. C. C. Smith spent the winter in San Antonio where he swings a wicked club on the golf links. Parker Kuhn left his home in Bedford Hills, New York in February under doctor's orders for a rest. He is recovering from the heart attack he had last summer.

Willie Wilson retires next June from the Los Angeles School system. In August he and his wife will visit their married daughter in Germany whose husband, Class of '37, is a Colonel of Engineers. They plan to move from Beverly Hills to Malibu to be nearer San Fernando Valley where their son lives. Spider Moorehouse was heard from in Naples, Italy. He has been living in Washington but we hear he struck it right on the stock market and is off to see Europe. Joe Tully and Fannie spent Xmas at Fort Leavenworth with their married son Larkin. Woodward has retired from his position with the California Civil Defense and is making Sacramento his permanent home. His son Hunter, now a Lieutenant Colonel, is on duty in Denmark at Headquarters Allied Ground Forces.

Runt Rutherford says it rained one day in California so with nothing else to do he wrote us a letter. He is running a small fruit ranch at Encinitas where he is developing new strains of sub-tropical fruits. Tom Martin says he is now in the real estate business at Nashville, Tennessee but enjoying life is his first objective. From Ben Yanvey, whose address has been Houston, Texas, came a Christmas card post-marked Norfolk, Virginia. We must find out if he has moved. Pickering spent Christmas in Jacksonville, Florida. Before leaving Atlanta he called to extend Season's Greetings for the Class to Rose Coffin. Pick is President of the Atlanta West Point Society. Krayenbuhl has been in the Washington Headquarters of the Veterans Administration. He retired on January 1 and is living in Alexandria, Virginia. Stanley and Mary Scott have a new grandchild, daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. Gilbert Scott.

Goop Worsham now living in San Gabriel says that California certainly looks good after three years absence. Freddie Inglis sends his best to all the Class. Gallagher in Italy writes he will be at the Point for Reunion. We hear that Mike Mitchell has been seriously ill but he hopes to be able to join us in June.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of two loyal ex-members of our class. John B. Thomas died suddenly of a heart attack last July at Pearsall, Texas. John B. Harper died June 2, 1955 at Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania. For years he had been suffering from a heart condition. The end, however, came very suddenly. Though neither had graduated with the Class their interest in West Point and 1916 was keen and continued to the end. Their passing is a real loss. The Class extends its most sincere sympathy to their families.

—Edward G. Bliss.

April 1917

Joe Collins paid an official visit to France in late February—his last before his retirement on March 31. While there, he purchased a small foreign car which he and Gladys will use for a leisurely motor trip through Europe immediately after he ends

his active service. Most of March was filled with farewell ceremonies and parties for Gladys and Joe which will be reported in the next issue of *Assembly*. His retirement and that of Prof. Jones this summer will leave Bill Harrison, now in command of the Caribbean, as our last active duty classmate.

The West Point Society of the District of Columbia held a highly successful luncheon meeting in the ball room of the Fort McNair Club Thursday, February 15th. General Thomas D. White (USMA '20), Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, spoke informally about the Air Force Academy. The following-named members of our class were present: Black, Ely, Erier, Irving, Macon, Oimsted, Schroeder, Sherrill, Yuill.

Washington classmates met at luncheon on January 19th at Fort McNair. Present were: Percy Black, Joe Collins, Bill Cowgill, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Leo Erler, Burnet Oimsted, Steve Sherrill, George Wooley, Kewp Yuill. On January 20th Rotheé and Leo Erler gave a class party at the Army Navy Country Club in Virginia.

Laddie and Jim Hayden report that daughter, Bobette, and husband, Major Watson, are on duty in Omaha, Nebraska; the Jim, Jr. family are in Italy where he commands an AA battery and Pete is in Berkeley with the "old folks."

Wedding bells have been ringing for two class children—Mr. Richard A. Markoe having been married last fall in Saint Paul to Miss Jean Butler of that city and Katherine Halsey to Captain John Armstrong (USMA '46) at the Presidio of San Francisco Chapel. He is on ROTC duty at the University of South Dakota. Jim Hayden reports as follows about the wedding and other events on the West Coast:

"November 23, 1955—A big crowd turned out for the beautiful wedding of Kathryn Halsey to Captain John Loveland Armstrong USMA '46, in the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco, followed by the reception at the Presidio Officers' Open Mess. Milt Halsey gave a brave exhibition as he led his daughter down the aisle to give her away, and Milt and Kathryn were model hosts at the wonderful reception. Most '17ers behaved beautifully.

"November 26, 1955—ARMY 14, Navy 6! The Codes, Campbells, Haydens, and Elf Martin (Louis still absent on trip) gathered at Adobe Lodge, Los Altos, to see this on color TV. Needless to say, we all enjoyed it.

"December 16, 1955—West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area Christmas dinner dance at the Presidio. Jeanne and Alex Campbell, Isabel and Jack Code, Jean and Linc Daniels, Laddie and Jim Hayden, Edie and Pete Kilburn, Elf and Louis Martin (reunited) had a grand time, outshining the youth by a big margin.

"Helen and Bill Daugherty, looking better than I have seen them for a long time, braved the weather and floods to drive south from Tacoma, Washington, in December. After spending Christmas with their granddaughter and daughter, Alice Course, recently married to Thorne Course of San Francisco, the Daughertys, drove south to visit friends there. Then they returned for a few days for a round of gayety with friends in the SFBA before driving home. Soon they hope to take off again, this time to visit their son, Captain W. A. Daugherty, USMA '45, and family now at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, Tennessee."

Jack Nygaard continues to write interesting letters from Italy. At present he is following his wife around as she fills a full schedule singing opera in the leading opera houses. By the way, anyone desiring a beautiful record of *Madame Butterfly*, complete and wanting to hear the voice of the gifted Mrs. Nygaard, ANNA MARIA CANALI, get the new orthophonic high fidel-

ity recording RCA VICTOR LM-6121 Red Seal. Anna sings the part of Susuki.

Salome and Whit Whitcomb have had a distinguished house guest at their home at Avda San Felipe 915, Lima, Peru. Colonel Isaac Newell, USMA '96, spends several months with them each year and on this visit celebrated his 83d birthday. On December 7 the first Whitcomb grandchild arrived, named David Whitcomb. David's father, Reverend John C. Whitcomb, is at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Maryland.

Bob Ransom informs us that Doc Johnson, now a State Representative in the Florida Legislature, has announced that he will seek election to a State Senate Seat there. Doc is a Republican.

News of classmates reported recently follows:

Jess and Clarke Fales visited in Florida in March. He will report details in the next issue.

Tupper Cole is in Warrenton, Virginia managing the Olympic Equestrian Team's training.

Bill Daugherty writes that he is coming to the reunion at West Point in 1957. So does Ernie Harmon.

Bates Compton, Bill Cowgill, and Bill Eley are the Committee on arrangements for the doings at our Fortieth.

Malcolm Helm has moved to 3700 Nashville Ave., New Orleans 12, Louisiana.

Mike Heraty's condition has worsened, Virginia writes. He has been in a hospital in California for a long time.

Warfield Lewis is planning to visit West Point this year to attend his son's graduation. Carlton Coulter's son also graduates in June.

Nig Murray reports from San Antonio that he, Harper, and Hutchings are the only classmates there. Helen Brown, Homer's widow, still lives there.

Parson Parks writes that he had a heart attack last September. He goes to his office a couple of hours each day, but was not able to go to Fort Meade for his brother Floyd's retirement review in February.

Moose Pierce writes from Wethersfield, Connecticut, where he is working, that he would like to make some of the class luncheons in Washington. These are held on the third Thursday of alternate months (except in the summer) (and when there is a conflict with the West Point Society meetings). Anyone in Washington can get information by calling this reporter at the Pentagon, extension 54941.

P. D. Weishampel reports from Easton, Pennsylvania that their first grandchild arrived last November. He is teaching at Lafayette College.

Sterling Wood has moved to Avon Park, Florida, where he works as a bank examiner for a chain of banks in the citrus packing country. —S. H. Sherrill.

August 1917

It is my sad duty to report the death of Sid Barrett on January 17 at the Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. This news was written in by Hal Kearney, who was a patient in the hospital at that time.

Red Shaffer reports encountering Dave Schlenker at some conference in Washington. Dave is a representative of Philco in their research and other work at Langley

Field and is resident nearby. Red reports Dave is affectionately known to one and all at the Philco Plant in Philadelphia as Uncle Dave.

The newly organized West Point Society of the District of Columbia held its quarterly luncheon in February and was well attended by our classmates resident in the area.

The wives of classmates in the Washington area meet bi-monthly for luncheon, rotating the job of hostess. The February luncheon was held at Allison's Tea House in nearby Virginia and was well attended.

Earl Schaefer was in town recently attending a meeting of the Air Force Association and then proceeded to Omaha on some mission for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Hasbrouck has just been elected to the Board of Governors of the Army-Navy Club. We now expect even better attention from the management at our monthly luncheons (2d Monday each month).

We regret to report that our class secretary Walker White is still laid up.

Biff and Elizabeth Jones spent the first three weeks of March in Phoenix in the "Sun Drenched Desert of Arizona" Enroute, the plane stopped at Oklahoma City briefly. Henry and Marjorie Demuth were on hand for a short reunion. Both are fine. They plan a trip East later this year.

Jack Bellinger is getting set for the gardening season. His pet lawn (Merion Blue) had a set back. Son Edgar drained anti-freeze on it from his car. Jack says this is sure-fire kill for anything.

We saw Bob Bringham's attractive daughter-in-law Marcy in Washington where she and her children are living while Bob, Jr. is in the Far East.

Also saw Stamps' attractive daughter Dottie with her husband Major C. D. Daniels, now stationed in Washington.

Edith and Red Shaffer had a delightful supper party for the class in their Bethesda home. It was in the nature of a house warming — delayed because of their long stay in Norway.

Bill and Bea Reeder with Margaret Eyster as co-hostess also had a class party in March. Unfortunately your correspondent was in Arizona at the time, so could not attend, but competent authority reports a wonderful evening.

Louessa Coffey has just been visited by daughter Mara and husband Major T. Q. Donaldson. They have just reported to Armed Forces College in Norfolk from Camp Hood, Texas.

We are pleased to report that May Heavey is again in circulation having made a nice recovery from painful burns.

From the West Coast comes report that Jack Bissell had a fine hunting and fishing trip to Wyoming last fall.

Willie and Inez Wilson are busy on their ranch in Carmel Valley.

Ray and Anne Williamson are comfortably set up in their home near Carmel overlooking the Pacific. Jerry and Anne Counts took some color pictures last summer of the Williamson home, and periodic viewing of these pictures, particularly during the dismal winter days, generates a yearning for the California country. We Easterners are unhappy about our prospects of holding them when it comes time to retire.

Deputy Governor Paul Ryan Goode, U.S. Soldiers Home, has the free run of every inch of their large area except Helen's gardening operation. However, I thought Pop's protest had a hollow sound. He is overcoming this frustration by taking up painting.

Ever thoughtful and considerate Poopy Griffith is sharpening the lawn mower for Elaine, with the growing season about to start.

Miles and Anne Cowles took off in Feb-



CLASS OF APRIL 1917

U.S.M.A. '17 Members and Wives at Presidio Officers' Open Mess Reception after Kathryn Halsey-Captain John Loveland Armstrong ('46) Wedding in the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco.

First Row—Kathryn Halsey Armstrong (the bride).

Second Row—Isabel Code, Kathryn Halsey (Bride's Mother), Elf Martin (Louis away on a trip), Laddie Hayden.

Third Row—Ann Clark (Matron of Honor), and Edie Kilburn.

Back Row—Jeanne Campbell, Jim Hayden, Jack Code, Jack Mallory (Ex April '17, Grad. '17), Pete Kilburn, Alex Campbell, Milt Halsey (Father of the Bride give-away par excellence).

ruary for a Mediterranean cruise and then an extended tour of Europe.

Red and Dorothy Warner and Brother Red Durfee are at last in their new home in Alexandria, Virginia which was so many long months in the building.

Sad news has just reached us of Herman Pohl's death from a heart attack on March 13th. He died on shipboard enroute to Puerto Rico, and was buried at West Point.

Harry Rising writes that he will not be outdone by schoolmaster Hoffman. Harry taught trigonometry and advanced algebra on a substitute basis at Bronxville High.

To complete our address list, can any one furnish addresses of following: Deeble, Moomau, Taylor and Saunders?

Write me news about yourself and other classmates. This is tough without your help. Give!!! Next deadline June 10.

—Lawrence McC. Jones.

June 1918

At the February luncheon meeting of the West Point Society of New York a group of us welcomed Bitt Barth at his first appearance at these meetings. Ollie arranged for a table so we all could be together. Others present were Lucius, Pat Casey, Jim Marshall and Clarry Townsley. Bitt, looking the fine soldier that he is, was his usual friendly self. We hope his duties as Deputy CG First Army won't preclude his frequent attendance at such gatherings. Lucius looked fine and is again operating on full steam. Ollie is as ebullient as ever. Pat appeared younger than when he was running the New York Transit Authority (in addition to his other duties). Jim Marshall, as a consulting engineer has his finger on the pulse of operations scattered throughout the world. One of the major throbs is the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. Since this luncheon, Jim has been to South America spreading his wisdom. On his return trip, he stopped in Miami, where Hal Lewis regaled him and Andy Moore at the Miami Club. Lest you have forgotten, Hal is managing large real estate holdings around Miami. Andy is with the Rader Engineering Co. in Miami. Jim also reports having seen Blossom McKee in February, when the latter was attending the annual meeting of the Associated General Contractors in New York. Charlie is the Executive Secretary of the Ohio Contractors Association. His address is 40 West Gay Street, Columbus 15, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Wyatt of Birmingham, Michigan, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rita Maye, to Hab Elliott's son, RHE, Jr. The wedding is planned for early April.

New grandchildren: — George McDowell Agnew born at Bitburg, Germany, December 2, son of Captain Malcolm J. Agnew. Josephine Marie Tansey born February 11, at Fayetteville, North Carolina, daughter of Captain Robert F. Tansey. Another "Mike" in the Grenata family, born in January, son of Captain Kenneth E. ('49) and Michaela Grenata McIntyre. Incidentally Mike (SR) has been teaching civil engineering at Penn State since September. He has been commuting weekends to their home in Leesburg where Aline has been supervising more work on their colonial estate and assisting with the new grandson.

Bud Miley is back in New York for a spell, learning the mysteries of high finance. He thinks Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane will send him to Washington to practice his new fund of knowledge. Fenie is in Starkville visiting her father.

Those of you who know how to write and are still able to do so, please send me some news of yourself and other classmates.

—C. P. Townsley.

November 1918

Elmer Barnes writes from Washington: "Dave Ogden has been sworn in as The Inspector General of the Army. As Kester Hastings is Quartermaster General, that gives us two Service chiefs out of the eight classmates still on active duty. The others, all two stars, of course, are Frank Bowman, Claude Chorpensing, Johnny Hinds, Maude Muller, Howard Peckham and Johnny Stokes. I said eight because Chorpensing is coming back from Japan to retire this spring.

"Jack Barnes, '42, our Class Plebe, the first Class son to graduate, is doing all right by us. Coming up 14 years service, he has been a lieutenant colonel since '53, and is now sweating out his eagles. He transferred from the Engineers to the doughboys while in Korea and switched from command of an Engineer Combat Battalion to an Infantry Battalion the same day. He is now the briefing officer on the G-2 staff at Headquarters, Far Eastern Command.

"Recent changes in the Washington group — Jim Christiansen and Jake Welchel have bought houses and settled down in Falls Church. Babe Gullatt has left Texas for a prolonged stay here. He is doing a consulting job with the American Association of Railways, and running his Texas engineering firm by the absent treatment. Lev-erett Yoder is here attending courses at George Washington University. Joe and Dot Moss did a complete renovation of their house here after renting it for three years. They gave a big house-warming that was a dilly.

"I think this retired life is wonderful. No more dizzy CO's. No more frantic 'musts' hitting your desk at quitting time. I have got a part time job as Executive Director of a Builders Association, which keeps me sufficiently occupied and interested. I have more dough than I ever had before, with no pressure and a nice comfortable tempo."

Elmer also wrote in the future tense of the class party, the Spring Ladies' Night, on the 17th of April at the Officers' Club at Fort McNair. Of course that will be history by the time this gets in print.

Maude Muller's son, Walter J., is graduating in June. Maude will be up, of course, with his whole family for that.

Fred Butler writes from San Francisco where he is the very efficient and proud head man of what I am told is the world's best and biggest international airport. He was in Washington late in January, but too busy with aeronautical matters to do much else. He writes of an aviation meeting in Philadelphia in mid-April and another in Cleveland the following week, which he may attend, coming by way of Mexico City, Havana and Miami. His most interesting news, however, is of the wedding of his youngest daughter, Philippa, in February, and with scarcely time to recover from that, the wedding of his eldest daughter, Patsy in March. To steal a phrase from Philippi, this "epidemic of romance" puts the entire Butler family in the married ranks.

Fred Pearson writes from San Antonio, "Charlie Moore had a heart attack during the winter and had a pretty rough time of it. However he has followed instructions carefully and made a remarkable recovery. He was at home for Christmas but goes back to the hospital for check ups.

"Babe Gullatt was in San Antonio in January over night and rang me up before departing. He enjoys his work in Washington and sees a number of the Class there. The monthly luncheons usually turn out twenty or more classmates. I have had nice letters from Harry Hillard at Shreveport and Dick Babbitt in Florida. I enjoyed Dick's write-

up of Classmates in the Florida area a couple of *Assemblies* ago. I wish he would do it again. Jake Freeman reports he is getting along fine at McAllen, the gateway to Mexico. Alex Mackenzie is back from his trip to the East. I saw Chris Knudsen early in January and the Marches at Christmas time. Andy complains that his diet will not permit him to eat peanuts and pretzels while watching TV. His weight is about the same as it was when he was a Cadet. I used to enjoy Fred Butler's notes from San Francisco. I wish he would send you some more about the Classmates in that area, and that someone would provide some information about those in Southern California. The Dunklebergs have arrived in San Antonio and have settled permanently at 422 Northridge. Margaret Webster continues to feed Willie well. He is fat and sassy. Dick Wheeler was in San Antonio in December for his daughter's wedding. He plans to sell his house in Houston and move to North Carolina.

"Lew Gibney visited his son here at Christmas time. Lew, Jr., is a Captain in the Marine Corps and has charge of Marine Corps activities in the San Antonio area. He has just organized an Alamo Platoon for the Marine Corps."

Andy March wrote from 1008 Canterbury Hill, San Antonio 9, Texas: "This is to wish you a Happy New Year and to confirm receiving your letters about George Kaiser. I passed the information on about George's whereabouts to his friends in San Antonio, and to Alex in Little Rock. Arkansas being what it is, Alex may not know that George is nearby. And then again, perhaps, they may go mountain climbing together daily.

"My visit North was too early for the Navy game, but I enjoyed it no end from the front end of my TV. I missed you at Fort McNair in November as my schedule required a visit to Richmond at that time. Regret that I could not have seen you all. I also missed seeing Hunk here in San Antonio when he was here on business. He had to take off immediately on account of his daughter's illness. Such is life.

"The Class is actually poorly represented in this hot bed of retired Colonels and Generals. The most notable contact is Fred Pearson, comfortably established in his Ranch House on El Rancho Road, surrounded by his delightful family and a huge collection of figurines, paintings, and exotic furniture, which he has been picking up all over the world. Freddie, besides making a wonderful egg-nog, is going to college at Trinity for his Masters. Bennie Chadwick, the 'mayor' of Alamo Heights—he owns the post office—lives happily among the elite, and makes more money daily without seeming effort. Milo Barragan is very civic with the local American Legion, while Knudsen and Willie Webster make an occasional appearance at social events.

"I must admit that I am very contented with these parts, especially when I hear of the horrible winter and summer weather you seem to be having."

Harry Hillard writes that he is looking forward to 1958 and our Fortieth reunion and of a long letter from James H. C. Hill, who is having a bad time with his heart and arthritis. The Gildarts and Pulsifers both sent long and complete typewritten descriptions of recent trips. The Pulsifers drove North to visit their son, Bob, at Fort Monmouth, and then did a very thorough tour of the East before returning to Florida. The Gildarts seem to have done the entire Middle West and West with many stops for fishing. They fished with Dana in California, fished through Washington, Oregon and on in to Mexico to Guaymas.

From Howard Peckham—"Flash! I was most interested, and I am sure that all of our other Classmates will be interested, in

an article entitled, "The Glory and Tragedy of Bataan," which appeared in the December 1955 issue of *The Army Combat Forces Journal*. One of the illustrations in the article shows Major General E. P. King sitting at a table across from the Japs, flanked by our classmate, Wade Cothran, and two other American officers. Wade looks pretty gaunt in the picture, but I had no difficulty in recognizing him."

Tom Brinkley writes: I have located in Boise, Idaho, at 1915 Larch Street, where I remained about a year after retirement and managed to keep occupied most of the time. We came to Georgia in the fall to enter our daughter in the University of Georgia, and remained until now. Saw Pinkie Williamson in Augusta and he looks great. He seems to be doing quite well lending money for Hunk Holbrook's organization. I spent about three weeks at Camp Gordon (Augusta, Georgia) Army Hospital getting a physical evaluation and some treatment. We are returning to our permanent home in Boise, Idaho, in January. Want to get back where the weather is ideal the year round. Sure enjoy your column in the *Assembly*."

Van Voorst, the Class locator, reports that Jimmie Carroll has reported a permanent address as Colonel James V. Carroll, 1538 Camden Avenue, Los Angeles 25, California. Van is working on a new Class directory to come out this summer. Please report your permanent addresses to: General Marion Van Voorst, 601-19th St., NW, Washington 6, D. C.

Fred Stevens writes: "I am returning the post card which you had marked and shall put the other one with my mementoes. I am sorry I cannot help you with any names. I put a strong glass on it but that seems only to obscure the faces. I feel rather certain that you are correct about Jack Winn, though Jim Styron had the flank position in a large picture I have of the company in all whites in the company street. Your memory is better than mine re McGlachlin—I only recall Meacham but I guess he did not take over as the company CO until we returned to barracks. If you would care to borrow the picture I have referred to I would gladly send it—under a glass I am pretty certain I can pick out your handsome self—I was tucked away somewhere in the rear rank where I would not show—but you can pick out a lot of the lads who are now pushing up daisies like Dean, Shattuck, Williams, etc.—Watkins appears to be sweating, Archie Colwell has his chin well back and Mark Clark, as a file closer, probably had not the slightest idea that he would ever go so gloriously far."

The wedding of Hildegard Halstead Bathurst to Mr. Harold Reeve Sleeper has been announced. The bride and groom will be at home after the first of March at 8 East Forty-eighth Street, New York City.

—G. B. Conrad.

1919

Bill Wyman has become C.G. of the Continental Army Command and likewise the sixth member of the Class to achieve four star rank. It is also a pleasure to note the recent promotion of Johnny Hardin to Major General. It is probably not news to many of you that Al Gruenther's picture appeared on the cover of the February 6 issue of *Time*.

Wayne Zimmerman, the Inspector General, retired on January 31, following a review in his honor at Fort Myer. On February 8 he was married to Mrs. Ruby Zosel Dahl at St. Paul, Minnesota. A recent item in the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal* an-

nounces the impending retirement of Tony McAuliffe on May 31.

Kyke Allan has acquired quite a number of changes of address, which follows: Barlow, 800 Coronado Ave., Coronado, California; Bixby, 6 Forrest Road, Baltimore Station, Asheville, North Carolina; Bradley, Hqs, EUCOM, APO 128, New York; Byrne, 933 Iiwi St., Honolulu, T. H.; Crawford, 806 Crestwood Dr., Nashville, Tennessee; Daniel, Office of Economic Coordinator, U.N. Command, APO 301, San Francisco; Davis, 455 Arden Rd., Columbus, Ohio; Dalbey, 2003 East Speedway, Tucson, Arizona; Elms, 5127 Timberwolf Dr., El Paso, Texas; Ferenbaugh, 1350 Tasso St., Palo Alto, California; Frederick, 3821 Stearn Mill Rd., Columbus Georgia; Hamilton, 5116 Raymond Jays Rd., El Paso, Texas; Hartness, Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Hayford, 2705 South Grant St., Arlington, Virginia; Hopkins, Whann Ave., Langley Forest, McLean, Virginia; Jones, Henry C., 2020 Grace St. So., St. Petersburg, Florida; Kean, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago, Illinois; Lauben, Rte 1—Box 169, Mount Dora, Florida; Miller, P. R. M., 5809 Pine Branch Rd., Columbia, South Carolina; Miller, R. J., Veteran's Hospital, Oteen, North Carolina; Montague, C. G. I Corps, APO 358, San Francisco; Murphy, 3139 South Stafford St., So. Arlington, Virginia; Niblo, 3500 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas; Parsons, C/O Troop Information and Education Office, Hqs, 7965th Army Unit, APO 122, New York; Phillips, ASAREUR, APO 403, New York; Pyle, 1572 Columbia St., Eugene, Oregon; Snodgrass, Box 68, Crossville, Tennessee; Zimmerman, 2346 South Meade St., Arlington, Virginia.

Bill Barton writes that Henry Nichols has had a severe bout with pneumonia on top of his disastrous accident of last year, and has been spending a period of recuperation in the dry and sunny air of Arizona. Bill has also seen Red Szymanski this winter, and the latter reports the Colorado contingent all happy, well, and loafing.

Charlie Pyle is working (but not too hard, he says) on a Ph.D. in Geology at the University of Oregon. His oldest daughter, Ruth, is married to Colonel Tom Bricker and living in Paris. Peggy, the youngest is also married in the Army (to Don Poorman), while Nancy is married to John Simon, a civilian.

In a letter to Kyke Allan, Chris Hildebrand invites attention to the odd performance of the Manual of Arms by one of the cadets on the cover of the Thirty-five Year Book. To quote Chris: "Cadet on left (apparently left handed) gets a cold fess O.O. (see IDR, 1911, School of Soldier, Dismtd, with Arms). Cadet on right is correct; gets max (3.0)."

Count Wilson notes that the following S.O.'s attended the annual West Point Alumni Dinner Dance at the Presidio Officer's Club in December: The Dillaways, Ferenbaughs, McMasters, McNamees, Al Moores, Ritchies, and Wilsons.

Tom Crawford, after a year working for a master's degree in history at Vanderbilt, has taken a job as City Manager, Recorder, and Treasurer of the City of Oak Hill, Tennessee, a suburb of Nashville. Tom, together with Spec Nisely, '16, and Clarence Evans, '39, founded the West Point Society of Tennessee.

Charlie Chapline reports that Lambert Cain is retired and "has an excellent position as an engineer with the City of Kansas City". He observes further that Granville Richart, erroneously carried as dead in the Thirty-five Year Book, has been active in Kansas City politics for years, having been Sheriff of Jackson County for a long time. He resides at 700 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri.

Phil Whitney writes from Canaan, New Hampshire that Irish O'Connor used to be

City Manager of Dunedin, Florida, but that he has now moved to Murray Hill, New Jersey. Phil also reports a pleasant get together with Peggy and Lee Syme and the Bob Carters at the latter's Topsham, Maine, residence last fall.

Fred Drury is now Public Relations Officer for the City of Santa Rosa, California, and enjoying his job immensely.

Norah Miller writes from Asheville that Ralph is doing splendidly in the Oteen Veterans Hospital to which he was moved from Walter Reed last fall. The Miller's wish to thank all the many classmates who sent cards at Christmas.

Eddie Strohbehn writes from Indianapolis that Irvin Alexander is back in Brown County, Indiana, according to Bunker Bean, who is President of the West Point Society of Indianapolis.

Bob Hill was relieved from extended active duty as a reserve officer last fall, but continues on in the Hqs., 1st Logistic Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina as a civilian (GS 14) until the finish of this year's Log X. He writes that last Christmas he spent several days in Las Cruces, New Mexico. While there he attended a party at the home of our English instructor, Sandy Chilton, who is now retired in that city, having been for many years Professor of English at New Mexico A. and M. College.

Horace Speed's quarterly news letter from Washington contains the following items:

Those present at a cocktail party at the Army and Navy Club on February 11 included Stu and Helen Barden, Mike and Marjorie Brannon, W. D. Brown and Margaret, George and Jeanne Marie Burgess, Jim and Betty Cole, Elton and Georgina Hammond, Jimmie and Edith Harbaugh, Bert and Irene Hayford, Ed and Mary Hopkins, Wes and Phyllis Jervey, Herb and Anabel Jones, George Lewis, Doc and Patty Martin, Gene and Peggy McGinley, Joe and Margaret Odell, Dick and Emma Ovenshine, Willie Palmer, Joe and Marion Phelps, Hal and Mary Rex, Horace and Minette Speed, Joe and Frances Tate, Al and Dade Wedemeyer, and White, J. C. The next party will be on May 26, 6-8 p.m. at the Army-Navy Club. Out of town classmates should get in touch with Horace at 19 Fort Hunt Rd., Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia, if they can attend.

The W. D. Browns are going to Italy for an indefinite stay. The Kyke Allans and Joe Cranstons have been in Florida for a winter vacation. The Hayfords plan to build a house in Eustis, Florida.

Willie Palmer is back in circulation after surgery at Walter Reed, and is reported looking very fit. Al Gruenther also had a brief stay in Walter Reed this winter.

Dick Ovenshine is very busy as Fairfax County Supervisor for the Mount Vernon District, an elective office he won last year.

Hal and Mary Rex are leaving for Ethiopia this spring. Hal will spend two years building roads in Ethiopia, having been engaged as an expert by virtue of his experience as a research engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads, Dept. of Commerce.

Harlan Hartness is now Executive Director of Freedom Foundation. Virgil Shaw is with Civil Defense for Massachusetts, Doc Johnson for New York, and White, J. C., for Rhode Island.

In closing my apologies to Bert Hayford, Urban Niblo, and Joe Odell for careless proofreading of their names.

—Boyd W. (Brick) Bartlett.

1920

Two new football coaches have been assigned at West Point to round out Earl Blaik's staff. They are Dale Hall and Tom Harp. Hall, USMA 1945, previously served

on the coaching staffs at Purdue, New Hampshire, and Florida. Hall resigned from the service in 1949. He will be remembered as a halfback on the National Championship 1944 squad, and also as an All-American in basketball. Tom Harp, who will be the youngest man on the staff at 28, comes to West Point from Massillon High School in Ohio, where he set up an outstanding record in the high school ranks. He will coach the backfield.

High honors are in the news for five classmates. E. T. (Molly) Williams and Clovis Byers have been made Lieutenant Generals.

Freeman G. (Fritz) Cross, formerly Vice-President of Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Company, has been named Executive Vice-President and General Manager, succeeding Mr. Jean V. Geisler, who retired February 1st. Fritz, who resides at 1125 Nokomis Circle, Knoxville, Tennessee, has been 28 years with the company. Fritz's wife is the former Miss Jean D. Murrian of Knoxville. They have three daughters and a son. The latter, Freeman, Jr., is a second classman at West Point.

Willis (Angus) McDonald was named a director of the New York Trust Company, this in addition to his present responsibility as Vice-President.

George L. Doolittle, who has for many years been in Albuquerque, New Mexico, businessman and civic leader, has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company. George saw active duty as a Major in the Engineer Corps during World War II. Since 1942 he has been President of the Albuquerque Lumber Company and also is President of the Fir Pine Lumber Company of Albuquerque and the Construction Supply Company of Farmington, New Mexico.

Since this column is concerned with all the news of the Class, I must conclude with several bad announcements.

"The Living Church" of February 26, 1956 carried the following announcement. "The oldest bishop of the Episcopal Church, John Chanler White, died in Springfield, Illinois February 11, 1956. He was in his 89th year. Bishop White was born in Chapels, South Carolina May 21, 1867, graduating from St. Stephens College (now Bard College) in 1888 and from the General Theological Seminary in 1891. He was ordained deacon in the latter year and priest in 1892. He spent most of his ministry in the diocese of Springfield, Illinois where he served various churches, becoming arch-deacon of Springfield in 1916. He was consecrated bishop of the diocese in 1924. Bishop White's wife, the former Katherine Dresser, died in 1948. Bishop White is survived by their two children, General Thomas Dresser White, Assistant Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, and Miss Katherine White who resided with her father."

On November 30, 1955, Charles Joslyn died at his home, 326 North Grove Street, Lockhaven, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife Jean and two children, Allen and Lois.

On the 17th of February, Francis H. (Frank) Oxx, No. 2 man in our Class and a retired Brigadier General, died at his home in Frederick, Maryland. Frank retired in 1952 after 31 years of Army service because of a heart ailment. He was formerly Allied Deputy High Commissioner in Austria. He was 57. Until recently he had been Administrative Manager for the Ralph M. Parsons Company of Los Angeles which was operating a biological warfare laboratory at Fort Detrick, Maryland. During World War II, Frank supervised military construction in North Africa, Italy, and Greece, and was in charge of the ports of Naples and Leghorn. During the latter 20's he was a mathematics instructor at West Point. Dur-



THE 1920 "P" SQUAD AT USMA
Left to Right: Schicks, Wests, Bessells, Gillettes.

ing the 30's he was assigned to work on flood control construction along the Ohio River but in 1936 he returned to West Point as Associate Professor of Mathematics. His next assignment was as District Engineer in Kansas City, Missouri. Frank was one of the five Army engineers who organized the WPA in Frederick, Maryland under General Hugh Johnson.

—E. C. Gillette, Jr.

1921 and 1922

It may be that Orioles migrate to distant climes in winter-time, but the scarcity of news as of now would indicate that they do more than that—they hibernate!

Ollie Hughes has become a real South Carolinian and is supporting polo in Columbia with all his experience and his knowledge of the game. He is guiding the development of the younger players and referees all the matches in the four-team Columbia Polo Association.

George Olmsted is devoting considerable energy to the creation of a new enterprise in Santo Domingo and finds it necessary to visit that Caribbean beauty spot from time to time.

Matty has been ordered to Germany from Washington, thus swelling the ranks of 1922 abroad. DJ Crawford has been commuting from his home in Maryland to a series of consultations in Massachusetts. And everyone is very happy to learn the San Antonio address of Ficklen, whose whereabouts had been unknown for so many years.

Jim O'Connell has been ailing and it is reported that hospital treatments have been keeping him from the Chief Signal Officer's desk. Let's hope by this time he's back on the job.

Does anyone have anything to report?

—C. J. Barrett.

1923

The following details of the death of John Noyes are a consolidation of accounts published in the *New York Times*.

John, who was Adjutant General of the Alaskan National Guard, was on an inspection trip with three others by plane to Shishmaref at the north end of the Bering Strait. The plane vanished on the return

flight of about 140 miles to Nome on Friday, January 27.

A Civil Air Patrol plane, one of eight from the Nome detachment engaged in the three-day search along with military craft, spotted the downed plane as hopes the men could withstand the sub-zero temperatures waned. Paramedics from the Seventy-fourth Air Rescue Squadron, Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, were parachuted to the wreckage as soon as the plane was located. Noyes and another officer were injured, but it was thought that both of them would live. They were brought back to the hospital in Nome, where Noyes died early in the morning on January 31.

The interment was in the family plot at Kenwood Station near Oneida, New York, on Sunday, February 5th. Services were held at the Mansion House, which John's brother, Mr. Richard W. Noyes, owns. The Class Committee in Washington sent flowers and so did Dolly and I. J. C. King phoned to notify me of the situation and to state that he was flying up from Washington to attend the funeral. Fritz Breidster mailed me a copy of his letter of condolence to John's widow.

Bad News seldom comes singly. The Army, Navy and Air Force Journal of March 3rd published a notice that a Requiem Mass for Jim Fry's son, James C. Fry, Jr., was to be held at the Fort Myer Chapel on March 5th. Young Fry, a graduate of the Class of '45, was a salesman with the Aetna Life Insurance Co. He had been on a weekend kayak trip on the Potomac River. He was reported missing in a boating accident on February 12 and it was feared that he was drowned. He leaves a widow, Patricia Klotts Fry of 51 Kennedy St., Alexandria, Virginia, and five small children. His parents' address is 617 Juniper Lane, Falls Church, Virginia.

Larry Barroll wrote a long letter from Stockholm on December 28 and enclosed a Christmas card he had received from a friend in Finland. I don't think even he knows what the card said, but presumably it was Finnish for Merry Christmas. He said, "I am still in charge of G.M. here, or G.M. is still in charge of me, however you would like to put it, and I am kept very busy. This Christmas has been one of the happiest ones yet inasmuch as we had both Anne, 18, and Kenny, 17, home with us for the holidays. Anne is going to school in the Northampton School for Girls in Massachusetts, and Kenneth is in a very good Swedish school in the lovely province of Varmland."

Larry also wrote, "Just a few weeks ago I had a surprise telephone call from a town a short distance south of Stockholm and there was Ray Milton busy discovering some of his Swedish relatives. He called on us at home, all too briefly, the next day but it was certainly good to see him again and welcome another classmate to Sweden."

Dave and Esther Fowler, whose address is RR No. 1, Manson, Iowa, have begun to settle into the life of the surrounding community. They have become very active in church affairs in nearby Rockwell City. Both have joined a social club. Dave has become a member of the Lions' Club and scoutmaster of the local Boy Scout troop.

W. G. Johnson has written several letters from Madrid where he is studying in the University. His present address is Lagasca, 126, Madrid, Spain. He plans to return to the States in June, spend the summer in New England, attending summer school at Middlebury, and in the fall return to his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland (3305 Woodbine St.).

Johnny writes that Opie and Muriel Newman were in Madrid five days last December and that he and Opie went on a partridge shoot together. Muriel, he says, has recovered splendidly from a serious operation. "Hivey White, wife and two children," he writes, "are in Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands. Don Galloway and wife are planning to go to the Balearics, according to Hivey, but I've not heard of their arrival."

On February 13th Johnny wrote, "Hal Schaffer had arrived from Barcelona after a trip across on the Italian Line. He is now enrolled in the University under the G.I. Bill and rides to and from with me in my car. He expects Edith and their youngest son to come over in the summer after the son graduates from high school."

Oscar Stewart is with National Procurement, First National Bank Building, Springfield, Ohio. Battle Horton is residing at 1008 Arlington, Lawton, Oklahoma until sometime this spring. Jeff Binns is Chief of Staff for AFFE and 8th Army. He succeeded Jazz Harmony, who is now Chief of Joint Military Assistance Advisory Group, Korea.

I sat near Tredennick at the Navy Basketball Game. He had his wife and son and two guests with him. By now he is headed for Madrid on business. He has a job with a firm of industrial chemists in Yonkers and his address is Apt. 5D, 77 Bronx River Road. He says Pete Leone is in Frankfurt. He recently had a chance encounter with Jim Early in Baltimore where Jim is with Fairchild Aviation.

Just received word this minute that Babe Bryan is being ordered to Hawaii to take command of Army Forces there. A lot of people, including myself, will be very sorry to see him go. There is no word yet as to his successor.

—Bill Morton.

1924

Changes in address continue to be received on an average of at least two or three a week—the result is our December 1st, 1955 list has many corrections. It is hoped that a new address list, or at least changes to the old one, can be mailed out about the middle of April. The usual request is repeated—namely, that all members of the Class send in promptly any changes of address—the mailing address for all Class business is: Class 1924, USMA, P.O. Box 371, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D. C.

It is with deep regret that we record the following deaths: Joyce Fisher—wife of Sam Fisher—on December 13, 1955 at Lake Rosa, Melrose, Florida; Clark Witman —

December 1955 at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, as the result of a heart attack—burial in Pottstown on December 27, 1955; James F. Howell, Jr. on February 19, 1956—at his home 2426 Key Largo Lane, Fort Lauderdale, Florida—burial at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Sam Fisher has written us that he has settled down into a sort of a routine following his tragic loss and that he and his younger son have both started courses at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. He said that Rod Rodieck and his wife Gladys had visited the Fishers last September and that Rod had been the guest speaker at the Melrose Rotary Club, while there, and made a fine address on the United Nations. Sam added that he occasionally saw Jake Moon at the latter's riding academy in Gainesville.

We have all been delighted with the news of Jim Moore's promotion to Lieutenant General. He apparently will remain in Okinawa since Hqrs. IX Corps has been moved there and combined with the Ryukus Command. An amusing snapshot has been received showing Vonna Burger pinning on Jim's shoulders three slightly oversized silver stars. Vonna and Jim are the only two members of '24 on Okinawa.

Bob Cameron has written from Van Nuys, California, stating that he had recently retired as a school teacher and was now raising orchids for fun—and profit, he hoped. Also, he is devoting some of his spare time to fishing and travel. His son, who served as a Lieutenant, J.G., on the cruiser Los Angeles during the Korean trouble, has passed his examinations for the Foreign Service and is awaiting an appointment. Bob reported seeing Briant Wells, who is senior Vice President of the Title Insurance and Trust Company and lives in Los Angeles.

A card has been received from Bob Dewey—but no news other than the fact that his address should be changed since he is now far removed from the Washington area being Chief, JAMMAT in Ankara, Turkey.

Pete Day has confirmed that he has moved from the Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, to Europe, and that his new address is Hqrs. U.S. EUCOM, APO 128, New York, New York.

Earl L. Scott in remitting his check for the 30 Year Book noted that he has moved to a new address—221 Claywell Drive, San Antonio 9, Texas. This is in the city of Alamo Heights but still in the San Antonio mailing zone. Scotty has let it be known that he is a school boy again having enrolled at Trinity University a year ago along with Al Jennings, with a view to getting a Master's Degree in History. Both expect to get their M.A.'s in May 1957. He also mentioned that Oswaldo de la Rosa had enrolled at Trinity.

Maude and Mackey Ives 1955 Christmas letter has reached the Class files. It gives the high spots of their travels and activities from the date of retirement on September 30, 1954 to December 1955.

After many attempts on our part—Rod Rodieck finally acknowledged receipt of our letters to him and gave us his permanent address at 6 North Pine Circle, Belleair, Clearwater, Florida. Rod and Gladys now have a son at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a daughter at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia.

Tom Roberts, in forwarding his check for the 30 Year Book—noted that he and Rosalie were actually leaving Washington the end of January for the wilds of Robles del Rio, where, he stated, they could be located at No. 52 Robles del Rio, Carmel Village, California, combating poison oak and pecking out unsaleable stuff on his typewriter—but nevertheless having lots of fun. We hope that he will contribute some of his literary efforts to this column in the future.

Frank Kreidel, Provost Marshal, Eighth Army, writing from Hqrs. U.S. Army Forces, Far East, advised that the Thundering Herd in his area while not very large, is virile and see each other frequently enough to keep interest at a high pitch. He and Charlie Palmer are stationed at AFFE/8A, Zama, Japan. Art Trudeau at FEC Headquarters in Tokyo and George Smythe at Taiwan with Jim Moore and Vonna Burger (as mentioned above) in Okinawa. George and Susie Smythe had visited Japan in December and a local reunion was celebrated. Clyde Eddleman had visited the group the end of December during his tour of the Far East with the Secretary of the Army. When Frank wrote us on February 1 he had just returned from a visit to Okinawa.

Pat Pasolli, now living at 803 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, although very busy in his new job, continues to assist us during his spare moments and has advised that communications for Bill Cleary should be addressed to him as follows: William J. Cleary, c/o Mrs. J. W. Cleary, 2465 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey. This clears up one more on our list of "missing addresses" thanks to Pat's untiring efforts.

Rus Baker has furnished us his new address at: 4 Bridges Loop, Apt. 8, MacDill Air Force Base, 8, Florida. He had just received his copy of the Thirty Year Book which had been sent to him at his mother's home in Pasadena. He made the observation that his family in Pasadena must have enjoyed it since they almost forgot to forward it to him at his new address. Rus reported that his second son, David, has his eye on West Point and has been fortunate in obtaining a principal appointment and they all hoped he might get in this year. His oldest son, Russell, Jr. (Class 1953) has made Rus a grandfather and is now in Korea.

George Lightcap, another one of our dependable correspondents and valuable assistants has called our attention to two mistakes in the December 1st address list which he was gracious enough to refer to as "trivial errors"—we had him listed as "Mr." whereas in fact he is "Colonel, Ret'd." and the "Jr." following his name was dropped about 1926. We apologize and with help such as this should some day achieve a really accurate list. George reports that the Marcus Stokes were in Fort Riley in January to visit their daughter and son-in-law.

Clark Witman shortly before he died wrote to us on December 17th chiding us for misspelling his name in the Thirty Year Book—somehow or other an "h" was erroneously inserted in the spelling of his last name.

Ed Bennett has written that he and Jim Willis attended Clark Witman's funeral. When Ed heard of Clark's death he got in touch with classmates in the Philadelphia area—namely, George Pence, Jim Willis, Bill Renn and Bill Bender and they sent flowers on behalf of the Class of 1924. Also, Ed arranged to send flowers on behalf of the West Point Society of Philadelphia. A letter of appreciation addressed to the Class of 1924 has been received from Clark's daughter—Sally Witman Yeaton.

Your correspondent during a recent visit to the West Coast had the good fortune to see John Archer Stewart, Keg Stebbins, George Elliott, Ray Coombs and their wives in Palo Alto, California. In Pebble Beach, California, saw Zach Moores and his wife. While in Seattle, Washington, got together with Sam Strohecker and his wife. Sam reports that he sees Pete Sather now and then and that Pete and his wife Helen are enjoying life in Seattle. The Sather's eldest daughter, Jane, is married and lives in East Orange, New Jersey. Carol, one of their

twin daughters is a junior at the University of Washington. Kristie, the other twin, is working for an investment concern in Seattle. We are sorry we missed seeing the Sathers while in Seattle and other Classmates on the West Coast.

A letter from Mrs. George A. Bicher expresses her appreciation for the Thirty Year Book and courtesies extended widows of Classmates. She gave news of her family as follows: George A. Bicher, Jr., (USMA-1951) married and has a baby daughter, Mary Anne, 6 months old. George is taking graduate work in Civil Engineering at MIT and expects his Master's Degree in June 1956. Second son Bill is now a yearling (USMA-1958).

Juanita Barton (widow of Oliver Malcolm Barton) has written thanking the Class for her copy of the Thirty Year Book and reporting that her son Malcolm Dennis Barton—now 18—is in his first year at the University of Chicago where he has a scholarship and is working his way through the University. Douglas, age 7, is at home and has started school in Denver.

Pete Hains, now at Hqrs. Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, reports that he and wife Ada and son Fred are comfortably ensconced in a nice set of quarters on the the Staff Post. En route from Yugoslavia they visited friends and relatives, and at Fort Polk, spent a few days with son Peter (USMA-1952) who is commanding a tank company in the 1st Armored Division. Pete and quite a number of Classmates attended Jim Howell's funeral on February 24 at Fort Sam Houston. Pete also reported that the Class of 1924 in the San Antonio area was planning a Class party for April 7. He also said that Harry and Mary Stadler from Del Rio, Texas, had dropped in to see the Hains.

Bill Forbes has sent in his new address: 1941 North Justin Lane, Tucson, Arizona.

Les Fletcher reports from Detroit, Michigan, that their daughter Elizabeth (wife of William N. Adams) had presented them with a granddaughter (Leslie Elizabeth Adams) in July 1955. Daughter Margaret Ann (wife of Lieutenant Richard H. Grindler, Jr.—Class 1954) had presented them with a grandson, Richard H. II, in January 1956. Les added that he sees Fred Pyne from time to time. Fred lives fairly close to the Fletchers in Birmingham, Michigan.

Haydon Boatner, Chief, JUSMAG, Greece, reports that Loomis Booth has returned to Athens following his visit to the U.S. in December and January. Haydon also mentioned that he had seen Pete Lee in Paris early in February. Pete is J-1 in CINCEUR.

W. D. Gillespie wrote to us on February 26 from 643 Hamlin Street, NE, Washington, D. C. (we haven't had time to verify whether or not this is his new address) stating that he had recently returned from a trip abroad and had found Otis McCormick and his wife among the passengers—and further discovered that they had lived within a block of each other in Italy and had not known it at the time. Gillespie also said that he had seen Charley Summerall and Ralph Glasgow in London.

Gus Dugan has sent in news from El Paso, Texas, to the effect that he is attending Texas Western College with the idea of getting a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. Pete Shunk is also attending TWC with the view of getting his Master's Degree in Education. Francis Shunk (Pete's son) also goes to TWC while Peter Shunk, Jr., is a yearling at West Point after graduating from VMI. Gus also reported that Ed McGraw had had a bout with heart trouble but was getting along fine now. Ed still represents Sperry in the vicinity of El Paso and has a big transmitting and receiving station in his back yard as one of his hobbies.

Les Simon, who retired from the Army on November 30, 1955, is now Director of the Research and Development Division of the Carborundum Company, Niagara Falls, New York. (President of Carborundum is Clint Robinson). Les recently has been appointed to the planning board of Gruen Precision Laboratories, Inc., and elected a director of the company. He also has been elected to the board of trustees of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mary Textor has moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and now lives at 101 North East 12th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale.

Bill Sexton sent in news in February to the effect that he was leaving Europe, where he has been Commanding General, Fifth Infantry Division, on March 10th and expected an assignment in the Pentagon on his arrival in the U.S. He said that there were not many of the Thundering Herd left in Europe. He had seen Eddie Hart recently and Dick Stephens, who is in command of the Northern Area Command. Also while in Paris for a conference, he had seen Bill Leibel, who was up from Portugal.

The winter luncheon of the Wives of 1924 in the Washington Area was held in January and as usual they had a good turn-out. Thelma Brinson, Marcella Blanchard and Margie Graling were on the Committee. The spring luncheon is scheduled to be held in April.

Charlie Stevenson, another of our dependable correspondents, has started organizing the details for presentation of the Class Scrolls to the Class of 1924 Sons in the Class of 1956. Class Sons graduating this year, according to our records, are as follows: Richard E. Adams, Michael F. Cavenaugh, Michael J. Conrad, Mark E. Smith, Jr., Lewis S. Sorley, III, John H. Stevenson, George E. Young. —F. J. G.

1925

The most interesting class news in many a year is a letter from Dan Crosland to Walter Bryte, clearing up a long mystery as to Dan's whereabouts. The letter came to Walt in his capacity as editor of the 30th Reunion Yearbook. It was received last November, and only recently came to West Point as an item for this column.

You will recall that, at the time of the 25th Reunion booklet, the Class did not know Dan's address and had been substantially without news of him since shortly after graduation. Walt Bryte, however, good editor that he is, was not the man to let a mere thirty-year gap keep him from running down the address and getting Dan's biographical sketch for the Yearbook. In short, he succeeded; and since the Yearbook will include the biographical sketch, I will not undertake to summarize it here. Meanwhile the happy ending for the entire Class is that Dan has rejoined us, stating in his letter that "nothing over this period of thirty years has dimmed my love of West Point nor cooled the warmth of comradeship I have ever held for my classmates."

Dan's address is 6708 Wofford Drive, Dallas, Texas. Charlie Saltzman has written him a letter of greeting in behalf of the class, and I believe it fitting to quote here from Charlie's letter as a true record of the feelings of Dan's classmates:

"Walter Bryte has been kind enough to pass on to me your overwhelmingly welcome letter to him of November 16th.

"I know I am speaking for everyone in the class when I say that we are extremely happy to have regained our contact and association with you. You will not be surprised, I am sure, to be told how very much regret has been expressed by all hands, particularly at class reunions, over the fact that we not only had not seen you

for so many years but did not know where you were or what you were doing. So it is a keen pleasure for us to have this direct word from you and from your wife.

"We are sure that we now have you for keeps and that between us we will improve every opportunity to see one another. We only wish this had happened sooner and that you had been at the thirty year reunion last June, which was well attended and a great success."

The next item came in a letter from Agnes and Ray Toms to Mike Esposito, giving a round-up of classmates in their house in Wiesbaden for the Army-Navy game. To quote:

"We were very disappointed not to make the Reunion but as I wrote Mike Geraghty—'we'll be over in '60 even if we have to swim the ocean.'

"Had quite a gathering (in our house) for the Army-Navy Game—16 in all (including WP '25, '37, '43 and Annapolis '52). Classmates present were Charlotte and Lit Roberts (and son Paul) who drove up from Stuttgart, Don and Helen Mitchell (Wiesbaden) and Olive Myers (Colby was in Washington). Milton and Marcelle Hankins also joined us during the evening. We had heard rumors that Milton was seriously sick back in Walter Reed so were pleased to find it was only just a rumor. Contacted but not present: Dunford (rotated); Babcock (Baumholder) spending the long weekend in Switzerland with his daughter, and Red Newman (Heidelberg) and the Van Brunts (Frankfurt) both of whom had prior engagements.

"We were delighted but a little surprised (!!!) with the result.

"The next a.m. the Roberts', Olive, and selves went over to the Mitchells for late breakfast—it was fun."

Before turning to the West Point local scene, I pause to congratulate two classmates appearing prominently in the current news: Bruce Clarke on his assignment to command the Seventh Army; and Dave Tully on the command of the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir.

As for news at West Point, it is a pleasure to announce another spellbinder by Red Reeder, just published under the title "*Whispering Wind*." Like *The McKenzie Raid* which Mike told you about in the last issue, *Whispering Wind* is an historical story set in the West during the days of our expansion and development there after the Civil War. The history is authentic and the story gripping from start to finish. I recommend it for your boys, for yourself—in fact, for anyone whose blood is red!

Currently, Red is working on another western for boys, in which there appears a character named "Daddy Dunn." As nearly as I can gather, however, this particular Daddy Dunn doesn't feature very long; he falls off a stage-coach.

West Point keeps changing, and the Class may be interested to know that the long-planned conversion of the riding hall into a new academic building has begun. You will hear more details as time goes on, and you may see the finished building in operation during '57-'58. Meanwhile, in general design it will retain unchanged the external wall of the Riding Hall which the New York Central has made famous in its poster views of West Point. In other words, the sky-line as viewed from Garrison will be the same. The building will be modern and efficient, and when it is finished we hope that the West Academic Building (where you took Math writs under the stern discipline of P-Echols) will be converted into a much needed additional barracks for cadets.

—Charles P. (Nick) Nicholas.

1926

The schedule for our thirtieth reunion is now firm and consists essentially of the following: cocktails and dinner at the Officers' Club on Saturday evening the second of June; evening picnic at Round Pond on Sunday; luncheon for the men in the Cadet Dining Hall on Monday while the gals are served luncheon at a hen party at the Club. The men will be quartered in barracks as usual, and accommodations for the girls have been reserved at the Ladycliff Academy which is a girls' private school immediately outside the South Gate.

The principal cadet activities during the period consist of the Athletic Review on Saturday morning, Baccalaureate services at the three chapels on Sunday morning, and the Supe's Reception followed by the Star Parade Sunday afternoon. On Monday there will be the Old Grad Review in the morning, Graduation Parade in the afternoon, and Graduation Hop that night. The Graduation Ceremonies in the Field House will wind up the festivities on Tuesday morning. We have intentionally concluded the scheduled activities of the Class on Monday noon because past experience has shown that a general exodus occurs on that day. This is caused partially by the press of other business, but is influenced in no small measure by the complete exhaustion which is occasionally detected in men over fifty after two successive nights of celebration.

Responses to our questionnaire reveal that 115 (including wives) plan to come back for the reunion. Of course there are bound to be changes in plans, but some of those who fall out may be replaced by a few of the 36 classmates who have still failed to reply. This should assure a crowd in the neighborhood of a hundred, which is a pretty respectable number to contemplate. Since retirement will tend to place many members of the Class at locations which will make attendance at future reunions inconvenient, it is hoped that the maximum number will make the effort this year.

The Publications Committee is already compiling, for distribution at the reunion, a brochure which will bring us up-to-date on where we all are and what our plans are for the immediate future. The news in this column, therefore, has been intentionally curtailed to a few items which we have picked up here and there.

Herx Baxter has moved to Clearwater, Florida where he is considering a teaching job. He must have been lured by Greasy Condon's very attractive advertising in recent issues of the Journal. Bill Hawthorne also has his sights set on a teaching job, and at present believes he will settle in California and pursue his graduate work there. Hal Forde is thinking of buying a home in San Francisco after he takes off his soldier suit and, as a starter, intends to take graduate work in physical geography at Stanford. The general trend toward the Golden Gate is also reflected by Alex Sewall who believes he will stay in California after he finishes his active duty with Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio. It seems as if there is a wonderful opening in the field of real estate for some enterprising classmate in the land of sunshine (and I don't mean Florida, where we already have several operators).

In the small-fry department we can report that both of Olaf Pearson's sons were married last September. Young Conzelman (USMA '53) also was married, the latter taking Mary Roberta Austin of New Haven as his bride, last December. Young Heiberg (another USMA '53) became a father for the second time, so now your reporter proudly claims a granddaughter and a grandson. Bill Hawthorne's daughter Helen,

a high school senior, is a member of her school's scholastic honor society with a 92% average; her brother Bill, a sophomore, is also batting high with a 90% average. Johnny Elliott's daughter Margaret is one of sixteen seniors at the University of Nebraska who have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Red Reeder's daughter Dorothea has been named on the Dean's List at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, for the first semester. Even at USMA our class progeny are doing well, as is evidenced by the fact that the Dean's List last Christmas carried the names of the following Class sons: Corderman and Johnson, H. W., First Classmen; Collins and Smith (son of C. Rodney), Yearlings; plus Burwell and Hutton, Plebes.

I hope to see you in June.

—Vald Heiberg.

1927

It was sad to read that one of our class sons, First Lieutenant Barney A. Daughtry, Jr., Register, Georgia, gave his life for his country when a Globemaster transport plane of which he was co-pilot crashed in the North Atlantic on March 1st. Our deepest sympathy to the Daughtry family.

If you have not received a 30th reunion questionnaire, it is important that you write at once to R. G. Lowe, Route 1, Lemon Road, Falls Church, Virginia, as to your intentions to attend, and whether or not you will need reservations for members of your family. This is important because family accommodations are difficult to obtain during June week and must be made very early.

Buzz Butler is under orders to Presidio of San Francisco where he will replace Bob Nourse, 1926, as Adjutant General, Sixth Army in May. The Presidio was Buzz' first station after graduation. He plans to retire and enter business in the Bay area. Buzz has been appointed class representative of northern California with the mission of organizing our many classmates who will be living in his area into a working chapter. In addition to the class executive council in Washington, we must have local chapters wherever groups of classmates are living in order to carry on necessary class business, so please write if you are in a position to organize a chapter.

Kate and Stan Meloy, Quarters 13, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D. C. are recent additions to our Washington contingent. Stan has three sons, Stan III, USMA 1953, John N., USMA 1959, and Bill, who is doing a hitch in the Navy. Stan is Chief of Information, Department of the Army.

Chuck and Ami Stone have departed Washington for Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, where Chuck has replaced Mone Asencio as vice-commander of Continental Air Command. Meanwhile, Mone has taken over Chuck's position in the Pentagon as Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller, USAF. Mone and Ruth live at Quarters 64, Bolling Air Force Base. Mone was guest of honor at the monthly class luncheon on March 1 attended by Ted Brown, Buzz Butler, Jack Griffith, Lee Washbourne and the undersigned. Mone disclosed that he and Ruth have two granddaughters, Joan Jay, age 2, and Kerry Lynn, age 3 months, undergoing language training in Spain where their parents, Major and Mrs. Lewis S. Norman, Jr., USMA 1944, are stationed with JUSMAAG, and where the two little girls were born. Mone and Ruth are looking forward to a visit with their "two little Spaniards" this spring.

Evalyn Bixel writes from Henning, Tennessee, where she is living while Bix is in Korea, that Gay is attending University of Mississippi and that Dabney attends Junior High and has her own pony. Evalyn and

Dabney ride a lot and are pining for the day when the family will be together again.

Sue Thompson is also waiting for Tommie's return from Korea in Athens, Georgia, her family home.

Bill Verbeck and Lee Washbourne both sent in photos of a small gathering of the clan at Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico on the night of January 23. (see cut.) Bill commands Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces, Antilles, APO 851, New York, New York and was host for the party, which included Kuter, Stone, Asencio and Washbourne who were in Puerto Rico for an Air Force Conference and Bob Sink who happened to be passing through en route from the U.S. back to his station at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Marty Morin has completed his Korean tour and has assumed command of the Ohio Military District, Fort Hayes, Columbus 18, Ohio.

Congratulations to Max Johnson and Ed Farrand who have received their second stars since our last notes. Max is very busy in his new job as Commandant of the Army War College, and Ed is anticipating a command assignment with troops, probably in Korea.

Mike Williams, evacuated by air from Europe to Walter Reed early this year, has recovered fully and is assigned as President of the Physical Disability Review Board, Hq, Fourth Army, San Antonio, Texas.

George Derby retired January 31, 1956 as District Engineer, Huntington, West Virginia. We would appreciate a card from you, George, with your address. If all members of the class will please send change of address cards to your secretary every time you move, it will be of great assistance in maintaining our locator file. This is particularly true since we are approaching retirement. Contact after retirement and a continuous class organization and working committee is very necessary in the years ahead.

Harry McKinny was elected Vice-President of the JOA Company, Lake Wales, Florida in February and may be reached at that address. He and Helen have rented a house on Crooked Lake, Babson Park, Florida eight miles below Lake Wales. We are counting on Harry to start a Florida Chapter since there are a number of classmates already settled in Florida and others planning to work or retire there.

Congratulations to Jack Griffith, Jr., for attaining the Dean's List at the University of Virginia where Jack is majoring in Engineering.

—R. G. Lowe.

1928

The first luncheon of the class in Washington for '56 was held at Fort McNair on February 7. Present were: Browning, S. R., Breden, Briggs, Denniston, Curran, Hinrichs, Houseman, Lamont, Raymond, Wells, Wyman, McLennan, Mills, and Morrow.

Also from Washington comes the following news. Bill Browning and Jean were through here early this year enroute to new station in Naples, Italy. Scott Riggs has departed for the Far East assigned to FECOM in Korea. Bill Breckenridge has left for Fort Sam enroute to Europe. Tom Sherburne leaves here about May 1 for Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Ted Landon leaves soon to become Commander, Caribbean Command with Hq in Panama. Denniston has been nominated for his second star. Cowboy Ramey is returning stateside soon from Japan. He will take over as Deputy C-in-C Continental Defense Command and Vice Commander Air Defense Command. Skippy Harbold left here in February to become Commander Eastern Air



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Reading from left to right: Lee Washbourne, Larry Kuter, Chuck Stone, Bill Verbeck, Bob Sink, and Mone Asencio.

Defense Force at Stewart Air Force Base.

In closing Stu McLennan adds: Last December we became members of SOGWPIP (silly old grandparents with pictures in pockets) when Stu, Jr. and Abbie presented us with a grandson Stuart 3rd.

The Farras joined this group too when their daughter Nancy had a son on November 10th Daniel Swayer Farra Krum. John and Nancy are very proud and pleased daughter Nancy is Mrs. Barry S. Krum.

During the last few weeks both Bob Browning and Hinrichs have been at West Point to talk to the first class.

Tom Rich tells us that Ed Reber has taken a position with Superior Tube Company, Collegetown, Pennsylvania. He and Betty have bought a remodeled farm house and this spring their address will be: Lower State Road, Spring House, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Tom also told us of the death of Harvey and Stannye Wilkinson's three children in a fire that destroyed their home at Route 1, Franklin, Georgia on December 16th. We are sure that the class joins us in deepest sympathy for Harvey and Stannye in their tragic loss.

We received word too late for the last issue of the death of Bob Bullock on November 30 at St. Albans Naval Hospital of leukemia. Bob was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on December 5. Our sympathy goes to Bob's wife Ruthelene and two children. Ruthelene and her daughter are living at North Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut and would like to see any classmates who might be in the vicinity.

—P. D. Calyer.

1929

At this stage in his advancing years, your reporter is always cheered by a letter from one of the ladies. Ruth Sundt writes that Danny is concluding his tour as Chief of the Army Section for the Joint U.S. Military Group to the Philippines where the family have lived very happily. Ruth teaches at the American School, and the eldest daughter of the three children attends the University of the Philippines. The Sundts are coming home via Dan's ancestral Norwegian home and will go to the PMS&T job at the University of Delaware. The Sundt name continues at West Point with a nephew in the Plebe class.

Slim Vittrup, who is a Major General, is the Army member of the Canadian-U.S.

Joint Board, etc., etc., and says he is giving his stomach for his country on what is known as the cocktail circuit, turned up next to me at a Council on Foreign Relations dinner the other night. He reports Jim Quill is just back from Korea and has joined George Bush (newly made a Major General) in the big league arithmetic business in the Army Comptroller's. Apparently doughboys become mathematicians as life goes on. Bill Francis is the No. 2 man in the Army Historical business and Bill Bullock is off to be Chief of Staff of our NATO headquarters in Izmir, Turkey. Slim urged me to report that Bill had just been secretly married.

Louie Bell died on March 19 in Walter Reed as a result of a stroke. He had only recently left his command of White Sands Proving Grounds, been promoted to Major General and taken the job of Chief of R&D of the Chief of Ordnance's Office. He was buried at West Point on March 23. We have seen the younger daughter of Louie and Senta at West Point from time to time. The elder daughter is married and living in Washington.

The Army Home Town News Center reports George McAneny as a newly arrived member of our Korean Military Advisory Group which, says the release, has over 2,000 officers and men. Bill Hall, Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Reserve Affairs, is in the paper for making speeches on his program "Life Line to Peace."

Nellie Lynde and Jeff Seitz are also new Major Generals and Freddie Smith, as a new Lieutenant General, is off to Command the 5th Air Force in Korea. Ken Nichols, now one of the real entrepreneurs of '29, spoke to the Cadet Forum at West Point on "Industrial Uses of Atomic Energy" in March. Ken calls himself a consultant, operates an office with one secretary and a phonograph disc to answer the telephone saying that he will be out until next Tuesday, and advises industry on how to use atomic energy. Jackie Nichols likes the profession because she sees her husband once in a while.

Wearily Wilson who just recently advertised himself to the First Class in a speech as the true field engineer soldier, goes to be head of Military Construction in the Chief of Engineer's Office in Washington. Phil Draper contributes a round-up from the Far East. Van Vander Heide is G-2 in Zama (jargon for 8th Army as I recall). Bat Carns is senior Military Advisor to the 1st ROK Army and Phil himself has left the 7th Division Artillery to command 1st Corps

Artillery north of the 38th parallel where Phil says his essential item of uniform is long Johns. Herb Milwit and Hal Whiteley are also in Zama.

Jack Callery of the First Air Force at Mitchel, sends me a mimeographed letter at the behest of Roger Browne, the CG of his outfit, he is trying to assemble the thirteen '29ers in the New York area for the West Point Founders dinner.

John Phillips, a bit mellow by years or perhaps by promotion, spent a day at West Point on his Gyroscopic way with the 5th Division from Germany to Fort Ord, California, with Sarah, the youngsters, and also a logistical problem of 37 items of personal baggage. Doug Dwyer comes home from the Artillery School in Korea in May. His son, graduate of a year and a half ago, is an instructor in the Air Training Command.

Ralph and Grace Woods live in Orleans, Headquarters Communication Zone, Europe, brush up on West Point French in Berlitz classes and apparently find life very pleasant. Don Stevning writes a Christmas letter from 550 Sunset Drive, Redlands, California, where they grow and ship oranges and subtropical fruit, remodel their home and send at least one youngster to high school at a cattle ranch where reading, writing, riding and arithmetic are learned—a way of education I will not divulge to my own horse-loving youngsters.

A letter from George Reilly reports that Blue and Kai Rasmussen have retired. I find notes in my file (source not given) that Howard Moore is Chief of the Inspection Division and Hunt Basset is Head of the Security Service at Kelly Field. Our classmate Dodson who retired as a Second Lieutenant is a geologist with an oil company at Fort Worth, and Danny Quinn has retired in New Orleans.

Bill Thompson who is taking to managing Artillery careers with wisdom and vision (obviously so since he has assigned a few good young Artillery men to your reporter's department without a battle royal) writes his observations from a field trip: Johnny and Helen Theimer are at the Artillery and Guided Missiles School where he is Assistant Commandant; Bob and Kay Crandall are at the Artillery and Guided Missile Center where he is Chief of Staff. Bill, of course, alleges all artillery matters are flourishing. Chan and Betty Robbins at Fort Leavenworth where he is Deputy Post Commander, Chan being recently seen here at West Point on a mission promoting the Army Cooperative Fire Association which is hereby recommended to your attention (no fees have been paid this column); Army and Dee Dee Armstrong go from the Army War College Staff to the PMS&T job at Harvard; Bill himself talked to the First Class at West Point and says that he had "a no more than usually controversial visit with Abe Lincoln" whatever that means; via Jupe Lindsay and Tommy Griffin, Chief of Staff 2nd Army, Bill reports six '29ers at Fort Meade; Bill Maulsby is Executive to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Red Cooper is Chief of Staff of First Army; Fred Chaffee is at SHAPE; Della Caraway is building a house while Paul commands the 7th Infantry Division in Korea (I wonder if he knows about the nest building); Paul Freeman, CG, 2nd Infantry Division, and Larry Bork, CG, Michigan Military District, have been sent back to school for a short time to the Command Management Course; Henry McKenzie and Patsy are off to Tokyo to the Comptroller's job and Hugh Mackintosh has come to Washington.

Whew! What a fine lot of news resulting from the enlightened cooperation of classmates. I hope this situation continues.

—Abe Lincoln.

1931

There follows the cold, hard, unembellished facts about our classmates as is known or reported to the Washington group—as compiled at the eleventh hour; i.e., one hour before Bob Johnston's March 10 deadline.

The Washington contingent in general and Mansfield, Parker and Warren in particular have been giving careful thought to means whereby our class could make a distinctive long term contribution to the Academy's future to mark our 25th Anniversary. To give you a preview of a forthcoming memorandum on this subject, we are thinking in terms of a program designed to: a) enhance public appreciation of the Military Academy as a national institution, and b) provide a means of stimulating the activities and interests of the local West Point Societies in attracting outstanding young men to enter the Military Academy.

It is hoped that we as a class can devise a program which is both worthwhile and feasible. Among the Washington group is some of our hiviest classmates, but even as a whole it has no monopoly on good ideas. Each of you are encouraged to submit your own so that we may come up with something more constructive than a chapel window, a plaque or a marb'e resting place for itinerant birds.

Bill Jones has volunteered to edit a publication to commemorate our 25th Anniversary. Our thanks to Bill. A memo on this subject should also reach you soon.

Doc Strother, Quinto Brown and Roy Kaufman are at the Air University, Maxwell AFB, Alabama—all are thriving in their sheltered academic life.

Joe Coolidge is at Hqs 6th Army in San Francisco, and George Fletcher, having recently returned from Korea, is to labor at Hqs CONARC.

Andy Adams is in the personnel business in Army Hqs in Washington. He is handling out assignments for Technical Service Personnel, and points out that all assignments are good ones.

Don Yates commands the Air Force Missile Center at Patrick AFB in Florida.

In a recent note to Dan Callahan, Jack Leary indicated pleasure with his interesting assignment as Senior Advisor, I ROK Corps (Kapyong). Other classmates in Korea: Jim King, Chief of Staff, KMAG (Seoul); Percy Lash, Senior Advisor ROKA, C&GSC (Pusan area); Big John Levinick is in Seoul as Comptroller, Hqs KMAG. Hector Truly is there too as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 for I Corps (Gp). Deke Roeller recently left there.

Dick Harrison departed Fort Campbell, Kentucky for Augsburg, Germany right after the first of the year. He gyroscoped with a paratrooping unit. He jumps, believe it or not.

Ockie Krueger has orders for Paris. At Fort Benning, he leaves behind Blair Ford and O. Z. Tyler on the Infantry School Staff. To show how one man can prepare for coming events, OZ has composed and sent to Bob Johnston a short verse commemorating our 25th.

Bill Chandler is helping train the new German Army. He's stationed in Heidelberg as Chief of the German Training Assistance Group.

If Charlie Decker is perusing this issue, how about getting in touch with Charles Densford, 7560th ABGRU, APO 238, New York. The latter Charlie believes the two of you are probably located within 100 miles of each other.

Ern Peters is still holding forth at Valley Forge Military Academy as PMS&T. He and Mary plan to be at West Point for June Week.

Jack Malloy, although presently Chief of Staff of the 5th Division, soon goes to the Inspector General's Office in the Pentagon. Mervyn Magee is with the 9th Division in Germany.

Senior Army Advisor of the Illinois Military District with headquarters in Chicago is Fred Redden. Pat Carter has the AA Command in Chicago.

Marvin Coyle is in Ankara, Turkey with duty as G-3, TUSAG, JAMMAT.

Ragland has given us an abbreviated copy of a letter to the Class as follows:

Dear Classmate:

John Leary had to go west. Dan Callahan and the other officers of the Washington Chapter, Class of '31 knew that I have two super reasons for returning to West Point next June (reunion and son's graduation), so I was elected to carry on the work which Johnnie had well started. So Ragland is battling for Leary.

This letter has three purposes:

- To give you a sitrep on our preparations for next June.
- To let you know how the schedule is shaping up.
- To give you such ample notice that anyone within 3,000 miles will have no excuse for not coming.

The "guests" at Fort McNair (Gus Wirak, Tom Marnane, Bill Hall and Steve Hammer) have "volunteered(?)" to do the reunion book. The poop on that is inclosed.

Messinger will arrange for presentation of pistols to graduating sons of '31 (Danek, Lash, Little, Quackenbush, Ragland, Scholz (Cooper), Skidmore).

The social calendar looks like this:

Saturday, June 2—Cocktails, dinner—Officers Mess.

Sunday, June 3—Picnic—Buckner or Round Pond.

Monday, June 4—Cocktails, dinner—Thayer Hotel.

Accommodations:

The "boys" can stay in barracks if they wish and the "girls" will be housed at Ladycliff in Highland Falls. Make your own reservations for a suite in the barracks, but let me know whether your wife wants to stay in a dormitory at Ladycliff. (See inclosed card.) Ed Messinger says Ladycliff is real OK.

Uniform:

Formal for social affairs at Officers Mess and Thayer Hotel. Cadet hops are formal, of course, and for the ladies who've never been there, the spectators at the June Week parades look pretty much like a garden party.

Dick Jewett is now on a trip to the Far East. While there he will contact Deke Roller to make sure that his film "USMA '31 Past and Present" attends the reunion, even if Deke cannot. Note: If any of you are not in this film, you should come to the reunion just so this unique and priceless class history can be completed.

To make it painless for you, I'm inclosing a postcard. When you have made up your mind about attending the reunion, fill the card in and mail it. Naturally, you will be permitted to change your mind, and undoubtedly the Pentagon will change some of ours for us. Bob Johnston says he has to firm up the arrangements for the social events by 15 May. Don't procrastinate. Fill the card in now.

Y'all come!

W. W. RAGLAND
(Alias: Rags, Willie,
Bill and Snap)

If anyone has not received the letter with poopsheets and post card please notify W. W. Ragland, 5000 17th Street North, Arlington, Virginia.

Well, that's all the news for now—see you at our 25th Reunion!

—Jake Smart.

1932

Bill Davidson was so accommodating and able in turning out the very entertaining January issue that the temptation arises to ask him to repeat, but maybe it's better this way. Two in a row by Bill might just cause dissatisfaction among the clientele.

Except for a few scattered misses, none of them due to libel suits, this issue rounds out an even 10 years of foisting this on a protesting public and we can't afford to create an appetite for literacy at this late date. As Secretary-Treasurer, however, Bill continues to collect the news which he does with a voraciousness that should make the AP hang its collective heads in shame. Because of his efforts, there is no lack of material and to put it in the unadorned language of the American foot soldier;—we have a plethora of munificence.

First of all, congratulations and a unanimous "I told you so" from the class to the new Generals who joined the select one-half of one percent since the last issue, viz:

Dave Schorr, Chief of Staff of the MAAG on Formosa. He is in good company there with Major General Chi Wang who serves in the office of the President of the Republic of China as military counsellor to Chiang Kai-Shek and wrote with warm approval of the new world-wide organization.

D. B. Johnson also got the big one with our only regret being that he had to leave the 19th AAA Gp here in Washington to become Chief of Staff of the Army AA Command in Colorado Springs. Anyone who has visited the latter lovely location, of course, will manage to maintain a dry eye over D. B.'s plight.

At the same time, Bus Wheeler got his second star as Chief of the Plans Division in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and don't shoot your uppers with surprise if he ultimately ends up as the Chief of Staff in the foreseeable future.

If first baritone were a T/O&E vacancy George Mather would have been a general years ago. Remember "I'm An Autocratic Product of These Democratic States"? If so, it's a Dandy Demonstration of Hereditary Traits that it was formalized when he became Chief of the Armor Career Management.

Incidentally, there seems to be a pattern developing in the field of human beings. Ken Hobson, for example, is the Air Force Director of Manpower, Jimmy Godwin is Chief of Personnel for the JAG and to my mild surprise, I find myself in the same job for the Signal Corps (with Training thrown in for cumshaw). A few years back it seemed that the tendency in our class was to get a stranglehold on all the fiscal positions of influence but now it appears that we have recognized the inevitability of being poor and that we had better start being nice to people. In any event, I have a rug on the floor and a secretary who looks good enough to eat with a spoon, so drop in sometime and beef about your present assignment—just like everybody else.

Dick Coiner, Ed Suarez, Joe Kelly and Bob Terrill are now all permanent Brigadier Generals and Herb Thatcher, Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Development, got his promotion to permanent Major General. Herb, incidentally, has just received orders to go to Weisbaden as Vice Chief of the U.S. Air Force in Europe and Ken Hobson the same as Vice Chief of the Far East Air Force, two fairly potent assignments. I don't know exactly what an Air Force Vice Chief does but while we were chatting in the uniform store, Ken (two stars) bought a pair of insignia for an aide to a three-star general.

Speaking of our Air Force confreres, Bob Scott was the victim of an ironic twist of fate recently when Harris & Ewing selected his portrait from their famous gallery

to display in their prominent downtown show window. This in itself is quite a compliment since to qualify, the mug must either be famous or very photogenic and preferably both. The only hitch was that the picture was taken when he was a Colonel and while this is not too noticeable in Washington where anyone with less than three stars is practically incognito, they're going to be awfully disappointed over in Tanganyika where Samburu, the Elephant, worked long and hard for that promotion.

From La Rochelle, France, comes a news item that "the U.S. Army moved quickly to relieve suffering among 400 French fishing families stranded on an island in the Bay of Biscay during Europe's worst winter of the 20th Century". With the islanders unable to put to sea for more than 35 days, food and fuel had dwindled away.

Twenty-four hours after he learned of their plight, Jim Woolnough, "Commander of the American Army's vast base section in France arranged to supply islanders with —3,000 cases of Army rations and two truck loads of lumber for fuel."

There may be a substitute for direct action but it will never be popular.

And while the Old Goats themselves remain active, the juniors, may their kind increase (probably the most unnecessary comment ever made on an inevitable trend) also keep apace. Over in Camp Zama, Japan, Louise Bigelow married Lieutenant Edward Kubic, C.E. At Valley Forge Military Academy Cadet Eugene P. Mussett, Jr., was named "Plebe of the Week". This, of course, is a far cry from the plebe of a long gone week bearing a strangely similar name, who introduced mass production to the Art-of-planting-a-Pre-set-Alarm-Clock-in-an - Upper - Classman's - Pack - at - a - Full Field - Review - and - Inspection - on - the Plain. If there had been automation in those days, our boy would have had the first classmen putting the clocks in their own packs, and if you want to know what Corps has, I'll say any Corps.

From his island empire at Rock Island, Illinois, (a big house between the 2nd and 15th holes on a beautiful golf course overlooking the Mississippi), John Abner Meeks writes that son Harold is in Augustana College, Donald is now in High School and 5-year old Laura keeps him and Peggy more than occupied.

Brought Patty along on a business trip to West Point (all business should be done like this) and shared a cocktail with the Hinshaws. After a five-year interlude found that daughters Jodie and Mollie are now grown and lovely. Both are pinned to cadets and my only comment is that every cadet should have it so good.

Next door, scarcely twenty minutes as the lawn mower rolls were Tom and Billie Harvey, not to mention daughter Lee and my favorite hockey player, Mike, whom we saw in action for the first time that afternoon against Dartmouth. In this great land of opportunity, it's always heart warming to see the marked improvement from generation to generation and this particular father-son combination is another striking example. Not that Michigan-bred Tom shies away from a piece of ice whether it's in or out of a highball glass, but his skating style is more that of a grizzly bear with bunions while Mike is something else again. A strong skater who is not easily knocked off balance, he is also a good stickhandler and a better playmaker. He keeps moving on a power play and obviously enjoys his hobby of filling the enemy's cage with pucks (3 and 3 against New Hampshire the week before but "only" two assists against Dartmouth whom we beat, 4-3).

From the ladies who came up in June, came some very interesting letters. Mary Couetts' Christmas card, the "Couetts Chron-

icle" for example, is a side-splitting but accurate account of their past year. While Lou dawdled away his last months in Korea as Chief of Staff of KMAG, Mary maintained three families simultaneously; her own in southeast Missouri, her sister's in Washington so that Jessie could accompany husband Jack on a trip to an international medical meeting in Europe, and "that of a nice old cat who couldn't say no." The latter as a consequence found herself surrounded by nine others but in all fairness it must be said that two of them just dropped in for dinner, liked the joint and stayed. Added to the dog and three parakeets it must have been an impressive formation that Lou wheeled up to Fort Jackson when he assumed his duties as Assistant C.G. of the 11th Airborne Division.

From another district, delightful Tiny Hartshorn wrote that they just got back from Paris and had settled into comfortable quarters at Fort Sill ("real old Army with a reveille gun around the corner and Second Lieutenants who were born in 1932"). At the same time, successive issues of the ANAF Journal stated that, (a) 140 wives at Fort Sill gave a tea to welcome Tiny, and, (b) the Divarty CG of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg had just been replaced by Eddy "formerly with the 17th FA Group at Fort Sill, Oklahoma".

The same issue showed a picture of sprightly Bobby Webster, Honorary President of the 30th Air Division Officers' Wives' Club clutching a silver coffee urn that outweighed her by ten pounds. There's nothing new in this gracious hostess business for our Bobby of course, as anyone knows who has ever received one of her spur of the moment calls: "Come on up for a cocktail before dinner—there's no one here but me and Benny and I'd like some human companionship."

New enterprise is undoubtedly what keeps the old adrenals stirred up as three recent interesting and diverse examples would indicate. It says here that Charlie Murray was one of the hand-picked officers who received the wings of Army Aviators in the first course for senior officers. For his part, Johnny Bowen has just been appointed Assistant C.G. of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell; now being activated to take the lead in developing new Army tactics and doctrine. Rounding out the picture is Ed Howarth who was named President of the newly organized Washington Chapter of the Society of Military Comptrollers.

When my old pal Bonzo died recently they immediately clapped Pop Duncan into the elite Advanced Management Course at the Harvard Graduate School, but even with the additional training he's going to have a tough time doing his job without Bonzo's brain to back him up. It's going to be interesting to watch developments in that family now that the old boy is gone and I certainly hope things turn out well. Good as she is, however, I doubt if even Latrelle could have persuaded Pop to enclose himself in the animals' cage on that Austrian train some years back the way Bonzo did with no show of force but simply by using inexorable dog psychology.

Speaking of things Austrian, Pat and I spent the usual delightful day at Annapolis with Wally and Annemarie Thinnas after their return from Wally's four months' TDY there. That particular tour of duty incidentally, must have been a most stimulating experience for all involved. Our lovely newshen spent the time working with the TIME correspondent in Vienna. Wally wrote a scholarly report on the transition period as the Occupation terminated, and they came home positively loaded with loot, including an alligator handbag that Annemarie "stole" for \$140.

And so it comes time to close this out with a pleasant remark that a nice gal who is married into a class 3 or 4 years removed made recently to the effect that "1932 has more fun than any other class." (Little does she realize that our coat of arms is a giant sloth, couchant, on a field of apathy.) Whether or not her sweeping statement is true, however, it set me to musing as to a possible reason. I could be wrong, but after thoughtful analysis, decided that if true, it's due to our maintaining a neat balance between conscientiousness and whimsy, with just a soupçon of confusion to excite the imagination. Consider the following:

a. It so happened that Pinky Smith got back from Korea a few days before our annual Christmas dinner dance at the Country Club, and because of another commitment, could not make our formation. About 10:30 p.m. some sharper than average individual noted with outrage that Pinky was absent and suggested telephoning him immediately. Just enough people humored him so that he did, and so help me in exactly 25 minutes by the clock Carry Bess and Pinky arrived complete with long dress, black tie and the ubiquitous bottle of Old Popskull. There's a reason for this special concern about Pinky, of course, because while we have other skilled pianists of both sexes in the Class, he is the only one who can get just as much music out of a coffee table when a piano isn't available.

b. On another occasion that old sentimentalist, Bill Powers, sent out a class-wide appeal for a 1932 penny which brought three immediate results:

(1) Waldon Coffey inquired as to how much money he made that way.

(2) One of our more alert business men asked how much Bill would pay for one.

(3) Bill's own secretary found two 1932 pennies and gave them to him gratis.

c. Finally, a one-sentence item in a News Bulletin stated without further explanation that when Joe Gill visited the Al Schraders at West Point last Fall, he forgot to take his coat and tie when he returned to Washington. Not his cigarette lighter, nor a pair of low overshoes; but his coat and tie.

See what I mean?

—Ken Zitzman.

1933

As has been true for a number of years now, the largest single group of classmates continues to be in Washington. The list is too long to repeat here but a January count came up with 73 in and around the Pentagon. To list a few who are now out of the service but working in this area — "Shinny" Shinberger is in Purcellville, Virginia, and we see him often at class gatherings. Red White is a Deputy with CIA, and Pete Jackson is running a local office for G.E. Although not in this area, "Rod" Gott is Executive Vice President of American Machine & Foundry in New York.

The Washington group tries to keep a going social calendar, the latest function a cocktail party run by Bob Totten and Lyle Bernard. Bob skipped town the evening of the affair, but it was well attended by 50 classmates and their wives. Wally Thinnas was down from Annapolis. For those who may be in Washington we are planning a Founders Day Dinner in March and class luncheons in May and September, dates not yet firm.

The biggest single piece of news at this moment is the list of new makes which has, since the last report, included Dod Starbird, R. D. (Dick) Meyer, H. K. Johnson, Ted Conway, Bill Ryan, Dave Gray, Jean Engler, Freddy Gibb, Ben Harrell, Buss Evans, Bill Ely, and Fred Zierath. Each

has been doing a swell job and some, like Dick Meyer, have been in the job for some little time before being made.

Billy Clarke has become installed at Belvoir with the Command Management School and reports that it is swell to live in government quarters again. Hardin Olson apparently thinks the housing situation around Washington is rough also, because he is designing and building his own house in nearby Virginia.

George Gretser leaves the Pentagon in July for assignment to AFFE/Eighth Army as its Finance Officer. George Power and Phil Pope are also scheduled to leave here this summer for Artillery Command assignments. Johnny Johnson left DCSOPS in February to fill the ADC job in the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Carson.

Russ Broshous reports from West Point: "Ben Harrell lectured to the First Class on Thursday evening, February 9, in his new position as Chief of the Infantry Section, Career Management. The Commandant introduced Ben as "Colonel-General" since he is still a Colonel but has been nominated as a General. I talked to Buck Pohl the other day and found he has decided to remain indefinitely in Cornwall (first town north of The Point for those of you who have forgotten). At present he is representing the George Bryan Associates offering insurance and investments for anyone ending up the month with a little spare cash."

Pinky Webster from the Far East says: "Ted Marshall comes to Tokyo oftentimes with his charming wife. He is stationed at one of our FEAFAir Bases, some 30 miles to the west, where he commands the Far East Air-Ground School. He and his wife also are contributing of their talents in the fields of music and show production. Fritz Hartel and his family are enjoying life at Schofield Barracks, where Fritz commands the 35th RCT of the 35th Division. Last fall we had the pleasure of a visit from Tommy Moorman on one of his annual visits where the weather of the world takes him." Pinky is an assistant Chief of Staff, Far East Air Forces.

Adrian Hoebeke over in Korea with MAAG-K is starting a National Defense College for Korea. He has been on the ground since January and reports to be working hard. Madeleine and the two boys are staying at 3847 Linda Vista Lane, Colorado Springs. Freddie Coleman is also wheeling (and dealing) as Chief of Staff in the same MAAG-K.

From Fort Benning the news is as follows: "Herb Sparrow and Ed Doleman of Third Army Headquarters are departing for other pastures. Herb is going to CONARC and Ed to Army War College—probably both of them in 'wheel' positions. At Fort Benning, Fred Zierath has moved from the School to fill the ADC position of the 3d Division, also at Fort Benning; Slugger Douglas has received orders for the Army War College and will be departing before many months; Tom Beck will soon be the lone '33' representative at The Infantry School. Joe Crawford visited The Infantry School and addressed one of the officer graduating classes on the 11th of February."

Dave Gibbs has recently reported to CONARC as the Signal Officer. He and Betty have become interested in getting a power boat so are attending classes to learn to run one before they get it. Dave reports: "The news of '33 is not too impressive from here. There are eight of us. Bill Blandford, Marty Frame and Pat Patterson are still listed as G-3 Wheels — and please don't drop the 'W'. Larry Merriam, whose work is described in an article he co-authored in February's 'ARMY', is in CORG. Bob Franklin, of the same group, is sweating out orders to Korea. Frank Henry, still one of the Army's

great horsemen, has recently officiated at the show at Madison Square Garden. His tour here is drawing to a close and he expects to be overseas by fall. Bob Bayne is involved in development and test of armor and vehicular equipment. Orders have been issued on Bert Sparrow and we are anticipating his early arrival from Atlanta. We report with great sorrow the passing of Pat's wife, 'Little Pat' Patterson on the day after Christmas. 'Shinny' read the funeral service here in his inimitable fashion. This service was followed by later interment at West Point."

Dick Montgomery as Chief of Staff, SAC, is a good one to cover our classmates in the Air Force because he gets around. I received a note from him just before his leaving for Puerto Rico, which indicated that Tex Hetherington has a B-47 wing. He has had this same outfit from scratch and is doing a good job of building it up. Tex is now at Homestead AFB just southwest of Miami. Sid Giffin is at the Air University and according to Dick he hasn't changed a bit from cadet days — "still trim and youthful looking."

From Alaska, Frank Elder refers to my assignment to write these notes and his assignment to contribute: "Congratulations upon your new assignment. I am about to lose mine and upon my departure from the Alaskan Command, unless some other classmate gets up here before June, I will be the last of the Mohicans. I have very little news except that the family and I are recovering nicely from our accident of last August and that Jack, my oldest boy, is entering the Military Academy on July 3 this year. I have a first class promise that I am to return to the Industrial College as an instructor upon my relief here, consequently, will probably see you in July or August."

F. G. (Cal) Smith from San Francisco sends some comments which he terms "fog bound" from the West Coast: "Our classmate population in the eight western states seems to be spread as thinly as my head of hair—this is mighty thin. As far as I can ascertain, we have Cy Dolph at Fort Ord, as Assistant Division Commander of the Sixth Division; Ab Huntsberry heading up the Sharpe General Depot; Gwinn Porter at Fort Baker as G3 of the 6th Regional AAA Command; Herbie Plapp at Salt Lake City as PMS&T of the University of Utah; Gerry Porter (money bags) Assistant Comptroller in the Army headquarters; Frank Rothwell in San Francisco as Advisor to a National Guard AAA Brigade and lastly, yours truly, who is trying to fulfill the requirements of the Army G3. If there are other members of our distinguished class assigned to Sixth Army, they have managed thus far to keep hidden. Now that Johnny Shinkle has volunteered my services as an area reporter, I shall make a piercing search through the fog and smog and see if some more '33ers can be uncovered. I am told that Gwinn scheduled a class party at his quarters last month, but forgot to send out invitations. The party must have been a roaring success—financially that is. San Francisco, being at the crossroads to various stations in the Pacific, we hope that classmates passing through will look us up before saying good-bye to the Golden Gate."

Bob Arnette is now living at 525 Normandy Avenue in San Antonio, Texas. Bob writes: "Jean and I had a little party on the 10th of February and the following from the class were present: Mac and Dody McClelland, Chet and Tommy Dahlen, A. J. and Betty Cooper, Duff and Betsy Sudduth, Abe and Mary Lincoln, Bill Fuller and his wife, Sue Shields, and Bert Sparrow who at present is on TDY here at 4th Army following 'Sagebrush'. Regret that Ralph and Jane Alspaugh and Rosie and Jane Grubbs

were unable to be with us. Frank Shepardson, who is Senior Advisor, AA Brigade, NG, at Roswell, New Mexico, was a recent visitor at Hq 4th Army. Further, Jim Lincoln, Abe's and Mary's son, has a Principal appointment to enter The Point this July."

Abe Lincoln is off to become Mediterranean Division Engineer.

It's always hard to get news from classmates on small posts or in isolated locations. For instance, Soapy Walters has just gone to Fort Huachuca where I recently saw him running a large part of the technical work there. Bob Meals is at the Ordnance Ammunition Center, Joliet, Illinois, and Bob Cyr and Danny Hine are both at Rock Island, Illinois, Bob in command of Rock Island Arsenal and Danny with the Ordnance Weapons Command there. Paul Gillon has been at the Office of Ordnance Research, Durham, North Carolina, for the last year and a half. He and Kay like it with special emphasis on the large home they are living in. Any help I can get in this direction will be appreciated as well as is appreciated the fine contributions I have already received.

—J. G. Shinkle.

1934

According to the published student lists of the various service schools for the academic year 1956-57, the following members of '34 will soon be involved on the receiving end of advanced education: At the National War College—Browning and Warren; at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces—Martin; at the Army War College—Jenna, Johnston, D. W. and Lawlor. Russ Jenna, by the way, has been PMS&T with the Chicago High Schools for the past several years and has steered several outstanding young men from his ROTC units toward West Point.

Word came from Dale Huber recently that his wife, Madelyn, had her fourth child and fourth daughter on February 25. The newcomer's name is Cathy Jean. In a footnote on his card, Dale wrote: "Travis T. Brown *really* better look out!!" (Travis still leads him by one in the Female Offspring Department. *Ed.*) Dale's address is 3940 Hawthorne Avenue, Palos Verdes Estates, California.

Just one more indication that the Class of 1934 is becoming ever older and steadily more distinguished is the fact that three members of our illustrious group have journeyed to West Point from Washington during the first quarter of 1956 to give lectures to the First Class. Tom O'Neil came up from the Industrial College in January to speak on Manpower Problems, a lecture presented as part of the course in Social Sciences. In February, Jud Reeves spoke to the First Class on the general subject of an Air Force career, and in March Dale Smith held forth on "Leadership in the Air Force".

On March 8th, prompted miraculously by some sixth sense which must have warned her that March 10th was deadline for submission of these notes, Mary Higgins sent us a long letter, via Air Mail Special Delivery, telling all about the adventures of the Higgins family since their move to Florida. We quote in part as follows:

"About the time the next issue of *Assembly* is being mailed, we shall be moving into our new home—so here is the address. It will be 2603 South Dundee, Tampa, Florida. Tampa, as you all well know, is on the WEST and BEST coast of sunny Florida. We bought a lot in the Sunset Park area, which is about two blocks away from the bay. It will give us bay breezes—a tiny view perhaps—without the problems and

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cost of waterfront property. Should any of you come this way, do remember we live on SOUTH Dundee—because there is also a NORTH Dundee, and they do not meet!!

"Since Jerry retired last summer, we have been leading that slow, easy, lazy life that we told you about so firmly last summer. Right now, Jerry only has two jobs—both in the East. One with Piasecki Aircraft, Philadelphia, and the other is with Operations Research Office of Johns Hopkins University, with his office in Washington. In his many leisure moments, he travels to a few spots in Virginia, Alabama, and Florida. Need I go on???"

Mary does go on, giving details of her supervision of the building of their new house, with all the decisions on colors, etc. She has also been working part-time herself, just to make life more interesting, and she seems to have been thoroughly "oriented", "sold", or what have you, on the Great City of Tampa, which she gives a terrific build-up. (Have you ever really seen the EAST coast, Mary?). Anyway, we are very grateful to you, Mary, for all the information, and sooner or later I'm sure most of the class will be dropping in on you at SOUTH Dundee. In the meantime, we hope to see Jerry once in a while on his various trips.

Reliable rumor has it that Henry Hester retired recently and is living in Europe, at least for the time being. His departure from Governors Island did not, however, completely eradicate the '34 influence there, for Jim Wells returned from Austria last fall and is in the G-1 Section of First Army. Jim attended the Founders Day dinner held in New York City on March 17th, where '34 was also represented by Bucknam and Renfro.

A news release recently received from St. Louis indicates that Bill Bunker assumed command of the Transportation Supply and Maintenance Command, with headquarters in that city, on October 11, 1955. This command is the Transportation Corps' field logistics office for the Army's aviation, rail and marine programs. The release also states that Bill is National President of the American Helicopter Society, a Regional Vice-President of the National Defense Transportation Association, and a member of the Executive Council of the Association of the United States Army. Bill's address: Headquarters, Transportation Supply and Maintenance Command, 12th and Spruce Streets, St. Louis 2, Missouri.

Ken Kenerick is on a rather lengthy tour of installations throughout the U.S., as member of a team working out of the Pentagon. His travels brought him to the New York area in mid-March, but he still had most of the country ahead of him. Ken gave it as his fixed opinion that it was "refreshing" to have such an opportunity to get away from the Pentagon for a while and see what was going on in the field.

Myra Stone wrote in February to say that Bill was being kept busy with appearances on the "Hill". Incidentally, we were informed by other sources that Bill got his second star shortly before Christmas. Congratulations, General! Junie Ligon is also an Air Force personnel man, at least for a while, and is in the same office with Bill.

We bring things to a close with a report on the activities of two of our '34 "yearlings" of the Class of '58. Bobby Finkenaur, following in his father's footsteps, did an outstanding job in one of the lead roles of the 100th Night Show, on March 9-11, and Mike Davall has been holding forth as master of ceremonies in a quiz show staged by the newly-formed cadet radio station KDET, on the stage of the Army Theater before the start of the movie each Saturday evening.

Hope to see some of you up this way in June Week, Reunion or No! —Renfro.

The most important bit of news on the class front will unquestionably be notification to all that "The Guard Has Been Changed"! And from the viewpoint of your reporter it had all the earmarks of a formal guard mount. The class assembled for luncheon at the Army & Navy Country Club on March 1st and an executive committee was elected to handle class affairs in accordance with the authority voted and approved at the class meeting at West Point during June Week, 1955. It will be a source of extreme gratification to all to learn that the chairmanship of the committee was voted unanimously to one of the most warmly respected and highly motivated members of the class—Carmon Rogers. Also voted into office by popular acclaim as Secretary-Treasurer was Mike Mitchell, who, as we mentioned in the last issue is now a permanent member of the Metropolitan Washington, D. C. area. Six other members were selected for office—Ken Berquist, Tommy Musgrave, George Jones and Charlie Rich. The most important order of business, and the most fundamental problem facing us was the institution of sound class organization in the form of the establishment of a charter. The problem was met head-on and a sub-committee report is due in the very near future. Other items—luncheons every other month were agreed upon. Lastly, the shocker and stopper of the day was unfolded with the presentation to your ex-incumbent custodian of class affairs for the past 5 years of a handsome token of acknowledgment in the form of a lovely silver cigarette box, expressively (but in my opinion, exaggeratedly) engraved. As I've stated publicly and privately, my tenure of office had its shortcomings; chiefly those concerning organizational maladjustments which are well recognized by the next regime. However, if nothing else, all of us have been imbued with both the necessity and the benefits of good organization and we are irrevocably convinced that we'll be better and happier for it in later years. With this latter in mind, it is well that the change is occurring at this time; at least, the problem is forced into the open. The chief purpose of this reorganization is the fact that your reporter is ordered overseas and will depart for Athens, Greece on June 2nd for approximately two years, hoping to return to the D. C. scene in '58 and make himself available for class services. We will set aside a '35 guest room for all those of you who plan a Mediterranean Cruise. The address—A.P.O. 206, c/o PM, New York. Hope to see you all!

Looking around the rest of the class roster—Bob Hardy came through very briefly in January, taking time out from his mining interests in Idaho. He expressed regret at having such little time in the area and stated that he will return in the Spring and fill us in at greater length. Russ and Lois Miner are scheduled to leave the area this Spring for a troop assignment with the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. They are keeping the house at 1211 Rebecca Drive, Alexandria, against a future assignment to Washington.

Charlie Hoy "flashed" through D. C. in February from the Citadel enroute to New York. (Any mere "coincidence" that General Clark appeared on "What's My Line" shortly thereafter!) Charlie looks very well and reports that he sees Clyde Ziegler often in Charleston—Clyde has the Engineer District there. Brad and Bernice Means appeared on the D. C. scene just back from a 3-year tour as ARMATT to Yugoslavia. We found them not entirely unadaptable to reconversion to our customs! Brad is to take over as Chief of the Oklahoma Military District in Oklahoma City. We noted

with pride the publicity attending Bud Russ' and Jimmy Frinks assignments to USCINCARIB. Saw, in a recent blurb that Gene Walter was a member of the inspection party to that Hdqrs. Ken Curtis has left for an attache assignment in New Delhi, India after spending the normal tour here with the SIS. Warren Everett will depart his present assignment here with the Army Map Service and join the faculty at the Army War College. Mike Bowyer has moved over to "comptrolling" the Dept. of the Army Director of Intelligence. Tom Musgrave is now with Manpower & Organization, Hdqrs, USAF, having served with the NATO Standing Group in the Pentagon for 8 months. Walt and Margaret Simpson dropped in after a visit to Fort Monmouth (official) and a check on young plebe Don at USMA (unofficial). A letter from Ralph and Sally Haines at USEUCOM was received most warmly. Ralph writes that he occupies the spot of Chief, Plans & Policy, G-3, and Jack Howell is Deputy Provost Marshal and John D. Cole, Deputy Engineer. We'd heard that Jack H. is holding the European PM job indefinitely and very capably. Ralph has seen Hoot Gibson, who still commands the Ordnance installation at Mannheim; Bernie Waterman has a FA Group in the theatre after shaking loose from a Program Management job at EUCOM Hdqrs. Jim Kimbrough has a Signal Group and Fred Cummings is "dean" of an Intelligence School at Oberammergau. John Dilly's fame as CO of the Frankfurt sub-area Command is still on the ascendancy.

We were all very pleased to learn of Suzanne Cherry's recent marriage (on 1st of February) to Lieutenant Colonel Philip L. Getzinger, Arty., at San Antonio. We are looking forward to meeting Phil, who, it was learned via a letter from Don Phelan at Fort Monroe, was stationed at Hq CONARC until recently but is now enroute to Korea. We are informed that Ralph Haines introduced the two. Don furthermore tells us he's seen Syd Spring in Cincinnati where Syd is Exec of the Ohio River Division—address, P.O. Box 1159, Cincinnati 1, Ohio. Don also saw Jack and Lucy Rhoades at Leavenworth where they are relaxing (???) following the arduous year at the Army War College. It will come as a bit of good news to learn that Will Root has successfully met the physical endurance test and came out with flying colors after a 9 month siege with both military and civilian heart surgeons. Will underwent a serious operation at Hahnemann's Hospital in Philadelphia for a condition not ordinarily treated at Walter Reed. He is to return to the hospital next week for a post operative evaluation. Willie's prognosis is favorable for himself (he states he's better now than ever before) but small hope is held out for beating the Army Medical Physical Evaluation Board. If retirement is indicated the Roots will remain in the Washington area and join the rest (of us) "Old Guard."

On the social side—the class wives assembled at the Country Club for luncheon in February. Lois Miner and Billie Gillis were co-hostesses. Among others present—Vi Gloriod (hoping for a 4th year at the "Roundhouse"); Irene Taylor (enjoying their first tour in Washington); Jean McDonald (in 3rd year at P'gon—busy sailing and making home brew.—All invited!); Amy Maroun (expecting orders after Autrey attends a week's schooling at Bliss); Mary Coburn (enjoying tour with Mil member Board of Governors' Army & Navy Country Club and sharing family car with young John, age 15); Jean Horstman (Jean working at Real Estate and assisting young Tony, age 18, to further his quest for a career in Chemical Engineering); Mary Ann Twitchell, (back in D. C. after Ham's tour with the 74th RCT at Fort Devens and



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Following is about one-half only of those stationed in the area. Left to right: Roy Cole, Dave Edwards, Wirt Williams, Ike Smith, Josh Finkel, Orv Stokes, Bill Steele, Wally Barrett, Chuck Segrist, Bob Quinn, Westmoreland, Nick Necrason, Randy Dickens, Jim Goodwin, Chris Christensen, Jack Kelly, Ridge Smith, Dud Hartman, Cece Combs, Bob Partridge, George Champion, Gordie Holterman, Dave Hiester, Willie Cairnes, Henry Katz, Jim Lampert, Bob Burnett, Bill Covington, Steve Smith.

living at 2707 Geo Mason Place, Alexandria); Dotty Moore (expecting orders from D. C. in June after Deke finishes ICAF); Charlotte Rumsey (happy with things in D. C. and hoping to stay); Peggy Lu Mitchell (gradually getting accustomed to retired life as wife of D/A "civilian", Mike being with G-3); Carolyn Haug (philosophies "Serving in D. C. is like dandelions, if one can't do anything about it—learn to love it!"); Helen Jones (enjoying life comingling with George's Latin American associates and encouraging George to finish w/o delay the finest basement project this writer has seen ever—all invited to inspect!); Betty Rich (now the mother of a college co-ed with Anne at Wm. & Mary and otherwise happy with life in general); Jo Bassitt (anxious to brief one and all, of the beauties and advantages of living and serving in Austria); and, lastly my C/S, Marie, who with a date of departure now firmly established, gets sentimental more often than normal and opines she'll miss "the crowd". She states she'll do well by her "pen pals" for the duration of the overseas tour. Otherwise on the personal front, Carmen Adkisson, (Mrs. Lucein E. Conein) tells us her daughter, Vaughn Adkisson is engaged to Lieutenant (JG) Mark G. McIlvaine, USN, with the date of the wedding set for June 9 at the Fort Myer Chapel. We believe she will be the first of the class daughters to leap into the matrimonial sea. Please keep us informed. (Gib and Frances Sherrard's Angie may be close—let us know, Gib). Some advance dope on orders at Carlisle—Ben Heckemeyer is expected to be ordered to SHAPE and Chuck Symroski "feels" that he will be assigned to The Guided Missile Center at Fort Sill. Nothing from NWC or ICAF to date.

With the above, your scribe for the past few years takes leave of a most interesting and, withal, an exciting responsibility. For any of you who have felt slighted, please believe me it has been unintentional. The news machine only grinds out the grist in proportion to the raw material that goes into it. Please remember that and keep it coming to Mike Mitchell. The new C.P. "Colonel C. B. Mitchell, USA (Retd) Barkley Drive, Mantua, Fairfax, Virginia." It would be gross inappreciation of me to close without giving all credit possible to our G-1 Group, principally Charlie Rich and

Jim Alger, for the yeoman service they have put forth in the way of supplying current info on whereabouts of various members of the class—and even supplying the impetus to the changing of the "Guard". Finally, I'd like to put in a strong plug to all of you to maintain your subscriptions to the *Assembly* and all of us will do our bit to keep you well supplied with timely news. With a mere (??) 4 years to go to our Silver Graduation Anniversary, it is not too soon to start with plans that will make that the best ever.

I believe I can speak with experience when I say that there is nothing ever that compares to a week at the old school with classmates and friends in other classes as well. So—let's plug June in '60 and we'll see you there. Take care, and drop us a line here (5305 Massachusetts Ave., Washington 16, D. C.) till June 2 and thereafter at the APO stated above.

—Edwin H. "Moon" Ferris.

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We're gradually getting there, and it's a distinct pleasure to be able to congratulate "Abe" on getting a star, another for the class. And while speaking of "getting there"—I feel like predicting that West Point will be playing host to the largest reunion-ing group on record when '36 and families arrive this June. As Howie Estes says, "Let's make it THE BIG ONE"; so "Y'all Come!"

For all to contemplate: the girls will be housed in the Mess (Washington) Hall in visiting team quarters. Safford and Illig have really been promoting when they come up with a cocktail, dinner dance at the Thayer on Saturday; a cocktail-buffet at the Club Sunday and a class picnic at Round Pond on Monday. For any who thinks this is just an "off season" gathering, he's mistaken; this is it! So be there!

John Bartella arrived back in the States from Africa and is in Air Materiel Hq. at Wright Patterson where Estes and Shores are already located. Walt Bess has received orders from AWC to Signal Chief's office, D/A. Dick Carmichael moved up a slot in his old job and now heads Personnel and

Training for Air. So please let's get another star for RHC and get him in proper uniform. Ray Cato is scheduled for Operations in D/A when he leaves AWC. Cec Combs has struck his tent in Texas and is now with Carmichael. Saw news of a farewell tea given to Bev and Mrs. Brown when the Combs' left Randolph. I wish to publicly renounce the credit I was given for writing Casey's biography—it was Cecil's work and it is an insult to the Combs for many generations to bear the shame of having a turnout in English considered as the author. My apologies, Cecil! And as for ladies in the news, Betty Connor at Leavenworth was chair "lady" for a festive Mardi Gras event. I am sure that many of us received a newsy Christmas letter from Bob Curran in Orleans, France. He will return to U.S. in '57. Rod Drake will go to Army Attache job in May in Santiago, Chile. Bob and Charlotte Fergusson have been having a delightful tour in Hawaii (as who wouldn't?). He changed jobs just before Christmas, leaving C/S USARPAC in exchange for an operation he's quite delighted with—C.O. of the 14th Infantry. Harry Elkins, ex-36, was in Atlanta for a while in March. He and I had fun remembering back a quarter century to the Fort McPherson prep-school days of Billingslea, Gaston, Gunn, Michaelis, Patterson, Waugh and others. George Finley is soon to leave Washington for USAFFE. Heard from Austin Fisher who is at Transportation School at Fort Eustis. Got a detailed accounting of Garland's itinerary for the past year. He should now be in American Embassy at Bonn, Germany. However, he was through Atlanta last July and arrived at EUCOM. Then he had to make an emergency trip back to the States, when much to our regret he lost his Mother. Finally back to Bonn. Best luck and happiness in the future, Pete! Freddie Gaston has served a short stay in Cambodia and will return to attend the next class at Armed Forces Staff College. Ev Hahney has a ticket to the Arty and GM Center at Sill after AWC. Earl and Polly Holton will soon depart our famous metropolis and move to MAAG at Taipei, Formosa. His gain will certainly be my loss. Pete Kieffer goes north from AWC to join Gunn, Jones, Thompson in the far north. He'll be District Engineer in Alaska. After a rather lengthy tour, Bill

Kinard is leaving Bragg and going to Norfolk. Jim Landrum failed to be present when they passed out assignments, so he will stay on in the faculty at AWC for the third year. Clyde Layne will be in the A C/S office for Intelligence, Pentagon when he leaves Carlisle. John Lynch goes from AWC to SETAF, Italy—near Holderness and Michaelis, I guess. Bob McCabe will soon go overseas to USAREUR. For those who didn't know, Sis Miles suffered an attack of spinal meningitis last fall after they came back from Europe. Ed writes that she's alright now and things at Maxwell are under control. Jean Miller made 95% on her language course at Monterey, California. There was no comment as to whether Ace even passed or not. However, it is hoped from the fact that they are on their way to Italy, that there is full confidence in Ace's ability to take over Rome. Joe and Helen Nazzaro are running 5th Air Division in Africa. He left Georgia last fall. Charlie Pack is going to Army Intelligence, Fort Holabird. Bruce Palmer sent me a full and lengthy epistle, complete with beautiful color pictures of his attractive family. (The last classmate that sent me a color picture, made me return it.) Bruce came through with all the War College new assignments plus the unhappy news that most of the 36ers there will not attend 20thR. I hope this is in error. Bruce is staying on at Carlisle in faculty. Leon Punsalan has an average sized family (6 children) and lives in Albuquerque. He has the confidence to believe that he is permanently located for quite a while, even though he has changed his residence four times since arrival in New Mexico. (Now, Leon there are two ways of looking at the problem: there's the wear and tear on you and Rose; on the other hand how about those four poor houses? Anybody doubt me? Come look at my shack!) Carl Rick-ebaugh was reported last December in Com Div Hq. USAREUR. Dick and Jimmie Ripple are staying on faculty at AWC next year. TC Rogers took Cecil's job at Crew Training Comd, Randolph. Len Shea has been ordered to NWC next summer. Bill Siberts are ordered to Com Z, Orleans, France, this Spring. Bill Sievers and family spent some time with Hesses at Valley Forge Military Academy. Bill's son is at the school. Big Bill is Commandant of Finance School at Fort Ben Harrison, Indiana. John Singletary was through Atlanta at Christmas; he currently lives in Washington. Oren Swain again stays on for another year at AWC on faculty (one more year and he'll be a permanent professor). Ray Tiffany is going to Training, D/A from AWC. Maybe Willie Yarborough will take Freddie Gaston's job; at any rate the former is going to Cambodia after this year's AWC course finishes.

Come June, it is my understanding that the class will review candidates for the temporary job of secretary I now hold, and will entertain volunteers and nominations for the position. It has been a fine experience for me and I have enjoyed the contacts. On the other hand it requires quite a bit of work—as I have visualized it—to do a presentable job and to serve the class as we should desire to be served. Please be thinking about what the class needs and can use.

—Phil Gage.

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With Doug Quandt's imminent departure from DSCOPS to become Artillery Commander of the new 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, we are losing our Lulu Parsnips. Subsequent issues will

show how much this transfer will hurt this column.

At a recent class luncheon in Washington Bill McDonald was elected President, Obie Oberbeck, Treasurer, and the undersigned Secretary of the Washington group and hence of the class. Having spent the last two years sweating out the Army Budget, especially the Military Personnel, Army Appropriation, I consider the action of the nominating committee to be something less than a vote of confidence.

In addition to Doug's orders I have heard of or read the following: Jim Norvell re-assigned from Secretary TAS to 17th FA Group, Fort Sill; Kelly Lemon, Jimmy Peale and Bob Palmer ordered to the Army War College; Luke Hoska, Fred Campbell, Fred Clark, and Ed Ingmire ordered to '56-'57 course at the National War College. Milt Clarke has been assigned to Redstone Arsenal as assistant to the CG. Technical advice for 4th of July displays freely given. Charlie Register and family are leaving the Pentagon as Charlie is being assigned as Chief of the Ballistic Research Lab at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He reports Sandy Kirsten is going to Naval War College.

Jim Worcester has recently returned from three enjoyable years in Germany and is now stationed at Randolph. He reports that the Steeley's, Mercado's, Charlie Stark and the Klockos' are all stationed near San Antonio, with Klockos busy getting ready to go to Europe.

Doug Quandt felt necessary to get a little relaxation before going to his new assignment so he took a week at Juarez recently. A special prize will be sent to the writer of the best letter, subject: "What Can a Bachelor Do In Juarez?"

Please forward all dope to me on class activities to 2113 South Culpeper, Arlington, Virginia. News is hard to come by.

—Ed Ingmire.

P.S. DPQ cleared Juarez safely and was last heard of heading for the sights of NYC.

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Dear Classmates:

Only one letter, but a good one, from outside Washington. Signed "Dapp", presumably Carl Dapprich, it reports Dapp's disappointment at the paucity of class news in recent '38 columns and his resolution to do something about it. Thanks, Dapp. Reminiscing back to the Penn and Navy games, Dapp reports having seen Art Maloney (of our Washington chapter) at the former and at the latter the Danielson's (of the United Nations), Nick Chavasse (another Washingtonian, of Andrews AFB), Bixby, Jim Isbell, and a number of classmates Dapp didn't even know he had! That can happen, alas, unless we make a conscientious effort to keep track of each other.

Dapp continues with a description of the Xmas vacation he and Dottie made to the big city, to find "Teahouse of the August Moon" excruciatingly funny, Ed Wallnau again at the Piccadilly (he's now a Veep), and the fifteen bucks we used to get for New York weekends far from adequate nowadays.

In his local beat Dapp reports a visit from F. J. Boyt, whom he describes as still an imposing figure and possessed of an imposing mustache. Johnny, figure, mustache, and company are corporately the PMS&T of Lafayette College. Mert Singer also is a local PMS&T, at Penn. Frank Glace, one of the Industrial Giants of our class, is now Sears' Export Manager (perhaps this is "old hat" rather than news). If Frank is still business-visiting South America next

year, perhaps he will be able to drop in on Langwillie ("Per Diem") Langford, who is our attache-designate to Rio. Langwillie, now a Triple A group commander in Dap's vicinity, was able to escort Margaret Earle to our latest class fracas, held at Fort McNair in February. Virg Zoller and Bottle Kasper (our local Prexy) deserve commendation for staging and directing a wonderful party. Wish you could have been there.

Attendance at other class functions has been good lately, too. Dick Bromiley's head count of our last stag luncheon shows we mustered 34. And by the way, Dick mentioned the other day that some of our local names have not been in print for a long time. For your benefit, then, here is a batch of additional names for you to inscribe on your Washington tablets. Big Jim Isbell (previously mentioned), Pat Pattison, and Dick are together as global thinkers in the AF Plans Directorate. Others in and around the Air Staff include Bill Kincaid, Sherry Buckland, Leo Harmon, Howie Kenzie, Bob McBride, and Vince Miles. "Ski" York has moved recently from here to MATS. Working on another school tie at McNair (NWC or ICAF) are Roy Hefebower, Dick Sims, Ken Skaer, and Bill Frederick. Bill has recently overhauled his "Jag" and promises to take me for a spin one of these fine spring days.

A commentary on how long ago we graduated can be deduced from a line in Dapp's letter. He referred to the Navy Game as the Army-Navy Game!

—Bill Corbett.

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Sammy Kail valiantly comes to the fore with news of the following at Leavenworth: Charlie Mount, Fritz Frederick, Carl Wohlfel, Bud Lasche, Jim Sheppard, Sid Martin, Rial Crandall, Lew Cantrell and Sammy. All but Crandall (Post Engineer) are on the Staff and Faculty. Cantrell on orders for AWC and Wohlfel due for USAREUR.

Riggs Sullivan is at Forbes AFB, Butter Wilson is or soon will be at Smoky Hills AFB and Ken Collins at Fort Riley. Coates is PMS&T at Washington & Lee. The Kails have increased the ranks, with a daughter, now seven months old. Good news also from the Wimpy Walkers at the Academy who have recently blessed-vented.

Jesse James, after 2 years at the Univ of Minnesota, is now at Lackland in AF personnel research. What with his Ph.D. almost in his pocket, the rest of us goats can take heart.

The following are reported in USAREUR: Dick Bowie (in G-3), Norm Farrell, CO of an Inf Regt, Shields Warren, Bob Spragins in a Corps HQ, and Jack Boles, CO of a Cav Regt.

Walt Brinker and Pete Van Devanter are maintaining the class reputation in SHAPE.

To AFFE are Jim Billups (enroute from ARWC) and Jim Schwenk from Benning.

In the land of the 3-fingered Poi in Hawaii are Bob Schellman and Gibbons (enroute from ARWC). Roger Lilly is in Eniwetok, Bob Page in Iran and Danny Nolan in Taiwan.

For a fast round-up of those still in the Washington area: Art Allen, Bill Banning, Bill Barnett, L. R. Beckedorf, Freddie Boye, Ad Breckenridge, Matt Bristol, J. D. Byrne, J. I. Coffey, Jimmy Collins, Tom Crawford, Jigger Davis, Joe Dickman, Davey Dillard, Jack Dobson, Shep Fitzgerald, Chuck Florance, Fred Foerster, E. M. Geary, Al Ginder, Andy Goodpastor, Jack Habecker, S. B. Hardwick, George Howard, Jim Keller, J. T. Kingsley, A. J. Kinney, Lee Kirby, Ed Kirby-Smith, Louis Kunzig, Bart

Lane, Ed Latoszewski, C. D. Lennhoff, Dave Matheson, Ed Meals, Jack Merrill, Johnnie Mial, Harry McClellan, M. J. McKeever, Harry Newcomer, Len Palmer, Bob Pennell, Rog Phelan, George Pickett, Herb Price, Bob Richardson, Bob Rogers, Al Rollins, Bob Sears, Ed Schmidt, L. W. Stocking, R. W. Strider, Joel Thomason, Mouse Trahan, Paul Tuttle, John Urban, Bill Van Harlington, Johnnie Watt, Woody Wilson, Jack Wintermute, Bob Wray, Prentiss Wynne and Dick Morrison. With this large contingent of 63 here, the coming social events of 2 formal dinner dances, a stag nite, and 3 Pentagon lunches should be well attended. The first luncheon was almost a sell-out. The wives, not to be outdone, have been getting together at regular luncheons.

Earl and Mary Lerette and their happy brood left for Seattle and the snows of Alaska. Old Earl living it up as a Regt. CO.

Now for some proposals to fill out this column and make it something more than a simple listing. Everyone wants more news but we can't produce it unless it's fed in. Don't write an envelope letter, do it the easy way—grab a penny post-card and dash in the poop—strike while the iron is hot—do it now! Especially wanted are any group pictures you may have.

Several of the wives have come up with a good idea—since this is not just a stag column there should be more family news, etc.—Right on the button! My better half has volunteered to help compile it, so wives, don't hold back, dash off a card or note on class or family gossip to Fran Mial, 516 Faber Drive, Falls Church, Virginia and you'll see it in the next issue.

—Johnnie Mial.

1940

Jerry Addington is the new pipeline from Washington and reports that Bengston, Delaney, Campbell, Rauk, Fritter, Stewart, J. G., Shagrin are the new faces in Washington. Orman has left Aberdeen Proving Ground for assignment to Patrick AFB in Florida, Frank Watrous joined the Air Section of JAMMAT in Turkey on March 1. Yeager at Leavenworth but expecting assignment to the Pentagon in June. George Mayo back from Korea and with G-3 in the Pentagon or if you want to get fancy he is the ODC3OPS. Charlie Beaudry announces the arrival of a new son on January 15 at Fort Belvoir and Bill Farthing has another baby girl born recently. Jim Milner still in charge of Department of Motors at Fort Sill and Paul Cullen still in charge of money bags at some post.

Thirty-five classmates had class luncheon at Army and Navy Club January 26 including R. R. Williams who was up from Fort Rucker on business. Wives drank sherry and ate cutlets at Naval Gun Factory on February 16.

We will now proceed with the case of one Frank Devlin, dashing daring bachelor formerly of "E" Company U.S.C.C. and various other military establishments at home and abroad during the past fifteen years. Writing his biography for the fifteen year book he was both coy and evasive. Latest word showed he had reason to be. Frank was married on June 7 to Barbara Woodall Skinner. Widow of Louis Skinner of Omaha. Frank not only has two fine children Cynthia Ann, age 6 and Louis Woodall age 3 but his own daughter Kathryn was born on February 1st. Frank is at the Presidio taking Czech and preparing for assignment to Prague as Military Attaché. He has been to extra instruction six times the first month.

Frank Colacicco still retired but with station in London where he wrestles with the plumbing, fog, and commuter trains to the big city. Sees Lanny Witt a lot who is stationed on same job. John Dibble now in G-3 in the Pentagon. He, John Emery, and Lou Mendez live within a stone's throw of each other at Lake Barcroft, Falls Church, Virginia. Mendez is finished with school and is also with G-3 in the Pentagon. Minahan also reported in G-3. Bill Gildart assigned to Paris. Andy Delia one of the newly-married now lives at 8608 Bradmoor Drive, Bethesda, Maryland. Ray Renola after a year in Brussels, Belgium now with Headquarters Seventh Army APO 46, New York City. Lucas, Woody Smith in the same outfit and nearby in VII Corps is Harry Stella and Ben Delamater. John Pidgeon is in Heidelberg and welcomed a new baby girl last November. Martin Chandler still in Brussels and expects to be there until June. Woody Vaughn is Chief of Q.M. Procurement Center in Frankfurt.

Ralph Osborn wrote from Culver, Indiana to say that he had recently seen Dick Kent who is at Selfridge AFB and Symroski who is at Dayton at the Army-Michigan game. Coming East for the Army-Navy game Ralph saw the DeWitts, Clizbes, Vanderhoefs, Strongs, Woodwards, Roy Nelsons, Fairlamb, and the Miltons.

Len Orman in his swan song from the Washington area reports that Luther Arnold is on Formosa, Bates with the National Guard in New Orleans, Belt in the Army War College, Don Bennett to Germany via Fort Knox, Haseaman in Alaska, Ross at Fort Bliss, Labreche at the Industrial College at Fort McNair, Prann at New Castle, Delaware, Donohue at the Hun School in Princeton, New Jersey and Gayle Applegate in Denver, Colorado.

According to latest reports from the Army-Navy Air Force Journal those going to the National War College next August are Bingham, Cagwin, Denno and Bill Clark. Charlie Banks, Ted Davis and Joe Hardin will attend 1956-57 class at the Industrial College. Those selected for Army War College at Carlisle Barracks are: Bowlby, Jung, Reinecke, Chandler, M. B., Lemley, Shahan, Strauss, and Pfeil.

Anyone who ordered a fifteen year book should have it by now. If you ordered one and did not receive it please notify me at once so that I can trace it for you. There are twelve extra copies available at \$10.00. As soon as I hear that you want a book and receive your check made out to Class Fund USMA 1940 I will mail book to you. My address is 2167 Cacique Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico. Any news concerning classmates always welcome.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

It's Spring again. Will Vaughan is drawing his incomparable cartoons again. And the Old Fogies of '41 are starting to count the days again. Jack Christensen and the gang at West Point have planned a wonderful Reunion. The XV Yearbook is under contract and the necessary minimum of cash is in the bank or promised. The Overseas contingents who will not be able to get home are planning local reunions. Spring is wonderful.

With the irresistible Rumbo to help me, I am launching my last all-out drive to make sure that everyone has gotten the word on the Yearbook. At this point there are still seventy-seven on the "Not heard from" list. I have tried everything I can think of including Certified Mail. Still I hear almost daily from those who have not received the word except indirectly. I could start a "Believe-It-Or-Not" on the letters

that have not been delivered; such as, two sent c/o The Adjutant General which were returned stamped "Not at this address"!

The deadline for Biographical Poop, Family and Individual pictures is May 15, '56. The printer has made special arrangements to hold a few pages open so that the pictures of the Reunion can be included provided I get them in by June 15. The book will be delivered by mail beginning September 8.

I have 187 individual pictures, 143 family pictures and checks from 218. Many more of these items have been promised. It still looks as though about 300 out of 366 will participate. The class of '40 had 277 participants out of 390; I hope we can beat them. So far only 5 out of the 278 heard from have said "No Thanks."

It has been agreed that we make a small contest out of naming the book. Each man can send in as many suggestions as he cares to; the selection will be made by ballot among those attending the Reunion, and the winner will get his book free. If you have any suggestions please send them to me or to Jack Christensen.

One more very important item — please give me the address where you'd like the book delivered. I suggest you use your permanent address if you expect to change station this summer because the GI forwarding system is very unreliable. If I don't hear to the contrary the book will go to your present military address.

HOP SCOTCHING THE WORLD FOR HEADLINES

Pentagon: Not content with riding herd on the Washington Contingent which includes one-sixth of the class, Brad Smith hit the road recently to beat the bushes on a global basis in Tokyo, Taipei, Bangkok, Saigon and Manila. During his absence he deputized Wendy Knowles who completed the circuit so that all the Pentagonians are now in the "Heard From" department. *Taipei:* Jack McClure, assistant Air Attache is now putting his many months of Chinese language study to good use according to his wife, Peggy. Ted Slinye dropped in on them from Korea and John Atkison for 3 months TDY from Clark. *Kansas:* Charlie Murrah has recently been installed as manager by Mutual of New York in Kansas City, and has made contact with the gang at Leavenworth. Pete Crow, Comptroller of CADF at Grandview near Kansas City has kindly consented to prepare what should be a very interesting statistical analysis for the book. In the same balliwick Walt Woolwine continued to prod the troops at Leavenworth. They had a party on February 18 and have promised appropriate photo coverage through the view finder of Felchlin. Herb Clendening is building the Kansas Turnpike and is temporarily at 620 Grandview, Topeka. He finds life in the construction business much to his liking. *Frankfurt:* A. Wray White made a mighty contribution to the book with a pack of about 20 pictures covering parties and several excellent family group shots. *Heidelberg:* Ren Keleher moved north from Austria last fall and is now in the IG, USAREUR. With him for a time was Red Moyer, however, he had to come back to CONUS Air Evacuation with some internal ailment. Helen and the kids followed him home and are at her mother's address (2032 Belmont Road, NW, Washington). Red was sent to Valley Forge. *Benning:* Renee Linton reports that she and Bill are busy reminding the Benning troop to get their poop in. Babe Hendrickson is a recent arrival from Tokyo. *Mississippi:* Charlie Murrah, President of the Riverside Fertilizer Co., says he and Miriam would love to see any and all of the classmates who might pass through Marks (about 60 miles south of Memphis). *Boston:* Goober O'Connell reports he is col-

lecting pictures and "needing the Red Legs who have not sent in their poop." *California*: Ben McCaffery reports the arrival of their third child and first daughter. Tana Lou on July 10, 1955. Has bought a home 10 miles south of the Golden Gate. He is currently in the G-3 Section at Fort Baker, *Alaska*: Dave Woods and Charlie Busbee sent in all their poop. They are in adjoining offices in the Alaskan command. "Hank Bodson is nearby and promises to contribute soon." *Oklahoma*: Hank Irwin reports that he is now a "stinking capitalist" and owns Henry Irwin Pontiac, Inc. He asked me to announce that he "will give anyone in the class a Pontiac of their choice with whatever accessories they may wish at cost f.o.b. Detroit." *Madrid*: Senor Rod O'Connor sent his contribution and begged me to call off the dogs. He said not a day goes by that someone doesn't stick his head in the door and say "Have you sent Burt your \$12 yet?" This speaks well for the many guys who are helping me bird dog this project since Rod is the only man stationed in the Iberian Peninsula. *Massachusetts*: From Winchester, Dick Osgood writes that he has "left the Air Force and settled in his native habitat." He joined Sylvania and much to his surprise was assigned a desk only six feet from another Sylvania Executive, Dick Couch. *Izmir*: Karma Gleason (I ought to make this the Femmes number) writes to say that Bill is boning Turkish so he can keep on telling people he passes in the street that after three gals he finally sired a son, Bill Jr., on November 10, '55. He will be in G-3 SETAF. *Indo-China*: Paul Monson is finishing his MAAG tour and looking forward to his next assignment at Southern Pines. He and Baron Von Schrlitz, in Intelligence, are the only Vets of Viet. *Mannheim*: Mike Greene has been elected Honcho of the Mannheim-Heidelberg Chapter consisting of the Cleary's, Kelehers, Gerigs, Purdys, and Hewitts. They are laying on a Kraut type reunion for June 1, 2, and 3 that should match Munich's Fashing. *En Route*: John Oswald deposited Betsy and the kids with her parents at 4313 E. Whittier Pl., Tucson, sent in all poop, and took off for Viet Nam. *Gary Air Force Base, San Marcos, Texas*: Following in Phil Seneff's vapor trails, Spec Powell is on his way toward a pair of Army wings. He asked me to correct the poop sheet which showed his wife's name incorrectly: it is Celia and her nickname is Cleo. My apologies for the poor proof reading which also didn't catch the *i* that has been incorrectly added to Clare Armstrong's name. *Norfolk*: Wally Lauterbach bade farewell to John Oswald, John Callaway, Bill Gleason, and Walt Mather. In the new class are George Pickett and Dick Scott. *Mineola, Long Island*: Ted Shelton, of Union Carbide and Carbon Co., says anyone in the vicinity of Mitchel AFB will find his home within a couple of miles and the latch string out. He sent in the addresses of Jack Anderson and Bop Cooper. *Albuquerque*: From the law office of Boomer Drum comes word that Dick Polk is studying law at Vanderbilt. *Raleigh, North Carolina*: Joe McCulloch is the first guy who was cooperative enough to send in his questionnaire even though he does not care for a book. (As we go to press Charlie Maynard, Hq 7th Army, APO 46, New York, also declined a copy but sent in the questionnaire and pictures. He saw Al Moody, Moose Longino and Biss Moore at the WP dinner in Stuttgart.) This is fine. I still would like to have pictures and questionnaires on everyone. Still hope I can cut the "Not Heard From" list down to zero. *Texas*: Tom King, a pharmacist by trade and a Captain in the Marines on weekends sent in all his pictures and poop. We are delighted to have him join us and hope more of those who took the short course will do likewise. *Virginia*: Norm Coker has

had a nice promotion to Vice President and Treasurer of the Paul Knitting Mills and is moving to Pulaski. *Tokyo*: Bill Clifford spent the Christmas holidays rounding up the members of the Fugiyama Chapter: Pete Dilts, Barney Woodruff, Clint Ball, Stan Ramey, Dick Levy, Ken Kennedy, Bill Pratt, Joe Silk, Ham Avery and Boots Gilbert. *Hahn AFB, Germany*: When the Yankees win the American Legion Pennant the Sports Section of the newspapers hardly feel it necessary to prepare a banner headline. Similarly, I did not feel even the principals would expect an unusual announcement here of the birth of a child to Kay and Fred Ascani. For the record, however, let it be said that David arrived on November 23 at 8 pounds 12½ ounces to bring the count to four boys and four girls and further vex the Department of Internal Revenue. *School List*: To Army War College; Tom Sharkey, Bob Lanigan, Chuck Schiling, Wally Lauterbach and Dick Rastelles. To AFS College; Jim Strain, Ed Kisiel and Howdy Clark. Canadian National Defense College; Larry Greene. *Cazenorra, New York*: Stan Hutson reports that he and Peg are owners and operators of an Inn (Lake Meadows). He is currently on AD taking the Associate course at Leavenworth. *Karachi*: Dave Kunkle reported that he and John Meador are living it up with the Jodhpur and turban set. *Arlington*: Roy Atteberry asks that "if anyone has any material which might be appropriately included in an obituary of George Cooper" they should send it to him at 5533 17th St. N., Arlington 5. *Korea*: Horace Brown writes: "I just arrived at 7th Inf Div APO 7 SF so everyone should know where I am for the next 15½ months. Saw Paul Liles, Mike Aliotta, and wives and Joe Gurfein at Fort Lewis." *Florida*: Charlie Humber and Jack Telfair have reported in. Charlie made a quick trip to California but couldn't stand the climate and returned without being able to visit March. *Panama*: The Elsberry's, Garretts and Rasteters had a picnic and sent me a wonderful picture of the gang including 16 kids! *Oslo*: Ed Kisiel is leaving Norway this summer to attend AFSC, Norfolk. *Fort Huachuca*: Hugh Foster suggests a section of the book be set aside for "Those we left behind us, and those who married oil wells." *Fort Bragg*: Tom Sharkey reports: "Besides Tuck, George Adjemian, Joe Myers, Jim Carroll and Mort Birdseye are all here with lovely wives who haven't seen through them yet. George, poor fellow, is already getting senile—put on a solo hula a few nights back—and with nothing more to motivate him than a couple of quarters of giggle juice." *Schofield Barracks*: Betty Campbell writes that the Campbells and Strains are soaking up the Hawaiian sunshine and dreading the day they must return to the CONUS. *Denver*: Ed Dillard, Security Life Bldg, Denver 2, Colorado, says the latch string is always out to members of '41 plus a drink. He too is having trouble with my proof readers. His nickname is Cuz (for cousin) not Cut as my poopsheet and the *Howitzer* show. That's it folks, glad we could get the poop together.

—Burt Andrus.

1942

One short note from Joe Cannon at Aberdeen and a news release concerning that eminent author Charlie Fergusson, now in Ismir, is the sum total of information available to assist in writing this column. So all of you procrastinators please drop a line to Box 42 at West Point or to me at 303 Princeton Blvd., Alexandria, Virginia, so that there will be more news for the next Assembly.

Al Seifert arranged a '42 stag party at Fort Myer in January—about thirty of us were present. The Class-6 flowed freely before, during, and after dinner so you know everyone present was in high spirits. However the primary purpose for the affair was to enable Sam Koster and the other officials of the '42 Washington contingent to saddle a new group with the grueling responsibilities of high office. Amidst boisterous campaigning, foul play bordering on fisticuffs, stuffed ballot boxes, and screams of anguish, the bloody but democratic election was completed with the following results: Chairman—Jack Deane; Vice Chairman—Ted McAdam; Secretary—Dale Buchanan; Ass't Secretary—Wally Frank; Treasurer—Charlie Fishburne; Ass't Treasurer—Gene Weeks; Historian—Corky Corcoran; and Ass't Historian—Bill Hamilton. These fortunate individuals will serve until January '57 at which time another group will be elected (?) to office.

Now for the financial bad news. Charlie Fishburne, the new treasurer, advises that we have about \$51.00 in the class fund. This fund is used to pay for the annual publication and distribution of the class news and address list. Expenses incident to the publication of the news and address list last fall amounted to approximately \$125. As all you math hives have figured out by now, we will not be able to put one out this year unless all of us contribute, and soon. So everyone make out a check for a couple of bucks, payable to "Class Fund of 1942" and mail it to Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Fishburne, 113 West Greenway Blvd., Falls Church, Virginia. If the response to this urgent plea is generous, the next two or three class news and address lists will be assured.

Charlie Fergusson deserves a round of applause. He won the 1955 annual award of the Command and General Staff College publication THE MILITARY REVIEW. His prize winning article is entitled "Military Forces and National Objectives." According to reports Charlie received glory, as evidenced by his photo in the Army Times, and a sizeable hunk of good hard cash. . . While passing out the congratulations let's not forget Jack Crowley, our latest bird colonel I believe.

Here are little bits of news; some based on fact but most on rumor. From C&GSC at Leavenworth this summer: Dan Halpin and Tom Fury to the 8th Div at Carson to gyro to Europe later; Leon Hamerly to the San Francisco Engineer District; Al Hunter to civilian school (?); George Rehkopf, Bob Rawls and Rip Young to Far East; Garrard Foster to MAG Taiwan; Jack Cockrill to MAG France; Rollin Steinmetz to CONARC; Garth Stevens to 714th Tank Bn at Benning; Tom Tarver to Camp Hanford, Washington; Vogel to Chicago Procurement Office; Marshall Waller to Board No. 6 at Rucker. Dopey Stephens and Charlie Mizell are remaining at Leavenworth on the staff and faculty.

Phil Wyman was here from SACLANT at Norfolk (he's in the intelligence business there) and reported that we have five classmates at the Armed Forces Staff College. They are Phil Krueger, Ed Munns, Mark Burke, Fran Roberts and Crittenberger. They graduate the latter part of June I believe. Fran is scheduled to return to the Point as Graduate Manager of Athletics; rumors are that Crit will come to the Washington area; the others—unknown. Phil Wyman said this Norfolk group had a little reunion not long ago.

More bits of info. Jack Watson heads for Europe in August; Ted Marks to Korea in June; Al Seifert now enroute to MAG Japan and Don Fiskin returning from that assignment; Pat Timothy is transferring from Korea to Hq FEC in Japan; Mark Terrel and John Sitterson going to the Far

East; Don Bolton to the British Joint Services Staff College this fall; Sam Koster to SHAPE in May; Dick Hennessy to Alaska in June; Joe Cannon expects to go to Europe in the summer (Thanks, Joe, for the letter); Bob Evans due in here to Hq USAF any day now from the Far East; Paul Cerar and Dick Horridge going to the Air Univ at Maxwell this summer; Lee Cage returning to the Point from Formosa; Carl Ulsaker to be Advisor to the Ethiopian Military Academy; John Anderson leaving Washington this summer.

At last Kenny Hanst has become a member of the Army-Navy Country Club; Jim Cockrell racing Jaguars; the Davies expecting; Ben Hill is Joe Cannon's next door neighbor at Aberdeen.—That's all except for a final reminder. Don't forget to make out that check for the class fund or to mail it to Charlie Fishburne.

—Date Buchanan.

January 1943

Here it is March all of a sudden, and time again to attempt to gather the poop on the doings of as many of our Wandering Boys as possible. With few communiques coming in from abroad, we are leaning very heavily on local rumors, wishful thinking, the crystal ball, and even our hard-working competitor, the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal*. However, we do have some good-sized group functions to report, so let's get on with it.

The largest local affair for many a moon was the January 19 celebration. Through the kind arrangements of Tom and Luisa Mesereau, the big party was held at Leone's in New York, and a happier choice would be hard to imagine. Your amanuensis was regrettably unable to attend, so that much of the following is through Brenning Waters, a real Kemo Sabay. The West Point contingent was a large one, and will now be revealed in "my first exclusive": Dick and Nancy Batson, Bill and Mary D. Starnes, Roy and Ann Bowlin, Tut and Missie Frakes, Walt and Jo Hogrefe, Brenning and Judy Waters, Robin Baden, Joe and Nancy Benson, Merle and Sally Carey, Bill and Peggy Knowlton, Jug and Kiki Marshall, Mike and Eileen Michael, and Danny and Skippy Moore. This cagey group chartered

a bus, with considerable foresight, and set up a (gasp) bar therein. With Bill Knowlton kneading his accordion, accompanied by the rhythmic creak of bending elbows, this happy safari was in excellent shape by the time it hit the George Washington Bridge. Group singing continued most of the length of Manhattan, until the lubricated mass screeched to a halt at Leone's and was met by Tom Mesereau and a mounted policeman (Leone's furnishes *everything*). Inside, according to all reports and verified by photographs of the groaning board, was a banquet beyond all description—even Tut Frakes, who has eaten on the Poop Deck, was speechless. Between the many courses there was general fraternizing, with expressions of surprise and gratification at how many classmates had been flushed from cover in the New York area. Those pursuing quasi-military duties nearby included Darrie and Pat Richards (USMA expatriates), Doug and Shirley Blue, Ted and Barbara Lutrey, and Don and Betty Vleck, while among the leaders of commerce and industry were Jack and Barbara Upchurch, Rabbit and Carol Brook, Paul and Audrey Andrepoint, Shifty — pardon, Jack and Joan Shaffer, Bill and Jean Cucolo, Bob and Marge Lawrence, and, *sine qua non*, Tom and Luisa Mesereau. Both Bill Lewis and Clarke Hain had hoped to be present, but couldn't quite make it.

It being a school night, the USMA task force had to disengage at a regrettably early hour, and most took the same bus back home; although there have been contrary rumors, Brenning reports that the return trip was quiet and uneventful—i.e., he was asleep. All agree that this was one of the finest gatherings the class has ever had in this area; profuse gratitude goes to the Leones and the Mesereaus for making it possible, and particularly to Mr. Leone for making the group feel so much at home. It is unfortunate that the photographs of the affair were somewhat too many and too large to reproduce here.

The chapter out at Leavenworth also had a Thirteenth Anniversary party of large proportions. Its description and other information come from Bill Neale and Don Wilbourn, and from a letter, with photograph, from Jim Kelleher to Mike Michael here. Out there the January 19 party was held, of course, on the 20th (in line with the G-2 session on Deception) at the Hunt Lodge,

and by all reports it was a howling success. As Jim wrote: "Everyone turned out except Ed Lowry (mumps), Mitch Goldenthal (had signed up but something came up at the last minute so he couldn't make it), John Healy, Les Heltzer (think he had some illness in the family), J. D. McGowan, and Mike Dakin. Am enclosing a photo; maybe you can get us a little free publicity via *Assembly*." Subject photograph almost went astray, as it was hastily misidentified at this end as a Father-and-Daughter Banquet of a pre-World War I class until somebody recognized Hal Barber. All is straightened out now, the photo is being submitted, and we have our fingers crossed for its publication.

Crash, crash, ta-ra-ta-ta! Ruffles and flourishes seven times! The Kellehers were blessed with their seventh (7th) (VII) daughter on January 30! Jim announces that the young lady has been named Suzanne, but it is reported that his stock of girls' names is about exhausted—and any suggestions from the field in case of future necessity?

Pressing the Kellehers hard, apparently, are Jackie and Al Saari, as witness the arrival on December 4 of young Philip, third boy and fifth in line of succession to the Saari fortune.

Recent arrivals at Leavenworth—in time for the big party, be it noticed—are Adrian and Penny St. John and their two boys. Saint, who is being assigned to S&F, came from the 7th Division in K..., where he had the 73d Tank Battalion, according to ever-reliable PIO.

Just about three days after the deadline for the last issue—get that old TD timing—arrived a letter from Joe Conmy. Ever the old legpuller, Joe claimed he and the other C&GSC students were working themselves to the bone, at the same time filling us in on the heavy social calendar out there. My second exclusive, from classified sources, is that Joe spent a rather anxious month while Marie rehearsed and played the lead in a very successful post presentation of "Craig's Wife." Joe, boy—who's this fellow Craig?

We now get to the matter of new assignments. Career Management has shaken loose all sorts of commitments, some already backed by orders, and as a public service we reproduce some of them here:



THIRTEENTH REUNION, CLASS OF JANUARY 1943, FORT LEAVENWORTH

Back Row: Tony Antonioli, Adrian St. John, Harry Pritchett, Ray Ruyffelaere, Ralph Hofmann, DeWitt Armstrong, Tibby Anderson, Pete Pavick, Wray Page, Don Wilbourn, Pete Grimm, Joe Conmy, Johnny Norris, Tom Griess, Stu Meyer, Bill Talbott.

Third Row: Betty Reynolds, Hannah Ruyffelaere, Mary Greenberg, Pat Pritchett, Penny St. John, Jane Meyer, Ovidia Truex, Jackie Saari, Louise Wilbourn, Mary Grimm, Verlie Antonioli, Kay Armstrong, Rosalind Anderson, Mary Jo Kelleher, Bertina Byers.

Second Row: Betty Sanders, Pat Harding, Jane Hatch, Charity Baker, Dolly Neale, Sally Hofmann, Agnes Talbott, Priscilla Berenzweig, Louise Brown, Betty Griess, Marie Conmy, Irene Norris, Anne Pavick, Marian Karrick, Nina Page.

Front Row: Roy Sanders, Les Harding, Mac Hatch, Hal Barber, Bill Neale, Howard Wehrle, B-wig Berenzweig, Tim Brown, Jim Kelleher, Al Saari, Hank Greenberg, Ralph Truex, Sam Karrick, Emmett Reynolds.

The largest group, that at Leavenworth, is to scatter as follows: Far East—Hank Greenberg and Roy Sanders; Europe—Lee Heltzel, Emmett Reynolds, and Al Saari; MAAGs—Don Wilbourn to romantic Saigon, Pete Pavick to Formosa; SHAPE—Joe Conmy; Hawaii YET—Mac Hatch; Civil Schooling—Pete Grimm to USC for Guided Missiles, Dee Armstrong to Princeton for International Relations, Wray Page to Syracuse to learn to Comptrol, Bill Neale (that's not a misprint) to Georgetown for International Relations (Come back, Dean Atcherson, all is forgiven!), and Jim Kelleher to tone up at Springfield College before coming to USMA as a "Man from Maher's" (Physical Education). Coming direct to USMA will be Tom Griess and Les Harding to MA&E, as historian and engineer respectively, and Bill Talbott to succeed Walt Hogrefe as CO of the Engineer Detachment, 1802d Special Regiment. CONARC has claimed both Howie Wehrle and Stu Meyer, while Sam Karrick and Marv Berenzweig go to 82d Airborne. Harry Pritchett is to stay at Leavenworth on S&F, and Ray Ruyffelaere and Johnny Norris go to S&F at Benning and Sill, respectively. Other division assignments: Tony Antonioli to the 3d at Benning, Ralph Hofmann to the 4th Armored at Hood, and Tibby Anderson to the 101st Airborne at Campbell. Mac McGowan draws ROTC duty at Colorado A&M, Little John Healy goes to the front office of Army Ack-Ack at Colorado Springs, and Ralph Truex has been tapped for R&D in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. Mike Dakin is, at this writing, still sweating out the word.

While it will be virtually impossible to replace the current high-level student group at C&GSC, it appears that DA is going to try. Scheduled to report out there this summer are Dick Batson and Bill Hensel from here, Bob Baden, Brad Lundberg, Don Powell, Jim Aleveras, Gerry Cosgrove, Bob Fiss, Frank Shaw, George Rebh, Frank Camm, Milt Stevens, Walt Cook, and Porky Nickel. Robin Baden reports that Bob is due back here from Korea any day; they'll have some leave in Highland Falls before pushing off to Leavenworth, where Bob will do a little light work for the S&F before school starts.

Other pending reassignments, not necessarily official yet, have Darrie Richards headed for FECOM, Bill Starnes to go to East Ocean Division, CE, in New York, and Tom Farnworth to 1st Division at Riley. According to the *Journal*, Dana Stewart has resigned. Confirming previous rumors, a belated PIO report shows Ed Bennett at CONARC.

Walt Hogrefe has succeeded in beating the system: He is leaving USMA after only TWO YEARS to return to his old outfit, the 101st Airborne at Campbell. Walt, Jo, and the kids will leave in July—after having, we trust, indoctrinated Bill Talbott into the job here. Walt reports having seen Joe Nett at Monmouth; believes Joe was working out of G-3 there. About Christmas time he ran into Cleo Bishop, visiting his wife's folks in Highland Falls; Cleo was headed south for station. And Walt reminds us that Kathie Beeson stopped by last fall when she came East for her sister's wedding. She and Tom are out at Hamilton AFB, California, where the redhead is with WADF.

Reverting to his official capacity, Walt stresses again the availability of a few class bow ties at 50c a throw, and a few rare first editions of our Ten-Year Howitzer, which he will surrender for a lousy \$2.50 "plus a few cents postage." Admitting that he'll lose money on these bargains of a lifetime, Walt says his class spirit just carried him away.

Harvey Linton, up at Stewart AFB, is now Chief of the Combat Operations Center

at Headquarters Joint Eastern Air Defense Force—goodbye sleep, boy! He and Peggy, with Laura (9), John Jr. (7), and Lydia (almost 1), live the life of country squires at Station Road, Campbell Hall, New York, some seven miles from Stewart and twenty-five from WP.

From Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, comes word of the presentation of the Distinguished Service Medal to T. D. Harrison. As we all know, T. D. earned this decoration many times over while a PW in North Korea from May 1951 to August 1953. Extracts from the citation are certainly worth reading: "Despite the unskilled amputation of one injured leg, and six crude and primitive operations on the remaining one, . . . long periods of sadistic torture and ruthlessly incessant interrogations, Colonel Harrison . . . refused to divulge security information to the enemy. In November 1951, during a forced winter march of 140 miles . . . Colonel Harrison, although compelled to hobble along on crude and makeshift crutches and clad only in lightweight clothing, frequently surrendered his place on the one small ox-cart to other prisoners whom he considered in worse condition than he was. . . His outstanding courage and leadership was an instrumental factor in inspiring other prisoners with the will to resist the enemy." Since his return, T. D. has been affiliated with the Sandia Corporation down there in New Mexico.

Tut Frakes advises that recent promotions among the Blue-Suiters have seen Ike Behn and Joe Dover rise to half-colonel, while Rex Dettre, Kaye Berry, Jeb Stuart, Long John Courtney, Bob Walling, and Bart Yount were standing at the head of the line as eagles were issued. Congratulations from all of us and from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Ran into four of the musketeers down at the Pentagon a few days ago. Flywheel Flanagan is flying a desk in Career Management, and what with afternoon squash and mess-hall discipline, looks about eight ounces over his Beast Barracks weight. Jack Wood is a pillar of the Legislative and Liaison office, and it's a comforting thought to have such an International Figure in that spot during an election year. Had lunch with Bart Mallory and Rex Minckler. Bart is in his first year in CMD, and in his spare time is working on his MA in Personnel Management—the better to do his job, naturally. Rex, who is finishing a tour in G-3 (now called something much more complicated, of course), is coming to USMA this summer; as he is indirectly my replacement in MA&E, I filled him in on the arduous schedule in History of Military Art and enjoyed his light green color.

Career Management is plugging assignments to US Army Forces Easter Island. That's a small headquarters—CG, aide, C/S, PIO, Mess Steward, photographer, and one bar man for island defense—but is tightly organized. I had been told that the tour there was six weeks without dependents, but new DA policy prescribes a full two months, so I lost interest.

In closing, let me pass on Tut Frakes's suggestion that we begin to give some thought to the 15th Reunion, and even to the 20-Year (ouch) Howitzer. He thinks some sort of chain letter might tour the major centers of January '43 population, as a start. Ideas from the field, particularly from those soon starting USMA-ward, will be very welcome. Meanwhile, send me your current tales of woe before June 10.

—Bill Wade.

June 1943

The brethren have apparently been working out their duty with diligence, because

Old Box Two USMA has been a yawning void all these months and Ye Scribe has practically nothing to say. Jesse and Janie Fishback heard from the happy R. A. and Jan Brandts in London. Their address is USASG UK Box 65 Navy 100, FPO, NYC. They have been seeing the Dave Chamberlains who are at Ryslip, England. Jesse also tells us that the Clare Farley's are leaving Leavenworth to go to USAREUR come June.

Mo Anderson, of the local Headshrinker's Department (them cadets!) says Al Hegenberger wrote on his Christmas card that the following folk are at Maxwell AFB: Chandler, Rundell, Cox, Shea, Potter, Kiefer, Huau, and MacGregor. Bill Scott got weathered in at Stewart in February and dropped in to chat with our Mo. He's at George Wash. U. in D. C. studying International Relations!

Letter from Charlie Pence, who's now finished his horrible doings at Columbia and is back home in Washington. He sees people like the Ray Blatts (so who's like the Ray Blatts?) Teague, Harries, Courseys, Harolds, Surkamps, Weyricks—You know—around Washington. He also heard Rex Crocroft's address—14882 Miranda Ave., Las Altas, California. Charlie had a family crisis at Christmas time necessitating his getting to Augusta, Georgia in a hurry, and who but our mutual friend Cyrus (the Great) Silvester flew him there in his trusty oil-burning kazoo! They got there in two minutes, fourteen seconds according to Charley, but then he always lies. Charley, Mary Sue and brood live at 5048 37th St., N., Arlington, Virginia.

From the Joint Brazil-US Military Commission, APO 676 NYC (River of January) comes a rotund, roundly written letter from the confessedly-emaciated Geo. Campbell. George, ever on the outlook for any kind of notoriety, announces the arrival of a highly-unlikely "fifth child". This is supposed to have taken place on December 7th (sic) 1955, at "Strangers" Hospital in that capital, and we are asked to believe that the infant, a fourth daughter, arrived weighing twenty-seven lbs. Readers of this column will recall that George is one of the many only living ex-scribes, fired. The story is, for a much-too-heavy fictional hand in recording the Class news, and I see his vice is now in the final, or Reflexive, stage. Join me in the hope that Leavenworth will be for him, as for all, the Certain Cure.

Allen and Antoinette Burdett, from their dust-bound lowland home at the Air Folks Academy, report the arrival February 17 of young Margaret Briscoe, weight thirty-seven lbs., 6 oz.

Has anyone besides me ever noticed how much the babies of our class seem to weigh? Must have been that Washington Hall chow. . .

From his gung-ho Arty Battalion in Germany writes Don Jalbert. He was laid up in a hospital with some sort of back injury and the results upon his hand-writing were so catastrophic that we can't make out a word he says. This even after three gruelling years of deciphering the frenzied and nocturnal diatribes of many a yearling and many a plebe, God keep 'em!

From Bad Bob Plett, Plebe Pythagoria P. par perfection, proceeds poop that H. and Anne Schroeder, now stationed at Washington, are the proud possessive parents of another baby boy (total two) arrived February, weight forty-seven lbs. Also the Pletts have word that Willy Malone, Gauleiter of Korea, has progressed up (?) to be S-3 of 7th Div Arty. Weight two fifteen lbs.

Jim Phillips is slated for USMA's Dept. of MA&E for the next three years.

John Moses on a recent trip to Bliss was edified by having our George Alexander as an instructor at the Speckled Weapons Course. He (Geo.) and family are Leaven-

worth bound this summer, along with the cream of the Class.

Gord Cantlay reports that Jim and Elaine Cain, of the Fort Knox Cains, have been blessed with a fifty-eight lb. daughter, number two of this gender, who arrived on December 25, 1955.

"And that", good laborers, "is all she wrote", as we say in the Forces. I leave you with the plea to keep the old ties with Mecca, write us, come see us, and send in the damned money. Hundredth Night has, and this, alas, portends June, tears, and exile. But first there'll be June Week, at which we all hope to see some of the Old Bunch. Come! Shoot the poop to Box Two and we'll lay you on. We'll bring you to a fine party that we're fixing to have on Saturday Night, June 2. And then the war-stories, the children, the years, the cares, the grey hairs, and the *lies* can be laid away, and we can become cadets again. One can do worse than be a cadet again.

—Wick.

1944

I've noticed lately that I'm getting more and more notices of resignations from Army or Air Force from our Class. This seems to be a trend of the times with civilian life offering in most cases definite advantages over what the services offer. Most classmates are going into companies in one engineering capacity or another. I hope "those in authority" come up with something soon to make things more attractive from a monetary point of view.

Last quarter I think I'd heard of resignations of Al McCorkle, Jim Monihan and Jim Giles. Now I find that Jack Howell, Ted Bartz, Al Wald, Channing Gilson and Bill Murray have resigned at one time or another.

The "California Civilian Corps," as Norma Bartz calls it, is steadily growing. Channing Gilson and Alva with their two daughters have been civilians since 1948. Channing has his own industrial designing business in Los Angeles.

Jack Howell and Adelaide now have four children including twin sons born last August. Jack resigned in the Summer of 1954 and since that time has been with Philadelphia Gear Company.

Some California real estate agent should pay our Class a commission for when Ted and Norma Bartz went to California in 1954 they found living conditions near Ted's work not quite up to snuff. Then came the Ten Year Book and they found out the Al Wald's lived nearby so they bought a home overlooking the Pacific just around the corner from Al and Enes. Ted worked for North American Aviation for some time and is now with Hughes Aircraft. Al has been with Hughes for the past four years. Address of Ted and Norma is 901 Calle Miramar, Tedondo Beach.

Bill Murray is with North American and he and Ruth and two children are living somewhere in the San Fernando Valley.

Here's more news passed on by the Bartz's: Ace Edmunds has recently gone from Langley to Wright-Patterson to France to Germany and in the process picked up his silver leaf. Chuck Czapar is putting to good use the Russian he studied back in 1950-51 as several of the Class received Christmas cards from him from Moscow. Bob Reagan and Bruce Deakin are both in Dayton at Wright-Patterson. Back in the good old days Bartz, Tommy Moore and Gervais roomed together as most of you will remember. At last count they had an even dozen children between them: Ted and Norma four, Tommy and Maudie three and Ted and Dobbie five. The Moore's live at 108 Hirsch Circle, Fort Bragg and the Ger-

vais' at 752 South 5th Street, Salina, Kansas.

Here's another civilian. Jimmy Stewart is working in San Francisco, address 8137 Geary Blvd. The Wald's, by the way, live at 349 Avenida Atezada, Redondo Beach. Bob and Sally Armstrong are at 1525 East Cache La Poudre, Colorado Springs.

Special note to George Pappas: Do you know of the whereabouts of Dean Bressler's Ten Year Book? Dean never got by West Point on his return from India to pick it up and I suppose its still floating around there somewhere. Dean is at 67 Younger Avenue, San Jose, California and had lately see Wolf and Suzy Wolfinger and Art Hyman while knocking around San Francisco.

Ent A.F.B. at Colorado Springs is supplying temporary employment for some of 1944. I mentioned Bob Armstrong above. Bill McGlothlin is "Master of the Prop" at the Air Force Academy and busily engaged following in the footsteps of our old friend, General Messinger. Fred Porter tells me he now has three children, the Dave Fitton's three, the Armstrong's three and slow Jack Geyer still one. That's the first I'd heard of my old summer camp roommate Geyer since graduation so my thanks to Fred for the Colorado news.

Here's odd bits of information gleaned from Christmas cards—The Hales are still down at Shalimar, Florida (Box 216) where Joe is at Eglin A.F.B.; Sam Hesse with Barbara and the two children are at 2522 Guadalupe, San Angelo, Texas, where Sam is in the real estate and insurance business. Sam and I seem to be the only civilians not in some phase of engineering work but then neither of us were real first section material. Dave Silver was to get home in February according to B.J. who's been living in Woodbury, New Jersey. I'd like to see old "Pop" again myself. George and Pat Pappas are in Haddonfield, New Jersey, where George is doing some work with "Nike" installations. Jack and Mary Hennessey with their four children have bought a home at 2406 Hemlock Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Jack, as I probably reported before, is with Career Management in the Pentagon. I flew over the Pentagon coming home from up East the other day and thought of Jack, Charles Daniel, John Donaldson and all the boys slaving away as I sat back and relaxed with coffee and cigarette. The Daniels bought a home in Arlington, 1021 N. Livingston. Art Hyman sent greetings to all from the Presidio, where he's in the office of 6th Army Hq. Another pair of civilians, Ted and Betty Altier are still in Rochester, New York. Fred and Kitty Smith and daughter will be at 510-8 Kearney Avenue, Fort Leavenworth until summer. Bachelor Jim Connell sponged his Christmas card from Hq., 3rd B.N., 22nd Inf., A.P.O. 39, New York. We all enjoyed the card George Hayman drew by hand, probably on company time, as he is teaching US and NATO officers in Bavaria. George's address is 7712 AV, IMPS, A.P.O. 172, New York. Red and Sugar Aldrich are at 124 Glendale Avenue, Rochester, Michigan, and I suppose Red is still with General Motors. It is always nice to have the attractive card from the Dick Patches from their farm at Philmont, Virginia. We had spaghetti for supper last night and I thought of Ginette trying to teach me how to handle same properly.

Bob and Betty Rodden sent me a group picture of the Army-Navy game party they had in Washington, but it came too late for publication. Shown having a good time were Dave and Betsy Blake, Del and Helen de la Mater, Bing and Ginny Bingham, Doug and Wade Kinnard, John and Kay Susott, Dave and Polly Henderson, and Bud and Sarah Patridge.

Bob and Kay Selton have been in Athens, Greece the past three years where Bob has been assigned as Assistant Military Attache. Will be back home in July and shortly thereafter Bob will report to Leavenworth for C&GS School. The Ginsburgs, Bob and Nancy, are in Naples connected with NATO. They do some kind of fishing around Greece that I never heard of but it must be fun—at least it requires lots of gear and the Selton's most pressing problem is how to get it home in a legitimate manner.

See you later, Alligator. Write me.

—Buford Norman.

1748 Vinton, Memphis, Tennessee.

1945

And a Merry Christmas to you too! Now wait a minute; you only *think* I'm off my rocker. But what I have in front of me as I stare into my typewriter waiting for inspiration to descend is a stack of Christmas cards—about 55 or so—from various of you, that I have carefully treasured since the last go-around of egg nog, holly wreaths and mistletoe. (Love that mistletoe!!). Instead of trying to organize the lot of them into an orderly, unified paragraph or two, we're just going to haul off and go through the bunch giving you the news from each as we lift it out of the stack. Ready or not, here goes!

First off are two which make a pair. Both of them have a scenic German landscape on the front, very picturesque. T-Lou, Kinn III, and Bert Bailey's card has inside the 2nd Armored Division insignia, Bert being with G-3 Air. The card from Alice, Gail, and Bob Burgess has the V Corps emblem, Bob's aide assignment having previously been reported in the column. The card from Mary and Dick Gorder was mailed from Boston but prospect was that they would leave right after New Year's for Fort Hood. Promised to write from there, which they haven't done yet!! Here is Boots Blesse's address for the several of you who have requested it: 4 Clay Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. That is from outside of envelope containing card from himself, Dotty, Brick, and Melanie, so it's official. A family affair was the card of Frances and Bruce Barnard; a joint one with Frances' parents and brother and wife. Inside pictures of the Roderick grandchildren including the three Barnards; Frances, Bruce M. III, and Mary Olga. Where from??? Where else but my own natal city, El Paso, Texas, suh!! (If you have to live in the Southwest, no better place! Sure beats Oklahoma!) Rosanne and Jock McQuarrie's card mentioned regrets about missing the big game, though Leslie Jo, their new arrival, was more than adequate compensation. Not on the card but a later piece of news was Jock's inclusion on the list for Leavenworth next year. In fact that Leavenworth list brought great rejoicing up at West Point. At the moment, can't think of a classmate up there now and due to leave in June who wasn't on it. The Vinsons, Hughes, Moores, Perrys, Elkeys, etc, etc. Actually I must amend that to say the "C and GS List", not Leavenworth, for the Bill Perrys are bound for the Air counterpart to Leavenworth at Maxwell, and the Jim Elkeys are bound for the Navy's version up in Rhode Island, which reminds us of an amusing sidelight to that assignment. We learned of it from Jim himself when he was down here in January on a flying visit. Over a Pentagon cafeteria lunch table he told us how pleased he had been with the assignment since it would put him very close to his family and home in the same state. He assumed that was why Career

Management had hand picked him for it. But upon paying them a call, he learned that it had had nothing to do with it; in fact they hadn't even known of the happy choice they'd made 'til Jim called their attention to it. Pessimistically, I hoped, without saying so, that they wouldn't turn around and change the orders! But so far they haven't. Other future Leaven-loafers currently at Woo Poo on my Xmas card list were Barbara, Joe, Jimmy, Brooks, and Hank Hughes; the Hal Moores who pleaded that "the lure of T.V., warm house, and cold beer" kept them away from the Navy game. Now I ask you! (Personally we prefer the old "No excuse" poop!) And we've saved Margaret and Bill Vinson 'til last, for just a few weeks ago we had the shock of our lives when we unexpectedly ran into them at the Metropolitan Opera, of all places. Vin begged us to keep it quiet because revealing the news would ruin his distinction as the most unmusical member of the class, the "Alma Mater" and "Star Spangled Banner" being the sum and substance of his musical appreciation. I would have to admit the fact, for instance, that he fell asleep during the first act of BRIGADOON when we saw it together back in '48. But never underestimate the power of woman, or has that previously been expressed by someone else?? For *Lohengrin* is much harder going than Brigadoon. Yet Margaret got him to the opera. And he really enjoyed those intermissions! And so did we over the drink we had in the small, *cheap* bar on 40th Street!

But back to Yuletide Greetings. Next in the stack is a gayly colored card from Alma and Ted Flum from Philadelphia. Another large, lovely one from Betty Lou and Ted Adair which looked back unbelievably to that Navy game and forward to future trips for Ted all over the U.S. The card from Martha, Chris, Jan, and Jim Christiansen began, "We're enjoying it so much at West Point and wish it could last forever." To which I reply, "You should, and it won't." Jim is these days teaching Plebe Math. Peggy and Dick Haley's card was posted a few blocks away at South Fort Myer, but there's been a change or two since then. First of all, Dick has joined G-2—oops, General Gaither please excuse—I mean "Intelligence", at the Pentagon. And in addition, in view of the fact that he, Peg and the five kids will have three more years here, they have bought a house out in Springfield, Virginia, where current homeowners include the George Bushes and Frank LaBoons. Cards from both are here in the stack, and though there are no jottings on them, the arrival of Susan LaBoon in early February is more than just newsworthy. Also of the D.C. crowd are Leila and Barney Broughton, Joyce and Pete Spragins, and Elaine and George Casey; the Spragins and Caseys leave us this Summer for that Kansas Command and GS Campus and will be greatly missed at all class confabs. However Jean and John Bennett will be on hand for another year at least, together with their new addition, young Bobby Bennett, who arrived in mid-February. And just one week later, the Bennett's perennial next-door neighbors, Joan and Frank Kane, were overjoyed when Mary Trudeau made it two girls to four boys in the Kane nursery. Shortly thereafter, Frank received orders which will keep him here in Washington for another three years after he finishes his Georgetown University course this Spring. Christmas card from their neighbors, Jane and Keith Nusbaum, shows Susan, Keith, and Sally with stockings in the "ready position" for Santa. Keith senior is one of the "wheels" on the W.P. Society here in D.C. which is sponsoring an anniversary dinner this March 17th at the Shoreham. So he's pulling the old, "Anything for a classmate" routine to suck

us all into passing out poopsheets to all and sundry.

The Harvey Boyd's card was an exotic one from Istanbul which, according to Ertha Kitt, is also Constantinople. Actually they are in Ankara, but if you are as ignorant, geographically, as am I, Constantinople helps to put you in the right area. Harvey is an assistant judge advocate with Joint Military Mission for Aid to Turkey and has been there over a year now. Evidently it's a two year tour, for he hopes to return to the U.S. next Summer. The address for the Boyds is Hq. JAMMAT, JAG, APO 206-A, New York. Some other European correspondents were Marilyn, Bill, Sue and Steve Day whose return address read G-3 Section, 7th Army, APO 46. Steve seems to be enjoying his job as maneuver officer, though that 1957 rotation date still exerts some attraction. We reported Johnni and Bill McNamee's early card in the last issue, but subsequently we've received word that Gregory Michael has joined them in Germany. Congratulations to the young man for picking such a likely pair of parents!

Still with the overseas contingent of the class, George Crowell's card was suitably Oriental for his current second Nipponese tour and awakened happy recollections of our six months together as engineers (Honest!) in Northern Honshu back in '46-'47. Vi and Giff Holden's Madame Butterfly-like card included a note with the info that he is flying F-86 Ds out of Naha, Okinawa, and that he won beaucoup de loot from Annapolis grads of '52 last Winter. Such news warms the old heart. Nice to think that Woo Poo kay-dets are back in the import trade rather than the export which was our lot for two out of three, n'est ce pas??? Eleanora and Ernie Denz probably did not see a white Christmas out there in Hawaii, but how many of us wouldn't trade places with them all the same??? Ernie is with an Engineer Bn of 25th Division at Schofield Barracks. However it is Eleanora to whom the credit line is due for the added note which told of the Tony Parrishes being at Hickam and the Hawk Woods' also being in the area.

Checking in with the school crowd now at Leavenworth, the McCuniff's card signed by Nina, Kelly, Dennis and Tom told of a pleasant year now in progress and recent news of their West Point assignment renews our faith in the luck of the Irish, not that we'd ever begrudge it to the McSniff's. Not only did we have the usual card from C. B. Tommy, Brudde, and Tom Maertens, but brother Jim next door to us in the Pentagon told us of their forthcoming return to D.C. even before the news was official. Tom's later letter was not overjoyful over his being the first classmate to have two tours at the Pentagon, but we here in Washington are happy at the prospect of their joining us this Summer. The Jim Herberts' card also originated from Leavenworth but no news yet on their new assignment.

'Twas a surprise to hear from Annie and Jim Holcomb and three boys down in Atlanta. At last word they were still out Chicago way. However at present Jim is back in school as a bona fide wreck from Georgia Tech. In fact the latest word is that he was laid up with a broken toe. That, we could have foreseen. Feet that size are bound to get you in trouble! You've never seen anyone with so much of him turned under at the end. James is studying Electronics, which sounds strange to me. As I recall he used to hire a repair man to plug in his radio!) Anne mentions the M. L. Prices still being in Hawaii and anti-thetically the Phil Lansings being in Alaska. She also echoed the unanimous vote of enthusiasm for the ten year book. Mention of Georgia automatically occasions

thoughts of Fort Benning. Audrey and Les Ayers' card came from there with label 3rd Co, 1st Student Bn. Betty and Bill Ochs' note from there was warm and nostalgic as usual. We're anxiously awaiting news of their post-school orders. Bunny and Bob Hall continue to be loyal correspondents. In fact, the reverse side of their card with photo of themselves and the kids AND Nikka, their dog, contains so much news, we'll just quote: "Nancy and Joe McCarthy had a daughter. Ricky and Link Landis a son a month ago. Warren Drake now in Thule, Greenland. Eysters are also here now. Betty and Bill Ochs just as wonderful as ever. John Carley keeps all the parties gay. He's to be master of ceremonies at Class New Year's Eve party, male can-can line etc." So can't you imagine from all this that Benning is still one of the class centers of activity. Thanks Bunny.

Have just encountered several cards from this area in the stack The Paul Wheatons are still partners in crime with me in G-2, as are the Bob Waddingtons. Have not seen the Bill Taylors in a few months; in fact not since I spent an afternoon with them last Fall. But at that time they were still comfortably situated in their home in Mount Vernon's lovely back yard. Janis and Larry Jones' card came from Aberdeen, but have already informed you readers that they are now out at Fort Carson. Tommy Maertens was our informant as to the news that Doris and Dick Williams are bound for there from C&GS and will gyroscope with them to Europe this Summer. Joe Adams, now with 530 FA Missile Bn at Bliss will be bound for Europe this Spring, according to news published in El Paso papers. Joe was in town over the Christmas holidays visiting his brother and brought news of the Marises, Ingham, and other 45ers out Fort Bliss way. Jane and Sylvan Salter, who are practically home-steaders there, checked in with their own card. So did Lei and Bob Fye whose glittery Christmas tree card was one of the most attractive of all. Dodie and Pat Powers sent out the usual warm, Christmas letter, the best kind of Christmas greeting, telling of a full and happy year at Bliss, the highlight of which was the arrival of Joanne last April 26th. Martha and Jim Rasmussen's card also had a Texas postmark, Gatesville, near Fort Hood, but the note on its disclosed a coming transfer to Saudi Arabia!

Reported Marie and Larry Fox' card in last issue. Faye Bennett was still in Philly at Christmas and Jack at Knox, their separation being occasioned by the housing shortage in the Fort Knox area. Gerry and Bob Woods' card came from the new locale for them of Princeton. A later post card told of a vacation in Havana. We read their account of sunbathing all day and mamboing all night as the snow flakes flicked off our widow panes. Audrey and Jess Gatlin with young Jesse, Donna, and John Robert were counting their blessings in their note. Just completing a pleasant assignment with RCAF in Ottawa and looking forward to reporting to University of North Carolina in January for Jess to work on getting his Master's in English. Also disclosed that J. F. Allens are at March Air Force Base in California; the Dan Farris are at Otis AFB in Massachusetts; and the Phil Dolans at Charlottesville, Virginia where he is working on a Master's in Nuclear Physics. Johnny Chickering still at Maxwell AFB, probably sunbathing all winter on Florida weekends. Betty and Art Lozano broke a long silence and brought us up to date on the size of their family; four, the other two being Dianne and Tommy. They are at that unmentionable Artillery post in that unmentionable Western state which had a musical comedy named after it. But their next

assignment is bound to be an improvement. Nancy and George Troxell are in the same state; live in the city of the same name. Card sounds as if they're happy about it too. Still puzzles me.

The card with imprint "The Cranes, Dick, Pat and Stephen" originated in Los Angeles and pinpointed a veritable colony of '45 out there at USC. They, the Tom Fitzpatrick, Mark Rivers, and George Churchill all were to have finished their courses in January and moved on to Fort Bliss. H. Dale Wilson to stay on there until June and the Jim Harringtons, who welcomed their first child, a girl, last August, will be at USC til June of '57. Was happy to be back on Bev and George Wallace's list. But Bev's note from Charlottesville, Virginia has us perplexed, for it bore news that Charlie somebody or other was coming to Washington in February, but I'm dinged if I can make out that last name. Reminds us of Doug Kenna's kidding of Jean Bennett to the effect that all her friends were going to chip in and buy her a typewriter so they could actually read her letters. Speaking of the Kennas, nobody read their cards this year because they were so busy moving into their new home that they didn't get the cards out. However Jean did get off some post-Christmas notes with news of plans for a Spring trip northeast to West Point. Margaret and Bill Snow's Carolina card said, "Come see us." And that we shall certainly do next time we travel south. Lou Gingras' card was in French and we muddled through that; but his handwritten note was more cryptic. It said "Watch for that new spirit of '56." Anybody got any ideas??? A lovely card, though. And finally we were happy to hear from Ralph Bassett, an ex-classmate, victim of the Math Department, whom we remembered from old H-1 days. He's in the Army stationed at Pueblo Ordnance Depot in Colorado. He wrote of Waldo Carbonnel's marriage over in Germany and asked for news of Bill Barnes (now at Belvoir, bound for Leavenworth this Summer), Attinger (still here at Pentagon), and Ward Dworshak (As far as we know he and Peggy still have farm machinery dealership in Idaho.)

That's about all the news culled from cards, though I do want to mention the frequency with which favorable mention of the ten year book appeared. Now for some odds and ends gleaned from various sources. The Bill Combs moving from Chicago to Missouri this Spring. Tommy Maertens gives a pre-publication scoop on orders for current Leavenworth class. Coming to D.C. will be the Jim Roots to Career Management (I bet you'll be writing to HIM!), Andy Gatsis to Dep Log, Bill Hankins in Chief of Staff's Office, Gordy Allen with Comptroller, and John Murphy to Dep-Personnel. In addition to the McCunniffs, USMA will welcome back the Bill Wolfes, Gar Landriths, McGoverns, and Fehrs. Bill Zook goes to SHAPE in Paris. Wow and ooh la la!! Dink Nelson and George Jones to 82nd Airborne. Dick Williams to Fort Carson, later to gyroscope to Europe. More later. Here in D.C., Bob Stetekluh thoughtfully went down to QM career management and checked the records of other QM classmates to give me this run down. Kitty and Herb Price with one child are at University of Alabama where Herb is pursuing a two year course in Bus Admin. Bud Weaver, still a bachelor (hurray!) left for Europe last October. Carl Fischer is with Plans Branch, QM Division, USAREUR since January '55. Stetekluh family now stands at number of four, Jeffrey George having made it a boy and a girl child, last September. Bob is in Office of Quartermaster General here.

Another class member whose thoughtfulness was appreciated is Nan ImObersteg who phoned recently to tell us of Pat and Jim Maloney's having recently passed

through D.C. to visit General Maloney who resides here. Neil and Nan were apparently the only classmates to see them and daughter Angela. The address is 14162 Dale Avenue, Detroit 23. They live near the Bob Batsons out there, Bob having resigned sometime not long ago. Incidentally Neil is now in Germany and Nan should either be there or on the way by the time you read this. When last heard of George Berger was at an air base in the vicinity of Tucson. If I'm wrong somebody correct me. Dick Groves likewise vaguely reported somewhere in the British West Indies. Carl Steinhagen working for GE. Bob Batson not the only recent resignee, for Geoff Keyes is now out and back here in the D.C. area and Fritz Archibald is likewise civilianized. We saw Fritz at a holiday party over in Baltimore, and seems we remember he was going out to Detroit to a job with General Motors as soon as he was out. Cliff Myers dictated a note to his secy, whose initials I see are MAH, on his impressive stationery from Valley National Bank, Phoenix, Arizona. Cliff resigned back in 1954 and now he, Snuffy, and six kids are year round sun bathers out in Arizona. Seems that Cliff being a banker and his kay-det wife Ted Adair being a bank builder, a little mutual, anything for a classmate, cooperation should work to their advantage. But if I know that Adair, he wouldn't even give a discount to his roommate!! Wally Wittwer currently stationed at Fort Lewis as CO of 296th MP Company.

Al Knight was ordained as a member of the Episcopal ministry on December 19th. Al is still in the service, (Major Knight), and stationed at Bliss. His future plans are uncertain, but it may be that he will be our first class member in the Corps of Chaplains. Ted Wagner writes from Kingston, Tennessee that he recently saw Bill Daugherty at Tennessee Polytechnic where he is assistant PMS&T. Another trip took Ted to Virginia where he saw Burr Coldren, who is at the University of Virginia teaching at JAG School. Bruce McCracken is at Fort Monroe working on R&D of ground transportation. A letter from Bee and Harie Damon brought happy news that Continental Enterprises is now firmly established out in Chicago. They are living in Evans-ton, nearby. Some of you won't believe this next, but Blackie Campbell will be on the brink of the point of no return of abandoning bachelorhood when you read this. On May 5th, he is slated to change Jackie Hooper's last name out in Pittsburgh. And another H entered the class last December 5th; Alfred O. Hero III.

And finally, J. B. Townsend's letter rates a whole paragraph. It is especially good to hear from you wild, blue boys of the Air Force, because we earthbound ones don't run into you so often anymore. Out at the AF Academy, Tom Curtis is still aide to the Supe; Johnny Coffey is with MT&G Dept; Kellog Stebbins, having taught Physics up on the Hudson, is now doing same out in Colorado; Frank Lee is with AF counterpart of Master of the Sword (Remember??); Hank Warren is a squadron Tac, and J. B., himself, is a Group Tac. Incidentally the Warrens have four daughters. Hope they are all as pro as was Mrs. Hank as we vaguely remember her from D.C. days back in '45. Nat King is at Patrick AFB, Florida. Then J. B. appends a whole listing of names of classmates on a "make list". For majorities: Paul Baker, Bond, Jack Broughton, C. W. Clark, Curtis, Horowitz, Jarrell, Findell, Lane, Lilley, McCance, Nash, Rupert, and Warren. And for L.C.s., J. B. discloses that nominations include Jim Giles, Ed Rafalko, and J. B. himself. Congrats to all, and thanks Jim. You other fliers check in, hey??

That's about it. Keep in touch, and bully for all of you on the occasion of the

11th anniversary of your triumph over the combined enemy forces of the Tactical and Academic Departments back in '45. And thanks for your vice versas. For some of us 'twas close, but we made it!!

—Jim Alfonte.

1946

OPEN LETTER ON TENTH REUNION

In China, this is the year of The Monkey. At West Point, this is the year of The Reunion. We entered as the largest, graduated the most, and are firmly committed to the project of having the biggest and best 10th Reunion that has yet shaken The Rock.

Those of you who are still hesitating and those who have not considered joining us had better take one long, last look at what you will be missing. Tenth Reunion: A time for renewing old friendships; the longest bull-session in history; parties, parades, songfests, and memories.

Don't miss the best June since '46. This is the last call.

Our final class reunion bulletin was mailed out to the whole class in March. This bulletin contained the final schedules and arrangements for June Week, housing plans for visitors, the requirements of pre-payment for parties, and the final call for ordering a copy of the Year Book. If you have not received your bulletin and reservation form by this time, it is because we don't have a current address for you. Please send us a card with your correct address and we will immediately mail your bulletin.

Here is a summary of how things line up for Tenth Reunion.

The deadline for sending in your family picture and autobiography for Kibby Horne to include in the Year Book is April 1st. Please let us include you even if you do not want to order a copy of the book. To reserve your copy of the book, you must send a deposit of \$3.00 by April 1st. We will then bill you for the balance of the approximate \$7.50 cost in May. Your Year Book will be mailed out during the summer after the 10th Reunion pictures can be included.

Wilbur Joffrion's Entertainment Committee has arranged a top-notch program of entertainment for you which has been neatly fitted into the regular June Week schedule for June 1-5. They have set up cocktail parties and open houses for Friday night, a beach party-picnic-square dance for Saturday, a formal dinner-dance in Cullum Hall for Sunday night, a wives luncheon on Monday, and a cocktail-supper for Monday night. We know you will be well entertained if you join us, but because of the size of our class, it will be necessary for advance reservations and for pre-payment of charges. These are due by May 1st on the form we mailed out with the bulletin.

The pinch on our housing for visitors during June Week has been largely resolved by Pete Grosz's Housing and Reception Committee. The Secretary of the Association of Graduates has allocated space in the ladies dormitory for wives of '46 and the men as usual can reserve space in cadet barracks by sending in the card to be furnished later by the Association of Graduates. If you want dormitory space for your wife, please so indicate on the form we have provided. If you want reservations off post in hotels or motels, we must ask you to make them for yourself. We have done all we can do by furnishing you with the list of possible accommodations which we placed in the last reunion bulletin.

Don't forget, if you didn't get a bulletin, it is because we do not have your correct

address. Remedy this today by sending us a change of address card. If it is already past the deadline for inclusion of your family picture and biography, send it in anyway. We may still be able to include you. Also, if you did not get your order in for a book, send your deposit immediately. It may get in before we compile the order. If not, we will return it to you.

Send all mail to:

Class of 1946
Tenth Reunion Committee
Box 146, West Point, New York.

Make all checks payable to:

"1946 Tenth Reunion Committee".

Don't wait a day longer. You may miss the time of your life. We'll be seeing you June 1st.

J. L. SCHRAM, Chairman.

Soon after you read these words the gathering will begin. In far off corners the largest class ever to graduate from U.S.M.A. will commence the celebration of 10 full years as officers and civilians. We hope to see as many of you as possible at "The Point" for this June Week 1956. But, for those not there in body we know you'll be there in spirit. My bet is that the only classes to outnumber us this June will be those still in Gray.

From nearby Staten Island Elmo Cunningham (Qtrs. No. 9, Miller Field, Staten Island, New York) reports, as he says, "after a few years of silence". Elmo announces that the A.A. defense of New York City is a most formidable one since Jim Carter, Missile Bn S-3, Fort Totten; Eddie Joseph, Missile Btry C.O., Fort Hancock; and Elmo, Gun Btry C.O. are on the job. Elmo's exact words—"What Jim and Eddie fail to blast out with their push-button missiles, I'm certain to get with my just plain lanyard jerking smoking artillery." Genevieve and Elmo have one daughter now.

For those that want to know where Roy Gillig is, he finally lets us in on the big question. At present Roy is a student, Univ. of Illinois, Dept. of Geography—home address—524 Fairlawn Dr., Urbana, Illinois. Anne and Roy have two girls Stacey, 17 months and Blythe 1½ months (as of February 10, '56). The end of next summer should bring Roy orders to G-2, Dept. of the Army, Washington, D. C. In brief Roy has seen service with 11th Abn Div in Japan and at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Far East Command Intelligence School in Tokyo; 187th Abn RCT in southern Japan; Advance Course at Benning; and Air Mobility Group of the Abn Army Aviation Dept at Benning. While in Tokyo, Roy married the then Anne Riggins from Tennessee on May 22, '52.

Received Guy and Wynne Troy's Christmas card too late for last issue. Guy enclosed his annual Armor poop sheet for my column. I will more or less copy it as given to me, except for all personnel at West Point who were listed in January '56 issue. Also received from Guy a roster of those at March '55 Founders Day Dinner in Europe. Most of those present are still there. Guy, Wynne and Pam are expecting rotation some time this year. Troy, Feibelman, Blazina, and Lamp enjoyed the A-N game at Rick's home.

Members of class at dinner, March 19, '55—Guy Troy, Hqts CCC; Major Bill McCollam, Hq 32nd AAA Brig APO 125; Don Albright, Co. H, 8th Inf APO 39; Ray Boyd, 9th Ord Bn APO 189; Jack Matteson, 57th Tk Bn APO 28; Roy Beatty, 499th Eng Bn (C) APO 164; Jack Montague, Co. I, 12th Inf, 4th Div APO 165; Jack Barth, Hq 7812nd AU APO 227; Jim Hobson, G-2 USAREUR APO 403; John Parker, 29th FA Bn APO 39; Lynn Hoskins, A Btry 63rd

AAA Bn APO 633; Willie R. Parker, Hq Btry 519 FA Bn APO 162; Jim Fuller, G-4 Div USAREUR APO 403; Sewall Johnson, C.O. Co. D 373 A.I.B. APO 26; Steve Gray, SGS, USAREUR APO 403; Tom Blazina, 526 Ftgr Sqdn, Landstul AB; Rick Lamp, 496 Ftgr Sqdn, Landstul AB; Max Feibelman, 69 Tactical Missile Squad, APO 109; and Bob Tully, USAREUR Hqs, Heidelberg.

Dick and Donna Beckner are at Fort Knox. Dick is S-3 of the 32nd Tk Bn and due to come to Europe with the 3rd Armored this year. He and Donna were living in E-town at last report. Stan, Winelda, Justine, and Adrienne Blum were augmented by a boy this year, name Stanley Delbert, Jr., September 1955. Stan is at Knox for the Advanced Course and living in Wherry. Jack Cassidy, at last report, was working for American Car and Foundry Industries, Berwick, Pennsylvania. Frank Conant is now at Knox attending the Advanced Course. He and Joy have three daughters, Joy Marcia, Joy Susan, and Donna. Bob Duncan and Lucy have resigned. They have two sons, Johnny and Bobby. Steve Edwards and Mary Clare are at Knox in the 3rd Armored Div. They have a boy and Steve is with the 33rd Tk Bn. Larry and Sally Elder with five children are still at Knox at CONARC Bd No. 2. Larry intended to resign in December or January and make his home at Santa Maria, California. Bob Frantz is a full fledged JAG now. He, Suzanne and Chris are stationed in Washington at last report.

Dick and Sue Fuller are now in the land of the swaying palms of Hawaii. He is still working in the Psych Warfare line as a result of civil schooling. Children are Tippy and Page. Ben Hanson is also with the 3rd Armored Div in the 7th Tk Bn. Wife and two children are probably with him by now. Fee Hardin and Janie are also with the 3rd A/D, having left West Point with Doug and Susan. Fee is with the 83rd Recon. Bn. Jack Gilham was in Korea at my last report, in G-2 I Corps. However, I am sure he has rejoined Ann, Connie and Gail in this country. Ann was living at 111 W. Delaware, Fairfield, Illinois. Jack, Donna, Mike, and Julie Ann Kopald are civilians living in Memphis, Tennessee. Jack is in the brokerage business.

Art Lockrie is back at Knox in the Automotive Dept. of TAS, after going to school at Georgia Tech. He and Karma have two girls, Jan and Karma. They have bought a house at Valley Station, Kentucky. Bill MacMasters has now left the Armor for the Signal Corps. I am sure they are utilizing his talents to the utmost, after many honors at U. of Virginia. He and Polly are now at Sandia, I think, or in that area, working, making bigger and better A Bombs. Musser is now a civilian, working with Chrysler. We are sorry to report that Jan will feel the effects of polio for some time to come. Moose, Jan, Alan and Lynn are planning to stay with Jan's parents in Detroit until they can find a house. Moose was with the 7th Tk Bn 3rd A/D just prior to resigning. George Otte is now in the PIO office of the 6th Army at San Francisco. As far as I know he and Betty have one boy, G. F. III. Willy Persons is now JAG with Frantz. He is in Washington with Christine, Charlotte and Alice.

Phil Rogers is now in Athens, Greece. Phil is in the Attache's office. He and Dodo lost their baby at three weeks due to throat opening. Mase and Mary Rumney are now stationed at Fort Bliss with sons, Mason and John and daughter, Susan. I believe he is the Armored representative at the school there. Norm Stanfield and family, Anne, Norm, Jr. and James are now in Karachi, Pakistan. Norm is in the Attache office. He was down to visit us a few months ago when in Frankfurt on business. Visit to

Guy Troy that is. Dick and Marion Strieff are still in Washington. Dick is staying another year in the White House. They have two boys, Ricky and J. D. Oscar Traber with Peggy, Biff and Robert are at Knox now. Oscar is in the Advanced Course.

Wallis returned to the states this past summer after leaving Austria. He went to an ROTC assignment at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana. George Webb is still in Psych Warfare business at Fort Bragg. He was the S-3 officer of the Center there. He and Lynn have four children, Geo. III, Heather, James, and Matthew. Kit Sinclair was in Korea at last report in G-3 I Corps. I am sure he has returned by now. Ginna, Bryan and C. B. III were living at 200 Village Drive, Syracuse, New York, Kit, Tixier, Burney, Gilham, and Wheeler saw quite a bit of one another while in Korea. Percy Wheeler has returned from Korea, I believe, but don't know where he is. I'm sure that wife Ricky and son are glad to see him back. Minter, Hope, Mary and Ann Wilson are in Formosa, where Minter is with the MAAG Mission. Lew Tixier should be back from Korea by now. He is in I Corps and I heard that he came back with General Collier, so should be at Fort Sam Houston now. Phyllis and Mike were staying at 510 Rock Island Ave., Dalhart, Texas. Harlan Koch and family are still in Bangkok, Siam. He, Dottie, and daughter, Donnie are due back stateside in '56.

HQ I Corps (GP), Korea, APO 358, February 5 '56, Captain and Mrs. Minor L. Kelso were honored at a Reception in the Commanding General's Mess, following their marriage in the office of the U.S. Consulate in Seoul. They are the first American couple from I Corps (GP) to be wed in Korea since cessation of hostilities. Kelso is aide-de-camp to Lieutenant General R. M. Montague, I Corps (GP) Commander. Mrs. Kelso is the former Lillie Belle Berger, First Lieutenant, A.N.C. The couple have left the Far East and upon arrival in Seattle Lillie Belle plans to be separated from the service. After a 45 day leave they will report to 82nd Abn Div, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Frances Bassler has written a very interesting letter covering Bob's and her first year in Argentina. Mostly I quote—It has been a full and exciting first year for us in Buenos Aires. Bob is the assistant Army Attache with the U.S. Embassy. Buenos Aires is large, cosmopolitan and sprawling. Our home is located in the northern suburbs. We have had the pleasure of meeting many interesting Argentine service and civilian families, North American and foreign business families, and also, of being with the foreign attache group here. When officials from the States have visited, we had the opportunity to meet them at Embassy receptions. Attending these receptions also were top-ranking Argentine government officials.

During the June insurrection, the children and I were at home safe. Bob, however by mere chance, was in front of one of the government buildings located in the central area. The bombs fell less than a block away at that time. Planes strafed the Plaza de Mayo nearby. In September, Bob and most of the foreign military attaches were on a brief official visit outside the city of Cordoba where the second revolution began. They were there for an unexpected weekend and were taken home by bus over back roads in a torrential rain storm. All of us at home listened to the various radio reports. Now summer is here. Our boys, Bobby age 4, and Tommy age 3, are fine, understand and speak a little Spanish too. Address: Captain R. E. Bassler, Jr., U.S.A., OARMA — Buenos Aires, Dept. of State, Washington, D. C., U.S.A. Bob's

P. S. John O'Connor was down here in BA last spring ('55) as a lawyer for Standard Oil of California. Has a family in San Francisco. He was negotiating the oil contract with the Argentine Govt. Looked fine and said he resigned in '49. We would be happy to welcome any and all classmates who want to visit Buenos Aires.

I must apologize to Al and Kay Ash for misplacing their daughter's announcement of birth. I now have it and it is an exceptional way of doing the job. They showed three old gentlemen on a card talking about the event—a girl, Scotty Karen, born July 19, '55 weight 8 pounds 4 ounces. Their address till May—Box 477, Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. The Ashes hope to see many of us this June Week.

Bill Kenney with IBM has been promoted to Electronic Data Processing Machines Special Representative. Bill has been with IBM since 1950, in the New York area. Lloyd Adams is city attorney in Humboldt, Tennessee. Bill Ashby with Hadley-Peoples Mfg. Co., Siler City, North Carolina has a new job selling cotton yarn in Philadelphia. He commutes every other week. Bill also gets to Passaic, New Jersey in his work.

Bruce Shawe and Bettie Lou Steiner were married November 19, 1955, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Tom and Kathy Gee have a new daughter Cecile. Bill and Marilyn Roney have a son almost a year old now. Eddie Conlin, Bismark, North Dakota, has a son. Wayne Yeoman and family are in Natick, Massachusetts, attending Harvard. Dick and Barbara Lynch now have four sons. All the above came from John Steele's mother in Bellaire, Texas.

As you may know, right after that wonderful A-N game, we had a class cocktail party at the Hotel Adelphia. Charlie Waters, Dan Hickey and Charlie Baker (Upper Gulph Rd, Strafford, Wayne P.O., Pennsylvania) engineered the arrangements. Charlie Baker does not have a complete list of those present; about 40 classmates and their wives plus guests attended. A total of 114 persons were there, some of whom were: Jack Miley, C. M. Simpson, Rusty Brunson, Kiser, Bowley, Musser, Schulke, Grosz, Bugh, Strudwick, Baumgartner, Bill Kelty, Baker, Dorney, Ann Furuholm, Weiss, Jim Carter, Catarinella, Shattuck, Chynoweth, Hickey, Kellogg, Weinstein, Brown, Tuck, Stirling, Dan Mahony, Love, Gordon, Safford, Cound and Waters. It was a great success and Charlie Baker wishes to pass the word that he intends to repeat the deal this year. He will be looking forward to an even greater crowd than this past year.

See you in June—my address—3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

—Samuel E. H. France.

1947

I report with regret the death of Marshall Daniel Cooper, born March 2, 1956, died March 3, 1956. I should like to take this opportunity to extend the sympathy of the class to Ann and Bill.

Congratulations go to Jim and Nan Matern. James, Jr., born December 13, 1955, at home at 2024 Laurel Court, Falls Church, Virginia. Jim is doing management work with ODC/S for Logistics. He reports that he sees Meade Wildrick, Goose Gossett and Art Becker frequently. Goose and Mary Anne are domiciled at 9506 Justine Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Art is stationed at Fort Belvoir. Jim also reports that G. G. Kent is on his way back to the States from Korea.

John Paules passed along a wedding announcement which indicates that congratulations were due Bob Ozier as of January 20. We are all happy to welcome Jeanene into the Ladies Auxiliary. John also has re-

ceived an announcement of the birth of Kathleen Frances Gerrity on February 18. Congratulations to John and Nancy who now have "one of each" at Quarters T505-2, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

I don't know what happened to John Paules but he really got communicative here all of a sudden. He also reports Kermit Reel as Bn S3 of the 11th FA Bn, APO 24, San Francisco. Marie is living at 2606 N. 19th St., Lawton, Oklahoma. Also Dick and Doris Littlestone at 115 Selby Blvd, Worthington, Ohio. Dick's at Ohio State.

Jack Dunham reports Frank and Sue Taylor getting ready to leave Georgia Tech. Frank has his MA in ME and is going to Board No. 2 at Fort Knox. John and Mary Delistraty are at 861 Stanford Way, Livermore, California. John has his MA in Physics and is working at the U. of California Radiation Lab.

Duke and Pat Duquemin are with the 1st Bn, 350th Inf Regt at Vecenza, Italy. Wayne Hauck reports that the Duquemins adopted Peter Jamee March 15, 1955. Congratulations are due the Duke who commanded the last Russian-American changing of the guard in Vienna and beat the Russian to the final salute. (Another victory in the cold war!). Bob and Margot Koch have moved to Bad Kissinger from Frankfurt. Bob is S3 290th AFA Bn, APO 800, New York. Doc Haskins is in guided missiles R&D. He and Pat *must* be living someplace but Wayne didn't tell me where and the deadline is now!

I didn't realize how helpful Wayne Hauck was until I started digging through the accumulation of tid-bits in my lower, left-hand desk drawer. Wayne got a letter from Wally Veaudry who is attending the advanced course at Benning. Wallie has seen Buster Little and John Culin on occasion and reports Culin on the intelligence committee there. Willie and Dorothy Knipe are at White Sands. Willie is working as a test officer on the Corporal. He was up here last week telling the first class about the Ordnance Department.

A note from John Mastin informs me that Mel and Peggy LeBlanc are in Japan. Mel's S3 of the 7th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div. Jack and Rosemary Thompson are at 2355 23rd Ave., Sacramento, California. Pete and Bunny Karter are in Connecticut. Pet's with the Engineers doing repair work on flood damage near Waterbury. Mike and Goldie Greenberg at 342 La Jolla Ave., Los Angeles 48, California. They report seeing Jim Kennedy and George Dell occasionally—both have reverted to civilian status and are located in Los Angeles. Lee and Bobbie Bass are at Box 585, S. Miami, Florida.

Bill Cooper reports that Walt Johnson is out of the service, in the insurance business, and living at 326 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Maryland.

I have in my hand a PIO release from the Air Force Academy announcing the assignment of King Simon as an instructor in Law. This release makes it appear that Major Simon has had a busy life since graduation. Besides getting a law degree and becoming a member of the bar in Oklahoma and California, King has managed to acquire a wife, two sons, and two daughters.

Another PIO release from Hqs. Air Research and Development Command, Baltimore, Maryland, announces the presentation of the Commendation Ribbon to Jack Pierce for his work as an Air Force Development Field Representative in the business of missiles and propulsion.

Jack and Jill Faith have provided me with the following addresses:

Bert and Mary Alice Brennan, 78th FBS, APO 126, New York. George and Lee Lynn, Box 544, Dugway, Utah. Jack and Francis Ray, Rhodessa, Louisiana. William I. West, Ord. Section, Hq V Corps, APO 79, New York. Bill and Mary Mahlum, 4 Pine Blvd,

Cooperstown, New York. Willie and Ruth Clark, 501 Wherry Dr., White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico. P. J. and Marilou O'Connell, 2012 Stanford Ave., St. Paul 5, Minnesota. Ronnie and Gwenne Heiser on way to Fort Polk, Louisiana with the 1st Armored Div. Bill and Jeanette Grant at AFF Bd No. 2, Fort Knox, Kentucky. J. J. and Cathy Sullivan at 1924 Taffeta Drive, Valley Station, Kentucky. Bill and Muriel Webb going to C&GSS. The Levenbacks at 50 Lewis Rd., Swampscott, Massachusetts.

I didn't mention it in the last column but Al and Pat Haig are at Annapolis.

Junie Bleiman breezed into the Dept. of Social Sciences the other day. Just back from Korea and valiant efforts to balance the Korean budget. Junie goes to Harvard in June. After Harvard he is slated to be an instructor in Social Sciences.

Additional exemptions not previously reported are as follows:

Stephany, December 9, 1955, to Bob and Lenore Curtis. Mary Elizabeth, December 12, 1955, to Tom and Ruth Benson. Mary Kathryn, February 15, 1956, to John and Jo Hoover.

At this point plans for June Week are as follows:

Friday, June 1, Cocktail Party at the Haldanes.

Saturday, June 2, AM., Coffee for Ladies Auxiliary (Suitable hostess has not yet been volunteered.)

Saturday, June 2, PM, Picnic at Proctoria.

Sunday, June 3, PM, Dinner and Dance at Stewart AFB.

Monday, June 4, Noon, Alumni Luncheon.

Monday, June 4, PM, Rest and Relaxation (You are on your own).

If you plan to be here, let Bob Haldane know. He will take care of housing arrangements for you.

I didn't quite make my quota on news this time folks, but it all depends on *you*. I would like to hear from all of you and especially those whose names have not appeared in the last two issues.

—John Hoover.

1948

The pickings are on the slim side this issue—perhaps all we groundhogs have not dared to appear during the long winter. But with the end of Gloom Period, and the passing of "One Hundred Days to June" let's come busting out all over with news of '48.

It is with deep sorrow that we record Jim Fry's death. On February 12th while boating with a companion on the Potomac River at Washington, Jim was swept by a wave from his capsized kayak and drowned. The entire class extends its most sincere sympathy to Patsy, his wife, and to his five children.

The class baby department is thriving. Mark Allyn Chitty was born on January 29th in New York City. Norm Robinson, still at Fort Ord, California, reports the arrival of Kent Stuart on February 11th. Norm is due to leave for the Far East in June. Kathy Sargeant writes that she and Arnie have a second fine son, David Ball, born in Seattle on December 13th. Jay Allan Hatch, Jr. was born on February 5th at Fort Benning. Jim and Bev Hall write that they are very happy over Patricia Lynn who arrived on February 13th. Jim's transfer to the Rochester division of ACF was changed at the last moment and he is still living at 16 Ridge Road, Glen Rock, New Jersey. Pat and Jack Osteen write that they are enlarging their igloo for Alaska's

newest arrival, Lindsay Ruth Osteen, born November 20th. Jack is stationed at Big Delta, newly named Fort Greeley, and instructing in the Arctic Indoctrination School where he has been since August 1954. He writes that "this part of the world has been quite interesting, particularly to a Southerner like myself." Congratulations one and all!

After births should naturally come weddings, and since the last issue I've had reports of three in the class. Joe Kiernan was married on January 28th to Marianne Cushing at the Washington Cathedral. It was a beautiful service with many from the Washington area attending. Bob Cushing and John Sternburg ushered, and among several classmates and wives were the Bill Thomases, the Starrys, Steve Griffith, Bob Ward and J. B. Hughes. On January 20th Houston McMurray and Margaret Ann Newman were married at the Pepperell Air Force Base Chapel, St. John's, Newfoundland. Odell Williamson, now president of the Williamson Construction Co. in Macon, Georgia, and Jaqueline Rankin Dodge were married on February 11th.

The ever faithful Army-Navy-Air Force Journal has carried news of changes in assignment. On orders to USAREUR from Fort Knox is Walt Plummer. John Hughes upon completion of his course in nuclear physics at the University of Virginia will report to the Armored School at Fort Knox. Remember, J. B., the Tank is still the best protection against them nuclear effects! Bob Ward sees his boss, General Parks, in retirement and heads for the Infantry Center. Also noted Dick Stein's resignation, but I do not know what he is doing. After reporting in the last issue that Jess Hendricks was ordered to the PSYWAR center at Fort Bragg, I sent a Christmas card to him there only to have it returned "No record". If anyone knows Jess' whereabouts (including you Jess, old boy) please speak up. Another correction: Andy Anderson writes that I had him slightly misplaced. He is with SAC but at Hunter AFB rather than Lake Charles. (Of course in SAC I hear that mobility's the thing!) He and Barb are living on the base and like it very much. He reports that Moe Selig went to Offutt AFB, Nebraska, that Bob Davis is at Hunter, and that Warren Graves is there too but is being transferred to Little Rock.

Forty-eighters are galloping hard around the globe. To wit: Phil Whitney is packing his turban for Iran, while Joe Kiernan and Marianne set up housekeeping by the "Old Moulmein Pagoda" in Rangoon. Jack Doody is a staff member of the German Training Assistance Group at the U.S. Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg. He prepares programs for armored infantry, anti-tank and military academy soldier-students of the new German Army. His wife Jean and their two sons are with him. Also in Heidelberg are Sally and Harry Buckley and their two sons. In January at a party at his home, I said bon voyage to Parry Sykes who left for a two month "business" trip to "Indjia". Parry works for an export-import firm two of whose chief products are Parana wood and mica. John and Anne Bellinger were also at the Sykes, and although John has finished Strategic Intelligence School he does not yet know where G-2 will send him.

Leaving West Point this year are a number of Forty-eighters. Lyle Walter is headed to Fort Bliss where he will join Lou Haskell at the Artillery Officers Advanced Course. Sid Berry is due to take the advanced course at Fort Benning and he, Anne and three children will be headed south this summer. None of the Air Force officers have received orders yet, but Jim Allen hopes to go to F-100 school and then to Europe, and Sam White and Al Quan-

beck are probably headed to the Air Academy to teach Mechanics.

John Egbert, just returned from Korea, stopped by the other day to check in at the Mechanics Department where he will be an instructor next year.

Bill Mounger has received the Stanolind Foundation fellowship in petroleum engineering at the University of Oklahoma. Having earned his B.S. degree in petroleum engineering in January he will now study for his M.S. degree, specializing in reservoir engineering.

Sarah Mallett writes that Dave is now with American Enka Corporation in Asheville, North Carolina. He is working in the Corporation Industrial Engineering Division and is currently "balancing stop watches in each hand and doing time and motion studies". The Mallett's address is 120 Vance Gap Road, Asheville.

A Christmas card from the Meyers tells that Joe is on ROTC duty at Colorado A&M, and one from Jim Sandman sends best wishes to the class from him, Barb, Annie, Sally, and Jimmy.

Tom Hoffman writes from Orleans, France and sends a contribution to the class plaque for those killed in Korea. Present status on the plaque is this: It is to be one large plaque (similar to those in Culum Hall honoring battle dead of World War I and II) with all dead listed on it by class. A recent Department Army Circular extends the definition, for purposes of memorialization, of battle dead to include those individuals who died while in a captured status. This decision, which incidentally is retroactive through World War I is necessitating a great deal of revision of lists. Hence the delay in the letting of the contract for the plaque. It means, moreover, that Jim Ruddell's name will join those of our sixteen other classmates killed or missing in Korea.

Here at West Point the Music Club recently enjoyed hearing Dick Weber sing in Menotti's short opera, *The Telephone*.

In the three columns I have written for *Assembly* I have been able to note the comings and goings of some 180 of our 279 living classmates. If your name or that of a friend hasn't appeared, speak up! Let us in on your latest triumphs and accomplishments. We, the class of '48, are interested in you whether you're jungling in Thailand or topping the world in Greenland.

—Tom Cormack.

1949

"Doc" DeCorrevont has recently been elected by the Class Committee at West Point to be the Secretary and, as a result, is now supplying me with as much news as he can accumulate; so far, "Doc" has been very good about this and it certainly is making my job a great deal easier.

By the time this goes to press, Harry Griffith will have been engaged and married to Ann Buckley from Seattle, Washington. The entire class congratulates you, "Griff," as we were all wondering whether or not you would ever take the big step. "Griff" is reporting to U.S.M.A. as a tactical officer in June so I know that we all will be seeing him around for the next few years.

Al Goering is still working for his father at the Ideal Meat Packing Company in Cincinnati and from last reports, is busily engaged in supervising the construction of a new building. Ed Wilford is in Operations in TAC Hqrs. at Langley AFB. The following are scheduled to arrive sometime this summer at West Point to be instructors in Social Science and Chemistry Departments—Ted Boland, Dick Stauffer and Hilman Dickenson. Bill Schlosser finishes two

years at Harvard Business School in June, but as yet, has not received his assignment. The following are stationed in Alaska—Dick White and bride are at Fairbanks, and Bob Butler just returned from TDY although his main station is Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Reports come that Charlie Cheever is living in Austin, Texas, and Charlie is finishing his last year at law school. As Doc says "Charlie's a second warrior in the Air National Guard. Dan McGurk recently had a son and I believe Dan is now out of the service.

"Chuck" Reed recently TDY'd from Weapons School at Maxwell AFB where he had supper with Tom Burt and wife who drove over from Fort Benning for the evening. Tom reported that Ted Sweat, who had just completed the Advance Course at Benning, will report to U.S.M.A. as a tactical officer.

I believe the following has been reported—that Tom Crawford, Dick Bowman, Don Woods and "Four o'clock in the morning caller" L. C. L. Browne are stationed at the Air Force Academy until the summer of 1958. Bart Day is R.O.T.C. at Colorado A&M and Jack Ryan and Bill Cummings are at Denver. Chuck Spettel is in R.O.T.C. at Norwich University in Vermont. Judd Connors was married December 23rd in New Jersey and Ted Boland was best man. Ray Rasmussen, Bob Kemble, Clay Burlington and Bob Rose made the wedding. Bill Gorog is now engaged in his own commercial business in Dayton, and I imagine by now Gretchen and the children have joined him after selling their home at White Plains. The Malcolm Lewis' are now stationed at Florida State University and are liking it very much. They received this assignment after attending the Advance Course at Fort Sill where they had many class reunions with the George Pollins', Bert Turners', Lombards, Summers', Freemans', Boyd Allens', Whistlers', Gowers' and Craigs'. They also saw Jim Willson who they met in El Paso; Jim is now working in some research laboratory in Palo Alto.

Jack Bender recently had his first son and is stationed as a Staff Officer in the Plans Section of the Comptrollers Division at Hqrs. U.S.A., Europe.

A clipping from the Carlsbad Journal in Carlsbad, California, shows a picture of Herb Turner, who is now an artist teacher, at DelMar. Herb has established his own studio and is now taking all the prizes on the West Coast. He has worked the past few years with John Lloyd Wright and apparently is doing a fine job.

George Nigro reports that new students in the Officers' Advance Course are Paul Fleri and Bill Lowry and himself. George was married last summer to May Harrigan and Bob O'Brien was his best man. Ushers were Herb Hoot, Keith Sickafoose, Lou Cassler and Matt Lampbell.

"Doc" DeCorrevont reports that arrangements are being made for a June Week party for all the available 49ers on Saturday night, June 2nd. The party will be informal at Round Pond and Charlie Adams, Quarters 519-H, is handling the details. I imagine that we can all expect to have a letter on this in the very near future. I know that we have a large contingent stationed at U.S.M.A. now, so it should be a good reunion. Please keep the news coming in, as I can only report what I hear from YOU.

—John I. Saalfeld.

P.S. The Forty-niners at West Point are looking forward to seeing you again this June Week at an informal dinner party Saturday, June 2 in the Community House at Round Pond. Probable cost about \$7.00 per couple, with beer and mix provided, but BYOL. Party begins around seven, but the

Community House site is also available for your use Saturday afternoon. If you can break away to join us, drop a note by about May 20 to Captain Chas. Adams, Dept. of English.

—C. M. A.

1950

Fort Belvoir, Virginia, March 9, 1956. The column this quarter will be unusually short because the number of letters has been unusually few. Now here's the way it works: you (and you too, don't hide), write the news that you want printed and send it to the *Assembly*, USMA; The *Assembly* sends it to me and all I have to do is to compile it, return it, and Presto—you read about all your classmates when you get your copy. What!! You don't subscribe? Then write a check right now for \$3—no, make it \$4 to the Association of Graduates and request both the *Assembly* and the yearly *Register*, OK. Then, keep them posted on your changes of address.

The news this time came from Doug Poage, Hank Spielman, Carl Stone, Chuck Friedlander, Jim Kelly, Don Coscarelli, and a last minute phone call from Walt Price at West Point. Walt, who is teaching MP&L incidentally, wanted to get the word out on June Week activities. Thus far an informal dinner is planned for Saturday, June 2 at an off-post location (to be decided later). Since our big Reunion was last year, we don't have much priority on West Point facilities, but don't let that stop you from getting up there if it's at all possible. '50 can outshout the best of them anywhere. Walt is in charge of the activities, so if you need any help on room reservations and the like, just drop him a note.

Captain Walter E. Price
Qtrs. 4-12
West Point, New York

Doug Poage, who is in Rome, Italy as a general's aide, writes that in the area also are: Lou Rising, aide to an Italian general in Verona; Bruce Leiser, in Leghorn with SETAF; and Frank Duggins, in Vicenza as a Company Commander. Doug and Lou had planned to attend the Alpine Ski School this past winter—How did you make out, Doug? He reported also that their third child was born last December 4th. Total now of two boys and a girl but I don't know which was the latest edition.

Hank Spielman, who has been a civilian since November '53, is managing the family's Chevrolet dealerships in New York City. He sees a few classmates from time to time as they are passing through New York enroute to or from Europe. He's even managed to sell a few cars to the boys.

Carl Stone is at Biggs AFB, Texas as a Radar-Bombardier on a B-36 crew. On a recent trip to the Pacific, Carl spent some time with Dick Slay who is in a weather squadron chasing typhoons. Also at Biggs are Jack Kulpa and RR Smith who is now a major. Twenty-two years old and only a major—what a failure!!! Carl mentioned that there wasn't much support from the younger graduates in the newly formed West Point Society of El Paso, Texas. Contrary to popular opinion among the younger graduates, membership in these Societies throughout the country is not restricted to the Retired Officers. I think that our group will take a more active interest when our tours of assignment become longer. Moving each year somewhat destroys the incentive, but I'm sure that we'll begin to carry our share in the near future.

Chuck Friedlander, a civilian for some time now, is in Delray Beach, Florida managing his own home furnishings business.

As a sideline he makes and sells nautical novelties called the Douglas Products which you may have read about. Good work, Chuck—if we get to Florida we'll be sure to stop by.

Jim Kelly is at California Tech with Art Blair, Leo Romaneski, John Brinkerhoff, Fred Hamlin, and Dave Pettit. At USC are Hank Strickland, Frank Baish, and several others. Art Blair is scheduled for another year of school to study English in preparation to teach that subject at USMA in '57.

Don Coscarelli is at Luke AFB, Arizona with Chip Kaseman, Frank Borman, Ira Kimes, and Bill Fuller.

Press Release—Briggs Jones was assigned to the Aggressive Force in the recent Sagebrush Exercise.

Other assignments that I've heard about in one way or another are: Sandy Oliver, Tac Dept. USMA; Charlie Osterndorf, Mech Dept. USMA; Ray Hansen to Arctic Task Force; Attache assignments—Dick Ewan, Indonesia; Jack Parish, Egypt; Manley Rogers, Russ Preuit, and Jim Thompson, Iran (after a year Jim will go to USMA to teach Social Sciences); to USAREUR—Jim Trayers, Bill Read, Gerry Kelley, Al Griebling, Jack Hurst, Jim Kelly, Burke Lee, Emmett Lee, Jim Boylan, John Brinkerhoff, Dave Cameron, Dave Carlisle, Denny Roush, Jim Torney, George Shaffer, Ding Price, Marv Rees, and Vic Cuneo; to Frankfurt, Germany—Ben Lewis; Korea, Ira Ward; Texas A&M, Mal Johnson and Ed Stefanik; Purdue, Karl Weber; and Iceland, Paul Triem. I am going to the District Engineer's Office, New York City.

Recent visitors at Belvoir: Tom Loper and Lou Prentiss who are both coming back to start the Advanced Course this year; Ed Crockett—G-3 Section MDW; and Roy Clark who entered in 1946 as a major and then left after Plebe year to accept an RA commission as a captain. He's a major again (since '51) and is presently studying for a degree at Georgetown.

Just a few babies this time. Boys to Ben and Malvene Lewis, Bob and Lee Werner, Bill and Robin DeGraf, Bob and Sue O'Connell, Jim and Pattie Kelly, and the Fred Hamlins. A girl to Don and Shirley Coscarelli (last August). We're slowing down—we want results, not B-aches!!!

Best of luck on your new assignments—hope it's what you want—and see you at the SIXTH REUNION.

—Lou Genuario.

1951

Here it is Spring again and looking back you begin to realize that five years can slip by pretty fast. At any rate, here we go for another round of news of '51.

Perhaps that old saying that goes, "Nothing is sure but death and taxes," should be extended to include babies. In this department we never miss. Nancy was born to Bud and Pat Richardson in September of last year at Fort Dix. Peter Bryant is the third boy to arrive at Bill and Cynthia Scheumann's household, this time on the 29th of November at Fort Knox. Bill claims to be forming a basketball team. Tracy Anne added some pink at Fred and Anne Hampton's home in Waco, Texas, on the 4th of December. On the 5th of the same month, James Michael reported to Pete and Ellie Beczkiewicz in Ayer, Massachusetts. For Ted and Susan Picado, their fourth, Maria Mercedes arrived on the 19th of December in Glendale, California. Leanne Louise became a part of George and Eleanor Scheuerlein's family on the 7th of January in Bethpage, New York. We have a report of Barbara Ann's arrival at Bob and Ruth McIlwain's but no other details. For all the above, congratulations.

For the first time in a long time, there doesn't seem to be any marriages we can contribute to the news.

There are two resignations we've heard about since the last issue, Charlie Witmer and Jim Lowerre.

In order not to be too far behind the times, we want to be sure to pass along congratulations to all those in the Air Force who will be Captains by the time this article appears. There are quite a few, and it would certainly be appreciated if an AF file who has access to the list would jot the names down and send it along.

Let's catch up on some old business, as we promised. Those who were seen in the spirit with spirits at the Army-Navy game included Roy Herte, Jerry Ingram, Tom Harrold, Ted Atkeson, Rod Gilbertson, Phil Gwynn, Bob Massenberg, Fred Miller, Clyde Cocks, Rick Buck, Reb Barber, Ray Sargent, Ted Post, Bud Richardson, Bob Prehn, Lew Robinson, Chuck Wallens, Paul Niedringhaus, Sam Samotis, Jim Guyer, Sam Dickens, and Bob Johnson.

A note from Okinawa finds Joe Danforth and family, Jo Ann, Cheryl, and Gayla settled down nicely at Kadena AFB. Joe's flying F-86s in a fighter bomber outfit.

Bob and Mildred Olson look like they may have settled awhile at Bergstrom AFB in Texas. Bob notes that Bill Barnett was with him there but since his resignation is at Harvard Business School. The Tex Glossbrenners are also at Bergstrom in the 12th Strat. Ftr Wg. Recently at a gunnery meet, Tex saw Billy Joe Ellis. Billy was flying with the "thunderbirds" acrojet team.

Guy and Bert Jester write from Fort Worth where Guy is with the District Engineer as Resident on a hospital construction job at Carswell AFB. They're looking forward to a year or so of graduate school at the U. of Illinois.

Quite a bit of news in from the New Jersey area. Bud Richardson writes from Coytesville where he's hanging his hat while handling some graduate work in history at Columbia. The assignment is in preparation for being a history "P" at the Air Force Academy, starting this next fall. Also at Columbia in various courses are Bill Lemnitzer, John Hinton, and G. C. Smith all scheduled for the "Rock" next year. Cappy Bernstein is there in law school. When Bud left Moody AFB, Bud Bacon, Dane Milliman and Jack Price were still there, Bud an F-39 instructor, Dane in the Base Training Analysis and Development Section, and Jack an instructor in the Instrument Pilot Instructor School. Bud also mentioned seeing Larry Larsen at Mitchel AFB working with a reserve squadron of C-119s.

From Princeton, New Jersey, Ted Post notes the usual problems with the books in an aeronautical engineering course and an occasional get together with the Fort Dix contingent.

Charley and Pat Pursley filled us in on the Fort Dix news. Still at Fort Dix are the Bob Yerks and Bob Flanagans. Charley has had C Co of the 272nd Inf but is shortly leaving for Gary AFB to enter the flying business. The Pursley's have heard from Hap and Betty Jones at Fort Benning where Hap is in the Advanced Course. Also in the Dix area is Mildred Bretzke who is living nearby while Lou is in Japan. Wally Kline was at Dix but moved on to an ROTC assignment at Hofstra.

The Tauschs, now in Brandenburg, Kentucky near Fort Knox, appear to be happy about being back in the ZI. Rollo has C Co of the 30th Tank Bn. From some letters it appears that Lew Buffington is to be in the 321st Bomb. Wg. at Pinecastle AFB in Florida after a stay at Reno in survival school and B-47 school at Wichita. Also heard from were Elsie and John Haumeresen who are still at Fort Carson after an

18 month stay. Julie and Charlie Witmer are now located in Rochester, New York where Charley is an Industrial Engineer for Eastman Kodak.

Bob Prehn brought us up to date on the Washington scene. Bob is with a battalion of the "Old Guard" at Fort McNair. Tom Harrold and Rod Gilbertson are also with the 3rd Inf but over at Fort Myer. Joe Rogers who had been at Fort McNair got the air bug and left for San Marcos. Bill Lackman is still in D.C. at Georgetown U. seeking higher learning. Jim McDonald who had been in the area recently transferred to Armor and is probably at Fort Knox by now. During the holidays Tom and Gini Harrold threw a "Wassail" at their Fort Myer quarters. Among the merrymakers were Bill and Alice Stockdale, John and Alice Derrick, Fred and Alice Irving, the Rod Gilbertsons and the lone stranger, Roy Herte. The Stockdales and Irvings are at Fort Belvoir. As Bob points out there seem to be few Alices in the neighborhood. Not to be outdone Roy had an Open House at his place on New Year's Day. Now this is truly the prize. He rents a plush house with four other bachelors. This layout includes five bedrooms and three baths, recreation room, etc. Rumor has it that Dorothy Kilgallen is trying to get a line on the parties there. Seen somewhere in the house on New Years were George Gardes up from Bragg, Dan and Mary Foldberg from Fort Benning, and Ed and Dottie Markham from the Point. Bob has also heard from Paul and Sara Coughlin now at Fort Bliss with the 46th FA Group. Paul is staffing along with Bill Depew, also there.

From Ted Atkeson, who's got an AAA outfit just outside of D.C., we hear about the acquisition of a new house. In order to get the house started right, a housewarming brought out the Derricks, Irvings, and Herte (I'm beginning to see why this guy remains a bachelor.) Ted notes that Fred and Alice Irving will be moving on for some graduate work at Princeton next year. It seems that those present at the housewarming all by coincidence wore black and complimented each other about being in class uniform.

Notes from here, there and everywhere show Willy Winner in law school out in Omaha, Bill Edler in the CIC in Oakland, California, and Charley McLean receiving a "Minute Man" award for his outfit's, B Btry, 595th FA Bn, participation in a savings bond drive.

Remember the 5th Reunion during June Week a few weeks from now and try to make it, at least for a day. In case there is yet anyone who has not been contacted or who has not found out about the details write or call: Lieutenant Russell L. Johnson, Box 242, Cornwall, New York, telephone Cornwall 3-7320 or Lieutenant John B. Lewis, 60 Avenue A, Cornwall, New York, telephone Cornwall 3-9282. It looks like a big time and a lot of news for the next issue.

Until then, continue to drop a line on any activities or stations, etc. to Lieutenant R. L. Harris, 362 Lexington St., Watertown, Massachusetts.

—Richard L. Harris.

1952

A few of the letters for this issue arrived just after the last issue went to press so I apologize if yours was omitted last time. For planning remember I mail this in on 5 June, September, December and March, so allow me a couple of days for typing and try to mail your letters early.

In the last issue I mentioned Ace and Marie Burkhardt had their *third* child on

November 18, '55. This was the first report of a third child and our heartiest congratulations to the proud parents. Ace is in Co L, 187th Airborne RCT at Bragg.

More resignations. Our best wishes for success in civilian life to Joe Jordan, Jim McAndie, John Lewis, Ray Tensfeldt, Dave Piske, Kelso Carroll, and Denny Mullane.

Our seven classmates in the Canal Zone are finally splitting up. After over three years together, all have two children, all lived near each other in Panama, now all are headed stateside. The Ralph Garvers are headed for the U of Illinois for civil schooling, Tom Ayres and Bill Boyles are to go to 1802d Regt at West Point, John Garver is going to Benning and the Beisers, Pickerings and Wasiaaks are headed for "stateside unknown". Ralph Garver also said he had heard from Bob Woodward who recently married Ferne Speits. Welcome to the class Ferne. Max Casas is on loan from Peru to the Army and is teaching at the USCARIB School.

Jim and Jinny Campbell wrote at Christmas. Jim is in aviation school at Gary AFB and goes to Rucker in May. Jinny expects number two in April.

Nancy and Harry Roper brought us up to date on 1st Division, now at Riley. Harry is with the 1st Engrs. Jay and Ruth Luther are also with the 1st Engrs. The Luthers have two now, Dennis (May '53) and Janice (March 1955). Harry and Joanne Lamp and two daughters are also at Riley as are the Jim Petersons with the 63rd Tank BN. The Lou Rajchels with one year old daughter are with the 1st Signal Co. Al Lorenzen was with the 33rd FA but is reportedly resigned and present whereabouts unknown. Al Bracy (married February '54) in the 26th Inf and Dick and Shirley Moore are reported as with the 2nd Bn., 14th Armored Cav. Thanks to the Ropers for all the "Big Red One" news.

Lou and Terry Beasley, Lou a civilian now, are at 1121 Farley Drive, Indianapolis 24, Indiana. Lou is working for Allison Div of G M developing jets. He reports Gordo Hahn now with 4th Inf Div, 40th Tank Bn in Freedburg, Germany. Mary and I stopped by during the holidays to visit Lou and Terry and found they had a very handsome son nearly 1½ years old. Lou is happy in his work, active in the Indianapolis W.P. Society and anyone in the area should look up the Beasleys.

We are indebted to Metz Seebach for an up to the minute financial report on our class fund. Metz just returned from a holiday trip. The fund now stands at \$1,174.48 as of the year's end and will be reduced soon by the amount of the memorial plaque for our KIAs. No outgo since the class cup.

Tom Cole has recently returned from the Far East and is now an Aide at Fort Hood. He and Dotty have bought a house in Kileen.

Bill and Lou Snyder write from 6012 Nyanza Park, Tacoma 99, Washington and report a new son, Marshall Kent on September 1. Congratulations to the proud parents. Bill is now with Tank Co 15th Inf at Fort Lewis. Bill also reports Jim Crow is aide to General Freeman, CG Fort Lewis; Gar Weed has K Co 38th Inf at Lewis, recently had a new class son. Swede Erickson is instructing at 2nd Div NCO Academy and they have a new daughter, Tenley, born June 15. Terry Allen is commanding A Co 5th Inf and will be involved in the BCT trip to Alaska and back in "Moosehorn". Contrary to my recent report in the column Tom Brodin is Ex Officer F Co 5th Inf. Lou Tomasitti, out of service is working as an Engineer for GE at Cincinnati. Their second son Mark Douglas was born October 11, '55. Joe Santilli is a civilian now. He is with Penn Salt in Philadelphia. J. B. Lee is a civilian working for Kennicutt Copper in Salt Lake City. Harry Wag-

ner and Jerry are in Hawaii. He is aide to General McGee with the 25th Div.

You all no doubt recall the untimely death of Bill Cowan at Fort Bragg in '52. His widow Ellen just remarried and is living in Hickory, North Carolina. Bill's dad runs a good size furniture store there and people going by should stop at the "Major's Shop" for the very best in hospitality and early American furniture. "Willy" Williams is reported married and Stu Patterson was ADC to General Schwartz at Lewis at last report. Bill and Lou have our sincere thanks for that long news report.

Al and Nancy Lawrence get our belated congratulations on the birth of their daughter Wendy Alison in September '55. Al is now with Port Engineers at Fort Lawton and just finished a holiday leave spent in Alaska.

Jim and Gladys Rink reported in from Fort Benning. Richard Jay is nearly three now. Jim is on Bn. Staff in the OCS. Also at Benning is Jim Walters, a Tac in OCS, John Claybrook and Bobby Wheeler are in the Ranger Department. Art Taylor is in the 3 section. While at Air Ground School at Southern Pines Jim (R) met Dick Miller, S-1, 2nd Bn, 187th Inf; P. B. Malone, Asst S-3, 1st Bn, 187th Inf, and George Grayeb and Ace Burkhard with 3rd Bn, 187th. P. B. announced the birth of P. B. IV and Dick Miller is also a daddy of a new boy. Also with 187th are Ken Good and Ralph Girdner. At Benning until recently was Skip Wensyel who left for CIC School.

Dave Martin has returned from Germany and expects a New England assignment. Frank Pimentel is in England with the 67th Air Rescue Squadron. The Espeys are now at Benning instead of Florida. Ray is still with the Ranger School.

Incidentally the 1955 "Register of Graduates" of USMA is out and it is really great for bringing you up to date on where classmates are and what they have been doing. Wes and Anne King announced the arrival of Rebecca Anne (3d child, 1st girl) on December 4, '55 at Milledgeville, Georgia.

Tom Rehm sent a cheery holiday greeting and the "sage" (from Sagebrush) advice to stay clear of Louisiana. Swede Berry also sent a card from Tyndall. Steve and Caroline Nichols wrote from Benning and confirming an earlier report the second child was a girl—now one of each. Drake and Ann Wilson are expecting their heir around May. They are at Camp Carson with Post Engineers until around June. Tom Fiala is now an engineer for Esso in New York. Ex-classmate Ted Neely wrote in from West Virginia. They have one child. Ted is with a consumer credit outfit as Branch Manager.

Herb Schandler wrote that he will finish Harvard Graduate School around June and goes to W.P. at that time to the Social Sciences Dept. Until then he is at 192 Huron Ave. in Cambridge and will welcome any classmate in the area.

I want to thank everyone for their Christmas cards and notes. I feel we are really getting a very fine volume of class news and hope you keep it up. Hope everyone approves of the new policy to include full names of authors for this column; too many people were in the dark as to nicknames. Also to clarify the situation, I am still in the army, being sent to Purdue by Uncle Sam and have prospects of assignment to USMA in August.

Tom Murphy reported a shortage of classmates at Connally AFB in Waco but no shortage of children. The happy Murphys announced the birth of their third, Douglas Charles, on January 6, '56. That's two "he's" and one "she". Our best congratulations to you. Any classmates going through Waco buzz the Murphys.

Dave Bond is with Allis Chalmers in Milwaukee and is also married now. Congrat-

ulations; belated but sincere. Jim Paris is engaged to Tom Murphy's sister and plans are afoot for a spring wedding. Jim is stationed in Alexandria, Virginia and is considering becoming a civilian.

Don Ross and Marilyn (he a civilian now) are now home owning, grass growing, tax paying and snow shoveling at 7637 Rainbow Dr., Kansas City, Missouri. A very big welcome mat is out for all who can beg, borrow or buy a trip through K.C. Don is working as an engineer for Sheffield Steel and likes his work but advises against "getting out" I'm glad to hear that the grass looks pretty green from that side of the fence too.

Thanks to Bob McGowan, with the diplomatic staff in Belgrade, who is reporting for Co D-1. Bob has been rubbing elbows with the world's brass including Chinese communists and reports his assignment anything but dull. Johnny Milner is now married. He met his wife in Korea (a nurse). Ted Loeschner is at Pittsburgh airport with "two on the runway and one in the hangar" referring to offspring, of course. (David June '53 and Dwight November '54). Ted has had some ulcer trouble and we are happy to hear he is again on flying status. Ken Good gyroscoped with the 187th RCT to Fort Bragg. Mal Craig is in Japan, one child, hopes for assignment stateside by presstime. The Hodges, Hodge and Boo, are back from Japan and now at Fort Hood. On their way home they saw the Yarbrough's in Hawaii. As for the McGowan family, Flo, Bonnie and Robert Scott (August 10, '55) are in Chiemser, Germany awaiting housing in Belgrade—and if you write Bob send it via State Dept Pouch or APO 251 so the "Jugs" won't explode if you "inadvertently" criticize Tito.

Heard from Ken Simonet and I know he will appreciate suggestions from all on our 1957 reunion. Only a year away so think, talk it up, and write. Let's try for a maximum attendance. Ken will be interested in your views on how long you want, type of entertainment, and items for the business meeting agenda. Fortunately it looks as if we will have at least half dozen or so of our class stationed at the Point by then and that promises to help with the housing problem.

I had a long letter from my other wife Swede Berry recently and he reports the winter sports and weather at Tyndall are superior. He is happy with the Air Force and gets around a lot on weekend cross-country flights.

Captain "Nails" Kelley is now with the new AF Academy Military Staff. Bob Wright and Tom Hill are newly assigned to the 1st Armored Div at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Ronnie Obach is now with the European Command Signal Division in Heidelberg, Germany. Margaret is with him of course.

Don Leehey (I-2, 1951) dropped in to see me a couple of weeks ago and told me John and Nicki Pelton with two daughters are now at the Univ of Chatanooga where John is bucking up the ROTC there.

Late news flash—John and Marjorie Aker join the parents of three. Nancy Elizabeth was born on February 21, 1956. That's three girls too. Our very best wishes to them. John is insuring that our ducrots won't go dragless.

The end for this time. Write. Call. Come in. Talk up the reunion.

—David K. Lyon.

1953

The Lost Dept. which I set up in the January issue is paying off. I have received several letters from fellows who are trying to keep their names off future lists as well

as leads on some of those whose names were listed last issue. I appreciate the willingness of so many of you to sit down and jot off a note to me. I am only sorry that I do not have the time to answer each one personally. I hope that all of you feel—as I do—that I answer your letters in this article.

It is with deep regret that I report the third death in our class. James R. Effer (K2) from Washington, D. C. was killed last December 11th at some unpronounceable place in Spanish Morocco. He was a navigator in the 46th Air Transport Sqdn. of MATS at Kelly AFB, Texas.

I received a letter from Jim written October 5th which I did not get in the last article. I would like to publish it in its entirety since it was so enlightening. The letter went like this:

"Dear Jeff,

"I've been meaning to drop a letter, but have been stalling—you know how it is (eventually you'll hear the same story 511 more times).

"Maybe you don't remember me, but I spent a tour in the hospital with you plebe year—when you had a broken leg, I think. I was in K-2. Anyway in my travels in MATS and USAF, I get a chance to accumulate some bit more news than most classmates, so I'll give you what I can remember.

"First—about me—I've been flying as MATS navigator at Kelly AFB since September 1954. I've been accepted for pilot training and expect to be there by February 1956.

"I'll give you the most recent news first since it is freshest in my mind. Last week (September) I was on a flight to Panama. As you said, the place is loaded like Woo Poo at June Week. All of the Class there tho, are Army. I saw Doc Vereck and toured Panama City in his red convert. Doc is to be married in Houston on December 17th to an attractive young lady whose first name is Helen. Brooks Martin, myself and Tom Rote are to be sword holders if we can get there. Doc and I visited in Gamboa, Canal Zone with Mr. and Mrs. White whose daughter is Mrs. Charles McGinn. Charlie and Jean are at Harbinger AFB, Texas where Charlie is piloting the T-29's that train navigators. If there are "hams" in the class, Mr. White would like to talk to them on KZSWA. As for Panama, the married seem to like it as a good overseas assignment. Natch, the bachelors would rather be state-side. Jim and Lou Jackson just had a girl (one of each now) in September, I think. Jim (Inf.) is the company commander of an ENGINEER Co. at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone. Wait 'til Bob Bartlett reads that!! This is rambling but I'll go on.

"Tom and Tinka Rote were here in San Antone last week on leave. Tom just finished observer school at Mather AFB, California and is one of 'Uncle Curt' LeMay's boys in SAC. Tinka is expecting next spring. Also Frank and Dee Marinero had their second (two boys I think) at Mather. I can't remember where Frank went after school at Mather.

"A few of the boys are in Air Training Command at Connally AFB, Texas. Only name I remember is Stan Govern. I ran into 'Whiskey Bob' Connor 'out on the line' for MATS a few times. He and John Krobock are pilots in a transport Sqdn. at McGuire AFB, New Jersey. I see Bob now and then in the Azores. One Sunday we went into 'town' and took pics of a Portuguese bullfight. The novelty is that they don't use a ring. They turn toro loose in the street and everyone gets into the act. That is—the young men do. The women and kids sit on the walls and terraces and spectate. Looks like fun.

"I ran into Dyke McCarty in Bermuda month before last. He's a MATS pilot out of Charleston, South Carolina. I also ran into Steve Belgau in the Azores. He is a C-124 navigator in a recon. sqdn. at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. I saw Al Grum here in San Antone on leave in June. He's in Nashville, Tennessee now on civil works assignment with the engineers. Also saw Jim Endler at A-N Country Club while on leave in May. He was due for civil works in Cleveland after finishing at Fort Belvoir. Ed Dinges should be at Fort Riley, Kansas by now. That's from Bob Connor who tried to find him in Germany. John Hazlebeck, Clay Jackson, Harry Duvivant and maybe more are at Ellington AFB, Texas flying T-29's for the navigator school three. Don Carter is there as a navigation instructor.

"I ran into Larry Johnson ('52) at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, and he told me Ed Davis should be in a F-94 sqdn. in Iceland by now. I'm due to leave Saturday for Germany via Iceland so I'll look for him if we stay on the ground for any time.

"Three weeks ago (September) I had supper with Bill and Bertha Stuart at Wheelus AFB, Tripoli. They have two sons. Bill says that many of the F-86 pilots in Europe come there for rocket gunnery practice. While I was there (1 day), Mingledorff was down for some shooting practice, but I missed him. Bill works in air installations at Wheelus.

"Last time I drove to Fort Hood (July) the three K-2 guys there had gotten orders to Europe and left. They were Monty Walters, Hal Rhyne and Bob Albert. I think you had some news of some in the last column. I was flying to Japan last winter, but that news is so old I will skip it. Most of the guys I heard of there were engineers and are back by now.

"Well, Jeff, that's about all I can think of right now. I'll probably remember more after I mail this. I have one suggestion or rather comment. The middies put out their alumni magazine 'Shipmate' once a month. Seems like we could do the same. If overall costs are up, I'd rather pay more in order to get the poop every month myself. Could you check on the idea with the Association?

"I'm going to try to get a hop up to the A-N game (but don't tell Drew Pearson). As for all this matrimony, I'm as unmarried now as I was plebe year. Please excuse all the scribble, but I guess I'm trying to write too fast. Take it easy, Jeff.

(signed) "Jim Effer

"P.S. Don't feel you have to answer, I can guess how it is with all the mail you get."

As I read this letter through, I got the feeling that Jim enjoyed the rapid change in scenery and the meeting of so many of our classmates all over the world. If he had to depart from us, at least it was in the course of doing something he enjoyed.

Way back in September I received a letter from Jerry Lohrli that I misplaced and recently found. I am sorry Jerry. He told me about the marriage of Rich Leonard and Ann Bickford at Pelham, New York on September 3. Jerry was best man. Dave Rumbough, Jim Knox and Bob Kaplan were ushers and Bill Horton was on hand. Rich and Ann will live in Messena, New York where Rich is assigned to the District Engineers.

Jerry himself was married November 5, at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York to Lili Valli. They are making their home in Greenport, Long Island where he is stationed. Another bachelor hit the dust!

Lee Friesen, wife of Herb Friesen noticed that I didn't have an article in October, so



BACHELOR PARTY, CLASS OF '53, BERLIN, GERMANY
 Front Row—left to right: Tom Nesbitt, Bill Renner, Mel Laundry.
 Back Row—left to right: Jack Morton, Dick Fisher, Roy Lesinski,
 Chuck Brewbaker.

she supplied me with some information which I always welcome. She and Herb are in Hanau, Germany where he is with the 765 F.A. Bn. as Asst. S-3. Jim and Billie Hove are also in the same outfit, and Jim is commander of a Battery. Maureen and Don Meglen live nearby in Gelnhausen where Don is in the Ordnance having transferred from Artillery. They have two children now. Jim and Anne McCluskey are in the F.A. in Butzbach. Jim is a Battery Commander. Chad and Joye Friedersdorff are also in Butzbach where Chad is a Battery Commander. They expect a wee one soon. Joan and Craig Coverdale are in Italy where Craig is in the 350th Inf. Regt.

Herb was in Karlsruhe, Germany for survey schooling and went to a house-warming for Jack Neuberger and wife. Bill Prime and wife and Andy and Sue Simko were among those present.

Ken Thompson wrote from England where he is stationed with the F.A. He and his wife Connie are the proud parents of a boy, Scott, born last August. Bob and Ginny Joyce are there too, and are expecting. He is an Ass't. S-3. Dan Christman and Graham McIntyre are Battery Ex's. Lowell Skidmore is in the same Bn. as Ken. Tee Hoffman is in another part of England. Ken says that to be so warm, England is the coldest place he has ever been.

Marlene Dowling, wife of Drew, dropped a line from Bablingen, Germany. Drew is with a Signal Repair Co. They went to Tandstuhl to visit Chuck and Frankie Toman. They also saw Ray Schroder and Jim Elliott who are flying F-86's there. Bob Nutter has transferred from the Inf to Ordnance and is now at Aberdeen, Maryland. Ed Coggins is at Big Spring, Texas and Doug Slinger at Harlingen AFB, Texas. Jim and Ruth Miley are due home in June from Fort Davis, Canal Zone. Sherri and Roger Ellman are also in Bablingen, Germany as well as the Jim Hoggs, Gray Kinnies, Sam Rogers, Bob LaFlam and Gus Schweitzer. Also in Germany are; the Tex Hammonds (have two children), the Al Biggerstaffs, Tom Conhams, Bob Fernandezes, Bob Tumperis and Sam Thomases. George and Jo Brosious are in Italy and are expecting their second. Gordie Curran and wife are in Japan. J. O. Dritt is in Okinawa.

Bill Horton was married on December 3 to Joanne Raeburn at Fort Myer, Virginia. Jerry Goetz and Early Rush were ushers. Jerry is in the Baltimore Engineer Dist., and Early is in the New York Dist. where Bill is also. Bill and Jo spent their honeymoon in Bermuda and while there they ran

into Pete Conzelman and wife who were also on their honeymoon. Pete transferred from Inf. to Ordnance and was to report to Aberdeen, Maryland. The four '53 members in the New York Engineer Dist. are Bob Bartlett, Early Rush, Jerry Lohrii, and Bill Horton. Bill heard from Bob Scofield who is in a Heavy Mortar Co. of the 11th Inf. Regt. in Germany. Bob will be a father soon.

After the crack in the last article about our Class Historian, Jim Donahue, Emily received a phone call from none other than Jim who was passing through the area. We asked Jim and his wife, Madeline, to stop by, and it proved to be a very enjoyable evening. The Old Man of the Mountain is the father of a six months old girl named Kathy, and they are at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Madeline is a lovely girl, and she is looking forward to their anticipated tour in Europe.

Stu McLennan wrote to announce the event that he and Abbie had been hoping for for a long time—the arrival of Stuart McLennan III, December 19 at El Paso, Texas. He weighed in at 9 pounds 1 ounce. Stu is the S-2 of the 90th Battalion with the additional duty of Honor Guard Commander. Seems that the VIP's come quite regularly to Fort Bliss. Stu will reapply for Army Aviation the middle of March and that means a move to Fort Rucker, Alabama if accepted.

Bob Karns received an assignment as Physical Education instructor at the Air Force Academy. Marilyn wrote that they are fortunate since the others at Victoria AFB have orders for Korea in March. He reported there in January, and I think he has spent most of his time so far trying to get funds for a Chicago trip to look over athletic equipment and other things!

Ed Wallnau (Vice-President of Piccadilly Hotel) saw my Lost Dept. and dropped a line to say that one on the list, James Bleecker, was through New York in January and registered from Fort Carson, Colorado. Ed also wanted me to convey his kindest regards to all his friends in the Class. He is happy to hear from us any time.

Gail Freimark was able to get a letter mailed from the swamps of Louisiana at Fort Polk. He is aide to Brigadier General Schewe. In January while in Germany, Gail saw Kemp Dozier who is an aide in the 4th Inf. Div. at Frankfurt. Stan and Pat Touchstone are in the 12th Inf. Div. at Hanau; Ed and Pat Reed in the 4th Signal Co.

in Frankfurt; Frank Kincaid is in Gelnhausen; Rod and Sally French transferred to Ordnance at Hanau; Hal and Joan Myrah are expecting in Butzbach; and Gene Soja is in Frankfurt.

Bud Borrell is another one of the boys who is wearing out Uncle Curt's bombers in the Strategic Air Command. He and his wife, Terry, are at MacDill AFB, Florida with Bob MacDonald and one of our ex-classmates John Marsters (L-1) who received his commission from Air Cadets. On leave in London, Bud bumped into Dan Christman who immediately addressed him as "Simko" Bud says they have been mistaken for one another for seven years. Buck Kotowski was through MacDill a while back. Buck is flying B-47's. Hal Gartrell and Dave Lodwick are at Reese AFB. Hal is flight instructor, and Dave is teaching academics. Bud's old roommate, Herb Schaeffer, was in to see him when he was forced to land due to engine trouble. Herb is at Warner-Robbins AFB. Their other roommate, Charlie Butler is finishing up in navigation school. Sorry, Bud, I don't have Bob Daly's address.

Pat Hayes wrote to let me know that Al Hayes is in Taipei, Taiwan. She also pointed out that I gave her name incorrectly in a previous article, but we both agreed to blame it on her husband! Although there are no classmates with Al, he has seen Bob Hess who is at Itayuhe, Japan. Pat will join Al in April.

Pat and Ed Reed sent news from Germany. They were married in September 1954 when her name was Patricia Gannon. They spent their honeymoon at the "Rock" (is that Kissin' Rock?). They have been in Germany since November 1954 and are now in Frankfurt with the 4th Inf. Div. At various times, Ed has seen Jack Hall and Ed Metzcher.

I heard from Bob Porter the other day. On January 24, he "dropped" in rather uniquely on Don Carter's home town of Elko, Nevada. Bob crash-landed his jet outside the city limits in order to avoid hitting any houses. The odds certainly aren't with a person under those conditions, but Bob was able to crawl away. He lost most of his teeth, needed fifty stitches in his face, cracked his cheekbone, and two bones in his ankle — otherwise, except for numerous cuts and bruises, he was fine! At least he got ten days convalescent leave and was able to visit his wife and second son (the announcement is in the Baby Corner) while they were still in the hospital. Bob expects to be back flying with his Sqdn. by the first of March even though his oldest son John, has more teeth than Bob does! Jimmy Jones, who was up at Kefovik, Iceland with Ed Davis, seemed to have developed some sort of trouble and started blacking out. He is now in the hospital at Parks AFB, California. Hope you are okay by now, Jimmy.

Chuck Fiala and Mike Kallman have been in the Omaha Dist. on civil works assignments since last July. Chuck was married to Edyth Clinkscales last June. His next assignment will be studying civil engineering at the U. of Illinois. Mike was also married in June to Jacquie Johnson. His next assignment will be at Iowa State College.

Pat Morrison wrote with news about one of those in the Lost Dept. as well as a little on himself. Art Arduna is at Fort Rucker, Alabama undergoing Army Pilot Training. Pat and Helen are still at Fort Sill where he has been ever since graduation. He and Ken Heitzke are neighbors. Ed Dinges is also there as an aide to General Bird.

I have decided to gather all of the births together in one spot (as best I can) so that the wives and gloating bachelors can quick-

ly tell at a glance who is back in shape again or who has another mouth to feed respectively. With this issue, at no extra price I announce the inauguration of THE BABY CORNER and here follows the latest additions to the statistical figures:

1. To Hugh and Bobbie Hall—a girl, Leslie Suzanne (12-24-55, in Japan).
2. To Pat and Gail Luck—a boy, Gary Patrick (11-21-55, in Alaska).
3. To Larry Crevoiserat and wife—a boy, Frederick Lawrence (10-26-55, Hawaii).
4. To Bob and Nola Breckenridge—a girl, Elizabeth Louise (1-30-56, Germany).
5. To Bob Bartlett and wife—a girl—Lynn Anne (1-13-56).
6. To Dick and Shirley Durham—a girl, Maryann (12-21-55, in Kansas).
7. To Herb and Lee Freisen—a boy, Robert George (10-28-55, Germany).
8. To Jim and Anne McCluskey—a boy, James Lawrence (9-55, Germany).
9. To Drew and Marlene Dowling—a boy, Kelvin Michael (9-24-55, Germany).
10. To Chuck and Frankie Towman—a boy, Charles III (11-21-55, Germany).
11. To Joe and Louise Perlow—a boy, John Mark (1-23-56, Japan).
12. To Tom Holcombe and wife—a boy, Tom Jr. (1-23-56, Japan).
13. To Al and Pat Hayes—a girl, Lynn Mary (9-11-55, U.S.).
14. To Bob and Kathy Porter—a boy, Kevin Joseph (2-9-56, West Point).
15. To Ken and Lois Heitzke—a girl, Michele Patricia (2-23-56, Oklahoma).
16. To Pat and Helen Morrison—a boy, Scott Steven (2-23-56, Oklahoma).
17. To the Campbells—a boy, William Michael (2-8-56, Germany).
18. To Vald and Kitty Heiberg—a boy, Walter Dodge (3-2-56, Boston).

Bill Renner sent the picture of some of the boys. The occasion was a bachelor party for Dick Fisher last September 2 before his marriage to Alice Thompson in Berlin, Germany. Since this reunion, they have had a few additions to include John Scoblick, Scott Crerar, and Jim Loedding. There are ten from '53 in one Regt, which sounds like a record to me. Bill is due for a stateside assignment in November 1956 and he is putting in his application for Army Aviation School in May. I've got my fingers crossed, Bill, in case your eyes give you trouble. Chuck Brewbaker in the picture there was in the Lost Dept., so now I've really found him! Besides being in Berlin, he is Comm. Officer of 3rd Bn.

I would like to caution you all on the matter of reporting resignations. I would certainly hate to embarrass anyone who had not announced that he was resigning, so please be careful about sending anyone's name in unless you feel sure that he would not mind. So far Jim Loedding is resigning in June. Jim is going to school and become a Patent Attorney in Washington.

Bill Campbell, Bill Fio Rito, and Ted King are in Bitburg, Germany flying F-86F's. The Kings have two girls and the Fio Rito's a girl and a boy. Jim Elliott and Leo Morton are at Landstuhl, Germany flying F-86D's. Tom Anderson and Bill Davis are at Neubiburg, Germany flying B-26's. Art Phipps is Electronics and Comm. Officer in the 563rd Fighter Bomber Sqdn. at Etain, France. Gary Robbins is at Etain also, flying F-86F's. Bill Campbell is looking for his two ex-roommates who are in the area—Chuck Neal and Jack Johns.

Tori Koch, wife of Ralph Koch sent news from the Canal Zone. She and Ralph were married in February 1954 when her name was Tori Lilly (her brother, Ted Lilly,

class of '50, was one of the first of his class killed in Korea). Ralph is in the Signal Section at Fort Amador. They live at Fort Kobbe, and there are plenty of '53ers around. Among the married ones are: Kathy and Tony Deluca, Steph and Bill Jewell, Dot and "Duffy" Martin, Sandy and Lou Kaufman, Liz and Dick Hoyt and the Landrys. Tori and Ralph would like to "find" Ralph's ex-roommates—Ralph Hickey and Gene Currier.

Rick and Joy Gilmartin, Jim and Liz Knox and Kitty and Vald Heiberg are ending a one year tour with the New England Engineer Dist. Most of their time was utilized spending \$27 million in disaster relief. Vald is entering MIT this summer, courtesy of the Corps of Engineers. Don and Lynn Grubbs live a few blocks from Vald and Kitty. Don is in the Air Force at Bedford AFB.

Now for some bits of news—Louise and Joe Perlow are at Camp Wood, Japan, in the Artillery. Don Brown and Tom Holcombe are there also. Roland Sullivan and family are in Fukuoka, Japan with an AAA Btry. Ed Bishop is at Fort Riley, Kansas where he is ass't operations officer in a Hq. Co. He is also in the 18th Inf. Regt. Choral Group. Kathy and Tony Deluca (now in C.Z.) are expecting their third child in June. The Fred Taylors expect their third child in May.

That winds up things for this time. As you notice, the Association has decided that these articles will be signed by our full names, so don't think I have gone formal on you! I am going to the Founders Day Dinner here in Chicago, March 17th, but I can't think of any of you who will be there. Maybe I'll be surprised. Say, you guys overseas, the stamp collecting bug has bitten me again. I certainly would appreciate it if you could send your letters with foreign stamps on them. If the Postal System disapproves, maybe you have some old used ones gathering dust around the house.

The Lost Dept. which represents those whose names have never been mentioned in the article for over 2½ years continues as follows: Edward, C. E.; Ehlers, O. K.; Gilster, H. L.; Glenn, J. S.; Gonzalez, R. D.; Greeley, L. J.; Halterman, H. W.; Hamilla, D. J.; Harmon, J. R.; Haskell, J. H.; Hazlett, H.; Hughes, J. W.; LaBrash, F. G.; Lawrence, R. D.; Liveoak, F. L.; Lowman, C. J.; Lustig, S. J.; Lynch, E. T.; Mathiasen, A.; Mavis, A. L.

My address remains: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. The response this time was swell, and I am glad to hear that so many want a five year reunion book. I hope to hear from many more of you in the next three months. Best wishes to all.

—William J. Jefferson.

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The Class of 1954 extends deepest sympathies to the wife and family of Ray Garey. No details of his death are available yet, except that Ray was in an airplane crash about the middle of February.

Tales from an Ex-goat: Red and Cay Kavanaugh tore themselves away from Benning for four weeks to attend the Joint Military Packaging Course at Toledo, Ohio. For the first time in history, Red broke out of the goat's ranks and missed being top man in the class by one point. All that glory plus \$12 per diem.

Athletes and Celebrities: Bob Mischak was named to the Armed Forces Press Service All-Star Team for 1955. He was end and line coach for the Berlin Bears, co-holders

of the Army's European Main Conference title.

Bill Hannon got back on the court and set some scoring records for the Fort Lewis post basketball team. And in Friedburg, Germany, Dick Littlefield coached a regimental basketball team to a 16-4 record.

Really playing a good deal to the hilt are Larry Willner and John Eckhardt of the U.S. Army Pistol Team. In March they spent a few weeks touring Tampa, Miami and Coral Gables, and squeezing off a few rounds now and then at the National Mid-winter Pistol Championships. Now they're planning to take a crack at the Olympic trials in late August.

To the Altar: Bob Gross and Rita Marie Rogers at West Point on November 19; Jerry Abernathy and Diane Neas (John Neas' sister) in December; Rudy Wacker and Betty (?) at Paris, Arkansas, on December 3; Bill Acers and Marjorie Ann Nyenhuis at Fort Bragg on January 14.

Class Additions: Ever-expanding '54 has added another dozen. Girls—Kathryn Ellen Toreson to Lowell and Mary Ellen on November 14; Patricia Jean Gray to Bob and Donna on December 20; LuAnn Marie Bryant to Leon and Bobbie on December 24; Susan Lynn Powers to Paul and Betty on December 29; Gale Demetria Weaver to Deme and Dick on January 7; Paula Lee Porter to Ralph and Lael on January 19; and Debra Lee Salvador to Ron and Georgianna on February 3.

Boys—Stephen Archer McNair to Ed and Rebecca on December 27; a boy to Andre and Madeline Lucas sometime over the Christmas holidays; a boy to Jack and Dorothy Logan on December 31, "just in time for taxes"; Richard Dwight Gould to Jay and Nancy on January 2; and a boy to Chuck and Dorothea Luce on January 15.

Overseas Bound: Lennie Reed vacationed in February at Sun Valley, Idaho, took one last look at the scenic surroundings, and then packed his bags for the long trip to Korea. He is aide to Brigadier General Schwartz. Proud owners of orders for the Far East are Bob Evans, George LaCour, Dick Grifenhagen, and Bill Ovberg.

Destined to enjoy the better things of life is Jack LaMere who journeyed to Paris and SHAEF in March.

The boys in the Pentagon had a little fun with Jim Obendorfer. His overseas orders originally read Far East, were then changed to Germany, and finally to SHAEF Headquarters in Paris. What's next, Obie — heaven?

Now that the 11th Abn Div has finally gyroscoped to Germany, one weary classmate observed: "Operation Gyroscope should be listed by Webster as synonymous with Operation Paperchase".

Over There: Fifty of the class gathered at Heidelberg for a promotion-reunion party on December 17. Ben Breslauer took care of the arrangements which included private banquet room, filet mignon dinner with the trimmings, and a combo for the music. The photo of the group is courtesy of John Tilley, and Andre Broumas was deemed sufficiently sober and responsible to send a complete list of the celebrants. Here they are: "Married—Dick and Cheri Farmer, Chuck and Betty Debelius, Jim and Cornelia Krieh, Bill and Gene Epling, Floyd and Jane Siefferman, Skip and Suzie Forman, George and Georgeanne Chancellor, Carl and Carole Stark, John and Madelyn Poteat, Andre and Madeline Lucas, Norm and Dot Bedell, Dave and Nancy Dimick, Ben and Cynthia Schemmer, Cliff and Jo Flannigan, Bill and Nancy Wallace, Darrel and Meg Anderson, Andre and Gene Broumas. Bachelors — Colby Ross, Glen

Stout, Leo Hobbs, Dick Tyler, John Purdy, Ben Breslauer, Mark Reese, Clark Benn, Fred Galloway, Wilbur Buckheit, Bruce Bidwell, John Tilley, Ed Keiser, Craig Spence, and Al Richards." The only enterprising bachelor who appeared with a date was Clark Benn. John Tilley explained that "the rest of us didn't get the word to bring our girls; and most of us have at least one, I assure you"

Also enjoying the life in Germany are Ed and Judy Partridge who are "comfortably situated in a very nice apartment" in Amberg, Germany. When Ed wrote, his recon company in the 3rd Armd Cav Regt was covering a mere 100 miles while on border duty. Also assigned to the 3rd are: in Bayreuth—Shelly, Marge and Michael Burnett, Skip and Anne Combs, and Willy Haskell; in Bamberg—Tom Paprocki; and in Amberg—Bob and Carol Reed, and Bob Jr.

Life in Munich finds Bob, Jane and Elizabeth Anne Lykens amidst "wonderful quarters with beautiful furniture." With them in the 370th Armd Inf Bn are Bill and Lee Schulz, Andre and Madeline Lucas, Bill Odum, Dave Thoreson, and Don Shebat. All are platoon leaders except Dave who is an exec and Bob who is asst S-3. The John Poteats are on the same kaserne (post, they tell me) but in the 7th Engr Bn.

In Friedburg are Dick and Maxine Littlefield right upstairs from Chuck and Dorothea Luce. Also in the vicinity are Bill and Ann Lyn Welsh and Jack and Dorothy Logan.

Life in the Air Force: At Charleston AFB, South Carolina, are Dick Youngflesh, C. J. Sullivan, and Jim Dalton—all proud pilots for MATS, or as Jim puts it, the "Midnight Air Transport Service." Dick and Jim are flying the new Super Constellations, and C. J. is in C-54's. The three make frequent flights to Europe, North Africa, and the Polar Regions (Thule). Charleston AFB is becoming an aerial port of embarkation, and anyone passing thru is invited to look up these three '54ers in the 76th ATS.

Niki Wesner wrote that Joe Yeager and John Wesner were at Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas, attending B-47 ground school. They were scheduled to finish about April 1 and then go on to Survival School at Stead AFB. Also at Forbes were Bud and Lou Bonham, and Stan, Betty and Daniel Beck.

Learning a bit about the navigation angle at James Connally AFB are Leon, Bobbie and LuAnn Bryant. After more than 18 months of flying in Texas, even the Galves-

ton Kid admits that "to tell the truth, I've had just about all I can stand of Texas."

Rudy and Betty Wacker are at Ethan Allen AFB, Winooski, Vermont, supposedly for purpose of flying F-86D's out of Burlington Municipal Airport. However, Rudy has one day off out of every four, and the ski resort hills are only a half-hour drive away.

Other stray fly-boys include: Ken Bell flying with Air Defense Command at Castle AFB; Larry McFarland flying C-124's on the Frisco, Hawaii, Wake Island, Tokyo run; Lee Wood in PA-16 amphibians with an Air Rescue Squadron in Thule, Greenland; Norm Stephen flying C-124's out of Dover, Delaware; and instructing at Lubbock Air Base in sunny Texas are Bob Fromm, Jim Zerkel, and Bob Bullington.

AAA: Defending the country's atomic activities at Camp Hanford, Washington, are John and Lee Koskella, Jay and Nancy Gould, and Ron and Georgianna Salvador. Ron explains that Hanford is "a desolate area of mountains, sand, and sagebrush . . . as restricted as White Sands . . . an ant couldn't crawl thru the barricades without a security pass . . . duty is fine, but the portal-to-portal ride to the units each morning involves an average of over 100 miles round trip. It gets rough on the backside."

Guarding Pittsburgh's steel mills are Paul and Betty Powers with 701st AAA Bn and Bob Cicchinelli with 74th AAA Bn. Paul is now adjutant after an eight-month stint as battery commander.

Jim Williams abandoned his bachelor apartment in Philadelphia and joined the 35th AAA Bn at Baltimore. There he lives in the Fort Meade BOQ and enjoys the club, golf course, and University of Maryland. With his eye on the Olympic basketball squad, Jim is traveling all over the south with the Fort Meade team.

Then there is the other side of the AAA. Pete McCloskey spent February and March in a "cold dirty spot and a thankless job," according to Jim Williams. Pete was officer in charge of the records section at the AAA Range, Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Glenn and Eva Matsumoto are roughing it in the wilds of New Jersey with the 19th AAA Bn, but are quite snug in their own little trailer. Bob and Joan Bullock are still at 405 Battery Ave., Brooklyn, and happy to see any of the troops shipping over. Bob's battalion converted to Nike and moved out to Fort Tilden recently. And out near Spokane, Washington, is Jim Sur-

ber hard at work in the S-2 shop of 10th AAA Bn at Fairchild AFB.

Armor: Jack Dennis came thru with news of the Armor files. Here it is: "Initially there were about 40 classmates here at Fort Hood in the 1st and 4th Armored Divisions, but that number has been cut in half by the transfer of the 1st Armd to Fort Polk, Louisiana, and infrequent overseas orders. Among the lucky latter are Lee Gilbreth and Harry Sullivan, on orders for Germany. Don (D. P.) Shaw, whose wit is still as sharp as his nose, recently was notified that he will be going to Turkey this spring on the Joint American Military Mission. Some have it, some don't! Newell Vinson and Duane McMartin are currently at the Army Language School."

Jack continues: "Among those still here at Fort Hood in the 4th Armd Div are: Bob and Claire Gomez, Bill and Wanda Jean Thompson, Jay, Jean and baby-boy-born-in-October Massaro, Larry and Susan Bonner and boy born in August, Bill and Isa McGuire and young Tom, Carole and Dick Diller, Pat and Shirley Dyer, Tom and Gloria Healy, Gene and Louise Breeding, and Bob and Jeanne Badger. Price Darling, D. P. Shaw, Harry Sullivan and I are the only bachelors left."

Tales of Sagebrush: A few quotable war stories filtered thru the censors after Operation Sagebrush. George Kourakos writes: "Bob Anthis had a hand in blasting the tank on which I was riding during an infantry-tank attack in the middle of the night. I wouldn't say he got me, but I'm still digging unburned powder pellets out of my helmet. Jim Halvatgis captured two of my people who subsequently returned with a note from Jim inviting me over for a drink. I sure would have taken him up on that one, but the obstacle between us consisted of two warring armies."

Included in the prisoners mentioned last issue was George Perrin, complete with jeep, driver, radio and SOI. It's said that George evened the score by escaping after he was turned over to regimental control.

By the end of Sagebrush, most of the troops of the 82nd Abn were sporting rather impressive mustaches. But the Division Commander ordered all handlebars to disappear.

Fort Benning: Among the school troops are Doug Stuart and Marty LaChance as battery commanders with 23rd Field Arty Bn and Ray Pace, Bill Kirby, and Bill Nelson with



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29th Inf. Johnny, Myla and Leslie Young are quite pleased with life at Benning; Johnny has a company in 8th Bn, 3rd Div. Others in 3rd Div are Wade Hampton, Chuck Orr, Tex Bacon, Wendell Gilbert, Bill Harper, Dick Sugg, Frank Sweeney, Tom Mayberry, and Dick Kavanaugh.

Fort Campbell: Since the exodus of the 11th Abn to Germany, Jim Allison is one of the first at Campbell to sport the 101st Abn patch as the division is refitted for duty.

Fort Bragg: With Sagebrush finally over, the boys of the 82nd Abn settled down to the old routine. With 325th Regt are Perin Mawhinney as asst S-1, Doodles Weaver as asst personnel officer, Doug O'Connor as a commo officer, Dave Harris and Ed Knoff as company execs, and Quay Snyder as a platoon leader in the Regt Tank Co. Also at Bragg are: Dick Hobbs, an instructor at Post CBR School; Bob Keener, I&R platoon leader in the 505th; and Bill Hauser who sheared off his mustache and settled down to his paperwork as a battalion supply officer.

Fort McNair: Keeping an eye on the political scene in Washington are Bob and Rita Gross. Bob's a company exec with 3rd Inf Regt.

Texas: Enjoying "a fine job with lots of traveling" is Bob Cottle. He is in Austin as aide to Brigadier General Griffin, chief of Texas Military District.

Strictly Unclassified: Falling into no category in particular at the present is George Kourakos who usually has a battalion intelligence job with the 504th Abn Inf Regt at Fort Bragg. It seems that George is now working for the Air Force. He explains that he is a "member of the Army planning staff and airborne advisory staff for the small maneuver which the Airborne and Air Force are conducting in Greenland in March. It is pleasant duty here at Pepperrell AFB in Newfoundland, but I don't reckon I'll ever be the same when I leave here in a couple of weeks. The 'relax' attitude is so much different from Army attitudes. Later this month I'll go to Thule Air Base where the 'problem' will take place." With that stirring account of his adventures, George cancelled membership in the "Never-a-Letter" Club.

Random Roundup: Change of address cards arrived from Bob Egelston, now at 80 Kyle Ave., Ayer, Massachusetts, and Jesse Moore, who is with 511th Abn Signal Co, 11th Abn Div, APO 112, New York City.

Even PIO came thru with some news: Bill and Nancy Wallace are with Seventh Army's 499th Engr Combat Bn in Stuttgart, Germany; Ed and Carolyn Roderick are with 3rd Armd Div at Fort Knox; Perry and Lois Studt are in signal service with Ryukyus Command on Okinawa.

And reliable informers say that Jack Hilsman and his new wife are at Fort Meade, Ed Weaver is in Washington at OSI School, and rifle platoon leader Bill Old was seen in a Nurnberg PX.

White-Collar Workers: Joe Gaffney is quite pleased with life at Waterbury Connecticut, where he is teaching high school English. Meanwhile, Joe is putting the final touches on his work for an MA at Fairfield University.

Jack Davis, ex-'54, who spent three years with us and was then given a medical discharge, is now at University of Texas. Besides majoring in physical education, Jack is collecting most of the handball honors in the Southwest Conference.

To bring the records up to date, let's add that the Plunketts are quite happy with life in New York City and vicinity, and

are always glad to see any of '54 who are passing thru. This profession of writer-editor gets better by the day, and work at McGraw-Hill is just grand.

All for Now. Let's hear from you by June 1st. Address is the same: No. 1 Hawley Terrace, Yonkers, New York. And the name's still Jim; however the editor has asked each news rep to accept complete responsibility for his column and accordingly sign his full name. Thanks, all.

—James G. Plunkett.

1955

After many weeks of anticipation, the winner of the Class Cup has been announced! Bob Stanley II won the Cup for proud parents Bob and Nena. We do not have weights and measurements on our Class Godson, but you shall be given all pertinent information as soon as possible. Classmate Bob, by the way, is presently assistant exec munitions for A Battery of the 67th Armored Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Knox, and likes his work very much. I am certain that Bob and Nena would appreciate a note from any or all of you Godparents; their address is Lieutenant and Mrs. R. F. Stanley, 513 Drecks Drive, Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

The rest of the class seems to be getting scattered in all directions by the March wind. Said wind carried me to Baumholder, Germany, a few days ago (mid-March). Eck Hayes is here also, but in the 16th AFA Bn (motors officer for A Battery). Clancy DeLong is due to arrive in the same battalion with me, the 14th AFA, in a few weeks. Prior to that, however, he has an important wedding to attend (Miss Patricia Eleanor Atkins and Lieutenant Clarence Albert DeLong). Congratulations! Last, but certainly not least, in Baumholder, is, wearing "Hell on Wheels" in two inch letters on his sleeve, Chuck Gersitz. Chuck will be with D Company of the 29th Armored.

Frank O'Brien was on the flight over from Fort Dix with us, on his way back from emergency leave. Frank is at 2nd Armored Headquarters at Bad Kreutznach. I want to express the sympathy of the class to Frank and his family at the death of his father.

We were at Fort Dix just long enough to see Ted Thompson on his way to Panama, Hi Stevens, Ed Vulgas, and Bruce Wilburn on their way to Germany, and the names of Stan Sydenham and Bud Coyle on the register—destination unknown by us. The 11th Airborne, or at least elements of it, were in New York then also; we ran into John Martling and Phil Rundle en route to Europe with the 11th. John was able to make a quick trip up the Hudson one day, where at Major Moore's request he gave the first classmen the inside story on life as a BIOC second lieutenant at Fort Benning. (Highly classified information).

We have no news from them, but Ranger Class 7, which consisted largely of those infantrymen who took airborne and were assigned outside the continental United States, should be long graduated by now. Perhaps in the midst of the scrub oak, the slash pine, the deadfall, and the "ideal patrol weather" now would be Ranger Class 8. This class contained those infantry officers who took airborne but had assignments in the United States. In order not to have too large a group in Class 7, these men of Class 8 were sent to a special Weapons Course first. Fred Bliss, Warren Jones, and Bob Joseph were among the faces I recall seeing in this course.

Speaking of Ranger School, those men assigned to the First and Eighth Divisions apparently may find themselves putting their training to use sooner than they thought, with the Ranger-type programs planned by these units.

Among the newlyweds by the time this issue comes out will be Jim and Earlene McIntosh, residing at Fort Bragg after a honeymoon in Canada and the northern United States, and Fred and Gennie Woerner, residing in Hawaii after a West Point wedding.

Now that I am permanently settled, I hope those of you at the various posts throughout the world will give us news of your whereabouts and activities. Particularly you Air Force people ought to be able to scrape together lots of news, with groups of the class still together in Florida, Texas, and Missouri. But also, let's have a Far East report, a Fort Lewis report, a Fort Benning report, one from the various AAA and Guided Missile units, etc. By the way, many of you ought to be in Germany by now, so let's hear from you also. And if any of you have any ideas for reunions around Christmastime, let me know, and I shall see that the information is published in the next issue (July—get the news in by June 20). My address now is A Btry, 14th AFA Bn, APO 34, New York, New York.

I have saved for last news that all of us have been curious about for several months now, word of our Rhodes Scholars at Oxford. In Frankfurt I ran into Marty McGuire, who was on his way to spend six weeks with a German family in Bonn. Marty has been taking German in addition to his regular courses at Oxford, and feels that his visit in a German home will be a rare opportunity to really acquire rapid knowledge of the language as well as of the people. At Oxford Marty, as well as Mike Garn and Don Olvey, study philosophy, economics, and politics; John Hamilton is in the physics field. All four of the men live and study in different colleges at Oxford; therefore they do not see each other as often as one might expect. The system under which they study, as Marty explained it, is one of weekly conferences with the assigned advisor in which a reading list is prepared and an essay topic assigned. Actual classroom work is not part of the routine, except for an occasional voluntary lecture. Eight weeks of study and six weeks of vacation follow one another on the schedule for each scholar.

None of the four has an automobile, but each has his English bicycle for transportation (when in Rome . . .). Bicycle riding is by no means the only exercise this foursome have been getting, however. Marty went to Switzerland and Austria with his college hockey team and plays rugby for his college. Mike Garn scored two goals against Cambridge in lacrosse and also plays rugby. John Hamilton is playing lacrosse for his college. Don Olvey is rowing and playing rugby. John Bard, by the way, is completing his stay at Oxford this summer.

Marty gave me further information on some very noteworthy work by Mike and Dave Gilpatrick. It seems authors Garn and Gilpatrick contributed an article to *Armor Magazine* which was of such caliber that Mr. B. H. Littel-Hart has invited Mike to London to discuss the subject, developments in armor.

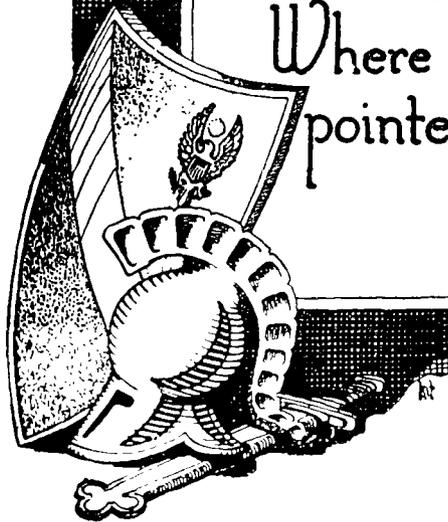
The expense of the contribution is much less than that for other contributions throughout the year—three small pennies. Even you can afford that, Sam. So write, one and all.

Til next time.

John Lovell.

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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Charles Stewart Farnsworth

NO. 3220 CLASS OF 1887

DIED DECEMBER 19, 1955, AT CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AGED 93 YEARS.

MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES STEWART FARNSWORTH, U.S. Army Retired, O-26, died at the United States Naval Hospital, Corona, California, on December 19, 1955, at the age of 93. Interment was beside his wife, Helen B. Farnsworth, in the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco. Mrs. Farnsworth died in 1951. At the time of his death General Farnsworth was one of the oldest living officers of his grade.

A native of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, General Farnsworth graduated from West Point in 1887. His first duty assignments were in Dakota Territory where he participated in the last of the Indian campaigns. From 1903 to 1907 he served as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of North Dakota. During the Spanish-American War he acted as



quartermaster in the Santiago, Cuba, campaign and as aide to General Adna R. Chaffee. Various duty assignments moved General Farnsworth to Alaska, where he constructed and commanded Fort Gibbon; to the Philippine Islands, where he built Fort McKinley; to San Francisco, where he constructed Presidio cantonments; and to Montana, Michigan and Kansas. In 1909 he was a distinguished graduate of the Army School of the Line and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; in 1916 he graduated from the Army War College at Washington, D. C. He served as a field Battalion Commander and as a Supply Base Commander with General Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico.

In 1917, shortly after the entry of the United States into World War One, General Farnsworth was made Commandant of the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, following which he commanded the 159th Infantry Brigade, Camp Lee, Virginia. He was advanced to the grade of Major General on April 16, 1918, following which he trained and commanded the 37th Division A.E.F., and took part in the occupation of the Baccarat and St. Mihiel sectors and in the offensives in the Argonne-Meuse and Ypres-Lys campaigns. In recognition of this meritorious service the United States awarded him the Distinguished Service Medal and the Silver Star;

France awarded him the Croix de Guerre with Palm and made him a Commander in the Legion of Honor; and King Albert of Belgium made him a Commander in the Order of Leopold.

Upon his return to the United States in 1919 General Farnsworth commanded Camp Bowie, Texas, for a short time. He was next assigned the duty of organizing and constructing the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, of which he was the first Commandant. As of July 1, 1920, he was appointed Chief of Infantry, which office he held until March 27, 1925. During that period Fort Benning was further developed and expanded under his supervision and direction.

General Farnsworth retired on March 27, 1925, after more than forty years of active service. Following his retirement he settled with his family at Altadena, California, where he took a vital interest and active part in community affairs until his last illness. Among other activities, he served as president of the Altadena Citizens' Association, president of the Altadena Beautification League, president of La Vina Sanitarium, regional member of the Los Angeles County Planning Commission, and chairman of the Criminal Complaints Committee of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury. He was selected as Grand Marshal of the 1931 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, in which he rode the famous Valentino stallion, Jadaan. He was the last Grand Marshal to lead the parade on horseback. In 1950 he acted as Grand Marshal of the Armed Forces Day Parade in Los Angeles.

General Farnsworth is survived by his son, Robert J. Farnsworth, residing at 556 East Las Flores Drive, Altadena, California.

Thomas H. Slavens

NO. 3195 CLASS OF 1887

DIED DECEMBER 24, 1954, IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 91 YEARS.

and Captain of Cavalry and later Captain and Major Quartermaster in the Philippine Insurrection in 1899 and 1900; as a Lieutenant Colonel Quartermaster and Base Quartermaster, Mexican Punitive Expedition in 1916 and '17; as a Colonel Quartermaster in Command of the New York Depot and in important bases in France in World War I; and in command of an infantry regiment in the closing months of the War, followed by occupation duties in Germany in 1919; and finally as a Brigadier General in the concluding years of his active service preceding his retirement in 1927.

Thomas Slavens, having survived all but a very few of his classmates and most of his contemporary friends, passed on to his reward the day before Christmas 1954, rounding out an unusually long period of continuous national service — forty-four years in his active military career and twenty-eight years in retirement in San Antonio, Texas. Truly it can be said, "Well done."

In addition to his superior performance on normal assignments at home and abroad, he established an enviable record of signal



THOMAS HORACE SLAVENS was born January 18, 1863 at Portland Mills, Indiana but grew up in Missouri. His father was Zenas L. Slavens a native of Missouri; and his mother was Irene Stanley, originally from Indiana. In December 1890 he married Miss Alice Goodrich of Cincinnati, Ohio, who shared with him his years of service at many of his varied stations until her death at San Antonio, Texas in 1943. Their only son, Stanley G. Slavens, who retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in 1953, makes his home with his family in San Antonio. There are two granddaughters, Janet Hana and Irene Stanley Slavens.

For one who served with Brigadier General Thomas H. Slavens at the peak of his military career, it is a challenge to set forth adequately the varied and outstanding record of such a distinguished soldier whose life span covered 92 years, 44 of them devoted to strenuous active service.

It is an inspiration to review even briefly this long career of dedicated military service starting in 1883 as a U.S.M.A. Cadet and continuing successively through important leadership assignments: as a Cavalry lieutenant in the Indian Campaigns in Arizona and New Mexico in the late eighties and early nineties; as a Major of the 3rd Missouri Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish War in '98; as a 1st Lieutenant

accomplishments in a variety of fields — combat, construction, education and training.

Monuments to his ability and skill as a constructing quartermaster are to be found in many places such as: The U.S. Military Prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1908 to 1914); Corregidor Island, Philippine Islands (1914 to 1916); and Presidio of Monterey, California, American Lake, Washington and San Francisco, California (1916).

Earning his B.S. degree upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1887, he maintained an interest in military education throughout his career, both as student and instructor. He was an Honor Graduate of the Infantry-Cavalry School in 1893 and continued on the faculty as Assistant Instructor in Military Engineering and Cavalry. He was associated in the preparation of the "Manual of Military Field Engineering" in 1894 and in the revision of "Root's Military Topography and Sketching." He also was Editor, "Journal U.S. Cavalry Association" in 1897 and 1898. In 1904 he compiled the "Outline Description of Military Posts and National Cemeteries" and in 1906 he again was associated in the revision of the "Manual of Military Field Engineering." He also published articles based on his personal experience and observations such as: San Carlos, Arizona, Land of the Apaches; Incidents of Cuban

Occupation by U.S. Troops 1898; and Scouting in Northern Luzon, P. I., 1899-1900.

That his service as an able and courageous leader was recognized by his military associates is attested by his many citations and commendations:

Distinguished Service Medal — "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services as Commander of the New York Depot, from July 1917 to March 1918, in which he demonstrated superb energy and marked executive ability in a position of great responsibility, later as Commanding Officer of the 51st Infantry from October, 1918, he showed marked ability in the training of the Regiment and during its operations in the Meuse-Argonne." and

Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters— "For gallantry in action against insurgent forces at Rio Abacan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 1 November 1899", and again, "For gallantry in action against insurgent forces near Porac, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 2 November 1899."

He was also cited by the Commanding General, 6th Division, France, in World War I "For courageous and meritorious service and devotion to duty while serving with his organization in the Vosges Mountains, Gerdmere Sector, France and in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, France."

He was authorized the following service medals:

Indian Campaign Medal
Spanish War Service Medal
Army of Cuban Occupation Medal
Philippine Campaign Medal
Mexican Service Medal
World War I Victory Medal with Clasps
Meuse-Argonne and Defensive Sector
Army of Occupation of Germany Medal.

In addition to these more formal recognitions of his military character and competence, other records reveal the high regard in which he was held by those under whom he served in positions of responsibility which called for courage, dependability, and high professional attainments.

Appointed Major, 3rd Missouri Volunteer Infantry at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he commanded a battalion of the regiment and later was placed in command of the provisional regiment, 2nd Division, 2nd Army Corps which he continued to command until that regiment was mustered out on September 3rd, 1898: Of this service General George W. Davis commanding the 2nd Division, stated "Under circumstances of extreme difficulty, with less than one-third the proper complement of Officers and non-commissioned officers to assist, Major Slavens organized, equipped and drilled these recruits and embodied them into an excellent regiment which is second to none in the Division for discipline, drill and efficiency."

As Aide-de-Camp to Major General F. V. Greene, he served in December 1898 in Havana, Cuba where he participated in the suppression of the Havana riots incident to the evacuation of the Spanish troops. For this service he was recommended by General Greene for promotion to Field Officer of Volunteers.

On arrival in Manila in 1899 he was placed in command of Troop "B", 4th Cavalry and participated in several engagements while in command of that troop. Later he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to General MacArthur and placed in command of the 2nd Division Scouts and participated in many engagements while in this assignment. In addition to his citation for gallantry, he was recommended for brevet captain and brevet major for this service.

On his work at the Army War College in 1919 and 1920 General McAndrew stated "In addition to the report already made by

me on the work of the regular students assigned to the General Staff College for last year's course and the recommendations made in each individual case. I desire to call particular attention to the unusually meritorious work done by Colonel T. H. Slavens, a special student": Upon graduation he was appointed to the Initial General Staff Corps Eligible List and detailed in the General Staff as Chief of Staff, 8th Corps Area.

Thus those who knew and admired Thomas H. Slavens as a comrade in arms, wrote for history their appreciation of his devoted and distinguished service and highlighted some of the episodes of a career dedicated to the finest traditions of his Alma Mater.

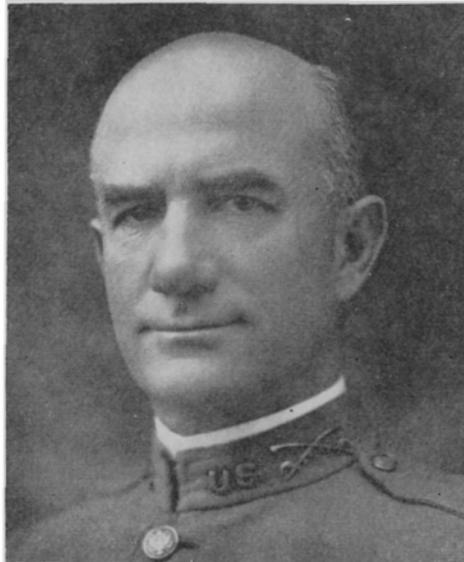
—H. R. B.

Oren Browning Meyer

NO. 3381 CLASS OF 1890

DIED SEPTEMBER 27, 1955, AT SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 86 YEARS.

EARLY in June 1886, there were assembled in the quadrangle of the cadet barracks at



West Point over 200 candidates and alternates to take the entrance examination for admission to the Academy. Clad in nondescript civilian clothes, they represented a true cross section of the youth of this country. Some 125 gained admission as provisional cadets or "plebes", to constitute the Class of 1890, U.S.M.A. Now, 70 years later, the writer—one of the half dozen still living of that Class—has been asked to write a few lines in tribute to the memory of a classmate recently deceased—Colonel Oren Browning Meyer, U.S.A., affectionately remembered by all as "the kid", the youngest man in the Class, just 17 years old when admitted.

He was born at Fort Bliss, Texas, June 13, 1869, the son of Brevet Brigadier General Edward Seraphim Meyer and Jennie Houser Meyer—the father a Civil War veteran, who as a boy enlisted as a private in an Ohio Volunteer regiment as President Lincoln's first call for troops, and had continued to reenlist throughout the War, passing through all grades with many brevets, finally electing to remain in the military service after the surrender of the South.

The Meyer Family originally came from Alsace-Lorraine, but Oren's parents were born in the U.S.A.

The writer well remembers Oren Meyer at West Point. Not only was he the youngest man in the Class but one of the smallest in height and lightest in weight. But in spite of these physical handicaps, the intense zeal with which he performed his duties impressed everyone—cadets and officers alike. So it is not surprising, as academic years rolled by, to find him promoted first to be senior corporal of his company, the following year its first sergeant and in his senior year cadet captain and company commander. Doubtless he had inherited much of this strict sense of duty from his father, the old Regular, who had set the example. Despite his youth, he also maintained a good scholastic standing. Organized athletics were not in vogue at West Point in our day, but in the riding hall he was noted as an excellent horseman — a fact that may have decided him to select the cavalry for his service career on graduation. He graduated with his Class on June 12th, 1890, was handed his diploma by that great soldier, William Tecumseh Sherman, was commissioned a second lieutenant of the Second U.S. Cavalry, and joined his first station, on conclusion of graduating leave, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, September 18, 1890.

A detailed account of his assignments, stations and duties during his more than forty-three years of active service, covering three continents, and including all grades from cadet to colonel would far exceed the scope of this article. Only some of the high lights can be mentioned here.

Generally speaking the first seven years of his service found him on frontier duty, scouting Indian country, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Mexican Border, 1890-1897. Next the Spanish American War, combat duty in Cuba, severely wounded in battle of San Juan Hill, hospitalized two months, (awarded purple heart and silver star decorations, with citation for gallantry in action) 1898; combat duty in Philippines, 1898-1900; Regimental Quartermaster 14th Cavalry, 1901-1905; additional P.I. service (Camp Overton and Fort Stotsenberg), student, School of the Line, Fort Leavenworth (graduated, 1913); as Lieutenant Colonel, commanding regiment, 14th Cavalry, along the Mexican border, patrolling the Rio Grande, etc., until after outbreak of World War I; appointed colonel of cavalry (temporary) August 5, 1917; transferred from Rio Grande to France, and in command of training district, 1st Depot Division, A.E.F., 1918; returned to U.S. Chief of Staff, 41st Division, February 1919.

Following the World War, he commanded various cavalry regiments, was three years in command of the General Intermediate and Recruiting Depot at Seattle, and four years on staff duty at Fourth Corps Area headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia. He closed his long career of active duty at Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 7, 1929, as Chief of Staff, 63d Cavalry Division, retiring at his own request, after over 43 years of continuous service.

Meyer married at Leavenworth, Kansas, June 16, 1897, Miss Carrie Thomas. The marriage over the many years proved a very happy one (they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary, June 16, 1955), their immediate family (mentioned later) consisting of a twin son and daughter born at Leavenworth, July 10, 1898, while the father was in hospital recovering from the wound received in the battle of Santiago de Cuba.

After his retirement, the Meyers bought a beautiful home in San Diego, overlooking the river valley, in which they lived in great comfort and happiness through the remaining thirty-five years allotted to him. Here

he was joyfully occupied in caring for his large garden and otherwise improving his property, greeting his many friends, reading from his large library and keeping posted on the military, economic and political developments of this fast-changing world, but took no active part in politics. Though eligible, he refrained from joining military and other societies, but cherished his membership in the Loyal Legion, inherited from his father. His health remained good until near the end. In September 1955, an operation on a strangulated hernia became imperative and he entered a San Diego hospital for this purpose. The operation was made and in a few days he seemed well on his way to recovery, but on September 27th, 1955, a thrombosis suddenly developed and he passed away immediately in the presence of hospital attendants and of his devoted wife. Funeral services were held in San Diego on September 30th.

We can estimate his character as a sincere, straightforward man, a capable soldier, just and strict but sympathetic in command, a patriotic citizen, and a devoted husband and parent. West Point and the Army can be proud of him.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Thomas Meyer; two children (above-mentioned twins) born July 10, 1898, (1) Thomas Edwards Meyer, a retired colonel, U.S.A.; and (2) Dorothy Meyer Lynch, wife of Brigadier General George P. Lynch (U.S.M.A. 1925); and four grandchildren, including Cadet George P. Lynch, Jr., a first classman at West Point, who completes four straight generations in military service. There is also a brother living at Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

—William Church Davis.

Fine Wilson Smith

NO. 3655 CLASS OF 1895

DIED NOVEMBER 9, 1955, AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 86 YEARS.

FINE W. SMITH was born in Kentucky, August 26, 1869. He was appointed to the Military Academy from Kentucky. He was graduated and commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry June 12, 1895, promoted to First Lieutenant July 11, 1898, Captain February 28, 1901, Major July 1, 1916, retired for physical disability with rank of Lieutenant Colonel October 8, 1919, placed on active duty October 9, 1919 to November 13, 1919 and from December 31, 1919, Colonel, retired, August 18, 1920; relieved from active duty January 31, 1921. Colonel of Infantry, N.A. August 5, 1917, accepted August 16, 1917; honorably discharged March 31, 1919.

He saw service in the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and World War I. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Cuba. He was the youngest of seven brothers and one sister. He earned his appointment to West Point by competitive examination. While a cadet at the Military Academy, he played tackle on the varsity team during all his four years, and, in the 1891 game, he scored the first touchdown ever made by West Point against Annapolis up to that time.

After retirement, in recent years, he made his home in San Diego, California. His hobbies included gardening for he came of farming stock. He was happy riding herd on his grandchildren. He enjoyed contract bridge and played in tournaments whenever possible, and just a few days before

his death, won a tournament.

Fine is survived by his widow, Mildred, and one son, Sigmund W., two daughters, Sieglinde and Catherine, and five grandchildren. He was a genuine and dependable friend, a popular and beloved classmate, a



kind and gentle father, and a gallant and efficient officer.

The deepest sympathy of his classmates goes out to his bereaved widow, children and grandchildren.

The historic and beautiful Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, at Point Loma, San Diego, California has been chosen for his last resting place.

—J. S. Herron, '95.

Frank Bingley Watson

NO. 3665 CLASS OF 1895

DIED JULY 24, 1955, AT MUNICH, GERMANY, AGED 85 YEARS.

THE subject of this memorial article began his military career at West Point on June 17, 1891. Throughout all the many years of his service in the Army, his Alma Mater always stood in the front rank of his affection and devotion. He was not the student type and had to battle his way every year to graduate in 1895. However, all the hazing, all the disciplinary actions, all the physical and mental demands at the Point of his day and all the other buffets of the West Point system were unable to affect this devotion, which at last was reaffirmed in his will by his legacy to the Association of Graduates, and by the choice of his last resting place.

I don't believe Frank Watson ever acquired many demerits in failing to meet the Academy's high standard of neatness and cleanliness. If any man of the class could have been singled out as the neatest one, Frank would have been that selection. Just as the largest man of a group often acquires the nickname Tiny, Frank Watson early found himself tabbed with the moniker Sloppy. This nickname was so out-of-character, so ludicrous when applied to Frank and so evidently a desperation defense by the rest of us against his habitual matchless superiority in nattiness that he himself recognized the humor in it and actually encouraged its use for the rest of his days.

A sense of humor was always one of his most notable assets that clung to him to the last. As an example, I quote what his only son has to say in this connection: "One of his favorite expressions was: 'How am I doin'?' I went to the hospital to see him on the day before he died. He was very far gone, his eyes glazed but he recognized me for an instant and with a weak smile and faint voice said: 'How am I doin'?' He never again regained consciousness."

Beside humor that deathbed anecdote is an example of fortitude, the kind of behavior that elicits from our Alma Mater the sought-for pass-word "Well done" into the elite, prideful portion of the ghostly Long Gray Line. Another example of the quality of his humor from the same source as the other example is this that happened while Frank was in command of the 2nd Infantry: "Father was watching drill one morning and noticed a lieutenant with his platoon who apparently hadn't shaved for sometime. During a break in the drill period, Father called him aside and said: 'Lieutenant, why are you out in front of this platoon without a proper shave?' The lieutenant replied: 'Sir, I am raising a mustache,' to which Father promptly answered saying: 'Well, that is perfectly all right but you will have to do it outside of drill hours'."

West Point is a builder of character but Frank Watson went to the Academy already a man of fine character. Much of his debt in this respect is of course due to his parents, whose example, principles and moral training in the environment of a New Jersey farm made him a God-fearing man of exemplary habits and gave him an appreciative outlook on the opportunities of the American way of life.

One of the characteristics brought by him to West Point was a genuine and enduring love for his many friends. The central motive power of his Army-life and even before his marriage in 1898, was his beloved wife, Sarah Dunn, who had been a schoolmate sweetheart of his and who never lost throughout his life that status of enshrinement.

Frank was one of the most respected and beloved men of his West Point class not because of any outstanding cadet leadership nor of any athletic prowess but altogether because of his personality. In



after years when most of us were occupied by current affairs almost exclusively and gave little thought to our debt to our Alma Mater, Frank kept a place for our Class of 1895 in the memory and in the annals of

the U.S.M.A. Our class president, John Gurney, was killed in the Battle of San Juan Hill in the Spanish American War and for the whole time since that date, Frank Watson had been the spokesman for our class and its representative contact with the Academy. This sort of president pro tem status was indolently accepted by the class as entirely satisfactory to it and characteristically endured by Frank until shortly before he died when his long services were recognized by the survivors of the class and justice at last done in properly electing him unanimously to the office whose functions he had been so long and so well performing.

Frank's choice of a roommate in Plebe year at the Point was Numa Augustin, with whom he continued to have this close relationship throughout the entire four years. Their friendship, a special and enduring one, added endearment with each approval by either of a newly discovered quality in the other. Augustin was mortally wounded at San Juan Hill and Frank perpetuated for himself the memory of this most beloved friend by naming his only son Numa Augustin, now a major general at the head of the Southeastern Command of Germany.

Frank passed through all the grades from additional second lieutenant to colonel in the infantry and became a temporary brigadier general in World War I, retiring at the age limit of 64 years with this permanent rank. He was a graduate of the Army School of the Line and of the Army War College and had foreign service in Puerto Rico, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

He liked people, was a good mixer and needed no alcoholic stimulant to make him so. He was a Mason, a Sojourner, belonged to the Carabaos and to the Military Order of the World Wars of which he was for several years historian of the Washington chapter. Frank was especially fortunate in having much more than the average service in command of troops. As a colonel, he commanded at different times the 115th Infantry, 2nd Infantry and 35th Infantry regiments and as a brigadier general the 26th Infantry Brigade.

General Amos W. W. Woodcock, who was a lieutenant colonel in the 115th Infantry, published a book in which he described Frank Watson's amazing cleanliness and nattiness and gave at least one example of his disciplinary methods. It was a story of the longest overcoat the writer had ever seen, but like the shoes his colonel also wore on inspections would always be fleckless despite bubbling incinerators and muddy crossings. "He was a smart soldier who got results without punishing his officers." Enlisted men too must have approved his methods as evidenced by this testimony of Master Sergeant William P. Hennick, U.S. Army, who was a former member of the 115th Infantry in World War I: "He was admired and loved by every officer and enlisted man in the 115th and despite the passing of the years since those days at Camp McClellan, his memory will always linger with us."

Colonel John B. Sherman, U.S.A. Ret'd. says that "General Watson was my regimental commander in the 2nd Infantry regiment shortly after World War I. He was greatly loved and highly respected by the junior officers and enlisted men who found him always fair and interested in their welfare. It was he who reorganized—almost reconstituted the regiment after the demobilization following World War I."

I have at hand so many letters from various sources all testifying to Frank's kindness, fairness, loyalty to his friends and his devotion to his family and to the service that if it were testimony to be weighed in a court of justice would seem

like the rehearsed unanimity of collusion. As it is, however, the expression of independent opinions from unlike sources, it must be taken as a general judgment of Frank Watson as an officer and a gentleman.

Beloved friend, with whom I so recently celebrated our reunion at the 60th anniversary of our graduation at West Point,

I salute you, you of that earlier day
And join the others close behind you,
Who have pointed still another way.

—Perry L. Miles, Class of 1895.

Arthur Rudolph Ehrnbeck

NO. 4353 CLASS OF 1905

DIED JULY 30, 1955, IN LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 75 YEARS.

ARTHUR RUDOLPH EHRNBECK, the eldest child of Daniel Ehrnbeck and Anna Ficklin Ehrnbeck, was born in Appleton, Wis-



consin October 30, 1880. Both his parents were born in Germany; his father was naturalized and became an American citizen in June 1882 and his mother had migrated from Germany when she was six years old. The Ehrnbeck family operated a general merchandise business in Appleton.

When Arthur was about ten years old the family went back to Germany and visited Grandmother Ehrnbeck for about two years. When they realized that in a few years Arthur would be called to serve in the German army, the family returned to Appleton, Wisconsin. After finishing high school there he attended the University of Wisconsin and completed a four year course in two years.

Arthur, affectionately known as Jingle by his classmates, entered the Military Academy in July 1901, and as a diligent student graduated No. 15 in the class of 1905. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers and saw service in San Francisco during the fire and earthquake in 1906.

Much of his early active military service was on the West Coast on River, Harbor and Fortification work at Los Angeles, Seattle and in the Yosemite National Park. He graduated from the Engineer School at Washington Barracks in 1912. He was actively engaged in the selection of the site for Camp Lewis, selection of water supply source and in the survey and layout of the camp, including the main features

of the sewage system and roads. While on this service and with the advent of World War I, he was promoted through the various grades until he became a Colonel of Engineers, National Army in April 1918. Jingle was then called upon to organize four engineer regiments at Camp Laurel, Maryland and he then organized the 34th Engineer Regiment at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, was placed in command and took that regiment to France in the summer of 1918. Upon arriving there he was placed in command of the Engineer Depot at Gievres and was in charge of the distribution of all Engineer personnel and stock of all Engineer depots in France until they were turned over to the French government.

Upon his return to the United States in 1919 he was placed in charge of the Engineer Depot at Kearney, New Jersey. In May 1920 he was sent to Honolulu as Assistant to the Department Engineer, Hawaiian Department where he became ill. After a short term of service as Engineer, Ninth Corps Area he was retired as a Major, United States Army, December 31, 1922 for disability incident to the service. He was advanced to the grade of Colonel on the retired list in 1930.

Upon his retirement he joined the Ehrnbeck family in Los Angeles, and helped to build the family home at 947 South Windsor Boulevard, Los Angeles 19, California. After he finished his own home he engaged in the home building game with fair success and looked after his father's estate. Jingle never married but throughout the years of his retirement and illness he was tenderly cared for by his sister Josephine, his nurse and constant companion, who survives him. Twice he volunteered for active duty in World War II but his age and medical record were against him. His disabling heart condition became more and more serious and during the last year of his life he was confined to his bed most of the time in a semi-recumbent position and he transacted his urgent business with taxis as he could no longer drive his car.

He died peacefully in his home, and a beloved classmate "crossed over the river" to join the long gray line. He was buried in Inglewood, California, July 31, 1955. While his physical activities were restricted for so many years, he always maintained a keen interest in the activities of his classmates, in their health and in Class affairs. We miss you, Jingle, and we are very grateful to you for the comradeship which you have given us.

—N. F. Ramsey.

John Cleves Henderson

NO. 4480 CLASS OF 1906

DIED JUNE 18, 1955, AT SEABRIGHT,
NEW JERSEY, AGED 71 YEARS.

At home in his comfortable, pretty bungalow on the narrow neck of Sandy Hook at Seabright, New Jersey, Jack Henderson lived out very happily the years of his retirement, with his devoted wife, Marjorie, and his children and grandchildren around him. He came there from Fort Hancock, just a little farther up the Hook, after a serious coronary thrombosis, which occurred while he was on active duty during World War II. He named his place, Malgre Tout (In Spite of Everything), as he translated it from his beloved French, for, after all the vicissitudes of military life, after his many struggles with civilian occupations, and, after being driven from a home he

established on the Riviera of France by World War II, he found the choicest spot and the happiest life at the gate of the military post where he spent so much of his official life. The Atlantic on one side of him, sending to him its cool salty breezes, the Shrewsbury River on the other side with crabs, lobsters and fish to be had for the taking. I found him there, just a couple years ago, worrying a little about the cataracts on his eyes, but just as full of fun and music and gay laughter as in his cadet days.

Jack joined the Class of 1906, well prepared for the academic tests before him, well versed in the French language from residence abroad, and quite as well prepared in mathematics and military things for he was the stepson of that wise and interesting Professor of Chemistry, Colonel Wirt Robinson. The relationship and the example must have inclined him to military life, for, left to his own devices, I am sure he would have preferred to sing and play the piano and paint in oil or water color, for he was a delightful singer, an accomplished pianist, an effective draftsman and blessed with a temperament that sought beautiful things everywhere. Though he professed to abhor riding, "because the horse's fur got so wet and nasty", he was, nevertheless, a good horseman and chose the Field Artillery on graduation. We reported together to the batteries at Fort Ethan Allen and spent one lovely Autumn, riding through Shelburne, Mallett's Bay, and along the Winooski amid rampant colors of maple, hickory and oak.

All of us were surprised and shocked, when in the Spring of the next year, the much loved and well attended battery horses were ordered elsewhere, and the batteries were supplied with mules to pack Mountain Artillery. Then, Jack's battery was ordered to Camp Keithley on Lake Lanao, in the very heart of the hostile Moro country. When, at last, the separation of the Field and Coast Artillery was accomplished, Jack left the Philippines for Fort Flagler, Washington, serving there as a Coast Artillery officer until 1910. After a school year at Fort Monroe and a year at Fort Terry, off Long Island, he was detailed for three happy years as an instructor at West Point.

In 1915, he went to Fort Hancock, New Jersey for a short stay and then, he was off again to the Philippines,—this time, to Corregidor at the mouth of Manila Bay. He returned in 1918 as a temporary Lieutenant Colonel to command Fort Hancock and later Fort Wadsworth in New York Harbor. In 1919, he became Secretary of the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe and in 1921, began the pre-Leavenworth course. The next year, well prepared, he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. After a couple years of staff and artillery duty, he went to Hawaii, where, at Fort Ruger, he resigned his commission and returned to civil life. After twelve years of civilian effort, he was re-commissioned in 1939 as a Major, became a Lieutenant Colonel. He returned to his familiar post, Fort Hancock, New Jersey, for service in World War II. There, in 1943, he was stricken with a serious coronary thrombosis for which he was retired from active service. It should be recorded that he went up and down the scales of rank with his class, being promoted to First Lieutenant by the passage of the Artillery Bill in 1907, becoming a Captain in 1916 by seniority, becoming a temporary Major and Lieutenant Colonel during World War I, going back to Captain in 1919, his regular rank, and up again to Major in 1920, when the post war army was reorganized.

During his twelve years as a civilian, he held various posts in New York and Phila-

delphia, but, principally, he served as a Professor at the Valley Forge Military Academy, in Pennsylvania. With failing health, he gave up this work and retired to the French Riviera, hoping to make a permanent home, to enjoy the beauty of that lovely place and to speak again the language he liked so well. With the eruption of World War II, in Europe, he hastened back to take a place in the military force of his own country, giving up all his investment in the disrupted and defeated France. After his retirement from service in 1943, he found the home at Seabright.

In 1908, he married Mrs. Blanche Ingalls Raymond. They had a daughter Ella Susan. In 1930, he married Marjorie Elliot from Philadelphia. Marjorie survives him in their home at Malgre Tout. She was with him through his serious operations for cataract of the eyes and also through his last illness. Marjorie has furnished this appreciative memory of her life with him, which will be understood and cherished by his friends and classmates.

"All who knew Jack Henderson, have realized his integrity, his devotion to duty, his



innate unselfishness and his unfeigned desire to make those about him happy. He threw himself with fervor into any game, or project, that his friends, or even his grandchildren, suggested, making himself their perfect companion. No party could flag with Jack there to sing and play the piano. There was an inward glow to his music, conveying to others the feeling that this world was truly a wonderful place to live in. His music always did that to me. I'm sure, it did the same to many. He understood peoples' moods and conformed to them, so that one always felt relaxed with Jack. He always tried to encourage me when he felt that I was worried. Such a saint! There will not be another. I am as proud to have belonged to him as he was to have been a West Point graduate."

Many classmates and friends echo her sentiments. They will remember his laughter, his jokes, his songs, his music and his artistic ability. His students will remember him for his genial and clever explanations, his friendly attention to their floundering explanations of philosophical mysteries. His soldiers and his friends share a memory of a good soldier, patient and enduring, malgre tout.

This pretty poem he dictated from behind his bandages during his operation for cataracts at Walter Reed Hospital.

Soliloquy at Walter Reed

I

I lie here, blind, in my hospital room. Outside, I know there's a blaze of bloom. I've wandered amid the dim purlieus of pain, But I shall be out in the sun again.

II

The high white beds on either side, By young war heroes are occupied. They've passed through the purlieus and on into hell, They've entered dread pain's very citadel, Where she, her subtlest tortures discloses. But they come out again, thumbing their noses.

III

I cannot see their valiant faces, As they talk to me of far off places, Okinawa, Korea, Tokio, Brave missions on which they had hoped to go. But they come back, legless, armless, blind, Leaving all of their youth behind— God, Must we keep sending men like these To be maimed and murdered by Red Chinese?

IV

The tulips flaunt faces unto the sky As flagrant and bold as a battle cry: But braver than blossom or bugle call Is their natural, simple acceptance of all That duty has dealt these American boys, Who meet their misfortunes with quiet poise, Not to be matched by old men like me, Who are apt to complain when they cannot see.

V

They've taught me that blindness can be, mayhap, An asset as well as a handicap. My eyes have been closed by a bandage roll, But they've opened the windows to my soul.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Harold Wood Huntley

NO. 4482 CLASS OF 1906

DIED DECEMBER 1, 1955, AT CARMEL, CALIFORNIA, AGED 73 YEARS.

THE old army, that maintained the stability and the security of this nation, from the beginning of the century until World War II, remembers "Tige" Huntley of the U.S. Field Artillery with affection and delight. He is gone now. A grand friend, a beloved classmate, a good soldier and above all, a splendid teacher, has completed his mission. His earthly remains lie beside the Pacific Ocean in the little cemetery of Pacific Grove, California, where he preferred to be buried.

Tige came to West Point from the blue lakes of New York state, bringing his guitar and his fine tenor voice, to lighten the burdens of Beast Barracks. For four years in the old chapel, he lent tone and volume to the choir on Sunday mornings. For four years he marched along in the ranks without a stripe, because his easy-going ways never impressed the tacs. A couple of times, they made him pound the area gravel with his rifle on his shoulder, because of minor offenses, but they never daunted his gay and bouyant spirit. He fell in love with the horses in the riding hall, got a place on one of the polo teams and whenever possible, rode out into the hills on riding privileges. When he graduated, he chose the Field Artillery and stayed with the horses as long as they lasted. Too bad that they are gone now too. They were such a pleasant part of army life. And we

named him "Tiger". Why, no one remembers, but the name has stayed with him all through his long army career.

He joined his battery at Fort Myer, Virginia from graduation leave, stayed with it hardly more than a month and then went west to the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas. Seven classmates joined him in the school riding hall, where they competed with a large class of older officers of the mounted service. Once they tricked him with his classmates into a notable midnight endurance ride on a cold November night, over which he laughed all the rest of his days. We lived together he and I and Jim Bradshaw, in quarters on the artillery post and later, were moved to a renovated storehouse, called Waters Hall on the Cavalry Post, where, off duty, there was open house and many happy moments. The artillery branches were separated that year and greatly expanded, giving Tige and his artillery classmates their First Lieutenancies and to all other officers on the artillery side, an increase in rank sufficient to warrant the grandest promotion party that ever was. It was a great year.



Tige rejoined his battery at Fort Myer that summer of 1908 and went with it on exhibition duty to the Jamestown Exposition at Norfolk, Virginia until the Exposition closed. Immediately afterward, he was detailed in charge of guards at the Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay. Three years on the rock gave him time to explore the Golden Gate area thoroughly. Then West Point called him back as an instructor. He was a good one too. So good that he was called back a few years later to be an assistant to his professor. In the interval between West Point assignments, he served a year in Camp Stotsenberg in the Philippines and two years at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, much of the time in command of his battery. He won his promotion to Captain in 1916. During the Hawaiian sojourn, we worked together with many classmates on artillery projects and incidentally, wrote a decennial book of 1906. The World War I was on in Europe then;—the artillery was beginning mechanization; warfare was changing rapidly in the proving grounds of France; German ships were taken over in Honolulu harbor and their crews interned; new regiments were being formed in Hawaii and at home, and soon the whole nation plunged headlong into the conflict. Tige went home to West Point for a little while.

Promoted to the temporary rank of major, he was quickly called back to his branch

to prepare battalions and regiments for the great conflict, first to the 321st Regiment, Field Artillery at Camp Gordon, Georgia, then as a temporary Lieutenant Colonel to the newly formed 122nd Field Artillery Regiment at Camp Logan, Texas, then, on to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to command the new 128th Regiment, Field Artillery. By April 1918, he was in France and a Colonel of Field Artillery under Major General C. D. Rhodes. General Rhodes put in the record that Tige "was an excellent executive officer with plenty of force and with great popularity with the men." In August 1918, Tige was sent back with his new knowledge of the war conditions to train new artillery regiments for battle. He was commanding and training the 66th Field Artillery Regiment as a Colonel at Camp Kearney, California when the armistice was signed.

From the armistice, he took up the demobilization work at Stockton, and Presidio of San Francisco, finishing at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he became secretary of the Field Artillery School in 1919. In June 1921, he went off to the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth, as a student; graduated there with distinction; went on to the General Staff School the next year, graduating there in 1923. The War College followed the next year which he took in stride, graduating to an assignment in the G-1 Division of the General Staff in Washington. During all this student period, Tige was rated as Superior by all his teachers and commanders. He returned to line duty at Fort Bragg for a short time in 1928, but was soon called back to Fort Leavenworth as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College. There, along with his classmates, Spurgin and Horsfall, he taught Earl McFarland, Skinny Wainwright, classmates, and hundreds of other officers who have made their marks on our military history pages. Such distinguished leaders as "Tom" Heintzleman and "Rusty" Burt commended him highly for the fine character of his instruction. Having returned to his regular rank of Major after the World War I, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1929 and finally regained his war rank of Colonel again in 1935. Returning to line duty, he commanded the artillery regiment at Madison Barracks, New York and the post from 1934 to 1936, when he was called to his favorite role as Instructor and Director at the Army War College for the next four years. World War II began in Europe during this time and the participation of the nation in the struggle was already indicated.

In 1940, Tige came to Jacksonville, Florida as Chief of Staff under General Benedict to form and train an Army Corps. He did a great job too, getting the Corps together and taking it into the Louisiana maneuvers as a complete and well trained organization. Pearl Harbor plunged the nation into the World War II when Tige was in the midst of this important task. He had now reached the statutory age for retirement in his rank, was placed on the retired list but at once, called back to active service as commander of Camp Butner at Durham, North Carolina. When the training period of this camp was over, near the end of the war, he bought a house on the edge of the golf course outside of Durham and settled down to a retired life.

Jim and Gene Riley and Elizabeth and I visited Tige and his happy family there and we thought he was settled for life. But the children had found California as their homes and he and Connie, at last, heeded their call to the west. After a while around Los Angeles he found a home on the slopes of Carmel, California, where he and Connie lived comfortably and quietly until Tige's sudden death.

In 1918, Tige and Constance Creelman were married in New York City. They had three children; Harold W. Huntley, Jr., who is with the North American Aviation Co. in California; James P. Huntley, who graduated at West Point in the Class of 1943, receiving there the class saber from the hands of his father, and who is now a Major with the MAAG in Brussels, Belgium after a fine career of service in the Pacific during World War II and in the headquarters of the AAF in Washington; Constance, now Mrs. J. W. Huntley, living at Del Mar, California. There are two grandsons and a granddaughter, proudly displayed and much loved by the Tiger and Connie.

The army requires a great variety of officers, as well as privates and non-coms, to guard the ramparts and to maintain stability at home. Highly important and highly essential among them are those who have the gift to teach others. This was Tige's great gift. He was a natural. He could present, in an amusing and sometimes tantalizing, way, the many phases of military problems to make his listeners understand and remember. He was the brilliant teacher of many hundreds of officers in West Point and in the army higher schools, who, in World Wars I and II, were able to match and overmatch the genius of German leaders and to bring home the victories.

Beyond the classroom, among friends at the club and in the home firesides, Tige could sit down quietly, waiting for a lull in the conversation, and then, striking the strings of his guitar, could lead the roomful into familiar song. He could launch a subject with a quizzical inquiry, bring out a laugh no matter how dry the theme might be, and make his point about it, interesting and convincing. Tige and I were close friends at West Point, lived happily together at Fort Riley, worked in close harmony in Hawaii, lived side by side on Ortega Point at Jacksonville and there rode to work together almost every morning. Now, that he is gone, in the ripeness of his seventy years, it seems as if he had merely faded into the shadows and was still marching beside us. I shall not try to write an epitaph for him. In the minds and hearts of the hundreds of men who sat before him in his classrooms, he has written his own. May God rest his valiant soul.

—Charles G. Mettler.

Warren Lott

NO. 4574 CLASS OF 1907

DIED FEBRUARY 1, 1955, AT HIS HOME IN BLACKSHEAR, GEORGIA, AGED 72 YEARS.

WHEN Warren Lott resigned his commission as a second lieutenant, a short year after his graduation, he made one of the momentous decisions of his life. It was a tremendous sacrifice, as his cadet years were to have been the beginning of a lifetime dedication of service to his Country and his Alma Mater. But he felt his first duty was to his family, so recently bereft of husband and father. This action of his was typical of him throughout his career both civilian and military.

Warren was born on May 25, 1882 in Waycross, Georgia, which was his home during a great part of his life. He was the son of Warren Lott and Harriet Williams Lott. His father was descended from a pioneer Georgia family although he himself was a native of North Carolina; while his mother was from New York State—the only gap in a solid southern ancestry. After finishing high school he went to Davidson College for two years, then as a junior to the

University of Georgia where he only completed half his senior year. After a short interval he entered West Point and graduated with the class of 1907, standing 44 in a class of 111. When he resigned his commission he returned to Waycross, finished his father's term as ordinary of Ware County, and served a year as treasurer of that city. From then on, until the advent of World War I, he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1913 he married Ernestine Purdom whose home in Blackshear was only a short distance from Waycross. She, his two daughters Elizabeth and Frances, his two sisters, two brothers, and four grandchildren survive him. Elizabeth is Mrs. Edward Dawson of Milledgeville, and Frances is Mrs. A. M. Ratliff of Blackshear.

When the war broke out he entered the Officers Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and upon completion of the course was commissioned a major and assigned active duty with the 325th Infantry of the 32nd Division at Camp Gordon. He commanded the 3rd Battalion of this regiment. Late in 1917 he was ordered to France to attend the General Staff College at Langres.



Arriving there he found the course was not to open for nearly two months and he was sent to the Second Australian Division, then in Belgium, for several weeks; and after that he spent some time with another Australian division. He had intensely interesting experiences with both General Smythe of Boer War fame, and General Monash who was the only officer in all the British forces, not a professional soldier, who attained the rank of lieutenant general. He then went to Langres and on completing the course requested return to active duty at the front with his regiment. He led his battalion in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. For his work in the latter fighting he received a regimental citation which reads in part:

"Major Warren Lott, 1st Battalion 325th Infantry. For conspicuous bravery in action near ST. JUVIN, France on October 11, 1918 in leading his battalion into action under heavy fire of enemy artillery and machine guns."

The day following this action he was gassed and evacuated to a base hospital where he remained until Armistice Day. Some time later he was awarded the Purple Heart. It is interesting to record that many years later the Cross of Military Service was awarded him by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. He joined his regiment, on occupation duty, and remained with it

until sailing for the United States in May 1919. He was discharged that month and returned to his home and family. He has left a complete and detailed history of the operations of the units with which he was connected in the first World War, and he considered this compilation to be one of his major accomplishments. To complete his military record, he was discharged as a lieutenant colonel; and in 1929 was promoted to colonel, AUS. During World War II he was Executive Officer of the Savannah Military District, as well as of the Station Complement at Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

From the end of World War I until his death, except for the interval of active duty in the last war, Warren lived in Blackshear and was in business there. In addition to his business his interests were many and varied: civic activities as well as hobbies. He helped organize the Georgia Department of the American Legion; he was chairman of the County Selective Service Board; and a member and Elder of the Presbyterian Church. But I suspect that his deepest interest and affection went to his home, his garden and his flowers.

To his classmates Warren is best remembered and beloved for his unflinching geniality and his patent pleasure at being with us at reunions or any other gathering. On these occasions he could always be seen as the center of the group who listened with pleasure and avidity to his limitless store of anecdotes, reminiscences, and tall tales. Back of his home he had a large bamboo grove which is unique for that part of the country: a stand forty or more feet high. It brought inquiries from all over the country as well as officially from the Navy. He delighted in shipping some cuttings to those of us who wanted to follow his lead and make ornamental flower holders or boxes from it. He grew a great many exotic lillies and classmates as well as friends have profited from his generosity in shipping us many of these bulbs.

Warren Lott exemplified the best conception of what we call a southern gentleman. In addition he had the finest qualities of a member of the Long Gray Line: courageous and faithful in Duty, upholder of Honor, and wholly devoted to Country. Perhaps the following extracts from the resolutions adopted by his church give the crowning touch to his character:

"To all who knew him he was preeminently a gentleman. In his home there was the tradition of fine living . . . courtesy, hospitality, sincerity, cheerfulness and graciousness. We give particular thanks for his devotion to his work as an Elder, in which office he was an example of faithfulness, and always served with dignity, wisdom, meekness and humility; and in the manner of one who loved mercy and did justly. . ."

—PAL.

Hubert Gregory Stanton

NO. 4950 CLASS OF 1911

DIED SEPTEMBER 15, 1955, IN CORNWALL HOSPITAL, CORNWALL, NEW YORK, AGED 68 YEARS.

DEATH, from aplastic anemia, came to Hubert Gregory Stanton on the day following his 68th birthday. His life had been free from illness and sorrow. Young in heart and unusually youthful in appearance, he passed on completely unaware of his serious condition.

Hub Stanton, in his span of life, played the roles of soldier, educator, good citizen; all with distinction.

Graduating number 15 in the class of 1911, Stan rose through the grades until, as a Major, he resigned from the Regular Army in 1925. While originally commissioned in the Coast Artillery, the greater part of his service was spent in the Ordnance Department. He served as an instructor of mathematics at West Point from 1914-1918 and as Assistant Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery from 1921-1925. Keen of intellect, with an engaging personality, he had those indefinable qualities that made him an outstanding teacher.

Immediately following his separation from the Regular Army Stan was commissioned in the Organized Reserves. In February 1941 he applied for active duty and, as a Colonel of Ordnance, served as Director of Training at Aberdeen Proving Ground until September 1942; then as Executive Officer of that station until July 1945. His services were of such caliber as to win him the Legion of Merit.

In 1925 Stanton, assisted for a short period by Harold Loomis 1914, organized a



preparatory school for West Point at Cornwall, New York. The Stanton Preparatory Academy grew rapidly and won the acclaim of all who were familiar with its work. The graduates of this school not only achieved great success in passing the West Point entrance examinations but continued to establish excellent records during their four years at the Military Academy. Following the precepts of Sylvanus Thayer, Stanton was not content with providing his students with a sound academic training; he molded their characters and built leaders of them.

While ably conducting his own school Stan took an active part in the public affairs of Cornwall. From 1929 to his end he served almost continuously on the Board of Education. On his death the District Superintendent of Schools was to say that "this wonderful citizen through his work over a period of close to 30 years had won recognition as an educator on the district level, on the county level and on the state level".

But Stan's civic interests were not confined to educational matters. He served many years as President of the Cornwall chapter of the American Red Cross. When his end came he was serving as a member of the Board of Managers of the Cornwall Hospital as well as Treasurer of that institution.

In its lead editorial on the day following his death the Cornwall Local said of him:

"In this day when justice is not an ordinary virtue, it is indicative of the man's character that every person who worked for him has said 'He is very fair'. If good works are a measure of man's faith then this man's was very deep because his life abounded in good works." Small wonder that the city of Cornwall is taking steps to perpetuate his memory with a suitable testimonial.

Busy as he was with running his own school and serving the people of Cornwall, Stan's interest in West Point never flagged. He served two terms as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates and at his death was a very active President of the Class of 1911. For many years he had thrown open the spacious dormitory of his school to house the wives of visiting graduates during June Week. His services to West Point were recognized in 1946 when he was tendered a review by the Corps of Cadets and presented with the Legion of Merit by the Superintendent, General Maxwell D. Taylor.

Stan and I had been close friends some 17 years when I introduced him to Miss Geraldine Murray of New York City. Miss Murray was very young, lovely to look at and attractive. It did not take me long to realize that Stan after all the years I had known him, was deeply in love. They were married in 1926. The marriage was blessed with a son who is a credit to his parents and who is now on active duty as a first lieutenant of the United States Air Force. Gerry was to prove an able assistant to Stan in the administration of the Stanton Preparatory Academy. Her graciousness toward everyone she met played no small part in Stan's successes.

I last saw Stan and Gerry in the summer of 1954. My wife and I were their guests at luncheon. I had seen them only at widely spaced intervals since their marriage. Thrilled as I was by the beautiful view of Newburgh Bay which their lawn afforded, I was more deeply affected by the very evident contentment of my two friends. After nearly 30 years of marriage Stan and Gerry were just a boy and girl in love; thoroughly happy in their own companionship. In a letter I received recently from Gerry telling of Stan's last days she said: "Thank you again for those 29 supremely happy years with our Stan—he was the very best" As in everything he had ever undertaken, Stan had made a success of marriage.

As I write these words a flood of memories of younger days with Stan comes back. Rooting for the Giants at the Polo Grounds—for the Army at Yankee Stadium—applauding Will Rogers in the Ziegfeld Follies—playing the races at Saratoga—wonderful weekend gatherings at the Hotel Astor. Memories of a man who was always gay—a generous guy who invariably paid for dinner and let you tip the hat-check girl—a competent fellow who overcame obstacles so easily and with such modesty that the casual observer might overlook his outstanding abilities. Hub Stanton—the kind of friend to have around when you were blue—a man you never heard speak ill of anyone—a friend who would never let you down—a square guy if ever you have known one.

Death has taken Stan from us; but the memory of his smile, his wit, his generous good nature will live with those who knew him to the end of our days. He rests in the cemetery at West Point near the majestic Hudson by whose banks he spent the greater part of his adult life.

"Good night, sweet prince
And flights of angels
Sing thee to thy rest."

—James B. Crawford, '11

Clarence Hagbert Danielson

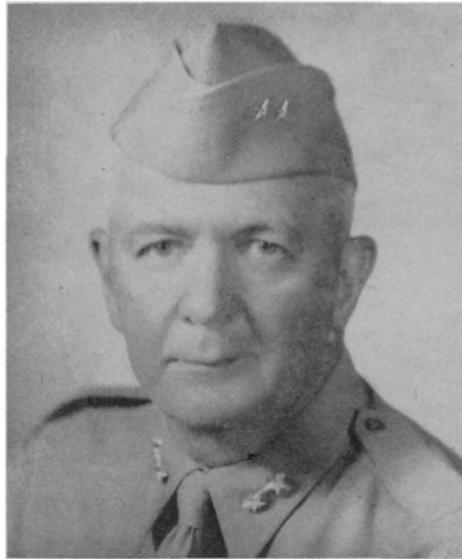
NO. 5159 CLASS OF 1913

DIED MAY 22, 1952, AT BRADENTON, FLORIDA.
AGED 62 YEARS.

At rare intervals there comes to West Point a cadet who, in his later military career, does so much that it is difficult to write a short history of his achievements.

Such a life was that of Clarence H. Danielson. The "Swede", or "Ole", as we all affectionately called him, was appointed from the 2nd South Dakota District, from Lead, South Dakota, in which place he was born. He was one of eight children of Ole and Hannah Danielson, who came to settle in the Black Hills of South Dakota from Norway in the early 1870's.

The "Swede" beat us to the Point by one year (in the Class of 1912), but plebe studies caught up with him, as they did with Lewis, Crittenberger, and Keyes, so 1913 gained some valuable "files"—all of whom became famous. "Ole" seemed to be the "daddy" for our Class, as he told us of the



customs of plebe life, a valuable guide in our best year; and thereafter, a class leader—not only in Cadet days, but for many years.

The tactical department recognized his good qualities by making him a corporal, a sergeant, and a cadet lieutenant, but they finally, one day, caused him to miss a full football season, due to one escapade!

He played football on the Cullum Squad, and on the Goat's team; was a hop manager; and for four years was an authority on "100 night" shows.

After graduation he and "Monk" Lewis went to the 20th Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah, but soon thereafter the regiment was sent to El Paso for the Villa affair. That was, as he recalls, his lucky move, as there he met Miss Edith Baird, sister-in-law to Colonel C. D. Rhodes, of the Cavalry. On December 2, 1914, he married Edith at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Danielsons have one child "Ole Willis", who was graduated from West Point in the Class of 1938, and who had a distinguished service as G-3 of the 84th Division in the E.T.O. "Ole Jr." was retired for disability in October 1947, and now lives in New York City, where he works for the United Nations.

From 1917 to August 1918, Ole was regimental adjutant of the 2nd and 25th In-

fantry Regiment at Fort Shafter and at Schofield Barracks. From this job he was assigned as Inspector General at Camp Custer, Michigan, until October 1918, after which he went to Camp Grant, Illinois, and finally to Washington, D. C., in a similar capacity, to December 1919. He did not get overseas in World War I.

After a short period of duty in charge of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, Office of the G. S., in 1923, he sought and obtained duty as Adjutant General, Harbor Defenses of Manila, and Subic Bay Area, and was stationed at Fort Mills, Corregidor, remaining in this assignment until October 1925.

The "Swede" was now confirmed in the Adjutant General's Department, and had duty in the Second Corps Area, and in Washington, D. C., but finally was able to go, in 1930, to the two year course of the Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth, Kansas.

After the Staff School, he returned to Schofield Barracks as Assistant Adjutant General of the Hawaiian Division until September 1933, when he was recalled to Washington, D. C. for duty in the A.G.'s office until 1936, when the Chief of Staff, General Malin Craig, asked for him as Assistant Secretary to the General Staff, in which position he served until August 1937.

"Ole" graduated from the Army War College in June 1938, and then reported to West Point as the Adjutant General of the Military Academy.

When World War II broke out, Danielson had many important assignments, among which were:

Adjutant General of the Eastern Defense Command and of the 1st Army, to June 1942;

To June 1943, Director of Officer Procurement Service reporting directly to Secretary of War's Personnel Board. For this work he was awarded the "Legion of Merit" for his exceptionally fine services. More than 30,000 officers were approved for appointment. Honorable Henry L. Stimson wrote him a fine personal letter for his efficient work.

In December 1943, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Service Command Headquarters, where he headed up the administrative coordination of nine Service Commands.

But "Ole" wanted war service, so he was assigned as Commanding General of the Seventh Service Command in January 1944, and in August 1945, he finally was ordered to the Pacific Theater for duty.

General Brehon Somervell gave "Ole" an outstanding commendation for his services under him. "Bill" Somervell wrote that "Ole's" work was "of an outstanding nature, he was dependable, versatile, loyal, and a very far-sighted officer". The "Swede" for his duty received the Distinguished Service Medal!

In the Pacific Theater he was made the Adjutant General of the American Forces in the Western Pacific (AFWESPAC), the area extending from Australia to Okinawa inclusive. General MacArthur awarded him the Legion of Merit for his exceptional and outstanding services rendered in this area.

"Ole" picked up some arthritis, so the hospital caught up with him in the Pacific Area. He returned to the U.S. and went into a hospital at Omaha, Nebraska, from which place he was retired for disability in line of duty on October 31, 1946, as a Major General.

While in Omaha, he achieved a distinction rarely accorded a military man, and perhaps the single honor of which he was most proud. He was made an honorary member of Rotary by the Rotary Club of Omaha in recognition of his keen interest

in and understanding of civic affairs. Rotary remained one of his leading interests, and he continued to be active in it until his death.

This brilliant officer was able to wear the Distinguished Service Medal, The Legion of Merit with an Oak Leaf Cluster, The Army Commendation Ribbon, and Ecuador gave him the "Star of Abdon Calderon" in 1936.

After retirement he and Edith lived in Omaha for one year, then moved to his final retirement home at Bradenton, Florida. Here, at Bradenton, his interest in civic affairs gained him the respect of the community. He participated regularly in the local Rotary, and lent his services to many civic enterprises, such as the Annual DeSoto Day Celebration, Community Chest drives, etc.

Perhaps the secret of "Ole's" success was his love of his fellow man, and of his sympathetic understanding of their faults and virtues.

Our Class was shocked to lose such a companion and friend and leader, after enjoying only a few years of such a well earned rest.

Edith survives him, and lives at 3202 Riverview Boulevard, Bradenton, Florida.

In "Ole" we lost a great comrade, and his strength of character will always be a joy to his classmates.

—Viner and Lewis.

Stewart Shepherd Giffin

NO. 5181 CLASS OF 1913

DIED NOVEMBER 15, 1955, AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, AGED 64 YEARS.

STEWART GIFFIN came from the farmlands of the 11th Ohio District and lived in the town of Bainbridge, where his parents and grandparents had a large farm, the original home having been built in 1830. The Giffins came from Virginia, and since Stewart's great grandfather had been a Revolutionary War Veteran, he was offered a grant of land in Ohio. The family holding, just west of Bainbridge, is yet the Giffin homestead, where Stewart lived until near his death. He was born on March 28, 1891.

In beast barracks we came to call Stewart by many nicknames, as "Cub," "Giff," and "Mutt;" later with the rise to local New York City fame of three gangsters, "Dago," "Frank," et al, Stewart acquired another appellation, "Gyp."

We liked his humor, his easy going manner, and his many considerations for his Classmates. In his academic work, he marched near the middle of the class; the writer was with him for four years in the same place. He was on the lacrosse squad until it was eliminated due to a "silence" given in the Mess Hall about that time. Giff also turned out for the 100th Night Show. He was one of the aspirants for the Cavalry, hence played a lot of polo as a cadet and had expected to join the Cavalry after graduation, but the Coast Artillery Corps got him.

The "Cub", like all newly assigned Coast Artillery "tenientes", reported for duty following graduation leave at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and for the next three years he helped defend the Middle Atlantic seaboard. Foreign service beckoned; he went to Hawaii where he served through 1918, returning to Fort Monroe in 1919, serving a year as Secretary of the Coast Artillery School. Next, a three year tour in the Panama Canal Zone, followed by duty at Fort

Eustis, Virginia. Shortly thereafter, higher education was desired, hence he attended the Field Officers' Course at the Coast Artillery School, graduating in 1924, and The Command and General Staff School (1925-1926) at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. For the next three years Stewart applied his knowledge and experience to the Organized Reserves at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Here his tour was cut short a year, since the Chief of Coast Artillery decided our "Cub" was well qualified to take over the duties of Editor of the *Coast Artillery Journal* at Washington, D. C.

Here he found his real metier, bringing to that famed and erudite professional magazine a human, earthy touch that must have startled its founders, and others, even from their graves. From August 1929 until June 1933 Stewart piloted the *Coast Artillery Journal* through four perilous years of the "Great Depression."

Following this assignment, Giffin returned to Fort Totten, New York, for another tour with the 62nd Coast Artillery (Anti-aircraft). In 1935 the C.C.C. camps caught him, the "Cub" going to Wallkill River, near Middletown, New York, where he com-



inent in the American Legion, the Ross County Humane Society, the Ross County Historical Society and many other civic and charitable organizations. In his death Bainbridge and Ross County of Ohio lost one of its ablest organizers and leaders.

The "Gyp" married Sara Durnell, a hometown girl, on August 1, 1913. Sara, probably better known to her friends in the old *Coast Artillery Corps* as "Peggy," was a wonderful companion to this colorful Classmate. They have one son, Major Stewart Shepherd Giffin, Jr., who graduated in 1943 from West Point, presently on duty in the Pentagon and living at 1524 17th Street, North Arlington, Virginia, and two daughters: Ruth, who married Arthur Roth, USMA 1927, then in the Coast Artillery, since transferred to the Air Force; and Mrs. Peggy Parly of Goshen, Ohio.

Stewart died suddenly on November 15, 1955, at Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Such is the life story of a beloved Classmate, whom we shall all miss.

—W. C. Foote and J. W. Viner.

Paul A. Hodgson

NO. 5330 CLASS OF 1915

DIED OCTOBER 7, 1955, AT THE LETTERMAN ARMY HOSPITAL, PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 63 YEARS.

P.A. was relieved from increasing pain and physical discomfort on October 7, 1955 in the Letterman Army Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco. For years his arthritis had restricted him to a bent position in which he could see only a few feet ahead. He was probably never entirely free from pain unless relieved by medication. But despite his physical suffering, he never complained of his lot. On the contrary, he was much more cheerful and philosophical than many of us more fortunate humans.

In the 1915 *Howitzer* his "write up" included these words: "Only the most persistent kind of hard luck has kept him from winning more laurels than he has." These, unfortunately, were prophetic.

Born in Latham, Kansas on November 19, 1891, P.A. was appointed to the Military Academy from the 8th District. He immediately distinguished himself in the class room and on the athletic fields. A brilliant scholar, a consistent "Engineer" during his four years, he was graduated number 18 in a class of 164. But it was in athletics that he especially excelled.

In football he was a star on the first undefeated ARMY team of 1914, one of the best backs in the East and a winner of the big "A" as early as his plebe year. He was on the basketball and baseball squads, in the indoor and outdoor meets and broke the then existing Academy records for the high jump and the broad jump. Only injuries and a slight recurring lameness at inopportune times prevented him from attaining greater glories. It should be added here that his roommate at this time was another boy from Kansas, also a good athlete and scholar, named Eisenhower.

P.A.'s Army career was well above the high standard set by his classmates. After the Army Engineer School, a short tour on the Border and other routine assignments, he joined the 11th Division with the 211th Engineers. But again, Fate and the Armistice decided that he would not go to France.

His duties after the First World War were the usual ones for a young officer of the Corps of Engineers. In March 1920 he

manded the largest C.C.C. camp in the continental United States with over 4,000 enrollees.

In 1936 Stewart returned to New York City for duty with the Organized Reserve Headquarters there. In 1939 he asked for and was retired in the grade of lieutenant colonel, effective August 31, although he entered on his retirement leave on May 28, 1939.

Thence came two years, largely spent in travel, with most of this in Mexico after which Stewart and "Peggy" returned to their old home in Bainbridge, Ohio, where they took up farming, buying the fine old Jude Benner home in 1941, an historic limestone house built in 1820.

World War II called our Giffin back to active service, with command assignment in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery from November 1942 through February 1945; his most important being as Area Commander of the AAA for the Los Angeles District.

Returning to his home town of Bainbridge, Ohio, civic pride and political aspirations took hold of our "Cub." He served three tours as Mayor of Bainbridge, which office he held at the time of his death. His civic activities were many. He was the founder and president of the Bainbridge Progressive Association; head of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Sesqui-centennial Committee of Bainbridge; prom-

went to the Far East for a couple of years and on his return met his future wife, Anne Davis, on the U.S. Army Transport "THOMAS" They were married a few years later in Mill Valley, California, on August 8, 1925.

Tours on the West Coast, in the South East Deserts, in Washington, D. C. and graduation from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, seemed to be preparing him for greater things. But once again, just as the great opportunity for the Class of 1915 was unfolding, Fate struck, for in the Summer of 1941 he was transferred from Fort Leavenworth to the Fitzsimons General Hospital for arthritis. After some months there he was ordered to be retired for physical disability on February 28th, 1942.

While on retirement leave in San Antonio the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. With the aid of his former roommate, Ike, his retirement was moved up to December 31, 1941 and on January 1st, 1942 he was recalled to active duty as the Executive Officer of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he remained until August 1945, gaining his pro-



motion to Colonel and the award of the Legion of Merit.

Upon completion of his service and retirement, P.A. and Anne decided to settle in California, Anne's native state. They made their first home in San Mateo, but in 1948 they established themselves in Mill Valley where Anne had deep roots among relatives and friends—and in their garden. Thus P.A. spent his last ten years of leisurely retirement in the San Francisco Bay region. Although his physical condition restricted his traveling and visiting, innumerable transient classmates and old Army friends visited or phoned him from San Francisco. Among these welcome callers were Ike and Mamie, as well as Johnny Eisenhower.

His chief recreation was bridge—a hangover from the Washington days when P.A. and Ike bludgeoned their respective spouses into becoming respectable bridge players. When a competent bridge foursome was unavailable he played a tough game of cribbage with Anne or any other adequate adversary. Failing a bridge foursome or a cribbage twosome, P.A. would resort to solitaire. But with all these games he insisted on enjoying an occasional highball.

P.A. was a loyal and beloved member of the Class of 1915. His friendship with his first "wife", Ike, was a fine example of the sodality of the Class. Throughout the years,

and particularly after his retirement, they maintained an active correspondence. Nary a birthday or other important event would pass without a personal note in both directions. And as Ike's eminence grew this bond, unusual between men, gave a lift to P.A.'s spirit. Surely the character of a group is manifested by such friendships and the eminence of the Class of 1915 is measured not only by its famous members but also by those who (to quote again from the 1915 *Howitzer*) "except for the most persistent hard luck" would have won even more laurels.

"Nor you, ye Proud, impute to These the fault

If Memory o'er their Tomb no Trophies raise."

P.A. gained no stars, no national fame, but

"He gave to Mis'ry all he had, a tear

He gained from Heav'n ('twas all he wished) a friend."

In the words of the most distinguished of his many loyal friends, Dwight D. Eisenhower, "In P.A.'s passing, I have lost one of my oldest and best friends; one who always had my admiration, respect, and deep affection. I shall miss him more than I can say."

—H. K. and W. E. R. C.

Karl Browne Schilling

NO. 6043 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

DIED NOVEMBER 14, 1955, AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, AGED 60 YEARS.

Karl Browne Schilling answered the last roll call on November 14, 1955 at Augusta, Georgia.

He was born at Auburn, New York, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Schilling. When he was one year of age the family moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where Karl grew to manhood. He attended the Wilmington schools and graduated from Wilmington High School in 1914, and then attended the University of Delaware for two years, entering West Point in 1916. He was graduated on November 1, 1918, standing 15 in a class of 227. He was assigned to the Engineer Corps. His early assignments were to various camps and cantonments in the United States, one being to Camp Travis, Texas which was to have a bearing on his entire service. Later he went to the Philippines back to the states and to various assignments in the U.S. During World War II he was in charge of the construction of air fields in the European, North African and Mediterranean theatres. After hostilities ceased on the continent he was returned to the U.S.

It was while stationed at Camp Travis, Texas in the early 20's that he met his future wife, Miss Evelyn J. deMontel, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Edmund deMontel of Hondo, Texas. They were married at Hondo, Texas on September 14, 1922. This home was blessed with one daughter, Shirley Evelyn, who with the devoted wife survives.

As a cadet Karl always seemed to be inwardly very happy and always of high ideals. Close observation showed that he was deeply religious. He never carried his religion on his sleeve, he lived it and carried it into his everyday life. The Academy motto, Duty, Honor, Country were naturals for him. They fit right into his life. His ready smile, eye twinkle, wit and efficiency soon established themselves on him as trademarks. He loved people, life and home. His wonderful personality drew people to

him and made him a natural leader. His presence, even in thought, brought a glow of warmth. To know Karl Schilling and to call him a friend was really a privilege.

Karl's family life was most beautiful. Wherever the trio were, there was laughter, joy and happiness. Home and public places were the same. It was trying times when Karl was away from his beloved family. He had been separated from them for several years when shortly after his return from the continent he was asked if he would like to go to Alaska. He asked one question only, "Can I take my family with me?" He was told that could not be done. Without rancor, Karl said he felt he had fulfilled his duty to his country, and requested that he be allowed to retire.

After retirement he settled in San Antonio, Texas. His restless spirit and soul could not remain idle. He wanted a better education than he had. He attended St. Mary's University and the University of Texas, obtaining his Master's degree and graduating Summa Cum Laude.

His fine reputation as a construction engineer was well and favorably known. When



the big development near Augusta, Georgia, was being started he was contacted and accepted a responsible position with the builders, the E. I. duPont Co.

It was while working on this project, which may have such an influence on the future defense of our country, that he was stricken with dread cancer of the lungs. He knew what it was but kept his chin up and kept fighting. Everything that could be done was done for him, but to no avail. He faced it without flinching and his indomitable spirit carried him on. The nature of the disease, did not cause him to suffer great pain. Before the end came he would be fighting to breathe, when he would finally get his breath, he would come up with a smile and say, "Don't worry, I am all right." Only one thing bothered him and he confided to his doctors and nurses that he hoped his family would be spared grief and pain. In his usual efficient manner, before he passed on he made arrangements for a donation for further research on cancer, hoping that he could help future sufferers. After his passing, his leadership really showed up. Those that had been under him were stunned, then they unanimously joined together and subscribed substantially to a fund for cancer research in his honor.

A true son of West Point who never bragged of its motto, but whose life exemplified Duty, Honor, Country has joined his Maker and the long grey line that has preceded

him. As Abraham Lincoln said, "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die." Karl Browne Schilling lives in the hearts of those he left behind.

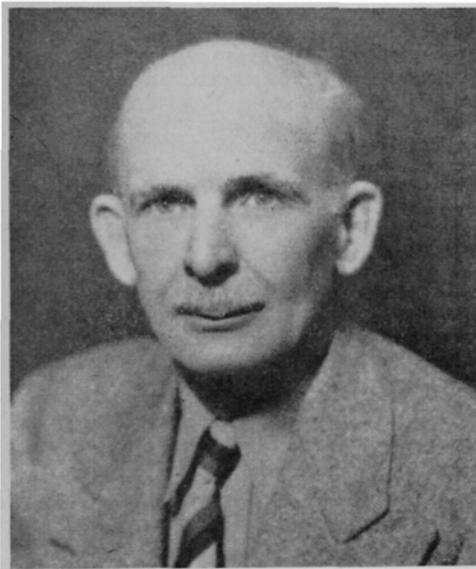
—Fred Pearson, A Classmate.

Romeo Francis Regnier

NO. 6288 CLASS OF 1919

DIED NOVEMBER 19, 1954, AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, AGED 56 YEARS.

ROMEO FRANCIS REGNIER was born on March 1, 1898, in Providence, Rhode Island. His parents were of relatively moderate circumstances. He was the fourth of seven children in a home where, in addition to other qualities, integrity, self respect and principle were cardinal rules. He was brought up in an atmosphere where family issues were decided at a democratic discussion between parents and children rather than the exercise of the authoritative pre-



rogative of the parent. From early childhood he learned to ask questions and to investigate that which had been taken for granted. He always wanted to know the truth and spent a life time searching and contending for what he believed to be the truth.

Admitted to West Point at the age of seventeen, he was in due time commissioned a Second Lieutenant on June 17, 1918. He served in the United States Army from then until March 9, 1924, when he retired to civilian life. Thereafter he engaged in several enterprises until about 1935 when he became interested in the household oil burning heating unit. The industry was then in its infancy. As an engineer he studied it and helped develop and market a unit which has since become known as one of the best in the market. From then on up until the time he died in November of 1954 he designed and re-designed it and by inventions added features to the oil burning heating unit. The business prospered under his guidance and management.

On January 20, 1934, he married Helen Louise Coty of Providence, Rhode Island. They had two daughters.

In April of 1942 he dismantled and abandoned a prosperous and successful business to join the armed forces of his country. In the beginning of this period of his service he had charge of the supervision and train-

ing of Air Corps personnel at a basic training center which reached a continuous strength of thirty-six thousand men. He was responsible for the organization and for the training of those men. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge, in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and the Ardennes. Thereafter he served with Civil Affairs in France and as Economic Officer in Belgium where he worked with a detachment on a departmental level. As such, he was in charge of problems involving food, agriculture, trade and industry at its most difficult times during and immediately after various campaigns. Later he served in the same capacity with the military government in Germany. He was separated from service in March of 1946 with the grade of Major.

Upon return to the jungle of free enterprise, with no apparent means of livelihood, he proceeded to gather the loose ends of his business and to begin where he had left off in April of 1942. With little or no capital but with an abundance of courage and still more encouragement from a gracious and devoted wife, he set up business again and prospered as before. His integrity, his utter willingness to be fair and honest with everyone, and his desire to give to another just that little bit more than was required of him, won him an ever-widening circle of friends and business associates. He had a ready willingness to do a job that needed to be done, regardless of time and effort, so long as the result was a job well done. He did not compromise with principle.

He held a lively interest in conditions of the times and exhibited a keen perception of the issues involved. He was conversant with domestic and foreign policies of our own and foreign governments. With a boundless devotion he believed in the rights guaranteed by our Constitution.

His was a troubled soul, always recognizing the inadequacies in man but ever forgiving and trying to find truer, easier and better means for his own way and for the ways of those about him. He spent a life time searching for truth. A person was the better for having associated with him and for having known him. His untimely death at age fifty-six on November 19, 1954, has been a great and serious loss to his family, to his many friends and to the community.

—Harry B. Zonis.

Joseph Jacob Billo

NO. 6659 CLASS OF 1920

DIED NOVEMBER 16, 1955, AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, AGED 56 YEARS.

If ever in the world there was a more beloved person, I have never seen nor heard of one. The one I write of is "Joe" Billo. Born on February 8, 1899, in New York City, christened Joseph Jacob Billo, the first born of Emma Orth Billo and Joseph Paul Billo, both of whom were also native New Yorkers. Our Joe had a happy heritage and it may be said correctly that he was happy and genial and above all, fine. He was a "natural" for the Infantry. He was a dedicated West Point graduate, for, his love for West Point, the Military Academy and all the good things attendant thereto were always the shining star of his life. Duty, Honor, Country, and loyalty were his most cherished ideals. With all of his fineness of character there was always the warm smile, the friendly handclasp, the kind heart with never a thought of self.

Joe attended Public schools in New York City, graduating from the DeWitt Clinton

High School in 1916. He was awarded a scholarship to New York University and completed three years of college in two years. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and was to be a Phi Beta Kappa when his father said he could take an examination to enter West Point. From that moment on, Joe had his eyes turned toward the fulfillment of the goal he did attain: To be a good Infantry Soldier.

During his cadet days he was Lieutenant of A Co.—by "stretching his neck upwards a little" as he always explained it. (His height was a little under 6 feet). He got his A in football and baseball, but baseball was his true sport. Rumor had it that Joe was the best first baseman ever to play for the Military Academy. The question might be contested but let it be said Joe had a great time being first baseman on the team—and he played a fine game. One homer he hit went over Cullum Hall and is still going—out to sea.

Joe played baseball on Officer teams later and went back to West Point in the English Department and coached baseball while there.



Upon graduation from the Military Academy Joe went to Fort Benning, Georgia, the home of his beloved Infantry, where he served with the 29th, and as a student and instructor at the Infantry School. From there to the Philippines where he served on General MacArthur's staff as a young lieutenant. Also while in the Philippines he was Secretary of the Army-Navy Club where his efficiency, plus his diplomacy and natural charm were an asset.

He was in the English Department at West Point from 1928-1932. Joe felt this responsibility very greatly for he wanted to help other young men towards the attainment of their goal, that most coveted honor: a graduate of West Point.

Joe served in the 18th Infantry for five years at Fort Hamilton, New York, and in the 21st Infantry at Schofield Barracks, T. H. until 1939. He was ordered to the 6th Infantry at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri and when our forces were enlarging and training for war, he proved himself a splendid soldier and Infantryman of whom we may all be proud. He knew the men in his command. He truly loved each soldier and non-commissioned officer and officer in his Command, and their welfare was his first concern. His Company in the Sixth Infantry was in the cadre to help form the Second Armored Division in 1940. While in this Division, at Fort Benning, Joe was given another task of teaching. General

George S. Patton placed him in command of a school, for 600 Regular and Reserve Officers, for training Armored Infantry Officers. These men were to be the Officers of the Second and Third Armored Divisions. This was in March 1941.

Joe loved to help and inspire others with his own knowledge, experience and ideals.

He served his country well in war, both in North Africa and in the Pacific theatre. He also served on the War Department General Staff as Chief of Strategy in Operations at the Pentagon for one year.

It is my observation that Joe was happier when serving under the command of his ideal, his own ideal of a great soldier, the man who was Superintendent when Joe was a cadet, and of whom Joe wrote to his father: "I have just seen the greatest man of our time, the Superintendent of our United States Military Academy" and I suppose all who read this will know of whom I write. Joe had the privilege of serving under this great General three times. The Philippine campaign in World War II was where Joe won the Combat Infantry badge which he considered his most highly prized honor.

Joe retired as a Colonel from Fort Carson, Colorado and we continued living there, enjoying the majestic beauty of the Rocky Mountain region until his death on November 16, 1955. He leaves one son, by a former marriage, Joseph Geoffroy Billo, who carries on the family tradition of three generations as Law Book Publishers in New York City. Joe's brother, Geoffroy, and his mother, Emma Orth Billo live in Pawling, New York, and Scarsdale, New York respectively.

I, his widow, am the former Josephine Chaffin, daughter of the late Colonel A. D. Chaffin, Infantry, and I shall live with my mother in San Francisco, California.

Let us all remember our dear Joe as the lovable kind man he always was, the essentially good man and selfless person. I brought Joe back to West Point where he may rest in peace at his beloved West Point and where his spirit may always look upon the Long Grey Line as they march over the plains and know that he expects each of us to carry on the fine tradition as a good soldier must do.

—Josephine C. Billo.

Orville M. Hewitt

NO. 8133 CLASS OF 1927

DIED OCTOBER 29, 1955, AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AGED 54 YEARS.

I KNEW Tiny the last twenty years of his life. When he came from Manila to Fort Crook, Nebraska, he had to search for the small infantry post on his map, to find his destination. We met on a blind date at the Chi Psi Ski Ball in Omaha the Christmas of 1936.

When our son was born on Navy Day, 1939, Tiny received his orders for Hawaii. He was fond of calling Michael an Omaha-waian. Michael and I flew home on the September before Pearl Harbor. After the attack, I had no word for several weeks until Tiny managed to telephone from Wahiawa. I was not too worried because I thought his luck would hold.

The Battle of the Bulge was a different matter. I did not hear from him then for three weeks, although this was my fault because I had left Columbia and gone back to Omaha.

We lived the last ten years of his life near Asheville, North Carolina. Tiny designed

a contemporary house of gray field stone, roughly patterned after the generals' houses at Scofield Barracks. It is a lovely house, rather large and difficult to heat in the winter, but I love it. Tiny planned the grounds,



the walks and the driveway, also the outside lighting.

Because he was an active man who could not give in to illness he found the first years of his retirement very trying. After he became interested in rocks and minerals and was the leading spirit in the "Southern Appalachian Mineral Society" he was as happy as possible, with failing health.

To me apart from his kindness known to many, his outstanding quality was his tolerance. He never attempted to influence, let alone dictate to his family on any matter. In return, he did what he pleased. He had a deep feeling for West Point, but never urged Michael to try to go there. He loved good food and drink and never really deprived himself of those pleasures.

His loss is heavy for us, but I am glad he died with his boots on, doing what he loved best, climbing a mountain in North Carolina in search of mineral specimens.

—Virginia C. Hewitt.

Frank D. Merrill

NO. 8633 CLASS OF 1929

DIED DECEMBER 12, 1955, AT FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, AGED 51 YEARS.

GENERAL MERRILL descended from a Revolutionary family in Amesbury, Massachusetts. He enlisted in the Regular Army in 1922, served with the Eleventh Engineers in Panama and rose in three years to staff sergeant. Five times young Merrill, who wore eyeglasses for astigmatism took competitive examinations for West Point and was rejected because of this defect. The sixth time, however, he was successful, and in 1929 he was graduated from the Military Academy. Upon graduation from West Point he went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a degree in Engineering.

During World War II when Japanese troops drove Allied forces out of Burma, Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stilwell picked General Merrill to lead an advance raider force which spear-headed a Chinese-

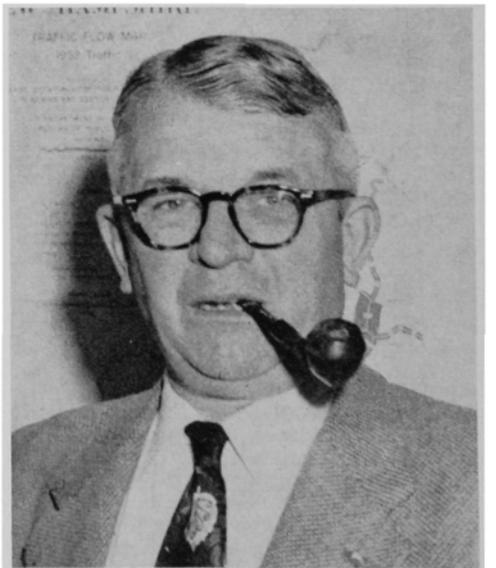
American attack on northern Burma to redeem Stilwell's pledge to recapture it. Three battalions of specially trained jungle fighters, a three-thousand man volunteer unit, known as Merrill's Marauders, the first American infantrymen to see action on the Asiatic Mainland in World War II, fought some of the toughest close quarter battles of the war. In five months, early in 1944, they fought five major and thirty minor engagements winning them all. Infiltrating the Japanese lines, and pushing forward twenty miles a day through the steaming, dangerous jungle the Marauders climaxed their operations by moving secretly across an 8,000 foot range to capture the vital Myitkyina airfield and secure a way to move supplies over the Lido Road to China.

He was Chief of Staff of the Tenth Army, that captured Okinawa, and of the Sixth Army that took the Philippines, and he was aboard the battleship Missouri when the Japanese surrendered there.

After the war he served as special assistant to the Secretary of State. He was a member of Commission on Inter-Government Relations and served on its highway committee.

In August 1949, Governor Sherman Adams, now presidential assistant in the White House, appointed Merrill as Commissioner of Public Works and Highways for the State of New Hampshire. Under General Merrill New Hampshire moved into an accelerated and long range Road Program. On completing the Eastern New Hampshire Turnpike, then under construction, and which runs from the Massachusetts border at Seabrook to Portsmouth, Merrill planned its 20 mile extension leading North into New Hampshire Lake Regions. This extension is now under construction and will be completed in 1957. He also saw the need of another Turnpike 200 miles long located in Central New Hampshire starting at the Massachusetts border South of Nashua and leading to the Lakes, Mountains and on to the Canadian border. Forty miles of this new Turnpike is now complete or under construction.

John O. Morton, Merrill's right hand man and new Commissioner of Public Works and Highways, stated "Commissioner Merrill



was in every way an outstanding public servant. His life was colorful and dynamic. He was unsparing in his demands for more and better work from his subordinates, and at the same time he was particularly kind and considerate of their welfare. His initiation of the development of a 15-year highway construction program displayed his

vision and thinking, and are a fitting monument to the memory of one of New Hampshire's most distinguished citizens."

Governor Lane Dwinell said, "General Merrill was a leader whose passing will be mourned in all parts of the world. New Hampshire and the whole Nation have lost a devoted, courageous public servant who gave unsparingly of himself when other men might have chosen to retire.

"General Merrill's brilliant record as a combat soldier is legend, and our State was indeed fortunate to have the services of this man. As a result of his comparatively short time among us, he endeared himself to those with whom he worked, and his imagination, initiative and foresight certainly have made our State a better place. His contribution to the development of better highways was not limited to the State of New Hampshire as he played a leading part in the development of a national highway program which will be actively under consideration in the next session of the Congress.

"General Merrill was loyal to any undertaking in which he had a hand and his integrity was an example to those of us who had planned the future of New Hampshire with him. We have lost an invaluable friend and co-worker and my own sense of loss is the greater because General Merrill was one upon whom I had come to rely for advice and help.

"Although he had been in failing health in recent years and this was known to him, he continued to vigorously apply himself to the work to which he was dedicated. Surely, this is the mark of a man of courage with a true spirit of sacrifice."

Leland Stowe who, as a war correspondent, first met General Merrill in China in early 1942 during the Japanese conquest of Burma wrote, "Because I had the great privilege of being one of Frank Merrill's close friends I wish I could tell the citizens of New Hampshire some things about him which only a very few among them had occasion to know. Frank possessed the rare granite of character, dedicated unswervingly to public service. He lived what he was. Wherever he served General Merrill placed duty to his country, to his state and to his public obligations far above any personal ambition or consideration, and before his own health. He gave his life to and for his country—to and for a splendid and hitherto undreamed-of highway system for New Hampshire. His death is truly an irreparable loss to all of America as well as to the Granite State."

In accordance with his wish, his body was sent to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he is buried near his old friend and comrade, Lieutenant General "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell.

Othel Rochelle Deering

NO. 8930 CLASS OF 1930

DIED OCTOBER 30, 1954, AT ERDING, GERMANY, AGED 48 YEARS.

"Give the job to Red." This statement has been made so many times, it has become almost synonymous with the meaning "there is a tough job to do".

Othel "Red" Deering was born on August 24, 1906, in the town of Tolar, Texas. There he attended primary school and later graduated from Tolar High School. In pursuit of education, he attended the John Tarleton

Agricultural College at Stephenville, Texas, prior to his entrance in the United States Military Academy.

Red was always busy—busy accomplishing something! He possessed the happy faculty of being able to properly balance the effort put forth in carrying out his official functions with that required to meet his personal activities. This characteristic was formed during his high school days where he took an active part in baseball and basketball, while, at the same time, maintaining a high academic standing. As he was taking his West Point academics in stride, the same characteristic was demonstrated again, as is evident from the remarks taken from the 1930 Howitzer: "Red has been our outstanding cadet in Lacrosse, in the Cadet Choir, and in the hearts of the femmes." In later years, we find Red always busy with official duties—busy with his athletic endeavors, busy with his "gear" and vocal accompaniment, and busy with his family and their activities. Yet he was never too busy to make new friends, to give a word of advice and encouragement to those who sought his help or to keep current with world affairs.



Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he was assigned as a student to the Air Force Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, Texas, and later to the Air Force Advance Flying School at Kelly Field, from which he graduated in October 1931. In the service, he had a varied career. His assignments read like a list of military functions. He was an armament officer, a civilian conservation corps officer, a communications officer, a flying instructor, a public relations officer, a bomb wing commander, an operations officer, a base commander, an air inspector, and a dozen more.

This biography is too short to record all of his important assignments; however, there is one important feature that stood out in all of them. They all required organization and management ability. Because he had this ability, he was subjected to a great disappointment. He wanted a fighting job during the war. However, at this stage of his career, he was with the Training Command. His professional knowledge of this subject and his ability to organize and manage resulted in him being selected to organize and operate many of the new flying schools established to support the war effort. First, in Phoenix, Arizona; then to Luke Field; to Courtland Army Air Field; to Greenwood Army Air Field, and to Fort Meyers, Florida, where he was stationed when the war ended. He

was then assigned to Tachikawa Army Air Base in Japan. Here he had the responsibility for providing airlift for all occupation forces within the Empire and in Korea. Simultaneously, he began the reconstruction of the devastated air base. It was through his early untiring efforts that this base later became the principal air logistic support base for the Korean War. He found his way into all these difficult assignments because someone who knew him would always suggest, "Give the job to Red."

In spite of having red hair and its normally associated personality traits, Red was possessed with an exceptionally pleasing personality which enabled him to mix officially and socially with everyone. He was soft-spoken and understanding, and above all, loyal to those with whom he worked, be they of greater or lesser rank. He was well informed on world and professional affairs and very judicious in solving difficult problems. He strongly disliked the classic solutions to normal difficulties. He strove to obtain a new and better solution and thus was receptive to new ideas. Most important of all, he was energetic and deliberate in their application. Red was a teacher as well as a student. During the year prior to his entrance into the Academy as a plebe, he taught school at Aspermount, Stonewall County, Texas. He knew and understood the value of training and availed himself of the many service schools, including the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Red never blew his own horn. He set the example by action—by demonstrating his professional ability, his sense of judgment, his self-reliance, his friendliness, and his leadership. The only praise he wanted was that which he developed himself—that he, in his own heart, knew that he had done that which was right to the best of his ability. He was not quiet when it came to presenting pertinent facts, opinions and ideas. He was especially outspoken when an injustice was done to either a friend or a stranger or when professional ethics did not meet his standards. He did not judge himself the keeper of righteousness, but rather he spoke of what was right with the idea of keeping before others the high standard of the profession of which he was a part.

It was always said that Red had an eye for the girls. He did, as judged by the one he selected to become Mrs. Deering. He was devoted to his home, his wife, and his son, Shelley. While overseas, he spoke and wrote frequently concerning his family's activities and happiness. To those senses of Duty, Honor, Country, must be added high personal integrity and love of family.

As I reflect back on the years I knew Red and his wife and son, I feel there must be thousands of people, both military and civilian, who, like myself, gained a great deal from having known Red personally or having been subjected to the standards of human endeavor which he established in so many places.

It is heart breaking that his classmates and many friends cannot still say, "Give the job to Red," and see the job well done. —M. S. R.

Donald L. Driscoll

NO. 12578 CLASS OF 1941

DIED DECEMBER 31, 1953, IN KOREA, AGED 36 YEARS.

On the first of January 1954 the Office of the Adjutant General of the United States

Government officially notified the family of Major Donald L. Driscoll that since no additional evidence had been uncovered to indicate he was still living, he must be presumed deceased. The notice brought to a sorrowful end, a long period of anguish and uncertainty from that day in December 1950 when he had been reported missing in action in the Saengchon section of Korea. But the knowledge that he gave his life gallantly in the service of his country makes us proud to have been members of his family.

Born on March 24, 1917, at Dumont, New Jersey, he grew up in Pleasantville, a few miles distant from Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was a typical American boy, with a manner that some people may have thought shy. To those who knew him well, however, he was thoughtful and modest rather than shy. He was quiet and studious and yet strong and robust, with a love of the outdoors that seems inherent in those who live on the seacoast. He and his younger brother, Barnes, lived the simple healthful life of a small town. Fishing, sailing, swimming—as much at home on the



water as on the land—they excelled in sports, and except for one brief year which Donald spent at St. Andrew's Episcopal School at Middletown, Delaware, they were constant companions. During his high school days, Donald's interest in tennis increased along with his skill at the game and he had no difficulty in making the school tennis team. Later at the United States Military Academy at West Point, he was a member of the Varsity team and although he participated and took an active interest in other sports, tennis was his favorite. The skills and traits which his tennis playing developed in him were predominant throughout his life. Agility, speed, endurance, quickness of judgment and above all a firm belief in teamwork. He won many medals in tennis and in other sports, but so little did material recognition mean to him that it was often only by accident that his parents learned of the awards.

His parents were proud of his achievements and his record and like him were reticent to express their emotions. His father, a magistrate familiarly known as "Judge" to all residents of the county, has for years been dispensing justice with a firm hand yet with a warm and human touch. His decisions are sprinkled with kindly advice or a few highly salted remarks, whichever the culprit might warrant. His mother, quiet and forthright, has been devoted to her family.

After his graduation from high school, Donald's next step was a year at Severn

School in Severn, Maryland, in preparation for his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Then in the fall of 1937 came the proud day when Plebe Donald L. Driscoll began the career to which he had so long looked forward. The next four years were typical—the boy enters with all his hopes and dreams and the mature man, assured and self-possessed, is graduated. And Second Lieutenant Donald L. Driscoll received his commission at probably the most critical moment in the history of the United States—June 1941.

Then followed a brief assignment in Hawaii—no longer the carefree tropical island of the 20's and 30's. War clouds hung heavy in the skies and people were living from day to day with the feeling of ominous things to come. In January 1943 came an assignment to the States, first to California and then to Texas and the grim business of intensive training of new troops for warfare. The next step was Europe with the 99th Division and the long succession of engagements that came to an abrupt end for Captain Donald L. Driscoll at the Battle of the Bulge. He was wounded twice, once by a land mine, and again by mortar fire, and by the time he was released from the hospital, the war in Europe had ended.

The year following the end of the war was spent in occupation duty in Germany. Returning to the States in the summer of 1946, he began that brief period of his mature life when violence in the world seemed for the time to be halted.

I look over some of his mementos and awards of this period and read: Captain Donald L. Driscoll has successfully completed the Advanced Infantry Officers Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, June 1948; The Secretary of the Army takes pleasure in congratulating Captain Donald L. Driscoll for sportsmanship, teamplay and outstanding athletic ability displayed in the Army-Wide Tennis Championship held at Presidio of San Francisco, California, July 1949.

Late in 1949 he was assigned as instructor of R.O.T.C. at New York University. There he met and fell in love with Laemore Cawley, a girl from Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania, who was employed as a secretary in New York at the time. They were married in March of 1950 and there followed a few short happy months before Korea exploded. He was soon assigned to duty on the fighting front and in November came the last fateful radio message from his company that they were meeting overwhelming forces. All members of his company were listed as missing.

The term "missing" is fraught with anxiety and dread, especially where the enemy is Godless and devoid of human pity. There followed three years of waiting and hoping that he would return at the end of the war. But this was not to be. We do not question the wisdom of God's plan. We are consoled in knowing that Donald so bravely gave his life for the cause of free men in the world.

—M. D. M.

the Detroit Public Schools and in the Grosse Pointe, Michigan Public Schools. Jim graduated in January 1942 from Grosse Pointe High School, with honors. No finer tribute could be given Jim than that by his high school principal, Mr. Walter Cleminson: "Our greatest loss has been the lives given by our graduates and former students of Grosse Pointe High School. Among these is your splendid son, Jim, whom we remember as a fine, likeable boy, among the highest and best in character, citizenship, willingness to serve, and scholarship."

Jim's early ambition was to enter West Point and this ambition was heightened after a visit to our Congressman in Washington in 1940, when he was informed that the appointment would be made by competitive examination. Jim took the examination, June 13, 1942 and merited first place and was named principal candidate. Subsequently, he took the West Point validating examination and physical at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. One of the happiest moments of his life was when he received the telegram to report to West Point, on July 15, 1942.



The three years in West Point passed pleasantly and swiftly. A smile for everyone endeared him to his classmates. His seriousness of purpose and ability to attain any goal, which he set before himself, with a minimum of effort and a maximum of success made him many friends among those who lived and worked with him. Underneath this outward show of vivacity was a determination to achieve his ultimate ambition to be an Air Force Pilot. His scholastic standing was tempered by his desire to enjoy life to the utmost. Jim's proudest moment was when he received the silver wings at Stewart Field the day before graduation. He was also very pleased in being able to earn his Army "A" as manager of the Point Swimming Team.

Jim's deep regard for West Point and his career is best expressed by the tribute of his roommate:

"Jim proved to be a fun-loving roommate, who had little trouble with academics. He was proud of the West Point traditions and a great booster of the Army Football squads.

"Jim undertook flying training with great enthusiasm and graduated into single-engine fighters. He remained in fighters with P 47's in Germany, F 84's in the States, and F 80's in Korea.

"Jim was lost while leading a strike against enemy-held positions in the Korean combat zone. He died like a true West

James Lee Treester

NO. 14921 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH OCTOBER 11, 1951,
NEAR KUNURI, KOREA, AGED 27 YEARS.

JIM was born in Youngstown, Ohio, August 2, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Treester.

In 1929 the family moved to Detroit, Michigan, and his early education was in

Pointer, in the service of his country in battle against the enemy."

(S. A. Kuntz ... his roommate).

After graduation his tour of duty in Germany, Austria, and Greece, which lasted over three years, enabled him to promote his hobby of travel, and he visited twenty-two countries before his return to the States, and later returned to England for five months, which enabled him to visit other countries on the continent. He often remarked that at whatever post he was stationed he could always meet some of his many friends and acquaintances. During his visits to foreign countries he sent his mother a fine collection of cut glass and numerous other mementos, which she treasures.

While at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina, he met his wife Mary Van Cleve Quincy. Mary went to Japan as a civil service secretary for the government and they were married in Fukuoka, Japan, on May 29, 1951. While their married life was short Jim was devoted to Mary and their marriage was blessed with a daughter, Mary James, born March 10, 1952. Jamie as we call her is so much like Jim in her disposition, pleasant smile and characteristics.

In his last letter received after his plane was shot down on his forty-seventh mission, he said that he was endeavoring to get in as many missions as possible, so that he could bring Mary back to the states, so his child could be born in the U.S.A.

In losing Jim, the Air Force lost a brilliant pilot and a potentially great leader, his parents lost a grand boy, and his wife and daughter lost a loving husband and father.

"Nor shall their labor be for naught, nor the reward of their sacrifice fail them, for high in the firmament of human destiny are set the stars of faith in mankind, and unselfish courage and loyalty to the ideal." —(Henry Van Dyke)

—His Father, Harold B. Treester.

W. Glenn Jones, Jr.

NO. 16455 CLASS OF 1947
DIED MAY 29, 1951, IN KOREA,
AGED 25 YEARS.

GETTING to know my husband, Captain W. Glenn Jones, Jr., was fun, interesting and exciting as we were romancing in the far-away land of Korea.

He was a quiet chap unless thoroughly riled—then whee, what a temper. It took a great deal to cause this and his reason was usually sound. His love of chess (really a serious student of the game) and music (a true Glenn Miller addict) really explained him—the deep side and the light. I understand playing records while at the Academy caused him many hours of distress, but the hobby prevailed and our entire house in Seoul was wired for music from the old phonograph that played night and day.

We were married there on February 15, 1950, so our time together was very short but wonderful. He taught me Army in a hurry and I was eager to live and breathe the Army life as he did. He so thoroughly believed in it and was not only a good officer but a real soldier. The high praise and medals after he was gone are only a small proof of his ability.

If I could, I would like to describe his attitudes, manners and philosophy toward

soldiering and life in general. But perhaps I can sum it up by using excerpts from my last letter to him which he never received.

"You teased me often but always gently about my philosophy and yet you live so much of it yourself unknowingly. Your ability to do what is required under any circumstances, and to know inwardly that all will turn out right is an example. The Hell you and all the others are experiencing is being fought for the same rights we have fought for always—freedom to live as we like to live. I don't know why or how I believe this but I do. I too have tried to become wise, not in the combat sense, but wise enough to try and help others and find the way to be your Number One girl, wife and partner.

"We have had to postpone our future plans as one postpones a picnic when the sky becomes overcast and ominous. You taught me to accept anything that happens in the military as 'routine'. do the best we can and hope the next assignment is the dream one."

And so El Capitan — there were bigger plans for you, as there were for many others. Your family and friends will carry their heads proudly to have known you. The Supreme Command ordered — it was



God's will. Long live a fine soldier, a real gentleman and a grand husband.

May I add that Glenn's wonderful family helped in so many ways to make my life full again. His father, Commander W. Glenn Jones (USN-Ret.), and mother reside at 2373 Glen Canyon Road, Altadena, California. His brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Jones, who are expecting their first baby in June, reside in Pasadena. These people are a part of my family of which I am very proud.

Rufus J. Hyman

NO. 16725 CLASS OF 1948
DIED DECEMBER 31, 1953, IN KOREA,
AGED 27 YEARS.

As a small boy on family picnics at Shiloh battlefield in Tennessee, Rufus Johnston Hyman became enamored of the military record of his distant relative, General Albert Sydney Johnston.

He resolved to become an officer in the United States Army. In 1944 he went to West Point avid for military training and eagerly receptive of the standards of personal integrity and honor and loyalty to his



government which permeate the training at the Military Academy. When graduated in 1948, these were the firm standards of all his behavior.

Lieutenant Hyman's brief combat career was in Korea, where he went with the 24th Division. His last letter to his family described the retreat from Taegu. Although he lost contact with his superior officers, he was proud to have brought his men safely to Pusan in good health, under discipline, and with good morale. He was in the front line again in a few days and was first reported wounded in action near the village of Kaesong on July 30, 1950. Later he was reported as missing in action on that date. On December 31, 1953, his family received notice that he must be presumed to be dead.

If he is dead, he died in the full, brave tide of loyalty to his comrades and service to his country, forever free from the cynicism of life's later disillusion. If he has survived, he is sustained by his own love of life, by his confidence in the persistent loyalty of his government to him, and by the hope that he will return eventually to his folks who love him.

—O. W. Hyman.

Sam Ward Clay

NO. 19111 CLASS OF 1953
KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, OCTOBER 24,
1953, NEAR FORT BENNING, GEORGIA,
AGED 23 YEARS.

THEY still march, who no longer leave mortal footprints. The eyes of the mind can still see the footprints of Lieutenant Sam Ward Clay as he marched with his beloved classmates at West Point in 1953. Firmer even are the marks on the hearts of the many who loved and admired him. Who was this young man who could inspire such deep affection and admiration in the many different types of people who knew him?

The facts about Sam we know. Perhaps the greatest involuntary decision we all

make, might be said to be, in choosing the family to whom we shall be born. Sam was the first born son of the late Cary Field Clay and Mrs. Clay of Paris, Kentucky. On his paternal side, he descends from America's eminent Henry Clay. His mother is the former Harriett Pooley, of Buffalo, New York. The Pooley family is one of Buffalo's oldest and well known in that city. Sam's maternal grandfather, the late Major General William R. Pooley passed away a year before his grandson's tragic automobile accident. He was spared the sorrowful knowledge of the untimely demise of a grandson whom he adored.

Born in Paris, Kentucky, Sam attended schools there and was graduated with honors from Paris High School. He then attended Princeton University for one year before accepting a West Point appointment from then Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky.

Sam's roommate was Elvin Regnvald Heiberg, 3rd. The friendship of these two boys grew and deepened during their four years at West Point. Many letters were received typifying the general esteem and



high evaluation of Sam Clay by his Classmates. Among these was the following written by Vald.

"Sam was one of the few of the long grey line who managed to take his four years at the Academy completely in his stride. His sense of humor, his alert mind, and his amazing independence were tempered, perhaps, but undampened by the restrictions of cadet life. "Sambo" constantly surprised those around him by refusing to be conventional in any respect. This facet of his personality was probably the most pronounced, and indelibly left its impression on all who knew him. Athletics attracted him to the extent that he would often try a sport himself, just to satisfy his thirsty curiosity and sense of adventure. Academics existed for him only in the classrooms. Study hours in the evening were devoted to anything and everything which might interest him: his Dixieland records, the Princeton Tiger, F. Scott Fitzgerald, or perhaps a workout with a set of barbells. Despite his contempt for studying, he consistently made remarkably good grades, graduating well in the upper half of his class. Sam was a leader, and would have been an outstanding troop commander. With his untimely death, the Army lost a potential general, and the Class of '53 an irreplaceable member. Those who knew him will not forget this rugged individualist

from Kentucky, for Sam was, and will ever be the 'greatest'."

Sam's brother Pfc Cary Field Clay, Jr., was with the Army in Germany when he received news of the tragedy. These brothers were very close. Sam was the older and as the boys were growing up, he taught Cary good sportsmanship and the proper evaluation and appreciation of many things, the importance of which is known only to small boys. Cary said of his brother, "Sam didn't have a stroke of bad luck on that highway, the accident didn't kill him. It was just the method God used; it was all planned. God needed him." This too was Sam's kind of faith.

His maternal grandmother in Buffalo where Sam loved to visit, remembers him best for his sense of humor and his kindness to her. He was always playing jokes on her which delighted her. She speaks of him in the present tense, perhaps because he is so vivid in her memory.

Sam wrote poetry during his school days. Above average in technical skill, his allegories and metaphors show a mature feeling for man's brief span of life. He understood the wisdom of learning to live with grief—lest it master the soul.

When we listened to Mrs. Clay speak of her son Sam, we had one of those rare moments of philosophical clarity. When a child grows to be a man, bringing that kind of joy to a mother's heart, just growing up in that path should be acknowledged with some sort of meritorious recognition. Sam was full of delightful surprises. One time, Mrs. Clay attended a scout meeting to which parents were invited. On that occasion, Sam was made an Eagle Scout. Again it came as a complete surprise to her when Sam was signally honored at the Paris High School graduation exercises as an outstanding student and leader during his years in the school. These were just two of the things he forgot to mention. While he was not self-effacing, he also was not an egoist. He expected the best of himself and was never surprised or impressed when he excelled.

Perhaps Mrs. Clay's quiet acceptance of Sam's untimely death is only partly due to her devout religious conception which she instilled in her sons. Perhaps, it is mainly because in his few short years of life, Sam was everything for which her heart hoped and desired. We know she was always there when he needed her as was he when she needed him. It was as near perfection as a mother-son relationship can be.

When we must part with those we dearly love, how well we understand.

Life is like a book borrowed
Stamped with the date of return.
Mark well all passages—
Ye may not read them again.
—Margaret D. Patterson.

Eugene Francis Wirth

NO. 19633 CLASS OF 1954

KILLED IN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT JANUARY 11,
1955, IN BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA,
AGED 22 YEARS.

On January 11, 1955 Second Lieutenant Eugene F. Wirth was killed flying out of Bainbridge, Georgia, when the engine of his T-6 failed on a practice night takeoff.

The service record which was closed out that day had first been opened when Gene

came down to West Point from an Illinois farm town with a good scholastic record and four years of football and basketball behind him and with the will to succeed showing through in everything he did. When he found that he was too light for Academy football and not tall enough for basketball he learned to play lacrosse and became one of the best players on a team which ranked among the best we're ever had.

He always had a great influence over his friends and classmates although he never said much. He was soft-spoken; sometimes you could hardly hear him when he talked, but his voice carried the most weight in an argument. He never pressed a point even when he knew he was right; people just talked themselves out and then came around to the way he was thinking. Everyone came to him for advice, or to be coached, or just to talk.

He pushed himself hard; he was a man of principle. He was so strict with himself and others on the matter of personal integrity that jokingly we called him "Sam the Honor Man". In a place where strict personal honesty was a byword he was outstanding.



He was always overburdened with work, sports, extra-curricular activities, coaching and his studies, but he took the time to do everything well, capitalizing on the stamina which showed so well in his athletic activities. He put in four hard years.

Gene finished in the upper six of the class, although he gave up half his study time coaching other cadets. Many nights he would be studying his own assignments by the hall lights after taps because he had spent the whole night helping someone else get ready for the next day's classes.

On graduation Gene was married to Miss Patricia Haumann of Providence, and he chose the Air Force for his career. At the time of his death he was, characteristically, one of the top student pilots at Bainbridge and a member of the three-man student staff.

His daughter Linda Jean, was born in Providence, seven months after his death. His career and his life were very short, but the influence he exerted over those he knew cannot be calculated. He had a way of life that inspired us all, and in a way he lives on in the undefinable things that he gave to us. Let us never stop talking about him for he was a tribute to his God, his wife, his parents, his country and his friends.

—Tom Flaherty, Jack Galvin.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1956 Assembly

Name	Class	Date	Place
John M. Carson	1885	January 18, 1956	Fort Jackson, South Carolina
Daniel B. Devore	1835	March 10, 1956	Washington, D. C.
James A. Ryan	1890	January 14, 1956	St. Petersburg, Florida
Lincoln F. Kilbourne	1893	January 18, 1956	Schenectady, New York
Charles F. Crain	1894	February 12, 1956	Pasadena, California
Dennis E. Nolan	1896	February 24, 1956	New York, New York
Walter S. Grant	1900	March 3, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Rollo F. Anderson	1904	December 15, 1955	Catonsville, Maryland
Quincy A. Gillmore	1904	January 5, 1956	Atlantic City, New Jersey
Alexander G. Gillespie	1906	January 17, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Virgil L. Peterson	1908	February 15, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Rodney H. Smith	1908	March 10, 1956	Summit, New Jersey
James L. Dunsworth	1909	January 12, 1956	Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, California
Leo G. Heffernan	1911	February 7, 1956	Los Angeles, California
Pettus H. Hemphill	1916	January 19, 1954	Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
John B. Harper	Ex-1916	January 2, 1956	Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania
William S. Barrett	August 1917	January 17, 1956	Hot Springs, Arkansas
Herman H. Pohl	August 1917	March 13, 1956	Enroute to Puerto Rico on Transport
Ernest L. Stephens, Jr.	June 1918	January 19, 1955	Reading, Pennsylvania
Brooks Scott	November 1918	November 6, 1955	Morenci, Arizona
Romeo F. Regnier	1919	November 19, 1954	Providence, Rhode Island
Francis H. Oxx	1920	February 15, 1956	Frederick, Maryland
John R. Noyes	1923	January 30, 1956	Nome, Alaska
Clark C. Witman	1924	December 25, 1955	Pottstown, Pennsylvania
Clyde E. Steele	1925	January 13, 1956	Clearwater, Florida
William L. Bell, Jr.	1929	March 19, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Thomas B. Hall	1933	December 31, 1953	Korea
Gerald C. Simpson	1933	February 29, 1956	New York, New York
Henry H. Norman, Jr.	1940	August 20, 1955	Aircraft accident near Wendover AFB, Utah
John C. Hastie	1945	January 18, 1951	Korea
Clarence V. Slack, Jr.	1945	December 31, 1953	Korea
George B. Eichelberger, Jr.	1950	January 15, 1952	Korea
James R. Effer	1953	December 11, 1955	Aircraft accident near Ketama, Spanish Morocco
James P. Selbe	1953	February 11, 1956	Aircraft accident near Charlotte, North Carolina
Raynor Garey, Jr.	1954	February 15, 1956	Moody Air Force Base, Georgia

