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REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Honorable Wilber M. Brucker

Commencement Exercises United States Military Academy, 5 June 1956

The Challenge of Tomorrow

General Taylor, General Bryan, Distinguished Guests, Alumni of the Academy, Members of the Class of 1956 . . . Ladies and Gentlemen

I come to express the esteem and good wishes of the entire Nation to you who are graduating today from the United States Military Academy. Three-quarters of this graduating class will receive commissions in the United States Army, and we are happy to have trained one-quarter of this class for our Sister Service—the Air Force. For each of you, this day is one of the most memorable occasions of your life. It is also important to your country because in the tremendous future, each of you will bear a large responsibility for her security and well-being. One hundred and sixty-seven million Americans will be counting upon you.

As Second Lieutenant Dwight D. Eisenhower departed from West Point after receiving his diploma and commission 41 years ago this week, I am sure he swept the gray battlements of this storied fortress of the Army with a parting glance which lingered upon the Cadet Chapel, rising in beauty high above yonder Plain. In that moment—like so many graduates before and since—he must have felt a surge of exalted feeling intensifying the high purpose under God which drove him onward and upward through the years. It was 1915, and already the turmoil of a warring world was beating upon America's shores, and washing away the foundations of her traditional defenses. She had sore need for the strength, courage and devotion of her sons. He was ready. The great traditions of the Academy, built upon a living creed of honor and dedication to the highest good of the country, had fortified the strength of his youth, and had added new meaning to the standards by which he lived, and the faith he held. He was prepared to go forth and serve America, and to keep his momentous appointment with destiny.

You, too, have an appointment with destiny. America has never had a greater need for rising young leaders of high competence who exemplify the principles of unimpeachable character and conduct and the spirit of unselfish service to the Nation which West Point has nurtured throughout its glorious history.

As professional soldiers, you will have a principal part to play in providing the tough military shield our country must have for a long, long time to come to fortify it against the grim threat of armed aggression.

You have not sought the smooth road, the easy way of life, or you would never have chosen the military profession, which is one of the most demanding and strenuous of all. It appeals to men of courage, of physical stamina, of lofty purpose who place the greatest value upon the soul-warming rewards of service which only the soldier knows. It appeals to men who seek, as Theodore Roosevelt put it: "that highest form of success which comes . . . to the man who does not shrink from danger, from hardship, or from bitter toil, and who out of these wins the splendid ultimate triumph."

The task of military leadership which you have undertaken becomes more exacting with each passing day. When I was a platoon leader with the Rainbow Division in World War I, it seemed to me that the Army and its operations were exceedingly complex. Now, however, looking back from the vantage point of four decades, I am impressed by how amazingly simple they really were in comparison with our modern Army and the conduct of warfare in this age of swiftly advancing technology.

Atomic weapons, guided and ballistic missiles, and air transport have revolutionized strategic and tactical concepts. Their impact upon the art of war has not even yet been fully assessed. But this we do know—they have multiplied many-fold, both in number and magnitude, the problems of command. Because of the tremendous compression of time and space—the telescoping of cause and effect — which science has brought about, the burden resting upon the individual officer at all levels has become increasingly greater. Decisions that a few years ago might have waited

upon a staff conference must now be made in the twinkling of an eye. Today's modern Army is the fastest moving, hardest hitting Army in history. The highest professional competence, and the soundest possible judgment, on the part of leaders charged with responsibility for the lives of men in battle, and the success of the Army's mission, are of even more vital importance than they have been in the past.

Today we are threatened by an international conspiracy, backed by the largest mobilized armed forces on earth. During the last 10 years, the communists have extended their control to embrace 600 million people. They have more than 8 million men under arms, including 2½ million Red Chinese. Most of their troops are in the ground forces. They have 405 armed and well-trained divisions ready for immediate action.

Menacing as this armed might may be, it is only part of the overall challenge we face. Of equal importance is the menace of a diabolical ideology of hate, atheism, and intellectual perversion which saps men's moral stamina, impoverishes their minds, and gnaws at their souls. The communists know that if they could destroy America by either method, they could end all effective resistance to their plans to capture the world for communism.

The ability of our Nation to stand firm and unshaken in the face of this challenge rests upon our spiritual strength and stability, our unswerving purpose, and our eternal vigilance. The steel of America's spirit will always be her most formidable armament. It is of paramount importance that the influence of your knowledge, your training, your vision, and, above all, of your character, be brought to bear to the fullest extent to help keep that spirit strong and vigorous.

The concept that the soldier should be called in only after statesmanship has failed and war is actually upon us has become completely outmoded. Today the United States Army is one of the strong pillars of dedicated statesmanship by which we are seeking to compel any warlike nation to keep the peace. With half its strength deployed overseas in 73 countries, what a powerful deterrent to war it is—along with our Navy, Marines and Air Force, which make up the Defense Team!

Our troops abroad constitute visible evidence to the leaders of the communist conspiracy that we mean exactly what we say—that we steadfastly intend to resist aggression in any form. In the future, there can never be an occasion for an aggressor to explain that he "misunderstood" our position. The presence of our troops standing guard along the frontiers of freedom in Europe and Asia stimulates the morale and stiffens the resistance of our friends. It is a constant reminder, in the solid substance of American soldiers and American armaments right there alongside them, that we are in this crusade for peace together. It proves our determination to see it through together.

In addition to leadership for war, leadership for peace has become a major concern of the military profession, and you must be equally well prepared to assume the obligations which it entails. The only thing we covet is peace—the kind of peace that is durable because it is founded upon justice and backed up by moral and physical strength that will deter war from ever again invading the world. Within the last twenty years, the soldier has evolved into a soldier-statesman. Eisenhower, Marshall, MacArthur, Collins, Taylor— these are only a few of the many officers at the top levels of the Army who have contributed immeasurably to our security, and to the realization of our national objectives, by brilliant accomplishments not only in the military sphere, but also in the field of international diplomacy.

The role of the soldier-statesman in all ranks is steadily becoming of greater consequence. The United States is now linked with 45 other nations in the greatest system of mutual defense that has ever been created. The United States Army is helping to train over 200 Allied divisions and has become the backbone of the mutual defense system. The Army is not only a military instrument, but also stands as the embodiment of American national policy. Soldiers of the Army serving with our Military Assistance Advisory Groups and Military Missions in 44 countries are proving to be "grass roots" ambassadors of good will and understanding. They are doing a splendid job in cementing the friendships between peoples upon which depends the success of our efforts to build solidly for peace.

During the course of your careers, many of you undoubtedly will be called upon to participate in high councils by means of which the nations of the world will continue to seek a practical resolution of the differences which stand in the way of enduring peace. You must be fully ready to play your part with the same devotion, skill, and wisdom which have been characteristic of your predecessors at so many conference tables.

Although few in number, West Point men for a century and a half have had a profound effect upon the development of sturdy Americanism, and the growth of our Nation to greatness. As an Army officer, from today forward you will walk in the footsteps of giants, and you must never think of your obligations as limited solely to military duties. Although you are a specialist in the military art, you must be a generalist in the whole field of human relations. As an Army officer you are in the forefront of man's struggle to maintain control over his technological achievements and to reap from his scientific labors not destruction but a better life. As an Army officer you must have a broad comprehension of the objectives toward which we as a Nation are moving, and of all the interrelated factors which are involved in their attainment.

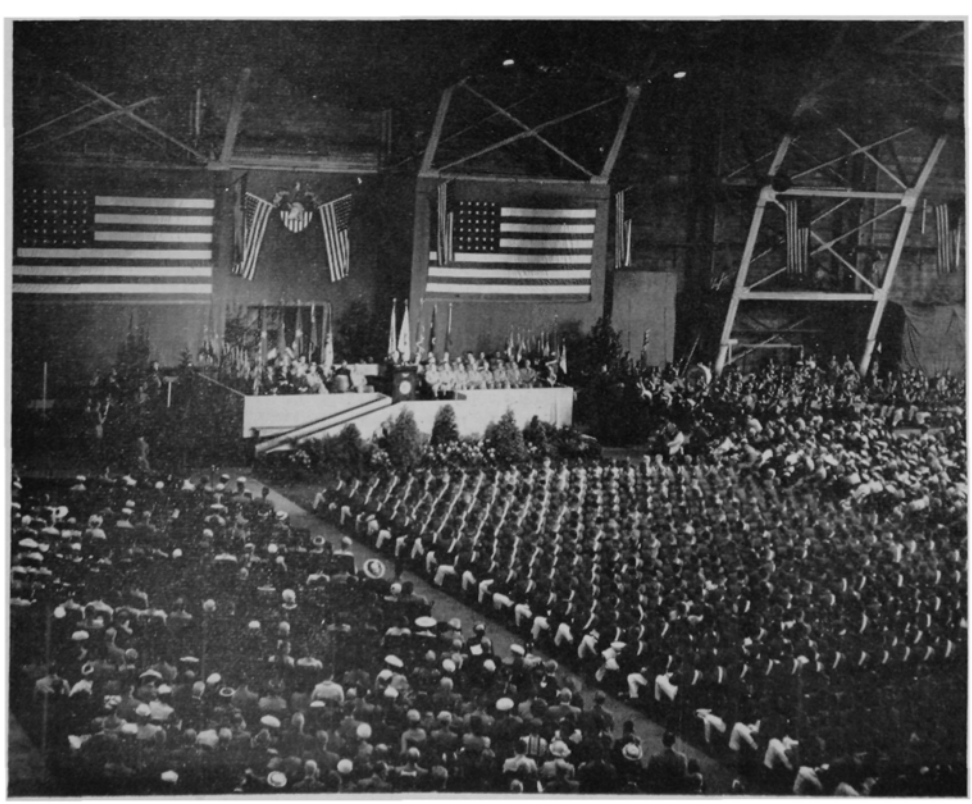
The value of the service you will render through the years in these important areas of activity cannot be overestimated. Nevertheless, no matter how many worthy and essential non-combat tasks you may be called upon to perform, no matter how many assignments along the more pleasant paths of duty may be yours, you must guard with jealous care your most priceless possession—your soldier's soul. You are a fighting man. If all our earnest efforts to preserve the peace should prove futile, if war should finally be thrust upon us, your job would be to fight and to lead our troops to victory in battle. This is the immutable obligation of your profession. When the chips are down all else is secondary.

Despite all the momentous changes in the techniques and weapons of war, the standards by which an officer is judged have never altered. What you know is important; what you can do is important, but in a larger sense what counts most is what you are. Knowledge and ability can never be substituted for character.

"Noblesse Oblige" must be your motto. From those who have, much is expected. You have had superior advantages, and superior achievement is expected of you. You cannot afford to leave West Point and rest upon your laurels. Only by hard work and constant effort can you measure up to your high calling.

It was not because of his acknowledged competence as a commander, nor his strength and wisdom as a President, that George Washington became a model of what we expect of the leaders of our Army and of our Nation. Daniel Webster expressed it best when he said:

> "America has furnished to the world the character of Washington. And if our American institutions had done



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nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind."

Can we forget another soldier of recognized ability—a man named Benedict Arnold—who was entrusted with the command of West Point itself? Because of a fundamental flaw in his character, he is remembered only as the personification of perfidy.

The character of a great officer is made up of many essential elements. One of them is uncompromising rectitude. High morals and ethical principles count mightily. What might be considered a minor lapse from integrity in the ordinary man, amounts in the Army officer to trifling with the lives of his comrades and the honor of his country. Of course, merely refraining from doing wrong is by no means enough. The officer must be diligent in doing right. His character must be positive. An officer must live a private life above reproach.

High courage, which is one of the greatest traditions of American arms, is a basic ingredient of soldierly character. Nothing can replace it on the scale of values by which your worth will be appraised. As the Regiment of Mounted Rifles marched past him after the fall of Chapultepec, General Winfield Scott exclaimed: "You have been baptized in fire and blood, and come out steel!" What a heartfelt tribute to the fierce courage of the man of battle! As an officer, you must have great physical courage, but there are other types of courage which are equally important, and which often test the mettle of a man far more severely than facing great personal danger. You must have the moral courage to stand up and be counted for what you believe in your heart to be right, no matter how much it may cost you. Of such courage was freedom born. You must have the courage to shoulder responsibility and bear it without flinching, no matter how onerous a load it may be. Above all, you must have the courage to make decisions upon which may hang the lives of your men and the fortunes of your country. That kind of courage is the hardest to come by and the most difficult to sustain. No man has ever become a great military leader who lacked it.

Yours must be an invincible spirit. General Marshall once said: "It is not enough to fight. It is the spirit which we bring to the fight which decides the issue. It is morale that wins the victory. With it, all things are possible; without it everything else counts for naught."

One man of poor spirit who cries: "All is lost!" can turn an attack into a rout. One stalwart who firmly shouts: "Let's go!—Follow me!" can turn a rout into a great victory.

An officer who has the character of a true leader is imbued with tremendous enthusiasm, and unbounded confidence, which he is able to impart to those who follow him. Every war has furnished countless examples at all levels of command. On one occasion during the Normandy landings in World War II, a green division came ashore across Utah beach and was flung into the attack against the determined resistance of veteran Nazi troops. Its men, unaccustomed to the climate of battle, herded together in fear and confusion. General Bradley kept the division intact, and by his personal leadership encouraged and inspired its members until it became one of the most outstanding in the European theater. A strong commander can transfuse his own strength, enthusiasm, and confidence into a command. It proved what General Bradley and soldiers like him have always stoutly contended—that man for man a unit can be as strong as the qualities of leadership displayed by its commander.

CAPS, AWAY!!!

Can we doubt that dash and daring, combined with audacious imagination, are prime requisites of outstanding leadership? History has proved it to be true all down the line of mighty warriors from Hannibal, who crossed the Alps, to MacArthur, who threw away the book and landed at Inchon, where he was least expected, and broke the back of the first savage offensive in the Korean War. Later in Korea it was the dash and daring of leaders all down through the ranks which enabled 22 Allied divisions to whip 72 divisions of the combined Communist Chinese and North Korean armies.

Only if its leaders take the imaginative approach to every problem, and translate their creative thinking into dynamic action, can the Army be fully ready to meet the challenge of the future. New pathways must be cut through every jungle of precedent and custom which blocks the march of true progress. Nothing has ever been done which could not be done better, and it is up to you to find the better way. Creative thinking will put you ahead, and keep you ahead, throughout your whole career.

One of the earliest regulations of our Army—formulated by Baron von Steuben during the dark days of Valley Forge—set forth that the first duty of an officer was "to gain the love of his men by treating them with every kindness and humanity." This principle has never been altered, nor has it been found wanting. Throughout the whole gamut of experience, concern for others is the hallmark of a thoroughbred. It has always been the key to every constructive relationship among men and nations.

Elihu Root, distinguished both as Secretary of War and Secretary of State, once put it this way:

"I observe that there are two entirely different theories by which individual men seek to get on in the world. One theory leads a man to pull down everybody around him in order to climb up on them to a higher place. The other leads a man to help everybody around him in order that he may go up with them."

That regard for others which impels a man to help those around him is another of the virtues dominant in the character of the great officer, as it is in the character of the great leader in every walk of life.

You could adopt no better guideline for the future than the creed of General George S. Patton: "In yourself demand the impossible." A well-rounded personality is the best guarantee of success in any field of endeavor. If you keep your goal ever beyond your achievement, you will be able to scale any heights. This unforgettable day marks a high point of achievement for all of you. However, your diploma evidences no more than the foundation of learning. The pursuit of knowledge and understanding is an eternal quest. No plateau of accomplishment could ever be so lofty that there did not loom above it another mountain of challenge.

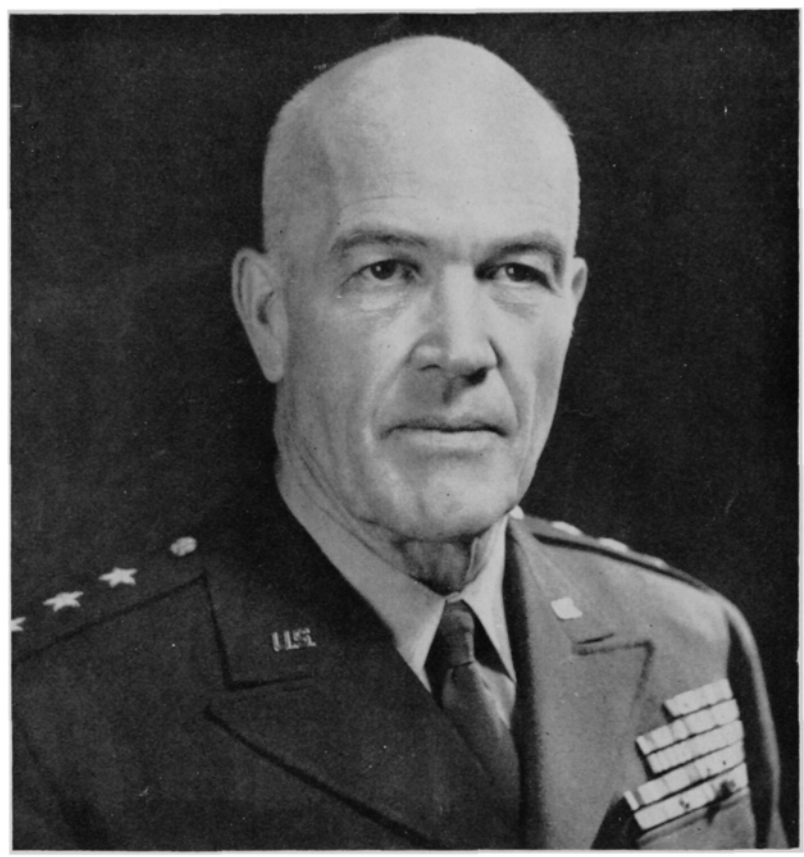
The record of West Point's sons in every war since the Revolution has been a glorious one. It has been many years since they were numerically preponderant among the officers of our Army, either in war or peace, but they leaven the whole Army with the inspiration of West Point. They are trained and worthy leaders who multiply themselves a hundred-fold by their dedication to "Duty—Honor—Country."

As Secretary of the Army I charge you to hold high the principles for which West Point has ever stood. Never compromise with lesser ideals. You will set an example of individual dignity and military competence. The Nation will never cease to depend for its strength and vigor upon men like you—men who think in terms of what they owe their country, not what their country owes them—men who proudly acknowledge that patriotism is a driving force in their lives. The prayers of all of us go with you as the Class of 1956 now mounts the parapets of our Nation's defenses.

ADDRESS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Lieut. General Blackshear M. Bryan

At the Alumni Luncheon, Washington Hall, West Point, New York, 4 June 1956



General Hodges, General Taylor, General Crittenberger, Fellow West Pointers, and Guests:

It is a real pleasure to have with us Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, who is returning to West Point for the 75th anniversary of his graduation. The other day, I received a letter from the White House stating that the President had been informed that this June Week was General Hodges' 75th and that he would appreciate it if I would deliver his personal letter to General Hodges. I now hand General Hodges this letter from President Eisenhower.

It seems but a short time ago that I was reporting to you for the year 1954-55. In talking to you today, I will try to organize my thoughts so as to cover two areas—the external efforts devoted to assisting the progress of the Military Academy and what measures we ourselves have taken here at West Point.

Most of our external efforts have taken the form of information programs in an effort to attract better candidates and to better inform the American people about what West Point really is.

At the present time, the Department of the Army has our suggested outline for a Cadet Candidate Information Program before them. Briefly, this program was devised to inform outstanding young men throughout the United States about the Military Academy. This program, directed by the Superintendent, provides for an expansion of the present candidate information by having officers assigned the primary duty of representing West Point at meetings of educational groups and other organizations throughout the United States. It is my belief that the secondary school guidance personnel, teachers, and administrators who know the admission requirements and curriculum of their Military Academy will influence and recommend outstanding young leaders of their schools to become West Point cadets. In addition, the Candidate Information Program will coordinate the efforts of existing agencies in regard to information for West Point candidates. To assist all agencies and groups in their work for West Point, a series of six (6) new publications is proposed—each designed for a particular audience. Furthermore, the Candidate Information Program will coordinate the West Point information disseminated to military units and to news media. Another phase of the Candidate Information Program is the USMA-Explorer Program to be carried out in cooperation with the National Headquarters, Boy Scouts of America. This program is planned in order to acquaint Explorer Scouts with the Military Academy.

Although for the March examinations this year there were more candidates than at any March examination in the last ten years, a Candidate Information Program is necessary to provide more information and to correct erroneous ideas about West Point so that in the future the best young men will compete for a West Point cadetship.

Let me stress again that the Candidate Information Program will not in any way lessen your responsibility to interest young potential leaders in West Point. I feel sure, however, that it will help you to fulfill your responsibility in this respect to your Alma Mater.

In addition, I have found that Public Information Office activities at the Military Academy have been greatly intensified during the past year. At the suggestion of Mr. Stuart Little (USMA '19), of Selvage & Lee (Public Relations), New York City, the Superintendent's Civilian Public Relations Advisory Committee (CPRAC), consisting of key civilians in the industrial and commercial public relations field, was organized in late fall of 1955. The initial meeting was held in New York City in January 1956, and the objectives of the Committee were outlined and an agenda for the accomplishment of various projects was made. A second meeting was held in the course of the orientation visit to USMA of CPRAC members in February; a third meeting was held in New York City in March. Many valuable suggestions have been made by the Committee. An example of the problems these men have foreseen and have helped me overcome was their assistance on the decision where to play the Notre Dame game in 1957. As you know, the choice was Philadelphia. The reasons were overwhelming for the

selection of that city, but it remained somewhat of a job to convince the Public. The committee helped me do this in such fine style that I received only one adverse letter. I also want to make it crystal clear that these men serve without any expense to the government. They are willing to devote their time and best thinking just to help us. They will assemble at any time, anywhere in the United States that I designate.

In addition to the Superintendent, the Public Information Officer, and the Assistant Public Information Officer (as Recorder), the Committee consists of seven nationally prominent public relations directors for several corporations. They are:

Mr. Stuart Little, Selvage & Lee, New York City;

Mr. Morris M. Lee, also of Selvage & Lee;

Mr. E. S. Bowerfind, Republic Steel Corporation, Clevelend;

Mr. C. G. Coburn, Pan-American Coffee Bureau, New York City;

Mr. John K. Barnes, Carrier Corporation, Syracuse;

Mr. Richard W. Darrow, Hill & Knowlton, Inc., New York City;

and

Mr. James A. Baubie, Chrysler Corporation, Detroit.

A major and far-reaching project of the Public Information Office during the past year is the series of thirty-nine (39) television programs concerning USMA which is being produced by ZIV Television Programs, Inc., of New York City and Hollywood. Supervision of this project has been handled by the Public Information Office. Story outlines and scripts on the various shows have been prepared by ZIV and forwarded to USMA, where they have been reviewed by the USMA Television Board, of which the Public Information Officer is a member. The series is scheduled to start about September 1956 and will be shown nationwide on the Columbia Broadcasting System Television network; it is commercially sponsored by General Foods Corporation. I assure you, reading the scripts as Supe is no pleasure; I can honestly feel 15,000 pairs of graduate eyes reading over my shoulder.

The PIO contributes actively and extensively to the USMA Candidate Information Program through:

(1) Operating a speakers bureau.

(2) Distributing documentary films.

(3) Mailing information on USMA.

(4) Handling visits of Scout and Youth Groups.

(5) Coordinating with Dept. of MP&L on USMA participation in Boys state programs.

During the past year and a half, the PIO has been concerned, also, in the preparation of a new picture book on the life of a cadet, assisting in the taking of the desired shots, editing of the pictures and captions, and the like. The book has recently been published and is available in the Cadet Store and at the Post Exchange. The book is entitled WEST POINT — LIFE OF A CADET, by Mr. Jack Engeman, of Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Engeman has published a similar book on the Naval Academy.

In regard to the new color documentary film on USMA entitled 'The Making of a West Pointer" (Signal Corps Misc Film 45-8521), initially, seventy-five (75) copies of it were made available to the Military Academy and to Army installations. However, because of the great demand for this film, the supply was inadequate; and, during the spring of 1956, Department of the Army made funds available for the production and distribution of one hundred twenty-five (125) additional prints. Sixty (60) of these films have been cut to twenty-five (25) minutes so that they are available for television shows. By being able to show this film on TV, its audience appeal will be increased many times.

I feel sure you will agree with me that this program of Public Information activities will bring a better understanding and good will to the Military Academy. It is a straightforward, forthright statement of our purpose in order to bring West Point, in all its strength, closer to the American people.

Internally, our measures at West Point which we call progress, of course, have not been too drastic or noticeable. However, most of you, I'm sure, have seen by this time the work in progress on the Riding Hall. Let me hasten to reassure you that the walls are not being taken down. The parapets are being rebuilt to accommodate a flat roof to take the place of the original curved one. There are also three new bridges to to be built on the east side of the building. These account for the deep cuts you see in the east wall. When the job is done, the walls will be restored. All historic aspects of this building are being preserved, architecturally speaking. Regrettably, the nostalgic aroma, so dear to the hearts of so many, has long since departed. We can offer you only a bronze plaque in the lobby to remind all generations to come that this building was once the kingdom of the horse and the repository of the doctrine of the Crittenberger, Wilson, and Brown slow trot.

We plan to follow the conversion of the Riding Hall immediately by the conversion of the West Academic Building to a Cadet Barracks. This will relieve, but not completely satisfy, our need for cadet barracks space. We will still be short of our goal of placing all of today's Corps of Cadets in two-man rooms. Our present plans to accomplish this purpose call for:

(1) First, the construction of a new hospital. The site selected for the new hospital is north of and well downhill from Professors' Row. It will replace the old Stone Coal Shed, the original Band Barracks, and Sgt. McAbee's "Salvage Emporium". More recent graduates call this the "Thrift Shop"

(2) After the new hospital is finished, we then convert the present hospital into additional cadet barracks. The old North Wing of the hospital, long since past efficient usefulness, is removed and new barracks built in its place.

I'm certain you will be gratified to know that we are not expecting the growth of the Academy to stop when this construction is done. We look forward to a West Point that will continue to grow along with the Army, and with the Country as a whole. We have been authorized to conduct "a study to determine the ultimate capacity of West Point and the most efficient siting and design of facilities to support this capacity" We intend to reach this ultimate capacity without giving up any of the essentials of the West Point system of education and training. We further intend that there will be no relaxation, in any way, of the standards required for graduation.

In my personal opinion, there is a practical limit to the size to which West Point should be expanded. This size is really determined by how well we can impress the influences of true West Point spirit on the cadet. I believe that this is somewhere around the number three thousand. This is closely related to the size of the building in which you are now sitting—I mean the size of the Mess Hall; for when you keep the Corps able to meet together three times a day and see one another, you build unity and insure quality of the expected standard of West Point. Let me make it unmistakably clear that I, for one, will ever be opposed, and violently so, to any reduction of the quality of men West Point graduates.

The Corps of Cadets is in a good state of discipline and morale. The Corps spirit is high and was exemplified by the tremendous victories over Navy in football and lacrosse. These victories were wonderful examples of determination and will to win in the face of great odds and were plainly due to the fact that there were 2400 men fighting with a common purpose. That common purpose was that they would not be defeated. The startling 14-6 upset of Navy last November was forged by the leadership of the Class of '56, Blaik's faith in his quarterback selection, and the wonderful fighting spirit on the part of the team. I cannot over-emphasize, however, how much the spirit and determination of the Corps of Cadets played on the results of that game. They would not be beaten. It was the Corps Spirit that produced victory.

To develop Corps Spirit, it must be clearly understood by the cadets that there is no competing spirit as important. For that reason, the intramural athletic program has been de-emphasized, and a word about it here is advisable. When General MacArthur instituted the intramural program, he really wanted every man to be an athlete. I believe in winning. I do not take losses lightly, but the big winner in this program and any program at West Point must be the Corps of Cadets. Intramural competition is no good when it places too much emphasis on *company* victory and *company* competition. The purpose of the program is to give the non-Corps Squad athlete and every cadet the chance to participate in vigorous contact sports, to develop leadership and teamwork and the chance to play his heart out. Whether or not "A" or "M" Company, 1st or 2d Regiment, wins, is of no consequence whatsoever. As long as the program is run by the cadets themselves and they go all out in trying to win on the field, it is a good program. When it competes with the Corps Spirit in the hearts and minds of the cadets, then it is no longer of benefit to West Point.

I am still concerned with trying to get the cadets to have more of an opportunity to think and more of an opportunity to make mistakes before it really counts. In that respect, the cadet drill has improved a great deal after one full year of use, and I believe it has improved the drill in the Corps of Cadets. It has provided more leadership opportunity for Second Class Corporals and First Class Sergeants. Every platoon leader has a position of leadership, and every cadet must think and not "Follow the Leader." Each man can be seen on parade. Each man's possible error can cause his platoon to look poor in review. This placing of responsibility on the cadet private will have increasingly better effect on the spirit and discipline in the Corps.

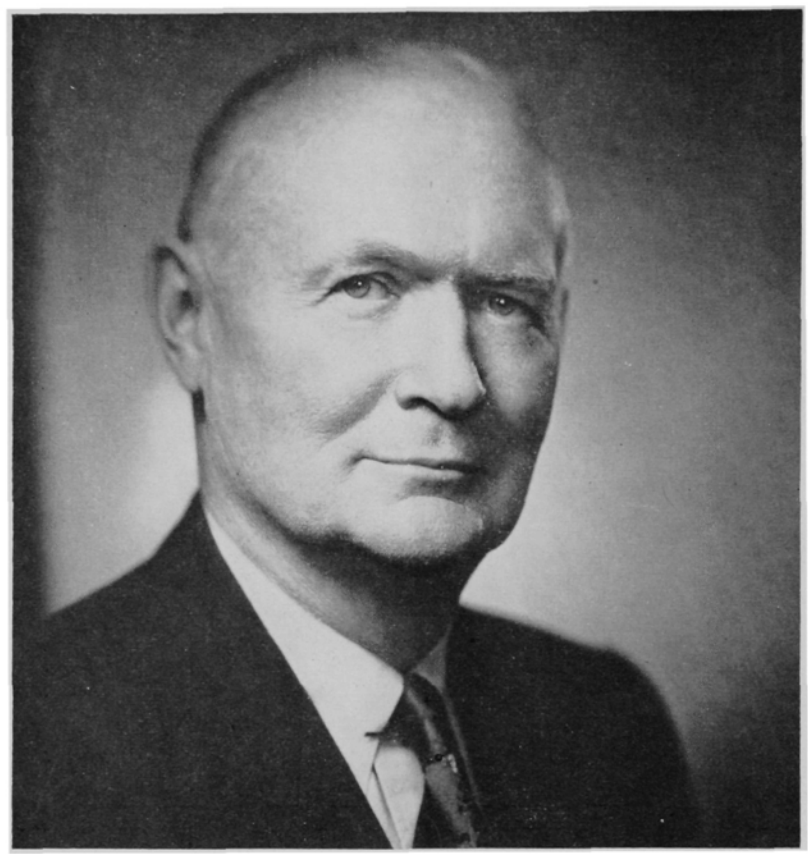
Our Academic Departments continue to function this year in their normal high standards, and we owe a special measure of thanks to Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board, for his leadership in this field. West Point will miss him when he retires in July.

This Class graduating is our Alma Mater's 155th. It is a good Class, and it has good leaders and its share of potentially great ones. It is well fit to join the Long Gray Line. The Class of '56 leaves behind a good Corps Spirit and entrusts it to the care of the Class of '57. Under the leadership of my worthy successor, Major General Gar Davidson, who will take command here in July, I know that the Class of 1957 will keep the Corps and West Point honest to her eternal standards.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, 1955-1956

Lieut. General Willis D. Crittenberger

At the Alumni Luncheon, Washington Hall, West Point, New York, 4 June 1956



Introduction

As indicated at the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, held in Washington Hall, 4 June 1956, the President's Report is submitted to the membership in this printed form.

At the start, it would appear appropriate to extend very sincere greetings to West Pointers at home and abroad. Our Association, organized May 22, 1869, is certainly unique in that its membership today constitutes approximately two-thirds of the total number of graduates of the Military Academy, since West Point was founded a century and a half ago.

The following interesting statistics indicate the scope of the Association membership:—

Number of Graduates of the Military Academy since 1802—21,113;

Number of Members of the Association of Graduates today 13,816.

To say this in another rather striking way, it is interesting to note that over 65% of the total number of graduates since the Military Academy was founded, are today members of our alumni association.

The Secretary has reported that more than 96% of the members of the 1956 graduating class joined the Association before departing from West Point on leave. This is an increase over the 92% Association membership of the previous class.

Another practical illustration of the continuing growth of our Association, is the increasing number of West Point Societies, now totaling 36. During 1955 four new Societies were organized as follows:

Asheville, North Carolina — R. L. Eichelberger, '09, President

Colorado Springs, Colorado — O. W. Griswold, '10, President

Washington, D. C. — R. A. Wheeler, '11, President

New Orleans, Louisiana — J. W. Jones, '13, President

Board of Trustees

In taking advantage of this opportunity to report to you on the status of Association of Graduates activities, let me emphasize the increasing importance that younger graduates are now being given in alumni affairs. Starting two years ago, the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the membership-at-large, initiated a policy of electing annually to the Board, representatives of the five, ten, and fifteen year reunion classes. This wise policy was repeated last year, and again in June 1956. This, together with the policy of moving on up to an honorary statue, any trustee after fifteen years service on the Board, results in a considerable lowering of the age average of Board Members. Thus the presence on the Board today of 15 trustees, from among those classes of the last twenty-five years, will provide a younger representation that is so vital to the progress and achievements of the Association.

Association Organization

As I see it, the Association of Graduates, can contribute to the prestige of the Military Academy, — and thus, not only to the Army, but also to the services at large, — by devoting its efforts to the support of the Superintendent in his leadership. In my contact with the Association over the past year I find that it is rather well organized to function effectively and helpfully in this support. Formerly, this has been due, in a large measure, to the continuing efforts of Harris Jones, Stamps, Bartlett, Nicholas, Renfroe, Branham, Johnston, and other working stalwarts, on the home grounds at West Point.

To complete the picture of the organization of the Association of Graduates mention should certainly be made of the Executive Committee, elected by the Board of Trustees to function in its behalf in routine matters. This Executive Committee meets monthly, and includes Danford, Peckham, Kyle and Renfroe, — with the President, and Secretary Johnston in attendance. Since elected, these individuals have taken a live-

ly interest in the affairs of the Association, and have become experts in its behalf.

Finances

In the matter of Finances, the Association is sound. The Treasurer's Report, which appears elsewhere in this issue, shows total assets of $359,869.39, which is a gain of $45,000.00 over those of last year. Therefore, this annual report of the President would be incomplete were it not to include commendations to the Treasurer, Robert D. Johnston, 1931.

An accolade is also due the retiring chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee, Parker Kuhn, 1916, whose sound advice will continue available to the Association. He will be succeeded as chairman by William H. Kyle, 1922, with Allan M. Pope, 1903, and Lucius D. Clay, June 1918, as the other members. This Committee has proven to be of splendid advisory assistance to the Association.

The West Point Alumni Foundation

The West Point Alumni Foundation, which handles all subscriptions to, and publishes the *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates*, was moved from New York City to West Point in January 1955. At that time, it was hoped and intended that it be dissolved and its functions absorbed by the Association of Graduates. Due however to legal technicalities resulting from a Department of the Army prohibition against active officers participating in the management or supervision of publications that carry paid advertising, as does the *Register of Graduates*, it was subsequently ruled by the Board of Trustees of this Association, that the Foundation would have to continue as a separate and independent corporation. Therefore, The West Point Alumni Foundation, under the presidency of General Chauncey L. Fenton, continues to work in close cooperation and harmony with this Association. Like the Association, its headquarters is located in Cullum Hall.

National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies

The seventh annual meeting of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies was held at West Point, Saturday, 2 June 1956. The interesting report of the meeting is published elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*

Publications

The *Assembly* and *Register* are receiving the support of graduates, who report that they are both interesting and valuable, in that they keep all of us informed about West Point and in touch with each other. They now go out to more than 60% of our graduates, which may be a higher percentage of subscribers than is claimed for most similar alumni groups in the country. The Editorial Advisory Board of *Assembly* and the Staff are always looking for ways to improve these publications, and will welcome any pertinent suggestions.

Circular Letters, under the sponsorship of The National Public Relations Committee of West Point Societies, are now being circulated by the Association Secretary to all West Point Societies. These *Circulars* contain information about *The Corps of Cadets*, *The Association of Graduates*, *The Academic Departments*, *The Athletic Summary* and *Notes from the Diary*, which includes information about recent visitors and other matters of continuing interest. It is felt that these *Circular Letters* can become of increasing value in the future.

The Crozier Will

At the request of the Superintendent, the Board of Trustees considered the terms of the bequest by the late Mrs. Crozier of $300,000 to the United States for the purpose of providing a memorial building or hall at West Point to be called "Crozier Hall" in memory of Major General William Crozier, Class of 1876. The Board concluded that the erection of a building for the purposes envisaged would be highly desirable, although it was recognized that a suitable building could not now be constructed for $300,000. The Board further realized that the site specified in the will for the proposed "Crozier Hall" might well prove to be a choice location for more essential construction in any future expansion of the Military Academy. This conclusion was presented to the Superintendent on 20 March.

Korean War Plaque

The Board of Trustees, at its meeting on 4 June 1956 at West Point, approved the recommendations of The Superintendent and the West Point Museum Board:

> That the provisions of the Department of the Army Circular directing that those individuals who died while in a captured status in World War I, World War II, and the Korean Operation, be classified as battle casualties for purposes of memorialization, — be accepted without protest;
>
> That a plaque to honor the Korean dead be made, listing only those who were killed, died of wounds, and missing in action;
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> And, that the matter of providing additional plaques or other memorialization for the graduates who died while in enemy hands in World War I, World War II, and the Korean Operation be left for future determination.

In view of the understandable interest in this subject, it had been carefully considered and discussed throughout the year in previous meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board, with the resultant action as indicated.

Plaque to Philippine Military Academy

Early in the year the Board authorized the presentation of a suitable plaque to the Philippine Military Academy, in memory of those Filipino graduates of West Point who died in World War II.

The Estate of Frederick Edgar Johnston, Class of 1897

Colonel Frederick Edgar Johnston, Class of 1897, was born in the State of Iowa, 22 February 1875, and died in the District of Columbia 29 September 1954. At the time of his death Colonel Johnston left an estate in real and personal property amounting to about $115,000.00. In his will Colonel Johnston made several legacies amounting to about $9,000.00 but left the reminder of his estate to the Association of Graduates. This estate is now in the process of being settled. After the payment of Colonel Johnston's debts, expenses, the legacies, taxes, lawyers' fees and other legal expenses, we believe that the Association of Graduates stands to benefit from this estate something in excess of $80,000.00.

Class of 1931 *Proposes Annual Award*

Last Spring, the Class of 1931 proposed a commorative project, designed to serve two purposes (quoting the proposal):—

> "To enhance the appreciation of the Military Academy as a national institution on the part of the public and the Corps of Cadets;
>
> "To increase interest in the activities of the Association of Graduates, the West Point Societies, and alumni generally, toward aiding the Military Academy."

To carry out this project the Class of 1931 proposed that the Association of Graduates consider a presentation as described herewith:—

> "*First Award.* (To be called 'The West Point Award' or other suitable name) 'To be awarded (annually, if possible) to a citizen of the United States whose record of service to his country, accomplishments in the national interest, and manner of achievement, exemplify outstanding devotion to the principles expressed in the motto of West Point—DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. The Class of 1931, believing that the past quarter century has demonstrated that ideals behind the West Point motto guide many an outstanding public citizen, asks the honor of donating the first memorial award of this type.'
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> "*Second Award.* (To be called, perhaps, 'The Sylvanus Thayer Award' or other suitable name) 'To be awarded annually to an individual whose personal efforts in the interest of the Military Academy, other than those exercised in an official capacity as a member of the Armed Forces, have contributed in an outstanding manner to the Academy's prestige, public appreciation, capability to perform its mission or quality of its graduates.'
>
> "We propose that the Association of Graduates assume the task of stimulating interest in, and support of this award."

This project was carefully discussed at several meetings of the Executive Committee. At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, before which appeared D. F. Callahan, and F. H. Warren as representatives of the Class of 1931, the President was authorized to name a Committee to study the project, and subsequently report to the Board its findings and recommendations. Accordingly, the following individuals have been asked to serve on the Committee to study the Class of 1931 Project:— J. L. Devers, 1909; R. A. Wheeler, 1911; T. D. Stamps, August 1917; L. R. Groves, November 1918; C. E. Saltzman 1925; E. W. Garbisch, 1925; Leon W. Johnson, 1926; E. R. Heiberg, 1926; D. F. Callahan, 1931; F. H. Warren, 1931.

The Hallmark of a West Pointer

Americans have reason to be proud of achievements of West Pointers in the building of our country. The part that has been played in this development of the United States by graduates of West Point—and Annapolis—is recorded in history. Over the years since 1802, names of individual graduates stand out. However in the nostalgic reunion of June Week, we find ourselves recalling, — and with great pride — not so much the contribution individual graduates have made to the development of America—but instead, that devotion of all West Pointers to their country—and the dedication of their lives to its preservation

This devotion to country is the hallmark of a West Pointer the world over. Because of it he is a marked man. Not only does he wear the uniform of the world's greatest power but as a West Pointer we are reminded that his allegiance, his loyalty, his unswerving devotion, all are recognized as the unassailable characteristics with which his famous Alma Mater has endowed him. In any international conference, project, or assembly, as on the battlefield itself, his duty is sharply defined—there can be no doubt—he represents the interests of the Nation—First, Last and Always.

As we return to the scene of our own cadet days, this is a comforting thought. We can be inspired with the certain knowledge that the product of West Point—today, as always, — is dedicated to one thing, and one thing alone—and that is the United States of America.

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Report of the 87th Annual Meeting

OF THE

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

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, New York, 4 June 1956

1. The President, Willis D. Crittenberger, '13, called the meeting to order at 1315 hours. Approximately one thousand members were present.

2. Monsignor Joseph P. Moore, the Academy's Catholic Chaplain, gave the invocation.

3. The minutes of the last (86th) Annual Meeting were approved. The reading of these minutes was dispensed with since they were published in the July 1955 *Assembly*.

4. The President of the Association read the following message from the President of the United States:

The White House, Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger (Ret)

President
Association of Graduates
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Critt:

My grateful thanks to you and to the Association of Graduates for your heart-warming message. Nothing could mean more to me than the good wishes and expressions of friendship of the Graduates of West Point. I hope your meeting is the best one in the Association's history, and I request that you extend to all attending my warm greetings.

Eisenhower, '15

5. The President then presented our oldest living graduate, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., of '81. General Hodges, who was celebrating the 75th Aniversary of his graduation from the Military Academy, received a standing ovation.

6. In accordance with custom the following senior graduates present were then introduced: F. P. Lahm, USMA-1901; J. C. H. Lee, USMA-1909; W. H. H. Morris, USMA-1911; R. A. Wheeler, USMA-1911; W. M. Hoge, USMA-1916; H. L. McBride, USMA-1916; W. D. Styer, USMA-1916; Harris Jones, USMA-April 1917; L. R. Groves, USMA-November 1918; C. P. Cabell, USMA-1925; L. W. Johnson, USMA-1926; C. B. Stone, III, USMA-1927.

7. Johnstone, '31, the Treasurer, gave a brief analysis of his Report, which appears in full in this issue of *Assembly*.

8. The President's Report, which appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*, was dispensed with.

9. The Superintendent, Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan, June 1922, was introduced and addressed the meeting. His address appears in full elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

10 The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, General Maxwell D. Taylor, '22, was introduced and addressed the meeting briefly.

11. The President announced to the members present that telegraphic June Week greetings had been dispatched to our distinguished graduates in key command and staff positions at home and abroad.

12. Walter J. Renfroe, Jr., '34, representing the Board of Trustees, then read the names of those nominated as officers for 1956-57, and as trustees, and explained how they had been selected. The nominations presented to the meeting, (the same as those published in the April 1956 issue of *Assembly*) were:

President:
Willis D. Crittenberger, '13

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

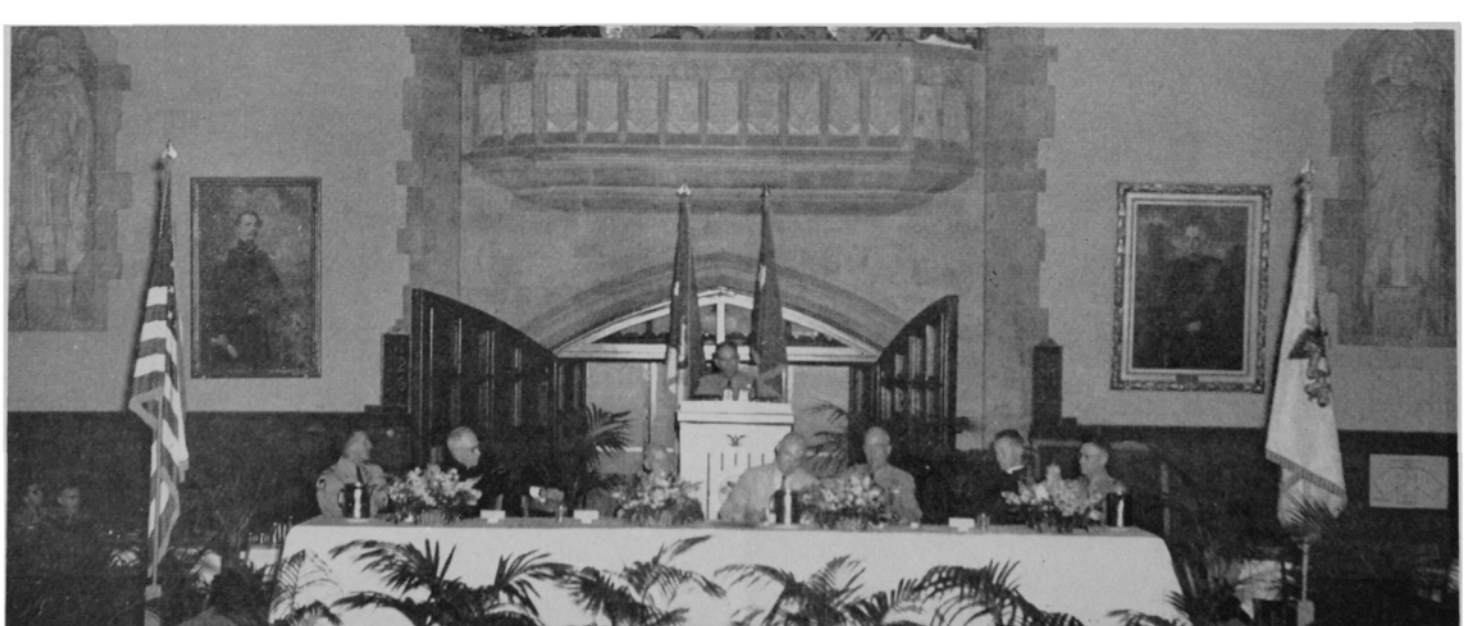
Trustees to Serve Until 30 June 1959:
Robert M. Danford, '04
William Logan Martin, '07 (Regional Trustee)
T. Dodson Stamps, August '17
John A. Chambers, '23 (Regional Trustee)
John S. Roosma, '26
Russell P. Reeder, '26
Garrison H. Davidson, '27
Gerard J. Forney, '37
Ivan Sattem, '40
Curtis W. Chapman, Jr., '41
William J. Whitener, '46
John Hinton, '51

13. With Walter W. Hess, Jr., '15, Senior Vice-President present temporarily presiding, the election of the officers and trustees as nominated was carried without dissent.

14. There being no further business, the Benediction was given by the Cadet Chaplain, the Reverend George M. Bean.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1420 hours.

—ROBERT D. JOHNSTON, '31,
Secretary.



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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

31 MARCH 1956

EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1956.
EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1956.
EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1956.
EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ended 31 March 1956.
SCHEDULE I—Investments as of 31 March 1956 and income received thereon during the period 1 April 1955 to 31 March 1956.

EXHIBIT A — BALANCE SHEET, 31 MARCH 1956

ASSETS

SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)		
Irving Trust Company		$276,502.63
CASH IN BANKS:		
Irving Trust Company (checking account)	$ 9,803.39	
First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y. (checking account)	23,900.39	
First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y. (savings account)	1,445.72	
Newburgh Savings Bank	8,953.67	
Harlem Savings Bank	9,455.47	
Bowery Savings Bank	9,461.37	
Highland Falls Federal Savings & Loan Association	9,090.00	
		72,110.01
INVENTORY, WEST POINT COMMEMORATIVE WARE		5,909.00
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES		5,347.75
Total		$359,869.39

LIABILITIES

GENERAL FUND:		
Balance 1 April 1955	$ 49,028.42	
Add: Increase 1 April 1955 to 31 March 1956 (See Exhibit B)	16,732.77	
		65,761.19
ENDOWMENT FUND:		
Balance 1 April 1955	$248,346.83	
Add: Increase 1 April 1955 to 31 March 1956 (See Exhibit C)	28,459.19	
		276,806.02
CULLUM FUND:		
Balance 1 April 1955	$ 10,689.00	
Add: Increase 1 April 1955 to 31 March 1956 (See Exhibit D)	256.72	
		10,945.72
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' EARNINGS		221.85
DEFERRED INCOME:		
West Point Commemorative Ware		47.15
West Point Chairs		112.21
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES		627.50
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES		5,347.75
Total		$359,869.39

EXHIBIT B — CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1955 TO 31 MARCH 1956

INCOME

Payments on Life and Annual Memberships and Dues	$ 8,572.00	
Gain on West Point Commemorative Ware	3,083.65	
Gain on West Point Chairs	1,041.19	
Interest on Bank Deposits	821.70	
Contributions	16,736.83	
Royalties	80.10	
June Week Committee	857.32	
Men of West Point	97.92	
Rosettes and Medallion	9.73	
Other Income	10.78	
		$ 31,311.22

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Services	$ 9,546.30	
Printing	1,019.44	
Freight, Express and Postage	1,147.01	
Telephone and Telegraph	259.52	
Cadet Awards	75.00	
Luncheons and Meetings	350.15	
Stationery and Supplies	273.24	
Insurance and Bonding	175.75	
Employment Taxes	274.08	
Conference and Dues	153.15	
Newspapers, Magazines and Dues	80.55	
"West Point Plebe" for Societies	102.00	
Flowers	26.25	
Plaques	189.15	
Badges and Rosettes	797.00	
Other Expenses	109.86	
		$ 14,578.45
Net Change (Increase)		$ 16,732.77

EXHIBIT C

CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1955 TO 31 MARCH 1956

PRINCIPAL

Contributions and Bequest (cash)	$ 3,350.00	
Contributions (stock)	13,162.50	
Stock Dividends	1,890.33	
Gain on Conversion of Securities	1,100.00	
	$ 19,502.83	
Less: Transfer Expenses	120.41	
		$ 19,382.42

INCOME

Dividends and Interest	$ 9,306.77	

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	$ 230.00	
		$ 9,076.77
Net Change (Increase)		$ 28,459.19

EXHIBIT D

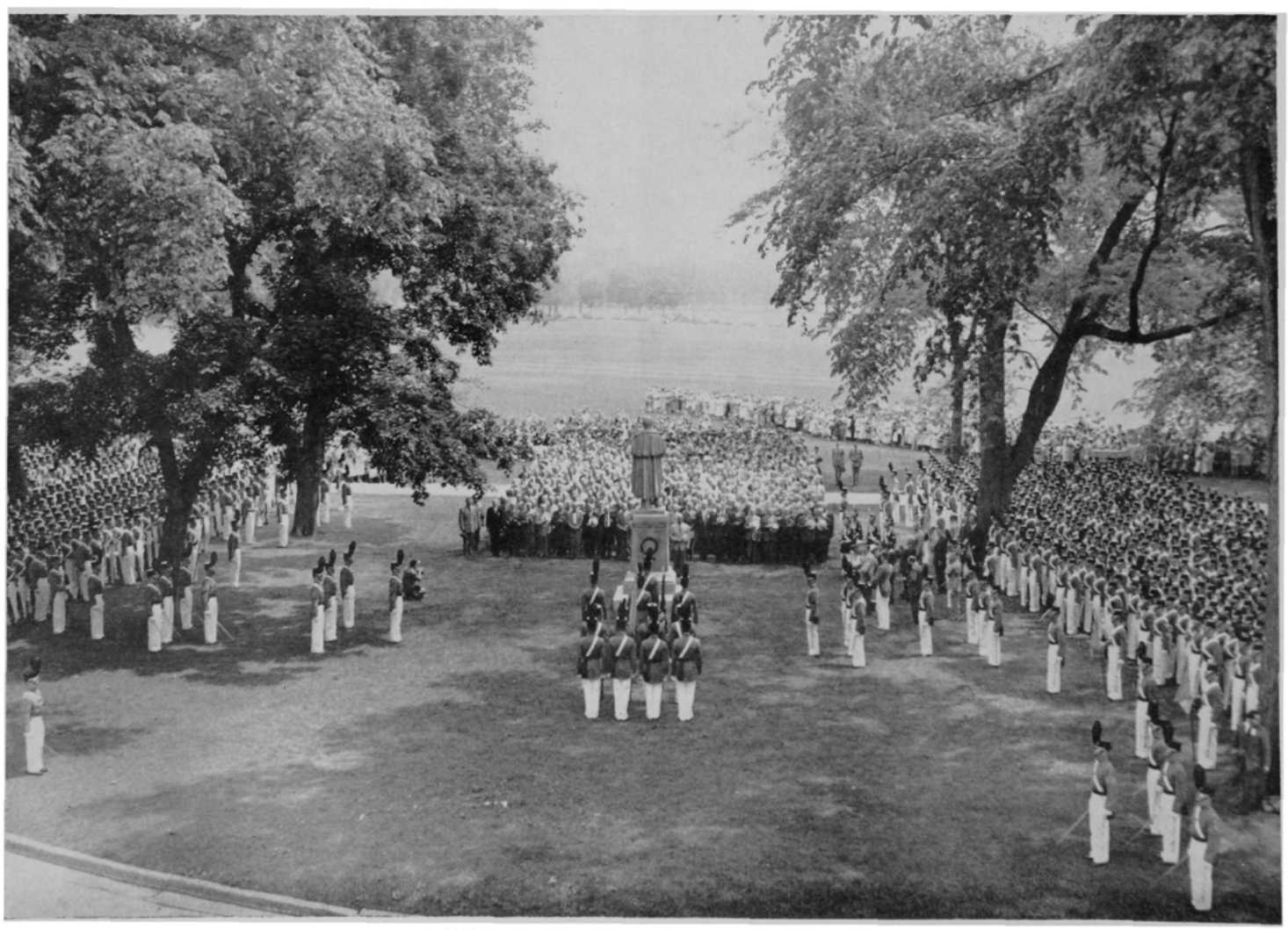
CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1955 TO 31 MARCH 1956

INCOME

Interest on Savings Account	$ 24.22	
Interest from Securities	237.50	
		$ 261.72

EXPENDITURES

Safekeeping of Securities	5.00
Net Change (Increase)	$ 256.72



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SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, 31 MARCH 1956 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1955 TO 31 MARCH 1956

NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value or Number of Shares	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis 31 March 1955	Purchases or Gifts	Redemption Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sale of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfer Expenses	Face Value or Number of Shares 31 March 1956	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis 31 March 1956	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1956	Interest and Dividends Received
ENDOWMENT FUND										
COMMON STOCKS										
Public Utilities										
American Gas & Electric Co., Common Stock	204	$ 5,925.00	$ 20.00				204	$ 5,945.00	$ 11,908.50	$ 382.00
Public Service Co. of Indiana, Inc., Common Stock	100	3,137.50					100	3,137.50	3,862.50	200.00
Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., Common Stock	115	3,725.00	607.50			$ 2.00	115	4,332.50	5,376.25	232.40
Texas Utilities Company, Common Stock	200	4,162.50					200	4,162.50	8,350.00	238.00
Oils										
Phillips Petroleum Co., Capital Stock	231	8,300.00	3,100.00			19.06	231	11,400.00	22,291.50	669.75
Texas Company, Common Stock PV $25.00	200	9,712.50					200	9,712.50	26,800.00	935.00
Chemicals										
Eastman Kodak Company, Common Stock	122	4,446.50	25.61			2.00	122	4,472.11	10,736.00	228.70
International Minerals & Chemical Corp., Common Stock	100	1,650.00					100	1,650.00	2,925.00	160.00
Merck & Company, Inc., Common Stock	400	6,750.00	2,762.50			2.00	400	9,512.50	11,350.00	240.00
Miscellaneous										
Hallicrafters Company, Common Stock	500	3,593.75					500	3,593.75	3,500.00	125.00
McGraw Electric Company, Common Stock	200	5,087.50					200	5,087.50	12,900.00	400.00
Sears Roebuck & Company, Common Stock	939	9,175.00	11,530.50			2.00	939	20,705.50	31,573.88	840.00
Bank Stocks										
First National Bank in Highland Falls, Common Stock	14	146.00					14	146.00	364.00	9.80
Chemical Corn Exchange Bank (New York) Cap Stk.	115		5,497.50			44.79	115	5,497.50	5,318.75	50.00
First National City Bank of N. Y. Cap. Stk.	100		6,275.00			41.28	100	6,275.00	6,350.00	65.00
Continental Illinois Natl Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Com.	9		783.38			2.00	9	783.38	805.50	14.00
PREFERRED STOCKS										
Kansas Power & Light Company, 4½% Cumulative Preferred	50	5,050.00					50	5,050.00	5,225.00	225.00
Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., 4¾% Cumulative Preferred Series A PV 50.00	100	5,000.00					100	5,000.00	5,100.00	237.52
Public Service Co. of Indiana, Inc. 4.20% Cuml. Conv. Pfd.	5		525.00			5.28	5	525.00	573.75	17.03
BONDS										
U.S. Government Holdings										
Series G, 2½%—June 1959	$ 33,000.00	33,000.00					$ 33,000.00	33,000.00	31,911.00	825.00
Series G, 2½%—April 1960	13,000.00	13,000.00					13,000.00	13,000.00	12,571.00	325.00
Series G, 2½%—July 1961	3,000.00	3,000.00					3,000.00	3,000.00	2,865.00	75.00
U.S. Treasury Notes, Series A, 2⅞%,—March 1957	10,000.00	10,103.13					10,000.00	10,103.13	10,021.87	287.45
U.S. Treasury Notes, Series A, 1⅞%—February 1959	10,000.00	10,059.38					10,000.00	10,059.38	9,700.00	187.50
U.S. Treasury Notes, Series A, 2⅛%—November 1960	10,000.00	10,046.88					10,000.00	10,046.88	9,631.25	265.62
U.S. Treasury Bond, 2½%—June 1967	10,000.00	9,700.00					10,000.00	9,700.00	9,556.25	250.00
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 2½%—December 1972/67	50,000.00	49,325.00					50,000.00	49,325.00	46,906.25	1,125.00
U.S. Treasury Bonds, 3¼%—June 1983	10,000.00	10,000.00					10,000.00	10,000.00	10,375.00	325.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. due 8/1/58	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	91.40	
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series F, due 8/1/59	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	88.70	
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series G, Cur. Inc. 2½% due 5/1/62	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	95.20	2.50
U.S. Savings Bond, Series F, due 2/1/63	100.00	75.00					100.00	75.00	79.70	
Corporates										
Dow Chemical Co., 3% due 7/1/1982, Convertible	10,000.00	10,375.00					10,000.00	10,375.00	14,750.00	300.00
Southern California Gas, 3¼%—10/1/70	1,000.00	1,030.00					1,000.00	1,030.00	1,020.00	32.50
Securities Exchanged Since 1 April 1955										
Phillips Petroleum Co.—3.70% Convertible Deb 6/1/83	2,000.00	2,000.00		$ 2,000.00	$ 1,100.00					37.00
Total Endowment Fund		$237,875.64	31,126.99	2,000.00	1,100.00	120.41		267,002.63	334,973.25	9,306.77
CULLUM FUND										
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62	9,500.00	9,500.00					9,500.00	9,500.00	9,044.00	237.50
Total Funds		$247,375.64	$ 31,126.99	$ 2,000.00		$ 120.41		$276,502.63	$344,017.25	$ 9,544.27

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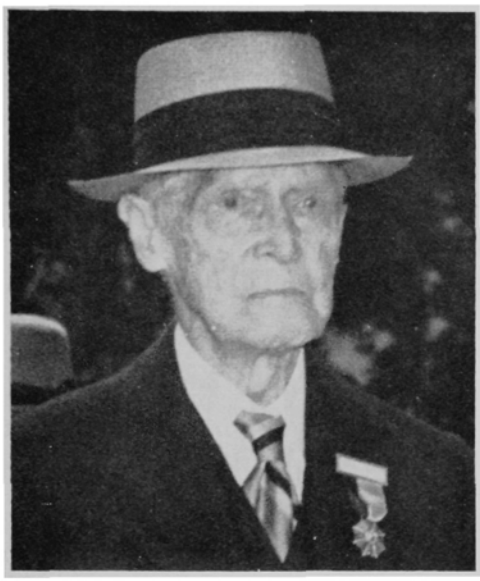
THE CLASS OF 1881 IT'S GREAT 75th YEAR

By CAPTAIN DAVID R. HUGHES



Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., as Oldest Living Graduate in 1956.

as a Major General in 1918.

. . . as a Cadet in 1881.

At exactly 1108 on 4 June 1956, Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., (Ret.) moved three paces forward and placed the wreath at the foot of Thayer Monument. In this, the heart of the Alumni ceremonies, General Hodges, the Oldest Living Graduate, became the first son of West Point ever to return to the Academy for his 75th Reunion. Of course, General Hodges at 96 is also the last surviving member of his class, and he rightly did not refer to his return as a reunion, but rather as an anniversary. But reunion it was, reunion of the memories of the men of the class of 1881 whose deeds are surprisingly familiar to us of younger generations. It seems appropriate, then, not only to follow the June Week activities of General Hodges but also to call up the names and careers of those graduates who first wore their cadet grey in 1877, fully seventy-nine years ago, when General Schofield was Superintendent and the goats were called the "immortals."

To those who know General Hodges it

General Hodges with Monsignor Moore, General Taylor and General Bryan at Alumni Luncheon, Washington Hall, 4 June 1956.

"Water was obtained from hydrants in the area and was not led into barracks until some time after 1890. "—General Hodges.

Excerpts from WEST POINT
By Edward S. Farrow, USMA 1876
"HOW TO ENJOY FURLOUGH"

"It is said that 'First Class Camp is just like a furlough,' but it is a mistake. No time in a persons life is so replete with pleasure and devoid of cares and perplexities, as the first half of the Cadet Furlough. "

"Procure one suit of good citizen clothes for furlough, and if you get it at the West Point Commissary, don't wear off the gloss and braid by trying it on three or four times a day, for a month before you start. . ."

"Don't tarry very long in New York, but hasten home. They will all be very anxious to see you there, and will receive you as the **conquering hero.** "

"Don't fall in love if you can help it; it will cause you much embarrassment after returning to the Academy. A loving nature and the **second class** course of instruction are not suited to each other. "

did not seem a very surprising thing for him to make his record return this past June Week. Rather it was an appropriate milestone in the life of a vigorous and respected soldier. For the mark of General Hodges' 75th Reunion was not so much the ninety-six years of his age as his amazing and inspirational youth. This visit was his thirty-fourth attendance at June Week out of the past thirty-five years.

General Hodges and his daughter, Miss Evelyn Hodges, arrived in the late afternoon of June 2d and made their headquarters in a cheery apartment in the BOQ. That evening in the Officers' Mess the first of a long line of friends paid their respects to the General. On Sunday morning after a hearty breakfast in the club, the General personally arranged the details of his annual luncheon, paid an official call on the Superintendent's Office at USMA Headquarters, attended the 1100 Baccalaureate Service, presided over his luncheon, attended the Superintendent's Reception, and then watched the evening parade. The activities of this day should indicate the vigor of an obviously young graduate.

At his luncheon the General received 32 guests including the daughter of his late Classmate, Williston Fish, Mrs. Josephine Fish Peabody. Lieutenant General Crittenberger, General Fenton, and many long standing friends made up the festive affair which General Hodges presided over with his customary warmth and humor. The luncheon resulted in a surprise for his daughter, Miss Hodges, for it happened that the day was also her birthday, and the general had arranged a surprise celebration with a giant birthday cake as a part of the luncheon. He then proposed the first toast of the day to Miss Hodges for her loyalty, care, and devotion through the years. The luncheon ended on this happy note. An indication of the generations represented in the circle around General Hodges can be appreciated by this interesting observation. Cadet Lewis Stone Sorley 3d was one of the Class of 1956 graduating. His father, Colonel Lewis Stone Sorley 2d, Class of 1919 attended the General's luncheon, as did *his* father, Colonel Lewis Stone Sorley, Sr., Class of 1891. But astonishingly, General Hodges taught mathematics to Colonel Sorley, Sr., when he was but a plebe!

After a short rest, General Hodges attended the Superintendent's Reception where again hosts of friends and descendants of friends paid their respects to him and were surprised anew at his wide knowledge of old Army officers and families.

Feeling still fine at 1730 the General, his daughter and guests watched the Review for the Presentation of Academic Awards.

On Monday the Alumni Exercises took place, and General Hodges led the 800 graduates in the traditional march down Jefferson Road to the place before Thayer Monument. General Bryan and General Crittenberger accompanied General Hodges as he stepped smartly along behind the band, culminating his 75th year after graduation with the laying of the wreath. After the moving ceremony, as is the custom, General Hodges and General Bryan took the long Alumni Review three paces before the 800 younger graduates stretching from the class of 1881 to 1955.

At the Association of Graduates Luncheon another accolade was received by the General. While he was seated on the speakers' dias in Washington Hall, the announcement of his 75th Reunion year brought a long and thunderous standing ovation from 900 fellow graduates present. There also he received a letter of congratulations from a man who graduated 34 years after him, President Dwight Eisenhower. The letter was handed to him by General Bryan and read to the assemblage at his request by General Crittenberger.

After the luncheon only the considered advice of his watchful daughter stayed the vital man from going to Graduation Parade. But at 1800 he received more friends in his apartment and then went to dinner as the guest of Colonel Sorley, Sr., '91, with General W. J. Glasgow, also of '91. The three old grads exchanged anecdotes that vivified all of the old Corps and Army for the younger ears around. It was revealed that Lieutenant Henry C. Hodges, Jr., had been a firm but fair math grader, and had arranged an unprecedented entertainment with Ellen Terry and company performing before the Corps in the Mess Hall. presently Grant Hall.

But when H. C. Hodges was a cadet the entertainment was more vigorous. 1880 opened literally with a bang. As Major Frank B. Andrus of the Class once described it:

"As the clock struck 12 (midnight) and the New Year (1880) began every hall window in the barracks was opened and a fusilade of fireworks, led by the simultaneous discharge of the six thirty-pounder Parrot guns, commenced. The cadet officers got up, lighted the gas and watched things (their rooms having been fastened by bayonets on the outside). The tactical officer who was on duty as officer-in-charge became very active. He sought to have the long roll sounded, but the drums of the drummer boys had disappeared. He started for the barracks. When about midway, an idea seemed to have occurred to some youngsters in the fifth and in the seventh divisions at the same time, for two rockets struck within less than a foot of him, one just in front and the other just in the rear. He promptly jumped to one side but came right on. He reached the door of the fifth division and tried to open it. Of course it did not open and resisted the blow of his shoulder. He sent the drummer boy orderly for an axe. The boy brought back a match saying that was what he thought he was sent for. " Thus went the high jinks when General Hodges was a 2d Classman.

Of the ninety-one men who entered in 1877, fifty-three graduated in 1881. One man had to be honorably discharged upon graduation for an injury he received as a cadet, but the other 52 went on into the Army; five into Engineers, nine into Artillery, fifteen into Cavalry and twenty-three into the Infantry. As second lieutenants the members of the class did not have any certain prospects for rapid promotions, stable assignments, or comfortable living, for the spread of the Army after the Civil War had reached a near maximum with a large part of the Army on outpost and border assignments in the West. The young officer expected to join his regiment, stay a member of it, and receive his promotions only as vacancies occurred.

But even with these prospects the Class of 1881 remained quite loyal to Army service. Only six officers eventually resigned and the average length of service of the twenty-seven who reached retirement age

The man who carried the Message to Garcia, Andrew S. Rowan.

was thirty-seven and a half years! Two officers, Major General Enoch Crowder and Major General John B. McDonald, retired only after forty-two years continuous service, not counting Academy time.

Though a casual thought back to the period after 1881 and before the First World War would seem a relatively quiet time for an officer's career, Major General Joseph T. Dickman recorded as his "Principal Campaigns and Expeditions" the following ten items which belie the thought of uneventful service:

1. Geronimo Indian Campaign, 1885.
2. Cherokee Expedition, Indian Territory, 1885.
3. Garza Revolutionist Campaign, 1891-93.
4. San Ygnacio Bandits Expeditions, 1892-93.
5. Chicago Riot, 1894.
6. Santiago Campaign, 1898.
7. Occupation of Cuba, 1898-99.
8. Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1900.
9. China Relief Expedition, 1900.
10. War with Germany, 1918-1919.

The last entry for General Dickman entailed command of IIId and IVth Corps and Third Army. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

General Henry C. Hodges himself was one of the four Cadet Captains in his class and stood 23 in order of merit upon graduation. His first duty as second lieutenant of the 22d Infantry was on the frontier in Texas and then in the field with Indian scouts during the early 80's. At Fort Lewis, Colorado, he served as aid to General Augur and then was ordered, in 1886, to USMA as assistant professor of mathematics.

Among his other assignments up to 1899 when he went to the Philippines with his regiment, were tours at Fort Keogh, Montana, and Fort Yates, North Dakota, college duty at Groton, Massachusetts, and Durham, New Hampshire, and duty at Fort Crook, Nebraska. He served with his regiment at Mobile, Tampa, and Fort McPherson in early '99.

In the Philippines from 1899 to 1900 he served in eleven regimental engagements during the Insurrection.

For a brief time Captain Hodges was detailed Quartermaster helping construct Forts Rodman, Greble and Adams with station at Newport, Rhode Island. In July 1905 he was promoted Major of the 1st Infantry and in 1906 went back to the Philippines, with duty as battalion commander among other detailed assignments, including work in the Military Information Division Headquarters. Back in the U.S. in 1908, he attended the Army War College in 1909.

Assigned to the 22d Infantry he served in Alaska and Texas and in 1911 went on duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff, of the War Department. When promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1911 he went on the General Staff, and in 1913 became the Secretary of the General Staff. A year later he was made Colonel of the 17th Infantry at Eagle Pass, Texas. When he departed the Regiment for Honolulu, he was accorded a "Despedida" farewell ceremony colorfully described in the Register of 1916.

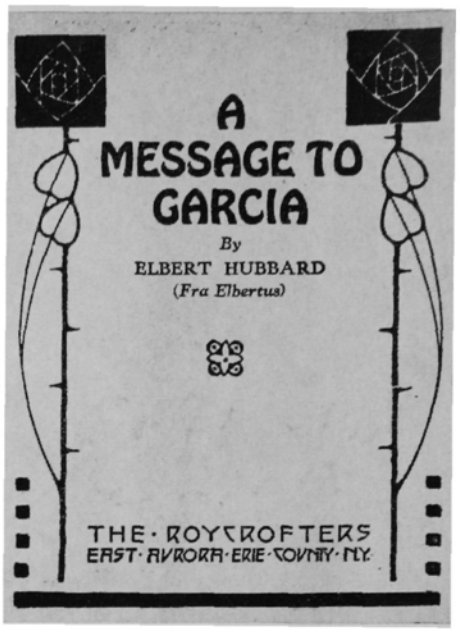
"At 11 a.m. the 17th Infantry band began playing popular music, to which the officers and ladies danced at the camp pavilion. At high noon a buffet luncheon with punch was served, after which after-dinner speeches were made, and all voiced their sincere regrets over the departure of Colonel Hodges. The reception was attended by all the officers of the camp, their families, and the prominent citizens of Eagle Pass, with whom Colonel Hodges is also very popular.

"A short time before his departure the caissons of Battery F, 6th Field Artillery, drew up before the officers' club, and all the guests mounted the same as "cannoneers" and rode to the depot. Colonel Hodges and Major Alexander, who is left in command, rode on the rear of the first caisson, while his staff were on the front seat, and the off horses of this caisson were rode by Lieutenants Conolly, Devore, and Keen.

"At the depot the officers and ladies formed a large ring around Colonel Hodges and closed in and out to the strains of the farewell music rendered by the band. Just before the departure of his train Colonel Hodges gazed up at the tops of the many box cars on the siding, which were covered by the enlisted men of the regiment, and, removing his hat, shouted: 'Good-bye, men.' This was responded to by the men with a hearty three cheers and the waving of hats. Handkerchiefs and hats were waved in farewell to Colonel Hodges until the train had disappeared from view."

He had been transferred to the 1st Infantry and served with it in Hawaii to June 1917 when he was promoted to Brigadier General.

In August 1917, after having been promoted to Major General, Hodges took command of the 39th Division at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. Just prior to his departure for France with the division in 1918

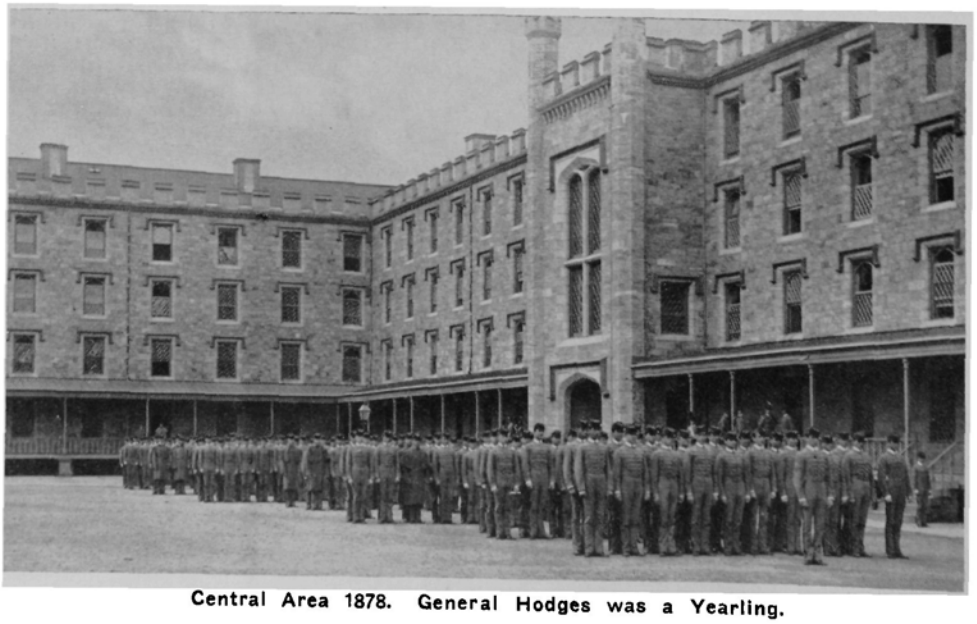


The booklet that reached 40 million readers and made Rowan famous.

Excerpts from WEST POINT
By Edward S. Farrow, USMA 1876

"Who Should Go To West Point"

A Young man, earnestly seeking to determine the problem of his future career in life, will naturally pass the various professions in review, endeavoring to select the one which will most perfectly conform to his tastes. Supposing he is impressed with the principle of the preceding chapter, inspired with a desire to attain **Military Glory,** and has made the soldier's life his study; he will find that he must either prepare himself for a **quiet** or meritorious life or one of excitement and adventure. If he wants to enjoy society—have nothing to do except a little "paper duty", and possess the advantages of a city, the artillery will claim him to protect our seaports. If he desires to lead an active life, with the wild deer and Red Man for companions and his horse his truest friend, let him go to the Cavalry and protect the frontier settlers from depredations by Indians and renegade white men. The Infantry invites him to share both of these lives. If such lives as these present no attractions, or there is sufficient doubt that in time they will, West Point should no longer be considered as the place from which to start out in life.



Central Area 1878. General Hodges was a Yearling.

the citizens of Alexandria, Louisiana, presented him with a chest of 200 pieces of silver. Each piece was engraved with his name, and on the cover of the mahogany chest a gold plate bore the inscription "General H. C. Hodges, commanding the 39th Division, Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, Louisiana. With esteem and affection from the citizens of Alexandria, August 1, 1918".

General Hodges went to France with the 39th Division in the St. Florent Area, Department Cher, and at Langres. After returning to the U.S. he commanded Camp Beauregard and the 17th Division until it was demobilized. He was returned to the rank of Brigadier General.

General Hodges then returned to Honolulu in command of the Hawaiian Department, and later Schofield Barracks, to 1920, when, with over forty years service, he retired at his own request.

A summary of the achievements and honors attained by the class as a group is illuminating. Six of the class reached the rank of Brigadier General and eleven made Major General. Major General Crowder declined a motion of Congress to make him a Lieutenant General for his distinctive service in forming the draft law and serving as Provost Marshal General of the Army in WW I. Ten of the class received Distinguished Service Medals, and two were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Twelve Silver Star Medals were won for gallantry in action. One officer, Colonel John M. Stotsenburg was killed in action as Regimental Commander during the Philippine Insurrection. Fort Stotsenburg was named after him.

Colonel John Millis, the first man of the class, attained an early distinction. "As a first lieutenant attached to the 3d Lighthouse District of the United States Engineers, he designed, executed and personally inaugurated the lighting system for the Statue of Liberty. After sundown on October 28, 1886, he closed a switch in a powerhouse he had constructed on the north end of Bedloes Island and bathed the statue in what was said to the first floodlighting in the world."

> "We older ones were mildly horrified to hear one evening what sounded like a riot taking place at Trophy Point, and learned later that it was a class cheer in the process of formation. . ."
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> —From Reminiscences",
> by General Hodges.
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> "Athletic games were almost unknown at West Point and, in fact, were not followed generally at civilian colleges, although football and rowing, as well as some other sports, had been taken up by individuals at these institutions and were being developed. . . Our outdoor life and drills were considered sufficient for conditions of health."
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> —From Reminiscences",
> by General Hodges.

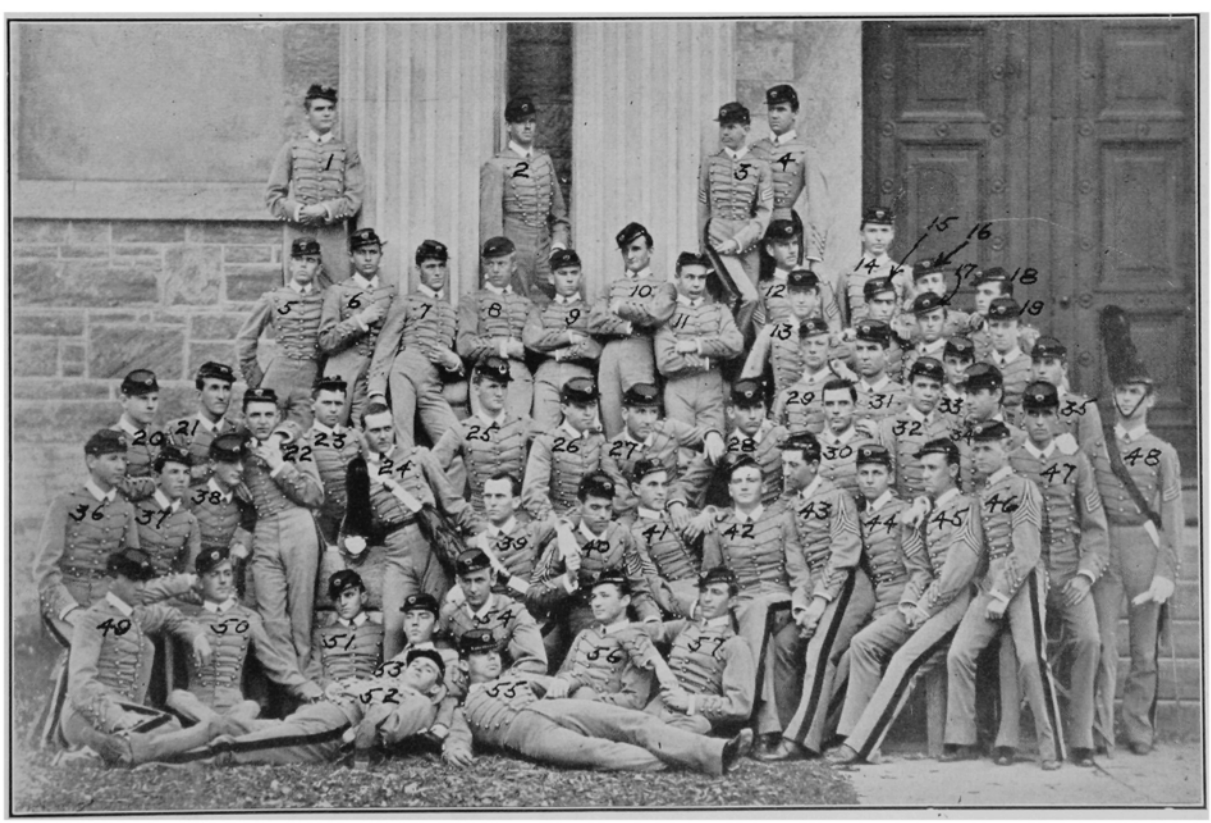
Two members of the class became Superintendents of USMA. Major General Clarence P. Townsley was the first, serving from 1912 to 1916, and Major General John Biddle was next, serving from 1916 to 1917. General Biddle then went on to be the Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army and for a short period was Acting Chief.

Major General Harry Foote Hodges was Assistant Chief Engineer for the Panama Canal from 1907 to 1914, and for his work received the Thanks of Congress in 1915.

The one man of the class who was graduated but honorably discharged for disability was Lyman Hall. He rose quickly to become one of the early and most active Presidents of a struggling school called Georgia School of Technology. He served from 1897 to 1905 with astounding energy and success, raising by his own solicitation fully $100,000 and expanding the facilities and quality of the school until it prospered and became the important and well known Georgia Tech of today.

Williston Fish, whose avocation was writing, left the service in 1887 and pursued a very successful business career. But many thousands of readers were moved and touched by a short written piece of his that appeared in Harpers Weekly in 1898 called "A Last Will." The imaginary "Will" was reprinted hundreds of times and became legendary. He also wrote many other pieces and books, several about West Point, and appropriately enough became Class Historian in 1897. He died in 1939 and his daughter, Mrs. Peabody, has since kept the story of 1881 in active circulation.

One member of the class, Colonel Daniel E. McCarthy, General Pershing's Chief Quartermaster was the first man of the American Expeditionary Force to set foot on French soil. Another man, Major Gen-



CLASS OF 1881

1. Hodgson
2. Brumback
3. Blunt
4. Welsh
5. Bennett
6. Bartlett
7. Boughton
8. Dickman
9. Kernan
10. Rowan
11. Morrison
12. Strong
13. Griffiths
14. Barth
15. Crowder
16. Hodges, H. F.
17. West
18. Waters
19. Biddle
20. McNutt
21. Patterson
22. Wills
23. Leonhaeuser (Lee)
24. Cornish
25. Barbour
26. McCarthy
27. Gaston
28. Johnson
29. Hammond
30. Richards
31. Waterman
32. Greble
33. Alvord
34. Davis
35. Turner
36. Handforth
37. Brown
38. Phillips
39. Stotsenburg
40. Hill
41. Andrus
42. Fish
43. Allen
44. Millis
45. Carleton
46. **Hodges, H. C.**
47. Warren
48. Townsley
49. Kerr
50. Hall
51. Stoll
52. McDonald
53. Van Liew
54. Kennon
55. Gardner
56. Dinkins
57. Emery

Members of the Class of 1881
Who Won

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

ANDREW SUMMERS ROWAN
JOHN BACON McDONALD

Members of the Class of 1881
Who Won

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

JOHN BIDDLE
HARRY FOOTE HODGES
GUY CARLETON
FRANCIS JOSEPH KERNAN
JOHN FRANK MORRISON
JOSEPH THEODORE DICKMAN
JAMES TAGGART KERR
ENOCH HERBERT CROWDER
FREDERICK GRADY HODGSON
JOHN BACON McDONALD

eral Edwin St. John Greble was born at West Point, son of the chaplain, also a graduate, who was the first officer killed in the Civil War. Stretching in another direction, the son of Colonel Samuel E. Allen was Major General Terry Allen, the colorful commander of First Infantry Division of WWII.

Perhaps the two most widely known members of the class were Colonel Andrew S. Rowan and Major General Enoch Crowder. Colonel Rowan became a legend for his carrying of the "Message to Garcia" and General Crowder drafted and executed our gigantic Selective Service Act at the beginning of World War One.

The exploit of Colonel (then Lieutenant) Andrew S. Rowan is too familiar to rehearse here, but the citation for the Distinguished Service Cross that he received illuminates the essence of his memorable task.

"For extraordinary heroism in connection with the operations in Cuba in May 1898. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American campaign Lieutenant Rowan, under disguise, entered the enemy lines in Oriente, crossed the island of Cuba and not only succeeded in delivering a message to General Garcia, but secured secret information relative to existing military conditions in that region of such great value that it had an important bearing on the quick ending of the struggle and the complete success of the U.S. Army."

Two years later in 1900 Major Rowan received the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Philippine Islands. The publication of Elbert Hubbard's pamphlet "Message to Garcia" immortalized Rowan, for it ran to an estimated world wide circulation of forty million copies, and was translated into every written language.

General Crowder's accomplishment, which ultimately affected the 14 million Americans who registered for the draft in WWI, and remained the basic instrument for draft in WWII, was the Selective Service Act. "The stroke of genius which made the American Selective Service workable was Crowder's concept of setting up local boards in every community, boards of common citizens delegated with the authority to decide which of their neighbors and fellow citizens should be inducted into the armed forces, and which ones should be kept at home to best serve the national interests." Amazing too, was the fact that when President Wilson called upon Secretary of War Baker, and he in turn called upon General Crowder, to find means for augmenting the national military strength, General Crowder responded with the first draft of his law in twenty-four hours. The thing that the great thinkers of the past had regarded as impossible, the drafting of a large national army, was done. At once it was the largest, (four million men inducted) fastest, (three million in 90 days) and yet the most popular method ever devised. The Provost Marshal General of the Army, instead of being regarded as the most "odious" man in the country turned out to be one of the most praised. For his work General Crowder was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and a motion was begun in Congress to promote him to Lieutenant General, but he declined modestly by attributing the success of his act to the citizens themselves. He was decorated by many foreign governments for his work. Before his retirement for age General Crowder became the first ambassador from the United States to Cuba in 1923 which post he held until 1927. He died in 1932. A fitting tribute on his tombstone summarizes the whole contribution of this great son of West Point and the Class of 1881 to his country: " A Military Man Who Understood the Civic Spirit of a Free People."

Members of the Class Who Attained
the Rank of

MAJOR GENERAL

JOHN BIDDLE
HARRY FOOTE HODGES
EDWIN ST. JOHN GREBLE
GEORGE TRUE BARTLETT
CLARENCE PAGE TOWNSLEY
GUY CARLETON
FRANCIS JOSEPH KERNAN
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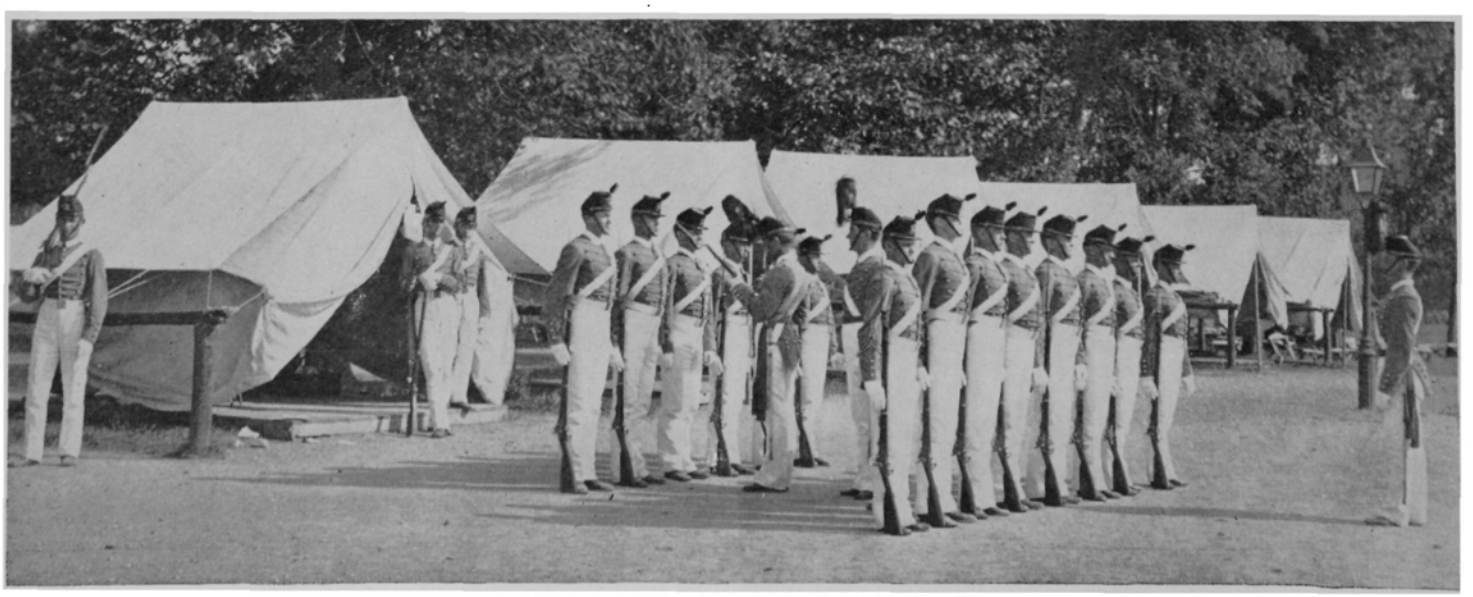
JOHN BACON McDONALD

But time took its toll, and one by one the members of the class have passed on until today General Hodges is the only remaining member of the group, born before the Civil War, which shot rockets at the Officer-in-Charge on New Year's Eve of 1879, and then went on to the more serious business of fighting in the Indian campaigns, Spanish American War, Philippine Insurrection, World War One and left its sons to fight in World War Two and in Korea.

General Hodges spans all of this. Perhaps the memory of these men and times was in the mind of the General as he watched the Class of 1956 throw its hats high into the air, seventy-five years after he doffed his own in the joy of graduation. But when the venerable old soldier, one whom all the graduates of West Point, no matter how high their position or far their place can but admire, drove away from West Point after making his great and memorable reunion, with the indominatable spirit of the newly graduated he looked, not behind, but forward, to another June Week in 1957.



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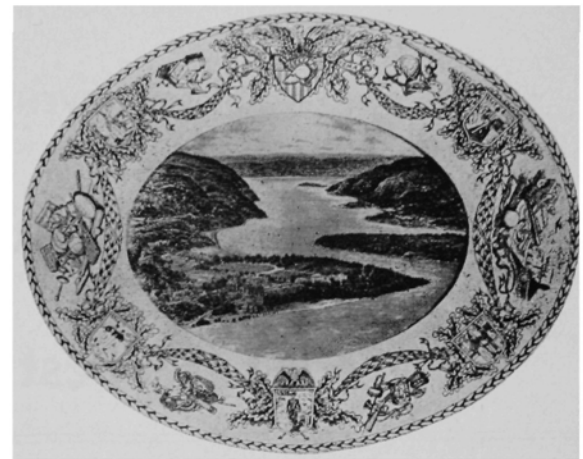

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1. To strengthen and extend the influence of the alumni organization by appointing sufficient alumni representatives to cover effectively the area of each West Point Society.
2. To inform educators of the requirements for admission to the United States Military Academy and the scope of its curriculum.
3. To seek out young men highly qualified as potential Regular Army officers, to develop their interest in West Point, and to offer advice on how to become cadets.

On Saturday, June 2nd, delegates to the seventh annual meeting of the National Public Relations Committee of West Point Societies (NPRC) met in the Green Room of the West Point Army Mess to discuss the functioning of the Committee and deside on specific public relations projects to be emphasized by the West Point Societies in the coming year. The meeting was presided over by Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, Retired, '13, in his capacity as President of the Association of Graduates. West Point Societies were represented as follows: Atlanta . . J. A. Pickering, '16; Alabama . . Wm. Logan Martin, '07; Boston . H. E. Small, '15; T. C. O'Connell, '41; Connecticut and Rhode Island . . . C. E. Seipel, Jr., '39; El Paso Area . H. Crampton Jones, '16; New York . . J. A. McNulty, '20; Philadelphia . . . W. B. Tully, '23; San Francisco Bay Area . . J. L. Hayden, April '17.

The following trustees of the Association of Graduates were also present: Chauncey L. Fenton, '04, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees; R. M. Danford, '04; R. L. Maxwell, '12; J. A. Chambers, '23; G. W. Kelley, '25. West Point members and guests included: R. D. Johnston, '31, Secretary of the NPRC and of the Association of Graduates; C. N. Branham, '22, Editor of the *Register*; C. P. Nicholas, '25; W. J. Renfroe, Jr., '34; R. H. Safford, '36; E. W. Richardson, '37; R. S. Day, '44.

General Crittenberger called the meeting to order at 1100 hours and requested that each of those present stand and introduce himself. Colonel Nicholas then invited the attention of the meeting to the Charter of the NPRC and proposed certain minor changes in the membership of the Committee, to reflect organizational changes at West Point. The proposed changes were unanimously approved by the Committee, and discussion was then directed to the Long-Range Public Relations Policy. Speaking for the West Point representatives on the Committee, Renfroe, '34, explained that the Policy Statement, which was amended slightly in 1955, was felt to be effective and valid, and that no further changes were recommended. Fenton and Nicholas pointed out that this policy statement represents the official public relations policy of the Military Academy, and, consequently, of the Asociation of Graduates. The Committee then reaffirmed the Long-Range Policy, without change, for the year 1956-1957.

Colonel E. W. Richardson, '37, Public Information Officer of the Military Academy, introduced the paper entitled "Public Relations Projects for 1956-57" and explained that the draft under consideration had been drawn up by the West Point members of the NPRC. He stressed the fact that these projects comprised a list of suggestions to the West Point Societies for their guidance, and that it was understood that the carrying out of the projects would necessarily vary with conditions existing in the areas of the different societies.

Colonel Richardson then read the first of the three proposed projects: "To strengthen and extend the influence of the alumni organization by appointing sufficient alumni representatives to cover effectively the area of each West Point Society", followed by a list of suggestions for methods of accomplishing the project. In the discussion of this project, the point was made that no inflexible rule determined the method in which the various Societies should organize their systems of alumni representatives and that, while some might appoint alumni representatives only for those regions at some distance from the seat of the Society, others might wish to use a subarea or district organization covering the entire area of responsibility of the Society. A question was raised as to the providing of necessary materials for the alumni representatives, and Captain R. S. Day, '44, Registrar of the Military Academy, assured the delegates that his office would furnish any numbers of information kits desired, sending them either to the individual alumni representatives or to the Society headquarters, as requested by each Society. In this connection, Chambers, '23, of the Boston Society, Regional Trustee for the First Army Area, suggested that Societies might find it worthwhile to rent a post office box on a continuing basis, so that the Society's mailing address could remain unchanged, even though there be annual changes in the officers of the Society.

The meeting was recessed for lunch, which was served in the Green Room, and at the termination of the meal Colonel Richardson continued his presentation by reading the second project: "To inform educators of the requirements for admission to the United States Military Academy and the scope of its curriculum." Small, '15, and Pickering, '16, referring to their experiences in Boston and Atlanta, respectively, pointed out the difficulties in obtaining allocations of time to address high school assemblies. Both of them stressed the need for early information and scheduling far in advance for this kind of presentation.

Discussion of the third project, "To seek out young men highly qualified as potential Regular Army Officers, to develop their interest in West Point, and to offer advice on how to become cadets", centered about the desirability of encouraging only those boys who are definitely interested in a lifelong career in the Army. It was generally agreed that West Point's mission is to turn out young men who will devote their lives to the Service and that everything possible should be done at West Point to motivate cadets for an Army career. There was some difference of opinion, however, on the extent to which a boy need already be interested in a lifelong service career at the time he is seeking entrance to the Military Academy. Some of those present felt that a boy should not be encouraged to try for West Point unless he has a strong calling toward the military life, while other speakers pointed out the numerous cadets of the past who came to West Point without any fixed goal of a lifelong career, but who graduated with no doubts as to their intention of staying in the service. This discussion ended with general agreement on the following statement, one of the suggestions given for carrying out this project: "In all public relations contacts identify West Point as an integral part of the military profession and make it clear that the West Point education is intended to lead to a career in the armed forces. Avoid the temptation to 'sell' West Point solely

for its own sake. The attractive features of a free college education in a glamorous and tradition-inspired atmosphere should not be played down, but they should not be allowed to overshadow unduly the career aspect of the West Point education."

With respect to service careers and their connection with attendance at the various national academies, reference was made to Section 1092C, Title 10, U.S. Code (Pocket Part, annotated), which opens up the possibility, in 1960 and thereafter, for commissioning a limited number of graduates of the Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies in services other than that of the academy attended. It was felt that alumni should help any young man who has a definite interest in any of the academies, and should not confine themselves solely to those boys interested in West Point.

After the three projects had been adopted by the Committee, Colonel Richardson, in his capacity of Public Information Officer of the Military Academy, reported on the activities of his office for the past year and the most important points of general interest in the public information field. He referred to two matters which had been brought up at last year's meeting. The first of these, a proposal that a system be established at West Point providing for automatic distribution to the West Point Societies of certain published material, Colonel Richardson stated as having been put into effect, and he requested that any Society not receiving such distribution in a satisfactory manner notify him. The second item pertained to administrative support from Army units to West Point Societies in connection with the candidate information program. Richardson pointed out that the Department of the Army had, on March 5, 1956, published AR 350-55, a new directive to Army units, intended to stimulate interest among enlisted men in seeking admission to West Point. Colonel Richardson felt that this regulation, while not aimed directly at civilian candidates, would nevertheless form a proper basis for West Point Societies to request and obtain administrative support in connection with candidate information projects.

It was then pointed out that primary responsibility for the candidate information program had been assigned to the Registrar and that a specific plan for the carrying out of this program was under consideration by the Department of the Army.

Colonel Richardson called attention to the continuing availability of the two documentary films, *This Is West Point* (black and white, 27 minutes), and *The Making of a West Pointer* (color, 38 minutes). Numerous copies of the older film are available, and recently additional copies of *The Making of a West Pointer* have been made and distributed to film libraries. In some cases there is a copy definitely earmarked for the use of the nearest West Point Society. Societies which have not already been informed of this arrangement should check with the Public Information Officer, USMA, West Point, New York.

Other public information items of particular interest mentioned by Colonel Richardson were: (1) The forthcoming series of 39 television shows concerning West Point, to start in September 1956 and be presented by CBS each Friday evening from 8:00 to 8:30, under the sponsorship of the General Foods Corporation. (2) The newly-published book of photographs by Mr. Jack Engeman, entitled *West Point—The Life of a Cadet*. (3) The series of West Point books being written by "Red" Reeder, the second of which, *West Point Yearling*, is about to appear. (4) The continued activities of the Cadet Public Information Detail, a group of cadets of all classes working directly with the Public Information Officer.

Colonel R. H. Safford, '36, Director of Military Psychology and Leadership and monitor for the Cadet Public Relations Council, reported on the activities of the Council during the past year. Colonel Safford mentioned cadet visits to "Boys' State" assemblies, 30 such meetings in as many states being visited by cadets this summer. Other summer visits to be made by cadets will include those to all National Guard camps of the First, Second, and Third Army Areas. Cadets of the Council also visited a number of schools in the local New York area for college night programs during the past academic year. Perhaps the period of most intensive activity was the "Spring Leave" period in March, when 30 cadets of the Council visited 14 major cities on trips scheduled by the West Point Forum and Debate Council, making a total of 110 presentations to audiences totaling about 22,000, in addition to the television coverage which was also included in some of the talks. In answer to a question from a Society delegate, Colonel Safford stated that it is not the policy to order cadets to make such presentations but that if his office were contacted by a West Point Society sufficiently in advance, he felt that they would always be able to find volunteers. General Crittenberger remarked that it is generally recognized that the cadet himself—the West Point "product"—is the Academy's best "salesman".

Colonel Johnston, Secretary of the NPRC, reported that there are presently 36 West Point Societies, and that the evidence indicated that they had been more active, both socially and in the public relations field in this past year than ever before.

There was general discussion concerning some of the problems facing Societies in carrying out the annual projects and of suggested methods of operation. Chambers emphasized again the necessity for advance planning and scheduling of cadet appearances and other West Point presentations.

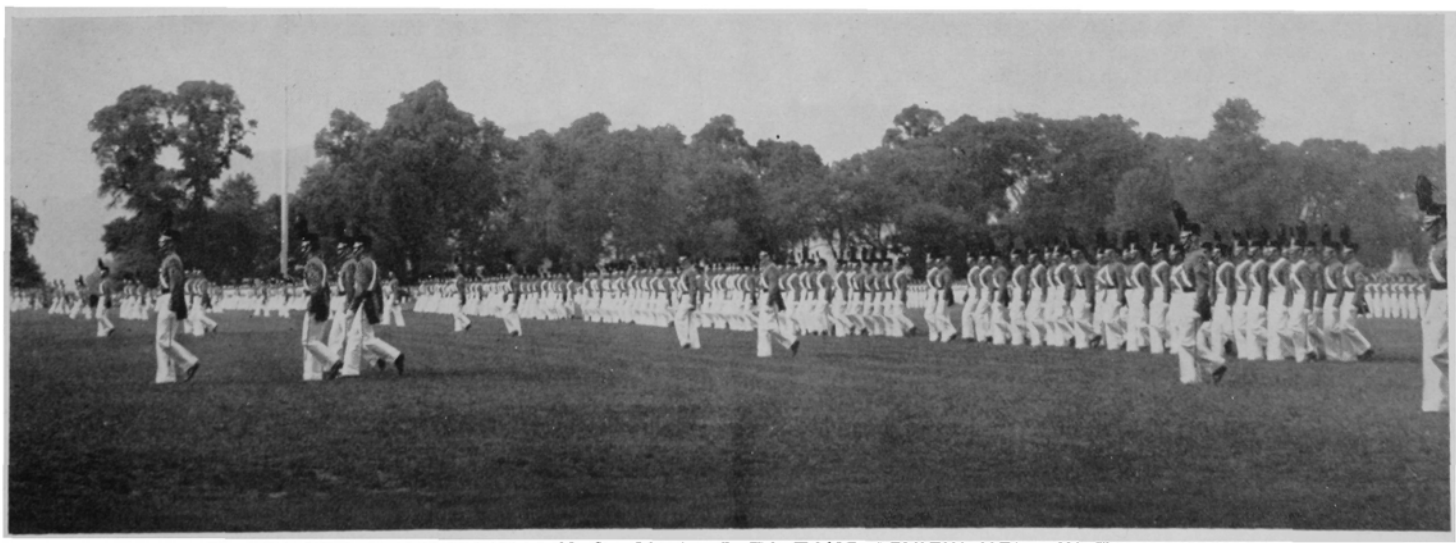
Maxwell, '12, suggested that there are numerous West Point graduates now retired and prominent in civilian life in various cities throughout the country, and that newsworthy stories with appropriate photographs could be based on calls made on these distinguished individuals by cadets visiting in the community. In some cases television interviews could possibly be arranged. General Maxwell also suggested that, in the case of a book written by a West Point graduate, the jacket of the book might well carry a prominent reference to the author's West Point background.

J. L. Hayden, April '17, speaking for the West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area, praised the circular letters sent out periodically from West Point by the Secretary to all the Societies, but he suggested that, in view of the expense of reproduction by Societies locally, these letters or the information contained in them be be printed in *Assembly*. General Danford, too, spoke of the great interest and value of the circular letters. Hayden also made a plea for a systematic exchange of information and publications between the various Societies.

General Fenton expressed his satisfaction over the way in which West Point public relations have progressed since Major General Bryant E. Moore, then Superintendent, organized the "USMA Information Committee" in 1949. He paid tribute to the West Point officers who have helped guide the development of the NPRC and particularly to Colonel C. P. Nicholas, '25, who has been continuously concerned with the NPRC since its inception and who is the person most directly responsible for its development.

The Chairman thanked the West Point members of the Committee for preparing the drafts discussed at the meeting and those present for their participation. He invited the attention of the Committee to the opportunity and the responsibility which the Societies have of enhancing the overall prestige of West Point and of helping to bring into clear focus for the people of their respective communities the real position of West Point in the national picture.

The meeting then adjourned.



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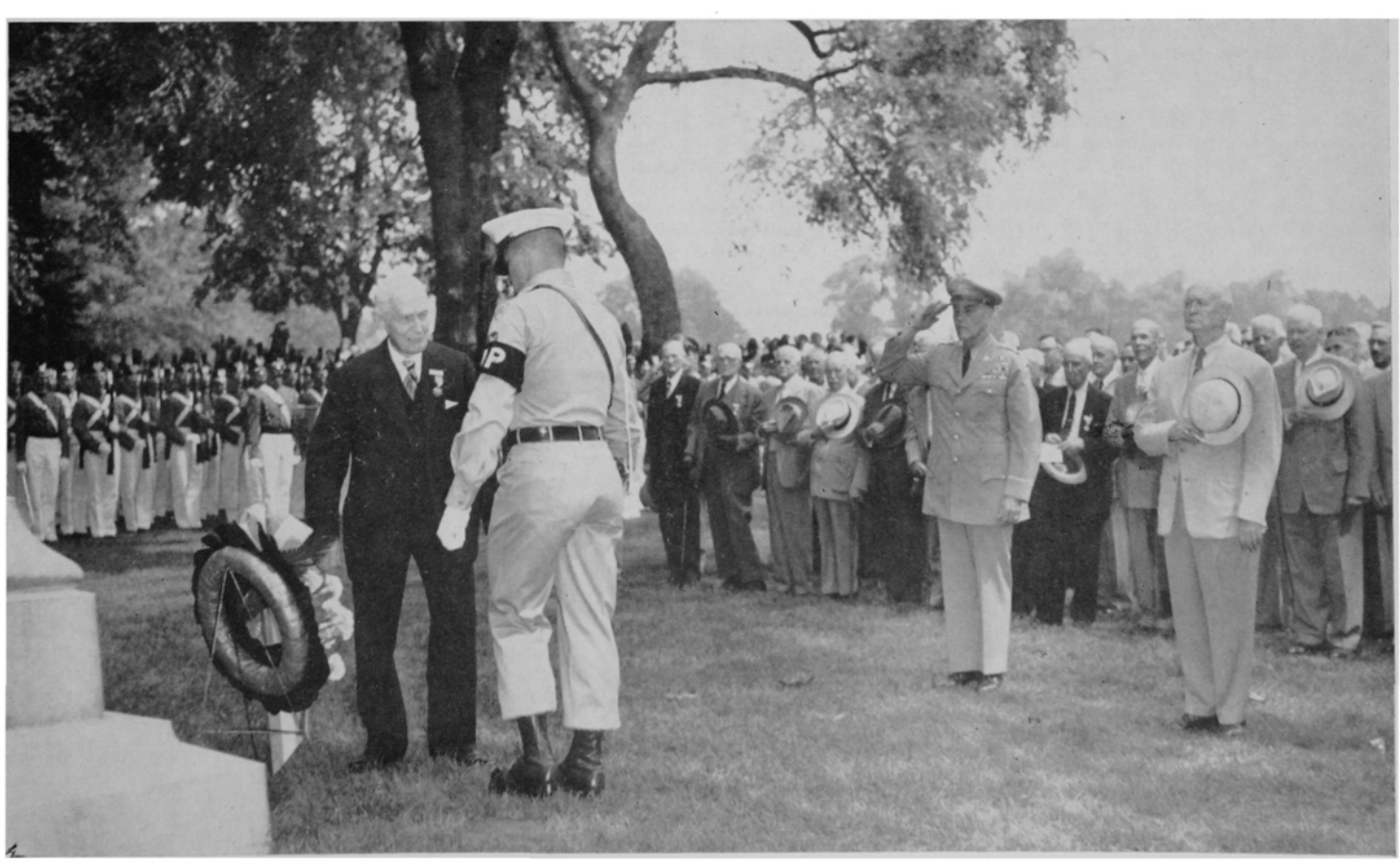


GENERAL HODGES, '81, PLACES A WREATH ON THAYER MONUMENT DURING ALUMNI CEREMONIES.

BULLETIN BOARD

Washington, D. C.—President Dwight D. Eisenhower displays a copy of the 1956 Howitzer presented to him by Cadet Roger Redhair, the yearbook editor; Cadet Robert G. Farris, First Captain; and Cadet Michael Conrad, President of the Class of '56. The presentation was made in the President's White House office.

BOOK REVIEW

WEST POINT—"THE LIFE OF A CADET" A picture story by Jack Engeman. Over 250 photos with Foreword by General Ridgway. Lothrop, Lee and Shephard Co., Inc., N. Y. $3.50.

Here is an attractive picture book addressed obviously to the young aspirant to West Point. It is not a collection of "views" of the Academy premises; nor does it deal with the Academy's history, but it portrays cadet life at the Academy in the present.

It is unfortunate that no single publication in existence contains the answers to all questions about West Point, but this volume makes a substantial contribution toward filling the five-foot reference shelf needed to acquaint an inquirer with every aspect of the Academy. The text material in this volume is purposely reduced to the bone and consists principally of General Ridgway's eloquent Foreword, a statement of the Academy's mission and objectives, an outline of the curriculum, picture captions (which incidentally are well-chosen), etc. The author served as his own photographer and demonstrates a remarkable facility with the camera. It is reported that he made over three thousand exposures thus creating for himself the formidable task of selecting from this vast collection and numerous "official" photos as well, the top 250 for publication. All pictures are reproduced in black and white with particular excellence. The dust jacket is exceptionally well designed, bearing a good photograph of a cadet lieutenant in F.D.

The sequence carries the reader with considerable detail from the Admission Day of new cadets through a full Academic Year and the Camp Buckner summer. Upper-class activities and experiences are considerably minimized in proportion. However, the coverage is well balanced, provides the answers to many questions, and gives a reasonably accurate idea of the diversity of cadet activities. One does not gain the impression that West Point is a "country club" but rather a place of hard work and high challenge.

Mr. Engeman is an alumnus of the U.S. Naval Academy and has published a similar volume about his Alma Mater. Thus he seems admirably equipped to produce a volume of this sort for West Point. It would be a welcome prospect if he were to extend his series to cover all of the Service Academies.

There are a few errors in the picture captions, but they are not significant and would be detected only by one intimately associated with the Academy at the present time. For example, it is stated that Battle Monument contains the names of 2,240 officers of the Regular Army killed in the Civil War. This is slightly inaccurate. It would have been more inspiring to quote the monument's inscription: "In Memory of the Officers and Men of the Regular Army of the United States who fell in battle during the War of the Rebellion. This monument is erected by their surviving comrades." It is stated that Graduation Hop is held in Cullum Hall. True, it used to be, but due to Cullum's inadequacy, it has been held in Washington Hall for the past few years. A terrain class conducted by the Department of Military Topography and Graphics for Third Classmen on the West Point Reservation is identified as a Second Class "Terrain Appreciation Lecture at Fort Benning" It would be preferred not to have such slips but it must be said that they in no sense diminish the value of the book for its stated purpose. Amongst noted omissions are the lack of references to Plebe Christmas at West Point, and certain important extra-curricular activities such as the seminar program and SCUSA. The final section of the book entitled "West Point Men" contains photographs of illustrious officers of the present era. Their names do not appear; it probably would be better if they did.

In the opinion of this reviewer the best shot in the book appears on page 68 over the caption "Beat Navy" This is a close-up of a Plebe giving every ounce of himself in support of the Big Team in its encounter with Navy at Philadelphia. That picture is the very embodiment of the intensity, determination and vigor which characterizes the United States Corps of Cadets.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

(Continued from page 7)

Tribute to Staff and Faculty

It would hardly be possible for any of us to return to the Military Academy for graduation week, without feeling a very sincere appreciation of those officers who are charged with maintaining the greatness of West Point. Not only have they been charged with the solemn responsibility zealously to nurture the magnificent traditions of past glory, but it is also their challenge to be ever alert and far seeing, in keeping West Point apace with the tremendous developments of the time.

General Blacksear M. Bryan

By the time this issue of *Assembly* is published, Blackshear M. Bryan, the 43rd Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, will be on the way to his new assignment, the command of the United States Army in the Pacific. Like all of his distinguished predecessors, he has made a lasting contribution to the high prestige of the Military Academy. West Pointers everywhere wish him success and happiness throughout his future service. He can look back on this last tour of duty at West Point with an understandable pride.

Our New Superintendent

As a final point of interest to all graduates, this report would be incomplete without a welcome on the part of the Association to the new Superintendent, Major General Garrison H. Davidson. Again, the Military Academy is fortunate, indeed, in the caliber and character of its distinguished Superintendent. In responding to our congratulations on his new assignment, General Davidson wrote:

"You are well aware of my deep affection for the Academy so you can appreciate how delighted I am at the prospect of serving there again. I have no illusions with regard to the difficulty of the task ahead of me. It is not too difficult to tackle a normal assignment and add your contribution toward making it better. However, when one tackles a place as near perfect as our alma mater, it is a tremendous task to try to add the little that might improve its quality.

"I hope that I will live up to the expectations of me. If not, I am sure you know it will not be for want of trying. I appreciate very much your pledge of support from West Pointers everywhere. You know of my intense interest in the Association of Graduates. I am sure between us we can enhance the contributions of our respective organizations to the welfare and defense of our country."

Unique Victory for West Point

By CAPTAIN LOUIS P. BAYARD

In the poem which is the centerpiece of this page, the erudite John Kieran introduced the most unusual battle ever fought by the Military Academy. On May 19th, 1933, ten determined cadets were committed to mortal combat against ten stalwart men of Harvard, not on the athletic but the intellectual field of honor. This event was the first and only Mathematics Contest between Harvard and Army.

At a luncheon which he gave for the Superintendent before the 1932 Army-Harvard football game, Dr. Abbot Lawrence Lowell, President of Harvard University, mentioned that he had long hoped to encourage intercollegiate competition in academic fields. His sister, Mrs. William Lowell Putnam, having already offered to finance any such game, suggested a mathematical contest between Harvard and the Military Academy. Major General William D. Connor, then Superintendent, soon translated this idea into action by writing to Dr. Lowell and saying of West Piont's system of teaching mathematics, "I, frankly, think that our method is superior to yours, and would like to try it out." The challenge was promptly accepted. Barrages of letters were then exchanged by Lieutenant Colonel Harris Jones, then Professor of Mathematics (and later Dean of the Academic Board), and Professor William C. Graustein of Harvard. Terms of battle were soon agreed on: It would be yearlings for Army, sophomores for Harvard, in two 3-hour duels against two common enemies, Analytic Geometry and Calculus.

Coaches for the Army team were Lieutenants Clinton F. Robinson, Warren N. Underwood and Charles P. Nicholas (now Professor and Deputy Head of the Mathematics Department). They immediately selected a squad, began training drills and soon made the first cut to eliminate men "too light for heavy line duty in Analytics and others not fast enough for backfield work in Differential and Integral Calculus."[2] Meanwhile, back at Cambridge, Professor D. V. Widder was running his Crimson charges through a brisk exercise in Analytics, based on a secret text, K.G.C. von Staudt's "Beiträge zur Geometrie der Lage."[3] Scouts from both teams allegedly insinuated themselves into guarded practice sessions.[4] However, against such questions as those whipped up by Professor Arnold Dresden of Swarthmore, President of the Mathematical Association of America, no amount of pre-combat intelligence was enough. Here is a sample:

"The point P moves in a unit circle with constant angular velocity of 2 radians per second. When P is at a certain place A on the circle, the point Q starts from B, diametrically opposite to A on the unit circle, and moves along a line perpendicular to the plane of the circle with uniform velocity equal to $\sqrt{2}$ units per second. Determine the rate at which P and Q are separating when P has reached B; determine approximately at what time their distance apart is a minimum. (A rough illustration would be furnished by a dog racing around the base of a cylindrical tree and a squirrel climbing up the tree.)"

In each 3-hour test there were eleven problems, one of which could be skipped. Obviously the examination would try the student's real understanding of mathematical principles as well as techniques; beyond that, it would test his ability to think clearly and so would be a good measure of the merit of the educational system used by each school.

Real excitement stirred the Corps of Cadets as the day of the game approached. Rumor had it that Army mathletes enjoyed their own training table, to sharpen each other's mathematical wit and presumably to devour quantities of fish and other brain food. The visiting team from Harvard were on the Post; they supposedly spent their last night before action oiling slide rules.

Grim and silent was the contest itself, fought with pencil, straight-edge and formula card in Room 202, West Academic Building. The coaches of each team publicly professed confidence in their victory, but privately admitted a reasonable facsimile of coffee nerves. Professor Dresden, the neutral observer, graded the papers and arranged them in order of excellence. He then computed team scores by the cross-country racing method, awarding one point for first place, two for second, etc. Naturally the team with the lower point total wins. After complimenting the contestants on their thorough preparation, the professor added that Army had won, 98 to 112!

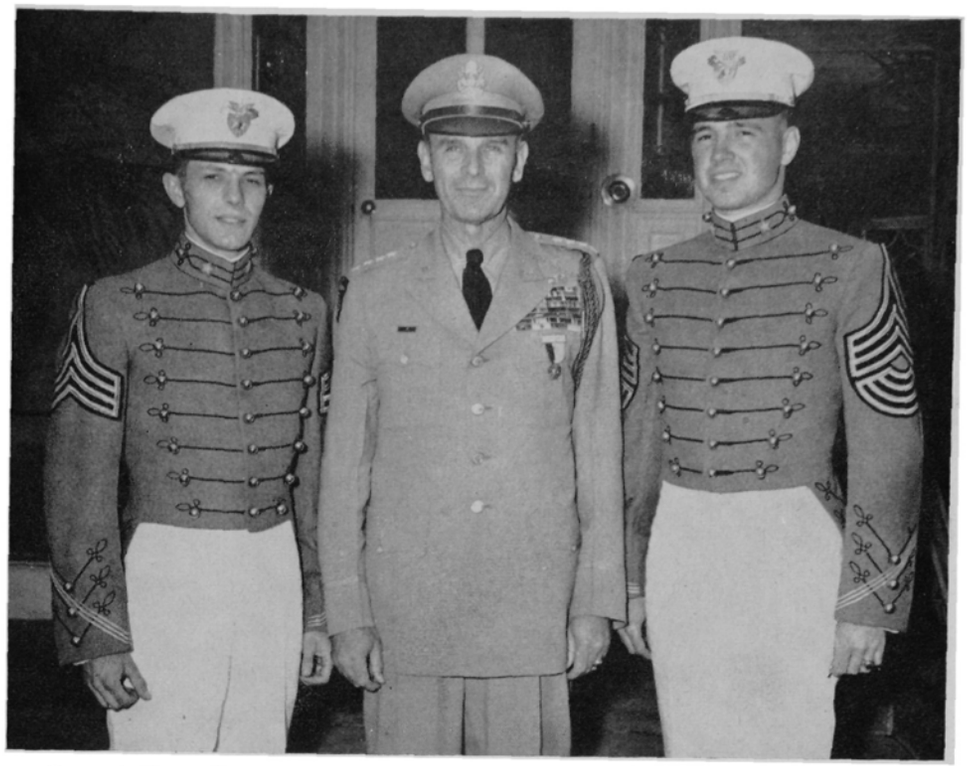
Cadet George R. Smith, Class of 1935, made the best score of all the contestants. Incidentally, he had won his appointment by taking a competitive examination while a private in the 29th Infantry.

When the victory was announced in the Mess Hall, the Corps cheered as wildly as if they had beaten Navy!

Not only General Connor, but General Douglas MacArthur, then Chief of Staff, United States Army, saw this triumph as proof of the West Point system's effectiveness. General MacArthur sent a letter of congratulations to the Academy. His words reach the roots of the matter:

"I have just read with pride and satisfaction your (General Connor's) letter of June 1st. Will you please express to the members of the team my personal congratulations on their splendid victory. It is a tribute not only to them personally but equally to the system in vogue at West Point and the instructors and professors who have evolved and carried out the details thereof. I have, therefore, thought that not only the team should be congratulated, but the entire institution from the Superintendent down."

1, 2, 3, 4—John Kieran, *Sports of the Times, The New York Times*, May 18th, 1953.

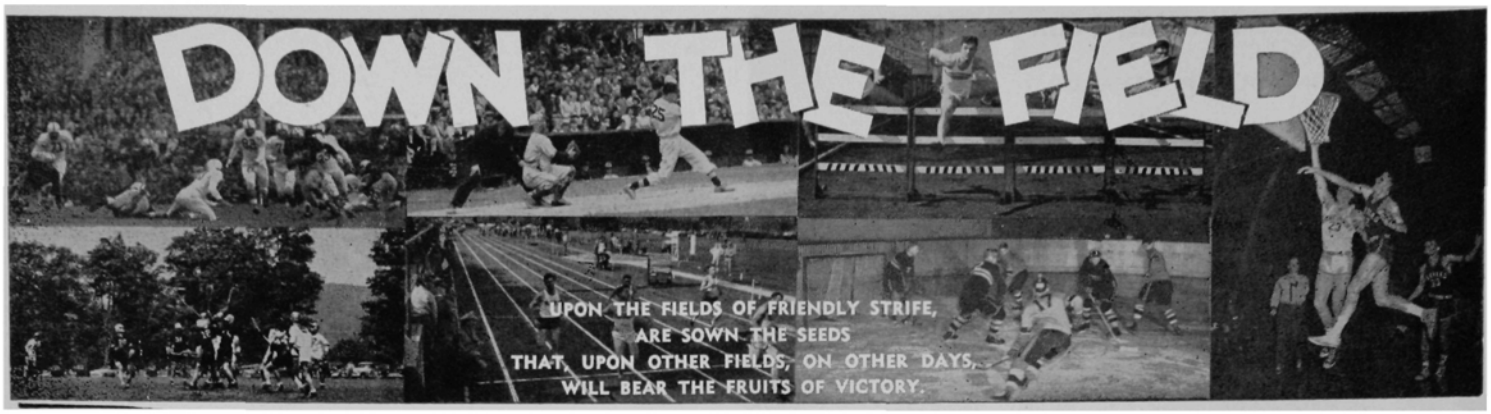


General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army with Rhodes Scholars, Cadet Richard D. Sylvester and Cadet B. Conn Anderson, Jr.

A Logarithmic Lilt

By JOHN KIERAN

The Harvard horde is plotting, under cover of the dark,
A fight to make the Crimson Chord subtend the Army arc.
The Coefficient Corps has drilled with sharpened pencil tips
And plans to drive the enemy away from the ellipse.
The Harvard cry is "Break the square and take the cube away!"
While at the Point "Abscissa!" is the watchword of the day.
And high upon the turret top the sentry turns his head
And hears the Cambridge legion come with logarithmic tread.
"Advance and give the cosine!" rings the challenge through the air.
The Crimson host advances—and we hope the fight is fair.[1]



By Joe Cahill

Colonel E. W. Amick presents the William P. Pickes Memorial Trophy to the '56 Lacrosse Captain, Cadet J. H. Higgins.

An Upset to Remember

There was not much to become elated over during the spring season except the lacrosse match with Navy. The Middies came to West Point with a fine record. Only teams to mar their schedule were Maryland, the National Champion, and Johns Hopkins. Army, on the other hand, was struggling along with a 5 and 4 mark, and not gaining much prestige in the league.

On the day of the game, however, an incident occurred which may well have been a key factor. A Middie player visited Norris Harbold's room, and as a prank, absconded with Army's Plan of Attack. The Plan was a comprehensive piece of poop written up in great detail by Coach Morris Touchstone. The word, however, got around in time. Harbold, the poop-sheet missing from his desk, called the Coach. A veteran who has learned never to take a chance with the enemy, Touchstone frantically changed the Plan before game time.

The Army team responded with its finest performance of the season. Touchstone's ten confounded and confused the Sailors from start to finish. They combined a staunch defense with a smooth-functioning attack that belabored the lethargic Middies who went down to defeat by a score of 8 to 5 in the season's biggest upset.

From the outset it was evidenced that the Army team was aroused. Their play was aggressive. They bounced into a surprising 2 to 0 lead in the first period. Navy rallied to a 3 to 2 halftime lead. Then Army came back to dominate the second half and outscored the Middies 6 to 2.

Perry Smith and Captain John Higgins shared scoring honors with two goals apiece. The cadet defense of Stan Smith, Bill Yates and Ben Glyphis kept the pressure on the middies throughout and was a key factor in the upset.

As an anti-climax to the season, the Cadets ganged up on an all-star aggregation representing the Maryland Lacrosse Club and bounced them 8 to 4. Smith got four goals to run his season total to 29.

Around the Bases

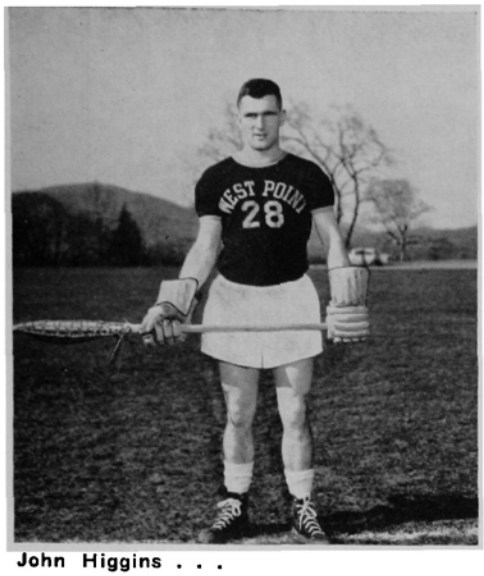
The baseball team played a Jekyll-Hyde role. Away to a fast start, Coach Joe Palone's club stayed in contention in the Eastern League all the way to the last week of competition. Then the roof fell in. Bill Shepherd, a steady, effective pitcher all season, lost control. He was belted freely by Navy, Columbia, and Cornell and any championship aspirations the Cadets may have had were soon dispelled. Shepherd's collapse was simultaneous with a complete slump by the entire batting order. Belting most pitchers without much difficulty, the Cadets won nine of their first dozen games and led the League. Then the big bats became quiescent, the pitching uncertain, and six successive defeats resulted in a fifth place tie in the League, plus a mediocre 9 and 9 record for the season. Joe Cygler, the halfback, was the leading slugger with an average slightly in excess of .300. He belted four home runs and three triples.

Cinder Notes

The track and field campaign was a disappointment. The team had two successful outings in six, and were woefully outclassed in the Heptagonal championships held here. Coach Carl Crowell was able to manufacture wins over Yale in dual, and Boston U. and NYU in triangular meets. Pitt, Missouri, Manhattan and Navy had too much for the locals and each won handily.

In the only record-breaking performance, Paul Dougherty, a first classman, set a new hammer throw mark of 177 feet, 2 inches. This exceeded the seven year old standard

Lieutenant General B. M. Bryan presents the Edgerton Award to the '55 Football Captain, Cadet Pat Uebel.



John Higgins . . .

of Jim Scholtz by approximately two inches.

For the first time, the new Air Force Academy and the Army got together in an athletic contest on May 26th in a track and field meet. The Plebes defeated the Falcons in a close and interesting contest, 78 to 67 at the North Athletic Field track. Mickey Gouyd, Air Force sprinter, scored the only double, winning both the 100 and 220 yard sprints. In one of the meet's best individual performances, Don Livingston, Falcon quarter miler, won with ease in 0:50.9. The Plebes won nine of fifteen events. Each team scored sweeps in the three events. Greater strength in the field events enabled the Plebes to take honors.

Of Racquet and Club

The tennis team finished with a mediocre 7 and 7 record. The big problem here is Navy's recent domination of the series. The Middies' 8 to 1 decision ran their consecutive win streak over Leif Nordlie's group to seven.

Pro Walter Browne has done wonders with the golf aggregation. Hampered considerably by the unusually rainy spring, Walt nevertheless brought the team along fast. They were victorious in their first four matches, taking Manhattan, Swarthmore, Colgate, and Fordham. Then they blew two on the road to Dartmouth and Princeton. A 4 to 3 win over Navy capped a successful links season.

Athletes Honored

Ralph Chesnauskas of Brockton, Massachusetts was accorded the distinction of being the outstanding athlete of the graduating class at the traditional athletic review during June Week.

Chesnauskas was presented the coveted Army Athletic Association award for rendering the most valuable service to athletics during his career as a cadet.

Some 900 athletes who participated in the Academy's 16 sport intercollegiate program were also awarded letters, monograms, and insignia by Lieutenant General Blackshear M. Bryan, Superintendent.

Chesnauskas was the first athlete since Arnold Galiffa, who graduated in 1950, to win nine major letters. Chesnauskas participated in football, baseball and was captain of the hockey team. Probably his strongest sport was football in which he helped the Black Knights win two of the last three games from arch-rival Navy.

Donald W. Holleder of Webster, New York, was presented the Hughes award as the most valuable player on the Army football team of 1955. Holleder was an all-America end in 1954, and was one of the nation's most talked of players last fall when he was switched to quarterback by Coach Earl Blaik.

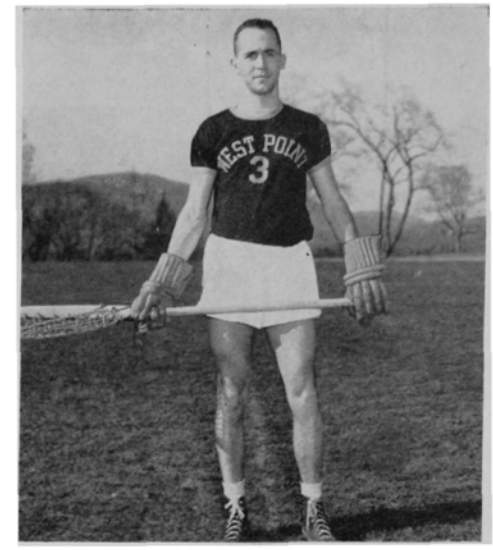
Patrick N. Uebel of Bellevue, Kentucky, regular fullback for three years received the Edgerton Award as football captain. Chesnauskas and Uebel were also on the Dean's list.

Other major awards presented before the assemblage of 5,000 parents, friends and sweethearts included: Norris B. Harbold, Stewart Field, New York, Eber Simpson Trophy, basketball; William C. Haponski, Ilion, New York, Pierce Currier Foster Trophy, best all-around gymnast; John H. Higgins, Newton Center, Massachusetts, William P. Fickes Trophy, lacrosse; Robert E. Quackenbush, Washington, D. C., Class of '23 Memorial Award, outstanding swimmer; Dennis L. Butler, Jerome, Idaho, Brigadier General John W. Coffee Memorial Trophy, baseball; Dirk H. Lueders, St. Paul, Minnesota, Hal Beukema Memorial, hockey; Anthony J. Ortner, St. Petersburg, Florida, John M. McNally award in commemoration of General George S. Patton, Jr., pistol.

Spring Football

Red Blaik put the stamp of approval on the twenty days of off-season football. Several key men were shifted to strengthen certain positions. Dick Stephenson, a starting tackle, has been moved out to end to replace Ralph Chesnauskas. Flay Goodwin, a regular guard last fall, replaces Stephenson. . . Goodwin's slot is wide open with several good men in the running. Most prominent during the spring workouts appeared to be firsties Dick Fadel and Joe Bishop, and Bill Rowe, a stand-out from the Plebe squad.

The big surprise, of course, was the performance of Dave Bourland at quarterback. A third stringer who played only a few minutes all season, came out of obscurity to wrest the starting job vacated by Don Holleder. Off his all-around play in the spring, Bourland has outdistanced the field, which includes two left-handed passers from the Plebe squad, namely; Chuck Darby and Pete Dawkins, who were rated in that order.



Perry Smith . . .

The remainder of the backfield at the end of the drills had Vince Barta out in front at fullback, Bob Munger, Joe Cygler and Dick Murtland all in the running at the halfbacks. Though no one, including Coach Blaik, can venture anything more than a guess as to the status of Bob Kyasky, it is believed here that a space in the starting backfield has to be reserved for him, pending the final decision on the knee operation.

New-comers who turned in commendable performances in their initial varsity efforts were Fred Wilmoth, tackle; Bill Rowe, guard; Chuck Darby, quarterback; Gene Mikelonis, halfback; and Harry Walters, fullback.

The Scoreboard

It was far from an outstanding year on the athletic front. Navy led in the over-all competition 8 to 6. The Middies took four of the six major tests. However, we did get the Big One in Philadelphia, and as long as we continue to land it, no apologies are necessary.

Pat Uebel, Don Holleder and Ralph Chesnauskas are congratulated by Colonel E. Blaik, Athletic Director and Football Coach.

New Members

We welcome to our membership 462 graduates of the Class of 1956 and 43 other graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 13,816.

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

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

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

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1891

In keeping with our practice at reunions for a number of years, the classes of 1881 and 1891 joined forces in the observance of June week. General Hodges and daughter Evelyn were the usual gracious hosts at luncheon, and later were the guests of '91 at dinner. At the meeting of the Alumni Association General Hodges was especially honored by the receipt of a personal letter from President Eisenhower congratulating him on being the first graduate of the Academy to attend the 75th anniversary of his graduation.

Glasgow and Sorley represented '91, and were on the right of the line at the review for the Alumni. Billy flew from El Paso for the occasion and was as full of vivacity and charm as when he won the hearts of the ladies as a cadet. Cadet-captain Lewis S. Sorley, III, a grandson of '91, graduated, and was married to Miss Mary Talbott, of Manhasset, Long Island.

CLASSES OF 1881 AND 1891, JUNE WEEK 1956

Major General H. C. Hodges, Class of 1881—(75th anniversary), Miss Evelyn Hodges, daughter of '81, Brigadier General W. J. Glasgow and Colonel L. S. Sorley, Class of 1891 (65th anniversary).

A note of greeting from Tutherly in Florida showed that our old comrade is still alert and with us in spirit.

—*L. S. S.*

1895

We regret to report the death of our beloved classmate, George B. Pritchard, Jr., in Walter Reed Hospital on June third. He had spent the winter months in Florida and had come to Washington for a reunion with some of his classmates and for a physical check-up. Interment was in Arlington Cemetery. The Class sends sympathy to his family.

We also regret to report the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Bigelow, widow of our classmate, Mortimer O. Bigelow, at Imperial Beach, California, April 25th.

A Class grandson graduated from West Point this year; M. F. Cavanaugh, grandson of Harry LaT. Cavanaugh.

Miles attended the annual reunion of the officers of his World War I regiment in Camden, South Carolina.

Good reports were received from Dixon, Herron and Nissen.

—*L. M. N.*

1897

The class was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of our classmate, Colonel Frederick T. Arnold (known to us as "B.J."). He died at Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, April 26, 1956, aged 84, and was buried beside his parents at Earlville, Iowa. For many years he has been living with one or another of his five married daughters, usually at Seattle, but for the past year at Honolulu.

Conklin represented the class at West Point for June Week.

Roberts, C. D., has a grandson, Thomas D. Roberts, II, who this June reached the exalted rank of yearling.

—*C. D. Roberts.*

1899

Washington continues to be the great crossroads of the Army. A few of '99 still sit there and a few drift by. Among the latter this past spring was Sep Humphrey making his annual pilgrimage to the Academy, which he reports to be as inspiring and beautiful as ever. After brief visits in New York and Washington, he flitted back to San Antonio. From that city, Jo Minus writes that she has largely turned over the banking business that Bey so ably founded to her daughter and now plays bingo and does other things more to her liking.

Kromer also came through the city on his way back to Vermont after a winter in Florida. He still looks as sturdy as an oak, but admits that the time has come for him to stay away from stairs and to give up felling trees on his mountain acres. Another who passed through was Bill Kelly, who with Christianne spent the winter in San Diego, California. He reports that H. B. Clark has, or is about to give up the business career that he has so successfully purused ever since retiring in 1922. The Woodruffs keep their youthful figures and are wonderfully active. Harris is probably at Palm Springs, but seems to be incommunicado.

Halsey Yates celebrated his 80th birthday by a notable party, attended by many of the big-wigs of Los Angeles, but regrettably not by any of '99 However, he was enormously pleased by a congratulatory telegram from the Washington contingent. Four-score is a notable achievement, but is it anything to be celebrated by song and dancing? However, Halsey still has a lot of steam!

Colonel Robert Kinzie McDonough, Corps of Engineers, Class of '26 and son of the one and only "Pinkie", has now joined the retired list and reported for duty with the Lockheed Airplane Corporation at Atlanta, Georgia, where he expects to settle. His mother and sister Alice, who married John Nesbitt, son of our friend "Weary", now live in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

A recent item in a New York paper brings to mind one of our less fortunate classmates, a cheerful and likeable soul, who soon ran afoul of math and returned to the vicissitudes of his native city. There, the Fates seem to have dealt him other unkindly blows, for the report is that he has come to his final end in a city hospital, "without known relatives" and that his body was then in the morgue! His life was probably unprofitable and perhaps as sad as his ending. The name is Russell Livingston Armstrong.

—*C. D. H.*

1902

The bombardment of half a century has left about a third of our class of fifty-four graduates. The survivors, scattered from Dan to Beersheba have been held together for years by the annual "Round Robin" sent out by our Class President, Longley, to whom we give again an undying vote of thanks.

Four of the Old Guard here in Our Nation's Capitol—Bell, Edwards, Preston and Valliant—and the wives and widows who have noonday luncheons at the Army and Navy Club, the first Tuesday of every month extend a hearty invitation to absent class travelers, who with their families may be coming our way, to join us on these occasions.

The West Point Society of Washington (of which Bell was on the first board of Governors) has four meetings a year; three luncheons and a dinner. A "Get together" in September; the Army and Navy Football Game in November; Founders Day Dinner in March and the Annual Election in May.

Our standing invitation that we should be glad to see you at any time in Washington has met with few responses, up to the present writing. We suspect that while you might like to "make the trek" you are too busy keeping up with your grandchildren to undertake it.

Traveling seems to be a popular class diversion. It offers us a sort of post graduate course to the University of Life.

"Peagreen" is our star traveler. It is hard to keep track of him. Johnny and Gwen have camped under the Northern Lights and the Southern Cross. When they have seen the whole world, never can they find a spot so satifying in its peculiar charm and peace as the Spanish Island of Majorca in the Mediterranean. At least that is what Mabs and I think. We beat Johnny and Gwen to it several years ago. We consider that quite a feat.

We congratulate Troup Miller and Gilbert Stewart on having sons worthy to be in the command of important Air Bases. Troup's son—a Brigadier in England—is keeping up our class traditions abroad.

Brigadier General Walter K. Wilson, Jr. came back a year ago from Casa Blanca in North Africa where he was in charge of the Mediterranean Engineer Division, having work in Saudi-Arabia and other eastern countries. He is now Assistant to the Chief of Engineers and in charge of military construction, which is world wide. His son Walter K. Wilson, III enters West Point this June.

Epps Munroe's widow died in St. Petersburg, Florida in May and was buried in Arlington Cemetery. She was the last of his family. The Class sent flowers.

P. Michie in the Academic Elysium is glad to know that two of his "boys" have won educational distinction—Wild Eye Williams, a Professor of Physics at the University of California and Fat Rodney, a retired Dean at the Michigan State University.

"Abbo" is the Daniel Boone of the famous Uintah Basin in Utah. At his home—Abbotsford—he spends his time farming his Indian lands, feeding deer and shearing sheep.

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Pat Foley, our Nimrod, who rejoices in a home in the picturesque northwest, counts the year lost if he doesn't go after either big game or birds in Canada wilds. Our humorist Razzle Dazzle has a moment of seriousness. He is happy that his memory has endured the test. He can shut his eyes and see Phil Sheridan riding down the Plebe Camp Company Street, on a broomstick, shouting: "Turn Boys. Turn. We're going back"

Runt Hannum has resigned as Class Secretary and Treasurer, and the Class have voted me—Edwards—his successor. Many thanks for the honor.

As Troup's typewriter has broken down, I have also been appointed, *ex officio*, the class scribe.

It has been decided to try in future for *all* issues of the *Assembly*. Whether we "make the grade" will depend altogether upon class cooperation. Watch for Reminders for Items. Turn 'em crisp. Remember the Alumni Chef has a large table to serve and our menu is restricted.

—*W. W. E.*

1903

The 1903 family tree is spreading both with blossoming promotions and new little shoots.

Paul D. Bunker's son, William B. Bunker, (U.S.M.A. 1934), has been promoted to Brigadier General; he also has previously received the Legion of Merit.

Max C. Tyler, "Bones" to you and me, having been a member of the Bradenton (Florida) Housing Authority since it was established, has now been elected its chairman. He and Mrs. Tyler recently made a trip on an ore-carrier to Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela, the ore loading port for U.S. Steel's fabulous Cerro Bolivar Iron Mine. Since inception of the project for improving the lower Orinoco River for navigation by large ships, "Bones" has been a consultant for the company.

We are happy to welcome the arrival on March 30 last of Willy Rose's second great-grandchild, Cynthia Ann Reynolds, daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. Frederick P. Reynolds 3rd (U.S.M.A. 1953) of the Airborne Engineers at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

"Chick" Leeds with the firm of Leeds, Hill and Jewett, Consulting Engineers, has moved his office to 609 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 17, California.

Not of sufficient importance to mention but of possible passing interest, is the receipt by your Class Editor of two honorary degrees this spring, one from the George Washington University and the other from Lincoln Memorial University.

There are, of course, many more items of interest about your classmates, but they don't let me know about them.

—*U. S. Grant, 3rd.*

1904

Last October when George Allin appeared unexpectedly for the monthly class luncheon at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D. C., it was the consensus of opinion of those who had not seen him for some time, that he looked particularly well and appeared to be in fine shape. Consequently, it was a shock to learn that George died on June 2, 1956, in the hospital at Fort Ord, California. Private funeral services for members of the family were held at his home in Carmel, California.

In a recent letter, Dickinson announced the arrival last fall (date not given) of a second great granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth Ronnie. She was born at West Point, New York, where her father, Dr. (Captain) Laurie E. Ronnie, is stationed and where she and her older sister are becoming acquainted with West Point at an early period of their lives. Dickinson also expressed the hope, in which we all join him, that the bill before Congress that would include members of 1904 among Spanish-American War veterans, will become law.

Danford and Fenton represented 1904 at June week at West Point this year. On behalf of those of us who were present at the luncheon held during our 50th Reunion, at which General Hodges, now the oldest living U.S.M.A. graduate, honored us with his presence, Fenton extended our congratulations and best wishes to General Hodges who, active and alert, was at West Point again this year and marched with the alumni to Thayer Monument.

On February 29, 1956, Parker, R. B., retired from his long association with W. J. Byrnes & Co. of San Francisco, California. He and Mrs. Parker will continue to live at 1875 Capistrano Avenue, Berkeley 7, California, and as both of them apparently are in splendid physical condition, they are looking forward to an enjoyable retirement.

Thomlinson is still in charge of the Centennial Museum of Texas Western College in El Paso, but he says that the work, though interesting, is now a little more than he cares to handle and he expects to turn the job over to younger hands before long. However, Tommy expects to continue to live in El Paso as the doctors have sentenced him to a warm, dry climate and El Paso certainly meets those specifications. He says he has not seen a classmate since Palmer Swift was there some years ago.

Venable reports from his home in Bowman, California, that in the eleven years that he and Mrs. Venable have lived there in the foothills of the Sierras, nothing of broad enough interest has occurred to justify relating. "A more restless man would create some situation to raise his blood pressure or unbalance his heart, but Mrs. Venable and I remain quietly attached to our home, with incredible beauty on all sides, happy in the enjoyment of this wonderful age in which we find ourselves. We are about a mile from Highway 40, just above the city of Auburn, which has enabled us to see a good many of our friends whose affairs cause them to cross the continent, but 1904 does not seem addicted to travel, for as yet none have dropped in. We have two daughters, two sons-in-law, three grandsons and two granddaughters."

—*William Bryden.*

1905

Two more members of the class have answered their last roll call.

On Saturday, May 19, 1956 Tom Lowe, who had been suffering from a heart condition for some time, passed away at the Chevy Chase Club while lunching with two of his friends. Funeral services were held at Arlington on May 22nd. The Washington classmates were present and a floral tribute from the Class was arranged for by Daddy Gibson. Isabelle has been fortunate in having her many friends rally to her support in these lonely days. Her address remains at 2540 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

William Seward Weeks, who was a prominent New Jersey business executive suffer-

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ed a fatal heart attack on Thursday, May 24th, 1956, in the lobby of the Hyde Park Hotel, London, England. It had been Seward's wish that his body be cremated and a brief funeral service was held in London. Mary says she can never be grateful enough to the American Consul General and his wife and to the hotel staff for their kind and efficient help, in her lonely vigil. She landed at LaGuardia Field with Seward's ashes on Sunday morning, May 27th, and was met by her two daughters and their husbands. We dip our colors to Mary's courage. She plans to remain at the family home, Middle Brook Road, Bound Brook, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers the Class has made a contribution to the memorial fund of Seward's favorite charity in Bound Brook. Seward and Mary had taken a plane on Easter Sunday for a tour of Europe. Soon after their arrival in Spain they spent several days with Clifford and Harriet Early. Mary sent us a post card picture of the two Earlys and Seward which was taken in Seville.

At the Alumni Day exercises in June the Class was represented by Curley Lentz and your reporter. A check showed that only nineteen alumni were ahead of us in the column when the march started from Cullum Hall. That is getting very close to the head of the column, altogether too close.

Casey is reported as being up and around after his illness but he still has to be very careful.

A nice long letter from Doug McKay, now back in California, indicates he suffered no ill effects from his trip to the reunion last year.

Some attribute their good health to the fact that they take no exercise but one of our members attributes his physical and mental well being to the very opposite regimen. Daddy Gibson says he works like a slave on his garden and grounds and the classmates in Washington have received many beautiful bouquets.

Tom Doe was unable to be on hand to preside at the Alumni meeting as 1st Vice-President while President Crittenberger '13 was being renominated to succeed himself.

Just received from Oxford University Press with the compliments of the author, Norman F. Ramsey, Jr., a 466 page monograph on "Molecular Beams", in an International series of monographs on Physics. It is beyond me I regret to say.

—*Norman F. Ramsey.*

1906

The fifty year milestone in the military life of 1906 has been appropriately marked by a splendid and a happy reunion, all through June Week at the Alma Mater. There were fourteen classmates present, all but four of them staying with their families at the great lodge at Bear Mountain. Altogether there were 42 of us celebrating the many delightful affairs, most of them of our own making. Red Hoyle was the ringmaster for all the men's and the joint affairs. Christine was the ringmistress for all the ladies doings. The performers never disappointed them and all were happy in their particular acts.

The class of 1906 is deeply indebted to Colonel and Mrs. Bartlett for opening the reunion with a pretty cocktail buffet at their quarters under the cliffs of Crow's Nest. Elsie Bartlett and G. G. Senior's sister assisted, and the class is just as deeply indebted to Colonel and Mrs. Knowlton for closing the reunion with a lawn party and music at their quarters under Crow's Nest also. Dick Burleson assisted at his stepson's house. We attended the chapel services, the Supe's reception, the always thrilling parades of the Corps, the meeting of the Assn of Graduates and the Alumni parade and review. General Hodges of 1881 led us on the march to Thayer Monument and we all dropped a tear or two as the choir sang the Alma Mater song and The Corps.

The banquet at the Officers Club was a grand stag affair, filled with reminiscent stories of old and proud stories of sons and daughters. McKew Parr was presented an illuminated scroll in recognition of his fine work for the class and his successes in life. Mick Daley gave a banquet for the ladies at the Bear Mountain Inn with flowers, corsages, cocktails and wines rivalling the men's party at the Club. Again, when we were at the Association lunch and meeting, he gave a luncheon at the Officers Mess for our ladies, for which he receives our salute and thanks, as well as theirs. Earl McFarland gave a grand talk at the Class tree and organized the photographs.

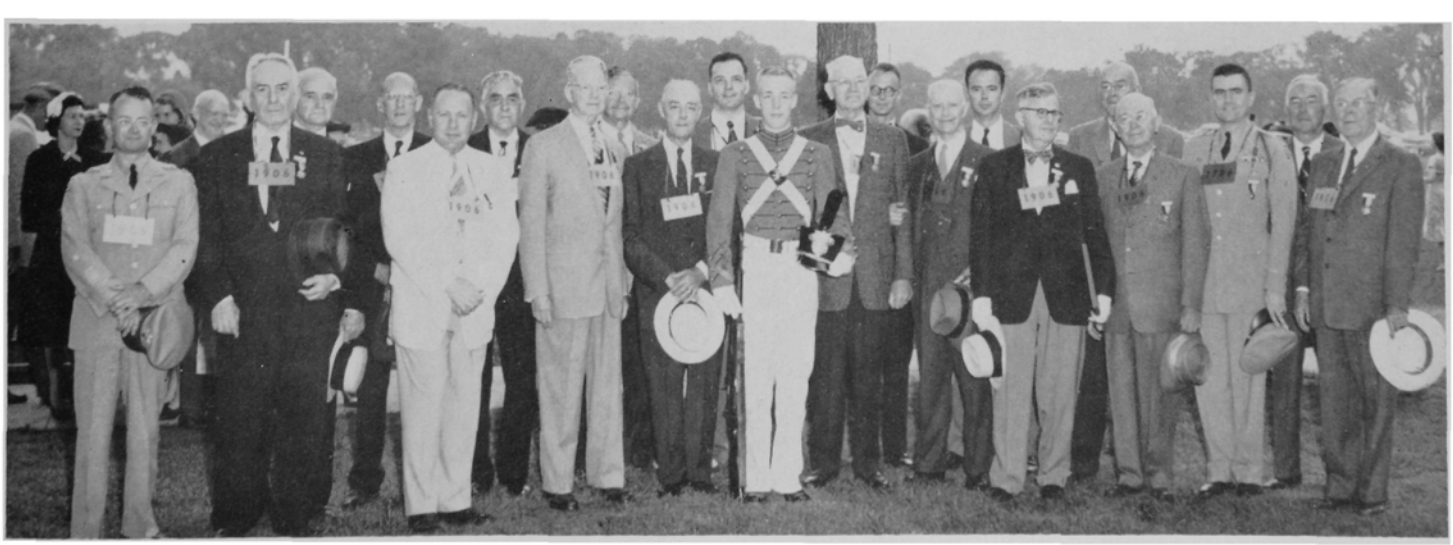
Then we launched the class of 1956 at graduation on its long journey through the years of military service. And West Point gave this class, as it did to us and to all other classes, its covenant, "Live by these words, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, and you will come to a land flowing with milk and honey." Every class symbolically, enshrines its covenant in a golden ark decorated with cherubim and seraphim, as did the Irsaelites in the desert of Sinai, and marches beside it through the years, sometimes in moments of inspiration, seeing above it the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. 1906 has marched thus through fifty years and has come at last to its promised land, this bounteous and well defended United States of America, and it is our confident hope and prayer that 1956 will come, in the year 2006, to its promised land,—a greater and more bounteous nation, flowing with more milk and more honey than ours. With these thoughts we closed the golden reunion and said our farewells. A bulletin will be issued with more details for the entertainment of those who could not come and for the reinspiration of those who did. Those who attended the memorial service on Sunday afternoon with just ourselves and our families in that gorgeous cadet chapel, illuminated through the exquisite memorial windows, and heard John Davis play the world's sweetest music, the going home theme from the New World Symphony and also the Largo, will ever need reinspiration. Nowhere else, no one else, could have produced a finer moment of remembrance and rededication.

With deep sympathy we learned from Charlotte King that she and Joe had to turn back from their journey to the reunion on the advice of Joe's doctor. They were missed by us all. Clara Lane wrote also that Bill was prevented by illness and their attendance had to be cancelled at the last moment, much to our disappointment. Hugo Selton and Elsie were also prevented from attending. We learned too, that Chick and Russ Downing's son, one of the editors of the Knickerbocker Press in Albany had died of polio, just before the reunion.

Phil Mathews was elected president of the West Point Society of Pennsylvania. There is no space to record the many letters and telegrams that were received from all our absent classmates and widows, all of them adding to the inspiration and happiness of our wonderful golden reunion. From the coolness of these green covered Smokies at Dillard, greetings to you all and a million thanks. —*Charles G. Mettler.*

1907

Another June Week at West Point has come and gone. Members of the class pres-



50th REUNION, CLASS OF 1906

From Left to Right—G. G. Bartlett, Jr., E. L. Daley, Cortlandt Parker, H. W. Wessells, R. A. Jones, Jr., R. E. D. Hoyle, Earl McFarland, H. C. R. Aiken, W. A. Johnson, H. C. R. Aiken, Jr., Cadet Wm. G. Bartlett, Jr., C. G. Mettler, Wm. Riley, J. W. Riley, J. W. Riley, Jr., C. McK. Parr, R. C. Burleson, E. C. Layfield, W. A. Knowlton, C. K. Rockwell, G. M. Morrow.

ent for the festivities were Thelma and Sunny Jim Martin, Grace and Dan'l Boone, Roger Alexander and the Wagners. The Martins and Boones were with us for luncheon on Sunday and at the Retreat Review held that evening, Sunny Jim presented the award of the American Bar Association to the Cadet standing highest in law. At the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates he was also reelected Regional Trustee for a term of three years.

Roger Alexander had his daughter, Ruth, and her husband, Bradish Smith, class of 1941, with him for their 15th reunion.

Geoff Bartlett reported that he had attended the Founders Day dinner in March at Fort Lewis, Washington. Except for one member of the class of 1902, he was the oldest graduate present. David Grover Cleveland Garrison's son was there and Geoff was pleased to meet the son of his old roommate. Two Cadets were at the dinner and knew both the definition of leather and how many gallons there were in Lusk Reservoir, so Geoff concluded that the Corps hadn't changed. He was looking forward to another visit this summer from the George Morrows which we confirmed during June Week at West Point where George was attending the 50th reunion of the class of 1906.

Clyde and Margaret Eastman, with Margaret's daughter, Marjorie, who was with us at our 45th reunion stopped to see us about the middle of May. Clyde had come up to Albany to attend the annual meeting of a professional society of which he has been a member for many years. We asked Clyde to tell us about their trip after they reached home and he wrote that "After spending the week end at the Thayer at West Point we wandered leisurely through Connecticut for two days visiting the ancestral home land of Margaret's family, visited friends and relatives in Springfield and Boston, winding up at Dan'l Boone's lovely home in Darien. Using that as our base for a week, we ran out to see the Haydens at Mattituck and into New York by rail to avoid the metropolitan traffic. Leaving Margaret with Marjorie in New York, I came to Washington to have my eyes checked and to get new glasses. I saw Enrique White at Walter Reed while waiting service and had a nice visit. Marjorie accompanied us to Florida for a short visit and we arrived home June 5 having traveled just a little under 4,000 miles. We enjoyed every minute but it was good to get home again."

Paul Larned reported that the Bill Ganoes were back in their house which had been rebuilt after the fire and that it was better than before.

In May during one of Sunny Jim Martin's visits to Washington, a class luncheon was held with the following present: Castle, Collins, Drain, Gutensohn, Harris, Larned, McNeil, Rose, Rutherford, Sullivan and Wood.

Enrique White was in Washington enroute to Cape Cod for the summer. Rutherford was back from a trip to Mexico and the Morrisons had left for Andover, Massachusetts for the summer.

Paul sent us a letter from Enrique White written from Monterey, California from which we quote the following: "On my trip out here I saw Christy, Wyman, Householder and Taylor. After six weeks with my son at Fort Sill I went to Austin for a week with my brother. Then we started for the lower Rio Grande Valley where he has cotton land and thence westward along the border. We dropped down to the Big Bend National Monument and spent a night there, then on to El Paso. Continuing west, I called Buzz Christy when passing through Phoenix and had a delightful hour with him and he was tickled to have me call. Buzz does not look at all like the burly all-American guard that we knew. He has lost considerable weight and during the past few years he had been in Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio a number of times. Chief Rice visited him frequently while there and Buzz said that both had sworn that they would be at West Point come June 1957. Buzz lost his wife four years ago and his daughter who is a social worker in Phoenix lives with him. At Banning, California I spent a night with Eddie Householder and his charming wife, Mary. They have a fine ranch type house on high ground with a beautiful view of the mountains and Mount Jacinto which rises directly above Palm Springs. Eddie has changed less than most since our cadet days. I was with Jerry Taylor for three nights. He had the Wymans and Marjorie O'Connor for luncheon one day. Jerry looks fine and so does Charley Wyman. Both had all their hair and the old mannerisms that were good to see. Outside of a few wrinkles, Jerry is the same and Wyman's face is smooth and has the same sort of peaches and cream complexion as of yore. It was good to see them and swap yarns. Early in May I expect to go east to Falmouth. I expect to go to Medford, Oregon to see old friends for a few days, stop in Palo Alto and San Francisco and see Henry and Spencer in Carmel. I will be doing well to make it."

Follow the example of Buzz Christy and Chief Rice and decide now to come back for our Fiftieth Reunion next June.

—*Hayden W. Wagner.*

1908

1908 mourns again the loss of one of its number. Rodney Smith died suddenly, as the result of a heart attack, at his home at Summit, New Jersey, on Saturday night, March 10. He was buried at West Point on March 15. He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Rogers, 28 Badeau Avenue, Summit; and a daughter, Mrs. Shelby Y. Palmer, Jr., of Chatham, New Jersey. Rodney was retired from active service as a brigadier general in 1946 and at the time of his death was a deputy director of Civil Defense of New York State. Unfortunately no representative of the Class was able to be present at the last rites at West Point. Flowers and the deep sympathy of the Class were sent and the family was contacted at the Summit home on behalf of the Class by George Matile, who lives at nearby Plainfield, New Jersey.

On February 24, Seery Hayes, following a period of intense headache, suffered a fall and skull fracture, with resulting severe pressure on the brain. He was rushed to the hospital, where he underwent a critical head operation. For the next nine days he was in a coma and the medicos, Seery reported afterward, were not too sure he would survive. But he did, and at last report, June 5, Seery wrote that he was feeling a bit better each day. But he has given up active work in his business, having turned things over to his younger son, who, fortunately, went into the foundry last fall on his return from his wedding trip. Seery expects the "acid test" of his condition to come this fall when he plans to go on his customary fall hunting trips. On these trips, Seery claims that the hills are getting steeper each year.

Our classmate, Garrison, now advanced to be Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Federal Services Finance Corporation, received a well merited tribute on May 7 in the form of a splendid testimonial dinner tendered him by the company at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, on the occasion of Garry's 32d anniversary with the

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company. One of the founders of the corporation in 1924, following closely upon his retirement from the Army for physical disability, Garry has continued as a key officer of the company through the years and has been influential in its steady growth to its present outstanding position. Some 150 friends and business and financial associates assembled to do him honor, including several classmates of 1908. Spec Edgerton was one of those who contributed brief testimonial talks to the occasion. He spoke of Garry's life at West Point. At the close of the evening, there was presented to Garry, by the Board of Directors of the corporation, a beautiful silver tray engraved with a testimonial to Garry's important contribution to the company.

Jimmie Lyon, the able guardian of our retired and dependents' rights, has sent from San Francisco an item of material advice in the form of a card, printed by him, on a phase of the federal income tax of interest to retired regular officers. Sufficient copies have been furnished by Jimmie for distribution to all members of the Class and they will be distributed with the first circularization going out. This has to do with the exclusion from gross income, authorized by recent law, within limits of $100 per week, of wages received during periods of illness or injury. Since retired officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army are by law part of the composition of the Army, Jimmie maintains (although the Internal Revenue Service has apparently not yet concurred with him) that retired regular officers and enlisted men are in this respect on the same footing as officers and enlisted men on active service and are thus entitled to the same exclusion from gross income of wages or payments received in lieu of wages for periods when confined to a hospital on account of injuries or sickness.

Other notes: Bunny Goethals and wife left their home at Las Cruces, New Mexico, in mid-May, for a trip to the East. They planned to travel via Kentucky and get to see Johnny Johnson at Versailles. John Kennedy was a recent visitor in Washington, en route on his return home at Columbia, South Carolina, following a visit to New York. Lacey Hall and Mrs. Lacey planned to set out by motor from Washington shortly after the last Class luncheon on June 8, to spend the summer at Kingston, Rhode Island. Nine members of the Class were present at that luncheon—Bonesteel, Burns, Chaney, Edgerton, Garrison, Hall, Hughes, Sturdevant, Schulz; in addition to one guest, Jim Steese of 1907. Your scribe, John Schulz, and wife motored to Charleston, South Carolina, late in May, to attend the annual convention of National Sojourners, to which he was a delegate representing the Washington chapter of the organization. Both Bunny Goethals and John Schulz completed in May their 3-year tours of office as national directors of the Society of American Military Engineers.

—*John W. N. Schulz.*

1909

Following changes in address should be noted: Robert L. and Emmeline Eichelberger, 8 Fairway Place, Biltmore Forest, Asheville, North Carolina.—Mrs. H. H. (Katherine) Malven, 405 Oak Street, Syracuse, New York.—Mrs. James L. (Mazie) Walsh, The Kennedy-Warren, 3133 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.

'09 was represented at West Point during June Week by Bert Farman, Cliff Lee, Frank and Suzanne Purdon, George and Effie Van Deusen. There were many inquiries about our classmates from members of contemporary classes.

—*G. L. Van Deusen.*

1910

June 15th of this year marked the 50th anniversary of the day when we as "beasts" came through the East Sallyport for the first time. We will never forget the events of that memorable day at West Point. At the June luncheon of the class in Washington we celebrated the day with appropriate toasts and the telling of anecdotes of the time when we first donned the Gray. Sam Edelman came over from Philadelphia especially to be with us on this occasion. Sam and Spec Wallace represented the class at this year's June Week festivities at West Point. Spec was accompanied by his son, Captain George M. Wallace, II. The class of 1911, celebrating their 45th Reunion, were most hospitable to Sam and Spec inviting them to 1911's reunion dinner. They accepted of course and enjoyed it all immensely.

It is sad to report the death on April 6th of Joe Taulbee's daughter, Mary Warren Horton, in Arlington, Virginia. She was the wife of Mr. Charles G. Horton. Funeral services were held at the Timothy Hanlon Funeral Home in Washington. A number of the class attended. Jane Drake, Frank's widow, was in Washington this last spring visiting her son, Lieutenant Colonel Leland R. Drake, on duty here. It was very good to see her again. Jane resides at 5239 California Street, San Francisco 18, California. Pappy Selleck's son, Pete (Lieutenant Clyde A., Jr.) on engineer duty in Philadelphia has recently received orders to attend a course of instruction in engineering at Princeton University next year, leading to a master's degree. Another son of this class, Colonel Charles B. Hines recently returned from duty with the 1st Cavalry Division in the Far East and after visiting his father, Charlie Hines, in Washington attended an airborne course of instruction at Fort Benning, Georgia. He will shortly report for duty at the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

—*Robert H. Dunlop.*

1911

In June 1911, eighty-three of us departed West Point; some sixty others had left previously. In June 1956, nineteen of these returned: Betcher, Booton, Conard, Crawford, Estes, Hardy, Kemble, Kutz, Ladd, Lockwood, Mooney, Morris, Nance, Nollman, O'Neill, Rader, Shekerjian, Weaver, Wheeler—all identifiable with counterparts in the Furlough picture recently distributed by Nichols; and as lusty as ever in the rendering of "1911, SHE'S A WINNER".

Our reunion was graced and kept decorous and decorative by twelve honorary members: Gertrude Booton, Betty Conard, Margaret Crawford, Kitty Kutz, Florence Ladd, Marie and Patricia Mooney, Marguerite Morris, Alice Rader, Gerry Stanton, Eulalie Wall, Molly Weaver.

Baade and Margaret, Hardigg and Jeanette, Homer, Larned, Mehaffey, Nichols, Elizabeth Keeley and Wyche were prevented by vicissitudes, physical or otherwise, from their scheduled attendance. Cowles and Hoisington on the West Coast have long had to forego any idea of travel. Wyche, vice our lamented Stanton, presided from Walter Reed over our reunion arrangements. These, made by Estes, Nance and Wheeler, were graciously implemented by Gerry Stanton, who with Hub, had so long hosted our previous returns from the vantage point of the Stanton Academy, now the hub of the Cornwall Municipal Center. Our ladies, heretofore accommodated there, lived in the spacious austere quarters for visiting teams on the fourth floor of Washington Hall.

For Eulalie Wall and 1911 present, the preeminent personage of June Week was Lieutenant John Furman Wall, Jr., 1956, Corps of Engineers, Johnny Wall, 1911, was with us in spirit as Estes presented to his son a .45 automatic, simply engraved "To Lieutenant John Furman Wall, Jr. From his Father's Classmates of 1911". We were all proud of our latest Class son. Johnny would have been the first to assert that "the breed improves". Sylvanus Thayer, looking down on the ceremony, gave his benison to this newest replacement.

At the class meeting following, the shift of responsibility was made from the East to the West, with the election of Nichols as President, Ladd as Vice-President, Shekerjian as Secretary-Treasurer, Weaver as Scribe. To those who have served heretofore so faithfully in these and collateral positions go the warm thanks of the Class.

Their devoted work was evinced in the success of our Class functions—all at the Officers' Club: the cocktail supper for 1911 and ladies on 3 June; the ladies luncheon on 4 June, whilst the Alumni luncheon and meeting held our rapt attention at Washington Hall (The cadets thus ranked out had box lunches elsewhere — not "guard sandwiches"!); the Class Dinner on Alumni Day, with appropriate preliminaries in the Benny Havens Room at the Club.

At the Alumni Meeting the new Class President, Nichols, was made a Vice President of the Association. We had the pleasure of seeing Captain William Bowley and Colonel C. L. Simpson; and the Class, with Howell Estes, has reached the distinction of having a General Officer son.

We wax, with the Class Tree planted in 1926. This beautiful elm now has a ten-inch bole; but will catch up on girth with our more sturdy members by 1961.

On to our Fiftieth! "She's a winner!"

Lola Nichols, wife of our beloved Nick, died in her sleep, June 15.

—*J. R. N. Weaver.*

1912

Since the publication of the April number of *Assembly* word has been received reporting the passing of two more of our classmates, namely Adrian Weeks who died at Moorestown, New Jersey, on December 28, 1955, and Earl B. Hochwalt who died at Port Angeles, Washington, on April 20, 1956, leaving the Class of 1912 with sixty living graduates out of the ninety-six who graduated. Weeks, whom we knew as Polhemus, was buried at Arlington while Hochwalt was buried at the Fort Lawton, Washington, National Cemetery. May peace be unto them!

Arnold: Marge and Arch have been playing a game of "tag" all over Europe since leaving the U.S.A. endeavoring to catch up with Mary and Bunny Hobson who escaped from Majorca two days prior to the Arnold's arrival. Arch reports completing five thousand miles of travel prior to taking off for Denmark. They report a most interesting trip and both voted Spain as the best country visited. By the time this gets into print the Arnolds will be back in their Cranberry Lake, New York, summer camp for the summer before returning to Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Bennion: More than 3,500 top executives of the utility industry gathered at the convention of the Edison Electric Institute at Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 4-7, 1956, to

pay honor to 1912's number one graduate, Colonel Howard S. Bennion, whom the industry would not allow to retire as quietly and as modestly as he had served as managing director since June 1939. At this annual convention our Howard received honors without precedent in the industry, including the unveiling of an oil portrait painted by the noted artist Thomas Stephens, and which portrait will be hung permanently in the board room of the Edison Electric Institute.

Burlingame: Cris's widow, now Mrs. Charles O. Jackson of Sarasota, Florida is one of our most enthusiastic rooters and has been recuperating from a surgical operation and writing thank-you notes to the hordes of her wonderful friends.

Crawford, D. M.: Dave and Annye Crawford, on their tour to Hawaii last spring, by ship and plane, when passing through San Francisco, going and coming, were the drawing cards for a series of class get-togethers in the Bay area, first at the Buddy Roses home in Oakland for cocktails and thence to the Claremont Hotel where Dave and Annye were hosts to the Chynoweths, Sullivans, Morrisseys, Roses and Phil Faymonville.

Delamater: According to our San Antonio correspondent Ike Spalding, Ben has been having some eye trouble for the past year and has been in and out of Brooke Army Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, where he has been visited by Ike Spalding and Nalle Bodine every few days.

Drake: Charlie was elected 1912's Class Representative in the Washington area as well as the Class Vice-President to act on all funeral arrangements and all matters pertaining thereto, such as VA benefits, Army benefits, etc., at the class luncheon held at the Army-Navy Club on May 9th. Those present were Drake, Littlejohn, Jones, B. Q., Malony, Mooney, Snow, Spalding, S. P. and Thomas. At this meeting a collection was taken to send a floral offering to Red Crawford who had returned to Walter Reed for treatment.

Faymonville: At the latest account from Phil he was taking a course at Stanford University where he enjoys keeping in touch with the campus.

Gillespie, J. B.: Jim reports his alibi for failure to attend the class luncheon was due to the fact that he had been busy trying to sell some more of his land holdings but that he would make up for it next year by promising to attend our 45th reunion at West Point. Case dismissed!

Harmon: Congratulations and best wishes from the Class are extended to Millard F. Harmon, III and his bride, June Cora Schorfheide, who were married on May 5, 1956, at Houston, Texas. (Kuldell please note.)

Hauser: The Hausers report smooth sailing at Fayetteville and that son Bill (Class of 1954), after a tour as Battalion Supply Officer, is now a Battery Exec and due to inherit the Battery soon; also that he is within two jumps of qualifying for master parachutist wings.

Hinemon: Heinie and Mildred, at their attractive ranch house at Little Silver, New Jersey, received a surprise visit from "Colonel" Snow in May. They both were in good spirits and were glad to hear about their classmates.

Hobson: Bunny and Frances have been making a mad gallop all over Europe for the past few months, visiting Spain, Germany, Holland and England, sailing from the latter country the last of July for home. They expect to contact Bill Wilbur in London before they sail for home.

Hochwalt: We are sad to report the death of classmate Earl B. Hochwalt on April 20, 1956, at Port Angeles, Washington. "P.B." and Mary, being great travelers and outdoor lovers, were on a motor trip from their home at Edmonds and stopped for the night at a motel, where "P.B." suffered a sudden fatal heart attack. The sympathy of the class goes out to Mary, Earl's only survivor.

Hyatt: Bob reports rather discouragingly about the response to his appeal for class photographs as related in the 1955 Christmas Bulletin. It seems that only TEN replies had been received by him at last report. Let us ALL get busy and send in family photographs so that a class album can be looked at and enjoyed at our 45th reunion next year!!!

Kelly, J. D.: John and Martha were visitors in San Francisco last spring for a few days. According to Ike Spalding John looks like a millionaire and is a respected citizen of San Antonio.

Keyes: The passing of Leila Harrison Keyes (our Bill's sister and Geoff's beloved wife) at Walter Reed Army Hospital on March 25, 1956, brought sorrow to her many admiring and devoted friends throughout the service, especially to our own Class family of 1912. The name "Leila Keyes" meant a great deal to many people who enjoyed her friendship. She is survived by her husband, three brothers, five children (4 daughters, all married in the Army) and one son, Major Geoffrey B. Keyes, Jr., and fifteen grandchildren. Leila was buried at West Point where many of us first met her during our Yearling Camp. The Class grips hands with Geoff and his loved ones in his great sorrow.

Lewis, H. B.: The "Monk" Lewises returned from the Orient in February after an absence of three months in Hong Kong, which Monk declares is the most delightful spot encountered in all his travels. He likes it to the extent that he is already booked to return there in December.

Lindt: Hiram writes of a visit made some time back to Bird DuBois at his attractive home at South Laguna, California and reports that Bird is doing excellent work with his pastels and gets the most marvelous details.

Littlejohn: We are happy to report that Mary Littlejohn, after a rugged bout with Walter Reed's medicos last spring, is now making a splendid recovery; also that John himself is now very active in the Washington area in building up enthusiasm for a big attendance at our 45th year reunion next year. We wish John great success in this pious endeavor.

MacGregor: Helene MacGregor writes that Mac cannot write but that he certainly enjoys hearing from his classmates, and that he manages to get around a bit at the Fort Benning Hospital but the progress is very slow. Why not a few more letters from classmates to cheer up Mac?

Maxwell: While at West Point during June week Maxie announced that he and Katherine will be away from New York until July 31 on a very tight schedule of business visits to Virginia — Colorado — Seattle — Korea — Japan — Philippines — Hawaii and California. During the three day stay at West Point Maxie roomed with Mooney and Snow in Cadet Barracks and was a most delightful companion.

Nalle: Bill is now advertised in the Army & Navy Journal as being in the real estate business at Culpeper, Virginia, with the Browning Real Estate Agency, Realtors. Thus, after several years engaged in raising Black Angus cattle at his Fox Hill farm Bill has transferred his attentions to raising new houses.

Rose: Buddy and Mildred are enjoying their new home on Carlsbrook Drive in Oakland, California, and Buddy has been busy trying to get the data from many classmates pertaining to the data for our 45th reunion next June. It now appears that only 28 classmates plan to attend the reunion and only sixteen wives are signed up so far.

Snow: As usual the "Colonel" made his annual pilgrimage to West Point to attend the annual Alumni Day and roomed with Maxwell and Mooney in Cadet Barracks, getting to know both of them much better after the passage of the years. Mooney was joined by his wife Marie and their charming daughter Patricia in the affairs with the Class of 1911.

Spalding, I.: Ike made an unusually lengthy report from San Antonio where he is listed on his stationery as 2nd Vice-President of the Monday Morning Quarterback Club. He reports that he sees Bill Weaver every two or three months and that Bill's wife Dorothy is not in good health. Ike also reports that Joe Greenwald's address is now Blanco, Texas, about forty-four miles north of San Antonio, and that the Spaldings are just about all set to make their annual trip to Colorado via Fort Worth and Amarillo, Denver and Boulder and that they plan to be away for about two months.

Thomas: Following the serious operation that Tommie underwent at Walter Reed Hospital he wishes to state the following to his classmates: "The lesson impressed upon me and which I would pass to you and others is: 'It pays to have those periodic examinations—and that applies to the wives also'."

Weeks: Following up the rumor that "Polly" had passed to his reward the Township Clerk at Moorestown, New Jersey, reported that Major Weeks had passed away December 28, 1955 at his home, 222 French Avenue, where he had lived with a fellow bachelor, Mr. Charles H. Allen. Burial was at Arlington and at his own request there were no services at the grave where he was buried on January 2, 1956. Polhemus, as we knew him as a Cadet, left no relatives but his will stated that his estate was to be bequeathed almost entirely to the Salvation Army and that the money was to be used to buy food, clothing, fuel and medical supplies for needy children less than fifteen years of age, and regardless of race, nationality or religion. What a noble gesture to the less fortunate!

—Robert T. Snow
and William H. Hobson.

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We were deeply grieved to hear that Grace Brewer passed away on May 15 at Columbus, Ohio. Carlos buried her at Arlington. Their children were present. "Pink" Crane, "Bill" Schmidt and "Cooper" Foote were present.

"Monk" Lewis wrote that Archie Dorst was in Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Oakland, California for some surgical work. Catherine wrote that he had had a bad time for a while as Archie had his own ideas of hospital discipline. She now reports that Archie is mending rapidly and will be out in a short while.

"Dolly" Sadtler also had a "spill" or fall that broke one of her thigh bones but is now up and about and through with the hospital.

Lawrence Weeks has been in Washington for a while but Rietta and he are returning to their beautiful and comfortable house at 322 Hartford Road, South Orange, New Jersey.

Henrietta Gillespie phoned Cooper Foote that Jim had a little anemia plus a few more aches but twice weekly trips to the Fort McNair dispensary is fixing him up. They live on some forty acres of good Virginia land.

Edith Danielson wrote that she was pleased with Olis Obit biography which just appeared in the *Assembly.*

Peggy Giffin has been visiting with her daughter Peggy at Goshen, New York. She reports Peggy presented her with a new granddaughter.

Fay Gaugler is back at 6021 First Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Florida. "Sinbad's" obituary will be out in October.

The West Point Society of New York turned out in force to honor Crittenberger. Senator Lodge plus many other notables were present at which affair "Crit" was presented with a silver tray. "Crit" is one of New York City's most honored citizens and he is doing a whale of a job for this greater New York area.

"Tex" Davidson was in New York last week seeing his daughter and son-in-law off for duty in the Middle East.

Dave Calhoun's new address is The Caves, Owings Mills, Maryland (for the summer only).

Bob Crawford and Mary (my sister) came from Florida to the Adirondacks last week. They are staying there all summer — trout fishing most of the day!

Doug Greene who is Athletic Director at Drexel Institute reported an undefeated football team last year. His other teams have done excellent also. Doug is a busy man.

All of us were saddened at the death of Leila Keys at Walter Reed Hospital on March 21. Geoffrey had all his children with him at the Requiem mass at Fort Myer Chapel. "Cooper" Foote had many of our class present. Crittenberger and Viner were also present. Leila was buried at West Point. "Jeff" returned to his home at Tucson, Arizona.

Billy and Doris Johnson are touring in Europe—which also brings up the subject that Dasha and I go to Europe for two months on June 8—back August 1, when we will go to Bisby in the Adirondacks for two months. I invite any or all to drop in at Bisby, near Old Forge.

I want you all to read this please — If you cannot get Joe Viner or Doug Greene by phone or wire "It is urged that Classmates and their families report by wire the illness or death of any Classmate, giving place of funeral services and interment and date to Colonel Wm. Cooper Foote, 3408 Lowell Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. or to Major General Wm. R. Schmidt, 2400 44th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. so that proper arrangements for pallbearers, if burial is in Arlington, and flowers may be promptly made."

—*Joe Viner.*

1914

This is really a continuation of our last news letter. Letters from some classmates arrived too late to be included in it, so they were held over for this issue.

Ben Weir wrote from California, where he was spending the winter with his daughter. While there he visited Roger Harrison, whom he found "looking extremely fit and happy among his grape vines." On the long return trip to his home in Maine, Ben passed through San Antonio, and Earll and I enjoyed seeing him at a cocktail party.

Phil Thurber's reply was from Honolulu, where he and Muriel had been vacationing since early January. They planned to return to Seattle in April.

I received a telegram from Toohey Spaatz. He has been away from Washington the greater part of last year, traveling about Europe and the United States. He has seen few classmates, but spent some time with John Markoe and George Stratemeyer.

Pink Ward reports that he and Edith have eight grandchildren. He keeps in touch by letter with the Jack Thompsons and the Tom Monroes. He wrote of how much he and Ben Hoge enjoyed visiting the Thompsons at their Maryland home last summer.

Leland and Maude Stanford have sixteen grandchildren — probably a class record. They attend the class dinners in Washington quite regularly. Ralph Royce wrote that he and Agnes are tentatively planning trips to South America this summer, and to the Scandinavian countries next spring. Dick Gibson lives only ten blocks from them, and they see each other frequently. Ralph also sees Howard Milligan about every two months. Speaking of Milligan, I got a letter from him, too. He is pretty much laid up with spinal arthritis. In addition to Royce, Milligan has seen Houston and talked by telephone with Jernigan.

Carleton Griffith's reply was delayed due to his absence on a trip to Tucson. I was sorry to learn that for almost a year he has been fighting a strep throat. He plans to retire from business soon.

Jim Byrom's letter described his early spring trip through Mexico. Louise and he left San Francisco in mid-January and returned in early March. They motored via Nogales to Guayamas, Guadalajara, Mexico City, and Acapulco, returning via San Antonio, where our class group enjoyed entertaining them. During the return trip they visited the Packards at El Paso; then they passed through LaJolla, where Mose Brannan got up a class luncheon which was attended by Byrom, Stuart, Lanphier and Brannan. Jim wrote that in Mexico he found excellent roads and good to excellent accommodations, and he recommends such a trip.

Jack Jouett's son John, a major, is now stationed in Formosa, where he is accompanied by his family. Jack says they like the detail very much. Glenn Anderson wrote a glowing account of attending last year's Army and Navy football game. He and Alice built a new home last year. It has an extra bedroom and they hope that any classmates passing through Marion, Virginia, will visit them.

Pat Hogan is still heading the Math Department at New York Military Academy. He and Helen see few classmates except during June Week. They did see the Loomises last fall when they came to West Point for the funeral of Stanton. George Febiger has been fishing up and down the West Coast, and in Florida, the past three years. He lives near Jim Cress in Palo Alto, and they saw Jack Jouett, and Milburn and his wife during their visits last year.

Charlie Gross wrote from the French Riviera, where he and Ella are still living. His letter contained a message about his address which I quote: "Because of the uncertainty of my address, I have missed seeing several classmates who have passed thru. My message is that from September 15, 1956 to June 30, 1957, I shall be living at Villa la Falaise, on the sea near the base of the Cap Martin Peninsula, overlooking Monte Carlo, on Route D52, about 1,000 feet from where it takes off from Route N569; and we hope that all visiting classmates will look us up. Our telephone is 29175. It can be dialed from anywhere on the French Riviera."

Charlie says that they have lingered on in Europe because it is pleasant, and because three of their children have been living over there. Lucy, married to Colonel J. S. B. Dick, U.S.M.A. '35, is in Naples, and the Grosses were just about to visit them and to meet their twelfth grandson, born in January. Nancy, with her husband, Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Cole, U.S.M.A. '43, was in Berlin and other cities in Europe, but they have since returned to the United States. A son, John, a lawyer with Socony Mobile Oil, is on a tour of duty in the London office. Charlie has seen no classmates since the visit of Loomis. I hope that the information I quoted above will make it easier for passing classmates to locate him.

This completes the news items contained in letters from classmates which were received in March. In all, 59 letters were received. We have already exceeded our normal allotment of space, so I can only give a few items from San Antonio. Peter and Evelyn Downs recently made an automobile trip through Florida, and enjoyed seeing Jimmie and Ruth Haskell at Bradenton, and Pete Bullard at St. Petersburg, Florida. Pete is living in a trailer court. He is the local champion shuffleboard player and I understand that he is president of a shuffleboard association on the west coast of Florida. Ike and Lilian Gill have driven up to Jamestown, Rhode Island, where they will spend the summer months at their cottage.

—*John Carruth.*

1915

Several newspaper clippings and a letter from Rosa Maye announced the fact that our Doodle had been admitted to Walter Reed on or about June 1 for further treatment of a lung tumor. Existence of the tumor was discovered in an exploratory operation at Fitzsimons General Hospital May 17. Doodle expects to return to Denver by July 1 to turn over his job to his successor, Major General James E. Briggs, class of '28, U.S.M.A. Following this, he will go to San Antonio and assume the duties of bank president. We are all pulling for you, Doodle, and praying that the Walter Reed magicians will bring you speedy and complete recovery. In the meanwhile, keep your tail over the dash board, you old squirrel!

After noting in the April issue that Carl Hocker had been told by the medicos that he had a new lease on life, darn if Carl and his wife Eleanor didn't manage to have a losing encounter with a "Katy" Flyer in Ike's own birthplace, Denison, Texas. According to reports, "Katy" was unhurt but both Eleanor and Carl suffered serious injuries and were immediately taken to a local hospital. Latest news (June 4) is that the Hockers are in Brooke General and progressing satisfactorily. Carl says that he learned that "the equation, E equals ½ MV-2 is certainly true. That flyer had plenty of M and much too much V." Remember that, men when approaching a grade crossing and luck to you, Eleanor and Carl.

The Denison Herald published details about the restoration of Ike's home, corner Lamar and Day, Denison, Texas. The plan is "to return the gabled dwelling to the exact status it was at the time of the President's birth." From this account, it is evident that Ike was not born in a log cabin which leads us to wonder how in Heaven's name he ever overcame that handicap sufficiently to become president of the United States. The account goes on to say (and this will make you young (?) fellows chuckle). "Exhaustive checking with persons old enough to remember the house in 1890 has disclosed that no drastic changes have been made in the structure." (what — no termites?) "There will be some remodeling of the front porch; removal of a small shed room on the north, (a new name for an old friend) new wall paper, enlarging and landscaping the grounds and the sowing of Bermuda grass over the

entire grounds." I bet Ike is happy that he won't have to pull that pesky Bermuda out of his flower beds.

Venus Small has been tearing his hair and snatching toupees from balding classmates in order to learn the number of the room Ike occupied as a first classman. It appears the Com. desires to have a plaque made and installed in that particular room and asked Venus to conduct the research to determine the correct room number. Venus has written to Umpteen classmates and believes he has the correct dope. Rumor has it that this project may be expanded to include the other rooms Ike occupied as a Plebe, as a Yearling, and as a Second Classman. So if any of you guys are not too old to remember, drop Venus a line and help the confusion.

In one of his rare letters, Freddy informs me that the matter of the class gift to the Military Academy in the form of a drinking fountain — water, of course — is still alive; at any rate it is still breathing. Walt Hess and Henry Sayler were at the Academy last June week to discuss the details with the brass. When these details have jelled more solidly a class memo will be circulated. Keep the ants out of your pants, men, you'll all be given a chance to contribute—if the deed is done. In that same letter Freddy described the fine luncheon at the White House given by Ike for his Washington classmates. Twenty-eight attended. Freddy wrote: "I gave your regards to everyone who would listen but with the class of 1915 most of them want to talk and few listen—this, I believe, you know." You can say that again, Fritz. Jack Davis, who was present at the luncheon, wrote that the chow "was better than some of us get at home on off days." He also said, "Ike is so hospitable and gracious when he has us over there. I hope he enjoys those shindigs as much as we do. At least he is gracious enough to appear to do so." I guess there are some compensations for living in and around the Capitol, after all.

In a letter written before his annual spring trek back to his D. C. home from Florida, Tom Hanley informed me that he, R. T. Gibson, and Clarke (x-15) represented the class at the Founders Day Dinner held in Opalocka, a suburb of Miami. About forty-eight grads attended but the three fifteeners stole the limelight by having their picture taken by the Podunk paper as "classmates of the President and being asked our opinions of the results of the next election. Of course our political future, locally, of course, was ruined by printing that we were all Republicans." I guess we of 1915 have all shone by reflected glory and I hope that when our time comes to ring that heavenly bell at the Pearly Gates, the Recording Angel will not forget that we were Ike's classmates and sound off that welcome greeting, "Pass, Friend!" Tom enclosed a clipping from a Florida paper describing the following happy event: "A former classmate of President Eisenhower, Colonel Richard Trumbull Gibson (U.S.A. Ret.) and Mary Layman Peel of Williamson, North Carolina, exchanged marriage vows Wednesday (March 21) at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel at Miami International Air Depot." The Gibsons are at home 3621 Monserrate St., Coral Gables, Florida. Congratulations, Gibby, and best wishes to you both from the class for many years of wedded bliss.

Woody, who has been a most helpful reporter from around the mesquite country, sent me two interesting news clippings about Joe McNarney. One was entitled "Profile of an Industrialist" and gave a glowing account of Joe's outstanding service as an Air Force officer and, following his retirement, as a successful civilian administrator. The other showed a picture of Joe receiving from the Mayor of San Diego the Exchange Club's "Book of Golden Deeds." In that picture Brad stands beside Joe grinning like a proud father. Nice going Joe. Woody also writes, "Joe McNarney was here recently but none of us saw him, he was tied up with Air Force and Industrial big shots. Too bad as that was the night of the Founders Day dinner. Leonard, Pendleton, Ulsaker, Mike Davis and I were there from the class. It was a good turnout, about 140, as there are a lot of retired old goats in this neighborhood." No engineers, I take it, Woody. Thanks for the news.

That was one swell and helpful article Tenth wrote in the April *Assembly* (Page 10). If you haven't read it, do so; it may save you some dough. Thanks, Tenth. And speaking of Tenth, here is an eulogistic comment I am happy to include in these notes. It comes from Hume Peabody: "You say that Det Ellis sends you all the news but I know he never mentions how much time he spends digging up helpful information for the class and class widows. His latest dope on Schedule 'K' has helped several get refunds. The guy really puts out and deserves a big note of thanks." To which, I am sure, all will say Amen, brother.

Two classmates, plus ball and chain, visited us at Cherry Lane since the last write up. The Beeson Hunts stopped by on their way back to Pensy from Florida. Both looked in the pink. Beesock sports a noble Pate and says he combs his hair, these days, with a wash rag. At least there is no crab grass up there. Bea and Freddy Boye came up from Tryon, North Carolina and spent the week end of March 17 with us. Freddy and I got a pass for the evening and joined 28 other grads for a Founders Day Dinner in Asheville. Our class was ably and noisily represented by Freddy, Oiseau King and Johnny Wogan. Oiseau was in rare form and gave me five bucks to "set him right with the Association of Graduates." This mountain air and pure water shore makes some people generous.

And now for news by direct report: Jack Davis: "I went out to Walter Reed to see Doodle Harmon and found him his same old bouncy self. When I got there he had a chess board in front of him and when I apologized for not being able to challenge him to an interesting game, he said it was o.k. because he was carrying on five games by mail. Can you imagine that? What chance has an opponent got against a fellow who has twelve hours to figure out a move besides being able to capitalize on one opponent's cleverness by using it against another."

Tenth Ellis: "Joe Teter had another bout with the medicos at Walter Reed recently but is back home now. Jack Samsey, Paul Parker, Babe Weyand, Mike Mitchell and many others wrote very appreciative letters about Earl Price's book. Henry Aurand expects to be at the Blackstone Hotel in D. C., June 9-12 as a delegate from Honolulu to the Rotary International Convention." Henry is certainly setting a record as the ubiquitous member of our class. Woody said he was in San Antonio, someone else said he had stopped in San Diego. Instead of "Kilroy was here" our class slogan should be "Henry was here."

Laura Ellis, who was our part-time correspondent at West Point during June week reported: Gene and May Leone were the usual generous and hospitable hosts at a gorgeous dinner at the Leone estate. The following attended: The Hanleys with their daughter Cecile; the James'; the Muellers; the Smalls with daughter Betty and husband Dr. Russell Moser; Beesock Hunt; Hyde; the Hesses and the Ellis'. Buddy Sayler blew in the morning after the dinner. There is a splendid new book on sale at the West Point P.X. "West Point, The Life of a Cadet" with over 250 photographs; Omar Bradley nad Jim Van Fleet are fea-

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tured as two famous members of the Long Gray Line while a double page spread shows interesting pictures of the most famous member of our class."

Squire Taylor sold his farm at Chapel Hill. Perhaps his policy of naming bulls for classmates and sows for classmates daughters influenced his decision because he wrote me: "Some time ago I stopped naming bulls for classmates. When you name someone or something for somebody you hope that the namesake will take on some of the qualities of the person for whom named. I don't know whether there is anything to this theory or not but those bulls named for classmates went beyond all expectations. They developed ideas early in life and always seemed to have just one thing in mind. I hate to tell you which one was the worst. At any rate they gave me so much trouble that I dropped the classmate idea and named them Ferdinand 1, 2, 3, etc. Although they did a little more than smell flowers, they gave much less trouble."

Our one and only (thank God!) Bill Boots purchased an estate in Florida. The name "Landfall"; the address: 4 Pelican Isle, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For some reason or other that address brought back to my mind our summer camps when we ran in Boodle from Charles and Company through the sink window. It seems to me the principal item in that boodle contained some sort of pelican substance. Steady—as you were men—it was peanut butter.

God's blessing, always.

—*John B. Wogan.*

P.S.—After I had had this typed and was preparing to mail it I heard the disturbing news that two of our classmates had had a tiff with the surgeons; Ike and Blister — the class sends sincere wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

1916

The Fortieth Reunion has come and gone and what a reunion it was—the biggest we have had so far! Forty-one of the class were there and of that number thirty-one brought their wives. Those who came alone were Barrows, Daly, Henderson, Johns, Jones, Levy, Maulsby, McBride, Mumma, Styer and Swanton. Those who came with their wives were Andrew, Birmingham, Bliss, Bonfils, Brundred, Caperton, DeWitt, DuHamel, Finley, Fraser, Haskins, Hoge, Krayenbuhl, Kuhn, Maguire, McCullough, Miller, Moses, O'Hare, Parker, Pickering, Prickett, Reinhart, Robb, Scofield, Scott, Walsh, Weyand, Whitson and Worsham.

Spence Merrell returned from his trip to Europe all steamed up for the reunion but had to change his plans due to a slight heart attack. Peterman and Tom McDonald, both ex'16 and both attorneys, could not attend because of business duties they could not defer. Bob Neyland telegraphed his greetings from Sarasota, Florida where he is at present residing. John Abernathy, now a Judge in the Tennessee Courts also, at the last minute, was unable to make it.

The class, as usual, were quartered in barracks and, of the girls, about half lived at Bear Mountain Inn while the other half lived with friends at West Point or Cornwall. The special class events began on Saturday, June 2nd, with a delightful cocktail party given by the Parker Kuhn's at their country home in Bedford Center. Sunday evening there was a cocktail party followed by a buffet supper arranged for by the class committee. The usual class picture, and another including the girls, was taken at the traditional spot on the Library steps. Then, after Graduation Parade on Monday, came the Class stag dinner in the West Point Mess preceded by a cocktail party. A dinner for the girls was also arranged in the main dining room of the Mess.

Some of the Class stayed for the graduation exercises on Tuesday but many left early Tuesday morning. Calvin DeWitt's oldest boy is the only Class son now in the Corps. He graduates next June. Despite a rainy start on Saturday, the weather cleared on Sunday and fine June Week weather followed. It appeared that all the arrangements clicked and that a good time was had by all from start to finish. Space here limits the extent of these notes but a special Reunion Class Bulletin will be issued shortly with more information.

Now, for general news. The Hibbs' are planning a trip to Europe about the middle of the summer, as are also the Spences. Ben Yancy, now living at Warwick, Virginia, writes that his daughter graduated from Martha Washington College this June, completing the four year course in three. The Gallaghers, who have been in Rome, Italy for several years, are expecting to return late this summer. Duke DeCleene was in Washington for a day this spring. He looked fine and was planning to come to the reunion. Later, however, he had a slight heart attack and the medicos ordered him to stay at home in Wisconsin. Mitchell in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was another planning to be at West Point this June but was prevented by doctor's orders due to a heart condition.

Pickering is now President of the West Point Society of Atlanta, Georgia. Jack Nygaard sent us greetings from the world-famous wedding at Monte Carlo this spring. Willie Wilson, prior to his retirement in June as R.O.T.C. instructor in the Los Angeles schools, was presented a testimonial plaque by the R.O.T.C. of Belmont High School. Spider Morehouse, who started last winter to enjoy a long-deferred European trip, had it abruptly cut short. In Naples he began to feel ill and reported to the Naval Dispensary for treatment. After brief check-up they decided he was a case for a U.S. Hospital. In April he was in Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver but as his treatment is indefinite he expected to be transferred to a V.A. Hospital.

Now, here's news! We have a new bridegroom in the Class. In the last week of April, Frank Scofield and Marian Phillips of Washington, D. C. were married and are now at home at 3908 Virgilia Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

—*E. G. Bliss.*

April 1917

The following members of the Class were present for the luncheon meeting of the year-old West Point Society of the D. C., at Fort McNair Club May 10:

Percy Black (who did a superb job in ar-

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ranging the meeting), Bill Cowgill, Ira Crump, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Leo Erler, Make Macon, Burnet Olmsted, Fred Irving, Bob Ransom, Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith, Kewp Yuill, and Prof Jones who came down from West Point to address the luncheon about the Academic program of today. Prof's talk was excellent. It was his last appearance here in uniform before his retirement in June, leaving Bill Harrison as the Last Man on active duty in the Class.

The Society sponsored its first Dinner to Celebrate the Founding of the Military Academy. About 300 were present at the Shoreham Hotel March 17 to hear Joe Collins as the principal speaker, the toast to The Corps by the oldest graduate present and the remarks by the youngest graduate. In addition to Joe, those present from 1917 were: Bill Harrison, Aaron Bradshaw, Sam Smith, Steve Sherrill, Bill Eley, Burnet Olmsted, Dan Noce, Percy Black, Make Macon, and Harold Jackson.

On March 23d a special retirement ceremony was held at Fort McNair in honor of Joe Collins. More than 1,000 guests were present, including most of the diplomats and military leaders in Washington, of this and foreign countries. Just before Adjutant's Call, a resume of Joe's distinguished career was read to the assembled troops and guests. The band played the "West Point March" and the 3d Infantry passed in review. A reception followed at the Officers' Club. Present from the Class were: Gwen and Aaron Bradshaw, Suzanne and Ira Crump, Bill Cowgill (just back from a stay at Antigua in the Caribbean), Dot and Bill Eley, Jule and Bill Heavey, Rothe and Leo Erler, Jeannette and Harold Jackson, Vivian and Fred Irving, Adele and Meach Meacham, Aline and Burnet Olmsted, Helen and Bob Ransom, Dot and Steve Sherrill, Elizabeth Van der Hyden (Van is in Michigan on a lumber project), Mary and George Wooley, Gay and Kewp Yuill.

A few days later Jeanette and Jack Jackson had a Class party for Gladys and Joe at their attractive house at 814 Albany Avenue, Alexandria. In addition to the Washington classmates and wives, these Class children were present: Barbara Mitchell, Gladys Collins Stengle, and her husband, two of the Schroeder boys, Kay Teale and the Van der Hyden girls.

Gladys and Joe sailed for several months in Europe on the "Upshur," April 2d. A card from Madrid May 7 reports a glorious time, their Renault functioning perfectly and Spain and its people picturesque and friendly.

Recently received news from classmates as follows:

Salome and Whit Whitcomb are active in local affairs at their home in Lima, Peru —she in affairs of the American community (some seven thousand strong) and he as president of the Lima Golf Club.

Lucie and Dave Rumbough spent the winter in Mexico City. They made an extensive tour of the provinces and spent a couple of weeks in Panama, where they saw Eve and Bill Harrison.

Norm Schwarzkopf retired last winter from State Service in New Jersey. Norm, Jr. graduated this year. He was Cadet Captain of A-1. Home is Madison, New Jersey.

Daddy Weems is back home in Dickson, Tennessee after nine weeks in the Fort Campbell Hospital last winter.

Roy Bowlin spent the winter and spring at Riviera Beach, Florida. Roy, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel USAF, USMA '43, is a Tac at West Point and will be there for our 40th Reunion.

Elf and Louis Martin have moved to a new address in Los Gatos, California: 161 Galli Drive.

The "Mitch" Mitchells visited their daughter Marjorie and husband in Cindad Trujillo, Dominican Republic last winter and in May stopped for a few days in Washington before sailing for several months in Europe. They will buy a Volkswagen when they arrive there. While in Washington, their attractive daughter, Barbara, gave a cocktail party in their honor at her Georgetown home. She is employed by The American Express Company.

The Marvel Armstrongs also were in Mexico most of the winter.

Clair Armstrong is now living in Belgium, representing an American company there.

Two members of the West Coast contingent were in Washington in May — Jim Hayden on the 19th en route to see his doctor in Massachusetts and to West Point for June week; Edie and Pete Kilburn on the 29th returing from a trip to the Caribbean. En route home to California, they stopped in Charleston to see the Wayne Clarks and Pescia Sullivans at The Citadel.

Morris Barroll spent nearly two months in Walter Reed in May and June following an emergency operation. He is back home now and feeling much improved.

Rothé Erler has been elected chairman of the Women's Golf Committee at the Army Navy Country Club in Washington. She is one of the top golfers there.

Wayne Clark was Grand Marshal of Washington's Cherry Blossom Parade, April 4th. Reneé was with him. Her new book, "Captain's Wife and General's Lady" is thoroughly interesting. Wayne was one of some 55 graduates to attend the West Point dinner in Charleston, South Carolina March 16 at The Citadel Mess Hall. Before the dinner the USMA grads watched dress parade and went to Summerall Chapel where "The Corps" and "Alma Mater" were played.

Mary and Cooper Smith sailed for several months in Europe on April 25th.

Jack Nygaard reports from Monaco "April 18: Greetings from the Wedding."

Charlie Gerhardt reports from Winter Park, Florida that Adele and Meach Meacham and Willis Slaughter stopped to see them in the spring and that Sterling Wood came over from Avon Park for the West Point dinner, attended by about 40 graduates. Charlie is president of the Central Florida Area West Point Society. Nina, Jr. visited her parents before going to Europe to join her husband, Captain Kennedy, in Frankfurt while Charles, Jr., Lieutenant in the Marines, has been on maneuvers in Puerto Rico.

Love Mullin's daughter, Mrs. Spellman Downs, who lives in Virginia, reports that Love is President of the Nogales, Arizona Chamber of Commerce.

Classmates at West Point for June week: Jimmy Hayden, Bill Eley, Donovan Swanton, Prof Jones and Lewis, W. M., and Norman Schwarzkopf, both of whom had sons graduating.

At the June luncheon meeting of the class in Washington on the 14th, plans for our 40th reunion were discussed by Bill Eley and Bill Cowgill, who are on the plans committee with Jim Hayden and Bates Compton. Present for the luncheon were: Crump, Eagles, Fales, Macon, Noce, Olmsted, Ransom, Sherrill, Wooley, Heavey, Eley, and Erler. The Jacksons were not there because they were visiting in Iowa and the Yuills of course are in Texas.

—*S. H. Sherrill.*

August 1917

With great sadness we report the loss of three classmates since the last issue of *Assembly*. Hal Barber died at Winter Park, Florida, on April 29 from a heart attack. The funeral was at Winter Park. Walker White died in New York City after a long illness on May 14. Walker was buried in Arlington Cemetery, where all Washington

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classmates served as pallbearers. Wilson Bingham died in Los Angeles on May 16 after a long illness. Wilson was buried in Columbus, Ohio.

Pablo Cole writes from San Francisco that he saw Chapman, Ken Moore, Maling, Kernan, Bobrink and DeCamp at the Founders Day Banquet. He said Mallory was out of town. Also missed seeing Reyes who is now resident in the vicinity.

Pablo says he took the occasion as an opportunity to whip up enthusiasm for our 40th Reunion at West Point.

Re the Reunion, the matter has been very much in the minds of all of us and especially so in the minds of Jerry Counts and Dodson Stamps who know from their long experience with many June weeks that early preparation is essential. Subject to confirmation by the Reunion Committee about to be appointed by President Jack Knight, it is tentatively planned to have class parties on Sunday and Monday nights before Graduation on Tuesday, June 4. Plan to bring your wives and pass along the word to widows of classmates that they will be cordially welcomed. Full information will be sent out as plans are completed.

The Bobrinks have sold their lovely home in the San Francisco area and bought a new home in Menlo Park. Bo is a great do-it-yourself man and practically re-made the first house so the original builder could not recognize it. Thus it was time to seek new worlds to conquer. In the new house he has started to make over the kitchen and will proceed room by room.

Doc Faust says he went to France last summer for 2 months of rest and relaxation only to return to find his associates had acquired another firm to add to his worries.

Jules Schaefer had a heart attack while in Seattle and was flown home to Wichita. We are glad to report that the attack was characterized as slight and that he is now spending several hours a day in his office.

Bart Harloe some weeks before had reported that he had had an enjoyable visit in Hawaii with Jules and Catherine, but that they always make their visits too short.

Carlisle Wilson and Bob Bacon were at West Point for June week. Carlisle's son is still an undergraduate. Bob's son was one of the graduates.

Louessa Coffey was at West Point for the early part of June week and presented the baseball award given in memory of Jack.

Leo and Miriam Conner held a delightful party for the class at their home last month. Leo gave us the grand tour of his garden. He must have real magic in that spade and watering can.

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Mrs. Collins and General J. Lawton Collins greet Master Sergeant Edward N. Davis (Ret) who drove for General Collins for many years.

No recent news from our European travelers but I believe the Sharps, Cowles and Heiners are back with the Phil Days still doing the sights.

Honors and distinction continue for Ed Leavey. I hope all classmates saw the wonderful article in the New York Times of May 27, on the occasion of Ed's "initial encounter as President of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation with 1,080 stockholders." The Times concluded that he passed the rigid inspection and came through without a scratch. We classmates can state that this accomplishment simply follows the Leavey pattern. He has quietly and efficiently solved every problem with which he has been faced.

Bill Reeder reports having seen Al Paca at V.P.I. where both were visiting their respective sons. Al is now resident in Annapolis and plans to come over to join our Washington group at our monthly luncheons.

Wagner is on strike against both the two dollar and the dollar and a half haircut. He uses some kind of safety shears. The hair looks fine but several of the boys at the class lunch thought his ears looked too short.

Pablo Cole has sent us much interesting news from the San Francisco contingent. He enclosed a clipping from a San Francisco paper announcing that cadet Colonel William deCamp was adjudged the outstanding cadet in the ROTC program at the University of California and was presented the coveted Henry Henley Chapman award. The young man is a son of our Taylor and Bar-

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bara deCamp. Bill Chapman was on hand for the ceremony. He set up the award in 1925 in honor of his brother Hank, whom we all remember in the Class of April 1917.

Among the other honors bestowed on Bill deCamp was his selection as Class Alumni Representative. He has been Cadet Brigade Commander. He was selected for commission in the Regular Army and will start off this summer at the Armored School, Fort Knox.

The senior deCamps are planning a trip East to see John T., Jr. (Class of '43), now attending the Harvard School of Business Administration.

Pablo and Laura Cole made a late winter trip to Death Valley, Palm Springs, San Diego, Monterey and Las Vegas. In the last place, he reports he found little success with his system. Paul saw Bill and Toodles Chapman in Pacific Grove and reports both in the pink after a reducing diet.

Pablo further reports on Mickey Kernan, Spider Maling, Ken Moore and Jack Mallory. Mickey has a thriving law practice and still retains all of his cadet bounce. Spider is a realtor in Santa Rosa, and apparently enjoying life to the utmost. Spider's oldest son after finishing the C&GSS is now stationed at Fort Sill. Ken Moore is active in his many interests. His son (Class of '45) has been at the University of California since 1953. Jack Mallory is playing a lot of good golf at the Presidio. Jack recently returned from visiting his eldest son, John H., Jr. (Class of '47) and family at Walker Air Force Base. Jack's youngest son, Bill, an O.C.S. graduate is in Korea.

Bob Bringham reports from Los Angeles that he, Frog Reed, Bertholet and George Herbert represented the Class at the Founders Day Banquet in that city. Bob says he and Reed attended the U.C.L.A.-Stanford rugby game to watch young Andy Reed play for Stanford.

Via our most reliable and faithful news source, Jules Schaefer, we learn that Ted and Mary Buechler made a southern trip and checked on the conduct of McGregor, Rolfe, House, Morgan and Kit Carson. He reported all in fine shape. En route home to Grand Island Ted and Mary had a good visit with Jack and Mary Knight in New Orleans.

In a letter postmarked Monterey and signed only "Quien Sabe" I am informed that our versatile Bill Chapman is displaying his knowledge of the game if not his prowess by officiating at some of the big name golf tournaments on the Monterey Peninsula. Arthur and Betty Weeks plan to move to Hawaii permanently. Rancho Chupinos is celebrating the arrival of Linda Ynez—the second grandchild for Willie and Ynez Wilson. Jack Bissell is in rugged good health and Julia is recovering from a recent indisposition. Barbara, their daughter, lives in nearby Santa Monica. M. Sabe adds that Jerry Counts could empty Florida if he added seascapes from Chapman's lawn, mountain scenery from the Wilson Ranch and a beautiful view of historic Carmel Mission from Bissell's front porch and gave a showing to our Florida contingent.

Bill Chapman reports an enjoyable cocktail party at the Ray Williamsons. Among the guests were the Bissells, Willie Wilsons, and Bill and Toodles Chapman.

Many thanks to you faithful correspondents. Come again, PLEASE!

—*L. McC. Jones.*

June 1918

Our oldest yet newest classmate was "formally" inducted into our class at a delightful luncheon at his apartment. The committee—Addie Adcock, Bitt Barth, Laddie Bellinger, Pat Casey, Lucius Clay, Jack Grant, Jim Marshall, and Clarry Townsley—presented Bernard M. Baruch with an illuminated scroll proclaiming him an Honorary Member of the Class of June 1918 USMA. Johnnie Bethel had sent up one of our Howitzers which was also presented to him. Manufacture of a class ring was not completed in time for this meeting. If he had not been so hard of hearing, and his boyhood hopes had been fulfilled he would have been graduated in about the class of 1892 or 3.

Somehow the notes I had carefully gathered and filed away for this column have disappeared. From here on my memory is my only source and will explain errors and omissions.

Do you all know we have but six still on active duty? Sam Sturgis, Gene Caffey, Bill Barriger, Lane Holman, Bitt Barth, and Phil Gallagher. Incidentally Phil's new address is Camp Gordon, Georgia.

As a result of a heart attack, Hugh M. (Pat) Wilson died on May 7 at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Since his retirement after the war, Pat had been a manager of the Caribe Motors Corporation (General Motors). I last saw Pat about two years ago when he visited New York. He was still his old genial self with just the right word for everyone he met.

GG Grant is taking off on a Mediterranean cruise the end of June leaving Jack to fend for himself. Jack has to attend the annual convention of the Bar (?) Association.

Bud Miley is with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane at 815 15th Street, NW, Washington 5, D. C. He and Fenie have been house hunting in the Washington area.

Start laying your plans to attend our fortieth reunion at West Point—June Week 1958.

—*C. P. Townsley.*

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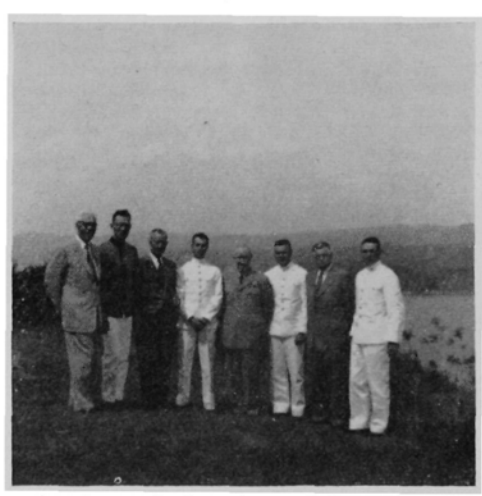
This year we had four sons graduate: Heath Twichell, Jr., Walter J. Muller, Jr., Charles C. Gorlinski, and Dexter H. Shaler.



Members of the Class of November '18 with their sons who graduated in the Class of 1956. From left to right—Heath Twichell and Heath, Jr., "Count" Gorlinski and Charles, "Maude" Muller and W. J., Jr., Harrison Shaler and Dexter.

The parents of all four were in attendance. Also Shaler's Aunt Eleanor, and his grandmother, Mrs. Williams.

On Sunday afternoon, June 3, the Graduating Sons, their parents, flanées, girls, etc., came to The Squirrels for a small Class party. Van Voorst and Mary Jane McCone (late Major, Army Nurse Corps, and now Superintendent of Nursing at the Memorial Hospital, Winchester, Virginia) were also present. "Maude" Muller presented the Class present to each of the Graduating Sons, a life membership in the Association of Graduates and a year's subscription to *Assembly* and *The Register*. "Maude" gave a splendid short talk. Of course he would; but still I am always so pleased at the competence and maturity of my contemporaries. My memory seems to classify us all as still in the Plebe Sink. After this little ceremony we all went to the Superintendent's Reception. The clever are lucky and the lucky are clever. With our usual good management it was arranged that the weather on Sunday afternoon was perfect. Rain poured for two days and stopped just in time for our 3 o'clock party.

"Maude" Muller is now Deputy Commanding General, 6th Army, at The Presidio, San Francisco.

Howard Peckham and Dick Groves were at West Point on Monday, June 4, for the meeting of the Trustees of the Association of Graduates, of which both are members.

Fred Butler writes a lot of personal stuff that won't interest the rest of you, but concludes with: "Come what may, this is a firm commitment from Fred Butler that he will make the same pilgrimage two years hence, for I want to have a good look at some of the *old* boys forty years after." The "pilgrimage" allusion is to Fred's business trip to the East, during which he was so damned busy that none of us got to see much of him.

Our parachutist Son, Willard Ames Holbrook, III, managed a safe landing on his emergency chute at Benning recently, when his main parachute failed to open. According to my informant, he was pretty close to the ground when he pulled the string on the emergency chute, but all went well.

A Chrysler publicity release in the New York Herald Tribune accompanied by a large photograph, announces that G. W. Trichel has been appointed president of the Amplex Division of Chrysler Corporation. This prompted me to write "Trickle" and ask what in Heaven's name "Amplex" is. His reply was, from Hotel George V, 31 Avenue George V, Paris. "Thanks a lot for your good wishes for me in my new job. Amplex is a very small piece of the Chrysler empire, but it has problems enough to keep me occupied, I am sure. Just now Betty and I are vacationing in Europe, but all too soon will be back in Detroit and the 'salt mine'."

Elmer Barnes' Spring Class Party was a great success. The evening of April 17 the Washington Group—Classmates, Wives and Widows—had a most enjoyable dinner at the Fort McNair Club. From out of town Lucy and George McReynolds came from Carpenteria, California; the Peckhams from New York; the Conrads from Highland Falls; the Colsons from Leesburg; the Twichells from Lusby, Maryland; "Howdie" Canaan from Omaha; Paul Kelly from Phoebus; and Lodge from Philadelphia. Fred Butler got as near as Baltimore but was kept away at the last minute by business. The Washington Group turned out in force. The Badgers, Barneses, Bennetts, Dellers, Griffiths, Gullatts, Hastings, Hickses, Holbrooks, Mickelsens, Bill Millers, Mosses, Normans, Pilands, Schows, Stokes, Valentines, Van Voorst, Jean Bevans, "Jimmy" Hemenway, and Betty Pence were all there. Howard Peckham presided and called on Elmer Barnes who read letters from Bergman, Bowman, Bill Blair, Christiansen, Chorpening, Colwell, Dickson, Elleman, Hinds, Jenkins, Muller and Wood, all regretting their inability to attend. "Chorp" expects to be transferred to Washington this summer and retire. Johnny Hinds said in his letter that he had already retired and

is building a house in Florida. His address is Box 346A, Route 6, Orlando, Florida.

Howard then reported on his recent trip on which as usual he looked up as many members of the Class as possible. In his talk he said: "Marion and I have just come from Florida and we have timed our leave itinerary so that we would be in Washington for this party. Since I shall retire sometime within the next year, we wanted to look over central Florida to see whether we would like to settle down there. Our Estimate of the Situation is not complete because we want to look over some other areas also.

"We saw Bob Lovett, who is with an engineering firm in Miami; Joe Swift, who has built a wonderful large house on a lake in Winter Park; and Jack Niles, who has married and settled down on Santa Fe Lake about 17 miles east of Gainesville, Florida—his address is Melrose, Florida. It was good to see these classmates and their wives again. I was not able to contact Sam Walker and Mike Jenkins as we went through Pompano Beach, nor John Sherman in Winter Park. I did talk with Dick Babbitt who lives near Orlando AFB and who operates a school to train people to sell real estate and obtain their licenses therefor.

"Other members of the Florida colony whom we saw were Andy Moore, June '18, in Miami; Bob Crawford, '14; Lawrence Mitchell and Charlie Gerhardt, April '17; Jim Newman, June '18, and Fred Pitts, '20, in Winter Park; and George Price, '19, at Melrose. We enjoyed the hospitality of all of these friends and their wives. They all seem to be very happy in their retirement.

"I am particularly glad that Marion and I could make this party because I have always enjoyed Class reunions. I remember well my first one. When I arrived in Manila by Army Transport in February 1923, there were seventeen members of our class on the pier to greet me and take me to the Army-Navy Club. Subsequently, I had the pleasure of attending reunions on Corregidor as a guest of Newell and Jimmy Hemenway. Bonner Fellers and Joe Moss, who are here tonight were at those parties. Our class party at this Club during the Christmas season several years ago was one to be remembered, and of course Marion and I were flattered by the party which you all gave us at the Army-Navy Club just before our departure for Paris is 1947.

"We have a wonderful group of Classmates, wives and Class widows here in Washington. Elmer Barnes deserves much credit for keeping them together. I hope to do the same in New York City where we have Banister, Bergman, Curtis, Fasnacht, Groves, Hubbell, Vidal and Wanamaker. I know that Bryan Conrad can be counted on to join us, and I have recently learned that Cunningham and Sheridan are not too far away from New York City. Rick, who started out with us but graduated with 1919, will join us too.

"Our 40th Reunion is only two years away, and I think that it is not too soon for us to make our plans for attending it. We had a fine turnout for our 35th, and we all had a grand time. Let's all resolve now to go to the reunion in 1958 and take our wives with us."

Fred Pearson reports Knudsen, March, Pearson and Sawtelle present at the Founders Day Dinner in San Antonio. Don Sawtelle, Jr., has an appointment to West Point for 1957, but is competing in the 1956 Presidential. Knudsen's son also plans to enter the Academy, but may spend another year at Rice before entering. The Mike Jenkins were in Corpus Christi during the winter and dined with the Sawtelles. Pearson thinks that George Lewis is living in Corpus Christi and asked Don to look him up. He also reports meeting Alex Mackenzie, his younger daughter and grandchildren in the Post Exchange at Fort Sam, and the Websters now and then at the Commissary.

Pearson also reports that Charlie Moore has had a complete recovery, and that he has seen Dunkelberg, the Peckhams and Willie Webster.

Harrison Shaler has joined Aerojet-General. He is working for them on a part-time basis until July when he will have to move down to Los Angeles. His family will follow later.

Handsome Harry Hillard reported that Groves and McReynolds were in Shreveport during the Spring. He wants all Classmates who come that way to get in touch with him at 2919 Meriwether Road.

Fred Butler wrote recently of a party Johnny Hughes had for the Chorpenings. Present were the A. M. Wilsons, Monroes, Ericksens, Trowers, and Mullers.

Mike Jenkins' daughter and her husband, Robert Coller, of the Class of '46, were at West Point for his 10th Reunion and dropped in at The Squirrels.

A recent letter from George Badger describes an inspection trip of the Holbrook Empire that he took as Hunk's Number One Boy. He writes: "Laura Belle joined me on this trek which took us as far West as Honolulu. We saw quite a few Classmates on our travels so I shall give you a brief account of our wanderings. We took off from Washington February 29. San Antonio was our first stop. Chick Noble, S.O. Class, is in charge of our office there. We saw Chris Knudsen, Freddy Pearson, Duke Dunkelberg and Howell Cocke. As a matter of fact, Howell flew over with Lulla in their plane to entertain us at the Manger Hotel. The Pearsons had Laura Belle for lunch. I was unable to go because of business. Fred was at the Airport to see us off with a box of candy. Al Riani met us at San Diego. He and Eleanor had us for cockstails at their lovely house in LaJolla. They took us to the Surf and Tennis Club for dinner where we saw Pinkie Locke and his wife. Pinkie, as you may know, is Eleanor Riani's brother. At San Francisco we stayed with the A. M. Wilsons. They had a cocktail party and quite a few of the old gang were there—the Monroes, Ericsons, Butlers, Epes, Dietrichs, Gillands, Rogers and Hughes. The Gillands also had us for a cocktail party. It is an education to see how Morris has wired his apartment for Hi-Fi and recording. Flying to Honolulu took 8 hours, instead of the 9 days we spent on the Buford in 1921. Jerry O'Rourke's lovely wife entertained us at breakfast at the Halekalani Hotel. The Tommy Aarons were there. They had us for a wonderful steak supper. We met Capt. Holbrook, USN, Ret., Hunk's first cousin.

"When we got back to San Francisco the Monroes had us to a lovely party. We again saw the Classmates I mentioned before, and in addition Wendell Trower and his lovely wife.

"I telephoned to Mark Rhodes from Colorado Springs. He said that he was feeling fine. We both regretted that we could not meet in person."

—*G. B. Conrad.*

1919

Retirements on May 31 included Tony McAuliffe and Sladen Bradley. Tony was given the works in a big retirement ceremony at Fort Myer, which included a review of the 3rd "Old Guard" Infantry Regiment and the "trooping of the line" by the U.S. Army Band. Following the ceremony the McAuliffes were guests of honor at a reception by the Bruckers and the Taylors. Classmates present included the Nate Twinings, Willie Palmer, the Bill Wymans, the Herb Jones', the Gene McGinleys, the Jack Murphys, the Mike Brannons, the Joe Cranstons, the Wes Jerveys, and the Kyke Allans. Prior to returning to this country to retire, Tony had delivered the Kermit Roosevelt lectures at the Imperial Defense College, the British Staff College, and the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. Following his retirement, Tony started to work for the American Cyanamid Company of New York.

Speaking of retirements, I presume it is not news that Al Gruenther is expecting to retire in the fall. His successor as Commander of the NATO forces in Europe has already been named. Al was this year awarded the Laetare Medal by the University of Notre Dame. This medal is awarded to the outstanding Catholic layman of the year. Al visited West Point on May 26 just long enough to lecture to the First and Second Classes on the situation in Europe. Having heard quite a number of Al's lectures, this observer makes bold to call this year's lecture the best he has heard Al give (and he has heard some good ones).

In March Hobart Hewitt received his promotion to permanent Major General in the Regular Army. Jim Phillips has recently been ordered back to Washington from Europe, it being presumed that he will head the Army Security Agency.

Kyke Allan reports that Urban Niblo has returned to Washington to live. His business card lists him as Director of Governmental Operations for the Dresser Industries, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, with offices at 725 15th Street, N.W., and home address 5016 Loughboro Avenue, N.W. Following his retirement two years ago, Jazz Parsons has been instructing in the University of Maryland Overseas Program with address 1 Place de la Nation, Verdun, Meuse, France. He apparently enjoys his work very much and says he likes working for Hermie Beukema, who is in charge of the program.

Forrest Cookson, Jr., was married to Jo Anne Corlette Parport in Princeton, New Jersey, on March 22, 1956. Class sons graduating from USMA on June 5 included Bob Flory and John Snodgrass. Bob was married to Miss Sue Samuel at Fort Meade, Maryland on June 9. Dick Emery is the only other class son now in the Corps, a member of the Class of 1957. During June Week Les Flory, the Snodgrasses and Toots Frederick were house guests of the Brick Bartletts. Unfortunately Dot Flory was prevented by illness from being at the graduation. At one time or another, the following all showed up at the class headquarters, Quarters No. 33: Dick and Jewell Emery; Alex, Mary Francis, and Mary Kirby; Link and Elsie Dillaway and their son Charles; Jack Dominey; Lil Frederick; and Count Wilson. Kirby expects to be in charge of the Anglo-American Schools in Greece next year. After printing several different versions of Lil Frederick's address in Columbus, Georgia, I now have it from the horse's mouth, Lil himself, that the correct spelling is 3821 Steam Mill Road, Columbus, Georgia.

Al Wedemeyer writes that Nate Twining was awarded the General William E. Mitchell Award at a dinner this past April. After undergoing surgery last fall, Al has finally been given a clean bill of health by the doctors, although he is to take a rest of several months at his place in Maryland. He is not certain of his plans thereafter.

Pearl Loeb writes that when she and Martin were in St. Petersburg, Florida last year they visited Maurice and Margaret

Kurtz. Maurice has had a stroke and is almost completely paralyzed. He is in bed most of the time in the Bay Pines Hospital at Madeira Beach, Florida. Pearl suggests that a very nice thing would be to drop Maurice a postcard or letter to help him while away the time. She and Martin are both well.

Horace Speed writes that the following were in attendance at the last cocktail party and buffet at the Army and Navy Club on May 26: Kyke and Emmy Allan; Stu and Helen Barden; Jeanne Marie Burgess (George could not come); Jim and Betty Cole; Les and Dot Flory; Elton and Georgina Hammond; Jimmie and Edith Harbaugh; Wes and Phyllis Jervey; Herb and Anabel Jones; George W. Lewis; Doc and Opie Loper; Doc and Patty Martin; Jack and Irene Murphy; Urban and Kay Niblo; Joe and Margaret Odell; Dick and Emma Ovenshine; Horace and Minette Speed; LeRoy and Dorothy Wilson; Ham Young; Wayne and Ruby Zimmerman (new wife seems to be very nice); Bill Barton and Ed and Polly Sebree (delighted to have all three. Hope other out of town classmates will come). The asides are Horace's.

Horace asks me to remind you all that any classmate coming to Washington check in with him or Kyke Allan if he feels like seeing members of the class. Class cocktail parties are usually held the last Saturday in October, the Saturday nearest Valentine's Day, and the last Saturday in May.

Jack Murphy has recently been ordered to Fort Monroe from the Pentagon.

—*Boyd W. (Brick) Bartlett.*

1920

Although I have retracted an item which I reported in error in this column of the last issue of *Assembly* by sending a printed notice of the retraction to each classmate member of the Association of Graduates, I feel that I should again mention the matter for the benefit of any who may have failed to receive this special notice. In the last issue I announced in error the death of Charles Joslyn. Instead, the announcement should have read that his wife Jean passed away on November 30, 1955. It is deeply regretted that this error was made.

I must also at this time inform the class that Catherine Bessell, beloved wife of "Bill" Bessell, passed away at West Point on the morning of May 11th, 1956 following an illness of several weeks. "Bill" has asked that I convey to the class his and his daughter "Connie's" thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and the flowers from the class.

The Army-Navy-Air Force Journal of May 26, 1956 announced the marriage of Miss Sara Stewart Chace, daughter of Major General and Mrs. Halley Grey Maddox, in Goeppingen, Germany to Mr. William Carl Bullard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Raleigh Bullard of Houston, Texas. The Episcopal service was performed by Chaplain (Captain) Gardner H. Johnson. The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather Halley. Mr. and Mrs. Bullard left for a wedding trip in Italy following a reception in the terraced gardens in the home of the bride's parents. Upon completion of their wedding trip the couple will reside in Houston, Texas.

The New York Herald Tribune of May 15, 1956 announced that Willis McDonald, vice-president of the New York Trust Company, has been elected a director of the DeLaval Steam Turbine Company.

Under date of April 18, I received a note from Loper Lowry of Tampa, Florida inclosing an item from the Tampa Daily Times describing a drive for membership in a new golf club to be built on Kings Bay at Crystal River. The general chairman of this enterprise is Brigadier General Claude M. McQuarrie, Ret'd, of Crystal River. The enterprise includes plans for an 18 hole golf course made by John VanKleek of Tryon, North Carolina who was the designer of St. Petersburg's "Pasadena" course and more than 250 other major golf courses in the United States and South America. In describing the Crystal River Golf Club, Mr. VanKleek said, "It will easily rank among the best".

A dispatch received from Seoul, Korea dated March 27, 1956, states that Brigadier General Charles H. Schwartz, recently assigned to the United States Military Advisory Group to the Republic of Korea, has been named Senior Advisor to the 2d Republic of Korea Army. "Hippo" assumed his new duties the following day, March 28th.

Prior to this honor tendered him on his arrival in Seoul, "Hippo" was Commanding General of the 2d Infantry Division Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington. Incidentally, "Hippo" is one of the 18 odd remaining members of 1920 still on active duty.

During the June Week festivities just completed, nine classmates met at West Point. They were "Jack" McBlain, Lee Denson, "Johnny" Johnston, John McNulty, "Bill" Bessell, "Larry" Schick, "Charlie" West, "Red" Blaik, and your scribe "Ted" Gillette. Sabers were presented by the Class of 1920 to two class sons graduating in the Class of 1956, Lee A. Denson, Jr. and David J. Johnston. The first named son graduated a Distinguished Cadet, standing No. 4 in his class. Attending the presentation of saber ceremony was Lieutenant William Lyman Lemnitzer, Jr., USMA '51, who graduated No. 5 in his class, and is now under orders to return to the Academy in August 1956 to be an instructor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry.

—*E. C. G., Jr.*

1921 and 1922

It was a small June Week this year and just a corporal's guard of Orioles were on hand to worry about how close they were getting to the head of that Alumni line. Max Taylor was the corporal — he later spoke at the Alumni luncheon — and the guard consisted of Kyle, Klein, Johnson, R. H., Branham, Barrett and Albert.

Correspondents have been particularly kind lately so that there is rather more than usual to report.

Ben Chidlaw didn't get the long vacation he had planned but has been travelling a lot, getting acquainted with Thompson Products, Inc., of which he is an officer and a director. He finds no great difference between the headaches of big business and those of managing a major military command — neither one guaranteed to make you any younger. He and Lillian are making their home in Cleveland. Ben hopes that any Oriole out that way will give him a call.

Gus Nelson, having been elected to the Sarasota County Board of Supervisors as a Republican, is now running for Congress from Florida on the Republican ticket. Good luck, Gus.

Both Mark McClure and Holmes Ficklen write from San Antonio. A pretty good nest of Orioles there, with those two plus Crandell, Dance, Hein and Hensey. McClure and Dance play golf together, but neither will admit his scores. Max Taylor reports that, after a long build-up by Mark about the tasks confronting him in Fourth Army, Hop took all the effect away by asking Mark "The usual game tomorrow, eight o'clock?"

Ficklen, forgetting his years, has started up a new family, with three children from three to eleven years of age. He has two grandchildren who are respectively five and four years older than his son, age three, a candidate for USMA 1975.

Meanwhile Fred Hein remains a bachelor ("and has a good guard" says Ficklen). The only one in the class!

PD Lynch writes from Texas too, about trailer travelling during most of the past year, seeing old friends and determining whether any of them were doing something more interesting than PD's own plans to teach in the College of Business at the University of Texas. He and Edith drove to both California and Florida, then went back and bought a home in Austin.

PD has what sounds like good advice for retiring officers. First, he says, decide what you want to do—*and it has to be something* more satisfying than merely to sit on the porch and rock. Then find the place that best suits that activity, but don't be in too big a hurry to settle down. A travel trailer is an excellent means of looking the country over without excessive expense and permits staying in a place long enough to get the feel of it. Makes sense, doesn't it?

The Bob Taylors are also living in Austin, Bob teaching Descriptive Geometry and Drawing at the University of Texas and Janet keeping busy selling real estate.

DJ and Madeleine Crawford write from Ciudad Trujillo, extolling the beauty of the place. DJ and George Olmsted are interested in an outfit called International Services and they have been getting together from time to time in that Caribbean capital. Earlier, DJ and Eddie Clark had been working on a project in Massachusetts. The world is their field, it seems.

From Europe comes an account of the ceremonies held at Rhein-Main airfield for Orval Cook, who retired on May 31. And Cort Schuyler has put on his fourth star in Paris.

Coming back to West Point, McCoy Smith was the only second-generation Oriole in the Class of 1956, a fine student and a top-notch lacrosse player. Perry's daughter was married at West Point on April 7 and McCoy had the unusual privilege of escorting both his mother and his sister down the Chapel aisle.

Willis Thompson, Tommy's boy, Class of 1957, won the intercollegiate gymnastics championship on the horizontal bar during the winter sports season.

Now just a word about the future. The 35th reunion is the nearest important date ahead, so mark at least 1, 2 and 3 June on your calendar for 1957. There will be a reunion bulletin some time this fall. Let's make the occasion a big one!

—*C. J. Barrett.*

1923

Although the class did not have a reunion this year, it was well represented during June Week. The following members from elsewhere were present: Tredennick, Carraway, Chambers, Bowen, Tully, Scheetz, Weikert and Pierce, W. R. Freddie Phillips was reported to have been here at some time during the proceedings, though I did not get to see him. With Babe Bryan and myself, the total was eleven.

We had four class sons graduate this time: Stuart W. Bowen, Joseph R. Carraway, David R. Larr and Richard B. Pierce, son of W. R. Pierce.

Wallace Whitson came up for the marriage of his son, Captain William Wallace Whitson, to Miss Mary Haywood Vance in

the Cadet Chapel on May 30th. The bride is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Reginald Franklin Conroy Vance, USAF. The wedding reception was held in the Pershing Room of Cullum Hall. Young Whitson is an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences. An unusual feature of the wedding was that when the couple came out from under the arch of swords they found a suitably decorated horse and carriage waiting to carry them to Cullum Hall.

Deke Stone was here the 11th and 12th of June, having come from California to attend the wedding of his son, Gregory, in Washington, D. C. Much to my disappointment, I missed him by being away visiting my sister at Virginia Beach. My wife reports, however, that Deke is well and flourishing in spite of working so hard for his graduate degree in order to teach.

On May 20th I received an agreeable surprise in the form of a visit from Ellen Garrecht, one of Art's twin daughters. She is now an M.D. and on the staff of a hospital in Brooklyn. She says that Art and Agnes are both well.

The following item is copied from the June 16 issue of the *Army, Navy, Air Force Journal*: "Commencement exercises at Princeton University on June 12 saw Colonel Bernard A. Tormey, USA-Ret., 56, receive an M.A. in the Department of Modern Languages where he has specialized in German. His son, Captain James H. Tormey, USA, 26, won an M.S.E. in Civil Engineering.

"Colonel Tormey, USMA '23, intends to continue graduate work. Captain Tormey, USMA '50, leaves in July for Heidelberg with his wife for assignment to the 11th Engineers Group. Colonel and Mrs. Tormey also plan a trip to Germany where he will begin a year's study in August at the University of Heidelberg before returning to Princeton to write a doctoral dissertation."

Most of you probably noticed the newspaper accounts of Jazz Harmony's heart attack early in April. By a lucky coincidence, he had the services of Dr. Paul Dudley White, Eisenhower's specialist, who happened to be in Tokyo at the time and was flown to Seoul to attend Jazz. On April 26, Jazz himself wrote, "I hasten to tell you that in two days the doctors are releasing me from the hospital. Of course I must take it easy for a spell and then will be as good as new." The *Journal* of May 12 reported that Jazz was expected to return to full duty status early in June.

Jazz also wrote, "At the annual West Point Dinner Griener, Binns and I represented '23. We had a wonderful time."

Fritz Breidster wrote in April, "Inasmuch as it was quite an event for me, I thought that I would report to you on some facets of a trip that Rom and I recently made to the West Coast.

"One of the highlights was that I enjoyed the annual West Point Society dinner at the Presidio of San Francisco, and had a real pleasant reunion with Palmer, G. H., Jim Fitzmaurice, and Black Gurley. Later on in the week I enjoyed a visit with Ralph Tudor, and also with Pinky Dorn when we were visiting in Carmel." Fritz went on to express his regret that time did not permit him to locate all classmates living in that vicinity.

In giving an account of June Week events, I forgot to mention that the Class of 1923 Swimming Award was won by Cadet R. E. Quackenbush.

We enjoyed a visit from Judson and Verne McGehee on April 15th. They were armed with details and snapshots of a party they had given in Palo Alto. The guests were: Trooper Price and girl friend, Sammy and Ruth Johnson, Mark and Harriet Pesek, Ralph and Lucille Tudor, Art and Agnes Garrecht, Jim and Marge Fitzmaurice.

Stu Beckley reports that the organization of the Washington Group is as follows: Woggie Towle, Executive Chairman; Jimmie Torrence, Class Treasurer; PD Weikert, Harry Roper and Carter Magruder, Executive Committee. Stu has the onerous job of checking and revising the class roster. He expects to get out a new one next fall.

The April 28 issue of the *Journal* carried the following item: "Brigadier General Frank 'Pinky' Dorn, USA-Ret, was in Washington this week en route to Paris where he will hold a one-man art show on May 18. He was Deputy Chief of Information at the time of his retirement in 1953; he's also the author of a popular-selling cook book."

Other gleanings from the *Journal*: Major General James C. Fry has been named Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Italy. Major General Charles V. Bromley, Jr., retired upon application from Fort Knox, Kentucky.

I had just folded this opus, put it in an envelope and sealed it, when in rushed the messenger with a letter from Hugh Johnson, Seminole Road, Babson Park, Florida. Aside from saying he loves Florida and has a job that keeps him working like a beaver, Johnny submits the following news.

A free trip to France was awarded to Agnes Garrecht at the annual convention of the National Council of State Garden Clubs in Salt Lake City. Representing the Palo Alto Garden Club, she was the winner in the Grand National Quelque Fleurs French Garden planning competition. During the trip, she will tour the great gardens of France. She will leave with her youngest daughter, Mary, on July 7th. They will visit Ellen in New York before flying to Paris where her third daughter is with the United Nations Organization.

—*Bill Morton.*

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Lowell Limpus, Editorial Staff, The News, 220 East 42nd Street, New York 7, New York, has furnished the following: "The high point of the June Week Reunion for members of the Thundering Herd probably was the presentation of our usual memorial plaques to the graduating sons of seven Classmates. The brief ceremony occurred in the Electricity Lecture Room on the morning of June 4, with Charlie Stevenson, Chairman of the arrangements committee presiding before an audience composed largely of parents, relatives and friends of the recipients, other members of the Herd, Mrs. Reed Graves, and Class sons who belong to lower classes. Stevenson introduced Limpus, who made a few remarks and then presented the plaques. Zar Parmly, Class President, who was unable to be present sent the following telegram from Cascade, Colorado: "Please convey to our graduating sons congratulations from the Class of 1924 on a big job well done. We are proud of them and welcome them into a fine fraternity.'

"The recipients of the plaques included Larry Adams' son, Richard, Harry Cavanaugh's son, Michael; Vic Conrad's son, Michael; Mark Smith's son, Mark; Merrow Sorley's son, Lewis III; Charlie Stevenson's son, John and George Young's son, George, Jr. Arrangements for the West Point end of the ceremony had been made by Lewis Sorley. Before we left, Charley Des Islets of the 2nd Class agreed to shoulder the burden of similar arrangements for next year, when we will have five plaques to present.

"The plaques themselves are framed shields, emblazoned with the Class Seals of 1924 and the Graduating Class, above an appropriate inscription, testifying to the link between us. At present in addition to the five Sons in the Class of 1957, we have six in 1958 and four in 1959. No grandsons have been so honored—yet.

"Classmates who attended at least portions of the June Week festivities this year included Adams, L. W., Barkes, Cavanaugh, Conrad, Finlay, Graling, Limpus, Mulligan, Pasolli, Pence, Smith, M. E., Sorley, Stevenson, Stowell, Sullivan, Young. Larry Ladue's mother was in her accustomed place near the Library, in a wheel chair, for the Old Grad's parade and waved her acknowledgment of a mass greeting from her son's Classmates. Louise Graves, widow of Reed Graves, P.O. Box 502, Charleston, South Carolina, was at West Point for June Week."

Zar Parmly has graciously condescended to give us a brief report from his mountain retreat at Cascade, Colorado,—Actually we received more news from Dorethe when she visited Washington for a short time in April, and it was good to see her again. Dorethe attended the April luncheon of the Wives of '24 while she was in Washington.

Zar reports that only three of The Herd were representatives at the Founders Day Dinner this year at ENT Air Force Base: Zar Parmly, Fritz French — down from Denver — and the spirit of P. D. Ent, himself. Fritz looks more like the Kaydet ball player than a granddaddy of eight—no change. Tubby Burgess and family from Dallas have built themselves a mountain top home outside Manitou Springs, Colorado, not far from Cascade. Zar added that it was miles from civilization over a logging road—a summer place—and that he and Dorethe planned on pressing a call on the Burgess' soon. Zar and Dorethe are completely sold on the Rockies and hope to build their dream home in Cascade, Colorado, and develop pine-covered homesites into a Shangri-La for retired military folks. Zar says that crashing into the real estate game requires patience, a rhino's hide, and the good old retired pay. He added that son Lee (USMA '46) is currently serving with the MAAG in Thailand under our old pal Dick Prather. Son Wolcott (USMA '50) has just successfully completed two years at Georgia Tech with a Master's Degree in Electronics and is headed for station at Fort Knox. Daughter Sandra and hubby, Don Bradbury, (USMA '54) have gone to New Ulm, Germany, with the advance party of the 13th Infantry. Zar also reported that Pat Partridge, whose picture was in most of the newspapers recently, manages to cover the entire continent and still find time for an occasional spot of golf at his beloved Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. He and Kitty are still at that famous hostelry finding that the family life of such a traveling man hardly warrants keeping up a home.

We regret to report the death of Bess Kirkpatrick, widow of L. S. Kirkpatrick, deceased. Bess died at Walter Reed Hospital on May 10, 1956 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Her son Roy S. Kirkpatrick (USMA 1958) came from West Point for the funeral.

Zero Wilson, Room 513, Cotton Exchange Building, Houston Texas, has advised that it is lonesome in Houston as far as Army and Class contacts are concered but that he and Betty are doing o.k. They have bought a house in Houston and about once every two or three months they drive to San Antonio and visit Joe and Karla Burrill, and talk about old times, etc—etc—.

Zero said that he attended the Founders Day Dinner at Fort Sam Houston on March 16th and that 1924 had the largest repre-

sentation there. The Dinner was presided over by Slug McHugh, who is President of the West Point Society of the Southwest, and looked quite natural at the head table with all the other senior grads.

O. O. also gave us a report on the Thundering Herd reunion at Fort Sam Houston on April 7th at the Fourth Army Club, arranged and handled in a superior manner by Red and Erma Wrockloff, Joe and Nugie Massaro and Walt and Madge Proctor. So well, in fact, that a motion was made and seconded and unanimously carried that the same ones be in charge of all functions, work, details or anything else concerning 1924 from now on. Zero felt that this action, as can be imagined, was no doubt propelled by ample quantities of spirits, as often happens, but still seems a sound move. He hoped that Red Wrockloff had given us a report on the affair as Zero hesitated to list the names of those present, from memory, particularly as his mind wasn't too sharp at times during the evening. Wives were included in the party—Zero's list follows: Joe Burrill (who sang) and Karla, Chick Darling and Toots, Louis Friedersdorff and Adelaide, Ralph Koch and Alice, Pete Hains (still Pete—despite two stars—still Active) and Ada, Dan Healy and Margaret, Al Jennings and Genevive, Slug McHugh and Jane, Walt Proctor and Madge, Marcus Stokes, Red Wrockloff and Erma, Bob Cullen and Margaret, Oswaldo De La Rosa, Sarrat Hames and Margaret, Mugger Ives (who sang also) and Maude, Benny Leonard, Joe Massaro and Nugie, Gump Ramsey, Jess Traywick, Zero Wilson (who sang too) and Betty. All appeared to be hale, hearty, seemingly prosperous and contented.

In this connection, Pete Hains submitted an equally enthusiastic report of the gathering and added that the refreshments and food were delectable, the entertainment was impromtu and in keeping with Herd traditions, and all agreed that they should repeat the gathering at least twice a year. Pete also noted that Zero Wilson favored the group with some impromptu remarks and many old songs, ably assisted by Joe Burrill and Mugger Ives. Pete said that they all hoped that any visiting members of the Herd would let them know of their presence in the San Antonio area and would join them at the next Class party.

The only difference in the two reports of the party is that Zero Wilson saw (or at least listed) more people as being there than Pete Hains listed—so we don't know who to believe but have given Zero the benefit of the doubt. Be that as it may, it does sound as though it had been a big evening and we hope that if there are such gatherings in other areas we will be advised.

One more item from Zero—he says that he hears from Dinty Moore in Columbus, Georgia, now and then, and that he seems as happy as one can be out of the Army. They occasionally call each other "collect" in the ebb of the evening—so far Zero believes they are about even on the charges.

Charlie Stevenson reports that he saw Hardy Dillard and his wife Jan and son Hardy at Charlottesville the middle of June. Hardy was busy teaching contracts and other subjects in the Bar Review course. Charlie also saw Mrs. Vick Craw and her son Nick, Jr. while in Charlottesville. Nick, Jr. has just completed his freshman year at Princeton. Vick has a lovely home about five miles from Charlottesville.

Fred Pyne reporting from Birmingham, Michigan for the 1924 Class Bulletin, noted that he thought we were up to date on Les Fletcher according to the last issue of *Assembly*. Regarding Frank Lyndall, Fred said that he lives at 150 Aspen and is manager of the Sears Roebuck store in Pontiac, Michigan. Apparently the Pyne's see the Lyndalls now and then. D. D. Martin and Gay who live at 925 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe 36, Michigan, are also on the list that the Pynes see now and then in that area. In bringing us up to date on the activity of the Pynes, Fred said that they have been very happily married for 31 years and have 3 married children, 2 sons and 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren, 2 girls and 1 boy. Last fall Fred and his wife bought a brick house and 4½ acres at Linwood, Maryland, which is actually a small farm. Their son and his wife live next door to them and the Pynes plan to retire to their new place in Linwood when the Aluminum Company of America turns him out to pasture a few years from now and Fred hopes that members of the Herd passing through Linwood which is just 20 miles south of Gettsyburg will stop in and visit them.

We recently located two former members of the Class of 1924, namely, Hap Palmer who resigned in September 1921, and is now living at 26079 Ross Drive, Detroit 39, Michigan. Hap has his own company under the name of Harold L. Palmer Company, 2980 West Davison Avenue, Detroit 38, Michigan where he is doing light manufacturing. Another Ex-Herdsman which we recently caught up with is E. C. Baker who lives at 550 Parkview Drive, Detroit 15, Michigan. He resigned in 1923 and is presently with the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company which is a subsidiary of the American Natural Gas Company in Detroit, Michigan.

Jim Willis has left Halicrafters Radio and has taken a new job with the Federal Electric Corporation at Lodi, New Jersey, this is a unit of I. T. & T. As far as we know Jim continues to live at 266 Hathaway Lane, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

Dick Stephens has sent in a change of address indicating that he is leaving Headquarters, Northern Area Command, U.S. Army, Europe, and moving to the Army Council of Review Boards in the Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Bob Dewey reports from Turkey that he and Florence are enjoying Ankara. Their children Cici, Donny and Elizabeth are with them while their eldest son Bob has just returned to resume his studies as a Junior in the Engineering College of the University of Virginia. Bob said that he had seen Haydon Boatner and Pete Lee at a recent MAAG conference in Paris.

Charlie Palmer and Frank Kreidel have each written to Charlie Stevenson who forwarded their news to us. They report that they had seen Bill Sexton, Deputy Inspector General, who was in the process of making an around-the-world trip visiting a number of MAAGs. They accompanied Bill to Korea to make sure he was lodged in good hands when he got there. Frank and Charlie had been down to Taipei where they stopped with George Smythe. Susie was in Japan with a group of Girl Scouts, so they missed seeing her. They had visited Okinawa in April and had a reunion with Jim Moore and Vonna Burger there. Charlie Palmer said that he sees Art Trudeau often as Art is pretty much in evidence at various activities in Tokyo where he is stationed at Far East Command Headquarters. Art still has all the old pep and is doing a fine job, according to Charlie.

Frank Lazarus regretted Charlie Stevenson's invitation to attend the Class ceremony at West Point on June 4 and stated that he had to attend a Pre-camp conference at Oswego, New York the first part of June and inspect two of his upstate New York battalions. P. F. McLamb likewise regretted that he couldn't be at West Point on June 4 for the Class Scrolls presentation. Mac said that he, his wife, daughter and son, Peyton, Jr., were leaving on a four weeks' trip in the South. Peyton, Jr. attends Amherst College.

Fritz French, 2890 Leydon Street, Denver 7, Colorado, suggested we use his house address in writing to him rather than his Lowry Air Force Base address. Fritz said that he had seen Cy Caywood at the West Point luncheon in Denver.

Pat Pasolli who is a very busy working-

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Arthur G. Trudeau, Charles D. Palmer, George W. Smythe and Francis A. Kreidel meet for luncheon at Tokyo Officers' Club.

man now—living at 803 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey,—still finds time to keep us informed on Class matters coming to his attention. He reports that the Class of 1924 had a good turnout at the Founders Day Dinner at the Waldorf in New York City in March. He listed the following as being present: George Duerr, Harold King, Limpus, Stevenson, E. Peterson, Dombroski, Mulligan, Storck, Barkes, Kuniholm, Ed. A. Robins, Robert C. Finlay, Joe Morris, Tad Tasker and Pat Pasolli. He said that a number of them went to Kuniholm's apartment following the dinner and truly had a swell time.

Ed Robins also wrote to us concerning the Founders Day Dinner and how much he had enjoyed it. Ed said that he and his wife were planning a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, the end of May and that on their return they would probably move into an apartment in New York City, which they hoped would become a permanent address for them.

Bob Smith (Robert Foley Smith—Ex '24) is now the publisher of The Dearborn Press, Dearborn, Michigan. He reports that he has been tremendously busy rehabilitating the newspaper which has been growing by leaps and bounds. Bob said that he had seen Les Fletcher at an Alumnae meeting at Fort Wayne and also that Emil Lenzner had visited Dearborn. Bob reported on the Smith family's three children—Robert Foley Smith, Jr., Annapolis 1949, now a Lieutenant, USN; John Dexter Smith, USMA—1952, now at Fort Lee, Virginia; daughter Barbara Ann—a graduate of Indiana University, now with Pan American Airlines.

Emma Marcus, Mickey's widow, returned from Israel where Mickey is regared as a National hero, just too late for Graduation, but in time to attend a memorial celebration in his honor at the Israeli Consulate in New York City on June 6th. In her absence, Charlie Stevenson presented the Marcus Memorial Award to Cadet Weinstein, of the First Class, on June 4th at West Point. He qualified as the best boxer in the Corps.

Loomis Booth, Manager of the Athens, Greece, Water Company, has been designated by Haydon Boatner as the correspondent for the local "Herd" in Greece—there are two members of the Herd in Greece as far as we know. Loomis reports that there were two "Bulls" present at the West Point dinner, held on March 17th, out of a total of 19. He and Haydon were the two who made up the Senior Class present at the meeting.

In the Washington, D. C. area the monthly Class luncheons on the second Thursday of each month continue to be well attended. At one we were honored by the attendance of Robins, R. R. from San Jose, California, who happened to be in the City. The May luncheon we joined with the West Point Society of D. C. at Fort Lesley J. McNair where Prof. Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board spoke. 1924 had a total of 27 present with Ray Beurket from Baltimore present—Doc Coates from the University of Maryland—Jimmy Willis from Philadelphia and Ganorski Griffith from Topeka, Kansas, to mention the out-of-towners. The Wives of 1924 had a very successful luncheon the third Wednesday in April at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. They assembled at the Du Val's quarters there. The Wives have three luncheons a year—Fall, Winter and Spring and really achieve a good turn-out. Virginia Hart, Fort George Meade, Maryland, is in charge of the Fall 1956 luncheon.

Merrow Sorley and the John Hincke's have departed the Washington area and are now located in Chicago where Merrow and John are bolstering the Illinois Civil Defense. We miss them here and particularly your scribe misses John Hincke who rendered such excellent service in keeping up Class files, address lists, correspondence, etc. Bill Sexton has settled at No. 1—Glen Drive, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia. Ralph Glasgow has returned to the U.S. and is at the Alban Towers Apartments here until August at least.

Charley Royce and Daisy have bought a house and moved to 2725 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W., Washington 7, D. C. Dick Nugent is a member of The Cordiner Committee appointed by the Secretary of Defense to study and make recommendations concerning action to improve career attractiveness in the Services, including first and foremost a plan for pay increases. Ed Hart has taken over as Commanding General, Second Army, Fort George C. Meade, Maryland. Buck Lanham has moved into his new home, which they built, at 3407 Woolsey Drive, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland. Dave Page has given up his job with the Treasury Department and is now with the Veteran's Administration in Washington. We have heard a rumor to the effect that Bob and Madelaine Miller were leaving Washington and moving to New Mexico—so far, however, they haven't sent us their new address. Advance planning has started for the Annual Class Organization meeting and party to be held, as required by our Constitution and By-Laws, in October each year. Notices will be mailed out in August or early September concerning the 1956 meeting.

Sam Conley has finally settled down since his retirement last year and sent us a long letter detailing his many moves and his present location and occupation as Vice President for Development, Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. Sam states that Ruth and he are busy with the twins (Jackie and Joanie) age 8 years and James Harper—age one year—and trying to get their yard in shape for all of the animals which have to be taken care of for the children. — It sounds like a small zoo —. Sam appears to be happy in his new job and enjoying this different sort of a life in Ada. Their new home consists of about twelve acres (farm) — half within the City limits and half outside. We are indebted to Sam Strohecker for putting us in touch with the Conleys.

—*F. J. G.*

1925

Another June Week gone by; this one a little different for I watched my oldest boy shed the Cadet gray for khaki. The transition caused me to take a new look at myself and what I saw was not new but older with more gray and less on top. Time is going faster than we think. Six other classmates sons mounted the steps at graduation exercises and smilingly grabbed the long white tube. It was interesting to note how many cadets gave the tube a vigorous shake as they descended the steps on the far side of the platform. George Withers' boy and mine went into the Engineers; Johnnie Johnson's, Sam Lansing's, and George Lynch's went into the Air Force; Harry Crandall's into the Artillery; and Andy Barlow's into the Infantry.

Festivities started on an ominous note. On Friday, June 1 it began to rain; on Saturday, June 2 it rained all day and grew colder; on Sunday the third dawn saw the same thing and it began to look mighty bad for the Superintendent's reception that afternoon. The decision was made at noon to hold the reception in the Gym whereupon the sun began to break through. But it is not easy to change from one location to another and once started toward the Gym it had to stay that way. Too bad because for many the reception on the Superintendent's lawn is a highlight of the week.

The several parades and reviews were as interesting and beautiful as ever. They are now conducted in the old platoon front manner instead of battalion mass; makes for a much more attractive parade. The First Class at graduation parade stepping off to move to review positions still raises a lump in my throat and of late it seems that some little ducts in my eyes take this opportunity to misbehave. The Alumni exercises were as informal and confused as ever. Normally those of our era start marching to Thayer Monument from an initial point beyond the front door of Cullum Hall. This time we started right at the turn of the road near the tennis courts while the head of the column started from just across from the Clock Tower. I suppose this was done in consideration of General Hodges '81 who was present, but he must have rebelled a bit for he looks as spry and alert as ever. He was celebrating alone his 75th Reunion; the only graduate in our history to reach that event. Ed Garbisch exacted a promise from all of us present that we would definitely attend our 75th Reunion. The formation at Thayer Monument is always a moving one with the Cadet Choir singing The Corps and Alma Mater. The maneuvering into and out of position is another thing. In theory, it is simple enough. The column, in fours, arrives at the monument and turns right on the lawn in front. When the space is full the rear part of the column veers to the right alongside the part on the lawn. When that space is full the part in rear does the same and so on—a sort of right front into line. Everyone faces left toward the monument for the exercises. When leaving for the parade ground everyone faces left again and the column unfurls in reverse order with the junior classes in front. Every year for the past nine years this maneuver results in half of the Thundering Herd being in front of us and half behind. The consistency of this result intrigues me. It must have taken years of planning. Next year I shall bring my slide rule along to figure out how it is done. When lined up for the review last year we were to the left of the colors: this year we were far to the right. The head of the line is getting awfully close.

Secretary Brucker made the graduation address and it was inspiring, while down to earth. It is really worth reading several times. General Taylor made the address at the Alumni Luncheon and it was up to his usual high standards. During the luncheon the Chairman read a personal telegram from President Eisenhower to General Hodges congratulating him on his 75th Reunion. The general really received a round of applause from the assemblage. Present at the luncheon beside those mentioned in the opening paragraph (that is, except George Withers who couldn't make the trip) were Kelley, Cabell, Dickson, Garbisch and Nicholas.

Nothing more of note to report except that our financial problems are all capable of solution now with Harry Crandall as Chief of Finance. All other items, thousands of real interesting ones done in a splendid style are contained in Daddy Dunn's First Quarter 1956 Circular.

—*Mike Esposito.*

1926

The thirtieth reunion was quite a success! In all, 58 classmates and 2 widows of classmates showed up, along with 38 wives and 5 children. Those interested in statistics naturally are eager to learn that there were 85 at the cocktail dinner, 97 at

the picnic, 55 men at the Alumni Luncheon, and 32 ladies at the Wives' Luncheon. No count was made at the other miscellaneous events which included the dedication of the Conzelman plaque, the adoption of the Class Tree, and the presentation of gifts to graduating sons.

At all of the latter events, John Harvey Kane presided in his inimical manner. His originality of ideas, manner of presentation, and rare personality, made each of these little affairs an occasion to be remembered. There is no question that his talk at the Tree ceremony was a masterpiece. During the past years we have heard some rumors that John Harvey was not well. We heard that the old engine was beginning to knock a bit, the body had developed a few rattles, and the overall performance was not what it used to be. However, nothing is wrong with the ignition system. John Harvey is just as alert, just as full of wit and humor, and has the same spark that he had thirty years ago. All in all we were amazed, delighted, and proud to have our Class President on hand to serve as master of ceremonies.

The memory of the reunion leaves us with mixed recollections of the (almost) all-night barracks bull sessions, Trooper Doyle's fruitless efforts to get transportation, Anky's and Strick's labors of collecting cash, Herx Baxter's hair-do, Red Reeder's defense against Harvey Kane's charges of plagiarism, Nellie Nelson's new Imperial, Hal Brusher's smiling countenance, beautiful *young* Margaret McKinney, the dance team of Johnny Roosma and Liz Plummer, the far-away look in Bob Gaffney's eyes, Parker Reeve's eternal youth, the welcome reappearance of Walt and Thora Young, a Charleston exhibition (he shouldn't have done it) by none other than Bobby Ross, Eleanor Halversen's hospitality at Ladycliff, and the brief (15 minutes) appearance of RSVP Walker.

For the record, we now have only 25 members of the Class left on active duty, including a scant 4 in the Air Force. Fifty-eight classmates have reverted to retired status since the last issue of this column. The latter group received notable tributes from the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy and from the President of the United States, both of whose letters are reproduced in the 30th Reunion Bulletin. If you haven't received your copy please write immediately to Heiberg at West Point giving your correct address. A copy has been mailed to every dues-paying member. Incidentally, only ten members of the Class declined to pay their dues. This disinterested group includes one major general, one who was discharged, and one who was dismissed from the service. This deficit was partially made up by five ex-classmates who came through and two others who donated amounts in excess of that solicited. The extremely fine response of the Class is the best to date and was aided considerably by the effective follow-ups by Ankenbrandt.

The enjoyment of the reunion was saddened by the news of Pinky Grinder's death at his home in Phoenix on the 23rd of May, after a long illness. His body was laid to rest in the West Point Cemetery on the 6th of June. Besides his wife Dorothy and their son Richard (USMA '54) several members of his family were present. John Harvey Kane, Alex Sewall, Red Reeder, Herx Baxter, Roy Herte, and Mike Molloy served as pall bearers.

Most of you are familiar with Red Reeder's three published books, namely "West Point Plebe", "The MacKenzie Raid", and "Whispering Wind". Soon to appear on the bookstands is his "West Point Yearling", with a foreword by General Max Taylor. Get this book now and keep your Reeder collection current. If you have a boy, or know a boy who wants or might want to be a cadet, or if you were ever a cadet yourself, you will want to have this book.

This year's crop of graduating off-spring consisted of Ankenbrandt, Corderman and Harry Johnson. Young Toftoy returns to the Second Class after passing a reexam, and the new plebes include Baker and Kaylor, so the strength of the Class sons in the Corps remains the same at the respectable total of fifteen. Twenty-one have graduated to date.

Jimmy Van Horne has proudly announced the arrival of his grandson, Edwin James Van Horne, III. May you other grandparents send in your joyful news so that your happiness can be shared by other members of the Class. Also send in a description of your new job, as well as your home address as soon as you have settled so that our Class records may catch up after the turmoil occasioned by the completion of thirty years of service. —*Vald Heiberg.*

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Our hearty congratulations to Second Lieutenants Frederic J. Brown, III, and Alex N. Williams, III, who graduated this June.

The following have indicated intentions to be present for our 30th Reunion: Bob and Natalie Aloe, Mone and Ruth Asenio, George and Dee Asnip, Ray and Mary Bell, George and Linda Bender, Paul Berrigan, Ray and Becky Curtis, Dike and Louise Deichelmann, Henry and Janet Douglass, Dick Dickerson, Gar and Verone Davidson, Jim and Merritt Green, Chuck and Mary Ewing, Jack and Ova Hines, Hank and Helen Hoeffer, Dutch Holland, Ruby Hunter, Ham and Belle Hunter, Larry and Ethel Kuter, Jerry and Lucille Lillard, Tom and Margaret McManus, Mac and Jean Miller, Frank and Dorothea Ostenberg, Mike and Helen Pegg, Bob and Katherine Perrine, Mucker and Alice Quinn, Jim and Mazie Smyly, Jack Sterling, Chuck and Ami Stone, Ken and Vivian Thiebaud, Jim and Susie Thompson, Milt and Bertha Towner, Bill and Margaret Verbeck, Bunny and Helen Webb, Charlie and Frances Wesner, Jack and Joan West, and Mike and Verna Williams. A number of others will attend if possible although it appears doubtful now. Twenty-three will definitely not be able to attend, mainly because of distance and ninety have not yet returned their questionnaires.

Cadets Charles P. Stone, IV, Duncan P. Smyly, Raymond E. Bell, and Jack B. Cooper (Mike Pegg's stepson) should graduate in 1957. David S. Loughborough, Jr., 1958, and John N. Meloy, 1959, will also be present. Other Class sons who have graduated are Captain Francis E. Howard, Jr., Inf; Captain Edward B. Quinn, Ord; Captain Stuart Wood, CE; and Second Lieutenant James W. Smyly, III, (killed in an aircraft acident at Wolters AFB, Texas, February 8, 1951) 1950; Captain Charles B. Ewing, Jr., CE, 1951; First Lieutenants Manuel J. Asensio, Jr., McPherson Conner, Henry G. Mosely, and James J. Turner, all Infantry, 1952; First Lieutenant Guy S. Meloy, III, Inf, 1953; First Lieutenant James W. Daughtry, USAF, Joseph Ganahl, Inf, and Thomas M. Watlington, III, Inf, 1954; and Second Lieutenants William A. Axup and Martin L. McNamee, both Infantry, 1955.

We have other class sons serving in the armed forces—Second Lieutenant Horatio W. McKinney, Armor, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Second Lieutenant H. Gordon Douglas, CE (Res), 91st Engineer Combat Bn, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; First Lieutenant John S. Gardner, USAF, Naselle AFB, Washington; Corporal Philip K. Gardner, Arty, Fort Bliss, Texas; Sergeant James A. R. Harron, RA; Sergeant Robin C. Turner,

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USAR, Bermuda; Sergeant Hans Leslie Holmer, U.S. Army; Air Cadet Walter S. Wood, U.S. Navy, Pensacola, Florida; Charley Verbeck, 3rd Armed Division, Germany; and William N. Meloy, U.S. Navy. There are undoubtedly many others not reported.

Recent visitors to Washington include Tulio Segarra of Third Army who attended an I.G. School in the Pentagon in April; Harry McKinney, who was here in May on business for the JOA Company, Lake Wales, Florida, of which he is Vice-President; and Tom McManus who visited his brother George, USMA 1925, in June.

Mid Condon joined our retired ranks on his own application from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on June 30, 1956. Meanwhile news has been received from other retired members. Hans Holmer writes from 4601 Dundee Drive, Los Angeles 27, "I am a licensed civil engineer with the Continental Service Company and am in charge of all construction, design and maintenance for Southern California. We build banks. Elizabeth and I bought a home in the city right on a hill top above the usual smog level and we are enjoying life very much. Our regards to everyone."—Pop. Harry Townsend writes from 1545 West Weldon, Phoenix, Arizona, that he is "Personnel Director, Arizona State Hospital, and very busy hunting, fishing, gardening and studying for an ME degree, in my spare time". Dickerson writes from State Commission of Revenue and Taxation, Statehouse, Topeka —"I am Chief, Cereal Malt Beverage Tax Division, State of Kansas. Boiled down that is Beer Tax Collector. Regards to all".—Dick.

Congratulations are in order for Martin, Trapnell, and Davidson who have been selected for permanent appointments as Major Generals; and to Meloy, Sink, Collins, Doan, Brown, Max Johnson, and Matthews who have been selected for permanent Brigadier Generals.

The Scoon Gardners report that they have purchased a home in Tampa, Florida.

Harry and Helen McKinney, who have just purchased a home in Florida, proudly announce the birth of their first grandchild, Lawrence Ellery Works, born March 22. In addition to other business, Harry wants to start a retired colony near his new home.

Confirmation has been received from Nellie and Meta Fooks that they are building a home on Queen's Creek, 2 miles from Williamsburg, Virginia, and expect to move in June 30, 1957. The Fooks have three children, Meta Stuart, age 21, who graduated with honors from William and Mary this June; Mary Bolling, age 19, a Junior at William and Mary; and Robert Nelson, age 18, a Sophomore in the Engineering School of the University of Virginia. Bob is taking Army ROTC.

Mucker and Alice Quinn of Greenwich, Connecticut, report that "the age and spread of our family is so great that we have never all been together so that a picture was possible". The family includes Captain Edward B. Quinn, USMA 1950 (SS OLC), and wife, Joan Donaldson Quinn, of Frankford Arsenal, and their two children, Christine and Steven; son-in-law, Jarrett S. Jarvis, Attorney, of Phoenix, Arizona, who married Patricia Quinn, and their three children, Alice, Joseph and Jeffery; Thomas A. Quinn, age 20, Brigham Young University; Carlos B. Quinn, age 15, Greenwich High School; Elizabeth H. Quinn, age 12; Mary A. Quinn, age 11; John B. Quinn, age 4; and Anthony B. Quinn, age 2. Congratulations on this wonderful family group.

Parmer and Ana Maria Edwards expect to still be in Germany next summer. They have two grandchildren, Matthew Deane Maury, age 4, and Elizabeth Edna Maury, age 1. Their daughter, Nancy, is Mrs. Deane Maury of Washington, D. C.

Hank and Helen Hoeffer, 66 Golf Circle, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, have six grandchildren. Daughter Helene, wife of Lieutenant William I. Collins, Jr., USN, Oxnard, California, is the mother of William David, III, age 6, Ann Oddie, age 4, Henry Hoeffer, age 2, and Mary Kelly, age 1, while Ann Hoeffer Pax, wife of Clyde Pax, student, St. Louis, Missouri, has two children, Christopher Clyde, age 2, and Benjamin John, age 6 months.

Olie and Mary Kyster are proud grandparents. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is the wife of First Lieutenant Gilbert Scott, USMA 1952, Fort Lee, Virginia. The Scotts have a daughter Mary Lynne, age 3 months, who is a great granddaughter of Mrs. William M. Cruikshank, widow of Brigadier General Cruikshank, USMA '93.

George and Suzanne Levings will be leaving Redstone Arsenal in August for an assignment in France, and thus will miss the Reunion. Their daughter, Mary, is the wife of Captain Allan J. English, USMA 1949, and has one daughter, Mary Katherine, born October 29, 1955.

Bob and Natalie Aloe, with Natalie Patricia, age 13, Judith Ann, age 12, and Robert C., Jr., age 10, have returned from Turkey and are with Hq First Army, Governors Island.

George and Dorothy Asnip are in Clemson, South Carolina, Box 710. George Asnip, Jr., has one son George Asnip, III, age 3 months, and William D. Asnip is the father of William D., Jr., age 1 year.

From Collins in Alaska, "We expect to be here through next summer but if things are different will try to make the Reunion. Cy Pierce left here a week ago for Hamilton AFB for an AA job. Chubby Roth will greet him in the San Francisco Area. Cy had a group up here and they hated to see him go as much as he hated to leave. He has a four year old son who may be a bit better looking than Cy but who has most of his characteristics. My best to all the gang."—Jimmy.

Henry and Janet (sister of Scoon Gardner) Douglas are at Lubbock, Texas, where Doug has been PMS&T of Texas Technical College since August 1955. Daughter, Jean Gardner, age 20, is the wife of Second Lieutenant Terence R. Cummings, USMCR, stationed at Chase Field, Beeville, Texas.

Bob and Katherine Perrine live at 629 Harvard Road, BALA-CYNWYD, Pennsylvania. Their eldest daughter, Barbara Jane, is married and has a daughter, Deborah Lynn. Katherine Elaine, age 21, is a senior at Penn State, and Charles Henry, age 16, is a sophomore in Lower Merion High.

Ralph and Dorothy Doty have two grandchildren, Richard, age 4, and Catherine, age 2. Their daughter, Junya, is the wife of Robert Fulton Peterson, aerodynamic engineer with the Lockheed Company, Reseda, California.

Ken and Vivian Thiebaud have two granddaughters, Kathy Ann, age 3, and Susan Jane, age 2. Their daughter, Jane Carolyn, is the wife of First Lieutenant Robert C. George, Army pilot stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

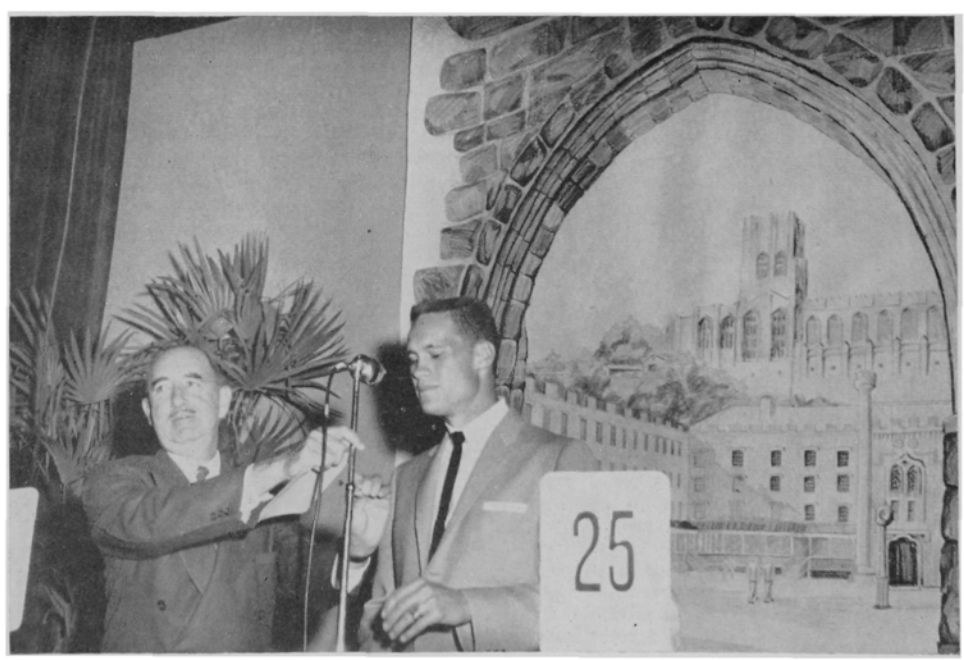
Larry and Ethel Kuter have two grandchildren, Lawrence Kuter, age 4, and Robin Elizabeth, age 2. Their daughter, Roxanne, is the wife of Robert B. Williamson, Economic Advisor, Staff Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Texas.

From Upthegrove, Commanding Keesler AFB, Mississippi: "George Moseley was living in Tokyo a year or so ago and working as a civilian for Far East Command. He was in Korea when I called and I did not see him. My best to all the gang in Washington".—Uppie.

Jim Thompson will be returning from the Far East in July for assignment to Third Army with station at Jacksonville, Florida.

Bud Holtzworth is on his way to USAFFE from Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Names make news: Did you know that Charles B. Stone, IV, is scheduled to graduate in 1957; Guy S. Meloy, IV, born June 22, 1955, is the son of Guy S. Meloy, III, USMA 1953; Alexander Macomb Miller, IV, 6 years old, is the son of Mac and Jean Mil-



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Colonel T. J. Counihan, '28, master of ceremonies, adjusts the mike for Lieutenant John Farrington, '55. Farrington was junior graduate present at Fort Sill's Founders Day Dinner. To ensure that all members present were up to date, Farrington started his report by informing all that Colonel Thayer was no longer superintendent and that Central Area has been paved. The black and white backdrop, drawn at Sill, backs up his statement. (U.S. Army Photo)

ler; and Thomas M. Watlington, IV, son of First Lieutenant Thomas M. Watlington, III, will be 2 years old in 1957.

—*R. G. Lowe.*

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Our Class Sons graduated on June 5 were Thomas Cody, Jr. and William Cody, Maury Cralle, Jr., John Grinstead, Jr., Norris Harbold, Jr., John Oakes and Donald Smith, Jr. The papas present were Harbold, Cralle, Oakes and Grinstead.

Betty Daley called us during June Week to say that Edmund Koehler Daley, III arrived recently. She was here with Koehler's father for his 50th Reunion and her daughter was also along to enjoy the cadet festivities.

Sam Meyers and his wife were through here in May to see their son.

Walter Staley's son Walter, Jr. was a member of the Olympic Equestrian Team in Sweden this month.

Alan McCutcheon's oldest daughter Martha is marrying Dr. Lindsay Graham here at West Point on June 20.

From Washington — several are leaving this summer or have already left—Sherburne to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Wells, Breden, McNamara and Morrow to Europe, Koon to Hawaii, Briggs to A.F. Academy, Upham to New York Port of Embarkation and Landon to Panama.

Dave Heiman received his Brigadier Star a few months ago.

Maury Cralle was through the end of May enroute to West Point for June Week and then to Fort Sam for station.

A. V. P. Anderson has been here a couple of times in the last few months. He is in Command at Warren Robins AMA in Georgia.

A Class luncheon was held at Fort McNair on March 23. Breden, Curran, Denniston, Heiman, Lane, McLennan, Sherburne, Upham and Yost were present.

Dave Heiman and his wife had a picnic at their Quarters at Fort Belvoir on May 20.

The sympathy of the Class is extended to the family of Bill Wyman who died on June 14. The funeral was held at St. Albans on June 18 with burial in Arlington.

On April 1 Riggs assumed duties as Senior Advisor, III ROK Army Corps (KMAG).

—*Pete Calyer.*

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Another Class of the Long Gray Line has joined the Army and Air Force and with it six sons of the Class of 1929. New Second Lieutenants Dent, Renshaw, Schannep and Wetzel (the second son of Pinky to graduate) are in the Air Force; Griffin, and Lindsey are new Infantrymen. Jupe Lindsey was sufficiently jubilant over the graduation of his offspring in a couple of years less than required for his own passage through West Point, so that he provided an excellent dinner for the '29ers, their sons and their civilian associates able to come, on the evening of graduation hop. George Reilly sends a clipping reporting that the Vittrup family were present at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School for Slim to swear in the members of the Class joining the Army Medical Corps, one of whom was son John, brand new First Lieutenant assigned to Walter Reed. Nothing will be said about class rank, a tiresome subject, Renny Renshaw's boy was in good voice as Adjutant of the First Regiment. Monseigneur Moore, ordained in 1929 (which some people consider as vaguely parallel to being commissioned), Renshaw, Crary, Bennett, Red Cooper, Griffin, Dent, Bishop, Lindsey, Wetzel, and Lincoln were present at the luncheon of the Association of Graduates—a good turnout for a non-reunion year. Those who delve in statistics assert that the Class of 1956 is not a marrying class in that something less than 20% (as compared to over 30% of recent classes) have admitted an intention of marriage in the near future. The Wetzel representative of the class, however, was married at a very pleasant wedding on the Saturday after graduation.

Senta Bell sends to me for the class this note:

"Please convey our thanks and deep appreciation to the Class of '29 for their contribution to the William Lewis Bell, Jr. Memorial Fund.

"He was such a very worthy member of the class—and I think somehow he would like knowing that his memory can be carried on by the Gym Team he loved so well." The memorial fund will provide a suitable trophy for the outstanding gymnast each year.

I have a note from Jack Callery that the Class of '29 table at the Founders Day Dinner in New York City, included in addition to himself, Ed Conley, Red Cooper, Frank Fellows, Jack Nichols, Renny Renshaw, and Merle Thompson.

The Class of '29 members continue to move about. Dave Buchanan has become a Major General and is on his way back from Europe. Swede Svenson, new Brigadier General, is rumored to be going to Berlitz School and then to Turkey. Johnny Theimer comes back to the Pentagon to the Office of Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations and Fred Sladen goes to the Far East. From the Far East, George McAneny writes that he has helped open the Korean Army Logistics School and is teaching Army Business Supply Management. He alleges that he is putting to use the history he learned while teaching at West Point and the socer he played there. He reports Phil Draper as CG of the local Corps Artillery.

I have a report that Joe Horridge has retired and Bill McCulla writes that he, and also Paul Elias, are retiring to take jobs with industry; Paul with Chrysler where Jack Horner is already located. The McCullas address after July 1 will be some steel mill in Pittsburgh and 2031 Elmbrook Lane, Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania.

Paul Steinbeck goes to PMS&T at the University of Illinois and Red Hughes goes to PAS&T at Dartmouth. Perhaps this is the second time that I have noted Army and Dede Armstrong enroute to the ROTC task at Harvard. Pearl Robey is coming back from Paris to a depot at Ogden and Tom McDonald goes to JMAG in Paris.

I see in my notes a comment that some parochially minded individual back here for graduation wanted this column to record that four members of the Class of '29 from "C" Company were back this June Week and three of the four had sons graduating.

Lefty Mace goes to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas and Ed Lasher is Head of the new Army Military Traffic Management Agency, managing all commercial freight and passenger ground transportation used by the armed forces.

Tommy DuBose, Head of the Air Rescue Service since 1952, announces proudly that his command has saved well over 4,000 lives in the last ten years. Sam Silver has taken over as Commandant of the Quartermaster School, Fenn Sykes continues to Head the Engineers R&D at Belvoir. Glenn Williamson has a new address at Sherman Fairchild & Associates, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. He sounds like a business entrepreneur.

The Army PIO sends a slip of paper saying that 'the attached picture" shows Cadet Nelson M. Lynde, III, "Upperclassman at the United States Military Academy" examining the new insignia of his father, Major General Lynde of the Ordnance Tank-Automotive Command — but the "attached" picture has not yet arrived.

Paul Caraway writes from his desk as J-3 of the Far Eastern Command indicating that the Class of '29 has the local staff action well in hand. Harley Parks is J-1 and MacKenzie is the Comptroller. Herbie Vander Heide is G-3 of Eighth Army.

Your editor has received a fine example of the photographers art entitled "a miniature reunion of West Point's Class of '29 at the Signal School". The occasion, it says, was the delivery of a talk on General Management Training by Major General George Bush, Chief of the Management Division of the Army Comptroller. Serving at the Signal School are Bill Hamlin, Commandant, A. B. Cooper, Assistant Commandant, and Dominick Calidonna, Director of the Department of Nonresident Instruction. This report marked "for immediate release" also says that Major General Ward, CG, of Fort Dix, traveled to Fort Monmouth to listen to the talk. All this generates the comment that it would be just fine if West Pointers generated this healthy interest in lectures and

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Members of '29 listen to lecture at Signal School by Major General George E. Bush—Hamlin, W. D., Cooper, Bush, Ward and Calidonna.

education while at West Point instead of waiting until they are generals.

A letter has been received from Weary Wilson asking how his boy entering in July can be assigned to A-1 Company (the main requirement is that he have grown tall enough) and expressing an intention of inspecting construction at West Point in his capacity as Deputy Chief of Engineers for Construction.

Apparently Bill Hall has taken to a form of circus riding in his mature years. A Washington flash report in a gossip column of the capital city states that he motorcycles between home and the Pentagon each day and rides "right up to the front steps of his Georgetown home on it".

Many thanks to the considerable number of classmates who have subscribed news for this column. Please continue the help.

—*Abe Lincoln.*

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The big 25th Reunion turned out to be every bit as fabulous as we had hoped—big turnout of the class, lots of wives, handsome sons, pretty daughters and much exchanging of "Do you remember . . ." and "What have you been doing since . . ." But as one survivor put it, "We shouldn't go through this every year!"

OZ Tyler wrote a poem in honor of the occasion as follows:

Anniversary

T oday we gather in the hallowed halls,
W e come from every corner of the sphere,
E ngaged wherever far-flung duty calls;
N o stronger ties than those which bind us here.
T he race we all began so long ago
Y ou know is well along, and so—

F or all the comrades missing from the fold
I raise a toast; for those who could
F oregather in the fellowships of old
T he stress of atom threats anonce withstood,
H ail, Thirty-one and find our running good.

Just a rundown of the attendance shows how many made it back: Rosalie and Bob Alan in from the Pentagon; Jack Barclay from Picatinny Arsenal; Flora and Nosebag Bays finishing the National War College year and on the way to Turkey; Maisie and Ted Beck, the furniture entrepreneur from Rock Island, Illinois; Betty and Bo Beishline and daughter Jan from Austin, Texas, where Bo heads up the Department of Management, Univ of Texas, on their way to spend the summer in Europe; Klem Boyd, Army War College; Mike and Eddie Brown, in the Info Department, DA, Pentagon; Alice and Lightning Brown from Baltimore, Maryland, where John works for the City Health Dept; Betty and Sid Brown, Governors Island, New York, where Sid is G4, First Army; Quinny Brown from Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Irene and Paul Burns from New York City where Paul is PMS&T, Forham Univ (six children with one son to enter West Point this year); Mary and Dan Callahan, AF Hq, Pentagon; John Cave in for a few hours; Bob Cheal from New York City, who got in under the wire at the last party; Anne and Loren Cole, Palm Beach, Florida, where Loren dabbles in several enterprises; Norma and Harry Cooper now at Fort Bliss, Texas; Laird and Luke Cron, First Army, Governors Island; Gordon Cusack, Psychological Warfare, Pentagon; Kay and Jack Daley, R&D, DA, Pentagon; Wanda and Carl Damberg from Wright-Patterson, Dayton, Ohio; Lucile and Dick Danek, with daughter Linda and sons Richard and Tom, Fort Sam Houston, where Dick is Chemical Officer, Fourth Army; Charlie Densford who flew in from England (six children); P. V. "Big Moby" Dick, all the way from Portland, Oregon; Scott Dickson now with W&LE Gurley, Troy, New York (new Dickson youngster expected shortly); Charlie Duff, AAA, Fort Wadsworth, New York; Bob Eaton who was able to fly in for a short time; John Feagin, real estate, San Antonio, Texas; Mary Paul and Merle Fisher and daughter Karol, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston; Ruth and George Fletcher, CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Ruth and Al Gay, working for RCA in New Jersey; Lou Guenther on a quick flight from Madrid, Spain; Bill Hardick in from MAAG, BELUX, Brussels; Louise and George Hartman, working in New York, but living in New Jersey; Ruth and Ash Haynes, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Deadeye Dick Henry, president of Henry Associates, New York; Dean Herman, Arty Sch, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Tex Hightower in from Hq USARCARIB, Canal Zone; Parks Houser on a quick stopover; Tommy and Charley Howze, Langley AFB, Virginia, where Charley is Director of Supply; Martha and Charlie Hoy, AFSWP, Pentagon; Priscil and Dick Jewett, Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington; Mary and Bob Johnston, West Point; Truxie and Bill Jones, Department store magnate of Wheeling, West Virginia, who is putting together our 25-year book; Roy Kaufman, Air War College, Maxwell AFBase; Margaret and Dick Lane, Wilmette, Illinois; Margaret and Percy Lash of the Wyoming Military District, Cheyenne; Kelley and Don Little with daughter Myra and son Bill, finishing the National War College year and moving over to the Joint Staff, Pentagon; Alice and Jocko Malloy, back from Germany and moving in on Washington; Lil and Jim Maloney, Deputy Post Commander, Fort Jay, Governers Island; Vesta and Herb Mansfield, R&D, DA, Pentagon; Julian and Cam McConnell, CONARC, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Ginger and Elmo Mitchell and daughter Ginger, Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Georgia; Jim Mooney who flew in from March AF Base, California; Lois and Bill Morin, Dutchess County squire who works in Poughkeepsie; Frank Pachler, enjoying Paris; Nina and Ted Parker on their way to Paris; Marion and Pass Passarella, Deputy G3, Second Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; Dolly and Ernie Peters, sons Dick and Frosty, Valley Forge Military Academy; Libby and Bob Quackenbush, South Dakota Military District, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Fran and Rags Ragland and dog Timmie, real estate operator for DA and DAF, Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington; Anita and Chuck Raymond (sons Charles and Bob), Reserve Advisor, Hartford, Connecticut; Jerry Rodenhauser, ditto enjoying Paris; Deke Roller, Fort MacArthur, Californa, not married, but still stalking; Sleepy Semple, boulevardier from White Plains, New York; Billie and Wilbur Skidmore, Post Exchange Service director, Nurnberg, Germany; Jake Smart, AF Hq, Washington; Sam Smellow, Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington; Tommie and George Speidel, Manpower, OSD, Washington; Ruth and Tom Stayton from Fort Bliss, Texas; Phil Stiness, Army War College; Jimmy Stroker, banker from San Antonio, Texas; Doc Strother, running the Air University, Maxwell AF Base; Alex Sutherland, USMA IG; Catherine and Wayne Taul, construction contractor of Fresno, California; Bill Train, Assistant Commandant, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Tricky Troxel, just in from AFFE and to become Chief of Psychological Warfare, Washington; Ginny and Ben Turpin, Bell Telephone Laboratories, New Jersey; Oz Tyler, Chief of Staff, The Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia; Marie and Fred

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Warren, twin daughters Linda and Sandra, consultant in the atomic energy field, Washington; Alice and Don Webber, Army War College, looking forward to going to South America as an attache in another year; our honorary classmate, Doc Welch, now working as Chief, Medical Services, Civil Defense of the State of Maryland, Baltimore, still a bachelor, but getting around in fine style as he demonstrated at the dinner dance he attended; Bobbe and John Westermeier, G3, First Army, Governors Island; and our leading mother and father, Marian and Curly Wilson, proud parents of 8 (7 boys, 1 girl), with Curly on his way for a tour in Korea.

We were also fortunate to have with us three widows of classmates, Aggie Jackson, Jean Saint Malevich, and Rosemary Thomas. It was good to see them and to renew our friendships with them.

Johnny Waters sent the following message from BELGRADE:

> REGRET THAT I CANNOT BE WITH YOU TODAY. MAY WE ALL RENEW OUR DEDICATION TO DUTY HONOR COUNTRY—THE IDEALS WE HAVE LIVED BY THESE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.
>
> WATERS.

Our parties turned out beautifully: dinner dance at the Officers Mess on Saturday night, picnic at Camp Buckner on Sunday night and a dinner dance at the Thayer to close the festivities on Monday night. Many thanks to Bob Johnston and Alex Sutherland for taking care of the details, even to providing good weather after they got rid of the rain on Saturday.

The big event at the picnic was the showing of Deke Roller's movies of our classmates. He has a superb collection of prints, including many views taken some years ago where individuals have since changed—size, hair, other miscellaneous details! The movie performance was enlivened by comments by Deke and by a ladder balancing act by Gordon Cusack as he changed the lights.

Following the Alumni Review on Monday, the presentation of pistols to the graduating class sons was made by Dan Callahan, president of the Washington group and the Class. Each father actually passed the pistol to his son, congratulating him and wishing him well on behalf of the class. Herb Mansfield was asked to stand in for Fred Saint. Sons graduating with their assignments after schooling, including Airborne and Ranger training were: Bob Danek, Arty 28 AAA, Msl Bn, Fort Lawton, Washington; Pete Lash, Inf, Alaska; Don Little, Engrs, Alaska; Bob Quackenbush, Inf, Europe; Ned Ragland, USAF, Tucson, Arizona; Charles Saint, Inf, 38 RCT, Fort Lewis, Washington; John Scholz (Cooper), Arty, 36 AAA, Msl Bn, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland; Wil Skidmore, Inf, 9 Inf Div, Fort Carson, Colorado.

It was a fine looking group of sons and fathers!

Ed Messinger, now commanding the 25th Infantry Division, at Schofield Barracks, T. H., writes:

"Things have been moving pretty fast since I arrived here. I was met at the port in Honolulu by Ted Walker, Maggie McGee, Dick Spangler, Judy Chappell and Carl Carlmark. What a reception! Band, Hula girls, leis and all!

"I just remembered today that June Week is fast approaching and wanted to let you and the Class know how disappointed I am in not being able to be present for our reunion. I don't know if you realized it or not, but I was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division on my 25th year of service.

"When you get all rested up after June Week, please sit down and give me a full report. I sure hope you have a big turnout and that everyone has a good time.

"Tell the boys 'Aloha' and be sure to let me know how everything went.

"Love from Emily and me . . "

John Berry, one of our new B.G.s, reports as follows:

"I had the pleasure of attending the Founders Day dinner at Heidelberg on March 17 and found nine other vigorous members of '31 in the congregation.

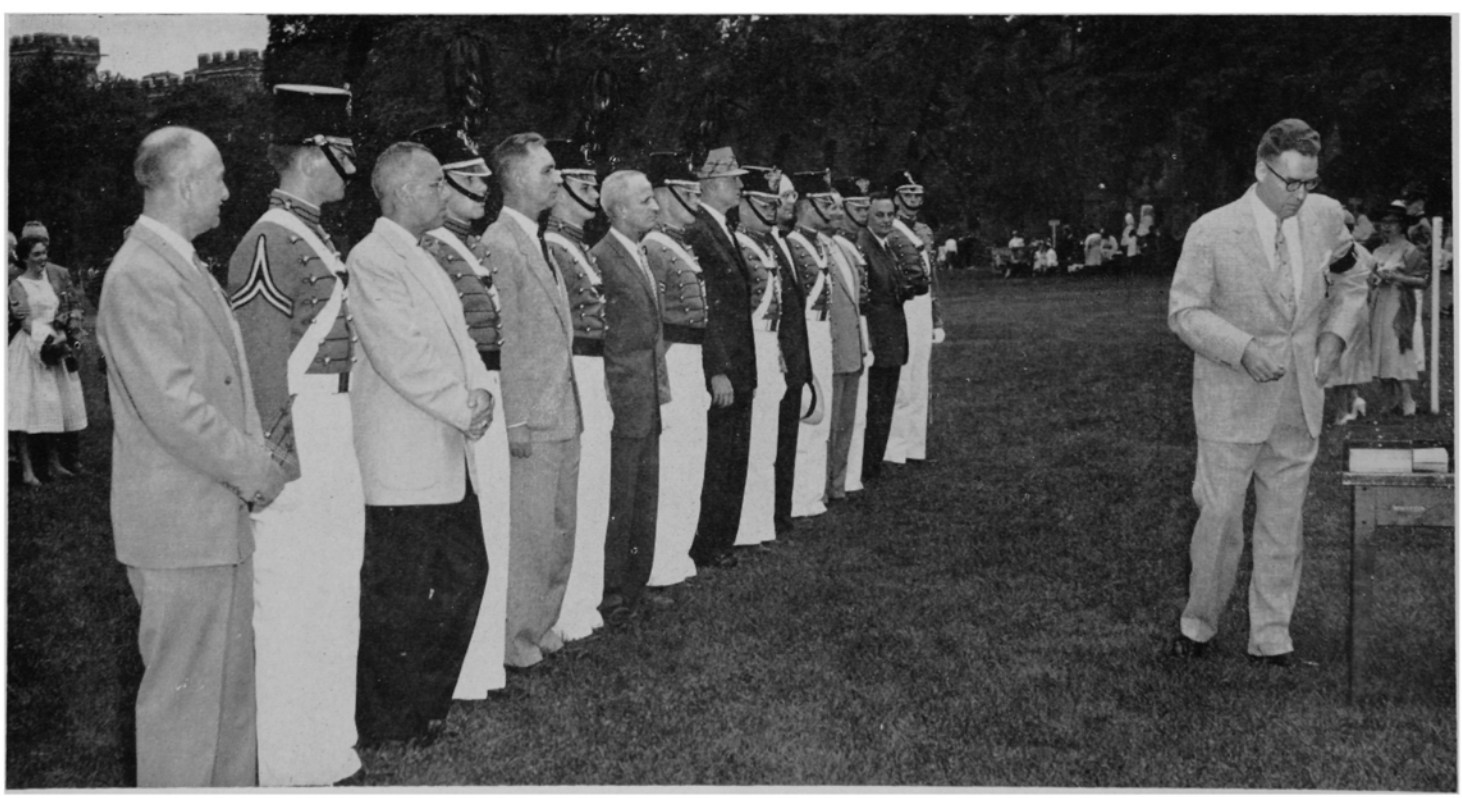
"Bob Hackett, my former roommate and erstwhile denizen of the 20th Div, was very much in evidence and in fairly good condition despite his recent efforts with adding machines and balance sheets in the USAREUR Comptroller Division. Gus Schomburg was also there providing mental logistic support. Johnny Cave came in from Mainz Ordnance Depot and Seiss Wagner made the trip from Kaiserslautern where he is deputy at WACom. Bill Chandler, currently with G-3 USAREUR, represented the runts and Jim Corbett had arranged a special leave of absence from his IG job at USAREUR so as to shuck all inhibitions for the evening.

"C. A. Lichirie made the trip down from Bonn, where he is a liaison officer, to represent the flankers and chew on a good American steak for a change. Charlie McNair represented Headquarters Area Command but was noncommital as to his responsibilities for the food or refreshments —we noticed, however, that he enjoyed both. Walt Gallup who is holding down the IG job at V Corps was doing as well as Charlie McNair in both liquids and solids.

"Jim Corbett is carrying the ball to see what can be done to arrange a delegation to West Point for the 25th reunion and we hope that he will be able to arrange a full house."

After lots of preliminary spadework by Jack Leary and Gus Wirak, Bill Jones has volunteered to put together a 25th anniversary book which would be a presentable addition to the family library. The book would be printed Howitzer style and would cost about $10 per copy. What is needed from each classmate is:

1. A biographical sketch in narrative style, about half a page typewritten, single space.
2. A glossy print, not less than 5 by 7 inches, of the entire family, or, second choice, a print of you alone, to be reproduced alongside your narrative.
3. An advance of $5, payable to W. S. Jones, to help create a working fund for production of the Anniversary Book.
4. Any suggestions that come to mind.



DAN CALLAHAN, PRESIDENT OF THE CLASS OF 1931, PRESENTING THE CLASS GIFT TO THE SONS OF 1931
Left to Right—Cadets Danek, Lash, Little, Quackenbush, Ragland, Saint, Scholz and Skidmore.

Do it now! Wrap up the whole package and forward to:

Mr. W. S. Jones,
Stone and Thomas,
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Other miscellaneous notes that have come to hand:

Al Cassevant has moved over from Office, Chief Signal Officer, to become Chief, Procurement Div, Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG).

Walt Ellis has departed Washington for Hq Seventh Army in Stuttgart.

Steve Hanmer, finishing the Industrial College, goes to DCSLOG, Pentagon.

Tom Marnane, ditto Industrial College, winds up at CONARC, Fort Monroe.

Bill Hall, getting out of the National War College, is leaving for Alaska.

Leaving various stations for overseas: Tick Bonesteel and Quinny Brown to Japan; Clyde McBride to Moscow; Fielder Greer to Basec, ComZ, France.

Congratulations on new stars for: To Major General—Augie Schomberg, Office Chief of Ordnance; Ed Messinger, CG, 25 Inf Div, Hawaii. To Brigadier General—Bill Cassidy, Division Engineer, South Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, San Francisco; Gunnar C "Big Swede" Carlson, Office, Chief of Ordnance; Jack Berry, Div Arty CG, 2 Armd Div, Germany.

Del Del Campo has retired and is now working with Westinghouse Electric in commercial atomic power. He is living in Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

The author of our next class notes will be Bob Alan. He would appreciate getting the news at 1909 North Highland, Arlington, Virginia.

News has just been received that Dick Reidy has died in Walter Reed. Our deepest sympathy goes to Fran and their four children.

Here's to the next 25 years!

—*Dick Jewett.*

1932

The zodiac must have been just right for our class this last quarter, or maybe it was to commemorate the upcoming international geophysical year, but whatever the cause, a whole constellation of stars has showered down on the boys.

Rush Lincoln and Oley Hanson for example, each got their second, which upped our Army total to four Major Generals. John Steele, Bob Hewitt, Milt Ogden, Jack Weber, Frank Britton, Eddie Hartshorn, Steve Mellnik, Charlie D'Orsa, and Ray Cochran all got their first (but certainly not their last). The terse bisyllable Zitzman also cropped up in the melange but it was obviously due to an administrative error since the list wasn't even arranged alphabetically. (I hope someone besides Jude Abell and Gil Adams remembers that hackneyed phrase—"You gotta be fair to everyone, men, line up in alphabetical order.")

Meriting far greater acclaim though, are the seven guys who gave us plenty to cheer about by getting one gold bar each. Our first group of class sons to complete old Yousmay consisted of Terry Creighton (Class godchild),Jefferson Childs, Jr., Dick Head, Bob Hewitt, Jr., John Liwski, Herrol Skidmore, Jr., and Buck Abell. Buck was a particular delight since it gave me the chance to rotate the blade in Jude slowly and thoughtfully at our last Dinner-dance as I congratulated him on his son's acumen in selecting the Signal Corps for his branch. As a small manifestation of our pride in them, each received a handsome engraved desk pen set; durable, easily transported, and very useful, whether to sign checks and leave requests, or to answer "Dear John" letters.

Appropriately enough, at least two class sons entered the rocky end of the pipe line at the same time. Bobby Totten who ranked a very creditable 20 in the presidentials was one, and K. T. Gould, II, who barely missed on a presidential exam which he took without preparation as a dry run, ended up with a choice of Congressional appointments. K. T.'s uncle Gerry Cowan, incidentally is now in Korea, with Mary and the kids living very pleasantly in Mexico until he returns. Going still further back to the roots of the upcoming generation, Ray and Mathilde (Ros) Stecker proudly announced the arrival of Leslie Ros Stecker, who missed the deadline for the April issue but not that for the income tax, the sly rascal.

No news of the juniors would be complete of course, without the weddings. Pinky and Carrie Bess Smith's lovely daughter Alice (Sissie to you) was married yesterday (June 23) to Lieutenant Donald P. Spivey, Arty, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria with a very nice reception afterward at the Fort McNair Officers' Club. Both graduated from William and Mary (Don in 1955 and Sissie in '56) and will be stationed at Fort Bragg. Glad to have you aboard, Don.

Also at hand is another imminent wedding but one which gives me pause to mention. It's true that news is news, but whether valuable space here should be used to talk about me and mine is a plaguing *question. On the few occasions which have* arisen, therefore, I have used two fundamental criteria to solve the problem; viz.,

(a) Whether I am a person, a fact which Pat violently disputes, and

(b) Whether I am a member of USMA 1932, which I can readily prove with a diploma.

Having answered both to my own sat*isfaction, let's plunge ahead.*

In late June, we announced the engagement of our daughter Kay to Earl Nesbitt, Jr., an architecture major at the University of Texas. A nice guy whom we've known for years, sound in body and wind and, except for the fact that he voluntarily chose the Air Force ROTC, completely normal. The big day is set for September 1 here in Washington.

Most of the changes of station have already appeared in Dave's monthly news bulletin but a few have occurred since. Bob Schukraft has gone to Frankfurt and Leo Dahl has left Madrid for Wright-Patterson where he will be Comptroller of the Air Materiel Command. Bill Ellery has joined the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley and Tom Darcy, freshly home from Denmark is *now Director of the Staff, Inter-American* Defense Board here in Washington.

Tom incidentally, is quite an internationalist and has some intriguing tales to tell about sailing in Scandanavian waters. While he still will not acknowledge it, it is a fact that anyone who owns both a small sailboat and common sense ties up for the night whether it's at Larchmont, Copenhagen or Subic Bay. Not so Tom, however, with a crew member down in the hold shouting up compass bearings while he roughly applied the principles of air navigation (to which he seems to attach some importance) his merry little ship habitually sailed night and day in complete disregard of comments in impeccable Danish to the effect that all aboard were screwballs. Sounds simple but inasmuch as one trip took them through 64 locks—58 of them hand-operated—it can't exactly be classified as blue water sailing.

In other fields too, we seem to be developing some profound authorities in vital and extensive areas; witness Dwight Beach and Herb Thatcher. At the last top level

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Conference of the Department of the Army Commanders and Civilian Aides at Fort Bliss which was attended among others by the Secretary of the Army, Chief of Staff, et. al., Dwight addressed the assemblage on the Army's employment of Nuclear Weapons. For his part, Herb was one of the featured speakers at the recent annual convention of the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association in Boston. Honest, straight-forward Herb has never claimed to be an electronics expert and I can say with authority that as recently as two years ago he thought a swinging choke was a new wrestling hold, but addressing a good cross-section of the industry, he gave an informative, absorbing talk on the conduct of the Air Force Research and Development Program, and later took on all comers in the open question period.

Well, that's the news for now. There's nothing more to add except to say that as I start out fearlessly (there are no new names that anyone can call me) on my second decade of this quarterly journalistic outrage I would certainly be the last to imply that Bill Davidson is already a little punchy after one year of writing his monthly comprehensive newsletter which is now distributed to 100% of the living members. (An uplift due to his own efforts and much appreciated by all hands). As he states himself, however, it *is* a fact that he credited the Milt Ogdens' latest baby to the Pop Duncans, and that 350 '32ers attended the Founders Day dinner at Fort Benning. (We graduated 262, remember?)

Those could easily have been brushed aside as trade hazards of course, except for the envelope which brought my last copy. Name, rank and address were meticulously correct. In the upper lefthand corner however, were Dave's return address is normally rubber-stamped, it said with simple dignity (also rubber-stamped by hand) "Deposit to the Credit of USMA 1932 Alumni Fund"

Believe me, fellows, it gets you sooner or later.

—*Ken Zitzman.*

P.S. To wives of Indian Club artists:

What has Clovis Byers, '20, got to do with my asking KenZ to bring back a wire salad basket from his forthcoming business trip to ETO? Much! It turns out that not only was Clovis very adept with the Indian Clubs but also a very good instructor.

A few days ago when preparing supper, I asked my pal KenZ to dry out the salad greens. He went out in the backyard visible from the kitchen window, and began swinging away. The rhythm and grace was a joy to behold: ditto the ear-to-ear grin as he explained the various patterns. I got him a rolling-pin for the empty hand, which was better than nothing—but from now on, we gotta have a basket per hand for perfect balance and well drained greens.

Yours for better salads,

Pat Zitzman.

1933

At the last class luncheon at Fort McNair, Pete Jackson proudly displayed a newspaper clipping bearing a photograph of his daughter Lael Jackson, 21, who has recently been named Miss New York State and will appear in the Miss America contest this coming September. Lael is a coed at Cornell University.

At the same luncheon, Dick Park announced that sons of Bob Totten, George Chapman, Gerry Chapman, and George White will enter West Point this year. Eddie Bastion attended the gathering wearing his new star and announcing that Chet De Gavre had been confirmed for his.

Dave Gibbs reports from CONARC: May 14, '56 "Major changes have occurred at CONARC with the loss of Patterson to REDSTONE and Franklin to the Far East. Sparrow has moved into Franklin's quarters and is deputy to the civilian director of Combat Operations Research Group. Henry is momentarily expecting orders since he has unofficially been tapped for MA in Baghdad. Based on his past duties as a kingpin in Combat Developments I predict he will arrive in Baghdad by magic carpet.

"Johnny Lane is due in June to become CONARC Transportation Officer. Jim Boswell (H. K. Johnson's Boswell, that is) is coming back from Greece to become (we hope) CONARC G-2 in September. Jim has already forwarded a request for quarters, which I have agreed to handle. I only hope a vacancy occurs at the right time or he will discover I am entirely without influence. Such a discovery could set the Signal Corps back thirty years.

"Blandford, Merriam, Frame, Bayne, and Gibbs are still here * * *."

Fred Zierath reports from Fort Benning: May 17, '56 "Ed Doleman is leaving the G-3 assignment at Third Army for the Assistant Commandant assignment at the Army War College. This leaves Dunc Hallock, Third Army Engineer, as the only '33 representative at Fort McPherson. * * * At Fort Benning, "Slugger" Douglas and Tom Beck have departments in The Infantry School." Fred is the ADC of the 3d Infantry Division.

Fred Hartel reports from Hawaii: May 28, '56 "Our girls, Mary, Linda, and Karla are now 15, 14, and 13 years respectively and a decided help to their mother. At the present time, Mary is interested in music, Linda in dramatics, and Karla in sports, athletics and horses—three entirely different personalities. All of them are enjoying this wonderful tour, and we * * * return stateside in another year.

"* * * Austin Miller is the QM at USARPAC, and Al Mossman is the G-4 at ARPAC. They are the only two classmates here. Hoebeke called me last week on his way through to the Pentagon * * *."

Cal Smith reports from the Presidio: May 14, '56 "Soapie Watters is honoring us with his presence at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation * * * Cy Dolph is furnishing all the necessary administrative support, to include extracurricular amusements. 'Soapie' hasn't complained * * * so assume Cy has left nothing to be desired.

"During the recent Army Commanders' Conference at Fort Bliss, ran into Chet Dahlen and Carl Darnell. Had dinner with the latter south of the border and was provided with the usual ample helping of horsemeat * * *. Am sure that this delicacy was premeditated on Carl's part—I theenk.

"Gerry Porter has, with the approaching close of FY 56, become increasingly hard to get along with. In his capacity in the Comptroller shop, he hangs onto the money like grim death. I have told him that it is better to give than receive, but so far my pleas have fallen on deaf ears."

Cal again: May 28, '56 "Emmanuel Cepeda was recently assigned to Fort Ord. * * * During World War II he was on two separate occasions sentenced to be executed by the Japanese in Manila. Through his dexterity in rope climbing, he was able to escape before the executioners could carry out their mission. Emmanuel still looks about as fit as the day he broke the world's record in the rope climb and is the father of two boys and two girls. I am sorry to report, however, that his wife is quite seriously ill.

"John Kimmel, whom I have not yet seen, is living in Monterey."

Bill Harris reports from SHAPE: May 28, '56 "* * * Joe O'Malley is leaving to go to Sandia. In addition, Simmy Whipple leaves this week to go to Fort Knox as Deputy Commander. * * * Johnny Ferris and his wife just left yesterday for Washington. Their boy is at Walter Reed * * * has been having some trouble with his blood pressure.

"Sam Donnelly is still here as Chief of Plans and Policy Group of the Plans, Policy and Operations Division. Sam's daughter is to be married to Sammy Samouce's son in September. Jerry Roberson is still attending the course at the Ecole de Guerre. * * * Bill Ely is completely in the saddle as Deputy J4 at EUCOM at Camp desLoges. For those devotees of the ancient Scottish game, let them be warned—Bill has his clubs out and has already shot one par at the St. Germain course.

"Our recent visitors include Norm Markle, Dave Gray and Bill Ryan. Norm was up from Greece for the MAAG Conference at EUCOM. Bill and Dave were the first echelon of the DA trips to Europe which have recently been started on a regular basis. They kept Norm pretty busy at EUCOM so we were not able to have lunch for him. However, both Bill and Dave were able to get together over here at SHAPE for small luncheons. With about half of the attendees with stars, it begins to look as if Nellie Richardson was right with respect to his 'Class of Destiny' talk.

"I hear by the grapevine Bob Turner is enjoying himself with his AAA group in Germany and also that Joe Stilwell is 'jumping' a few capers with his 11th Airborne Angels.

"We have just received flash notice that Big Jim Boswell is due to arrive in Paris on his way home. * * * In the meantime. I am still here in Danny Parker's old job, working for General Schuyler * * *."

Bob Arnette reports from San Antonio: June 3, '56 "Saw Bill Blandford at a party given by 'Ajax' and Betty Cooper in March. He was enroute to Bliss on TDY. The years show very little change in Bill. The sudden death of Betty Cooper in May was a shock to all of us. Chet Dahlen is off to Madrid, Spain. Abe Lincoln has left with assignment as Engineering Officer of Mediterranean Command. * * *.

" 'Libba' McClelland, 'Mac's' second daughter finished St. Mary's Hall this May. Jean and I enjoyed a nice cocktail party given by Ralph and Jane Alspaugh at the Fourth Army Club recently. Still working rather hard trying to learn my job as Organization and Methods Examiner of Maintenance Engineering at Kelly AFB."

—*Harry Sweeting.*

1934

June Week 1956 has come and gone, marking a big 22 years since the eventful day when '34 bade farewell to these cold, gray walls. Apparently, however, there was nothing magical or sentimental in this number, for not a single member of the class returned to USMA to dignify the occasion by his presence! This unique situation left your correspondent as the one and only class representative present, badly harried by slightly more numerous groups of '33 and '35 on each side, and overwhelmed by reunion gatherings of "first classmen" from '31 and mere "yearlings" from '36.

The progress of our class sons was marked by the completion of yearling year on the part of Betts, Brookhart, Davall, Finkenaur, Higgins, and Hubbard. Of even more importance to the individuals concerned was the afternoon of June 4th, when Recognition brought the long-awaited mo-

ment in the lives of Chatfield, Mullen, Kort Smith, Walsh, and Wells. At the present moment we are not in position to report the names of '34 offspring who will enter as plebes, but there will undoubtedly be several of them, and we'll try to have the complete dope on that situation in our next effort.

Despite the fact that Army's track team wasn't quite strong enough to stop Navy at Annapolis this year, Jerry Betts did more than his share by winning the 220-yard dash.

An article appearing in the May 12 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*, entitled "Toughest Outfit in the Army", describes the 77th Special Forces Group, stationed at Fort Bragg, and its commander, "Colonel William J. Mullen, Jr., West Point, 1934 a square-jawed New Englander. ."

Harry Lardin visited West Point for a few hours on May 21, just before taking off for Germany with the 3d Armored Division in part of "Operation Gyroscope". While watching cadets at drill on the Plain, Harry, a former guidon-wielder of some distinction, gave it as his fixed opinion that the real execution of the guidon manual had now become a lost art! (Lest some of our more naive readers accept this as final evidence that the Corps has, it is only fair to point out here that the source of this statement might be somewhat prejudiced. —Ed.) Harry is CO of Combat Command "B" of the 3d Armored and his new address is: APO 39—2, New York, New York.

Jerry Blair is assigned to the Plans Division at CINCLANT Headquarters, Norfolk 11, Virginia. On April 3, 1956, Bob Erlenkotter became Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel and Administration at Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California. Alec Stuart, back in the Artillery after a long stint in Ordnance, is stationed at Fort Bliss and visited West Point for a couple of days in April to participate in a conference held to work out details of the Cadet Summer Training Trips. The new First Class visited Alec's bailiwick during June.

Charlie Fell wrote in the latter part of May to give the following information on the Fell family: Mary Ann was being married on June 2 to a Washingtonian named Tom Madigan. They were to live in Fairfax, Virginia. Nicole enters the University of Colorado, in Boulder, in September. Both girls were graduated on May 26 from Holy Cross Academy, in Washington. Charlie ended up with the following: "On May 6 our home of four daughters was invaded by Geoffrey Hebert, a nephew from Reno, Nevada, who is now the U.S. Senate's youngest page boy."

An announcement received from Paul Turner on about June 1 tells of his joining the "Million Dollar Round Table" of the National Association of Life Underwriters. We had the pleasure of saying the same thing about Lee Ingram about a year ago. It almost looks as if membership in the "old" E Co. somehow qualified one for success in the insurance field! Congratulations, Paul!

Lee Miller has recently moved from his assignment as CO of the 16th Infantry to Chief of Staff, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley. Lee and Bill Cunningham, CO of the 18th Infantry, both attended a 1st Division Reunion in New York during the first week in May, where they saw Bob Tyson, CG of the XVIII Corps Artillery. On the same trip Lee saw Hal Browning in the Pentagon, where Hal was holding down the job of Executive of the Artillery Section, Career Management Division. Lee also reported that Dick Weber was due to move during the summer from the Student Detachment at Carlisle Barracks to Fort Riley, where he was to become Executive of the 1st Division Artillery.

See you at the football games in the fall!

—*Renfroe.*

1935

For those who haven't yet heard, the affairs of the class will be mishandled by an Executive Committee residing in the Washington area. Moon and Marie Ferris have departed the city and this necessitated crash action. As a result a class constitution was adopted and a "headquarters" established in Washington where there are 50-odd of the class stationed. Carmon Rogers is the class chairman. Other members of the Executive Committee are Rich, Jones, Berquist, Musgrave and Mitchell. The last named is the Secretary-Treasurer, who would appreciate news items and an accounting of your whereabouts. His address is RFD 3, Box 567, Fairfax, Virginia. It has been decided that class luncheons will be held monthly, usually on the second Tuesday and usually in the Pentagon. Class parties will be held about every three months. The last class party was held the end of May at Rogers' Ranchito as a farewell to Moon and Mrs. Moon. It seems like it takes about a dozen of us to replace the Ferris'.

On the more serious side the Washington gang has voted to help the children of deceased classmates to obtain appointments to the Academy, scholarships, or in any practical way. We'd like to keep in touch with the widows also. Not that the class is rich enough to help financially, but a friendly hand might be of some value. With respect to the class finances, the sum of $500 is the target. If the kitty drops too low, a class dun of a dollar will be made.

The class is now furnishing the commandants at both the USMA and the Air Force Academy. In addition, the commandant at the Citadel is also from our class. As most of you know, Moose Stillman is at the Air Academy, Hoy at the Citadel, and Johnny Throckmorton who has become our first Army general officer, is commandant of cadets at West Point. Tom Gent, as most of you know, was added to our roster of Air Force generals last summer. Congratulations.

Information filtering into the class message center is that the Van Ormes left the Middle East last Christmas and are now at Ravenna Arsenal, Apco, Ohio. Al and Judy Ashman report from Cairo that they are proud parents after all these years — a daughter, "Molly." Bill Chapman is headed for SHAPE to join Tommy Lang, Frank Murdock, Kim Brown and Benny Heckemeyer in Paris. Duke McEntee, we learn, is at the Bank at Fort Knox as a staff officer. Happy hunting, Duke. Eric Ramee and John Parker are retiring. Harvey Bower is going to USAREUR. Armogida is headed Korea way. Bristor is to be District Engineer at Tulsa. Red Miner is with the 101st Airborne at Campbell. R. E. Tucker now in Manila is en route to AWC while Eckhart, Morris, and Gent are basking in the delights of Hawaii. Bob Booth is at Duquesne University as PMS&T while Oglesby and Jeffers are with Westinghouse Electric Company in Pittsburgh. Dave Stone although busying himself as IG at Fourth Army at Fort Sam, has become a land owner with a fancy hacienda in Tucson in addition to his other duties. Bob Hardy, we hear, is in Spokane in the mining business. Ellerton's family continues to grow. Believe they are heading the list but we've lost count. How many, Pooper? Do we have any grandparents yet? Don't forget to send your news to Mike Mitchell. We're largely dependent upon these items. If you

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come to Washington give one of the Executive Committee a ring and let's hear the news of you and your family or of any classmates you've run into.

—*Mitchell.*

1936

This issue reports the happenings of the 20th Reunion in the main and these are my impressions, notes, etc.—I apologize in advance if I have forgotten something important along the way!

The Corps has *not* gone to Hell! The cockles of any parent's heart would have been warmed at seeing our three upstanding sons: Ronald Gooding is an impressive, goodlooking youngster. He should be a lieutenant at least, starting first class year in September. Ronald ingratiated himself with all the class wives up at Edith Safford's tea, even though he was almost a stranger. George Sibert has all the finer qualities of Bill, but it is apparent that the Sibert gleam is still a potential threat to give George the zeal to try anything—and accomplish it. Gil Dorland is a handsome youngster with Dad's brains and Lynn's looks. Those of you who don't know, should also see the old beautiful "platoon front" passing in review. This is the result of resurrecting the old Squad drill and doing it with more precision than we ever did. I think that General Bryan's talk at the Association luncheon (probably printed in the front of this issue) inspired us with an important concept. He said that in the growth of the Corps, unity and entity dictated the size not to exceed that which would permit having the Cadets all together at least three times a day in the mess hall. He gave a limit of 3,000 max. This observation again, emphasizes, to me at least, the strength of the Corps not alone from the physical dimension but also from the psychological quality. I therefore repeat, the Corps is stronger than ever, its purposes and ideals are of great proportion, and we may all be thankful that there is—and that we are a part of the Long Grey Line.

The arrangements for parties and the accommodations were of the highest order, and I nominate Jim Illig to be ordered back to West Point to handle all future reunions. Fifty classmates owe Jim an undying "thanx" for his efficiency and pains in making our visit memorable and enjoyable. If any of you, reading this in August, have not paid Jim for all those parties—DO IT NOW!

The Girls were certainly Good Guys up at Reunion. Notwithstanding Illig's capabilities as a logistical expert, his astuteness as a Harvard business school wizard, and his suave chief-of-staff parlor procedure, our Jim had not graduated from the school of female phychology, habitat and mores. Whereas he busted his neck providing complete ironing facilities, he overlooked the propitious draping of some sheet in certain unmentionable localities. We classmates have put up with each other for years, but some of our wives met for the first time. I was amazed at the way those women got along so well together and looked so good when we were ready to go to the parties. Shame on Fran McElheny for deserting the gals and coming over to the sanctuary of the 27th. Div. (I couldn't resist telling on Jim, since any fool male would have done what he did—or didn't do!)

Time doesn't permit telling all the things we did at the Point—and I guess I did as much as any, including going thru our old house for the first time since 1922. I'm only sorry that more didn't come and we all couldn't stay longer. I think Marge and Louie Chappelear came the farthest, Los Angeles; the Gages, Delesderniers, and Joyce Austin stayed the longest. Necrason failed to add a little more to the long list of tradition at the Point: he attempted dragging a General in barracks. I hadn't seen Nick in a long time, he's a lousy correspondent, and plenty of you in Washington see him so much that any views from me on this character will probably be unnecessary. However, here's what I'd like to someday tell a little girl named Virginia who arrived in Washington May 27th. "Jinny, I remember when your Daddy had a Group in the Army Air Corps. His men used to brag about who knew 'Nick' the best, and they used to get pictures of him to hang up all around barracks."

The following of us put in an appearance: Austins, Blairs, Carmichaels, Chappelears, Combs, Connors, Cordes, Cozarts, Bill Davis', and Cadillac, Dawalts, Delesderniers, Dorlands, Finkels, Furphys, Gages, Grohs', Heisters, Hess', Holtermans, Illigs, Katzs, Lamperts, Lees, McElhenys, Partridges, Quinns, Saffords, Sheas, (Frank), Simpsons, Sievers, Schwerings (he hiding behind a mustache), Waters, Haywoods. The bachelors, I believe, were Jerry Duin, Estes, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Grothaus, Kelly, McCorkle, Miller, Necrason, Powell, Rogers, (Buddy), Rip Smith, Stokes, Westy and Wirt Williams.

There was a class meeting following a delightful luncheon for the ladies which Edie Safford gave and which included the cadet sons. The effort extended by the Saffords was greatly appreciated and added much to affording us a wonderful reunion. The gist of the business was that the majority of those present were for giving class recognition to graduates of USMA only. A resolution prepared by the Washington Committee was adopted (the Resolution is in effect a class Charter and in another sense class by-laws, except that formality is eliminated. Ed. note). An attempt to schedule dues, systematic voluntary contributions, or what-have-you was proposed. At the present time, therefore, classmates at Carlisle, Washington, and West Point have been polled on the resolution. Bill Connor is, I understand, drawing up a bulletin to consolidate the class' present opinion and decisions. One other piece of inconsequential business at West Point; everybody present, all of a sudden started clamoring to be the class secretary! Naturally, I strove desperately to keep my office and it was only after a terrific struggle that I succeeded. Now, to the detriment of all—including myself—I have been made permanent secretary.

It was my misguided opinion that when Westy and I had our last offspring, that the class would produce no mo'. Events of recent date make me wonder whether this lusty virility is all part of the new atomic age or what. Jim Goodwin had a boy late last year. Nick had a daughter on May 27th, Abrams had one on the next day, Ace and Jean Miller are expecting in September, and I'm sure Bill Hay will be heard from again any time now. Well Congratulations to all you young diaper-daddies; and if the mood ever catches you, how about figuring how much money I'm going to have to spend for class gifts to cover all extant sons of 1936.

Wally Barrett has been ordered to Okinawa from D. C. Bernie Bess has gone to the Pentagon from Carlisle. Judy is reported to have been married early in June.

1936 CLASS REUNION AT WEST POINT, JUNE 1956

Front Row: Left to Right—Hess, Haywood, Illig, Quinn, Chappelear, Schwering, Partridge, Furphy, Connor, Safford, Bill Davis, Grohs (behind), Cordes, Simpson, McElheny (behind), DeLesdernier, Hiester, Dawalt, Waters, Sievers, Buddy Rogers, Holterman.

Back Row—Carmichael, Combs, Westmoreland, Stokes (behind), Cozart, Dorland, Greene, Gage, Lee, Lampert, Kelly, Duin, Wirt Williams, Powell.

Congratulations and best wishes. Daddy Broyles graduated from Management School at Belvoir in May. Ray Cato left AWC for Pentagon. George Champion stopped by Wallnau's Piccadilly in May on way to Paris. Jack Chiles played host to Snyder, Cole and the Taylor party in May. Howie said he turned out very fine hospitality for the General. Bub Clarks are still at Chaumont, France. Roy Cole who was on the above mentioned trip apparently functioned as the trip's chief executive and coordinator. I guess Chiles' welcome in Madrid compared favorably with Cec Span's in Oslo. According to Roy, Cecil produced something for the General's party without which calmity would have ensued. Claude Crawford is at Bonn and is an attache for the transportation of many western countries. Ben Davis is C.G. of Task Force 13 on Taiwan. He was written up in a very fine article in Colliers recently. Congratulations! Two physical mishaps occurred which made headlines: "Dead-eye breaks leg in Naval Action" and "Sibert breaks arm Baby Sitting" Dead-eye Dickson supposedly undertook to move a boat, which instead moved him. No cluster on your DSM for that one, boy! I can't be sure whether Bill S. was baby-sitting or sitting with the baby-sitter. But I do know he has a fractured arm. Little George is going to Europe to visit the family in July. I know that Bill and Maureen missed being at the Academy in June. Gil Dorland will retire in July and he has a very fine job lined up as assistant to the president of the large Nashville Bridge Co. It is a wonderful opportunity for a wonderful guy. Our very warmest good wishes for success. Incidentally, Harold Low is reported retiring about this time too. He is leaving from Leavenworth, but I do not know what he plans to do. I have also heard that about three others are considering leaving the service. It is my thought, even suggestion, that Gil would be delighted to discuss or write some of his reasons, decisions, etc. in making the switch. I feel that those of us who are out should be at least in a position to be contacted if any of you are considering alternatives to retirement now or within at most ten years from now. Incidentally, it is my firm conviction that I can serve my classmates much more worthily offering them some advice they can use—than writing this column.

Dave Edwards from OPS to office Defense Mobilization. Am personally sorry you didn't get up to the Point so I could pay you that $2 I've owed you since Mitchel Field. Ellert is at Chateauroux. Walt Faiks goes from Albuquerque to Fort Hood, Texas, in July. Griffith left Washington for Elm, SHAPE. I know that Bill and Marion Haneke were sorry they did not get up to Reunion. They are the only one out of four of us who didn't "make it".

Ray Harvey is in Frankfurt. Heintges is in MAAG, Bonn, briefed Snyder on latter's recent visit. Heisters are on their way to Ordnance Tank Comd in Detroit. Finkel and Mohlere are there also. Steve Holderness has moved to Athens as liaison between NATO and Greece. Lea Kallman left Atlanta after a year's school here and went out to be with Max in El Paso. Henry Katz is now at the top of my list for praise in sending me colored pictures of his children and Elizabeth. Layne from AWC to OACSI, Washington. Mac Lemoyne is G-4 at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Bobby O'Brien is G-3, I believe, same place. Have heard from both since their arrival a couple months back. Biff Milliken is going to AWC next year. Charlie Pack is at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Bruce Palmer reported from AWC. He sent a "20th Reunion" picture of himself, McCabe, Cato, Ripple, Tiffany, Layne, Landrum, Bess, Kieffer, Hahney, Lynch and Swain since none of them could get up to West Point. Ted Clifton was at AWC from J-3 in Paris. Ralph King and Bill Connor will be there later for some conferences. Nick Perkins finally left Maxwell and is going to D. C. to learn Yugoslavian in order to go to that country in 1958. Pete Persons left Maxwell for OACSI and technical intelligence. Chuck Prosser has received his Masters in business administration at U. of Chicago. He has been in school for past two years. He will now go to Tank Cmd with Finkel, Mohlere and Heister. He also sent me a reunion-type picture taken in Chicago of those who weren't at West Point. Those included are Prosser, Hay, Kramer, Norman, Meany, Sullivan and Drain. Dick Ripple is staying on faculty at Carlisle; wish we could have accepted his invitation to visit him. Bill Sievers is at Finance School at Ben Harrison. He also brought his boy up to the Reunion. Hope by the time this is read that young Bill will be in the Corps, class of '60. Glenn Sikes has left Benning and gone to Japan; he's left family in Florida. Smith, S. D. from Washington to AWC. Orv. Stokes leaves D. C. for USAREUR in June. Fred Terrell from JCS to Hq 34th Air Div, Kirtland AFB. Tetley still likes service at Weisbaden. He plans rotating back to States in the fall. Edgar Thompson's wife recently pictured as new president of officers' wives at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Incidentally, Edgar had the headache on our 10th Reunion that Illig took this time. True visited with Ed Wallnau in May either going to or from Karachi.

Since I have been accumulating data on the class for the past two years, I should like to recommend that after 20 years you take run back sometime and see the poop that Ed Wallnau has amassed now. I plan to write him soon and ask that he Will our class all the pictures and clippings he has collected through the years. What he has accomplished I should like to hope we can do in the future with the new large class record I have left in Washington with Westy. How about revising your Will, Ed? Incidentally, Ed looks the same as he always did, hasn't changed a bit—he still looks old. The youthful thing about him is that he only talks a little bit slower than Walter Winchell. Ben Whipple is back in the States at East Orleans, Massachusetts, and I don't know what happened to him at June Week; he was planning on being there. Wildrick is in Scaland, Wales. A letter was just received from Bob and Charlotte Fergusson from Scofield Barracks extending greetings and good wishes and regrets they could not be at reunion. Bob also indicated that Whitey Grove is in "3" section of USARPAC and that Ham Morris is Engineer in the same Headquarters. George Finley just checked in as a new arrival in Okinawa. Ace Miller and Jean and children left on the Constitution for a several years stay as military attache in Rome; I think I'd like a tough assignment like that. Nap Duell is reported doing well

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with a rubber company in Ashland, Ohio. Langdon Jackson was last heard from in Japan. Yarborough is in MAAG, Cambodia.

An honor justly deserved is the announcement of designating in September Vincent Air Force Base. Yuma, Arizona airport is being renamed and for long years may it be famous in memory of our great "Casey"!

One of the highlights of the Gages June trip was visiting in Danville, Virginia, with Sister (Miss Carrie E.) Dunn, now 82 years young, and the sweetest little lady in the whole world. She lives in retirement with her memories of nursing us in the USMA hospital many years past.

Last, but certainly not least, if any of the class can suggest or help get all of the class "eagles" I shall feel we can write a 20 year "finis" to that phase of our active career which prompted Westy to recommend that we give a son a graduation gift to include insignia of rank from lieutenant through colonel.

—*Phil Gage.*

1937

This month my primary source documents have been DA SO's. I'm on distribution for those and delivery is approaching about 50%. So far I've not received any AF orders so these comments are primarily about non-flying types. The recent high level discussions with Mr. Wilson have had neither proximate nor remote effect on the substance of this report.

Geographically most of the news centers around AWC. Leaving this year's course and Carlisle Barracks were Julian Sollohub for the 151st Eng. Gp Fort Benning, Pete Hyzer for the Detroit Military District, Jimmy Reeves for Korea, Jack Schermerhorn for Yullahoma, Tennessee District, Ed Teeter for OTQMG, Bob Stumph for OACSI (G-2 for those not up with the latest Dept. of Army reorganization) and Gene Stann for District Engineer at Nashville. Gene made the Nashville Banner and if his picture isn't either retouched or 10 years old he is weathering the years better than most people I can mention (Exception: Hank Spengler). Chet Johnson and Monk Meyer complete the course at AWC but are being reassigned to S&F, partly to replace Bill McKinley, I guess, who is leaving S&F for Korea.

Leaving NWC were Tank Hardaway for ODCSLOG, Charlie O'Malley for USARPAC and Kelsie Reaves and Hank Spengler for ODCSOPA. Chief Evens went from ICAF to ODCSLOG.

At a recent class luncheon of the Washington contingent we were happy to have Bud Sprague's brother, Mansfield Sprague, General Counsel of DOD join us. At the same luncheon by unanimous vote (sealed ballots and all) Dink Spaulding, Trapper Drum and Fred Campbell were elected a select committee of three to arrange for the spring get together. They did an excellent job of promoting integration by holding a cocktail buffet in the Naval Gun Factory Club, and an even better job of making sure the bar was well stocked and free (once they let us in). In addition to the local talent, Bud Hines was enroute from the jump course to AWC and joined us. He was well tanned and trim looking and a typical "Man of Distinction".

Roy Rumph was retired in April at Fort Jay for physical disability. We hope you'll not lose all contact with us, Roy, and will be able to make the 20th Reunion next June week. To encourage the rest of you, Ed Richardson is now at West Point, and has his vim, vigor and vitality restored just by watching those stalwart cadets.

On a recent trip to USAREUR I tried to see Dick Fellows, CO of Harmon AFB but found he was out salmon fishing. Didn't see Poopy Connor but called him at Heidelberg where he is in the IG office. I saw J. D. Stevenson (note DPQ) at SHAPE, where he too was on TDY. AT USAREUR HQ ran into Ely Burton, out from DACSI. He reported he tried to see Dick Fellows too but Dick was hunting. Must be good country up there. Whitey Mauldin was aboard the same aircraft as EY. Whitey is assigned to the air base as Weisbaden. Roy Lutes is in the same area in command of an AA Gy. Monk Montgomery recently left the Pentagon for an Inf Regt at Fort Ord 5th DW I've heard. Doug Quandt crashed through to give a little more substance to this column. At Sill he said, Jim and Betty Norvell and Finn and Bayly Unger serve better meals than those available in the mess. Jim commands the 17th GP and Finn the Tactics Dept. (It was Combined Arms last I heard but Doug was reporting on the spot). Wilber Davis materialized at the Sill Club with his wife, cutting the bachelor ranks one more. Wilber had just gyroscoped from Germany to Fort Sill. At Monroe Doug saw and sponged off of Harry and Molly Wilson, Jack and Betty Polk and Battle and Grace Barksdale. Jack and Betty are about to leave for Dublin.

DPQ accused me of using him as filler for this column. I deny the allegation. It's just that more and more we are taking a parental interest in the only non-resident news source away from the Pentagon. Thanks Doug. Any one in the AF interested?

—*E. J. I.*

1938

Dear Classmates:

Inevitability struck again on the 17th of April 1956 in Washington, D. C. This time the cataclysmic event was the annual election of officers of the Washington Chapter, Class 1938, USMA. For the next 12 months, therefore, Mish Michelet will serve as president; Art Malony will be the secretary (and hold the purse strings); Nick Chavasse will be in charge of our social activities; and yours truly will serve as class news representative.

At this writing we are right in the middle of the "Cum Laude" season and it is indeed gratifying to note that the following institutions of higher learning graduated the following members of the Class of '38. (Cum Laude, of course): National War College—Coleman, J. B., Ches Chesarek, Roy Heflebower, Al Hulse and Ken Skaer; Industrial College of the Armed Forces — Coleman, Glenn C., Bob Demitz, Bill Fredrick, Bottle Kasper, Jo-Jo Kujawski, June Lotz and Dick Sims; Air War College—Omar Knox, Al Sights, Preacher Wells, and Don Thackeray; Army War College—George Abert, Adams, L. D., George Bixby, Dick Broberg, Ed Chalgren, Davis, P. C., Charlie Denholm, Vince Elmore, Spook Haley, Mike Hayes, Jeff Irwin, Chuck Jackson, John Jannarone, Greg Lynn, Frank Norris, Bill Sussman and K. G. Wickham; The Armed Forces Staff College—Joe Missal; and Georgetown University—Pinkey Sundin, a masters degree, no less, in International Relations.

The ladies report that Shirley Byars and the two youngsters are holding the fort in Alexandria, Virginia while Dave is making big smoke in the Pacific Proving Grounds. Incidentally, Dave is slated for the National War College in the fall of '56. Cookie Bassett came up from Florida to visit in the Washington-Arlington area. She looked just wonderful and the two boys are fine. The rest of the ladies are about to move, have just moved or are completely engrossed with housework, cocktail parties, Brownies, Cub Scouts, housework, PTA, luncheons, golf, housework, dinner parties, boarding the comers and goerers and of course spring cleaning, so they didn't have much news this time.

John Corley writes on G-1 stationery from Seventh Army that Don Williams and Bill Latta are headed for the Industrial College this August; Jesse Thomas to the Naval War College; Bill Browning to the Air War College; and Jerry Folda, Nev Howell, Ed McKee, Hugh Strange, Desloge Brown and Al Burke to the Army War College.

John told us that as of March 1956 George Artman had been reassigned from Camp Stewart to Fort Knox; G. G. O'Conner had for some time been C/S in the Base Section of Com Z; and Bob York who was the military attache in Singapore is on his way back to civilization and the higher cost of living. Jack English has been the G-3 of V Corps but will be leaving that honored post this summer for places and jobs yet unrevealed (to him). Bill Sundlof was as of this writing assigned as the VII Corps Engineer. Bem Sternberg, according to John, has the best infantry job in the army—Inspector of Infantry at CONARC.

Leo Harman who is Special Assistant for Nuclear Development, Office, DCS/Development Hq USAF, on returning from a "Blue Plate" tour of Europe reports contact with Chum Morrison, Max Murray, Lloyd Johnson and Doug Polhamus. Chum Morrison is an expert on logistics in EUCOM Headquarters (and takes two martini's and a thin sandwich for lunch); Max, another logistician, is operating and we mean operating in the vicinity of Heidelberg; Lloyd Johnson is a planner located at Lindsay AFB, Wiesbaden, Germany; and Doug is a bilingual international Staff officer in SHAPE Headquarters.

As for the Washington area the Class of '38 is well represented. In fact, it is so well represented that any of you "foreigners" passing through can probably find your roommate here, and if not, you can at least find 4 or 5 classmates from your company. Look us up when you get around these parts, or better yet, join us at lunch on the third Tuesday of any month (usually at the Army-Navy Club).

News from ad hoc correspondents has been very meager and it is quite possible that some of you may have been misquoted, inadvertently not mentioned, or perhaps misassigned in this column. If so, I hope you will take offense and give me h -. When you do, please tell me what you doeth, where you goeth, how your family groweth and what's cooking with 5 other classmates. Address your gripes, squibbs and gossip to me at 846 N. Edison St., Arlington 5, Virginia.

—*E-busch.*

1939

Requests for poop have been most productive. Many thanks for making a lazy man's load lighter. So here we go.

Ken Collins and family from Riley to Pentagon. Dickmans from War College to France, ditto Hardwicks. Kingsley's to Wright Field from D. C. Boyd's to the Far East. Richardson's had big time in D. C. lately with graduation, and new son arriving just hours later. Nice picture of father in the paper. The family plus new heir going to North Carolina. The lucky Habecker's go to Switzerland this summer as Air Attache. Phyllis and Wiley have a new son approximately three weeks old, Pat and Tom Crawford staying on in

D. C. one more year. Boyer's going to Far East and Stockings to Alaska. Cantrell's to Carlisle from Leavenworth. Odom with an AAA Group at Fort Niagara.

Bob Page reports a tale of a distinctly familiar flavor. In January after finishing AFSC he was slated for Peru. Shortly after, a 97% "firm"—"tentative" assignment to OSD, Paris (forget the Spanish,—bone up on the French). Then, a J-3 slot with JAMMAT. (Start learning Turkish). But finally, where does he end up?—Why, Iran, naturally.—Anybody can see that.

The proposal for the Distaff side to take a hand in this column has led to some lively correspondence for Fran Mial. Of the many letters she received and contents duly transcribed herein, we take the liberty of presenting Mary Gilchrist's en toto because of its international news coverage, putting Asociated Press, INS, etc., all to shame—We quote: "Dear Fran—First of all in Korea are L. L. Beckedorff, R. F. Cassidy, W. C. Chapman, who, we hear, is due to come to Japan, W. J. Fling, N. W. Glen, C. D. McFerren, H. L. Murray, and J. J. Pavick. More may have gone there and some left, by the time that this reaches you, but at this writing that is where they are. In Okinawa are E. R. Ford, F. K. Newcomer, and H. T. Smith. We hear from Bud and Jackie Newcomer every now and again, and from all that they write they are enjoying their tour and we do get a glimpse of Bud here every now and again. He and Jackie were here for a visit last spring and they both looked wonderful and the pictures of the kids surely left no doubt as to the fact that they are loving the army life to the fullest. Fran and Tom Smith and their daughter, Gayle, were here in Japan for a while when we first arrived, but they moved to Okinawa and, like the Newcomers, we hear from them every now and again and they seem to be fine also.

"In Japan, the class is pretty well spread around, from North to South, but R. W. Boughton and his family are at Yokota while Jump and Nita Jumper and their kids are at Johnson as is R. H. Holloway. Penny and Walt Grant are now down in the southern part of Japan. We saw Walt aboard a train bound for Chitose last Xmas, and he gave an account of the intervening years since we had last seen the Grants in Washington. Also in these islands that comprise Japan are A. W. Ginder, J. V. Reardon, D. J. Rogers, E. W. Schroeder, and T. J. B. Shanley. Don't know where they are, but they're here somewhere.

"Right here in the vicinity of AFFE/8 Army (Rear) are Chris and Pam Coyne, whose family now numbers three boys a good start on a baseball team in anyone's league. Kit is now 5, Bobby 4, and David just eight months. They will leave our ranks the early part of the summer, for Chris is due to go to the War College this fall. Hal and Kay Crawford and their two boys are here in the G-3 section of AFFE, or I should say, just Hal is in the section. They are all fine and thriving; the only casualty being Hal's broken finger. Jay and Nat Dawley and their two little girls, Jayne and Lynn, will be on their way back to the U.S. in June and will swell your ranks in Washington this fall when Jay attends the Industrial College there. We shall miss both the Coynes and the Dawleys a great deal. The Engstroms at FEAF headquarters here in Tokyo and we see them now and again, but not nearly often enough. Ed and Pat Kurth and their two boys, Edward and Larry, are here and Ed is with the JAG section at AFFE. Phil Seaver is with the Engineers at YED and he and his family live at Fuchinobe. Don and Happy Serrem have decided to desert the bright lights of Tokyo and come and be country bumpkins with us and have moved down here. We are glad that they are here, and we shall try hard not to let life get dull. Don is with the Ordnance section here. Dick and Ruth White are here with their three . . . Richard, age fourteen, Barbara, age ten, and Peter, age seven. For Frank and me that is like having a constant reunion. Dick is with the AFFE Comptroller. We have missed the Prestons since they left last fall, but our loss is your gain. Anyone seeing Lydia and Bill give them our love please. As for the Gilchrists, well we still number four . . Frank and me, and our two boys, Malcolm, age thirteen, and Mike age eleven. Frank, like Hal is in the G-3 Section at AFFE, and in his spare moments, he has turned photographer in earnest, and if you'll pardon my sounding like a braggart, a darn good photographer. We still have another year to go, but we love it and are healthy and happy. (Some later news):—Tom Shanley is in the G-3 Section HQ AFFE. Fran Smith with, Tom and Gayle planning to be in Yokohama in June, enroute to Carlisle—Jay and Nat Dawley homeward bound for the Industrial College, Chris and Pam Coyne to Carlisle, Bud Newcomer is slated as CO of Fort Niagara, New York. Don and Happy Serrem were in a bad automobile accident about 2 months ago but are coming along fine now. Jump Jumper and Nita living it up at Johnson AFB.

"That about winds up the class news from here. Hope they don't mind a wife getting into the act, but believe me, the men are a hard working lot. Hope this isn't too obsolete by the time it gets to you. Sincerely, Mary Gilchrist."

Well, thanks to the Ladies, the Class gets a good round-up of where the members are, and J. P. Mial finds another way to get out of work. So Girls, don't hold back—try your hand at being a world correspondent and dash off a note to Fran Mial, 516 Faber Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

Johnnie Mial.

1940

Since "sixteen years after" does not pack the glamour of "fifteen years after" June week was celebrated quietly by our representatives at the Academy. So quietly, in fact, that I have received no word on it.

Other sources tell me things of other places and the mail bag was healthy this time. Jerry Addington in Washington writes that Lanny Witt and Freddie White are now grazing in the Pentagon. At the annual West Point Dinner held at the Shoreham the following represented the class of 1940: Colligan, Carey O'Bryan, Delaney, Gerhard Brown, Witt, Guy, Rust, Abbey, Mayo, LaBreche, Epley, Clement, Crown, Addington, Brewer, Green, G. D., Gunster, Mandell and Penney. J. B. Bonham in Walter Reed but hopes to go to duty in September. Otis Ulm finishes course at the Industrial College and goes to duty with OQMG. Alan Strock leaves OJCS for Airborne training at Benning and then assignment to 101st Airborne Division.

Dick Abbey finishes his course at the National War College and stays on as an instructor. On an official junket to Europe in May, Green, G. D., saw Dave Crocker in G-2 V Corps, George Bayerle in G-1, Seventh Army and Rimmer the G-2 of the Ninth Division. Kyle is in J-1 Section Hq EUCOM. John Coontz after giving a major assist to Lanny Witt's housewarming party is now off to Board No. 4 at Fort Bliss. There he will see Jake Taylor who runs special weapons school, Ralph Ross with guided missiles, Bob Fate, and Jim Walters.

On March 1, 1956 Vi and Pete Kramer were able to announce the arrival of "a brand new leading lady" Kathleen Grace. According to my records this makes two pair for the Kramers, two boys and two girls.

Thad Floryan writes that the Founders Day Dinner at Seoul in Korea brought out five members of the class: Balthis a battalion commander in the 24th Division; Bill Bennett, deputy G-2 of I Corps; Bob Raleigh, Deputy Chief of Staff of UNCMAC; Wilderman an artillery battalion commander; and Fuller also a battalion commander. Floryan commands 96th FA Bn. at Camp St. Barbara.

Ray Renola one of our few bachelors is with Headquarters Seventh Army and reports that Ben Delamater is with G-4 Section of the VII Corps. Marvin Jacobs who is commanding the 130th Engr. Aviation Bn. in the Far East teamed up with Jack MacLean of the 8th Army to give me information of classmates in the FEC. Ahmajan is with MAAG-J Army Section APO 500, Banks with Okinawa Engineer District APO 331, Burfening, Hqtrs. 8A APO 343; Bill Clay at Central Command Hq. APO 500, Denno, Hq. 8A APO 343, Lederman at MAAG-J Army Sec. APO 500, MacLean at 8A APO 343, Bidwell Moore at Air Gr Spt. Det APO 994, Oval Robinson, Yokohama Engr. Depot APO 503, Zeke Summers Hq FEC J3, APO 500 and Zero Zahrobsky at Hqtrs 8A, APO 343.

"Dr. Wendell B. Sell former Project Engineer with Pilotless Aircraft Division of Boeing Aircraft Company, has been appointed General Manager of the Electronics Division of American Machine and Foundry Company". This item from the Army, Navy and Air Force Journal which also reports Sid Fisher as Director of Public Relations and Information for the USAFE.

Del Munson writes from Naples that he married Rosita in March which leaves only Renola, O'Donnell and Dubuisson wandering around loose. In September Del reports to 11th Airborne Division in Germany according to his present orders. Archie Knight is with MAAG in Turkey.

Len Orman on a recent trip encountered the following: O'Brien, J. A. in Albuquerque, O'Keefe at Fort Bliss; Spengler at Bliss and Cunningham also at Bliss. Len is stationed at Patrick AFB working on that thing.

Willis Lewis leaves National War College for duty with 5039th Air Base Wing at Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska. Other assignments after conclusion of course at National War College are: Roy Nelson to Furstenfeldbruck, Germany; Norvell to Marly, France; DeWitt to Ladd AFB in Alaska, French to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska and George LaBreche to Ladd AFB, Alaska.

Andy Delia busy in Washington handling the housing problem and Bob Strong to move to Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. Jim Strauss at Headquarters Third Army. Due for assignment to Army War College, Carlisle Barracks in August. Bill Gildart with U.S. Mission to NATO, APO 230, New York.

Charlie Balthis writes from the Far East that he encountered a number of classmates on a recent inspection trip he made. One was Floyd on Okinawa.

Jim Humphrey busy in Florida selling insurance. Has three boys and a girl. Page Smith writes that his sixth daughter is expected in July. Assignments for those graduating from AWC at Carlisle Barracks are as follows: Page Smith to the Pentagon; Belt to USAREUR, Germany; Benson to ROTC duty at the University of Minnesota; Cameron to SETAF in Italy; Clapsaddle, Coats, Wendt and Goodwin to the Pentagon; Harnett to San Francisco; Hobson to Staff and Faculty at Fort Leavenworth; Leahy to 82nd Abn Div. at Fort

Bragg and Oglesby to West Point (Plebes take cover).

Mike Kuziv writes from Fort Monroe that he met quite a few classmates at March dinner. Kenney and Merchant are instructors at the Army and Navy Staff College in Norfolk and Tom Muller is a student there. Collins and Schmaltz are running the Q.M. School at Fort Lee. Ev Light and Dick Cassidy are grinding out directives at the Army AA Command at Colorado Springs. Podufaly at Conarc at Fort Monroe.

Who noted that a picture of the color guard, Class of 1940 USMA, was on a recent issue of "Officers Call"?

Any classmates coming into Washington area or leaving Washington area please call Jerry Addington at the Pentagon or extension 52954 or at his home Jackson 5-5312 so that you can be put on or taken off the Washington roster. Last call for anyone who paid for 15 year book and did not receive it. Write to me at 2167 Cacique Street and I will find it for you.

—*Hank Brewerton.*

1941

What a wonderful reunion! Sy Coker and company planned and executed a marvelous three-day operation.

Having attended the 10th and 5th, I think I can say that this was definitely the best. Undoubtedly the mellowing that marks the mid-point in our careers makes friendships and memories more enriching.

We didn't get around to singing the ribald songs nor planting a class tree in the middle of the plain like we did at the 5th. We didn't stay up all night like we did at the 10th, but we had a wonderful time.

Waistlines and hairlines, while the topic of much conversation, really haven't changed much. Our brides are as beautiful and charming as ever.

The first day, Saturday, we had a picnic at Round Pond. It was very wet outside and not a little damp within. However, the rain had no effect on the spirits as the photograph (see cut) plainly shows. Herb Richardson proved that 15 years has really no effect by doing a hand stand on one of the tables.

The second night, we had a cocktail party and buffet dinner at the Thayer. Butch Rising showed several reels of movies taken during cadet days, and again all agreed that the evidence preserved on celluloid proved that 15 years has made no difference. Most of the troops adjourned to Herb Richardson's where Herb and Dottie produced Huevos Rancheros for the entire gang. Seven dozen is a lot of eggs. These plus a little of everything in the ice box finely chopped and highly seasoned made a breakfast fit for a king or at least the President of Mexico.

Monday we attended the alumni ceremonies and review, followed by the luncheon. We were thrilled as we joined in the standing ovation paid to Major General Hodges '81, the first man to represent his class at their 75th reunion.

At the luncheon, we helped elect Curt Chapman to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates.

Monday night we had a perfectly grand finale: cocktails in the Grey Room at the WP Army Mess followed by a delicious dinner in the downstairs dining room. The combo set the mood with 1940 vintage music.

As I said, it was a grand reunion—those attending were: Ruth and Jock Adams, Georgia and George Adjemian, Burt Andrus, Barbara and Jack Bentley, Ann and Butch Berger, Curt Betts, Jerry and Bill Brier, Betty and Potter Campbell, Kevin and Chuck Cannon, Terry and Curt Chapman, Muriel and Jack Christensen, Hope and Cocky Cochran, W. C. (Mike) Cochran, Aree and Sy Coker, Ray and Rip Collins, Sara and Jim Cox, Jo and Danforth, Vida and Dick Delaney, Helen and Bob Dixon, Emilie and Bob Elsberry, Mary and Dave Gauvreau, Dennis Grace, Mary and Jog Green, Babe Hendrickson, Dot and John Henschke, Nancy and Harry Harvey, Betty and Hank Irwin, Kay and Roy Kelley, Bumpy and Jack Kelsey, Joan and Jim King, Doris and Wally Lauterbach, Lee Ledford, Pat and J. C. H. Lee, Barbara and Goober O'Connell, Gae and Bob Panke, Arn Phillips, Lois and Ed Poole, Marcie and Paul Ramee, Dot and Herb Richardson, Jeanne and Butch Rising, Jean and Bob Samz, Dan Salinas, Genevieve and Ted Shelton, Ruth and B. J. Smith, Al Snyder, Harrie and Ben Spiller, Justine and Pat Tansey, Harry Trimble, Bettie and Ralph Upton.

Born: Edward H. deSaussure, III in Washington "around Xmas"; Melissa Gerace born in Washington in February; Richard Scott Niles; John B. McIntyre; Sue Ellen Torgerson born in St. Louis, Missouri, April 28, 1956; Jane Chapman Clendening born in Topeka, Kansas, April 29, 1956 6 lbs. 10½ oz.; daughter to Hank and Cathy Boswell; James Franklin Garrett, born in Panama, March 13, 1956.

Founders Day gatherings: Fort Lewis, Washington—Magruder, Aliotta, Guifein and Liles. Paris—Molesby, Reed Hewitt, Rowny, Geo. McIntyre, Callaway and Deyo, Tokyo—Clifford, Dilts, Elder, Gilbert, Kennedy, Levy, Ramey, Silk, Woodruff, and Johnston (ex '41), Ball.

Gathering: At Maxwell AFB April 28, at quarters of Fox and Lid Rhynard; Benning contingent—Babe and Margie Hendrickson, Jock and Ruth Adams, Bill and Renee Linton, Ace and Sarah Barley; Maxwell contingent—Andy and Claire Evans, Dick and Ted Travis, Biggie and Janet Seamans, Tom and Alice Fisher, Dick and Doris Kline, deJ. and Helen deJonckheere and KO Dessert.

Ren Keleher in Heidelberg: "With our C-in-C about to be transferred to American Cyanamid, Tom Cleary, his alter ego, was going to be without his favorite golfing partner so he left town. Made such a fast getaway that they didn't even have time for a review. I understand he has the crack Bn in Berlin, but unconfirmed."

Patrick AFB, Florida—Jerry LaRocca is Director of Test Operations.

Walter Reed Hospital—Bill Cummins was shipped home from the Far East, details unknown.

Mike Michels, Erection Manager for Truscon Steel Div, Republic Steel Corp, Youngstown, Ohio, put 250 tons of stainless steel on face of Socony Mobile Bldg in NYC.

Paris: Stan Hayes is with T-3 EUCOM. Keflavik: Chuck Schilling undaunted by certain unfriendly gestures, had his tour extended for two months, erasing his plans for Reunion.

Fort Meyers, Florida: Rumor has Riley King a veterinarian. Pittsburgh: Robby Robinson is convalescing from a serious illness; after 8 months in the hospital, he says he has been miraculously cured.

Change of Station: Buck Buchanan from Manila to Army War College; Guy Goddard from Wolters AFB, Texas to Hq 17th AF, APO 118, New York (North Africa); from

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C&GSC, Tony Tonetti to Korea, Bob Edger to Rossford Ord Depot, Toledo, Ohio; Walt Mullane to Redstone Arsenal, Pete Tanous to USMA, Tom Maxwell to Washington, Burnside Huffman to EUCOM Paris, and George Johnson to U of Syracuse for a BA; Sy Coker from WP to District Engineers, New York (Address: 6 Brookside Circle, Bronxville, New York); Paul Ramee from WP to Fort Shafter, T.H.; Jim Sykes current address: 2520 Reba Drive, Houston, Texas; John McIntyre current address: Material Receiving Gp, GTAG, APO 69, New York; Dennis Grace to JCA Paris; Wendy Knowles to Panama; Bob Detwiler to Hq USAREUR APO 403, New York; John Burtchaell from Bliss to JAGO Pentagon; Ed McGrane from Bliss to Europe with a Corporal Bn; From Norfolk: George Stalnaker stays on the faculty for another year; George Pickett now a student will join the faculty; Dick Scott to Pentagon Armored Career Management; Phil Seneff to Washington Office, Chief of Research and Development. Dan Salinas to El Salvador. Stan Ramey to Benning; Jim Carroll has orders to Far East; Paul Skowronek to Washington; Bill Petre to 216 Petroleum St., Oil City, Pennsylvania for a new job with the South Penn Oil Co.; Al Muzyk to Germany (Gyro); Butch Rising and Bill Vaughan to FECOM (Korea); Ace Bailey to Germany; Dave Cooper to Bogota APO 834, New Orleans; From the Air War College Dick Travis goes to Naples; Dick Kline to a B-47 Wing at Whiteman AFB, Missouri; deJonckheere to Hq USAF; Biggie Seamans to Hq 12th AF, Ramstein; Bill Seawell to Hq USAF; Larry Greene to Canadian Staff College; Joe Knowlton and Ralph Kuzell are at Polk; Moe Schremp to MAAG Formosa; Bob Lanigan to Army War College; Jim McKinley to MAAG Cambodia; Dick Polk current address: 3721B Rolland Road, Nashville, Tennessee; Jim Kaiser is with MAAG Taiwan; Ted Brown Professor of Physics at the Air Academy, Lowry AFB; Sam Magruder to Korea.

The sad news reached me that Kerry Walters and Chuck Willes both passed away recently. Kerry retired about a year ago with a mysterious ailment undiagnosed at the time. Later the doctors decided it was Hodgkins disease. He declined quite rapidly at the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles and passed away on May 17. Chuck died in Germany, and all I know is what KO Dessert sent in a wire . . . "not the result of an aircraft accident. Margaret is with Pooge and Bucky Curtis at 7837 Jay Miller Drive, Falls Church."

Johnnie McIntyre reported the Heidelberg reunion a real success thanks to Mike Greene and company. Those attending were: Ren Keleher, John Brooks, Johnnie McIntyre, Spoo Maynard, Tom Cleary, Ted Celmer, Frank Gerig, Mike Greene, Jim Healy, Al Jensen, Al Moody, Sam Barrow, Bill Starr, Bill Purdy, A. Wray White, Bob Detwiler, Spike Briggs, Charlie Harris.

As planned, we picked the name of the book by ballot at Reunion. The name chosen by a wide margin was "Black, Bald and Grey." The winners were Arnie Thomas and Jess Unger who share the same office at the Pentagon. We wound up with $3,300 in the bank and a bill for $3,200. The book will contain about 200 pages. It will be delivered in September. Please be sure I have your correct address so that the book won't get lost. It will be mailed from the company direct.

I want to thank you all for your cooperation. I think we will have a higher proportion of participants than any other class that has put out a book.

Good luck and let's make the twentieth better yet.

—*Burt Andrus.*

1942

Departures from the Washington area this summer are going to reduce our contingent here considerably. Already several classmates have rushed off, happy to be leaving from all visible indications. Sam Koster, after selling his house in Falls Church and spending his last evening in this area shooting craps, loaded his family into the Buick and headed for Iowa to visit relatives. From there the six of them will drive back East and embark for Paris. Lee Marshall left the first part of May for a short leave out West and from there proceeds on to England. Before leaving he told of a high-speed tow target that he designed. He expects to be a millionaire shortly. Dick Hennessy has gone to Alaska and Fred Uhler to Syracuse to go to school.

Leaving here between now and September are Dick Horridge to Paris (change from April issue which said to Air University), John Anderson to Roswell, Don Bolton to the British Staff School, Joe Cannon from Aberdeen to Europe, Paul Cerar from Edgewood to the Air University, Lou Clay to Puerto Rico, Pancho Palfrey to Abiline, and John Watson to the 14th Armd Cav Regt in Germany.

Current reports indicate that only two classmates are reporting into Washington; undoubtedly there are more. Crit Crittenberger is coming into DCSOPS and Dan Halpin, originally scheduled to gyro to Europe with the 8th Div, now ordered to the Office of the Chief of Staff. The net loss to this area is ten; forty-six remain.

George Hozier and Pancho Palfrey arranged a fine dinner party at the Army-Navy Country Club to celebrate our fourteenth anniversary. The affair had to be held on May 19th instead of the 29th for administrative reasons; nevertheless, it was a gala occasion. Crittenberger made it up from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk but he was the only stranger. Too bad the rest of you couldn't have been here.

Tom Rienzi gets my whole-hearted vote of thanks for sending the following three paragraphs from West Point.

On May 30 the WP contingent obtained eight floral pieces which were placed on the graves of First Lieutenant Henry C. Benitez, Captain Carey H. Brown, Jr., First Lieutenant Thaddeus F. Dziuban, Captain Thomas F. Farrell, Jr., Captain Samuel A. Gibson, Jr., Major John Lloyd McKee, Jr., Captain Louis Polcari, and Captain Frederic H. S. Tate. The whole class met that morning and at each graveside we placed a floral piece and read the Howitzer brief. It is a custom I (Tom) think our class should continue in the future so that someone remembers those of us that have passed away in battle.

On June 5 the WP group had our class party behind Eck Cutler's house which was quite a shin dig. Everyone was there including the Bakers, Cutlers, Flanagans, Lewis', Murrays, Plotts, Rews, Rienzis, Thompsons, Ulsakers, Voegelis, and Bill Zimmerman. During the picnic we discussed our 15th reunion next year and it was tentatively agreed that we would run a June Week show with something going on each day with a cost of about $15.00 for 15 years per couple. We will keep you advised of our plans.

This year the Plotts will leave WP for Europe, the Ulsakers for Ethiopia, and the Voegelis for school. The Roberts' and the Cages are scheduled to report during the summer.

Joe Cannon, the only faithful correspondent, submitted a few items of interest as usual. Ben Hill will be our only classmate left at Aberdeen after Joe leaves for Germany. Doowillie Divers is proud of his new

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daughter born April 21 in Taipei, Taiwan; number 6 for the Divers. Al and Nancy Hunter also have an April daughter born at Fort Leavenworth; number 4 for the Hunters. Al and family are also coming to Washington this summer. He's to attend civilian school at Georgetown.

Charlie Fishburne has reported that several contributions to the class fund have been coming in and that El Roy P. Master deserves mention for his generosity. Those of you who have not yet donated your two bucks, or more, please send them to Charlie at 113 West Greenway Blvd., Fall Church, Virginia, so that we can continue to put out the class address list and news letter each fall.

That's all the news for this time. Would appreciate hearing from any or all of you in order to make this column a little longer next time. Drop me a line at 303 Princeton Blvd., Alexandria, Virginia.

—*Dale Buchanan.*

January 1943

Another June Week over, another eager class launched on the road to fame and wealth, and once again we're in the period of flux—old homesteaders packing up to shove off in various directions, while the vanguard of the new replacements shows up full of new-broom ideas. Stove-cleaning by one bunch, housewarming by the other, and the old Rock undisturbed by either.

Pretty fair amount of correspondence on hand this time, so we'll start with letters that were intended for the April issue but didn't quite make it.

Just after the middle of March came a letter from Wes Curtis in Germany: "Kirby Gean and I are instructing in the Special Weapons Branch of the USAREUR School here in Oberammergau. Kirby dazzles them with modern physics and I reassure the goats that nothing has really changed—the Principles of War still apply. John and and Betty Kerig were up here from Damascus, Syria, in November for a vacation in Garmisch (only seven miles from here) and we bumped into them. Gregg Henry, now stationed in Oslo, and Hank Ebrey, in Fontainebleau, were here in February for a two-week course. Irene and I are proudly showing off a new baby boy born March 14 in Garmisch; we have named him William Robert. Any classmates on this side of the Atlantic who are planning a vacation in the Garmisch Recreation Area are invited to write to Kirby or me (7712 AU, APO 172) for assistance in making reservations, etc. Kirby is particularly well qualified to give advice on skiing in Bavaria—he currently has one entire leg in a cast, and that's a lot of leg."

A few days later came the word from Howie Wehrle, who was then in the 30th week of the Leavenworth course and seemed elated that there were only eleven information-packed weeks of the schedule left. Apparently the Corps of Students out there is baying at the moon after the manner of Yearlings. Howie has been tapped to stick around out there for the Special Weapons Course before moving on to higher things at HQ CONARC. For the last few years he has been getting back into shape with a rifle—shooting it, that is, not doing Butts' Manual — and after considerable success in inter-post and Army Area matches, has been issued a National Match M-1. This, I understand, is equivalent to receiving the ears of the bull at Juarez. Howie's sister Alice, wife to John Roy Ross and mother of twins, visited him at Leavenworth with offspring, while father John was apparently occupied on Government business in the vicinity of Fort Carson and Camp Hale. Latest word is that the Ross entuorage is due for overseas shipment around August.

Having had no direct word from Charlie Wirt (you hear, boy?), we are forced to rely on the ever-lovin' PIO. It's no secret that Charlie has been about as wild-blue-yonder as you can get and still wear a brown suit; for some years he has been checked out in army aircraft and helicopters, and there was a rumor that he had been seen riding the warhead of an Honest John. So hear this: Charlie is in! Not long after he and Jutta arrived in Germany last fall, he put up the silver leaves and became Commandant of the Seventh Army Aviation Training Center. Curt LeMay, count your aircraft!

Bill Brady sent in a letter to Joe Benson the other day, and nothing being sacred around here, portions have been stolen for the column. Quoting Bill: " . . I have been in Paris with the MAAG program (APO 230) since January 1955. I have the Operations and Training Branch in the Air Force Section, and have as an objective in life developing a combat-ready French Air Force. Lots of fun and work. . On the unofficial side we are thoroughly enjoying Paris. Fortunately we lucked (with the help of Duke Kane) in to a fine place to live in Versailles, not the Palace but adequate for our needs. Since last seeing you God has really blessed us, and we now have quite a family. Billie produced twin boys last September to round us out with an even half-dozen Mike 8, Bill 6, Teri 4, Kellie 2, Dave ½ and Dan same. All are doing fine with Momma getting younger and more beautiful every day" This last statement was amply verified with a photo of the French Family Brady.

Bill goes on to say: "Duke Kane is in Paris as Ass't Air Attache; he leaves in June for Stateside. Jim Hackler just checked into Paris from Germany for a six-months tour at the NATO Defense College before returning to the ZI. Hank Ebrey is with HQ EUCOM on the outskirts of town. Snuffy Smith is helping out General Gruenther at SHAPE. Also understand that Jack Cutler is now at SHAPE but have not seen him as yet. Kane, Ebrey, Smith and I represented January '43 at the local Founders Day dinner on March 24. It was a gay affair with all levels from stars to bars well represented. On the previous weekend Hackler and I flew over to Wiesbaden and together with C. J. Moore (stationed in Wiesbaden), Bob Fishel (Operations, HQ 12th AF at Ramstein), and Jim Frankosky (up from Madrid on TDY), held the class banner at a gathering there."

Bob Wood wrote from Chicago early in June to announce that he had given in to homesickness and was heading East. He is going to join Ebasco Services, Inc., at 2 Rector Street in the City—Ebasco is a firm of engineers and business consultants, and Bobby is to be among the latter. Just a few days ago (mid-June) Bob and Cynthia stopped in here at WP with their two girls, visiting Bill and Peggy Knowlton. They were actively househunting, and Bill reports that they managed to locate a place in upper Jersey, into which they hope to settle late this summer.

T. Q. Donaldson pops up after Lo! these many issues with a very comprehensive Joint Communique on personalities and events in the Norfolk area. He is attending the Armed Forces Staff College, which he describes as "interesting and restful after two and a half . hectic years at Fort Hood and various other parts of Texas and Louisiana with the 1st Armored Div." adds that "in all that time I had scant (presumably referring to quantity, not quality—Ed.) company—Doug Blue for a while and then Howard Wehrle, who put in a short stint with the 4th Armored Div (also at Hood) between Alaska and Leavenworth. Jimmy Huddleston arrived at the end of SAGEBRUSH just as I was leaving. He is now Exec of the 1st Tank Battalion."

T.Q. inclosed a menu and list of guests for the last Founders Day dinner at Norfolk, showing as present Dave Barger and Pappy Doyle, also from AFSC, and Ed Bennett, C.Q. Croonquist, Bill Waters, and Gray Wheelock from HQ CONARC. T.Q. is to be assigned there at CONARC when he finishes the AFSC course; Pappy Doyle goes out to Sandia, and Dave Barger slips downstream into the Pentagon for USAF Intelligence chores. T.Q. and Mara made the January 19 gathering in Washington, which prompts him to remark that "I'm sure you get news from the Washington gang—hundreds of them there." The brutal fact is that precious little news emanates from the Washington group, and we could sure use some in this column. How's about some public-spirited citizen down there rattling off some hot poop, running it under a Geiger counter just in case, clearing it with Engine Charlie, and shooting it Hudsonward? It will be received with joy and deference befitting The Word from those in charge of the nation's defenses.

Studious Bill Neale, who is becoming quite a faithful correspondent, probably in training for his forthcoming thesis at Georgetown, kicks in with the late Leavenworth data. "Verlie and Tony Antonioli are the proud parents of their third child, first boy, Vincent, born May 17, just before the Army Admin Exam, 6 lbs. 6 oz. (Is there some obstetrical significance to the Army Admin Exam?—Ed.) Joe Conmy's orders have been changed and he will be enroute to Germany with the Gyroscoping 8th Inf Div instead of to SHAPE. The C&GSC contingent of the class held a farewell cocktail party on June 11. Incidentally, the 36 members of the class here represent about ¼ of the class still on active duty with the Army, and is probably the largest single Army gathering anyplace. Tim Brown is again in the finals of the Leavenworth Golf Championship (written before the playoff). Dee Armstrong came through as one of the winners of the Doubles Tennis Tournament. Hank Greenberg was a runner-up in the singles, and Tom Griess and Ralph Hofman had some outstanding play. Anyone in Germany or going that way is reminded that Les Heltzel, a former member of Career Management, is to be in G-1 in Heidelberg, and will naturally fix up all unhappy classmates (this is an old tune from the Neale Hit Parade, but always good for a laugh—Ed.) Robin and Bob Baden "snowbirded" their way into Leavenworth from AFFE (Bob) via USMA (Robin) in April; Bob is teaching tactics to the Chinese students, through an interpreter, in preparation for his own course. Jean and George Rebh visited the Post in April to case the joint for next year; George is passing time in the Engineer Office in Tulsa—very worried about the nation's water table."

Bob Whitlow, the Red Blaik of the Air Force Academy, was here in late May for the track meet between the Army Plebes and the Air Force Freshmen. It was a close, slam-bang meet, won finally by the Plebeians. Robert has some really jet-propelled sprinters on his team, I might add.

The class June Week party here, which this year was combined with the Aloha for those wrenching themselves away from Usmay, was run at the Club at Stewart AFB. In charge of ways and means were Denny and Skippy Moore and Tut and Missie Frakes, and as could have been predicted, it was done up brown. Doug and Shirley Blue were up from New York, staying with

Bill and Mary D. Starnes, and Johnny Buckner dropped in via jet from Randolph AFB —blown off course enroute to Spokane, I understand. Locals attending, beyond those cited, were Roy and Ann Bowlin, Bill and Virginia Hensel, Walt and Jo Hogrefe, Bill and Peggy Knowlton, Harv and Peggy Linton, Jug and Kki Marshall, Mike and Eileen Michael. Bill Starnes, incidentally, is hobbling around on a broken ankle, thanks to volleyball, which is played very dangerously by Tacs old enough to know better. He succeeds Brenning Waters in the department of fractured ankles, the latter a ski statistic.

Harv Linton advises that he ran into Chet Butcher at HQ ADC early in June. The Butch is with Plans in that ever-ready outfit.

From the *Army-Navy-Air Force Journal*: Willy Willcox to go from Los Angeles to CONARC Board No. 1 at Bliss. Vic Franklin from Bliss to SHAPE, Paris. Mike Dakin from Leavenworth, and Lee James from the Army Chemical Center, both to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal. Also in the missile field, a recent *Journal* article gave a big spread to Jim Dempsey, who is to be director of the Atlas missile project for Convair. Demps was with the AF Missile Test Center before resigning to join Convair in 1953.

Graves of classmates buried at West Point were decorated on Memorial Day, a custom of several years' standing which we hope will be permanent.

Just a word about the annual Register of Graduates put out by the WP Alumni Foundation. This is not a shill for buying same, but just a reminder that entries for many of the class are lamentably incomplete. With the Fifteenth Reunion not too far off, the local tribe will need up-to-date information. For those of you who got the yellow questionnaire, you are urged to complete and return same even if you don't want to subscribe. To those of you who are reading this free in the dayroom: How about sketching briefly your assignments since graduation, noting your current job and address, and filing all on a postcard or better to Bill Knowlton, Dept of Social Sciences?

This is (sob) my last stand as amaneunsis. Irate or just plain disgruntled readers will have to seek me out in the ranks of the 1st Inf Div at Fort Riley after early August. The face changes, but the job goes on. Send in your hot items to Class Representative, January '43, c/o Assn of Grads here, while the stalwarts remaining behind fight for my job.

—*Bill Wade.*

June 1943

Well, as such things tend to do, Gin Week came and went so fast that no one can believe it has. Empty are the lately roaring barracks; gone is the last, turned-outest yearling; and safe from picnickers sleeps the unlittered Plain. Our modest Class festivities confined themselves to one wonderful picnic at the ever-hospitable diggings of the inscrutable Fishbacks. These insouciant Math Dept. types, despite five (yes, FIVE) house guests, one cadet gal committing matrimony, and an ailing dog, had the whole blamed mob of us all over their upstairs and downstairs (for lo! it rained) madly cooking each other's wives and hugging steaks. Along with all the regular Drones from The Rock, present also were; the inseparable tandem war-story team known as Kidder and Blount, Inc., and Walter and Lucy Mitchell from Tarrytown. Then of course Moes, Pletts, A. W. Joneses, Galases, Cantlays, Greenwalts, Barickmans, Curcurus, Wickert, Moseses, M. O. Andersons, and Bettses. Cy and Annabelle Silvester were up for the one day but had to go to NYC and missed the big thrash.

Now for the belles lettres. Marjorie and Bill Daner, from Darkest North Dakota (wherever that is) inform you all of the arrival of young "Bridget" (alias Mary Jo) April 16: Wt 80 lbs. Bill is an attorney at law although we all remember what a law goat he was. Oh well, it seems I recall N.D. as being west of the Pecos anyway. Their address is 1106 S. Highland (!) Acres, Bismarck.

From Watertown Arsenal writes Russ Scott, mooching poopsheets as always, and casually mentioning the birth of a baby boy "as a change of routine" four months ago who as yet remains unnamed, for lack of inspiration, we assume. I never give the weight unless I am certain of it and in this case it was not disclosed. Boy practically isn't here at all.

Lorry Thomas writes upon his arrival in Washington, D. C. (Planning Studies (so who isn't?) Division, OCE). He and Betty, and the two girls Julia and Lynn (a Turk) left Izmir in April, leaving the Gordy's howling on the dock, but following them home this summer. In Athens they saw John and Wanda Bell. At OCE with Lorry are the Stuff Kengles and the Bill McKenzies, and at Belvoir are the Parhams and the Proctors among the other hives. I once knew a hive. Lived in the 53rd Div.

From no less an eminence than the (ahem) Command and Staff School of the Air Command and Staff College (I love to give the full name) comes blessed relief from our drought of Air Folks' news in a long and meaty ltr from Norm Keefer. Stripped of its euphuisms, here's what it says: On the faculty there (Maxwell AFB, Alabama) are Ned Schramm, KP Kilpatrick, Joe Huau, and Jack McGregor, which latter is going to DCS/P, Hq USAF for station this summer. Below are the assignments after June 14 of the brethren in this year's class: Dick Wheeler to Hq 11th AD, Fairbanks, Alaska; Bud Rundell to Hq AMC Wright-Pat; Danny Shea to Hq WADC Wright-Pat; Lee Hudson to Western Dev. Div., Hq ARDC, Inglewood California; Roger Ball to B47 Transition at McConnell AFB thence to 303rd Bomb Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona; Frank McMullin to 313 Wing, Pinecastle AFB, Florida; Tony Cole to OSI, DO No. 17, Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Wally Potter to Hq FEAF, APO 925; Al Hegenberger to The Sig. Ctr., Fort Monmouth, New Jersey (eek); Norm Himself to B-47 transition at McConnell then on to 47th AD Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico; Pappy Chandler to Western Dev Div., Hq ARDC, Inglewood, California. In LA Norm recently saw Carlos and Barb Young and the civilian Kalinski. All three of these people are filthy rich, especially the last named, so their addresses are withheld. But I must give you one paragraph of Norm's very Air Forceful missive. " . . the Class is well represented at the Air Force Academy. Full Colonels Cassiday, Holderness, and Hogan are practically running the place. One of Lee's lieutenants (HOGAN'S you ass) was showing me through a model cadet room they have set up, and as I smiled at the full field pack neatly folded on the bottom shelf of the locker, the young officer, who didn't know me at all, said to me very confidentially, "You know, Colonel, the only thing wrong with this place is that there are too damned many West Pointers around here." I didn't agree or disagree—probably should have put him in a brace, but I was too amused to think of that."

Good old Norm; why don't the rest of you AF wallahs follow his example and write us where you and all your pals are holing up? Remember Beast Barracks, when they told us, one and all, "You make Assembly and Assembly will make you"?

To turn from the AF to the Anti-Airforce, here's a delightful blivet from Chuck Wilson, Permanent Floating *Assembly* Sleuth for the Southwestern Approaches. Writing from the Commander's Divan of the 495th AAA Msl Bn ("NIKE"), he states that the Bliss contingent still comprises Butterfield (Chuck is always particular about calling Butterfield "Butterfield." Wonder why that is.) Rosebud Rumpf, Langstaff, Lacouture, Abel, and Alexander (this last gung Leavenworth). Charley says in the SO appointing him to run the USMA Candidate Screaming Point he says; for Hood, Stan "The Man" Staszack; for Fort Sam, Milt "Tilt" Steinbring. Oh well, we'll see if we can do *something* or other with whatever they send us. Chas. also, in a really tedious letter, clues us in on The Other Jones, whom, you will all recall, has been Lost to the Assoc. almost continuously since that rainy day in 43. He's in, of all places, Bogota, Colombia! Who would have thought of looking there! Who, that is, but Charley Wilson? This incomparable map hive sends his best and says his latchstring and his bottle are ever out. He means it, too. But what does *it mean?*

Our indefatigable scrivener who covers (practically) the Midwest Deserts, Bob McCanna, has finally met a deadline and sent in The Word on the Leavenworthys. To the oblivion of Washington D. C. are headed the Bibbys, Geaneys, Parkers, Dwans, Johnstons, McCabes, and Sawyers. To fame and Formosa go Bud Bolling and Wendell Van Auken. Bill Cover goes to SIS, Egypt, and to Verona go two gentlemen named Lucas. Max Talbot goes to NG duty in Chicago and Fletcher Veach goes to Monroe and Conarc Hq. Bill Ray to Harvard School of Business, Mike Davis to 82nd Abne, Falck to Limestone AFB, Maine, and Norm Pehrson to USMA. Dirkes remains there on the C&GSC Faculty and Dunwoody and Clare Farley go to Germany. Himself goes to "the most rewarding troop duty in the world today" and Bev and the kids will wait him out someplace around Chicago. Henceforth, Bob, consider yourself one of the Class's Chosen correspondents, get it? Gordon Schraeder and family are at Leavenworth now awaiting the balloon to go up. He's unhappy.

From our private Wire Service from All Over comes word that John Neuer, Lieutenant Colonel is a physics P. at the AF Academy, having latched onto an MS at Ohio State after the unpleasantness in Europe. He and Jean and two daughters and a son are living at 2240 Ivy Street, Denver.

Did we tell you that Harry and Fran Reeder were here for the Navy Lacrosse Game? We whipped them soundly! Navy, I mean. Harry's at the Naval War College. Don't ask me! And guess what else turned up at the Alumni Forced March and Obsequies in Gin Week. None other than the emaciated but awfully high-ranking Arturo Miguel Raphael Espaillat. The Dominico Republico has slimmed SP down considerably and he is now a sveldt 72 lbs. His scandalous wit, roving eye, and readiness to soiree his doting classmates have not deserted him. Well do I remember how we took him on the Plebe Hike. It was a weeklong exhumation. Such, such were the joys.

Having thus reported the weights of the Hopes and the Despair of the Class, I feel my work is done. The Column is henceforth going to be written by some one of us who is in Washington, because there, alas, is where the center of gravity (hah) is now and will remain, and there of all places do the two too-separate halves of us,

Army and AF, consort. But here at Mecca we'll keep Box Two, that hollow tree where we store up nuts against ever-returning winter, and someone here will be watching out for your letters and for you. To all of you, who for yourselves so little care, who have made the job easy and most pleasant, my fond thanks. The Class which we often think of as a reality is really only a ring, a tree, many scattered persons never again to be reassembled, and this column four times a year. But who reads of us in absence is with us in wishes.

As for your unworthy scribe, an incorrigible hunt & peck man, after he taps out this last line he will join the vaguely suspect ranks of the others (who left him this vaguely suspect list of addreses) and whose Taps have become *Assembly*.

—*Wick*.

1944

Titusville, Pennsylvania, site of the first oil discovery in America, welcomed home its favorite son in May as Jim Connell returned after two years in Germany. Jim is now at Leavenworth for the summer and starts the regular course there this fall. John Donaldson is on his way to Leavenworth for the fall course, also, going by way of Austria where he and Gretl visited her family. Others going to C&GS in late summer are Jim Weathers, Charlie Steele and Dave Ott, all transferring from Washington, and Dick Nalle, from University of Southern Cal. Dick, Alice and the two children will be at Leavenworth during the summer prior to new class starting in September.

Tom Tarpley and Bill Enos, with Jack Cushman, have also been at Leavenworth since 1955 and Tom and Bill are staying on as instructors for this year's course, but I think Jack will move on in September. I say, "I think", because I got all this third hand. Tarpley and Enos passed through Memphis early in June on their way to some sort of conference at Fort Benning and talked to Patsy from the airport. Tom, by the way, has two children now and should have three by the time you read this. Frank Mahin is with G-1 USAREUR in Heidelberg—Frank is about due to come home for a spell one of these days.

Jerry Hall, Hi Ely, John Sanders, George Pappas and Connell were visitors at W.P. during June Week. Still at West Point are Bob Flynn, Howland, Johnnie Johnson, Keller, Knoll, McGuire, Mulkey, Patton, Wear, Day, Glab, Sellers, Decker, Eiler, Myslinski, O'Brien, Toon, Waterman and Weston.

Ernie and Nancy Graves, in Washington, added number three back in May, a boy, named William Hooper. And, Jean and John Lisenby became the proud parents of a son in March at Tarrytown, New York. The little fellow will go by the name of Jeff. Judy, 3½, automatically becomes a baby sitter, I suppose.

Mire and John Sanders are leaving D.C. for Air Force C&S school late this summer, at Maxwell Field, of course.

Bud Partridge heads for Korea in September, while Sara and children plan to stay in Arlington for a while anyway.

Les Salzer has been transferred to Los Angeles for work with civilian industry. Didn't know his new address so some of you out there look him up.

New arrivals at the Pentagon for duty tours are Bev Snow, Ed O'Donnell, Vitullo, Harry Grace and Howie Metzler.

People drop in and out of the Pentagon on short trips and all we can get is where they're from, but in case you wonder where so and so has been all this time, here are a few odd bits: Bob Pearce at Fort Knox, Rock Staser at Fort Bragg, Jim Blanford in Albuquerque, Glab in Panama, Shepard in the Azores and Jack Irvine at Goose Bay.

From Schofield Barracks in the blue Pacific comes word of several of '44. "Boodler" Richards, with Marj and the two children, have been there for some time. Boodler is C.O. of the 25th Division Provisional Training Bn (APO 25) and seemingly likes their setup very well—have gone back to the old unit system of training. The beach apparently draws the Richards family frequently but I envy them for that. Also, at Schofield are Wallie Moulis, Willie Burr, Jim Douglas, McKeever and Francis. Wally and Willie (sounds like a song and dance team) are both with the 14th Inf. Douglas is Division I&E Officer, McKeever with 89th Tank Bn., Francis with Div. Arty., and all can be reached at A.P.O 25 with unit designations.

Alex Maish is way off in Viet Nam, as Exec to the Chief of TERM. Address Navy 150, F.P.O., San Francisco. Joe Losch is there with Alex in the Ordnance Section. Alex was back in the States for a short while early this year when one of his twin sons (about a year old now) became very sick, but all is well now. Vicente Lim is working as an engineer with Del Monte Pineapple Co., in the Philippines.

Jimmy Adamson has just reported to Fort Lewis, duties and address unknown.

Up and around Montgomery, Ohio, a young colony of 1944 has developed. Jim and Jeanne Monihan and five young ones live at 10410 Buxton Lane and within two miles of them are the six Bill Bradleys, the four Moon Mullins' and the four Gregorys.

The old redhead, Aldrich, with Sug and their four children, are still in Rochester (Michigan, I assume). Red is administrative head of Fisher Body Headquarters at the new General Motors Technical Center and you can reach him by writing the Center for I've lost his home address even though he's kept us pretty well posted.

That's about it. Let me hear from you and some day I'll try to answer a few letters personally. This is pretty much of a one-way street correspondence-wise but is necessarily that way.

—*Buford Norman*.

1945

The paucity of news items for this issue will release several columns for use of the Reunion classes of June Week; however let's all of you get on the ball by sending off your change of station tid bits for Fall issue. Then we'll go back to hogging several pages again.

New "little people" have swelled our numbers in the last three months. There must be more than just three, but all we have word on are the Moose Hardys' baby girl, a baby boy to the Gene Loves, and a baby girl, first child, to the Bob Tanseys, who are at Fort Bragg where Bob has a Support Company with 82nd Airborne Division. Gene and Lee Love brought their new young man along to a recent party given on the occasion of the christening of Elizabeth and John Linden's second, young Jan Elizabeth, at the home of John's parents here in Arlington. He and Elizabeth journeyed East from Fort Campbell for two weeks leave. They brought word of Pat and John Neff who are also at Campbell now but will be at Leavenworth when you read this.

Babies mean additions and resignations, in a sense, mean losses, and there are three of those too. Howie Baldwin's was not too recent. We hear he actually resigned in Japan to take a civilian job in Tokyo. However, we hear he is now back in New Jersey. If he reads this, let him write us the details. Have no details at all on Loudermilch or Erickson; only that Barney Broughton saw the news when it came through Staff Communications in the Pentagon and passed it on to your correspondent, as you all should do with such items. Incidentally, just as the Army in general seemed to be crawling with '45 a few years ago, so does it almost seem civilian agencies are now seeing some coincidences. For instance Geoff Keyes has just succeeded Bill Taylor in his job at Atomic Energy Commission with Bill returning to his old desk with Chief of Engineers at Gravelly Point, more desirable for him since it's many miles nearer his Mount Vernon acreage.

Births, resignations — next comes marriages. Blackie Campbell safely married off on schedule on 5th of May in Pittsburgh. Out in Chicago, Ky Murphy took the plunge recently. He and wife now en-route to European assignment. This news was brought to us by Willy Davis when he checked into Career Management recently. Harry Shaw was also recently here for same errand from Benning. Speaking of Benning, how many of you saw Don Rattan's picture in Sunday supplement not long ago in connection with article on "Jump School" there?

The coming of warm weather here in D.C. brought a small splurge of party going and giving. The class party was out at Belvoir, sponsored by our Engineer brethren who chose one of the more obscure clubs in the area for the setting, thus occasioning sort of a treasure hunt on the part of us non-engineers to find the place. However, our grievance was justly aired in incomparable prose by George Benson in an unsolicited after dinner speech! Very fine party, despite the foregoing beef. Roscoe Barber showed up with his very new bride, Marianne. That occasion was also the first time I had seen Dottie and Hap Adams, who still speak nostalgically about their tour in Hawaii, they being the first of our class to make it to that lush assignment. They are now at Belvoir. At a later party that Theo and George Bush gave for George's parents we had opportunity to chat with Jo and Bill Barnes of Ahoskie, North Carolina, as well as West Point, Fort Belvoir and now Fort Leavenworth. We compared geographic notes about our various assignments; however, since Jo is a Kansas gal we had to tread softly when we mentioned that area of the great no-where. Not only are the Barnes en-route to C&GS in Kansas, but the Bushes too, as well as the Argos, Heilbronners, the Caseys, and the Spragins, all from this area.

A recent inquiry from Ed Curry as to Harle Damon's address was churlishly answered that you don't get somethin' for nothin', and that Ed would get the info in return for an up to date resume on himself and Pat. Inasmuch as they are not publicity minded it was a brief struggle getting the news but here 'tis. They are now out at East Lansing, Michigan where Ed has an ROTC assignment at Michigan State. Says it's a soft job (don't repeat that, though!) and they are enjoying it muchly. Prior to it, Ed had been in Korea and prior to that had gotten a Master's Degree from Texas A&M. Any classmates in the area of Fort Leonard Wood may see Ed in that area this Summer when he takes his troops there for Summer training, which he says is the only unpleasant part of his assignment.

A friendly PIO has furnished us with a sheaf of releases pertaining to decorations

and honors awarded various members of the tribe. Bronze Stars were awarded to Tommy McCunniff, Cliff White, and Herman Napier, all for action in Korea. Out at Fort Bliss, Claude Hamilton received a Comendation Ribbon for service also in that miserable outpost, Chosen. For similar duty well performed, Ernie Lane received a Certificate of Commendation with Metal Pendant. Award was made at Fort Leavenworth where Ernie was then Assistant Post Engineer but where he is now taking the usual course. Congratulations, all.

We have saved another wedding for a separate paragraph rather than including it in that previous one. Kay Ramsey was married to Jim Williams on March 17 at Kadena Airbase on Okinawa. A photograph was sent along with the news item, which disclosed a number of familiar faces behind the smiling bridal couple. Here are some of them with present assignments: Kay and Paul Ugis, now at C&GS, Leavenworth; Joan and Jim Tanner in Headquarters, RYCOM; Alice and Jack Harmeling, our informant, still on Okie at time of writing but due to be Stateside bound some time this Summer; Ginny and Bill Gilbert now at Middletown, Pennsylvania; Vi and Giff Holden with 51st FIW at Naha; and Harriet and Dick Hartline with Okinawa Engineer District.

A friend from '44 sent in a few random bits. Reports that Offa Nichols should still be teaching down at University of Puerto Rico. The Bob Marlows are in Los Angeles; address, 9384 Loyola Blvd., L.A. 45. Jack Tomlinson is working for U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh. His address is 224 Southview Drive. Tom Schwinn is the first classmate we know of to enter the political field, he having filed for Kansas House of Representatives on the Republican ticket. Same home state and same ticket as the present, also former military, incumbent of a slightly higher political position. So keep climbin' Tom!! See ya in Washington.

News from home base at West Point is that the new slate of our elected officials lists Del Fowler, president; Ren Fortier, Veep; John Wood, Secy; and Al Prive, Moneyman. All are enjoined to keep the Secretary posted as to your address so you can be billed for dues as the need arises. On the other hand, I won't be billing you for anything, so it's safer to write me with news and gossip. And if I don't have more next time, we may draw a blank in the Fall issue. So do something quick!

—*Jim Alfonte.*

1946

Whow, what a ball! What words, if even those, can explain the terrific time everyone had at West Point for our big 10. Those who were there for the Friday night open house aboard Somoza's ship the S.S. Honduras really started things right. From what everyone told me it was "Tres Gay!" Champagne was the order of the evening and the Colonel really saw to it that our reunion started right.

What could be more typical than rain during June Week. Well, we saw plenty, such that the beach party stayed in the pavilion all of the time. That was Saturday, a day when many arrived to get into the swing of things. If you checked in at the North Sallyport you received no doubt the necessary items that let everyone know to which class you belonged. I think the most popular headgear we ever wore as a class was that beret. There was no mistaking which class we belonged to during Alumni Exercises. The comments I have heard from other than our own class were complimentary, so it is to whoever dreamed that up that I wish to pass on my congratulations. Certainly all of those men at West Point that had a hand in our Reunion plans deserve a fine pat on the back. I think they did a wonderful job of entertaining as large a group as we assembled. As far as I can figure we had close to 400 men and women there, certainly at Alumni Parade we outnumbered any other class present.

Sunday evening saw everyone attired in formal wear for the dinner dance at Cullum Hall. Even if the music did start early I'm sure all enjoyed themselves as they renewed old memories of cadet hops, the balcony, and the hop card. Incidentally, yours truly stayed in Cadet Barracks and thoroughly enjoyed himself. Ethel stayed at the girls barracks and was able to get acquainted with some of the other wives. Monday, while the men sat in the Mess Hall, the girls had a terrific time at the Officer's Club. They even had a sherry while we had none. This reporter left shortly after our class picture was taken in front of Washington Hall. The affairs which occurred after my departure were the 1946 Memorial Service for deceased classmates and the Monday evening buffet supper at Cullum. I am sure those present that evening enjoyed a quiet, but completely enjoyable time saying goodbye, thinking of the past 10 years, and looking forward to the next opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

In order to get as many people into print as possible, I will list those men stationed at West Point, those reported as to be at West Point for June Week, and any other men that I recall seeing. Unfortunately, I lack a list of wives that were there. However, where memory serves me I will list those girls, but please don't get mad if your wife's name does not show up.

Our Tenth Reunion Committee—Chairman, Jack and Janie Schram; Secretaries, Vince Gannon, Bill and Betsy Parker; Treasurers, Ed and Betsy Flaherty, John and Connie Treadwell; Ten Year Book Editor, Kibbey and Peg Horne; Ten Year Book Business, Walt and Carol Frankland; Hospitality, Pete and Connie Grosz; Entertainment, Will and Beebe Joffrion; Special Projects, Charlie and Jessie McCarty.

Others stationed at West Point: Randy and Jeanette Adams, Tom and Dorsey Agnor, Fred and Ann Badger, Bill and Claire Bowley, Ted and Nancy Braun, Dick and Rae Bresnahan, Carsh and Elizabeth Carlisle, Ed and Rita Crowley, Jim and Peg Day, Louie and Betty Elsaesser, Frank and Jane Hamilton, Dan and Pat Hickey, Ben and Alma Hill, Joe and Emily Jansen, Tom and Rachel Jones, Nipper and Sue Knapp, Bob and Marian Lamb, Ben and Biquet Landis, Dan and Shirley Levy, Bob and Louise Lowry, Jose and Anne Lusk, Jack and Shirley Martin, and Bud Martin, Mac and Esperanza McCue, Jack and Chris McWhorter, Gene and Jo Melo, George and Nancy Miller, Rog Nye, Bernie and Beverly Pankowski, George and Joanne Patton, Rox and Lucy Roxbury, Mike and Lila Sanger, Charlie and Joanne Simmons, Bill and Mary Simpson, Tad Skladzien, Bert and Elizabeth Stringer, Charlie Supplee, Al and Dot Wheat, Paul and Winifred Norris, and Joe and Polly Jordan.

Those who said they would be there or those I saw: Lloyd Adams, Jack Armstrong, Cal Arnold, Al and Kay Ash, Bill Ashby, George Bailey, Ben Bellis, Alan Birdsall, Stan Blum, Shep Booth, Peter Bowers, Dave Bradburn, Bill Brothers, Dave Bryant, Chuck Buckingham, Bob Burke, Pete Burnell, Joe and Gene Buzhardt, Jack Cairns, Tom Campbell, Jim Carter, Frank and Angie Caruso, Jack Cassidy, Ed Cavanaugh, Dick Cavanaugh, Ben Chase, E. E. and Fran Christensen, Bill Clapp, Marty Colladay, Frank Conant, Ed Conlin, Bill Cound, Louis Creveling, Pat Crizer, Bob Crowley, Tony Cucolo, Elmo Cunningham, John Daneman, Jack Dayton, Clyde Denniston, George Dev-

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ens, Bob and Kay Dickson, Andy Dodd, Jack Donahue, Ed Drinkwater, Walt Eanes, Lenny Edelstein, Jim Elliott, Ralph Ellis, B. B. Elmer, Jerry Epstein, Stan Fair, Phil Farris, Cucho Felices, Marty Feldman, Jesse Fields, Sam and Ethel France, Phil Frank, Phil Fryberger, Ann Furuholmen, Rufe Garrett, Tom Gee, M. W. Ghrist, Jim Gigante, Bill Gordon, Jim Gridley, Don Hackney, George Hagedon, Bob Hawley, Hei Heiberg, Tom Hirschberg, Saul Horowitz, Tom Huddleston, Bob Hughes, B. J. Janis, Bill Jenkins, Jim Johnson, Ed Joseph, Bob Kaplan, Bill Kelty, Bob Kren, Frank Lester, Stan Love, Dick Lynch, Clyde Mackenzie, Bob Malley, John Mathias, Steve and Mary Matejov, Ned Mewborn, Jack Miley, Scott Minnich, Max and Ann Minor, John Molchan, Ted Montague, Jack Morris, Moose Musser, John Nance, Twill Newell, Pat O'Neill, Jack Paden, Chops Parke, Marie Parmly, Chuck Parsons, Ernie Pepin, Willy Persons, Bob Rufsvold, Judd Schulke, Babe Serotta, A. B. Shattuck, W. R. Smith, Tacho Somoza, Bob Steele, Hal Stirling, Bailey Strain, Bill Stroud, Bob Strudwick, Hal Terrell, Ray Thayer, Oscar Traber, Guy Troy, Dick Tuck, Jack Vaci, Sam Walker, Al Wedemeyer, Norm Weiss, P. E. Whitlock, B. B. Williams, Kirk Williams, Bob Williams, Bob Wilson, Bill Withers, Bill and Phyllis Yancey, and Marty Zorn.

My apologies to anyone that I missed. I know we all had a great time and certainly the Frances will look forward to the next big get together. As a matter of fact someone is drumming up business for the Army-Navy game at the Cherry Hill Inn outside of Camden by the Garden State Raceway.

Some news items picked up while at reunion. Phil Beaumont Creveling born April 5, 1956. Phil is their second child, the first being a girl. Bill Clapp is in the insurance business in Knoxville, Tennesse. Someone said the Army will play the Air Force Academy in football in about 4 or 5 years. They suggested we all get together for a little reunion and root for the team behind!!

Can't begin to count the number of classmates now practicing law all over the states. Check with your ex-wives (West Point style) to see if you can top this—old roommates now fathers Jack Donahue with 6 children, Pres Hibbard, 5 children, and Hal Horne with 4 children for a total of 15. Ken Van Auken is transferred from Aberdeen to Redstone with Industrial Operations Division of Armored Balistics. Rusty Brunson is at Redstone for a 10 week course. Jerry Bowman is now a civilian; Sam Skemp is in ABMA; Al Wheat is leaving the service to go with American Machine and Foundry; Jack Schram is resigning. Jack Armstrong asked me to look at the April 1917 column of the April '56 issue of *Assembly* to get the dope on his marriage to Kathryn Halsey on November 23, 1955, in the Post Chapel, Presidio of San Francisco. He wondered how come I hadn't reported same. Not having a paid news staff all over the world, I naturally depend on the performers to give me the data for broadcasting to the class. So remember when you have some worthy news, send it to me.

R. S. Wilson is leaving the service and Wright Field to go with Dupont. Andy and Eve Dodd have a daughter Cathy now six weeks old and born in California. Joe Parks, back from Alaska, is now ROTC at University of Maine. The Parks have three little girls, one a fairly recent addition. In addition to Joe Jordan our class now has two other Lieutenant Colonels—Bill Evans and Dick Burgess both Air Force.

Several months ago Bill Ashby was here in Jersey visiting Charley Morgan who has remarried and is now flying for Pan American. Charley lives in Union City very near the Lincoln Tunnel. Roy Thurman wishes to inform everyone of his transfer from Fort Leavenworth to Office Vice Chief of Staff, Dept. of Army, Room 3E660 The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Jack Becker and Don Beyer took part in LOGEX 56 one of the Army's largest peacetime logistical exercises, at Fort Lee, Virginia, April 29-May 5. Jack is regularly stationed at Fort Belvoir. Don is regularly assigned as an MP officer at the Provost Marshal General Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. Nancy Beyer is staying in Augusta, Georgia.

Ed Longarini sends his regards to all classmates and regretted that he was unable to make reunion. Ed is president of Londell Luxury Homes, Inc., 4416½ N. Sepulveda Blvd, Sherman Oaks, California. They build custom homes both for sale and on contract. Historically, after Ed's three year hitch in the Far East he was sent to Limestone, Maine, as Adjutant and then two years later (May 1953) he was assigned to North American Aviation Inc. as flight Test Acceptance Pilot. He resigned in August 53 and worked on at North American as a flight test engineer until July 55 when he organized his present corporation.

From Germany Mac MacDonald wants to announce the birth of a new daughter Nancy Louise born March 29 at the Bad Kreuznach Army Hospital. Nancy is Mac and Patty's second child and second girl, the first being Katie age 4. He is operations officer G 3 Section, Hq 2d Armored Div., APO 42, New York, New York. In July 1954, after Mac completed the Advance Class at Benning, he began a tour in Germany as Co. Commander, Co. C., 66th Tank Batt. This gave Mac a chance to compare the tanker's employment of armor with the infantryman's way. In April 1955 he had a two week tour as Ass't S-3 of Combat Command "C" at Baumholder where the 66th Batt was, then he went to G-3, 2d Armd at Bad Kreuznach.

Last October '55 while on a trip to Italy Patty and Mac spent a week end with Bob and Ione Evans and their three children, Jeff, Kathy, and Bobby. At that time Bob was assigned to the USAREUR Ordnance School at Fuessen as the adjutant. Since then in January 56 he has been assigned to the G-2 Section, VII Corps. Ray and Jo Ochs are nearby neighbors of Bob and Ione; Ray is assigned to G-2, Seventh Army. Jack Barth, his wife Betty and son Chip are moving to Oberammergau where he will study German. Jack has been aide to the CG of Western Area Command (Major General Reber for 15 months, then Major General Post for the last 3 months).

Well, that winds up the report of 10th Reunion. We will look forward to the announcement that the 10 year book is ready. I know those men have worked hard on it. In the meantime if you have any news for the next issue, I am at: 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

—*Samuel E. H. France.*

1947

It's hotter than the hinges of Hades at West Point, and I find myself facing the quarterly deadline—I have retired to the basement with a bottle and a bucket of ice to fight the good fight. The dearth of correspondence from cooperative classmates is driving me to drink. A note now and then would save me much blood, sweat and tears, and might even save me from the bottle! (Surely this will appeal to some crusading soul?) Perhaps it would help to incorporate this business—*Assembly* News Representatives Anonymous, Inc.—"Crusade for Column Contributions to Console Carousing Classmate!"

The reservation is in the final stages of complete recuperation from the annual influx of Alumni—the spare bedrooms have become spare again, the folding cots have been returned to the Post Quartermaster, the substitute baby-sitters have been relegated to the inactive list, vacancy signs have reappeared at the motels, and the Thayer is once again a mausoleum. The "lost Fifties" have been re-purified, the PX restocked, and all the new cars have disappeared from the Cavalry Plain, leaving behind the usual quota of paint and splintered glass.

Your Ten Year Book Committee—Frank Boerger (Editor), Bob Haldane (Bus. Mgr.), Hap Arnold (Circ Mgr.), Tom Benson, Hank Emerson and Ike Snyder—is already hard at work getting information for next year's 10th Reunion. A questionnaire has been mailed to everyone, requesting information and a small deposit. If you haven't gotten a questionnaire, write Ten Year Book Committee, Class of 1947, Box 147, West Point. For those of you who have received it, please fill out and return—don't forget to include the 2 bucks!

A 10th Reunion Committee has also been set up to make preparations for next year. The following persons volunteered their services: Jim Egger (Chairman), Bob Haldane, Hal Richardson, John Paules and Jack Dunham.

A PIO release informs me that Sam Starobin is taking a ten-week course in German at Oberammergau so that he can be a better engineer advisor with the MAAG at Munich.

A letter from Willy Munroe, addressed to a series of question marks, indicates that he has been forced to face up to the realities of life. Willy has given up his rustic life in the Maine Woods, where he admits he did little but hunt and fish, for a job as Director of Memberships for the National Security Industrial Association. He has a home "with plenty of room and a terrific bar in the basement" at 8809 Ridge Road, Bethesda, Maryland, telephone Oliver 4-1546, and invites all and sundry to drop in at any time. Bill reports two children now—Susan aged 2 and Bill Jr. aged 1 month.

Ike Snyder got a letter from Bill Nairn indicating that he is Regimental 3 of the 350th Infantry, APO 166, New York. Bill reports the Tom Perkins' living in the same housing area and the Bob Kings in Heidelberg bringing up two and a dog. Bill saw Bill Henry and Milam Perry at a Founders Day Dinner and reports that the Perrys have just had another boy.

I had a long letter from George Goldsborough. George has just formed a law partnership with Mr. Richard A. Mehler under the firm name of Mehler and Goldsborough, Suite 401, Nada Bldg, 2000 K St., NW, Washington 6, D. C. George reports that he and Ruth Ann have acquired five children—4 girls and 1 boy—a noble effort indeed! He says that Tom Monahan is now practicing law in Winchester, Virginia. George and Ruth Ann extend an invitation to all to drop in to see them in Washington.

A letter from David Anicker Odell takes a crack at my column-writing ability—he insists that I inject some humor into this business. For those of you who may have forgotten, I'll remind you that Dave never has gotten over the fact that he once drove the first section Plebe English! Dave is still driving a B-47, unmarried, and, in his own words, "busier than a cat on a hot tin roof." (Draw your own conclusions.)

Since I was volunteered to act as a glorified dispatcher for the Alumni Headquarters Motor Pool during June Week and miss-

ed practically all of the festivities, I asked Lannie and Jack Dunham to write a short, factual account for me. Many thanks to the Dunham's—here is their report:

John Hoover dropped in today looking for a volunteer to scribble a few lines about the June week parties. There was a crowd of one listening to his plea so here we are. Bob and Elise Haldane started the ball with throwing one for the whole class in their quarters (everybody has at least one rich friend). I won't try to list all the people stationed here that showed up 'cause everybody did. However Bob had to break out an extra bottle for the early arrivals when the Coopers and the Mahlums came walking in. That wasn't too hard on Bob's stock but then Tom Hayes and Jackie walked in, that did it. Well we all had a big time even if the local wives didn't care for my shorts (Bill Cooper bet me I wouldn't—silly boy—these retired field grade get that way). The party was wonderful and got the week's doings off to a good start. Well about this time it started to rain but then what else—it was Friday night wasn't it!

The next morning—that would make it Saturday on my calendar, Jane Mastin grabbed the wives for coffee in the morning. I'm just as glad too 'cause that gave the rest of us a little quiet sack time. Well, just to keep the gals in line Pat Tucker's mother Mrs. Small, Hap Arnold's mother, and June Burner's mother Mrs. Hubbard were there. I find it a little hard to give a blow by blow description of that affair and the expert is up to her — in dish water right now. Lannie does report that all was well and everyone enjoyed themselves. Oh boy did it rain!

Well this brings us to the picnic. Months ago the June week Committee reserved Proctoria for the big picnic of the Class of '47 on Saturday the 2d of June. All the gals were told what to bring and Tom Hayes got the beer pitchers full and OH BOY DID IT RAIN! So there we all were in Hal Richardson's basement. There was just one little problem—Hal Richardson had to work and couldn't be there. How would you like to come home and find 64 beer drinking monsters in your basement? It worked out quite well however and after most of the food was gone we all sat around and sang a bit. Jane Arnold brought her gittar and Jack Faith brought his voice and we went on from there. By this time we had quite a few arrivals to help out, the Rocas, Mahlums, Peckhams, Allens, Wildricks, J. J. Murphy's, Hayes', Bleiman and date, Barbara Dunlap, Coopers, Ike Snyder's mother and father, Pat Tucker's mother and June Burner's mother. I think Louise Richardson deserves a lot of praise for having that in her basement. It certainly saved the party from a wet grave. After that broke up about 2100, a large and party-determined group held up the bar at the club until the wee small ones.

So now dear reader it is Sunday and OH BOY DID IT RAIN! Along about noon it looked as though the Supe's reception was going to be rained out and the afternoon parade rained out and no party planned till Sunday night. Soooo, Lannie and I grabbed the phone and called as many people as we could reach to come over and continue the party of the night before. Bob Haldane brought over the beer keg from the night before and about the time we got the ice out and the beer cold the lousy sun came out. We did lure a few wayward souls in. Mike and Ruth Dunham came in from California and very shortly thereafter Lou and Mary Lou Rachmeler came in from Redstone Arsenal. The rest of the people who made it had been to the picnic so I won't go through the list again. Now as the golden sun sets over the beautiful green mountains we find our weary little group of travelers holding up the bar at Stewart Field for the evening. We all got out there about seven thirty or so—well the exact time was recorded on the club officers ulcer—we were all about an hour or so late. It was a fine party with cocktails before and music and dancing after. At just about midnight when the party was getting well under way we found ourselves locked out of the club. Since no one was in the mood to go home, the party had to go someplace. About that time it was rumored that Hap Arnold made some sort of a foolish statement that sounded like "why doesn't everyone come to our house?" He only had to say it once and since Hap and Jane live in Cornwall in their own home we all accepted. That split level house of his almost had split walls and there is some question if Jane has had the nerve to look under all the rugs yet. A vote of thanks to the Arnolds for "Volunteering" to keep the party going.

That about takes care of all of the parties over June Week. If I failed to give the full credits for attendance send me a letter and I will mail you one gold star.

Lannie Dunham informs me that Hugh Bartley was finally caught by Jean Barbara Schmidt. The wedding was at Bolling AFB on May 26. At home in Syracuse until August 1 and then to 600 Owen St., Alexandria, Virginia.

Dan and Norma Nell Hering arrived June 11. Dan has Hqs. Co., 1st RCT. Pete and Bunty Karter report to Physics and Chemistry Dept. on July 15.

I see that the Donovan Burtons had a daughter, Leslie Jo, born June 2 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. A card from Bev and Bob Rosen announces the birth of Max Steven on May 21 at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Bernie Gardner popped up here the other day. Bernie has had quite a siege in Fitzsimons Hospital, but has now been given a new stamp of approval by the proper authorities. Bernie and family are off to Spain for a year and then back to the Department of Foreign Languages to teach Spanish.

Bernie reports that Charlie Munford's wife is at Fitzsimons and that Charlie is in the ROTC Unit at Denver University. He says that Bob Ehrlich, King Simon, Todd Mallett, Jim Enos and Bob Moore are all at Lowry AFB.

—*John Hoover.*

1948

Napoleon said that an army travels on its stomach. Our Air Force today travels on the screams of jets. But however it travels, the military usually travels in the good ol' summer time; and with June upon us many in the class of '48 are on the move.

Nine Forty-Eighters leave West Point this summer. As previously reported Sid Berry and Lyle Walter go to school, Sid to the Advanced Course at Fort Benning and Lyle to the Artillery Advanced Course at Forts Sill and Bliss. Frank and Mary McInerney are headed for adventures in French Morocco. Al and Susie Quanbeck go to Denver where Al will teach in the Mechanics Department of the Air Academy. Jimmy Allen and Bill Burrows both go to Las Vegas for training in the F-100 and then with families to Bitburg, in the French Zone of Germany. Bud Wagoner has received orders to MAAG duty in Formosa where Jane, Randy, and Billy may follow him. Lowell Genebach's resignation from the service has been accepted, and he and family will head for Michigan. Sam White's destination is as yet unknown.

Arriving at West Point this summer will be four of us. Steve Griffith will teach in Social Sciences while Hank Perry wields slide rule across Thayer Road in the Mechanics Department. Tom Tyree will be able to charm the cadets with his newly acquired Paris French (Left Bank type). Jack Chitty is slated for the English Department. Johnny Egbert already joined us in the Mechanics Department. He is waiting for quarters so that Sandy and chillun can join him.

Joe Meyer leaves ROTC duty at Colorado A&M for U.S. Forces Far East. Walt Meinzen, Jim Dingeman, Al Pabst, and Chloe Swearengen all depart Fort Benning for Korea. Les Carter leaves soon for Indo-China. Bill Caldwell and Jack Miller are slated to go to the Regular Course, Command and General Staff School in August.

The sympathy of the class is extended to the Wadsworths whose four month old boy James died in Berlin. He was buried here at West Point on May 11th. Flowers from the class were sent to the service.

Fred Tibbetts stopped by on April 28th. He had just been appointed Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant General Bruce C. Clarke and was enroute to Germany where General Clarke will head the US Seventh Army. Fred had just given up command of the 25th Reconnaissance Company in Hawaii and reported that Bob Finnegan has the 25th Quartermaster Company there with Gene Fleming nearby as supply officer of the 725th Ordnance Battalion.

John and Anne Bellinger visited with us the weekend of May 19th. John had just learned that G-2 will send them in February to Paris where he will work with SHAPE Headquarters. Also in the G-2 business is Squeak Weber who after training in Washington will head for USAFFE, Tokyo.

Another recent visitor to West Point was John Withers now out of the Air Force and working at the University of Syracuse on his masters degree in television. He reported that Major Don Swenholt is on one of SAC's select bomber crews and is based at Tucson, Arizona. Blaine Butler is also reported still be to at Randolph Field. Up from Denver for the AF Academy-Army Plebe track meet on May 26th was R. O. Barton.

Bill Thomas has retired and is now working for Army Mutual Aid Association in Washington, D. C. The class wishes him best of luck in civilian life.

Irv Schoenberg writes from Washington that George Thomas was married on February 25 to Ginger Avery at the Bolling Air Force Base Chapel. George is still working for Lieutenant General Everest, DCS Operations, and sees quite a bit of C-Squared Elebash, Executive Assistant to General Brentnall, ACS for Guided Missiles. Irv talked recently with Joe Aron still the single type and working with IBM in Washington. Founders Day dinner in Washington found Jack Brennan, Steve Griffith, Joe Bratton, Walt Marciniec, Bill Kaula, Al Whitney, John Bellinger, Bill Thomas and Irv all representing the Class. Schoenberg's own big news is his coming wedding on the 24th of June to Ann Hoffman in Kansas City. He expects to have another two years in his assignment in Washington.

At Fort Meade, Maryland Bill Byers is a new arrival with Bob and B. G. Ward recent departees. Bob just finished jump school in May.

In the baby line John Pickering and Natalie had their second, a boy, a few months ago. Here at West Point the Burrows are the proud parents of Barry born on April 14th. On April 3 Robert Hamilton Cushing, III was born to Jordy and Bob here at the Point.

Jim Richardson's wife Tammy writes that the class wives in the Washington area which includes Baltimore, Fort Meade, and Annapolis meet about every six weeks for a luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club (you do not have to be a member). She is particularly anxious that anyone coming to that area be included. So if your next orders read Washington, D. C. (or vicinity) would you have your wife notify any one of the following: Tammy Richardson, Ann Brennan, or Louise Bratton. All can be reached through information or the phone book.

A fine letter from Mary Nelson tells that Ed, recently returned from Korea, commands the tank company 74th RCT, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Their address is 33 Myrick St., Ayer, Massachuetts.

Dick Stein writes that he is now living in Baltimore and working for the Glen L. Martin Co. He is in their Product Planning Department and is very enthusiastic about his work. He has seen Jay Josephs and Bill McGinness, both in Hq. ARDC in Baltimore.

In Naples Bob Pomeroy who is assigned to the Hq. Allied Air Forces Southern Europe recently ran across his "opposite number" in the British Army, a Major Robert Pomeroy, Welsh Guards. Upon comparing notes they were able to find a common ancestor in seventeenth century England.

On May 30th in the Cadet Chapel Bill Whitson was married to Mary Vance, daughter of Colonel, USAF, and Mrs. Reginald Vance of Fort Totten, Long Island. Tom Cormack was one of the ushers. Classmates in the vicinity plus Jim Barnett who was enroute for June Week attended the wedding and the reception in the Pershing Room at Cullum Hall. The class welcomes Mary who is known for her Chinese brush paintings and her globe trotting from Edinburgh to Formosa. They will take up residence here at West Point following a honeymoon in the Virgin Islands.

The 13th of May found Dusty and Willard Scott entertaining in their home. They honored the Wagoners and Lyle Walter with an "Artillery Punch (charge No. 7)" party with all classmates here attending.

June Week activities for the class centered around a dinner-dance at the Officer's Club Saturday evening the 2nd and a picnic at Round Pond on the 3rd. Bob Cushing as newly elected social coordinator for the class at West Point master minded these operations in his own inimitable style. "Out of Towners" present included: Jack and Mary Waggener, Parry and Susan Sykes, John and Betty Sternburg, Rog and Bobby Conover, Jim and Pickle Barnett, Jim and Bev Hall, Bob Taylor and Bud Vreeland, Hugh and Barbara Perry, Bill Bandeen and Louise Schuster whose Bill is in Korea.

This column is being closed with a rush; for on June 4 (tomorrow bright and early) Ennis Whitehead and I leave for a Fort Benning TDY at Airborne School. Happy Landing!

—*Tom Cormack.*

1949

Enclosed is a picture of a small reunion held at Fort Sill on February 10th at Burt Turner's. Don Whistler sent this to me and remarked that he hoped "our classmates can identify us after these past seven years of erosion."

Bob Nulsen finally came through with a letter after all these years to let us know that he is leaving Benning and is reporting to Tulane University to study International Relations on the 5th of September. I suppose that Bob's next step will be West Point the following year. Bob also reports that Clyde Bell, J. Hayes Metzger and Ted Swett are reporting to West Point for the Tactical Department this month. Bob has an idea about a Memorial Fund which I am passing on to the Class Committee at West Point for their discussion.

"Doc" DeCorrevont informed me that Joe Thompson, who is presently stationed at Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, in a Strategic Evaluation Sqdn. was expected to visit West Point during June Week to attend his brother's graduation. Joe now has two girls; also, the Phil McMullens report a new daughter in March.

The following attended the Annual Founders Day Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York in March: Jack Albert, Fred Gallagher, Joe Gilbreath, Marfuggi, Jack Hayne, Tom Luzon, Arnold Winter, Lee Surut, Ed Marks and Bob Black.

The following are reporting this summer to West Point to either instruct or be a member of the Tactical Departments: Stauffer, Rose, Sylvester, Morton, Dickinson, Battreall, Nordon, Kemble, Clark, Bradley, Kirby, Fullerton and Rasmussen.

John McDonald reports that he now has four children and is out of the service and living in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. John was up to the Point in April and those of you who are stationed there undoubtedly had an opportunity to see him. June Estes reports that Bob finished at the University of Pittsburgh last year and will be at the Quartermaster General's Office, Petroleum Division for another year.

Curly Linderman wrote back in March that the following had received their assignments after graduating from the Advanced School at Benning: EUSAK—John Birrell, Don Bonwell, Bill Bounds, Tom Coughlin, Art Driscoll, Phil Feir, Joe Gibson, Pete Palmer, Loren Patterson, Roland Peixotto, John Rasmussen, Ben Sheets, and Doug Stickley; USMA, Tactical Dept.—Clyde Bell, Hayes Metzger and Ted Swett; Germany—Al English, George Tracy and Dave Wrightman; TIS, Fort Benning—Lou Baumann and Ernie Denham; USAR Pacific—Andy Dilts and Bob Miller; 8th Division—Joe Kingston and Dick Lallman; Det M. EUSAK—Ted Hervey; MAAG Saudia, Arabia — Randy Council; 3rd Division—Murray Williams; ROTC Pacific—Joe Eagers; ROTC Vanderbilt University — John Mackert; USAR Caribbean—Art Underwood; 3rd Inf. Regt.—Curly Lindeman.

Howard Strohecker, Ken McIntyre, Dick Connell and John Chandler recently took part in LOGEX 56, one of the Army's largest peace-time logistical exercises at Fort Lee, Virginia, April 29th through May 5th.

Also, news release came through that Henry Croonquist had recently fired in the Sixth Army rifle and pistol matches at Camp Roberts, California.

I have no news to report on the Reunion activities but expect by the next issue that we will have a full account of the activities. Please send in your news as everyone is interested in what YOU are doing.

—*John I. Saalfield.*

At West Point, June Week activities centered around the Class Party on June 2nd at Round Pond, hosted by Charlie Adams, Dick Gillespie, Al Hale, and Bob Meyer. Among the returnees for June Week were Bill Smith; John Birrell, enroute to Korea; Bob Springer, still cloak and daggering in G-2 at the Pentagon; and Joe Thompson, from Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. Local Talent included John Krasko from Fort Dix; George Nigro; and from Newburgh, Joe Steffy and Goble Bryant. Jack and Arden Madison were in

1949 CLASS PARTY, FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

Bottom Row: Left to Right—Bert Turner, Vonnie Turner, Carroll S. Meek, Barbara Meek, Carolyn Pollin, George Pollin.

Second Row—Marge Mauer, John Mauer, Isabel Lochhead, Barbara Whistler, Betty Sickafoose, Mary Sarsfield, Ellen Bush.

Third Row—Connie Lee, Don Whistler, Earl Lochhead, Stan Bush, Craig Betts, Bill Goodwin, Sue Goodwin.

Fourth Row—Chuck Lee, Keith Sickafoose, Frank Sarsfield, Dene Balmer.

from Lafayette; Harry Spillers from Edwards AFB; and George Smythe from Eglin. Other near-bys included Stan Ellerthorpe; Fred Johnson, now a manager for Armour & Co.; and Ted Boland and Hillman Dickinson, both slated for Chemistry Dept., USMA.

George Smythe reports that with him at Eglin AFB are John Saxton, Ralph Raabe, Ray Crites, Dave Parrish, and Ab Martin. And from Wright-Patterson, John and Peggy Mione write about Ray Moss; Ed Heesacker; Virgil Millett; Joe St. Clair, now working for Proctor & Gamble; Frank Hinchion; Mike McNamee; George Chamberlin; Jim Stansberry; Bill Workinger; Bill Trautvetter; and Hugh Kinney. These '49ers are planning a Summer get-together with wives and small ones included. It promises to be well populated.

And to close with late news from West Point, at least two classmates have proven once again that "you're only as old as you feel." Louis Bayard recently won the First Army high jump here with a leap of 6 feet 1 inch. The Plebe trackmen have yet to clear 6 feet. Bruce Peters, triathlon specialist, was best in his field here and is now competing at Fort MacArthur, California. While here at the Point, L-2's Tac Chuck Reed, having competed in the Stork Derby, qualified for a baby cup on April 28th with a 7 lb. 10oz. boy, Roderick Nelson Reed. Congratulations, Chuck and Sue!

Lee E. Surut.

1950

Greens Farms, Connecticut, June 18, 1956. Another June; another change of station; another leave used up by house hunting; another baby—no, that's not until October!!! Again, not much written news, but I've received some party pictures that might take up some of our space. The pictures are of an Artillery party at Fort Sill; an Engineer party at Fort Belvoir; and an Infantry party at Fort Shafter, T. H. Tell you what—while I'm writing, let's take a vote on the order in which I should request the pictures to be published and when I'm finished we'll tally the votes. OK?

Letters for this issue came from Jack Crittenberger, Lauris Eek, Clark Duncan, John Streit, and Spike Wood. Since Jack Crittenberger is in the PIO field in Germany, he was chosen by his "friends and neighbors" to report on their Founders Day Dinner held at the Heidelberg Casino on March 17. Our class was well represented by the following—none of whom are natural drinkers — they developed their skill through long and diligent hours of practice: Bob Edwards, Cloyce Mangas, Laurie Eek, Mike Dowe, Paul McDaniel, John Shaffer, Bob Chambers, Phil Bolte, Dick Steuart, Howie Blanchard, Art Porcher, Marty Small, John Fox, George Lear, Chuck Tonningsen, Volney Warner, Carm Milia, Chuck Graham, Sam Stapleton, Ralph Terrell, George Tilson, Jack Hendry, Art McGee, and Jack Crittenberger. George Lear was responsible for the table decorations which consisted of scaled models of tanks, guns, airplanes, etc. Unfortunately, many of the graduates thought that these were souvenirs so George is now frantically trying to retrieve them. Jack Crit has an interesting assignment coming up—in the Office of the Military Aide to the President. . . Congratulations Jack—how's your golf game coming? Laurie Eek's letter contains about the same information and names as above and adds that most of them will be returning to the states within a few months.

Clark Duncan, still at Maxwell AFB reports that the following were graduated from the Squadron Officers School on April 12: Jack Loye, Dick Cody, Iwo Kimes, Ken Moll, Bob Weber, Paul Zavitz, Bill Fuller, Walt Hester, and Matt Henrikson. Others stationed at Maxwell are Pete Nibley, Bob Willerford, Pat McGill, Mike Walsh, Pete Todsen, Bill Rapp, Carl Stone, and Dick Leavitt.

John Streit is at George AFB, California with Skip Scott, and Bobby Vinson flying F-100's. Drive slowly you guys!!!

Press releases from the Army Home Town News Center state that Sid Hinds recently participated in the Third Army Rifle and Pistol Matches with the Fort Benning team. Dwight Adams, with the 1st Inf Div took part in the 75th Anniversary celebration of the C&GSC at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Dwight is CO of Company D 16th Inf Regt stationed at Fort Riley. Jim Ross is leaving the Univ of Illinois this month for USMA to teach Electricity.

Classmates presently at West Point are: Blackie Bolduc and Jack Palmer, French; Monte Coffin, Mech; Bill DeGraf and Stan Reinhart, Electricity; Jay Durst, Paul Gorman, and Dick Wyrough, Social Sciences; Charlie Eshelman, Bob McCutcheon, Bill Miller, and Ray Singer, MT&G; Bill Howe, Chemistry; Dave Hughes, Philo Hutcheson, English; Reggie Lombard, Spanish; Walt Price, MP&L; Harvey Prosser, Math; Bill Schwoob, AF Det; Nel Thompson and Winnie Skelton, Combat Arms Det; George Vlisides, Phys. Ed; Herb Liechty, Stewart AFB; and Joe Love who is leaving as Aide to the Supe and is going to the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, Virginia. Rose and I attended the Sixth Reunion party on June 2. Most of the above mentioned were there; those of us from off post included Jim Horsley, Vern and Ann Kinner, Stud and Joan Heit, Bill and Elaine Ward.

Babies reported this quarter. BOYS to Laurie and Jean Eek (August '55,), Jack and Pookie Crittenberger (November '55), and Bob and Carolyn Hughes. GIRLS to Rene and Char Wolf, Lou and Peggy Prentiss, Bruce and Sue Robertson, Walt and Lila Baxter, the Hal Gottesman's, and the Clark

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1950, OFFICERS CLUB, FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA, MAY 26, 1956

Top Row: Left to Right—Tom Strider, Bob Eastman, Chester Willingham, John Watson, Don Sampson, Gus Hergert, Jim Workman, Spike Wood, Ray Barry, Andy Byers, Howard Kessinger, Morris Herbert, Bill Shambora, and Fred Haberman.

Second Row—Livia Strider, Cynthia Eastman, Caroline Willingham, Marie Watson, Claire Sampson, Donna Kephart (Gus Hergert's Bride as of June 9), Helen Wood, Marge Barry, Doris Byers, Joan Kessinger, Faith Herbert, Ann Shambora, and Peggy Haberman.

Third Row—Jack McKinney, Janie Tuttle, John Rutledge, Ann Jacobson, Martha Morrison, Ann Tate, Mary Jennings, Treva Rein, Ginny Douglass, Joan Fye, Biddy Hoffman, Corrie Miller, Pete Mallett, Penny Phillips, and Pete Abbruzzese.

Fourth Row—Gerhard Jacobson, Bill Tuttle, John Rutledge, Lloyd, Mielenz, Bob Morrison, Grayson Tate, Al Jennings, Dick Rein, Bob Douglass, Stan Fye, Dick Hoffman, Bob Miller, and Wendy Phillips.

Stationed at Sill but not at the party: Charlie and Martha Cunningham, Bill and Alice Jones, Chuck and Ann Means, Jack and Joan Roehm, Clark and Patti Smith, Ellen Workman (home with the five children), Tom Ball, Clyde Spence, Don Bone, Milo Rowell, Mark McGuire. Thanks to Spike Wood for the picture and the poop.

Duncan's. They tell me that Jim Workman is the proud father of FIVE daughters and that one other classmate already has five children... That hurts my feelings somewhat since our fifth isn't due until October. Just wait until next year!!!

Here's how the vote came out on the pictures: Fort Sill; Hawaii; and Fort Belvoir. Oh, you want to know who voted? Donna, Christina, Marina, and Ricky Genuario, of course, and I couldn't coerce them into voting for the Fort Belvoir picture. Well, maybe the *Assembly* will print more than one. If not we'll get the others in future issues.

Let's hear from more of you in the future and get back to our longer columns, hear...

—*Lou Genuario.*

1951

The big news this issue is of course the Reunion and June Week 1956. No one there could have missed having a wonderful time, and certainly the schedule of events provided no opportunity to slip into second gear. The credit for the success of the various events, housing, swagger sticks, etc. goes to the hardworking band of permanent party and wives who began their planning many months ago. These of course included Bruce Ackerson, Bob Isaac, Bob Johnson, Russ Johnson, John Lewis, Bill Louisell, Ed Markham, Hank Otten, and Ed Peter. Even the rain early in the festivities failed to do much more than to drive people closer around the cocktail tables, so in a nutshell, "Had a terrific time; wish you all could have been there."

The turnout was heartwarming and to list those seen here and there during the reunion makes a pretty good class roll call: Joe Albenda, Ted Atkeson, Bud Bacon, Bill Barnett, Phil Barth, Cappy Bernstein, Dave Betts, Chief Bicher, L. C. Boyd, Bill Bradley, Arnim Brantley, Rick Buck, Don Chandler, Ted Charney, Pete Clay, Bud Conti, Dewey Detar, Sam Dickens, Bob Dingman, Tom Harrold, George Hardesty, John Hemphill, Roy Herte, B. Holle, Hap Jones, Norm Jorstad, Pud Kessling, Charlie Knapp, Marv Krupinsky, Bill Lackman, Red Leffler, Jim McDonald, Bill Malouche, Jack Martin, Ed Matney, Pete Matthews, Don McGann, Lou Michael, Rocky Milburn, Fred Miller, Wayne Miller, Wally Miller, Paul Niedringhaus, Tom Odderstol, T. Nance, Elmer Pendleton, Frank Penney, Bob Prehn, Dick Perry, George Harmon, Ted Post, Bud Richardson, Del Ring, Ron Roberge, Pat Ryan, George Scheuerlein, Jim Semmens, Ray Sargent, Phil Sheridan, Mike Simpson, Gorman Smith, Bill Stockdale, Stan Umstead, Ed Van Keuren, Chuck Wallens, Howie Steele, Russ Walthour and yours truly. To any not mentioned my apologies. These individuals of questionable distinction were marked for any and all by the swagger sticks mentioned above for the week.

Perhaps keynote of the entire affair was the kind and oft repeated invitation by Russ Walthour to various and sundry gatherings at Colonel Herte's where a small regiment of bachelors and acting bachelors were making headquarters, these invitations with the somewhat reserved approval of Roy.

In addition to the regular schedule during June Week, which is similar to that enjoyed prior to the Civil War, the Reunion activities provided the high spots. Included was considerable thirst quenching at the Thayer etc. and even swimming at Delafield for charter members of the polar bear societies like Del Ring and Rick Buck. The biggest, noisiest, greatest, and latest of them all was the class dinner-dance at the Stewart Officer's Club. The picture below represents a moment of relative sobriety following supper. Although dancing was on tap and many seemed to partake, elbow bending and lie swapping were the predominate and most enjoyed forms of entertainment.

The following day those in the best condition and not leaving gathered for a wonderful picnic out at Bull Pond. The beer was cold and the food terrific. With the coming of darkness these field soldiers picked up their tents and moved indoors where a song marathon to end all marathons wiped away the evening.

There were still a good number to gather near the railroad station the following morning to take their places near the rear of the alumni for the parade. At this point the wives departed for a luncheon in Cullum Hall, which is reported to have been a success, and the hubbys attended the regular Alumni Luncheon and meeting.

Under the able leadership of George Harmon, a class business meeting was held in the MT&G lecture room, and to make a long story brief the minutes of the meeting are included below:

The following is an informal summary of the minutes of the business meeting conducted by Vice President George Harmon.

After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that, in order to facilitate the handling of class matters inherent to the West Point vicinity (e.g. reunions), it would be advisable to elect pro tempore officers. This motion was carried and the following officers were elected: President, Henry Otten; Secretary, Ed Markham; Treasurer, John Lewis; Historian, Russ Johnson; Athletic Representative, Bruce Ackerson.

The duties of these officers are to assist the permanent class officers, and to keep them informed by letter or publication of business transacted at West Point. In the event a permanent class officer is stationed at West Point, he will automatically fill his own vacancy as a pro tempore officer, except the vice president who will assume the office of pro tempore president.

A motion was carried to establish a quorum as fifteen classmates stationed at West Point or the maximum number of classmates present for duty.

A motion was carried to have a ten year annual.

A treasurer's report was given by Bucky Harris. The present account stands at $1,313.60.

It was resolved that the pro tempore officers make every effort to have the class plaque honoring our Korean dead include those killed in the theatre in addition to those killed as a direct result of enemy action.

Ed Markham,
Secretary Pro Tempore.

To account for other news coming in over the past period, let's start with the stork. Born to Ed and Carol Lukert on December 31 of last year under the provisions of an old income tax law, Edward Page, III. John Cooper flew in to join John and Mary Powell at Mather Field on the 21st of February. Roland and Gerry Tausch celebrated the arrival of Roy Egon at Fort Knox on the 29th of March. Just a day later Joan and Pud Keesling received Katherine Joan at Fort Bragg. Andrew Cunningham, III became a part of the Remson household, Andy and Nora, at Fort Belvoir on the 6th of May. And last to be reported, Bob and Candy Prehn greeted Ann Winston on the 16th of May also at Fort Belvoir.

Promotions to the date of this writing for the Army classmates include: Herb Albritton, George Bicher, Dave Carter, John Cousins, Barnett DeRamus, John Derrick, Chuck Ewing, Joe Sites, Walt Steidl, George Hardesty, Buck Harris, John Hinton, Bob Howes, Guy Jester, Joe Luger, John Norvell, Hank Otten, Ed Partain, Bob Pazderka, Fred Rockwell, Dick Schwarz, Howie Wiles, Ed Willis and Bob Yerks.

In order also at this point would be a brief rundown on some vital statistics for the Air Force which I requested on the last trip. A very fine summary came in

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from Hal Shultz. With this and some other news the following results seem to be reasonably accurate: Captaincies: Bretzke, Dickson, Fischl, Forrest, Hampton, Ritchie, Taylor, Aldrin, Bacon, Conti, Craigie, Dickens, Epply, Guidroz, Hite, Johnson, L. M., Olson, Peckham, Post, Price, Richardson, W. L., Ryan, W. J., Vandenberg, Veurink, Wiles. Resignations: Barnett, Brown, Cooper, Gorski, Hodgkins, Matthews, Penney, Shibata, Watsey, Quinn, Williams, Witmer. Deceased: Galloway, Hunt, Leyshon, Niemann, Sundlie, Walker.

Hal incidentally is getting an MA in History at Stanford, completing his work in June. In another year he'll be added to the faculty of the AF Academy in the Dept. of History and in the interim will be a Flight Test Maintenance Off. at Nellis AFB. Hal mentions an exchange visit with Ted and Sue Picado in Glendale where Ted is an executive in a foreign car sales agency.

Many people are moving into their respective branch advanced courses this year but rather than include partial details here, we'll cross our fingers and hope some kind souls will write with some complete listings for the various schools.

Carol Lukert writes of a recent supper gathering at their place at Fort Sill including the Peloquins, Goodnows, Kovalskys, and Mike Davis. Ed is now assigned to the 52nd FA Gp but by now is probably well settled at San Marcos, Texas, for helicopter training.

An interesting letter from John (F.) Hook finds him now in the AGC. After a short run at the ASA School at Fort Devens, John moved into his present slot as Aide to Major General Reichelderfer, Chief of ASA, and is now in the Washington area. Seen at the Fonnders Day Dinner in D. C. at the Shorham were Jorstad, James, Atkeson, Vincent, Stockdale, Irving, and Joe Smith. As might have been expected John mentions also having been in attendance at one of Herte's palatial parties.

Potpourri: The AF in Japan, Al Norton at Tachikawa, Lou Bretzke at Misawa, Dave Huff at Yokota, and Pete Kuhn at Ashyia, T. Z. James, Fred Irving, and Dave Carter all took part in LOGEX at Fort Lee this spring.

That about wraps it up for another issue. As you've noticed above, Russ Johnson will be handling this job from now on at West Point. He's an English "P" so it should be good. For my part in spite of deadlines and some hurry up work now and then it's been a real pleasure to have written the report issue by issue. Take a moment now and then and drop Russ a line about your or your classmates activities etc., or at least a locator card on a PCS. His address is Lieutenant Russell L. Johnson, Box 242, Cornwall, New York. Letters can also be addressed to the Editor, *Assembly*, Assoc. of Grads., West Point, New York.

—*Richard L. (Buck) Harris.*

1952

I neglected to report last issue the birth of Ralph T. Garver, III, on September 16, 1955, to Ralph and Charlotte Garver. My apologies.

The 1st Armored is now settled at Fort Polk. I understand Craig Alderman and Pete Haines are there. Word from Tom Rehm, inbetween company level training soirees, tells me Tom Cole is at 25th Recon Co at Hood but scheduled to go to West Point this fall. Hodgskin is aide to General King at IX Corps. Bill Horn and Ed Wuthrich are headed for University of Illinois for CE studies.

Many are getting the call for advanced technical schooling this year. Tom Courant reported in here to Purdue in May to study math for West Point. He will be here for a year. He came from Fort Devens and wife Lynn and daughter Diane joined him here in June. Jay and Ruth Luther and their two children also came in here to Purdue in May, are at the CE department for a year. John and Mona Driskill are here in CE and soon to arrive (by mid-June) are Don Weinert and Carl Dupke. Don Ross is coming up in June for a short course so we will have a small reunion. Harry Dutchyshyn goes from Phila District Engrs to Texas A&M to study civil engineering. Gil Burns is at U of Ill with George Relyea studying civil and dynamics respectively. George and Winnie have two children now; Debbie (3) and George, Jr. (February 56). Homer Kiefer and John Kenney are headed for school enroute to English Dept at USMA, Charley Sell to U of Iowa from jump school, and Harry Roper from Riley to Cal Tech in September.

In the new arrival department are announcement of the following class children. To Bob and Audrey Dunn, Charlene Marie on March 6 at Fort Dix, their first. To Mike and Jan Duerr, Ann Elizabeth on March 9, their second (Allan, November 53). The Duerrs are at 1221 Gibson Road while Mike is on AAA Missile duty in Gary, Indiana. To the Scamens, a boy Mark, May 16 in Alaska, that's three. To Cindy and Dale Swanson on AAA duty in Evanston, Illinois, number one. To the Scotts, their first, Mary Louise on February 19 at Fort Lee, Virginia. To the Youngs (R. A.) their first, in February. To John and June Cannon, Susan, at Fort Dix last October. Charles to Pat and Howie Jelinek in July 55 at Fort Bragg and Terrance John to Loretto and John Sullivan last December in Japan (now stateside).

Tom and Ruth Fiala sent in a lot of news from their civilian home at 218 Earl Place, East Meadow, New York. Tom is happy with Esso and homeowning. I regret we neglected to report earlier the birth of their first, Gail, April 14, 1955. Tom got together for lunch one day in New York with Denny Mullane (job hunting), Dan Derbes (leave from Knox), Warren Hayford, and Bill Sadler (student at Columbia).

Ivan Mechtly was inspired by Founders Day and sent me a complete report on doings in the Baltimore Area. At the Baltimore Dinner were Clyde Earnest (with NSA at Meade), Ivan, Jerry Ruff (student at Fort Holabird) and Ed Gilbert (student at Holabird). Ivan, Evelyn and Diane (3) and David (1) are living at Meade. Ivan is working on the new NSA building at Meade. Jerry and Noreen Ruff, and Ed and Ann Gilbert are living in Essix, Maryland. William G. was born to the Ruffs in February at Meade. Ed is on PCS there while Jerry is TDYPFO. Clyde and Gerry Earnest and son Stephen live in Linthicum, Maryland. Dan Hoge is also at Fort Meade. Dick Coleman is in school at Holabird.

Bill Schroeder with Joan, Wayne and Karen, is on ROTC duty at Syracuse. Bruce Beard, who resigned last summer from the AF is now sales manager for the eastern states division of Marietta Concrete and is located in Baltimore. Pat and E. C. Hamilton are at Laredo AFB and announced new son Steven Mark on February 26. Paul and Judy Child with one son are at Fort Banks, Massachusetts for AAA duty after a tour in Hawaii. What a change. A few resignations not reported before are those of Harry Van Trees, Jim Spell, and Karl Woltersdorf. At Riley are Tom Dunmire and J. V. Gibney.

Ron Obach, also inspired by Founders Day in Heidelberg, Germany reported for the

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greater part of Europe. 52 was well represented at the Heidelberg Dinner by Tom Nelson, 4th Engrs; Jim Mueller, Al Stubblebine and Joe Paluh, 2d Armd Div; John Tipton, 57th Tk Bn; Ron Obach, Hq. USAREUR Sig Div; Ralph Cline, Gordo Hahn, and Ed Upton, 40th Tk Bn; Joe DeAngelis, 66th Tk Bn; and Willy Ross, 87th Inf. Ron brought me up to date on himself too. He and Peg were married in June 52, went to Monmouth for Basic School and stayed on thru July 53. Then to Europe at Karlsruhe as CO EX and Motors O, Heidelberg as Co CO and then to Hq USAREUR where he is now Procurement Officer. Little 5 lb. 5 oz. Debra Ann was born Dec 18 1955. The Obachs will head for Fort Huachuca around August.

"CV" and Diane Jackson are now settled at 15036 Badlona Drive La Mirada, California. CV resigned last September and is working as a hydraulic engineer for North American Aviation. The Jacksons miss the old gang (hope its not the smog) and would welcome visits or letters from all.

A note and clipping from Bill Raiford tells me he is now married. The lucky girl is the former Mary Berger. The capture was made on April 7 in the bride's home town of Thomasville, Georgia. John Driskill was an usher, and the Raifords now live in Apt 505 West, Hunting Towers, Alexandria, Virginia. Bill is OIC of Protocol at Belvoir. Also at Belvoir are Tom Kiernan and Larry Russell. Tom and Bill are due for the advanced course there this Fall.

I had two letters from Bill (Willy) Harrison. He is at Fort Bragg and recently in Michigan had seen the Geatches family. Bill reported that he has in his possession a '52 class ring that was given to him by a Sergeant who found it in Trieste in 1953. There is no engraving. Bill would like to return the ring to its owner so you may contact Bill at 1557 Terrace Drive, Huntington, West Virginia. The ring is around size 10. Bill is headed for a new Battery Officers Surface to Surface Missile Course at Fort Sill in August. Bill and Shirley have been at Fort Bragg, with the 98th ABN FA. With them there have been the Oaf Knights and John Cookes. John is in Special Forces. Also at Fort Bragg are Bob Morgan, Larry Mickel, Speed Hulley (an MP now), Herb Deiss, George Dietz, Danny Danford, Bernie Ashkenaze, Frank Boyer, Her Devins, Jerry Gibbs (an aide), Bob Korchek, Jim McDonnell, Steve Nichols, Don Nixon, and Walt Ulmer. They had quite a reunion on Founders Day for which Ashley Speir and Don Hegberg were present. Ashley is a civilian studying at UNC and Don has also recently resigned.

Mal Craig has been commended by General Coverdale for outstanding work in the operations section of Japan Central Command. Art Taylor won (not alone) the Fort Benning Volleyball Championship.

Judy and Sherm Webster are at Stewart Field and have presented Drew Ashley on May 8, 1956, 7 lbs. 6 oz. They live at 3 Morningside Drive in Newburgh. Sherm has seen Hank Carter recently and tells me John Roosma is also at Stewart Field. Sherm has recently returned from Japan. Maddox is at Maxwell AFB. Thank you Sherm for the AF news. It is scarce.

My address changes once again, classmates. Effective when you get this issue I will be at the Department of Electricity, USMA, West Point, New York. I doubt if I get the Supe's quarters but there will always be room for classmates so if you are in the area fall, run, or drop in. The rest write. NINE MONTHS TILL REUNION. Also at the Point will be the Ayers, Geatches, Spaulding, Boyles, Bullock, Gregory, Schandler, and Cole.

There are about 300 of the class that I do not have any recent (within two years) information on so please write in.

The WP Glee Club sang here at Purdue in May and were really good. All old grads joined them for "Army Blue". First time I have sung since Fritz said, "Thank you, next" in 1948.

A message for Pat Webster and Foots Elmore. Ex-Lt c. Coley said to tell you hello, is no longer the junior lieutenant, is a detachment commander living two doors from me.

A last minute letter from John Baldner gives me some more Air Force news that I have been hinting for for so long. John with wife Nancy and two girls are at Hamilton AFB, California with the 84th FIS and sounds like he dearly loves California. Dan Derbes has resigned and he and wife Pat are at Phoenix with daughter Donna. Dan is working for Air Research Corp. Charlie Hoenstine and Joanne are at Fort Campbell where Charlie is a Btry CO. Ken Good is now there too. Graham Humble has resigned and Bob Kimmel and wife Mary Lou are at Camp Carson awaiting orders to Germany. The Kimmels have one son Jeffery. Dick Hall and Bob Rutte are instructors at Nellis AFB (a good deal). John (Pondus) McLemore is at Moody AFB, Georgia with the 4756th Air Defense Gp. John Rollston and Dee are at Tyndall where Jeep is a Captain and base instrument instructor. Congratulations Jeep, and thanks to John Baldner for the news.

—David K. Lyon.

1953

With deep regret I report the fourth death in our Class. James P. Selbe was killed February 11th in an aircraft accident near Charlotte, North Carolina. I have no other details of the accident.

Founders Day in Chicago proved to be quite enjoyable, particularly since I ran into Ken Dawson and Tom Nugent. Ken is stationed with a NIKE outfit at Fort Sheridan in the area, and Tom is an aide to some general. Tom was practically having his bachelor's fling since he was to be married in two weeks, however I never received an announcement, so I do not know the young lady's name.

Founders Day must have also been enjoyable in Heidelberg, Germany as you can see from the picture! Dave Motycka sent it along with the news that there were approx. 47 of our class at the dinner. Afterwards this group from '53 adjourned to a Heidelberg beer garden to continue the fun. That is where the picture was taken and Dave reports that the party was broken up when the wives arrived.

Dave transferred from Artillery to Ordnance and is with J. D. Meglen in the 15th Ord Bn. However, Dave is resigning this summer and has been accepted at Cornell University for the fall term. He plans to attend for a year and then take a job with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co. (my ex-employer) in Connecticut.

Faith Holcombe dropped a line from Japan to announce the birth of a son (the announcement was in the April issue) and to let me know that they and the Perlows have moved four times in the last year due to "Gyroscope." The Perlows also had a son born in the same hospital, five minutes after the Holcombe's. Joe Volpe is over there also and has transferred from Infantry to Ordnance.

Pat and Ed Reed sent some suggestions from Germany on the reunion book that I have mentioned. Their idea, and I think it is a good one, is to assign an agent in each area of the world to collect information from classmates in his area. Then each agent could forward the dope to me, and it would expedite gathering the information. That method will solve many problems, and if the Reeds will be in Germany for a while, I think I have the Europe agent sewed up!

Al Horwedel wrote from Munich, Germany where he said everyone in the 11th Airborne Div has finally arrived. Al attended the Founders Day Dinner in Augsburg, and there were 13 of our classmates in attendance. He is also the proud pappy of a first born listed in the Baby Corner. Al tells me that Beech Dierdorf is rais-

FOUNDERS DAY, HEIDELBERG GERMANY, CLASS OF '53

Left to Right—Bob Albert, John Fitch, Bob Schroeder, Sark Semerjian, Bob Glascow, Jim Currie, Chuck Friedersdorff, Dave Motycka, Carrie Hutchinson, Wally Noll, Chuck Tighe, Bob Scofield, Mac MacClusky, Jack Johns, Larry Davis, Frank Kincaid, Unknown, Andy Simko.

ing and selling pedigreed dogs and makes good money out of it over there. Al also saw Colonel "Ace" Collins at the dinner, who has just returned to the states to be on the faculty of the War College.

I received a short note from Minn and Jack Neuberger along with their birth announcement. They are in Mannheim, Germany with the 350th Inf. Rgt. Also in Mannheim are Bill and Sandy Prime, Andy and Susie Simko, Tom and Lyn Davis, Jack and Pat Johns, Joan and Ken Sweeney, and Jack and Helen Wilson. All are scheduled to be transferred to Italy in June.

Ed Wallnau dropped a line to help me find some of our "lost" classmates. While he was writing, Ray Gonzales Artigas and his wife were flitting around New York on their honeymoon. Ray had just gotten out of the hospital for a leg operation as a result of an automobile accident in Equador. As I recall, Ray bought a shiny new Mercury Station Wagon to take back to Equador with him. Must have been too much of a car for those roads! Glad the damage wasn't more severe, Ray.

From Italy came news from Bob Boxell who tells me that "lost" George Brosious is in Vicenza, Italy doing a terrific job as an area Signal Representative. Bob said that since they had to move out of Austria last year things haven't been going too smoothly as nothing was set up for them before they moved. Bob is a platoon leader in the only AAA Battery in Italy. He just returned from a nice furlough cruise on the Mediterranean, so he couldn't be working too hard! Among the ports he hit was Smyrna, and as a tribute to the Woo Poo Social Science Dept., he purchased some figs (remember those produce locations in the quizzes). Bob is stationed at Leghorn and is the only '53er in the immediate area. Tom Dunnuck is at Verona, and Ray Conder is a Vicenza. Rocky Ventrella and Craig Coverdale have resigned and are waiting for transportation back to the states. Bob sent a couple of interesting pictures that he took on the cruise, one being of the Acropolis in Athens, and the other of the Palace Guards in Athens.

Joan and Monty Walters sent more news from Germany. They have a new daughter, Diane Alison. She was born April 30, 1956 and has been with them since she was eight days old. They are adopting her and are very happy about the arrangements. Diane is to be christened in June with Bob and Millie Albert as Godparents. Monty is still with the 41st A.I.B. in Sandhofen. Their tour will last until June of '58, so they would appreciate a Five Year Reunion Book. Sarkis and Annette Semerjian are in Sandhofen also where Sarkis is C.O. of C. Company. Joan and Monty had a surprise visit from Mort and Sarell Saffer and 2 year old son Joey in March. Mort is stationed at an air base in France but has been transferred to Germany.

I was very happy to hear from Cathy Pimental the other day. She has bought a house in Washington, and the three of them are finally settled in it—Cathy, her two year old daughter, Louisa, and their horrible dog, Pingle. Cathy has taken a part-time job in the Alumnae office of the Mount Vernon Seminary. She reports that it's a very interesting and social kind of job—really not like work at all. Fred Taylor dropped in to see them early in May, and Cathy promptly put him to work moving furniture! Fred and Mary are the parents of three children now. John and Jan Parks stopped by in February. John was on his way to Korea. Cathy said that the door to her new home is always open and still plenty of work to be done on the ole homestead, so if you are in Washington, stop by 4433 Greenwich Parkway, N.W. for a chat.

Jay Tanzer wrote from Fort Knox, Kentucky to let me know that the line soldiers in the 3rd Armored Div. there, are hard at work gyroscoping to Germany. Jay is aide to General Fitch and is now married with one child (see Baby Corner). He will be in Frankfurt, Germany and the status of the others at Fort Knox will be as follows: Gene and Ginny Currier, 37th A.I.B. headed for Friedburg. Hal Rhyne with the 709 Tank Bn. bound for Butzbach. Cliff and Mary Lou Neilson with the 7th Tank Bn. are going to Kirch Goens. Dave and Elizabeth Horner and John Seigle are also in the 7th Tank Bn. and will be in Kirch Goens. Bob White and Tom Williams are in the 83rd Recon. and will be in Budingen. Jim and Madeline Donahue—Ass't S-3 of 36th Inf Bn—will be in Butzbach. D. D. Whelan has just returned from the Far East and has taken over as aide to General Hart, C.G. of the Armor Center at Fort Knox.

Bob Rogers sent news from the Canal Zone where he and Doug Kimball are the only bachelors. Bob is resigning and will be separated in June. He will go to work for the State Dept., having passed all exams to qualify as a Foreign Service Officer Class 6. Bob also reports that Bill Yuengel has resigned and will also be separated in June. Guess it is about time to inaugurate a "Civilian Corner", and I just might do that in the next issue.

I received my yearly letter from Greg Vigilar who is in the Philippine Army. Greg has been moved around so much since the first of the year that he almost hasn't kept up! From an Inf Div. he was transferred to the R.O.T.C. Dept. at the University of Philippines. After little more than a couple of weeks there, he was transferred to an Eng. Construction Group, and his branch of service was changed from Infantry to Engineers. Seems that the Engineers are expanding to take over some govt. projects formerly handled by a civilian dept. Greg says that he is still foot-loose and fancy free, however realizing that he isn't getting any younger, he is shopping around to settle down. He says that the field is narrowed down to a half a dozen and that in two or three years he should be able to make a decision (they operate slowly in the Philippines with all those chaperones!).

Marty Silberg wrote for two reasons, one to keep himself off the "Lost" list and two to let me know of some of the lost ones. Ted Lynch, Ed Coggins, and Marty are jet flight instructors at Webb AFB, Big Spring, Texas. Ted Lynch is married; his wife's name is Dixie; and they have two boys, Ted, Jr. and Michael. Ed and Joan Coggins have two girls, Denny and Kathy and are expecting their third in September. Marty and wife, Teddie, have a girl, Beth and expecting another in July. Marty's ex-roommate, John Angstadt is getting married in June at Reading, Pennsylvania to Nancy Haas. John is with a NIKE outfit in Pittsburgh. His other ex-roommate, Bill Burdeshaw is with the field artillery in Germany.

First came an announcement of the marriage of Nancy Ann Deisher to Jim Sibley at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on May 26th, then came a letter from Jim in Mexico City where they are honeymooning for three weeks. Jim is an aide at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, but has received orders to attend Cal. Tech for a year of civil engineering. He sent news that Charles Edward (a "lost" one) was in Korea as late as January '56 with the reconstruction program. Herman Gilster is an upperclassman at the Air Force Academy, and Frank LaBrash and 12 other classmates have turned in resignations.

Bob Daly wrote to let me know that he is in Fort Bliss attending a NIKE unit commander course, and he will report to the 526 AAA Missile Bn. at Fort Hancock, New Jersey the middle of June. He returned from 16 months in Korea December 1955. Bob and his wife Jayne have a 2 year old girl, Christine and are expecting in October. Stu and Abbie McLennon are at Bliss, but they will be reporting back to Gary AFB for Army Aviation training in July. Jim and Barbara Linka are at Bliss also, where Jim is taking the SAM Maintenance Course. Curt Brewer dropped in on Bob in May. Curt is Ass't S-3 of a NIKE unit in Seattle, Washington. Dave Best is missile officer in the same outfit. He also reported that Al Merritt, Don Fuqua, and Earl Chambers are in NIKE outfits on the west coast.

Bob Segal wrote especially to tell me how terrific this article is, even though his name isn't mentioned every time. His letter was really unique, besides that, because in the last year: (1) He hasn't gotten married (nor had any children) (2) He hasn't run into but four classmates (3) He hasn't been around the world (4) He is not a general's aide. He *is* assigned to the Los Angeles Dist. Eng. and is constructing a NIKE site in the San Fernando Valley. Bob is living with Don Fuqua at Malibu where they have a furnished apartment on the beach, and I quote, "It's plush!" Bob will be leaving in June for Iowa State College to add a masters degree to his many achievements. He said that he sent me all the news about himself for the last year except what he is saving for "Confidential" magazine. If he hadn't held out on me, I would finally have had what I have been waiting for all these years—a scoop to call my very own!

Don Ramsay sent news from Manhattan, Kansas. He said that Jack Hayes and Arvelia Mai Ellis were married in March and will live in Junction City, Kansas. Don sent a newsy letter from battered but unbowed Bob Porter who crash landed his jet and lived to tell about it. They have put Bob up for Air Medal since he rode his plane down to miss houses. Hope you get it, Bob, 'cause I certainly think you deserve it. They think Jimmy Jones has heart trouble after he blacked out twice in the air and three times on the ground in one afternoon. He is in the hospital at Parks AFB, California, so if anyone gets a chance, I think it would be nice to send him a card of cheer.

The responses in favor of a Five Year Reunion book are pouring in every day, so it is time to obtain official permission from the officers of the Class, draw up a questionnaire, and see who is going to do this. Thanks to Don Ramsay, we are getting activated in plenty of time.

Baby Corner

(1) To Dorothy and Fred Reynolds, III—a girl, Cynthia Anne (3-30-56, Fort Bragg). (2) To Salee and Al Horwedel — a girl, Alana Salee (4-4-56, Munich, Germany). (3) To Minn and Jack Neuberger—a girl, Catherine Adams (3-23-56, Heidelberg, Germany). (4) To the Jay Tanzers—a boy, (3-28-56, Fort Knox, Kentucky).

THE LOST DEPT. which represents those whose names have never been mentioned in the Article for over 3 years continues as follows: Mayer, A. E.; McGee, J. J.; McGregor, R.; Morton, J. E.; Nave, J. A.; Nicks, J. W.; Noll, W. W.; Norris, D. W.; Osborn, C. M.; Otis, G. K.; Parker, W. E.; Peckham, H. D.; Pfautz, J. C.; Pickett, T. O.; Prieto, F. R.; Ramsgate, C. E.; Ravelo, A. C.; Reed, A. P.; Remers, R. T.; and Rickard, D. S.

That's it for this time. My address remains: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. Thanks for all the

news, and let's track down these "lost" individuals.

See you next time—

—*William Jefferson.*

1954

Greetings: and congratulations to all on the second anniversary of our graduation. Here's the latest news.

Alaska: 'When it came time for assignments they sent the crossed-rifle boys off somewhere where they wouldn't get in the way. Where they needed work done they asked for engineers. For example—Korea and Alaska. The only three members of the class of '54 in Alaska are all engineers here at Fort Richardson in the 271st Engr Bn. Lou Gross is assistant S-3, and Bob Tawes and I are platoon leaders," writes Nick Barnes. Lou and Nick are serving as technical advisers to two training films being made at Fort Richardson concerning maneuvers in the arctic.

"Alaska has many good sides," Nick writes, just in case any infantry files care to join him. "The short days in the winter (less than 5 hours sometimes) mean short working days. Beautiful snow. Hunting (and eating) moose, caribou, sheep, bear (black and brown). Plentiful fishing. Quarters on post are terrific. Three bedrooms. Full basement. All permanent new buildings. The weather is cold with lots of snow. Minus 30 degrees is about the coldest, and we've had close to 10 feet of snow."

Germany: Ben and Cynthia Schemmer "have left the ice-covered boondocks of Baumholder for the far more enviable climate in Frankfurt." Ben is now aide to Brigadier General William H. Breckinridge, new V Corps Chief of Staff. Ben does a lot of traveling in his new job. He saw Lou Wagner at the tank gunnery ranges at Belsen-Hohne; Lou's with 76th Tk Bn, 11th Abn Div. Ben also saw Tom Paprocki with 3rd Armd Cav at Nurnberg and met Ray Cassel in Munich.

Ben tells that "Jack Carnahan stopped in at Baumholder on his way to the Riviera. Stayed overnight, but our visit was cut short — Jack spent the rest of the time wiggling back into his Volkswagen."

Skip and Susie Forman moved to Baumholder with 16th Armd FA Bn. George Chancellor was promoted from aide to 7th Army's Arty CG to a new job as aide to Major General Dick, 7th Army Chief of Staff. Joe, Charlotte and little Charlotte Bahin are "some of the lucky ones in Germany. We have new quarters and new furniture. We like Augsburg very much."

Hawaii: Don Newnham writes that he "assumed command of the finest engineer combat company this side of the north pole on April 4." Still the only member of '54 on Hawaii, Don has Co D, 65th Engr Bn, 25th Inf Div. His battalion "supports the training area on the Island of Hawaii which the infantry uses for their battalion tests." Don's company is scattered over the whole island and "it is quite a trick to keep things coordinated, but all is going well so far."

Korea: Bill Paul is enjoying life in Korea with the Korea Military Advisory Group. Sally and their two sons, Bill, III and Jack, hope to join Bill in December somewhere near Tokyo when he will be transferred to the Overseas Comm Bn.

Philippines: A long letter comes from Ted Sanchez who's in a real fighting war. In excerpt fashion, here it is: "Right now I have to rush this. I just came to the Rear CP of my company to look after some administrative matters then proceed to our Advanced CP to conduct the operations of my company against the Huks.

"A lot of things have happened with me since June '54. The best though is when I took the big step last October 8 and married one Miss Elvie Valero from Laguna.

"My first assignment was as a platoon leader in one of the companies in this (19th) BCT—Battalion Combat Team. At that time we were engaged in fighting the Moros in Sulu. I think I can very well say that I was the first in the class to be in a fighting war."

Ted has been in Luzon as exec of another company for more than a year, but "I'm still a second lieutenant—promotion is a lot slower in our army."

Ted wants to "extend my sincerest gratitude to the whole class and the whole American people, especially to those wonderful friends I've had, for the hospitality everyone has extended me and for making my four years at the Point very enjoyable and memorable. I'll never forget those memories."

He sends regards to the class and would welcome news from any in the class, especially his former roommates Ed Moses and Stan Beck. Ted's address is Pakie, Laguna, Philippines.

Life at Oxford: John Bard writes news of the scholars at Oxford: "Both Ames Albro and Dale Vesser are staying a third year, so won't be taking exams until next June. However, old impatient Bard had to jump the gun. And so with glucose tablets, a blank mind, and shaking hand entered the Schools Building the 31st of May for his first three-hour paper. Five days later, after eight such sorties, I emerged." John plans to leave Oxford about July 15 to return to Cape Cod and marry Marjorie Jackson. Then he'll be going to the 101st Abn Div at Fort Campbell around the first of the year.

Dale Vesser married Valerie Katmer, an English girl, in Christ Church College Cathedral on June 16. No less than the Bishop of Dorchester officiated. Seb and Sandy Lasher and Gene and Andre Broumas came in from Germany to be in the wedding party. Also participating were Ames and Janie Albro and John Bard.

Class Additions: Ever-expanding '54 adds another couple of dozen. Here they are.

Girls—Charlotte Matilda to Charlotte and Joe Bahin, February 14; Susan Elizabeth to Betty and Gene Alsperger, March 14; Kim to Jenni and Dion Johnson, March 17; Mary Ann to the Paul Garneaus, March 24; Margaret Noel to Gene and Andre Bromas, April 2; a girl to Val and Andy Underwood in April; and a girl to Georgeanne and George Chancellor, May 15.

Boys—David Allen to Georgia and Ron Johnson, January 29; Christopher Touchstone to Anne and Skip Combs, February 14; Steve, Jr. to Jane and Steve Avery in February; Randall Lee to Evelyn and Derrol Dennis, March 6; John Edward to John and Margo Hall, March 8; Dick, Jr. to Tweet and Dick Sugg in March; James G., III to Virginia and Jim Plunkett, April 5; James S. to Rue and Jim Knox, April 10; Gregory James to the Gerry Van Valkenburgs, April 15; William Turner to Jo and Dave Sugg, April 23.

Seconds—David Michael to Helene and Don Alameda, April 24; and John Walter (Jack) to Sally and Bill Paul, May 18.

To the Altar: Jim Karnes and a young lady from Texas on April 1 (that's all we know); Jim Chapman and Christie Conkling at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 7; Jim Bradel and Lucille Sovinski, West Point, April 28; Will Haskell and Irene Lamm at Riverside, Connecticut, April 28; Harry Emrick and Barbara Rawleigh at Pepper Pike, Ohio, June 2; Dale Vesser and Valerie Katmer at Oxford, England, June 16; John Bard and Marjorie Jackson, at Milton, Massachusetts, July 28.

Engaged: George Reiss and Joan Payne of Shelby, Ohio, are making plans for a fall wedding.

Good Deals: Colonel McDermott, once our social science professor, and now professor of political science at the Air Force Academy, has issued an invitation to the more learned members of our class in the Air Force. They can do a bit of graduate study in political science and then join him for a three or four-year tour in his department.

Celebrity: Jody Rude now belongs to the Caterpillar Club. He bailed out at 3,000 feet when his F-86D exploded beneath him. Not a scratch.

Tales from an Ex-Bachelor: It was reported that "Joe Palumbo got married on a three day pass in January to a hometown girl from Cleveland, Ohio. He went right back to Fort Sill alone, then picked her up in Ohio on his way to Germany." And even Woody Potter ("the confirmed bachelor") got married at Moody AFB last December.

AAA: Don and Marianne Geiger are with a AAA Battery outside Norfolk, Virginia. Don is exec now, but will be leaving about August for an eight-month Nike course at Fort Bliss. Their first addition is a pedigree blond cocker spaniel that bears the impressive name, "Merriland's Gentleman Jolly," but he's just the "Jolly Geiger" for short.

Fort Benning: The families at Benning held a small reunion party in March—steak dinner, formal attire, and the works. The celebrants—and this is a run-down of most of the class at Benning — were: Bill and Lynsey Klein, Johnny and Myla Young, Jerry and Terry Curtis, Andy and Val Underwood, Tom and Sue Mayberry, Frank and Carol Sweeney, Dick and Tweet Sugg, Gene and Cathy Donnelly, T. C. and Barbara Brown, Dick and Betty Ziegler, Bill and Arlene Nelson, Bill and Carolyn Carroll, Bob and Anne Weeks, Marty and Pauline LaChance, John and Cynthia Porter, Dick and Cay Kavanaugh, Fred Bolling, and Doug Stuart.

Spending the summer at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, supporting ROTC troops, are Gene and Cathy Donnelly, Andy and Val Underwood, Bill and Lynsey Klein, and John and Cindy Porter. Tom and Sue Mayberry spent 10 weeks at Fort Holabird, Maryland, where Tom took a course in intelligence. Bill Carroll has left Benning for language school at San Francisco.

Also seen at Benning are troops with the 3rd Div: Willis Bacon, John Bennett, Wendell Gilbert, Wade Hampton (on his way to army aviation), Chuck Orr, George Perrin, John Shelter, and Larry Willner. On the main post with the school troops are: Dick Townsby, Ray Pace, and Bill Kirby (army air too.)

Fort Bragg: Tom Young, Audrey Short, and Bill Hauser are execs of howitzer batteries which Hauser "can say without fear of being far wrong, is the best job in the whole army. You are more or less the tactical commander of the battery, while the battery commander handles all the poop-sheet work—of which there is an astonishing lot. I have about 70 men, six howitzers, and other trucks and paraphernalia, and they are mine, all mine." Hauser and everybody else in artillery there, he says, have orders for nine months of school at Fort Sill. It'll be old home week.

Also at Bragg are Jerry North and Jerry Vigee as battery execs and John Lohman as battery commander. Leonard Fuller spent a few weeks at Bragg for a short course; he has an Armd FA Battery at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Prop Walker has a service battery at Bragg. He writes that "George Kourakos was a Bn S-2 before he went to Greenland

for the drop—haven't seen him since. John Shaefer has moved to the lofty atmosphere of Div G-1 from which perch he sits and sends little presents down to us peons." Prop says that he "encountered a stroke of luck in February when I became a firing battery commander. I had the battery 20 days—just long enough to lose 20 blankets and 40 sheets—when a captain came in and took over."

Fort Carson: On the way to Germany as advance party for 13th Inf Regt are Don Bradbury, Price Darling and Lew Ham. Leaving in August with the main body are Draper Gregory and Dick, Jane and Cynthia Hoy.

Dick Hoy is now assistant adjutant and Gyroscope project officer for the 13th. This gives him the pleasant duty of preparing personnel and their dependents for their move to Ulm. "These women have the darndest problems and here I sit trying to help them . refusing to take shots, pregnant wives, no passport, no dog tags . why can't I ship my household goods where I want . . . what type of washing machine should we bring . . I just returned from Germany and I'll divorce my husband before I go back. . " and on and on.

Fort Lewis: The 2nd Div is leaving for Alaska in July and August. Already there as advance party are Don and Jam York, Bob and Jean Stewart, Dion and Jenni Johnson, and the Pattersons. Joining them later will be Jim and Loretta Cooper, Wally and Mary Ellen Christensen, Corky and Andrea Gabbert, Jim and Joan Sloan, Bill and Etta Mae Hannon, Don and Helene Alameda, and the Wes Gheens.

Leaving Fort Lewis soon to attend 36 weeks of Surface to Surface Missile Course at Fort Sill are: Chuck Stodter, Les Kirshner, Art Lykke, and Don Panzer.

Fort Sill: George O'Brien and Joe Palumbo gyroscoped in March with 267th AFA Bn to Germany. Freddie and Mary Attaya are going to Europe in June with 553rd FA Bn. "That leaves only Bob Clarke in the 2d Rocket Battery and myself, presently taking over Hq Battery of the 534th AFA Bn," says Jim Chapman. He was "afraid that 'Career Management' had lost all records of me—but they came thru last week with orders to a new 36-week Battery Officers' Course. So it now looks as if I shall truly dwell in the depths of Fort Sill forever!"

Army Aviation: Ted Neu won the distinction of being the first army aviator in the class when he received his wings on June 5 at Fort Rucker, Alabama. "I may never break the sonic barrier, but these L-19's are lots of fun, and I can truthfully state that, in my opinion, army aviation is the best deal for a young officer. It's really growing, and under the present regulation, it doesn't hurt one's career a bit; on the contrary, it helps." Ted took a leave after receiving his wings, and then joined the aviation company of the 1st Armd at Camp Polk.

Joan Mattmuller writes news of the army aviators at Edward Gary AFB, Kyle, Texas. Norm Mattmuller, Steve Avery, and Pete Hall expected to graduate July 10 from primary flight training in army aviation. Then on to Fort Rucker, Alabama, for ten more weeks of flying and their wings. In the class behind them is Doug O'Connor.

Air Force: Jim Giles and Lee Revere wrote the news from Westover AFB: "We came here to activate in a new squadron—the 324th Fighter Interceptor Squadron—for ADC on a SAC Base. It's almost like a reunion every day with so many guys in the same outfit. . . Married folks with boys —Jay and Pat Edwards, Ron and Georgia Johnson; married folks with girls—Jim and Mary Fraher, Don and Joan Larson; other married folks—Bob and Helen Chapman, Jim and Flo Giles; married folks with cocker spaniel—Lee and Ellen Revere; bachelors with no wives or children to speak of—Stan Choate, Bill Emley, Bill Orth, Sam Wilson, and Tom Wachowski. . . If any of you 'Rocking-Chair Pilots' in multis get off course near Westover and have a red-tail F-86D on your wing, it will probably be one of us from the 324th FIS."

After three months of B-47 transition at McConnell AFB, Lenny and Virginia Griggs journeyed to Pinecastle AFB and their new home at 810 Lucerne Terrace, Orlando, Florida, where the welcome mat is out. Meanwhile Len put in three weeks of survival training at Stead AFB in preparation for becoming combat-ready. As Len says, "just like plebe summer all over again."

Sam Fields, Joe Yeager, and John Freyer will put in a tour at the Air Force Academy as tactical officers.

Rudy and Betty Wacker are enjoying life in the Green Mountains of Vermont. Rudy spent "the cold month of March in Yuma, Arizona, doing rocket firing in our 'Dogs' —that's an F-86-Dog, son." In his travels he met Bob Crews at Ardmore AFB, Oklahoma, and Scott Wetzel who was on a cross country from Greenville AFB, Mississippi, where he is instructing in T-33's. At Sewart, Tennessee, Rudy ran into Al Momberger.

Flying with the 15th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, are Bill Thomas and John Hall. They spent May firing rockets at Yuma. Also at Tucson are Dave and Jo Sugg and son, living on post nearby to Bill and Joyce Thomas.

H. C. Tanner is with 323rd SRS at Lockburne AFB, Columbus, Ohio. It's said that H. C. is the unofficial Air Force headquarters for anyone planning to attend the Army-Navy football game this fall. Just let H. C. know you plan to attend, and he'll reply with the particulars concerning when, where, etc.

Random air notes: Bob and Donna Gray and Baron and Theresa Fredericks are flying B-47's at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, Louisiana. Jody and Ann Rude are at Selfridge AFB, Michigan. At Castle AFB, California, are Al and Doris Hamblin and son, Stephen Allen; Al is flying with 456th FIS. Derroll, Evelyn and Randall Lee Dennis and Bill and Shirley Boucher are in B-47's at Lincoln, Nebraska. Larry and Sara Drum are flying C-124's at Travis AFB, California. Jerry and Jan Parshall have finished up at observer school and are going to McConnell AFB for B-47 transition and eventually into a SAC assignment. At Williams AFB are Ken, Greta and Karen Haff; Ken is instructing T-33 and F-86F gunnery. Flying F-86F's at Nellis AFB are Gene and Lil Allred and daughter Derri.

Random Notes: PIO came thru with a bit of news. Jim Miller is a company commander in 317th Engr Bn in Germany. Larry Skibbie was graduated from the CB&R Officers Course of the Chemical School at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Joan Borgatta is now working in New York City for Continental Can Co. Her home address is 37-30 83rd St., Jackson Heights, New York. She would like to hear from some of you.

Here's some news of the ex-'54's. Ted Smyth who will be remembered from USMA Prep School and plebe year, is now married and the father of two lively boys; he's working for Reader's Digest and lives at Route 6N, Mahopac Falls, New York. Bob Downey writes that he married Marjorie Lewis last September, got his degree, worked for North American Aviation as a design engineer and is "currently attending OBC at Fort Sill in preparation for a branch transfer from infantry to artillery so I can get back on active duty." Cliff Berry, while a corporal in the 82nd Abn Div, was awarded a direct regular commission. He is now in Basic Inf Officers Course at Fort Benning.

Ed Wallnau, vice president of the Piccadilly Hotel, asked to be remembered to the Class.

All for Now: Before signing off, just want to quote a few words that one of you wrote about Ray Garey: "He was a great guy—one who never made the headlines but played with all his heart to win. He had more sportsmanship and spirit than anyone on the team."

Thanks again for the grand response. Let's hear from you all about September 1st. Same address: No. 1 Hawley Terrace, Yonkers, New York. Thanks, all.

—*James G. Plunkett.*

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Before beginning the news of this issue, I should like to extend the sympathy of the class to John and Jerra Hotchkiss; John's mother was killed in an automobile accident in April.

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The Long Gray Line of us stretches . Germany, Hawaii, Panama, Alaska, Korea. First of all, however, I should like to bring you stateside news from the "crew in sockbag blue," as Chuck Roades puts it. Many thanks to Chuck for this news.

Chuck and his wife, Dorothy, have been in Denver since December, where he is attending Atomic Weapons Officer School at Lowry AFB. Eye trouble caused Chuck to abandon flight training. From Lowry, he is due to move to Travis AFB, California, in July, for duty assignment. In the same school are John Sechrist and Jud Faurer. John and Georgenne recently added little Eric to their house muster, while Jud and Carol have one on the ramp. John goes to Rapid City, South Dakota, from Denver, and Jud is headed for Carswell AFB, Texas, in July.

Fred Knieriem, Duane Smetana, Tom Turner, Tom Bell, K. V. Wilson and Dick Wargowsky stopped in at Lowry several weeks ago on cross-country flights from Reese AFB, Texas, where they are undergoing multi-engine training. Fred and June Knieriem now have a wee lassie in their midst and K. V. and Helen Wilson are watching the calendar until September. The six brought much news with them of classmates such as Al Edwards, Charlie Flynn, Chuck Ewing, and Dick Prater, now at stove-pipe school at Greenville, Mississippi. Charlie and Rita have initiated a little do-it-yourself furniture making there. Dave and Penny Burroughs, Ron and Barb Weissenborn, Don and Val Sutton, all are now proud parents at Laredo. Also at Laredo are Del Jacobs, Lloyd and Pearl Wolfe, and Dick and Pam Masson. Ed Rumsey also dropped in at Lowry from Reese, where he and his wife, Nancy, are living. Near there are Tony and Oddie Hansell, who expect to be parents before long.

At Fort Carson, Chuck and Dorothy visited Dave and Sandy Patton and Ted and Nancy Bishop. Dave has a weapons platoon while Ted is back in the S-3 business in an engineer battalion. Also at Carson are Bill Wix, Dick Auer, Dick Hargrove, and Matt Schepps. They are looking forward to the 8th Division's move to Germany this fall; some are even taking Division-sponsored Deutsch lessons.

Final word from Colorado is of the new Air Force Academy. Chuck reports that they

are only 275 strong but really sharp. Many 53's and 54's are Tacs (ATO's they are called). Professor of math is none other than Colonel Archie Higdon. The West Point Glee Club paid a visit to the new academy not long ago and provided some of the '55 songsters with a real "old home week."

Supplementing the "Roades Report," I have been notified by fly-types Hollensbe and Kennebeck to quote get us fly boys in the next issue or spend the rest of your miserable ground-pounding life in mortal fear of low-flying aircraft unquote. Above mentioned twosome have been policing up clouds at Bryan AFB, Texas. With them there at the single-engine jet basic training base (all men came from Moore, incidentally) are Jim Heye, John Hotchkiss, Larry Herdman, Ray Karam, Stan Harvill, John Hardy, Don Law, Tom Weaver, Bob McKelvey, Bill McWilliams and Fred Phillips. John and Les Hardy now boast of John Scott, II. Bill (wagon-wheel Gap) and Ronnie McWilliams are sporting a new tax exemption, Kathleen Marie. Don and Mary Jane Law, most recent parents in the news, announced their new by-Law on May 23, Donald Keith.

Stan Harvill and Ray Karam are the only remaining BOQ-birds at Bryan. George and Janet Kennebeck's wedding in December was the latest reduction in the bachelor ranks.

The class, 56-T, is due to graduate at Bryan August 14. From there, assignments may run from advanced training in anything from F-100 to helicopter.

Larry Michalove and Bob Meisenheimer dropped in for a visit at Bryan a few weeks back. Larry is taking observer training at Ellington AFB in Houston, as is Bill Bottoms. Mize was about to solo in the T-33 at Greenville. Al Sheldon, Kelly Lichtenberg, and Carl Rankin report that much time is spent across the border from Laredo.

The Bryan group extends an open invitation for anyone passing nearby to drop in for a visit.

From Air Force to Army Aviation (this is a transition, not a suggestion); Carl McNair has supplied word on Army Air. Carl, John Wing, Wynne Stern, Ray Shideler, Tom West, Jim Darrah, Don Smith, Skip Massey, and George Page graduated and received their wings from the Army Aviation School on March 24. Bill Welter and Buddy Roberts were due to graduate shortly after that. The Shidelers now have a junior in the family, as do the Pages. Wynne Stern is engaged; Win, Darrah, Roberts, and McNair still support bachelorhood.

Since his arrival at Fort Bragg, Carl has run into quite a few classmates, among them Mike Gallup, Pres Mayson, and Jim McIntosh. Which provides a good lead into the next news, which is from Jim McIntosh at Bragg. Jim is Motor Officer and forward observer with A Btry of the 376 Abn FA Bn. Both Jim and Mike are recent additions to the bridegroom brigade.

Joe Vincent, Mike Stevenson, and John Feagin are all at Bragg. Joe, in addition to his job as FO, has been working with the rifle team and for a month served as escort for the commandant of the Airborne School of Brazil. Joe, Mike, and John (Smirk) have been building a boat, 1 ea., w/water skiis. Look out Myrtle Beach.

Ed Mendell gave the talk at the Founders Day banquet at Fort Bragg. Bill Maus is Regt. Comm. Officer in the 325th Airborne.

Elsewhere around the States: Will Holbrook and Bob Joseph paid a visit to the Rock in April, and were entertained by Captain George Patton at a stag party which included some of the Class of 56. Will is now with Co. B, 510th AIB, 4th Armd Div. at Fort Hood, Texas. Also there are Tom Herron and the John Dryers and the Ben Franklins.

On May 5 in New York, Tom Mullan and Miss Mary Elizabeth Brooks were married. Will Hollbrook was best man. Bob Joseph, Don Grausback, Gary Turner, and Paul Sullivan ushered. Tom is now at Fort Lewis.

At Fort Lewis, Steve Matuszak sends news prior to moving to Alaska. Steve and Violet and their new addition, Nancy Ann, born March 19, will be going to Eielson AFB near Fairbanks; Steve is Motor Officer of C Btry, 15 AFA Bn. Ken and Jane Ikeda will also be at Eielson. Ken with D Btry of the 82nd AAA. Frank Geglowski and Danny Troyan have been shaping up the 2d Signal Company prior to moving up in the Anchorage Area.

Also at Lewis are: In the 71st Division, Bob Camp, Bill Terrio, and the John Sengers; with the 23rd Inf Regt, the Bill Axups, the Wayne Woods, and the Dick Hawkins; with Hq Co, 2d Div, Rich Gardillo, wife and baby; with the 5th Regt, the George Burkharts; with the 9th Regt, Joe Thomer. And just flew in: Jim Darrah and Skip Massey.

The Cliff Fralens are at Fort Riley, parents of a baby boy. The Don Andrews and the Ted Pattersons are at Fort Sill. The Pattersons also are new parents.

Charlie Symonds and Bob Deardorff are both in the 16th Signal Battalion at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Charlie is a construction platoon leader, Bob a radio platoon leader. Charlie is getting married July 14 to Miss Lynn Lawrie in San Antonio, and hopes classmates Feagin, Joseph, Wolfe, Sparks, and Wix will all be able to make the wedding.

From stateside news to "on the way" news, Dave Gilpatrick sends word of the 3rd Armored Division, soon gyroscoping to Germany. Dave is already here, with the advance party. The Class is represented by almost all battalions in the division, and the 23rd Armored Engineer Battalion has five: Henry Sanderson, Vince Warner, Lee McKinney, Walt Campbell, and Ed Guthrie. Don Buchwald, Marty McNamee, Ed Trobaugh, and Jack Trawick are there with the infantry; Dave Gilpatrick, Bill Street, Al Raymond, and Jim Eddins are in armor; John Myers, Bob Hinrichs, and Bob Stanley are artillerymen in the division. Dick Becker is with the artillery school troops at Knox. Jim Fleming, Fred Johnson, and Bill Lucas are there with the 11th Armored Cavalry. Sandy Sanderson gave the junior grad's talk at the Founders Day Dinner there; principal speaker was Colonel McCaffrey.

The Trobaughs had a son on March 21. Robert Stuart Street, named for R. E. Lee and J. E. B. Stuart, was born to the Streets on February 22.

At Fort Polk, Louisiana, are the Bob Shaffers.

New stateside additions: To Pat and Dick Dinwiddie, Richard Wayne, Jr., on April 7. To Rosanne and Bob Wray, Megan Casey Wray on May 4. To Anne and Rawleigh Ralls, Elizabeth Anne, on February 27. To Joani and Jack Matteson, Glen Richard on April 9.

Now to overseas news: in Korea are John Sloan, Jim Grey, John Vanden Bosch, Doc Schow, Billy Tennant, Tom Brooks, Bob McClelland, Tom Horst, Don Isbell, Ski Ordway, and Sam Lowry (hi Sam). On Okinawa are Sid Mason and Cliff Jones. Before going over, John Sloan went to the Founders Day Dinner at the Presidio. Present there were Bill Wildermuth, who is stationed at Angel Island, and Dick Baker, who is near San Francisco with an AAA unit. On the way over, John found Rich Miller, Quent Bates, Dick Stemle, Bill Brown, and Norm Smith soaking up the Hawaiian sunshine. Bates and Miller are becoming expert spearfishermen, with an amazing collection of homemade spearguns. Bill Brown has gained fame among the engineer group for the complete water supply system he has installed on the main island. Rich was busy during duty hours constructing a baseball field. Through the "grapevine," John sent word that Jim Strickland, Bob Carpenter, and Stan Johnson are having a grand time at Fort Belvoir, and that Dave Maurer is with the 499th Engineers in Germany.

Bob McClelland also stopped at Fort Lewis en route. He saw Art Follett, on his way to Alaska, and Billy Arthur and Dick Gray, who were soon to depart for Korea. In Korea Bob found none other than Captain Morrow, his gunnery instructor from Fort Sill.

From Hawaii, we have news via Norm Smith. In addition to those mentioned above, Fred Woerner, Frank Schlotter, Vern Pace, Bill Mays, and Bob Hoeferkamp are on the islands. Norm, in addition to his exploits at Waikiki over the summer months, hopes to get to Australia in November for the summer Olympics.

From Oxford, a mid-March letter from John Hamilton indicates that all four there are getting great satisfaction out of their work, which is difficult; but they had anticipated that. This group extends an invitation to all classmates who get to England to visit in Oxford.

And now to Germany. Bruce Wilburn and Herb Finger are with the 78th AFA Bn. Herb's wife will be able to join him here soon. Incidentally, also in the 78th is Zeke Sevilla, whom you artillery people will remember.

Myron Minich, Zeke Rundle, and John Martling are here with the 11th Airborne. Dick Struss, whose wife, Helen, is with him, is with the 32d Signal Battalion. Dan Ludwig and his wife Donna, are with the 521st Engineer Group. Dan gave the "youngest graduate" talk at the Founders Day Dinner in Heidelberg. Dave Polly is with the 70th Engineer Battalion.

Bob Henry is with the 3rd FA Battery (Honest John). Bob Chapman is with A Battery of the 97th FA Bn. Don Poorman and his wife are with the 12th AIB. At the same location is Walt Ryan. Bill Peters, Dan Malone, Dave Wheeler, and Wes Wells are near Mannheim. Near the hospitable city of Wiesbaden, are Jim Torrence, Bud Coyle, Danny Dugan, and Jim Town.

From whence this article orginiates on June 8, in Baumholder, are Chuck Schuh, Bob Strati, Chuck Gersitz, Eck Hayes, and Clancy DeLong. Chuck Schuh's wife just arrived; the wives of Bob and Clancy (one each) are due soon.

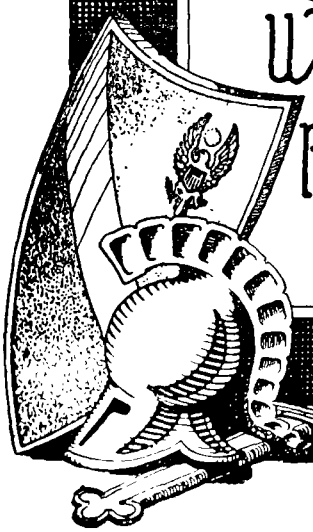
Before closing, I should like to bring to your attention two news items you may have missed concerning classmates. First, a recent edition of the *Army Times* contained a picture of Hal Vandersea, now in Air Observer School. Secondly, the Sunday magazine section of the *Washington Star*, May 6, featured a five page article, with illustrations, on Airborne Training. Central figure in the article, supplying most of the quotes, and featured on the cover photo, is Dave Gilpatrick.

Your response for this issue has been marvelous. Keep it up and we shall have an entire magazine for our class alone. To any new parents in the class whom I have neglected, congratulations anyhow. To any newlyweds whom I have neglected, best wishes anyhow. And finally to any bachelors whom I have neglected, look proud, there aren't many of us left.

—*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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James Augustine Ryan

NO. 3358 CLASS OF 1890

DIED JANUARY 14, 1956 AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, AGED 88 YEARS.

GENERAL RYAN was born in Danbury, Connecticut and appointed to the U.S. Military Academy as the result of a competitive examination of candidates from Fairfield and Lidgefield Counties. He entered the Military Academy June 12, 1886, graduated June 12, 1890 and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the 10th Cavalry. He served at Fort Apache, Arizona from October 3, 1890 to May 1, 1892, in charge of Apache Indians and commanding Apache scouts from December 1, 1891. He took part in skirmishes with the Apache Kid and other renegades of Geronimo's Band.

At Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as a troop officer from May 1892, till October 1894; at Fort Assinniboine till promoted First Lieutenant, 9th Cavalry, February 3, 1897. While with his regiment at Fort Assinniboine he assisted in rounding up the Cree Indians in

Montana and took a large band to Canada and turned them over to the Northwest Mounted Police who returned them to their reservations in Canada.

After joining the 9th Cavalry, at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, he volunteered and took command of the Alaska Relief Expedition, carrying food to starving miners and was in Alaska from December 1897 till May 1, 1898, when on telegraphic orders from the Secretary of War, he returned to the United States with the army's largest pack train and joined his regiment at Tampa, Florida. He commanded Troop "A" 9th Cavalry during the Santiago campaign. After the battle of Santiago, he was appointed Regimental Quartermaster in the field and returned with that regiment to the United States, stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona. Appointed Regimental Adjutant January 5, 1899. On duty as recruiting officer at Denver, Colorado from July 3 to November 1, 1899, when he became Aide-de-Camp to General Merriam till August 10, 1900, when he joined his regiment which was ordered to Pekin, China. Pekin was captured when the regiment arrived at Nagasaki and the next four years were spent in the Philippine Islands at Manila, Nueva Caseres, Jimenez, Iligan, Pantar and Jolo, campaigning against insurrectoes and Moros in those parts.

Promoted Captain, 15th Cavalry, February 2, 1901 and Regimental Adjutant, August 1, 1903. Returned to the United States January 1904 and stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, and Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, to August 11, 1905. At the Infantry and Cavalry School and Staff College to October 6, 1906; in Cuba with the Army of Cuban Pacification to February 1909, Aide-de-Camp to the Provisional Governor, Charles E. Magoon.

At the close of the pacification of Cuba, Captain Ryan served with his troop at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, till appointed Associate Professor of Modern Languages at West Point, where he remained till the outbreak of World War I.

In July 1914, he was sent on a mission to Europe, with the Assistant Secretary of War, and placed in charge of the U.S. Commission at Berlin, to assist American citizens in Germany and Austria to return to the United States.

Having been promoted Major of Cavalry, September 15, 1912, on his return from the mission to Europe, he joined his regiment, the 13th Cavalry, at Columbus, New Mexico. Ordered to command U.S. Cavalry Camp, at Douglas, Arizona, he remained there from December 1914 till March 1916, he became Brigade Adjutant, 2nd Cavalry Brigade, January 17, 1915. He took part in the Mexican Punitive Expedition as Assistant Chief of Staff and Intelligence Officer from March till October 1916, when he joined the 1st Cavalry, at Douglas, Arizona, as Lieutenant Colonel, having been promoted to that grade July 1, 1916. He was detailed as Inspector of Cavalry, Department of the Lakes, at Chicago, Illinois.

On the entrance of the United States in the World War I, he was assigned to the Fort Sheridan Training Camps, which turned out 10,000 Officers for the National Army. In December 1917, he was appointed Brigadier General, National Army and assigned to command the 1st Brigade, 15th Cavalry Division and the post of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The shortage of transports prevented sending but one of his three regiments to France and desiring to get active service abroad, he applied for a brigade of infantry and was assigned to command the 17th Infantry Brigade, 9th Division Regulars. He trained that Brigade and had it ready for embarkation, when the armistice came. After taking command of the division which was soon mustered out of service, he applied for retirement after 33 years service and returned to civil life.

After his retirement, he was with Merrill, Lynch & Company, Investment Bankers, 105 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, till 1921, when he became the Financial Representative of the Texas Oil Company, in Mexico City, Mexico, 1921 to 1924. While in Mexico City and at the request of President Harding, he arranged the joint commission between Mexico and the United States, which negotiated the Treaty of Bucareilli, by which the strained relations between the two countries since the Wilson Administration were relieved, and Ambassadors exchanged between Mexico and the United States.

On his return from Mexico, he became Vice President and General Manager of Utility Securities Corporation, 111 Broadway, New York, also Vice President and General Manager of the Middle Creek Railroad Company.

In 1920, while in Chicago, Illinois, he organized the Public Health Institute, and was its President for six years. In 1932, he returned to Chicago and organized the United Medical Service, Inc. of which he was the President. He retired from business in 1941.

Honor Graduate, Infantry & Cavalry School.

Medals:

War with Spain,
Philippine Insurrection,
Mexican Punitive Expedition,
World War I,
Indian Wars,
Cuban Pacification.

—*James A. Ryan.*

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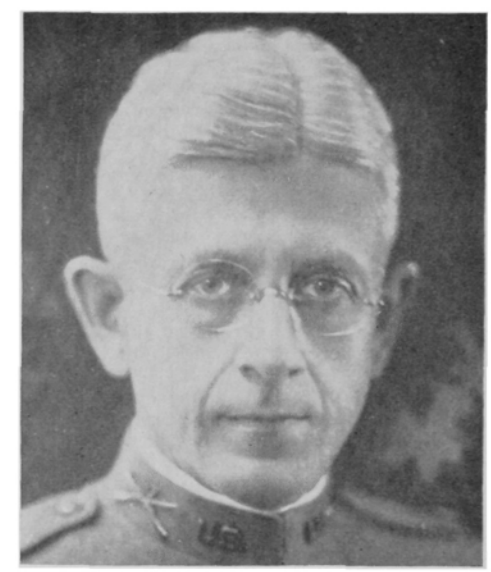
Charles Frederic Crain

NO. 3589 CLASS OF 1894

DIED FEBRUARY 12, 1956, AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AGED 83 YEARS.

ON February 12, 1956 my father died. I wish he could have had one more June week, for he loved West Point so much, and that love he transmitted to those around him. It was so long ago that I can't remember when "Duty, Honor, Country," "Army Blue," "Benny Havens" and "The Corps" became a part of me.



My father was appointed from a little town in Illinois—Freeport. His father had wanted to go to West Point, but he became a lawyer instead. His uncle, John Sweet, died in the Civil War after graduation from the Point. My father often told me that his first two years at West Point made a man of him. West Point gave him the knowledge and feeling for his country and his part in its growth, which life in a small town had lacked. I learned to know this feeling of unity for I have stood in the chapel with him and facing the battle flags have heard: "for we of the Corps are treading where they of the Corps have trod."

He met my mother when a company of cadets went to the World's Fair in Chicago, but they were not married until 1898, and I joined the family in 1900. My mother loved both my father and the army so we did a good deal of traveling. Whether we were stationed in Spanish speaking countries due to his command of the language or vice versa I don't know, but I do remember his love for languages which helped to pull him through some pretty difficult spots in his early years at the Point. He had to study after taps and developed a most ingenious method of shutting out the light. This was not always successful, and resulted in many visits to the area. I also remember that many years later, when visiting his old room, he found the present occupant hiding his tobacco where my fath-

er had. This was funny to us both, for by that time I had been to West Point to see one of the boys I had grown up with and had watched him "walk the area."

The year we spent in Cuba, although I was only seven, holds many memories. One, the surprise of so many of the Cubans that my father would not allow them to keep one gun for a small consideration. It seemed so strange to me that anyone could be so stupid as to think they could bribe him. I was only seven, but I knew how silly they were. Then in Madrid, there was the time the Spaniard came to the hotel to pay his respects to Captain Crain and take him to dinner because many years before the American army had liberated him from the prison the Filipinos had put him in.

Company I of the 27th Infantry built a road from the coast at Malabang to Lake Lanau in Mindanao. This was long ago in 1902, but who knows—perhaps that road was used in the last World War. Who remembers Parang or Tucuran on Mindanao? But we do remember Corregidor and how we were ordered there from Fort McKinley for the sake of those self same Japanese we fought so many years later. My father's company clerk on Corregidor retired and settled in Eagle Rock, California, and he and my father reviewed old times often. Sometimes I was present and the past seemed as vivid as the present. I used to feel so sorry for children who had to attend the same school year after year and who had never stood with their father at the bow of an army transport as it went through the Golden Gate after two years away, or watched him at the head of his company pass in review.

Army children have much to be thankful for. The traditions, which become a part of their fathers, are absorbed by them without their being aware of it. One year my father met a young girl on the boat enroute up the Hudson to West Point. He was going to his reunion and she to the graduation of a friend. She asked him whether he thought a girl could be happy if she married in the army. There is no need to quote his reply. Suffice to say he was godfather to their first child and had the opportunity to see them several times when they were stationed on the West Coast.

Army life is never easy, but it's somehow worthwhile, with a unity of purpose which tends to blunt the rougher edges. That feeling of unity my father had to the day he died, and I would like to end this with a brief message from his friend and classmate General Pegram Whitworth.

However, first I would like to add one incident, so typical of my father and his feeling for West Point. My daughter and I spent six weeks in Honolulu with him in the summer of 1941. Pearl Harbor was closed to all but naval personnel. However, my father wanted to see it, so one afternoon after we had been swimming at a nearby beach he directed me to drive to the nearest gate and handing me his West Point ring said: "Take that in and show it to the guard." This I did with the result that Colonel C. F. Crain, U.S.A. retired, attired in bathing trunks and his West Point ring was given a conducted tour of Pearl Harbor.

(The following was written by General Whitworth.)

"Carlos' unabounded admiration for West Point was such that he would return each year, when possible, for the June week graduation exercises.

"On his return, he would give us at one of our Los Angeles Chapter meetings a detailed report in such a way as to make us feel that we had missed a great time and show.

"Everyone in the Chapter was devoted to him and we are going to miss him at our future meetings, and his absence will be a great loss for all of us. May he rest in peace and may God reward him for his work well done on the earth.

"The Class of '94 has lost our dear Carlos."

—*Elizabeth Crain Smith.*

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Ola Walter Bell

NO. 3710 CLASS OF 1896

DIED SEPTEMBER 21, 1955, AT THE THAYER VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AGED 84 YEARS.

BELL went to West Point through one of those odd quirks of fate that so often determine a career. Though his father had been a union soldier with General Sherman on his famous March to the Sea, there had been no thought given to a militay career for Ola. His family were among the very early pioneers of Michigan, and his early

education was that of a rural county community school pupil. Persuaded by his closest boyhood friend, he ventured to take the competitive examination for the Point, becoming eligible when his friend, who won the appointment, fell ill.

However, there was quite a bit of military history in his family background that may have been a determining factor in his decision to make the Army his career. He was a direct descendant of James Beall (1652-1725) one of the early pioneers in Maryland, and of Robert Brooke, a colonial Governor of Maryland. Not to mention a great grandson of James Bell who served with Washington's rear guard on August 27, 1776, as a member of the Immortal 400 in the battle of Long Island, and who later participated as a member of the 11th Pennsylvania Continental Line in Sullivan's campaign against the Indians in New York. His maternal ancestors figured prominently in the Palatine Battalion of Klocks' Regiment in the battles for the Mohawk Valley.

Always a keen student of history, his interest in the Revolutionary War and forebear's participation in the critical early phases of the struggle, was given added incentive in 1905. While stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia, he came across numerous old family records in Maryland. They inspired a continuing interest in the Revolution and to a life-long hobby here and abroad. Painstaking and thorough, he acquired and maintained a vast correspondence over nearly 30 years with descendants from all parts of the world. Their interest and requests for information led him to compile and publish two volumes on the Bell and Devendorf families, which are still in demand as references.

His many and varied assignments filled a most interesting and colorful career, ranging from the jungle war-fare of the Philippine Insurrection and later occupation of the Islands, training Troop "C" of the old 7th Cavalry for a crack unit in a most popular and storied series of exhibition drills in horse shows and carnivals throughout the South, to constructing Quartermaster, on various and diverse duties through many years.

He was a true horseman and an ardent polo enthusiast. After years of team play in the Philippines and at various border posts, he introduced and popularized the game in Maryland. While on duty with the 3rd Corps Area Headquarters in 1923, then commanded by General Douglas MacArthur, as area officer-in-charge of the National Guard of Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania, he found abundant enthusiasts among the horsemen and skilled riders of the Hunting set, and trained them into fine teams. The competitive games held at Pikesville, home of the 110th F.A., Maryland National Guard, attracted huge enthusiastic crowds.

However, his interests covered other more studious fields, particularly that of geopolitical history in the shaping of world events. His service in the Philippines developed a deep interest in the complex East. On a lengthy accumulated leave in 1912 he explored Japan, China and Korea (then Chosen) and took the Trans-Siberian railway to Russia to which he devoted most of his time. He was then a roving and entirely voluntary contributor to the National Geographic Magazine. His hundreds of fine photographs of the people and countries he visited in 1912 have deteriorated beyond re-printing, a real loss for he was also a real photographer in capturing the life and customs of the time and country.

Always a Cavalryman, he chose his "old outfit" the 7th Cavalry Regiment as his last command when offered his choice of assignment by General MacArthur. It was a happy one, competing with a life-long friend, Colonel William R. Smedberg who commanded the 8th Cavalry.

His happiness in the pleasant rivalry and old associations was ended there at Fort Bliss in 1933 with the death of his wife, the former Hortense B. Poulin of St. Louis who contributed greatly to reclaiming and beautifying old Fort Bliss. His last assignment, Portland, Oregon 1934, dealt him another blow, the sudden death of his youngest daughter, Lorraine de Courval, a week after her marriage. Surviving are his daughter Lucille (wife of Lieutenant Colonel Konrad C. Beck, Jr.) and one son, B. St. Aubin of San Antonio.

Bell left behind him a record of understanding and great tolerance and a wonderful saving humor which brought him the sincere and lasting affection and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. His friends were legion and never forgot him over the passage of time.

He was a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Naval and Military Order of the Spanish American War, Military Order of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Caribou, Military Order World War, and the American Legion.

But first—and always a member of "The Long Gray Line."

—*Lucille Bell Beck.*

Edgar Alexander Sirmyer

NO. 3774 CLASS OF 1897

DIED NOVEMBER 5, 1955, AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, AGED 79 YEARS.

EDGAR ALEXANDER SIRMYER was born in Bay City, Michigan, December 22, 1875, and after attending the public schools there he entered the United States Military Academy in June 1893. He graduated in June 1897, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Cavalry in the United States Army where he served with distinction until he retired as Colonel of Cavalry from active service in January 1936.

From that time until his death he made his home in Tampa, where he was able to make long cherished dreams come true—grow a few roses, play a little golf, and sell a great deal of real estate.

My acquaintance with Ted, as he was called by his friends, began one lovely autumn morning in October at the Southern Railroad station, Calhoun, South Carolina. I was returning to my home in Alabama,

and while waiting for the train my brother-in-law, Walter M. Riggs, then a young Professor of Engineering, later President of Clemson College, whispered to me, "Do you see those two Army officers who have just come in? The one at the ticket window is the new Commandant of Cadets. He and his friend are going to Atlanta to see the Georgia Tech-Clemson College football game tomorrow."

Little did I dream the part this young officer was to play in my life. The next time I saw him, less than six months later, was when I returned to South Carolina to be maid-of-honor at his wedding.

Perhaps the detail as Commandant of Cadets at Clemson College should be listed as one of major importance in his career, since it was here he met and married my sister, Margaret Ballard Moore, in the Riggs home on the college campus. This was a happy marriage which lasted more than fifty years. Here, too, their first son, Edgar Jr., now a Brigadier General in the United States Air Force, was born.

Ted Sirmyer's military record includes service in the Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery. Beginning with the Spanish American War, he was with the 5th Army Corps and was awarded the Silver Star Citation for gallantry in action at Santiago, Cuba.

His first war was barely over when he was ordered to the Philippine Islands at the outbreak of the Filipino Insurrection. He participated in various engagements with the 33rd Volunteer Infantry, again receiving the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

After the capture of Aguinaldo he remained in Manila a short time on the staff of General Dwight Davis, returning to the States at the psychological moment when Clemson College needed a new Commandant!

After two years as Commandant of Cadets, he asked to be relieved of his assignment at Clemson College in order to join his regiment, the 8th Cavalry, leaving soon for the Philippines.

Back in the saddle and in command of Troop I, 8th Cavalry, he was happy to be with his regiment again, and while his squadron of the 8th Cavalry was stationed near San Fernando in Northern Luzon it was my good fortune to visit the Sirmyers.

Things were peaceful in the Islands then. There was work to be done but also time for recreation. Manila was a gay place, and even in the Provinces there was always dancing and swimming, and many interesting trips into a new and wild country were planned for me by my host.

This tour of duty ended, the Sirmyers were ordered to Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and it was here the second son, John, was born.

After a third tour of duty in the Islands Ted went to Fort McIntosh, on the Mexican border, arriving in time to participate in an engagement with Mexican raiders at San Ygnacio, Texas. However, of greater interest to the Sirmyer family was the arrival of George, the third and last son.

At the close of the border campaign Captain Sirmyer was attached to various training camps, but when the United States declared war on Germany he became very dissatisfied with this work. He wrote his friend, General Peyton C. March, with whom he had served in the Islands, and complained of being forced to fight the war at a desk.

He immediately received orders to report for duty at Newport News, Virginia, where, as Provost Marshal he was in command of Embarkation Guards. Soon came orders for service in France, where he served until June, 1919, as Commander of the 79th Field Artillery.

After the service abroad he returned to the United States and was ordered to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, where he was Commanding Officer.

Then followed six wonderful years in California, building up the National Guard of the 9th Corps Area, work he did with pleasure and enjoyment.

Again it was my pleasure to visit the Sirmyers at the Presidio and take part in the festivities in honor of the anticipated visit of President and Mrs. Harding, all cut short by the sudden death of the President. And when President Harding's funeral cortege moved solemnly through the streets of San Francisco I saw Ted Sirmyer at the head of his troops, giving commands and riding with the ease and grace so characteristic of a real Cavalryman.

At Fort Des Moines he was Post Commander and served with troops, the 14th Cavalry, for the last time. Leaving Des Moines, his next service was with the Reserves in Michigan, his home state, with Headquarters in Detroit.

Retirement came at the end of his tour of duty in Michigan, and he was honored with a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Statler in Detroit. Field officers of the 89th Division gathered to "pay their respects to an officer who had served his country well for forty-two years."

Even after twenty years of retirement he was remembered by many who had served with him. Among the letters received by the family, one Major, United States Air Force, retired, said, "I was saddened to read in the Army and Navy Journal that Colonel Sirmyer had passed away. I served with him in Detroit while he was district commander. He was the hardest working field officer I have seen in my thirty years of service. He taught me executive and administrative functions. That training more than anything enabled me to attain commissioned status during World War II."

With retirement there was time for rest and hobbies, especially music, which played an important part in his life. In any group, if there was a piano in sight, he could always start something, as he expressed it, with the first note of Alexander's Ragtime Band, or, as was often the case, a currently popular song in which everyone would join.

There was time, too, for family and friends, the children and grandchildren, also time for an ever-devoted sister-in-law who pays him this loving tribute.

—*Julia Moore Smith.*

Alexander Garfield Gillespie

NO. 4489 CLASS OF 1906

DIED WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 17, 1956, AGED 74 YEARS.

IT is not possible for me to write about Alex Gillespie objectively but only personally, from our long and intimate association. All our military lives we worked in the same fields on the same labor with the same objectives, and his death, after his long and full and successful life, leaves a real emptiness in mine. His wife, Mildred, his daughter Marguerite, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren are finding, in that comfortable home, he established in retirement on the hills of Washington an even greater emptiness. He was known, also, throughout all the military services as a great athlete, a great soldier, and a great leader of men. Of him, West Point can be proud, for he bore her banner high through nearly fifty years.

He came to the Military Academy from his home town of Gaines, Michigan, at the ripe and manly age of twenty-one years, well prepared academically, well equipped physically, and fully determined to win his diploma and his commission on her drill fields and class rooms. For a while, we marched side by side in beast barracks, suffering the usual indignities from the yearling corporals, silently but resentfully. We turned out for football together. The first year Alex made his letter at the right end of the Army line. Eventually, I won a place beside him at right tackle. All through our lives we rehearsed with glee many of the tricks and the plays that had occupied our youthful Saturdays on the gridiron. We played together that last game under the old rules in the mud and rain at Princeton against the Navy, ending in an indecisive tie. He was captain of that team and certainly, he graduated in football summa cum lauda.

In the Corps, he was a corporal and for a while, a First Sergeant, but his love of fun and mischief caused his loss of stripes. As a First Classman, he was on the color guard alongside me, where we protected that very small reserve of demerits against graduation. We had many conversations out there on the green plain during parades and reviews. In camp and in the barracks his strong voice and his gay spirit added much to the interior social affairs that cadets arrange for their amusement.

In the service, he was assigned on graduation to the Coast Artillery in the Coast Defenses of Long Island Sound at Fort Totten under a mine commander and, on his second year, having gained the rank of First Lieutenant by the increase in the artillery branches, commanded a mine planter. In 1908, he and Mildred Green were married. He left the planter for a post in Boston Harbor where quarters could be had. His turn came in 1910 to attend the school at Fort Monroe and after graduation, he went back to Fort Totten. Reporting back to line duty from an ordnance detail. I took over from him all the odd post duties such as Artillery Engineer, Ordnance Officer, Signal Officer, Athletic Officer that he had acquired in addition to his company duties. He left during the year for study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he completed the necessary studies to become an instructor at the Coast Artillery School. In the summer of 1915, we met in San Francisco and took the same transport across the Pacific. I got off at Honolulu, but he went on to the Philippine Islands for station at the Coast Defenses of Manila Bay at Corregidor, Subig Bay and the other fortified islands in the harbor. We both came home

for the World War I, having been promoted to captain rank in 1916. We promptly received temporary promotions to major.

During World War I, Alex helped train and equip the 86th Division at Camp Grant, Illinois, and sailed for France in August 1918 for ordnance duty with the A.E.F. After two months training in the Divisional area at St. Andre de Cubzac, he set up and commanded the ordnance depot at Issoudun until after the armistice. Closing his depot he took over the work of sending home the ordnance materiel that the U.S. Forces had accumulated for the war at Mehun and at St. Nazaire until July 1919. Returning home he was assigned at once to sorting and storing the materiel he had sent back, both at Aberdeen Proving Ground and at Raritan Arsenal, New Jersey. He was awarded the Purple Heart for Merit for his superior ordnance service in the war.

With the reorganization of the army, he transferred to the permanent Ordnance Department in 1920, returning to the rank of major in the regular service from the lieutenant colonel rank of the war end. Soon he was detailed as assistant military attache at the American Embassy in Japan, initiating a new phase in his life and an interesting and intriguing duty. With his family, he returned to ordnance duty as a student at the Ordnance School at Watertown Arsenal, graduating with considerable credit in 1923. He went on to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth that year, and on graduation was assigned as ordnance officer of the Sixth Corps Area in Chicago for the next four years. In 1928, he attended the Army War College in Washington, D. C. and, on graduation in 1929, was assigned as Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery at West Point. His house at West Point was a rendezvous for his classmates and many delightful affairs were organized from his home.

Having been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, he was assigned after West Point to the Rock Island Arsenal and succeeded to the command of that important plant in 1934. After three years he joined the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in charge of a Division. While he was there, the war broke out again in Europe with many repercussions in our country, all of them indicating that we would eventually have to fight over the same ground, as in World War I. In 1940, he was detailed as the Commanding Officer of the Cannon Factory at the Watervliet Arsenal. He expanded the arsenal rapidly and vigorously prosecuted the manufacture of its war products, exceeding all his quotas and winning the award of the Distinguished Service Medal for his superior handling of the work. Having reached the age of 60 years, he became due for retirement under the law, but was at once returned to active duty to continue his war assignment. In 1944, he was returned to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance to assist with the commercial problems and took charge of the manufacturing work there. He was also a member of the Army Board of Industrial awards and many of the "E" awards so eagerly coveted by commercial companies bore his initials. For his work in the Ordnance Office, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

An illness forced his final retirement for physical disability in 1946. He purchased a comfortable home on a quiet street on the hills of the capital city and spent his last years there with his family. Monthly, he joined the local classmates in a luncheon at the Army & Navy Club and kept in touch with many of them over the country by letter and telephone. During that ten years of living in retirement, his illness gave him more and more trouble. He was cared for at the Walter Reed Hospital and finally died there, with his family around him. He had planned to attend the 50th Reunion celebration of his class at West Point in June, but death came too soon.

His great happiness centered in his family. His only child, Marguerite eventually married the son of classmate G. G. Bartlett. Her children and grandchildren were his greatest interest and that of Mildred too, for they worked together as a team. She remains in the Washington house. Daughter, Marguerite, whom he always called "Puddy" came to see him in the hospital but has lately rejoined her husband, in Saigon, Indo China. Alex Gillespie seemed to me to live the spirit of West Point as assiduously and as accurately as anyone I ever knew. West Point appears to give to each of its classes a covenant on graduation, which the class, in the minds and hearts of its members, enshrines in a golden ark, with cherubim and seraphim upon it, and through the years, the class carries the ark, as did the Israelites of the Desert of Sinai, with a cloud over it by day and a pillar of fire by night, to guide the class to its eventual goal. The Covenant reads, "Live by these words, Duty, Honor, Country, and you will come to a land flowing with milk and honey." Alex Gillespie's class has come to that goal, this land of ours, wonderful now, in its busy prosperity, and in its leadership in world affairs. Alex saw the goal and rejoiced. He had walked beside the ark all his days. It had been his inspiration and his faith, as thousands of men who served with and under him will testify.

He was a dynamic leader of men, both soldier and civilian. He brought to every task enthusiasm and efficiency and secured the rating of Superior from all those who judged him in the military service. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General while he was at the Watervliet Arsenal, and retained that rank in his retirement, a recognition of his place in his profession. His decisions were ever prompt and positive. There was no dilly-dallying, no backtracking. He laid out the route and he walked on it in front of his people.

He was grand company. As a classmate no one was closer, better or more interested in planning for the future. Talk between us was so easy. We knew the gridiron, the camps of the army, the batteries of artillery, the command of arsenals, the professorship at West Point, the industrial business of the Ordnance Department, the classmates scattered over the world. It is a wonderful thing to have a friend like that. His family will say too that it is a wonderful thing to have a husband and a father like that. May his valiant soul rest in peace.

—*Charles G. Mettler.*

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Carl Cogswell Oakes

NO. 4683 CLASS OF 1908

DIED AUGUST 17, 1955, AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, AGED 70 YEARS.

CARL COGSWELL OAKES was born in Lisbon, New Hampshire on November 22, 1884, the son of Eri and Ellen Cogswell Oakes. Upon entering the Military Academy, Carl was promptly nicknamed "Sally" for reasons not now of record. Sally was assigned to the Grenadier Squad of A Company (there were only six companies at that time). This squad's chief claims to greatness were the facts that it was the first squad of the first company and that each of its members was at least six feet two inches in height.

Carl sustained a severe injury in beast barracks. As a result he escaped all guard duty during plebe camp to the great envy of his classmates. However he became an Area Bird in yearling year and was able to walk his post in a military manner at that time.

At the beginning of yearling year Carl became No. 4 corporal and thus gave promise of becoming one of the cadet captains eventually, but a certain independence of spirit resulted in a breach of confinement which relegated him as a clean sleeve to the Grenadier Squad during the remainder of his cadet service. The Howitzer Board of 1908 reported that Carl was "characterized by a 'gentle' sarcasm which effectively discourages argument, by a frankness which never failed to assert itself, and by a loyalty to his friends which may be equaled but not surpassed." A former plebe of the Grenadier Squad reports that "the plebes in the rear rank will never forget the stern words of wisdom from Carl pointing the way for plebes to become better cadets. His opinions were always greatly respected."

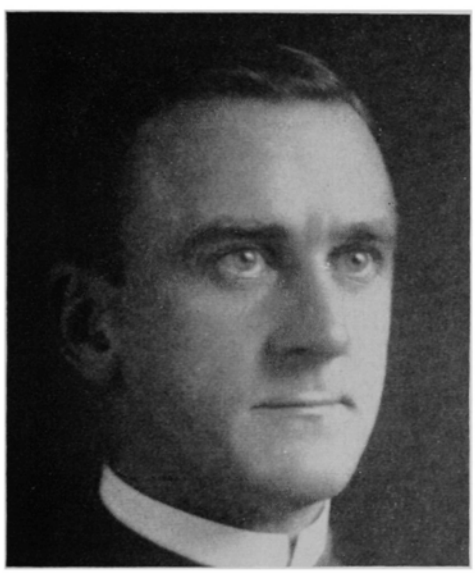
Upon his graduation in 1908, Carl was assigned to the Infantry, with which he went to France during World War I. He transferred to Finance in 1920, in which he served until retired for physical disability in 1944. In 1915 he married Miss Beulah Gresham of Galveston, Texas, who pre-

deceased him by 5 months. She was a most gracious and charming hostess, and their home, wherever it might be, was open to one and all. They are both buried in Galveston.

During his thirty-six years in the Army, Carl saw service in, among other places, the Philippines, France, Panama, Washington, D. C., and Governors Island. He was a graduate of the Army War College and attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration where he received the degree of Master in Business Administration, *with Distinction*. In addition to this honor he was elected to the Harvard Business Review Board, an honor which was conferred on the top men of his class. Wherever he was or whatever his position, his intelligence, devotion to duty and integrity were above question. He had a nice sense of humor and was fond of people, but found it hard to show the fact; a gruff manner sometimes hides many virtues.

Mrs. A. E. Adler of Houston, Texas, a niece of Mrs. Oakes lived near them after his retirement and writes me in part as follows:

"Uncle Carl was unfailingly kind and good to me and my family, and I will of course always remember him first for his



interest in us and his affection. But it is difficult to put even that ahead of his delightful quick sense of humor. His acknowledgement of another's joke or the preface to one of his own was his funny little laugh. We were all rabid Yankee baseball fans. Uncle Carl and I were particularly vociferous. We suffered long through their slumps and took credit for their victories.

"He was also a discriminating diner. He liked discovering new and interesting places to eat, but you could ask for no greater culinary treat than to enjoy his own New England Baked Beans. He was always good company."

He retired to South Orange, New Jersey, with his wife, where he lived until forced by sickness to enter the Institute of Living in Hartford, Connecticut, where he died August 17, 1955. He had no children, and his nearest surviving relatives are a niece, Mrs. Mabel Oakes Matthews, wife of Colonel C. Fort Matthews, U.S. Signal Corps; a cousin, Major General John C. Oakes, Class of 1928, a son of the late Colonel John Calvin Oakes, C.E., Class of 1897; and several cousins in civil life.

The Army and the Country are better because Carl C. Oakes served them. His loss is keenly felt by all who knew him.

—*A Classmate.*

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Virgil Lee Peterson

NO. 4644 CLASS OF 1908

DIED FEBRUARY 15, 1956, AT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 73 YEARS.

OUR friend Pete was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery on the afternoon of February seventeenth, nineteen fifty-six, forty-six years and three days after his graduation from the Academy. Pete died at Walter Reed Hospital after an illness of about two months which terminated with a heart attack. He had been unwell for some months. Those of us who were fortunate enough to see and visit with Pete during his weekly trips to the Club were impressed with his acceptance of life as it changed for him and as he was aware that it was changing.

Virgil Lee Peterson was born on September 22, 1882 at Raywick, Kentucky. In 1902 he graduated with a B.S. from Center College where he also played football. He taught school until he entered West Point in the fall of 1904.

At the Academy, Pete stood high in his Class, that of 1908, all four years. He was made a corporal, then first sergeant, and then a high ranking cadet captain. He was an expert riflman and he made the polo team. As the 1908 Howitzer slyly states, "Pete sometimes visits Cullum Hall" He graduated on St. Valentine's Day, number three in the class. He was tagged with service number 02 326 and assigned to the Corps of Engineers as a Second Lieutenant.

Upon the completion of graduation leave Pete undertook his first and, as it turned out, his most important assignment. He went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as a Company Officer with the 3rd Battalion, Corps of Engineers, and while there he met and married Miss Lucia Hunting of Leavenworth. She survives him and lives in Washington, D. C.

Finishing high in his class, as usual, Pete graduated from the Engineer School in 1910 and rejoined the 3d Battalion in the Philippines where he remained until the end of 1914. During this period of overseas duty he engaged in a topographical survey of Luzon, constructed the power plant on Corregidor, and was in charge of other construction work in Luzon including the hydro electric plant at Baguio. He acted as Aide-de-Camp to Major General J. Franklin Bell.

After this long and interesting tour in the islands Pete returned to the United States and took command of a company of the 1st Regiment of Engineers and with it moved to Brownsville, Texas as a part of the border mobilization along the Rio Grande.

Then came the confused period of World War I when Pete like so many others went rapidly from job to job. From June 1917 until June 1920 he commanded the 9th Engineers and the 8th Engineers (Mounted) at Camp Stewart, Texas, the Engineer Officers Training Camp at Camp Lee, Virginia, and was the Director of Training, Assistant Commandant and Commandant of The Engineer School at Camp Humphreys, Virginia. For his work at Camp Lee he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Until Pete went to The Command and General Staff School in 1924 he was on river and harbor duty at Boston and Providence. He spent the last two years of this tour as District Engineer in the area New London, Newport and Providence.

Pete remained at Leavenworth five years, one as a student and four as an instructor. He did exceedingly well as a student and, graduating two in his class, as was to be expected, was a splendid instructor well liked by all students. In 1929 he departed for Washington. Here until he became a student at the War College, he was the principal assistant of the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks, and later Chief of the Miscellaneous Civil Section in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.

Pete graduated from the Army War College in July 1933 and went at once to Los Angeles where for about one year he was Chief of the Los Angeles Engineer District. His foreign service duty took him to Hawaii where for the next two years he commanded the 3d Engineers at Schofield Barracks.

Once more came a two years tour. This he spent in Detroit as Engineer of that District. From this job he was called to Chicago by General Hugh Drum who made Pete his Chief of Staff of the Sixth Corps Area.

In February 1940 Pete was appointed The Inspector General of our huge and fast growing Army. In 1944 at the conclusion of his four year detail, Pete was made Acting The Inspector General for over a year and then in June of 1945 was appointed Director of Personnel, Army Service Forces. During this period Pete was awarded his sec-

ond Distinguished Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster). The citation expresses clearly the magnitude of the job, and the manner in which Pete performed it. Here it is. It is a splendid description.

> Major General Virgil L. Peterson served with great distinction as Inspector General of the Army from 27 February 1940 to 4 June 1945. His tour of duty included the critical period of the vast mobilization and the overseas deployment of more than five million men. It was his responsibility to insure by detailed inspections that new officers and men, as well as units, were properly trained and equipped before being released for overseas movement. His constructive and thorough inspections assisted materially in the maintenance of a high state of efficiency throughout the Army in supply, training, economy and personnel management procedures. His analysis of many difficult problems pertaining to all types of Army activities and his sound recommendations for their solution contributed materially in the improvement of organization and administration. His services were of direct and important assistance to the Chief of Staff.

Pete retired by reason of physical disability incurred in line of duty on Febru-

ary 28, 1946 after thirty-eight years as a "Superior" officer in the United States Army.

—*Everett S. Hughes*, '08.

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Harvey Henry Fletcher

NO. 4916 CLASS OF 1910

DIED AUGUST 10, 1955, AT FORT DEVENS HOSPITAL, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 69 YEARS.

ANOTHER of our beloved classmates has passed on. Lucy Fletcher died August 10, 1955 at Fort Devens Hospital. He suffered a long illness.

Lucy was born on January 21, 1886 in Providence, Rhode Island, and attended public schools there. He worked in a grocery store, a drug store and a bank, and also ran a newspaper route. From early in his life his ambition was to get an appointment to West Point. This he received and entered the Academy June 15, 1905. In due time, he acquired the nickname "Lucy" which he never lost. He had no objection

to it, and, I am sure, regarded it as a term of affection which it was. As a cadet he took everything in stride from the academic section room to the riding hall, the swimming pool and the drill field. His association with his good friend and roommate, Brother Pendleton, and the stories they told on each other were humorous in the extreme. Lucy's generous disposition and good nature made him very popular in the Corps.

Graduating in 1910 he was assigned to the 12th Infantry and served in the Philippines and later was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey, California, at Fort Porter, New York, and in the Canal Zone at Camp Gaillard and Gatun.

When the United States entered World War I he was back in the States with the 47th Infantry at Syracuse, New York and Camp Greene, North Carolina. After a course of instruction in machine guns at the Infantry School of Arms, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he went to France in April 1918 as Commanding Officer of the 12th Machine Gun Battalion. In France he went at once to the General Headquarters Machine Gun School of the British Expeditionary Forces. As Machine Gun Officer, 4th Infantry Division, he served in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Defensive Sector campaigns.

After World War I Lucy had various assignments in the United States for the most part in the East. He graduated from the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1924; was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of West Virginia at Morgantown, West Virginia, from 1927 to 1932, was Instructor, 52nd Brigade and 181st Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard, Worcester, Massachusetts, from 1932 to 1938 and Commanding Officer, Headquarters, Medford Civilian Conservation Corps District, Medford, Oregon, from 1938 to 1940. He rose through all the grades to Colonel and was retired for physical disability in March, 1942 climaxing almost 37 years of service.

He was a member of What Cheer Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., Providence Council No. 1, Providence Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, St. John's Commandery No. 1, Knight Templars, all of Providence, and the Masonic Veterans Association of Rhode Island, located at Providence, Rhode Island.

He was also a member of the West Point Society of Boston, a life member of the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, a member of the Worcester Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, the American Legion, Post No. 10 of Fitchburg, the Army Athletic Association, the Retired Officers Association, and the Fourth Division Association.

Before he went to join his first regiment he married Norma G. Pierce on September 14, 1910. They started their Army career in the same house at 15 Beacon Street, Fitchburg, in which Mrs. Fletcher now lives. Their daughter, Lucile, was born at Manila, Philippine Islands, December 19th, 1911, one of the first babies born to the Class of 1910. The daughter, Lucile, is now Mrs. Damon H. Wilman of Princeton, Massachusetts, who has four children, James, Joyce, John and Linda. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Clyde Thomas of Providence, Rhode Island.

Funeral services were held at Fitchburg and interment was in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, with Lucy's classmates living in Washington and his good friend, General Erickson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in attendance. And so ends a long and useful life. Lucy was beloved by all his classmates and friends. He was a fine soldier, a good husband and father, and an outstanding man.

—*Robert H. Dunlop*, 1910.

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Henry Charles McLean

NO. 5107 CLASS OF 1912

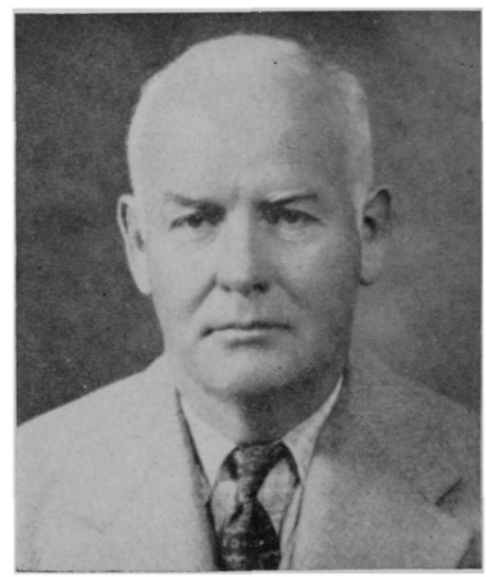
DIED DECEMBER 26, 1955, ENROUTE TO CARSON CITY, NEVADA, AGED 68 YEARS.

ON March 2nd, 1908, there arrived at West Point a young and dignified New Yorker who was even then a phenomenon among his fellow men. Henry had the most gracious manners of any man in my lifelong memory. He was kindly, humorous, and forgiving. There was in him no guile, dishonesty, or cowardice. He stood foursquare. He stood upon what he believed to be the foundation of justice and right. Where he stood, no power that I have ever known could move him. In those early years, upperclassmen have told me that it was impossible to haze Henry. One might as well try to brace the Rock of Gibraltar. Neither the "tacs" nor the "math" department could frighten Henry. He went on to graduation, as he went on through life, unruffled, majestic and serene.

When men pass over the borderland into the Beyond, their friends are called upon to measure how "*great*" they were in life. How many men did he command? What battles did he win? How many stars? I think that Henry stood far above such worldly standards of measurement. The historian has pointed out that some men are known by their eloquent words, others by famous deeds, whereas the highest stature, most nearly Divine, is known only by its existence.

In World War I, we watched Henry, chosen no doubt because of his social graces, detailed as Junior Military Aide to the President to keep the White House informed of the progress on our battlefields. At the close of World War II we encountered him again, in the Pacific, a Colonel on the Staff. Oh, why was he not used? He was unconformable, and hard to move. His best friends knew that. At West Point he was an anchor on the tug-of-war team. Oh, why did they not throw Henry in the path of an enemy and see if the enemy could move him? A human Rock of Gibraltar!

When Henry retired, officially, he continued in action. He then demonstrated the mobility of which his commanders were perhaps never aware. He filled his automobile with canned goods and drove it out into all of our critical fronts to see for himself what were our strategic needs. He drove over the formidable highway to Alaska. From there down to the Pacific



Coast, just in time to learn of the debâcle in China. Then, like a modern Paul Revere, he drove East, at night typing letters and articles to friends, editors, and statesmen, trying to inspire a smashing attack against the tyranny in the Far East.

Next we heard of Henry knocking on the Iron Curtain in Europe. He ceaselessly interviewed foreign statesmen, the German High Command, and people everywhere. Then back home to report, to discuss, to study the welfare of our cause. Then abroad again, one of the first to drive his car over the impossible highways in Yugoslavia, North, South, East and West. He visited the centers of culture and religion. He had great aesthetic appreciation. But his main purpose was to study the problems of his beloved country. How could they be so blind as to say that this man was immobile?

Henry was a New Yorker, bred to the bone. But he was also a citizen of the world, in the highest sense. He was particularly fond of the Pacific Coast, where his many friends and classmates looked forward each year to his winter visit. But this year it was not to be! He had been warned of a heart condition. Cheerfully, even humorously, he ignored it. Driving his car on a Nevada highway, he felt the agony of a coronary thrombosis. Perfect gentleman to the last, he drove to the side of

the road, stopped his car, and died at the wheel.

There was none greater!

"May it be said 'Well done! Faithful and True'!"

—*Brad C. Chynoweth,*
Class of 1912.

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Oscar Lee Welch

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1913

DIED JUNE 20, 1955, IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, AGED 64 YEARS.

OFTEN war puts home town friends half a world away.

In the Philippines, a letter from the family said Colonel Oscar Welch, Inspector General, Camp Lee, Virginia had suffered a heart attack.

In 1945, when it was all over, we met for the first time in five years in the grill room at the country club.

The same gay, bluff, jovial Oscar Welch —but no, he couldn't play golf. "The old ticker's no good," said Colonel Welch. I'm

living on borrowed time! I have to watch my step. No more heavy exercise. It's take it easy from now on, the man says."

He lived eleven splendid years according to the doctor's orders, but from his gay, brave conduct, his unflinching courage, you might have thought he never had a pain in his life and expected to live to be a hundred. He never whined, nor winced, and all his boon companions said they wished when the time came they could be as brave and as ready and as cheerful.

Colonel Welch was born July 14, 1890 at Keytesville, Missouri. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Welch, were pioneer leaders in the young town of Oklahoma City, which was born in the famous run of April 22, 1889. Oscar's boyhood years were spent in Oklahoma City. After his service as a cadet at West Point, he entered the State University in Norman, Oklahoma, graduating in 1915 in engineering. He affiliated with Sigma Chi fraternity and was given the outstanding alumnus award in 1948. He was a member of the Board of Regents of the State University in 1923-24.

Although Welch did not graduate from West Point, his experience on the Hudson put the will and eagerness to serve in the armed forces in his heart. From the time of his experience at the Point until his death, he was active in some element of the defense system of the United States.

His first enlistment was with the Oklahoma National Guard, which he joined in 1914. He was commissioned a first lieutenant of engineers in the ONG in December 1917. In 1922 he was named a captain in the Corps of Engineers Reserve, promoted to major in 1924, advanced to lieutenant colonel in March 1940 and promoted to colonel, Army of the United States, in May 1943.

Colonel Welch was overseas in World War I as captain of Co. F, 111th Engineers, 36th Division. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff School and finished his service in World War II as Inspector-General at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Colonel Welch was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Service Medal for his services in World War II.

Major General James C. Edmonds, Commanding Officer at Camp Lee, fondly dubbed Colonel Welch "old sleuth" and "trouble shooter," and was extravagant in his praise heaped upon the Oklahoman for his devotion to duty.

Brigadier General George A. Horkan, in recommending Welch for the DSM after his retirement, said this:

"During his hospitalization on many occasions, contrary to instructions of medical officers and primarily because of his devotion to duty, Colonel Welch advised the undersigned and other members of his staff in connection with existing problems and contributed in a large measure to their satisfactory solution, to the additional impairment of his health and well-being. * * * Many of the investigations referred to above, which were conducted off the post which necessitated much travelling on his part with the attendant inconveniences and hardships, all of which services were clearly above and beyond the regular duties."

Inordinately fond of home and family, Colonel Welch devoted himself entirely to his wife and daughter and their grandchildren after recovering from his war attack. His daughter, Yvonne, is Mrs. Robert R. Gilbert, Jr., 5534 Emerson, Dallas, Texas. Colonel and Mrs. Welch have three grandchildren, Robert, 18, Lee, 15, and Ben, 7. These were Colonel Welch's life after he put his uniform away.

—*Walter M. Harrison.*

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Tom Fox

NO. 5435 CLASS OF 1915

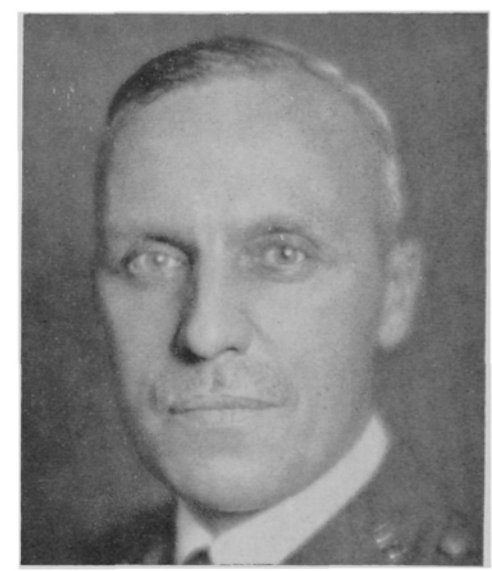
DIED SEPTEMBER 12, 1955, AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 64 YEARS.

TOM the child, the orphan, the college student, the cadet, the officer, each a distinct period of his life; yet each was a forecast of the man to be. Tom was always himself, his invariable, remarkable, cheerful self. Under varying, often trying, conditions, whether the horizon was bright or the vale foreboding, Tom was ever the same staunch character, the champion of his ideals, the defender of high principle, the delightful friend, the faithful servant of his God and his country, the devoted husband and father; a shining example of a life considerately, thoughtfully, generously, courageously and joyfully lived.

Thomas Warren Fox was born in Big Falls, Wisconsin, May 20, 1891, to George Henry and Grace Pitcher Fox. His father died in 1894. The family then moved to Mankato, Minnesota. After his mother's death in 1908, Tom and his brothers lived with an aunt in St. Paul, Minnesota. After completing high school, where Tom earned his football letter, he entered the University of Illinois. While there he majored in civil engineering and joined Sigma Chi fraternity.

Following his brother Milo, '12, Tom passed through the Sally Port at West Point on June 14, 1911. Thereafter he was known to all as Tom Fox and was so carried on official Army rolls. Throughout the plebe year Tom took everything optimistically. He was diligent, a fluent conversationalist, a superior spinner of yarns. Thus he naturally became popular with his classmates. Soon his room was a refuge for many a frustrated plebe. In after years Tom was to reflect, "That plebe year stands out in retrospect more vividly than any other like period in my life." During those four years Tom had less trouble with the Tactical than with the Academic Department. He held all Cadet ranks from Corporal to Lieutenant. Upon graduation it was predicted that he, "with a bold heart, a restless nature and a valiant front against the buffets of fate," would prove to be "a valuable comrade in the Service." That, indeed, he was.

Four years after graduation Tom was ordered back to the Academy for duty in the English Department. Due to the shortage of quarters, Tom with two other classmates lived in Cornwall. This created a long



arduous duty day. Nevertheless, and though even then not in robust health, Tom maintained his zest for living and his inimitable wit. The tougher the day, the more refreshing was his greeting and more apt his amusing and colorful anecdote.

Those same personal traits of cheerfulness and wit were enjoyed by Tom's fellow officers at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was ordered as a student in 1924. At that time, students resided in Columbus, Georgia, and several of them, pooling their own transportation, rode in one car to and from Fort Benning. Tom's car-pool companions recall that his humorous and apt observations after a difficult and exacting day had them quickly roaring with laughter and forgetting their fatigue. But they also noted Tom's wide professional knowledge and his conscientious attention to duty, characteristics which were an inspiration to all.

From Benning Tom went to the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Here his discerning and imaginative yet practical mentality, together with industrious application to his task, found him on completion of the course a "Distinguished Graduate." His prospect for high command had been well established.

After Leavenworth Tom served two years with the Academic Department, Infantry

School, and in 1928, his keen understanding of his fellow man, his thorough schooling in Military Science, and his outstanding qualities of leadership led to his assignment as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Wisconsin. Because of his genial disposition and sound professional knowledge, Tom was quickly established as an influential member of the faculty and community. During a siege of severe illness, the high esteem in which he was held by the ROTC cadets can be gauged by the generous manner in which they volunteered as donors for blood transfusions required by Tom.

In 1932 Tom moved to the Philippines where his tour of foreign service was cut short by recurring illness necessitating return to the Presidio of San Francisco where he was retired on October 31, 1933. Tom's early retirement ended a career of much promise.

A crowning blessing was Tom's happy lot when he married Lucy Berry, daughter of Brigadier General Lucien G. Berry, '86, on September 3, 1919. True to the role of the Army wife she moved with him to various stations, establishing the home, always bringing encouragement, cheer and comfort to her soldier husband.

Following retirement, Tom and Lucy moved to Palo Alto, California.

Afterwards he had a brief tour of active duty at Texas A & M College. Upon relief, the president wrote him, "Your loss will be one of the greatest the military staff has suffered in my twenty years." The students gave him a handsome gold watch, a token of their respect and high esteem.

For many years, when passing through California, classmates and friends stopped to see Tom and Lucy. Shocked upon finding Tom so sick a man, racked by ills and a mere shadow of his former self, they could only marvel at his good spirits, booming voice and infectious laughter.

At its 40th Reunion, the Class poured out their hearts and hoped their greetings would convey to him and Lucy something of the profound respect and admiration each felt for his tremendous courage, and for Lucy's long and devoted care. On numerous occasions, Lucy has expressed Tom's and her own appreciation of the Class's constant and heart warming interest and affection.

Funeral services were conducted in St. Mark's Episcopal Church with many classmates present. Interment was in Golden Gate Cemetery. God rest the soul of this truly courageous soldier.

Lucy resides at 2290 Waverly Street, Palo Alto; and Tom, Jr. with his wife and little daughter, at 2093 Louis Road, Palo Alto, California. To them we extend the deep sympathy of classmates.

—*Classmates and Friends.*

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Stafford LeRoy Irwin

NO. 5352 CLASS OF 1915

DIED NOVEMBER 23, 1955, AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AGED 62 YEARS.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, Thou must,
The youth replies, I can.

—*R. W. Emerson.*

RED was born at Fort Monroe, Virginia, March 23, 1893, the son of Major General George LeRoy and Maria Elizabeth (Barker) Irwin.

His early childhood was like that of all "Army brats" of the period; a sort of nomadic existence with a few years at this army post in the states, then a few in some foreign possession, the whole sprinkled with frequent changes of station. Red grabbed his education on the run; first grade at Fort Hamilton, New York; seventh grade at Camp Columbia, Cuba, and so on. Be that as it may, he grabbed sufficient education to enter West Point at the age of 18 and graduated a comfortable forty out of a class of one hundred and sixty-four.

His warm, sunny and friendly personality and sterling qualities were in evidence early in life. His roommate of three and a half years writes the following about Red's cadet days: "He was a little past 18 when he entered the Academy but looked younger. He was devoted to and proud of his family. He always said his evening prayers on his knees and, as far as I know, there were not many cadets who followed this practice. He was blessed with a cheerful disposition, good nature and a wonderful outlook on life. His keen sense of humor was known not only by his classmates but by the Army at large through his many clever and humorous cartoons which he doodled while imbibing, without apparent effort, the instructions of his teachers as well as the orders of his superiors. Red was lazy and did not exert himself in study-

ing—he didn't have to because his quick mind and retentive memory seemed to absorb knowledge by a process of osmosis. He was a great reader of fiction and was particularly fond of O. Henry. He was always ready and willing to help any cadet deficient in his studies. He certainly was a grand person to room with and, during our three and a half years together, we never had a single serious disagreement. He was a credit to his family and to West Point." To which his classmates and his many friends can utter a sincere and resounding Amen!

Red graduated a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry. His first assignment was with the 11th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, until March 1916 when he joined the Punitive Expedition against Pancho Villa and went into Mexico with his Regiment. During the actions which followed Red displayed marked qualities of leadership, coolness under fire and an uncanny ability to make the right tactical decision; a quality which was to win him fame later in his career. That he was not sent overseas in WW-1 was a bitter disappointment to Red but, like the good soldier that he was, he never "beefed" about it.

Shortly after his return to the States from Mexico he transferred to the Field Artillery and it wasn't long before he was known as an excellent young artilleryman. His service until WW-II included a year at Yale University as A.P.M.S.&T; four years as artillery instructor of the Ohio National Guard; three years as instructor, Organized Reserves, Washington, D. C.; and troop duty with the 1st F.A., Fort Sill, Oklahoma; 80th F.A. Camp MacArthur, Texas; 81st F.A. Camp Knox, Kentucky; 4th F.A. (Pack) Fort Stotsenburg, Philippine Islands and the 72d F.A., Fort Bragg, North Carolina. At all service schools he maintained an enviable record as an outstanding student and was listed as a distinguished graduate of the C&GS School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The well deserved reputation as a cartoonist which he established while a cadet at West Point by his illustrations in several Howitzers, followed him to the service schools and many a school annual owes its humorous interpretation of sticky situations to Red's masterly touch with pen and brush. He was one of the Army's best deflators of "stuffed shirts." This rare gift, to see the humorous side of life and the ability to make people laugh, not only gained him many warm and admiring friends but helped him through quite a few tough situations. Besides wit and humor Red possessed also the faculty of expressing himself with such clarity as to make even the most complex subject seem simple. Small wonder, therefore, that he was much in demand as an instructor and served three tours in that capacity at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His last service school was the Army War College from which he was graduated in July 1937. This was followed by a four-year detail with the F.A. Board where his talents and knowledge of Artillery helped shape this arm into the formidable weapon it turned out to be in WW-II.

His rise during that war was rapid and his combat record outstanding. His brilliant handling of the artillery of the 9th Infantry Division; his high efficiency as C.G. 5th Infantry Division and his own heroic conduct led to his being assigned to positions of ever increasing responsibilities.

Red's performance as a battle leader is dramatically told by his war time Corps Commander:

"In the early phases of World War II, General Irwin commanded the Division Artillery of the 9th Infantry Division. Its initial entry into battle as a unit proved to be a memorable one. On February 17, 1943, while in training at TCLEMSON, Algiers, the 9th Division Headquarters received orders to dispatch without delay all available artillery to Tebessa, Tunisia, to support the II American Corps which had been heavily attacked by Rommel's African Corps in Southern Tunisia. By 4 P.M. of the 17th, General Irwin's Div Arty with the Cannon Companies of the three Infantry Regiments attached, left Tclemson for Tebessa, more than 700 miles away. Marching along narrow, slippery mountain roads and stopping only for food, fuel and short periods of rest, the column arrived at Tebessa at noon of the 21st. From Tebessa it was ordered to continue east to the little town of Thala, where it was given the mission of supporting elements of the 26th British Rifle Brigade in defense of the Thala defile to the south, against the spearhead of the African Corps approaching from Kassarine Pass. The 'elements' of the 26th British Rifle Brigade turned out to be 3 platoons of Infantry, 24 British light tanks, and a small amount of British artillery, which was attached to General Irwin's command. The column arrived after dark on the 21st and without terrestrial reconnaissance went into position in the vicinity of Thala.

"On the morning of the 22nd, the Germans launched a tremendous attack against the Thala defile, supported by Stuka dive bombers. The attack continued throughout

the day. At times German armor approached so close, some of General Irwin's artillery lowered its muzzles to fire point blank. The German attack was stopped and Rommel's drive through Kassarine was halted. It was halted by Red Irwin's 9th Division Div-Arty, which after a 777 mile march over crowded and difficult roads 'arrived in time.' For this achievement the 9th Division Artillery was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation.

"During the remainder of the northwest African campaign, General Irwin ably directed his Div-Arty in support of the 9th Infantry Division in its successful battles at Maknassy, El Guettar, the Sedjenane Valley and the capture of Biserte. In recognition of his distinguished service throughout the campaign, General Irwin was awarded the Silver Star, promoted to Major General and assigned to command the 5th Infantry Division, at that time stationed in Iceland."

His citation reads as follows:

"On February 21-23, 1943, in the vicinity of Thala, Tunisia, General (then Brigadier General) Irwin distinguished himself in action against an armed enemy. Arriving at the scene of action after dark and without prior reconnaissance and with very little information concerning the situation, he was placed in command of all artillery support in this sector. He established his command post and observation post in front of all support, and refused to quit his post even after twelve hours of terrific artillery shelling of his observation post. He accomplished the mission given him; and his coolness, ability, and conspicuous inspirational leadership gave the units confidence in themselves and contributed toward the success of the battle".

"General Irwin's 5th Division's tour of fighting as a part of the XII Corps started in the early days of the Battle of the Bulge. The XII Corps Headquarters with its Corps troops arrived in Luxembourg City on the night of 21 December to take over command of the southern shoulder of the German penetration, which had been affected on the 16th of December. The 5th Division, which was fighting in the Saar bulgehead in the sector of the XX Corps to the south, on the morning of the 20th was ordered to join the XII Corps. Elements of the Division moved 69 miles and that same day counter-attacked the enemy south of the Sauer River, which was threatening Luxembourg City.

"The 5th Division played a major role in the XII Corps' early defense of the south shoulder of the German penetration, as well as the attack of the Corps in January to the north across the Sauer River to help close the gap.

"The Division remained attached to the Corps until late March 1945. During that period it played an important role in the Corps' penetration of the Siegfried Line; its rapid advance to the Rhine north of the Moselle; its crossing of the Moselle and its advance up the left bank of the Rhine to capture Worms and Mainz. It was the 5th Division that later made the initial and first forced crossing of the Rhine between Mainz and Worms, after which it moved on to cross the Main River and capture Frankfurt."

Before joining the XII Corps Red's 5th Division took part in the Normandy landing and the capture of Metz.

In April 1945 Red took command of the XII Corps in Germany. He accompanied General Patton through the German "Heartland" and led his troops into Austria and Czechoslovakia before V-E Day, to make contact with the Russians.

In October 1945 Red returned to the states and commanded the F.A. Replacement and Training Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and later became Commanding General of the Post and of the V Corps at Fort Bragg.

In November 1948 he was appointed Director, Intelligence Division, General Staff. Two years later he was promoted Lieutenant General and placed in command of the U.S. Army Forces in Austria. It was while on this duty that he suffered a severe heart attack in March 1952, without doubt the effect of the tremendous strain he had undergone in positions of great responsibility during the last eleven years of his service. He was retired May 31, 1952 in the grade of Lieutenant General.

Red was the recipient of the following decorations besides campaign ribbons: The Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, Certificate of Achievement, French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with Palm, Order of the British Empire, Rank of Commander, and Czechoslovakian War Cross, Order of the White Lion Star for Victory Class II.

After his retirement Red, with his wife Clare and their two children, lived quietly in their lovely home on Kimberly Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina, where they were gracious and generous hosts to their many friends. In spite of his high honors and great accomplishments Red remained the same modest gentleman and warm friend I had known throughout our service. Master of his own time now he set up a studio in his home and indulged in his life long ambition—water color. His winning prizes in several exhibits give testimony of his success. He was a real artist. He died quietly in his sleep November 23, 1955.

It has been said that we write for the eyes of Our Supreme Judge alone, our own obituary by the kind of life we live while on earth. If this is true, and I have no doubt that it is, Red has written a glorious one and it has been my honored but sad privilege to record for posterity a portion of that life lived by a great soldier, a loyal patriot, and a true friend.

"Well done — Be Thou at Peace."

—*John B. Wogan*, '15.

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Harold McClave White

NO. 5645 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

DIED JULY 23, 1955, AT POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI, AGED 63 YEARS.

THE Class of 1917 lost an honored member and friend of long ago, when White, H. M. passed away at Doctors Hospital, Poplar Bluff, Missouri on July 23, 1955.

He was a business man and prominent civic leader in the nearby town of Campbell, Missouri for many years. Harold had been in ill health the past two years at which time he had undergone major surgery at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He remained active as president and general manager of the big Rice Hardware Store until again entering Barnes for surgery some two months ago.

After a long period of hospitalization he was released but was confined to his home until his condition became critical three days before death.

A Masonic funeral service was conducted at the church by Raymond Foster, who was assisted by Claud T. Foster and other members of Four Mile Lodge No. 212. Active pallbearers included Clinton Ramsey, Oran Fraughn, Paul Philpot, Vance Watson, Dyke Swafford, and Owen Hogue of Bragg City.

Honorary pallbearers were: Everett Clifford, Dale Williams, Omer Gaskins, Burl Lankford, Dr. W. A. Belsey, Garland Nolland of Charleston and J. C. Edmondson of Hornersville, Missouri.

Burial of the veteran of World War I was at Woodlawn Cemetery. Military services were conducted at the graveside by members of the C. Dolph Gehrig Post of The American Legion of which Harold White was a Past Commander. At the brief ceremony the large flag was removed from the casket and was folded by Dale Williams and Lawrence H. Snider. The flag was then presented to the widow of the deceased by Post Commander Omer L. Gaskins.

Harold McClave White, the only son of Burton Clark White and Isadora McClave White, was born July 9, 1892, at Whitesville, New York.

His family moved to Montana when he was nine months of age, and he subsequently received his elementary education in the Montana Public Schools. He completed his college preparatory course at Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and then entered the University of Boulder, in Boulder, Colorado, where he studied engineering.

After a year at Boulder, Harold received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where he graduated in 1917. He was sent immediately to France and served as Captain in the Infantry dur-

ing World War I, seeing action in many major engagements.

At the end of the war, he resigned from the Army and returned to Montana to take over the management of his father's sheep ranch, and continued in that capacity until he come to Campbell in 1931.

Since that time his business interests have included the presidency of the Rice Hardware Company, and extensive farming operations through which he has pioneered in the development and maintenance of various phases and methods pertaining to the agricultural progress of this community.

His civic interests include the Past Presidency of the Rotary Club, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge, Past Commander of the American Legion, President of the Board of Public Works, Member of the County Highway Commission, Director of the State Liquid Petroleum Gas Association, and Member of the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce.

Harold White had, in his daily contact with people in all walks of life, developed a mutual interest and had long ago won the admiration, respect and confidence of the hundreds of persons who were his friends. The value of his influence in this community is immeasurable.

Surviving are his wife, Alma Rice White; his mother, Mrs. Burton C. White of Pasadena, California; his uncle, Charles R. Mc-

Clave of San Francisco; two sisters, Mrs. E. W. Baker of Altadena, California, and Miss Antoinette White, Pasadena, California; two nieces, Mrs. W. L. Watkins of Atherton, California, and Mrs. Stephen Veitch of Palo Alto, California.

Also surviving, in addition to the other more distant relatives, are his many friends who are also mourning his death.

The *Campbell Citizen* had this to say about Harold in an editorial:

"We've known only a few men who devoted more than considerable time to civic work here. Harold M. White was one who gave a tremendous amount of time and effort to his community during his 24 years of residency here, and his death last weekend will leave a vacancy in community affairs that will take a long time to fill.

"Harold White was probably the only graduate of West Point to ever make his home here. The famous academy makes officers and gentlemen, but in Harold's case they didn't have to go that far because we think he was born a gentleman. He was that kind of a person—a swell guy."

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Herman Henry Pohl

NO. 5741 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

DIED ABOARD SHIP ENROUTE TO PUERTO RICO, MARCH 13, 1956, AGED 59 YEARS.

YEARS go by — so many years have passed since graduation that we scarcely mark their progress! But sometimes we are caught up suddenly with the shock and realization of the loss of a very dear friend and comrade. These, I am sure, were the reactions and feelings of all of us of August '17 who, for the first time, learned the sad news of the death on March 13, 1956, of our classmate and comrade Herman Pohl.

Herman was someone special, even in a class of fine men! Did he not, indeed, excell in the serious side of cadet service to the point of the highest standing in our class? More noteworthy and significant still, in Herman's achievement, was the fact that he stood first, in spite of long and conscientious hours, spent in helping others, less fortunately gifted! He gave of his great talents so unselfishly and so willingly! And one can be sure, in his distinguished career in the army that this unselfishness, dependability and brilliant achievement characterized all he did! When in our class activities, there was a job which required a quiet, dependable, masterful solution, Herman was usually the man upon whom we called. Throughout his service he was called upon for the solution of more and more important and complex problems. Such was his deep conviction and adherence to the West Point code of Duty, Honor, Country, that he never failed his comrades or his country in any task!

Herman Henry Pohl was born in Alexandria, Virginia, August 28, 1896, the son of August Joseph and Mary Elizabeth (Iden) Pohl. He attended Lehigh University before entering West Point. On April 25, 1923, Herman married Jane Culbertson Andrews, herself distinguished by great personal charm and beauty, and gifted with exceptional artistic talents. She made a host of friends and contributed greatly in civic and community life wherever she found herself. An ideal wife and mother, she brought great happiness into Herman's life! Three children were born of their marriage, two daughters; Mrs. William H. Spillars of Edwards, California, Mrs. D. N. Rust, III of Watch Hill, Rhode Island, and one son Captain Richard S. Pohl, now stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Herman was the eldest of seven brothers, of whom five survive him. Everett J. Pohl is with the Southern Railroad in Atlanta, and August Pohl lives in California. H. J. Pohl is Captain, U.S. Navy, stationed at Charleston, North Carolina, and Colonel Marion Pohl, U.S.A., retired, lives in Florida. Colonel Francis I. Pohl, is a resident of Cornwall. Six grandchildren are included in the more immediate family.

Most of us have some knowledge of Herman's official progress and the various steps and activities which made up the busy varied life he led. May we here give a brief resume of them after his distinguished service at West Point. Made Captain of Engineers upon graduation he served in the 6th Engineers actively participating in the Battle of the Somme, Marne, Meuse and Argonne Forest. He saw service in the Army of Occupation in Germany. Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he graduated, in 1921 with high honors in Civil Engineering, was his next post. He served as White House aide-de-camp under both the late Presidents, Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge. Various assignments with the Corps of Engineers marked Herman's progress from 1923 to 1942. They included a tour of duty as Instructor of

Engineering at West Point. He was engaged in engineering work in the development project on the Illinois and Ohio Rivers and worked with the District Engineer in Honolulu, T. H. He commanded the 3rd Engineers in Hawaii and the 96th Engr Br. at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 1942 he made surveys for air routes across Central Africa and the Indian Ocean to Australia and later served as Engineer in charge of Allied Air bases on the Gold Coast of Africa, the Belgian Congo and British East Africa.

In 1943, Herman's Engineer Command crossed into Normandy in connection with the Allied Invasion of Europe. His unit was part of General Patton's Third Army, which made the break-thru from the French ports and advanced across France into Germany. He finished the war as Corps Engineer, 15th U.S. Army Corps. Among his medals are numbered the Bronze Star Medal and the French Croix de Guerre.

Herman retired in 1948 and lived in Leesburg, Virginia until 1954, when the Pohls bought a place in Watch Hill, Rhode Island where they had previously been summer visitors. (Jane's address Wetumanetu, Watch Hill, Rhode Island.)

Each of us of the Class of August '17 extends to Jane Pohl, and to the other members of Herman's family, our deepest sympathy, and expresses again the great loss we feel at his passing. We take pride with you in our good fortune to have shared the leadership, the comradeship, and the example of this truly fine and great man.

—*Lowell M. Riley.*

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Edward Orlando McConahay

NO. 7438 CLASS OF 1924

DIED NOVEMBER 6, 1952, AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AGED 50 YEARS.

EDWARD ORLANDO MCCONAHAY was born on August 1, 1901 at Attica, Indiana. He received his early education in the Attica public schools and spent a year at Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama, in preparation for admission to West Point. He entered the United States Military Academy in July 1920 and was graduated in 1924.

So goes the early record of one of the most conscientious, dedicated and, at the same time, one of the most affable, friendly and well-liked of USMA graduates of the early 1920's. Ed made his mark and made friends, both in and out of the Army.

Ed spent very little time in the Regular Army after graduation. He resigned in January 1925, and soon associated himself with the firm of Starrett Brothers & Eken, building contractors. He did well with this association. He rose rapidly as superintendent of various construction projects, until he was placed in charge of all specifications and plans, and design and installation of all mechanical equipment on the New York Life Insurance Company's new office building in New York City.

A diverting sidelight during Ed's rising career was his assignment to investigate marble quarries for marble for the famous Empire State Building in New York City. He also served as consultant for mechanical installations on this building.

In 1931 Ed was assigned to important work in connection with the construction of the new home office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in New York City. For a young man, just seven years out of school, his responsibilities were enormous. Yet he performed the tasks delegated to him so well that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company asked for his valuable services, and he joined Metropolitan in 1933 as Assistant to the Vice-President in Charge of Buildings.

During his rise in business Ed never forgot West Point nor the Army. He served in the New Jersey National Guard. When the war clouds gathered in 1939, Ed, then a civilian, made efforts to be reinstated as a commissioned officer in either the National Guard or Reserve. Current regulations, based on age, precluded his being commissioned. After Pearl Harbor he lost no time in taking advantage of new regulations to press his request for active duty service, and was commissioned as Major, Army of the United States, in February 1942.

Even before the United States entered World War II, Ed was busy with our country's preparations. In February 1941 he was loaned by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and to Assistant Secretary of War McCloy to conduct surveys of administration and service for both services. Mr. Forrestal, in a personally signed letter addressed to Mr. Frederick H. Ecker, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, said "Mr. McConahay and Mr. McGlynn have done an excellent work, and when it is finished I am sure it is going to be of great help in facilitating the work of the department."

During World War II Ed served in important assignments on the War Depart-

ment Special Staff, including the Budget Division.

After the conclusion of hostilities Ed returned to his duties at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company where he was soon promoted to Assistant Vice-President. He was also commissioned in the organized Reserve Corps upon his release from active duty. He had served as a Lieutenant Colonel during most of the war.

He had scarcely resumed his civilian occupation before he was recalled to active

duty for the Korean Emergency. He served with distinction during the early and trying days of the crisis. He received a special letter of commendation from Lieutenant General John R. Hodge, Maneuver Director, Operation SOUTHERN PINE, followed by a Certificate of Achievement from Headquarters, Third Army.

Ed died on November 6, 1952, after giving nearly 25 years of his life, in whole or in part, to this country, including his service as a cadet at West Point (which can be considered as a novitiate period, a time of testing and development for a life of service to come.) His days at West Point were happy days for all who came in contact with him. He had an unfailing good nature, a rich sense of humor, and a great deal of friendship for his corps-mates. He had his ordeals with the academics and the tacs, as we all did, but few knew about them. He was one of the "great" who got through without apparent effort.

A devoted husband and father, he was married to Grace Schlichter of Elizabeth, New Jersey, on June 14, 1924. They had three children.

Ed has joined the Long Gray Line on the other side, but there are many here who report for duty every day who cherish his memory. "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY", were not just words to him. He lived every word of them, without mental reservation or thought of evasion. At "The Last Retreat" we hope to see his friendly face and grip his hand. —*A Classmate.*

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Donald Bertrand Smith

NO. 8242 CLASS OF 1928

DIED SEPTEMBER 7, 1955, AT RANGELEY, MAINE, AGED 52 YEARS.

IT was shocking news to all of his friends to hear of the sudden passing of Don Smith as the result of a heart attack in September 1955. He had been in the best of health and was enjoying a ten-day leave in Rangeley, Maine, when the blow fell.

Don had been an engineer through his four years as a cadet and graduated with high standing on the 9th of June 1928. At the expiration of his graduation leave, he reported to Brooks where he was progressing easily until a twisted knee turned him back to the class graduating in February 1930.

During this year of flying training, he was avidly courting Dorothy Palmer of his home town—Denver, Colorado. They were married in July 1930 and proceeded to their first station—Rockwell Field, San Diego, California. They moved to March Field at Riverside, California, in October of 1931 where their daughter Barbara was born. In June of 1932 he left the 17th Pursuit Group at March and was assigned as a flying instructor at the new Randolph Field in San Antonio, Texas. It was here that their son was born—Donald, Jr.

During the War, Don was Director of Personnel of the Army Air Force Technical Training Command at Knollwood, North Carolina, and in March of 1943 he assumed command of Seymour Johnson Field in the same State. In November of 1943, he became Deputy Chief of Staff of the Training Command at Fort Worth, Texas, and in August 1944 became Chief of Staff of the Western Technical Training Command in Denver. He went overseas in December 1944 where he was named Director of Plans of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

This naturally led to his assignment to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in June 1948. In August 1950 be became a member of the faculty at the National War College. In September 1951 he assumed command of the 11th Air Division at Ladd AFB in Alaska. His superior capability and quality was at last recognized, and he was promoted to Brigadier General on July 28, 1951. His record there was outstanding, and he was retained in that assignment for a third

year, returning to the States in August of 1954 to assume the duties of Vice Commander of the Eastern Air Defense Force at Stewart AFB. It was on this assignment that death ended his career of service and devotion to duty.

Dorothy has moved to Denver, and her address is 665 Washington Street, Apartment 308, Denver. Also surviving are Don's daughter, Barbara Ann, and son, Donald B. Smith, Jr. Barbara Ann is now Mrs. Edwin Todd Wheatley. Mr. Wheatley is with the Boeing Aircraft Company at Wichita, Kansas. Donald, Jr., is a First Classman at the Military Academy and graduates in the Infantry in June of this year.

Don throughout his service impressed his colleagues and contemporaries with the very highest ideals of service and integrity. It cannot be said that he learned these standards at his Alma Mater, for we all know that he brought them with him to West Point on the 1st of July 1924. His classmates will feel the loss of this progressive airman no less keenly than his family will feel the loss of a devoted husband and father. —*J. E. B.*

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George Van Millett, Jr.

NO. 8782 CLASS OF 1929

DIED NOVEMBER 8, 1955, IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY, AGED 51 YEARS.

ZIP MILLETT was a man's man. He understood the true meaning of friendship and was unalterably loyal to those of us who were fortunate enough to be his friends. He was a de-bunker of fakes and had no patience with evasiveness or vacillation. He practiced integrity in everything he did. Zip was honest with himself and with everyone else, but in spite of this ingrained quality, he was a skilled diplomat.

His courage was of the quiet and enduring kind which inspired those around him and reflected so well the qualities which the United States Army holds in the highest esteem.

He was an outstanding representative of his country and its Army both at home and abroad. His life spanned a period during which the world was in an almost constant state of upheaval and in which his talents and interests were both needed and used.

His family and friends can well be proud of Zip's outstanding life of service and of his part in helping to maintain the security of our country, on the battlefront and in the international diplomatic arena.

George V. Millett was born in Kansas City, Missouri on April 10, 1904. After attending Kansas City Junior College, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy of West Point, from which he was graduated in 1929 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Military Engineering. Initially, Zip wanted to be in the Air Corps and after graduation from USMA he volunteered for flight training at March Field. In spite of a tremendous effort on his part, he was "washed out" after six months, and the Infantry was the gainer. From company officer in the 17th Infantry at Fort Crook and Fort Omaha, Nebraska, Zip went to Panama for service with the 33d Infantry at Fort Clayton, and then to the celebrated 3d Infantry at Fort Snelling.

Zip was a company commander with the 3d in 1935, the year he was made First Lieutenant. It was a squad from the 3d Infantry which fired the last salute as Zip was finally laid to rest in Arlington.

From 1936 to 1939, Zip served at Fort Benning, Georgia, first at the Infantry School, then with the 29th Infantry.

His second tour in Panama came in 1940 when he was given command of a company in the 14th Infantry at Fort Davis.

The year 1941 was a significant one for Zip. He volunteered and was accepted into the Army's parachute effort which was just beginning at Fort Benning, Georgia. There Zip was among the first in the Army to win his wings as a qualified parachutist. He became successively S-2 and S-4 of the Provisional Parachute Group.

In August 1942 Zip was given command of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and was promoted to Colonel, AUS on September 25, 1942.

Zip's regiment was attached to the 82d Airborne Division for the Cross Channel in-

vasion of France. At 0230 hours on the morning of June 8, 1944, he parachuted with his unit into the Normandy Peninsula in the vicinity of Amferville.

The citation for Zip's Silver Star tells part of the story of what happened, as follows:

SS from Hq 82 Airborne Div 16 Oct 45

For Gallantry in action on 6-8 Jun 44 in Normandy, France. Having landed by parachute before dawn D-Day and finding force badly scattered in the jump Colonel Millett regtl comdr personally led 4 offs 20 men in effort to accomplish primary mission regt capture of Amferville. After capturing 25 of enemy, neutralizing several machine guns and capturing two ammunition trucks being vastly outnumbered disengaged and established defensive positions on the main highway to town. There he finally assembled almost 400 men and held out three days against constant enemy attacks in great strength and under artillery fire thus denying the enemy the use of this important road to reinforces their attacks on the Merderet River Bridges. His courageous leadership and inspiring fortitude setting enviable example for his men.

Only when its ammunition had been exhausted did Zip's force withdraw to the

area east of Amferville, but during this withdrawal on June 9, Zip was captured by the enemy and evacuated to Schubin, Poland where he was imprisoned in OFLAG Number 64.

On January 21, 1945, Zip managed to escape from the OFLAG and made his way across the Ukraine to the Black Sea Port of Odessa a little less than three months later.

He arrived in Naples on March 23, 1945 and back in the United States on April 2.

Zip's post-World War II service began with his command of the 4th Infantry at Fort Benning. In 1946 he moved to the command of the Airborne School Regiment of the Airborne School, and the following year, he became senior instructor of the 100th Airborne Division at Louisville, Kentucky.

It was while serving in the above capacity that Zip was suddenly sent on temporary duty to the Middle East as the Senior United Nations Observer on the United Nations Mission to Palestine.

The words of Brigadier General W. E. Riley, USMC are at once simple and eloquent and describe the Zip we knew:

Brigadier General W. E. Riley, USMC, C/S, letter report: "Outstanding services rendered; cannot speak too highly of him, tireless efforts to keep orgn on even keel, will always carry out directives as issued, his loyalty, industry & common sense make him invaluable on mission of this kind, pleasure to serve with him." Add dy as Dpty C/S Haifa for part of period.

General Riley further documented his views concerning Zip's contribution in a commendation which read in part:

Comm From Brigadier General W. E. Riley, USMC, Sr Obsvr & C/S UN Mission to Palestine 20 Apr 49, For outstanding performance dy 22 Aug 48-10 Mar 49, filled positions of high responsibility as Sr. Obsvr in Trans-Jordan Area in highly commendable manner under conditions of great danger; later as C/S UN Hq Haifa; performed all dys with intelligence, initiative, thoroughness & forcefulness, leadership, loyalty; ability to work in harmony w/mixed gp of off & EM that included all branches of armed svs of the US, France & Belgium.

Returning to the Kentucky Military District, Zip pondered the challenging problems of the Middle East with which he had briefly come to grips, and decided to go back. He returned to that area early in 1950 as the US Army Attache to Lebanon, where his services continued to be of great value to his country.

Following the tour in Lebanon, Zip returned to the Airborne business as a member of the Joint Airborne Troop Board at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The Middle East still held fascination and great interest for him, however, and in early 1955 he returned to the area again, this time as US Army Attache to Jordan. He was serving in this important job when he was stricken with leukemia. Zip died in Germany, November 8, 1955 on his way back to Walter Reed.

Zip gave everything he had to the service of his country, his friends and his family. He was an airborne pioneer, a gallant soldier, an able diplomat, a good husband and father. His name will live in our memories.

—*Wm. P. Y.*

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Jack Roberts

NO. 10437 CLASS OF 1935

DIED JUNE 2, 1955, AT GRAND LAKE, COLORADO, AGED 43 YEARS.

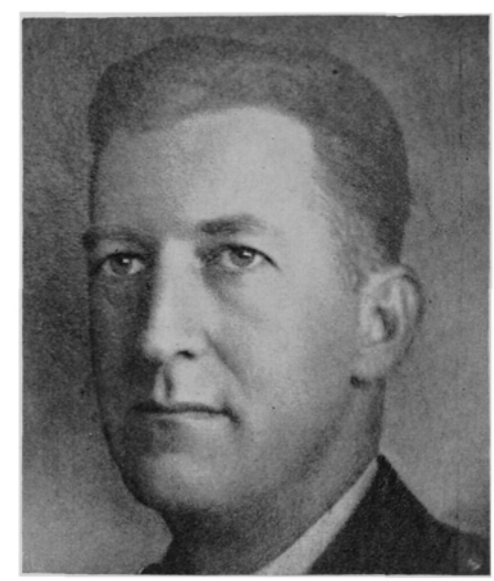
ALL who knew him, loved and admired Jack Roberts. Devoted husband and father, warm friend, trusted officer, he was an unfailing source of strength to us all. For Connie and the children, Elizabeth and John, there are their own memories. These words are set down that they may know others remember, too.

For me, the brightest memories of Jack are those of plebe year. He and the rest of us "L" Co. plebes, especially those who lived on the first floor of the 27th Div., felt we were marked men, and in our misfortune we looked to Jack for the humor which made our lot happier. We looked to him for ideas and leadership, too. He could salvage a Sunday afternoon, otherwise lost to interminable trips to the Boodlers for upperclassmen, by organizing a work-out in the gym or a walk in the Hills. You'd wonder, after he'd beaten you to a pulp in the boxing room or run you home from Crow's Nest, what had been gained; yet you'd fall for his urging again the next Sunday. He was the kind of man that it was good to be with.

He was goaty enough to have a rough time of it getting through the writs that first December, but he did, and hence was all set to make the most of plebe Christmas and of dragging blind the lovely girl from Tennessee whom he later married. Come spring, the problem was still to outwit the upperclassmen. Jack had played football in the fall and boxed during the winter well enough to make the training table, hence to eat "at ease." But how continue the good life when one's athletic talent did not encompass spring sports? His estimate of the situation was that anyone could run the half-mile. Again he urged a roommate to join him. They alternated the entire season at coming in last, their shin splints caused them no end of suffering, but they managed to stay on the training table until June and recognition.

That summer he took part in the dragging of probably every yearling corporal in the Third Bat., yet he was himself a natural for the beast detail. To succeeding plebe classes he was a "hard man." He was a cadet lieutenant first class year. He kept on with football as a "B" squad linesman. In these ways and in others, he played his part. None doubted his capacity as a soldier, to be demanding of himself and others in matters of duty, or to win and hold the very real respect of all who knew him.

As the Kaydet, so the officer. His career was a successful one right from the start. In quick summary, he completed his flying training and served for three years in Hawaii. In 1939 he was ordered to Langley Field, where he learned bombardment aviation from A to Z. In late '42 he organized



the first anti-submarine squadron where he was in command, first in England, then in Africa where it very shortly became the 480th anti-submarine group. This was the pioneer sub-fighting outfit which, in its short year of operation, was credited with five German subs sunk, several more probables, and was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

For the rest of the war Jack was a staff officer in Washington. He had a tour at Leavenworth and then was assigned in 1946 to Wiesbaden, Germany, for a two-year tour, first as Chief of Staff of A.T.C., later as commanding officer of the Atlantic Division of M.A.T.S. He returned to Washington to be executive to General Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Then followed tours at the National War College, as a member of the military mission which set up air bases in Spain, as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the 7th Air Division in England, and, from 1953 to 1955, as Chief of Staff of the 8th Air Force.

He was under orders and en route to be Chief of Staff of the Strategic Air Command when he died very suddenly from a heart attack. Even as he drove himself while a cadet, his high sense of duty led him, as an officer, to push himself beyond the endurance of his heart. Doctors had advised Jack many times to reduce the pace of his efforts, and Connie, knowing of this

advice, had constantly sought to shield off all minor worries and to get Jack to let others share the burden of high responsibility. But his lofty sense of duty would not allow him to devote other than his maximum efforts toward the accomplishment of the A.F. Mission.

There are others, too, who remember:

"I consider him one of the finest squadron commanders I came in contact with during the War."—*General Carl Spaatz.*

"His one anxiety was to get them (his anti-submarine wing upon arrival in England in late 1942) into action at the earliest possible date. I watched with greatest admiration the determination and drive that Jack put into getting himself and each individual air crew indoctrinated and into action. Jack Roberts' fine character and qualities of leadership earned him the highest regard from all ranks. Marshal of the Air Force Sir John Slessor took a personal interest, and Jack was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire."—*Air Marshal Sir Walter L. Dawson.*

"One of the finest officers I have ever known . . his efficiency, devotion to duty, and intellectual honesty were seldom approached, and Colonel Roberts was a very pleasant person with whom to work."—*General Elwood R. Quesada.*

"The excellent results attained are attributed to Colonel Roberts' personal qualifications, strong leadership, and ability to infuse into the personnel of his command the highest military qualities and ideals."—*General Ira C. Eaker.*

"Amongst the best staff officers I have ever seen. That guy had a great big heart, was always looking out after everybody else except himself, and was held in esteem and affection by all who knew him."—*Major General J. P. McConnell.*

"I shall ever remember him as he was —a man of firm principle; strong, disciplined and warm-hearted, with a love of life, family and country. He demanded of all, including himself, a high performance of duty, yet his judgments of others reflected a charitable and tolerant understanding. His very presence gave strength, dignity and purpose to his organization. His loyalty, in spirit as well as act, was an example to all. The memory of this splendid officer and gentleman will remain vivid and will inspire us to better ways."—*Major General J. B. Montgomery.*

"He was a very fine officer and his untimely demise cut short a brilliant and promising career. My decision to make Jack Chief of Staff for Strategic Air Command was based solely on his demonstrated abilities to handle tough assignments and his willingness to assume responsibility. Hard working and completely devoted to the Air Force, he served under me earlier, and at that time I catalogued him as an officer to watch."—*General Curtis LeMay.*

There is not space to add the words of others, especially those of his classmates. But they have been said, and they complete the picture painted by Jack's chiefs: humorous and wise, devoted and strong, exacting yet concerned for the welfare of his people, loyal to them and to the Service, a leader but one who drove himself.

No finer soldier takes his place in the Long Gray Line. —*J. M. K.*

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Marshall Warren Carney

NO. 12383 CLASS OF 1941

DIED OCTOBER 20, 1943, IN AN AIR CRASH IN ITALY, AGED 27 YEARS.

"MARSH" CARNEY was no ordinary individual. There was something special about him that placed him in a category above ordinary. This special quality manifested itself most often in the genuine love that Marshall displayed for his fellow men. During his years at the Academy, he spent a great amount of his time in helping others. Such help ranged from coaching his classmates—to helping the lowest plebe—to assisting a barracks policeman. Indeed, the mark of his breeding indicated that he knew no class distinction among men. This descendant, of a fine Virginia family, displayed to a high degree those qualities that are appropriately associated with the finest of Virginians. In fact, at a Memorial Service held for Marshall in December 1943 at the Churchland Baptist Church, a fellow Virginian had this to say about him: "The fulfillment of an individual's mission in life can come at any age. With some, the very nature of their calling and contribution demand this fulfillment in the period of youth. This seems to be especially true of Marshall Carney whose name I have only to mention to bring a flood of recollections to the minds of his friends. Few men have been so much a part of this community and have shown so early in life a love and acceptance of those traits of character that are symbolic of the American dream."

Marshall W. Carney was born September 17, 1916 at Churchland, Virginia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor E. Carney. He attended the Churchland Schools and graduated from Churchland High School in the class of 1933. After High School, Marshall joined the Army in 1936, for a one year period for the express purpose of attending the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Monroe, Virginia. From this Preparatory School he entered the Military Academy in 1937, on a senatorial appointment tendered by Senator Harry F. Byrd (Virginia).

During his years as a Cadet, his easy manner and genuine good humor won for him a multitude of friends. He enjoyed and participated in sports, primarily track and skeet. His bird hunting in Virginia qualified him well to win several skeet trophies.

Marshall had a brilliant mind and could have worn stars if he had desired them. He chose rather to live a relaxed life at the Point and study only when necessary. He devoted his time to creating lasting friendships with all whom he associated.

He had many experiences with the Tactical Department, but he never tired of trying to outwit the TAC's.

He graduated from West Point in 1941, and went directly to Pilot Training. When he graduated from Pilot School in early 1942, World War II was underway. Naturally, "Marsh" could not see spinning his wheels in the ZI when there was a conflict going on. In a few months he was in North Africa doing test pilot work and at every opportunity ferrying fighters from the depots to tactical units. On several occasions he talked his way into going along on combat missions and was credited with shooting down some German planes.

He finished his tour in September 1943 and was sent back to the United States with orders for a stateside assignment. True to form, he never reached his station in the United States—because in Washington he got the orders changed so that he could go back to a Fighter Group in Italy.

He started back to Italy in early October 1943. According to reliable information, Marshall picked up a new aircraft from a rear area and was in the process of reporting to his combat unit when he lost his life. He and a wing man arrived over the base in Italy shortly after sunset. Marshall, knowing that the field was under construction, told the wing man to circle the field while he went in to land and be sure that the runway was adequate. For some unknown reason the wing man failed to follow Marshall's instructions and landed right behind him. Due to darkness and the construction, Marshall was unable to turn off the runway. The wing man's airplane crashed into his ship and Marshall was killed.

He was initially buried in Italy and reburied at Churchland, Virginia in November 1948.

So marched on into "The Long Gray Line" one of the best loved members of the class of '41.

According to his friends, "Marsh" Carney was just about perfect — and he had no enemies.

In losing Marshall, we lost a man who was a friend to everyone, and our Country lost a valuable leader.

He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Taylor E. Carney of Churchland, Virginia, and two brothers.

—*James I Cox,*
Class of 1941.

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John W. Barnes

NO. 13378 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

DIED MARCH 12, 1955, AT COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AGED 36 YEARS.

ARMY through and through, the proudest moment of John's life was the day he graduated from West Point. This was his fondest dream and hope.

Born an Army Brat, in Washington, D. C. December 11, 1918, he spent many of his early years at Fort Meade, Maryland, where his parents were stationed. Surrounded by Army life and friends of his father, the late Colonel George D. Barnes, John as a boy formed a strong desire to be one of them. He moved to Benning with his family for a short interval and again back to Maryland. His first three years of High School were spent at Baltimore Polytechnique Institute and his senior year he prepped for West Point at Columbia Preparatory School in Washington, D. C.

Through the Texas National Guard, he was given an appointment to enter the Academy, and from then on his only desire was to become a good cadet and officer.

John is survived by his two sons, John and Tommy, his wife Lucy, his mother Mrs. June W. Barnes and his sister Mrs. Mary Lee Gapen, wife of Colonel R. D. Gapen, West Point '36, Air Force.

Although John has left us temporarily, his fineness and love remain with us. His career was short lived 'tis true, but

wherever he may be, he is still Army through and through.

John graduated with the first war accelerated class in January of 1943. Those were fast moving times and with his classmates he had to move right along with history. After a short graduation leave, he reported to Fort Benning for a brief basic course of instruction. Shortly thereafter, he received his choice of combat divisions, and in May

reported to the 95th Infantry Division then stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. From his initial assignment as a platoon leader, John rose to command of Company G, 379th Infantry. With that organization he attended Louisiana maneuvers, California desert training and the West Virginia Mountain Warfare School. In August of 1944, the division was ordered to the European Theater of Operations. At first it seemed that it had arrived too late for active combat, but events proved that the hardest days were yet ahead. In November, the division received a mission that was to be its supreme test — reduction of fortress Metz. John was a company commander, trained in the hardest school in the world, to lead men in battle. His chance came in the assault on Metz, and he did not fail. For leading his company in the elimination of a particularly stubborn fort in the Metz chain, John was awarded a bronze star for gallantry. In December, after receiving the purple heart for being wounded in action, John was returned to the United States for a series of training assignments.

In January 1946, John was ordered to Panama. For the next three years he enjoyed assignments with the 33rd Infantry and Headquarters, Pacific Sector, Panama.

Duty at Fort Benning came again in 1949. A short tour with the 30th Infantry was followed by the advanced Infantry Course at The Infantry School. Graduation from the school was followed by three very pleasant years of ROTC duty at the University of California.

By this time, however, war had come again. Combat leaders were at a premium and John was one of the best. In August of 1953, he was assigned to the 2nd battalion of the 23rd Infantry in Korea. His service was, as usual, distinguished and his unit was awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

The following year, John was back once again at Fort Benning. This time he was given the important task of commanding the officer candidate battalion. Later, he was assigned to the faculty of The Infantry School. This proved to be John's last assignment for in March of 1955, he died of coronary thrombosis.

John's passing was a tremendous loss to his family, his friends and his classmates. His potential to the service he loved so well can only be estimated. Certainly his native ability, his conscientious attentions to duty and his outstanding leadership qualities would have taken him to high command. Our memories of John are good ones. He was proud without being arrogant, intelligent without being overbearing and forthright in the causes he believed in. The Long Gray Line can accept this man with the full assurance of all who knew him that he was a soldier every step of the way.

—*M. L. G.*

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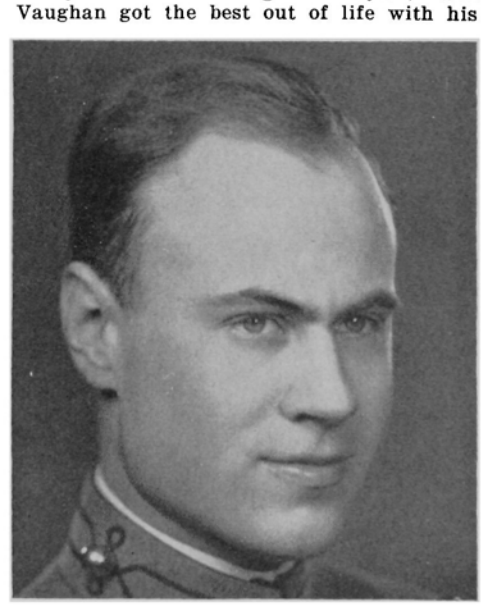
Victor Vaughan Taylor, Jr.

NO. 13263 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

KILLED APRIL 15, 1945, IN GERMANY, AGED 24 YEARS.

VICTOR VAUGHAN TAYLOR, JR., beloved son of the late Brigadier General Victor Vaughan Taylor, U.S.A. and Mrs. Landes Taylor of Seattle, Washington, was born on May 24th, 1920 to the tune of martial music, at Fort Riley, Kansas. There was no wonder the army and the traditions of West Point were in his blood. All through his boyhood this was his ambition and the years to follow made it a reality. His courage, sense of fairness, desire for knowledge, his strong belief in democratic principles and readiness to give assistance where needed were an integral part of him. He was full of laughter and energy. At the age of nine he saved a boy from drowning at cub scout camp for which he was given a citation. Before he left for the east to study for West Point a special Court of Honor was held for him in order that he could be made an eagle scout. Hiking, mountain climbing, skiing and outdoor sports occupied his free time. Those who knew and loved him will never forget him. Everyone knew Vaughan Taylor, and Vaughan got the best out of life with his



spontaneous enthusiasm for life and his love of others.

Before going overseas Vaughan was made a captain in the 13th (Lucky Black Cat) Armored Division and in June 1943 was married to Doris Hoeninghaus of New York City. It was a most happy marriage and tragically brief.

A letter arrived a short time before his death from France telling me that in two weeks he was about to reach the venerable age of 25. He never lived to attain it. He said he had been living with the officers in a majestic old chateau, forbiddingly cold and draughty. He decided he wanted to be with his men who were quartered in a large barn on the premises. So he moved in to the barn. They prepared for him a bed in a manger near the huge fireplace filled with crackling logs and he was very happy there. He enjoyed thoroughly the rural French people and had many long and interesting talks with them.

Then news of his death in the Ruhr Valley.

He died in the vicinity of Knatt, Germany, and lies buried in Margraten, Holland, Plot A, Row 17, Grave 29. His name is engraved on the pylon in Seattle among other Seattle men who gave their lives for their country.

His commanding officer, General Wogan, who was also a personal friend, wrote that he was proud of Vaughan's achievement in his first day of fighting when he brought in to camp many captured German prisoners. The following day those who came back arrived without him. He had been shot and killed by a German ack ack gun.

Nothing I could say about my son would in any way do justice to his fineness of character, his love of life and inward charm of which he was so unconscious. His influence on others during his short life will never be forgotten by those who knew him. And I am blessed indeed to be able to say "Victor Vaughan Taylor, Jr. was My Son."

—*G. L. T.*

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Adolphus Worrell Roffe, Jr.

NO. 15248 CLASS OF 1945

DIED JANUARY 7, 1951, IN KOREA, AGED 28 YEARS.

THIS young soldier-hero gave his last "full measure of devotion" and laid down his life for his country in the loneliness and suffering of an enemy prison camp on the Yalu River in Korea.

His last military assignment was with Company F, 38th Infantry of the 2nd Infantry Division. He was captured while on outpost duty when a horde of the Chinese Communist forces crossed the Yalu River on the ice and stormed the lines of the United Nations Forces on November 26-27, 1950.

His captors moved him by stages, along with a larger group of prisoners of war, to a Communist Prison Camp somewhere beyond the Yalu. There Captain Adolphus Worrell Roffe, Jr., died on or about January 7, 1951 of pneumonia, dysentery, and malnutrition.

Definite proof of his death was not established by the AGO until January 26, 1954 after the Korean Armistice, when repatriated prisoners of war were interrogated. His body has never been recovered.

Young Roffe was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry in the Regular U.S. Army on June 4, 1945—the day of his graduation from the United States Military Academy in West Point.

Between the date of his commissioning and the time of his death, he served three tours of duty overseas: The first was in Okinawa, the second in Japan and the South Pacific Islands, and the third was in Japan and Korea. He was evacuated as a hospital patient from the first two tours because of a very aggravated and persistent case of malaria.

Worrell was promoted posthumously to the permanent rank of Captain as of January 6, 1951. In the comparatively brief service period allotted this young American,

Captain Roffe merited the following awards and decorations:

1. United Nations Service Medal, w/Bronze Star;
2. Korean Service Medal, w/Bronze Star;
3. Combat Infantry Badge;
4. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and Service Medal;
5. American Campaign and Service Medal, Far East Command;

6. World War II Victory Medal;
7. Army of Occupation Campaign and Service Medal, Pacific Theater;
8. Gold Star Lapel Button;
9. Presidential Accolade.

These are mute, but glowing, testimonials to his courage, valor, and heroism.

To enumerate briefly the early life of Captain Roffe:

He was born in the William Beaumont Army Hospital on March 4, 1922. He was confirmed in the Episcopal Church, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by Major General (Chaplain) Luther D. Miller, then the post Chaplain, in 1931.

He graduated from the Junction City, Kansas, elementary schools in 1936 and four years later from Western High School in Washington, D. C. His education for the life of a professional soldier followed at the United States Military Academy.

Left to mourn the loss of a devoted and much-loved son and brother are Colonel A. W. Roffe, Sr., USA, Retired, who now resides in Houston, Missouri, and the sister who is Mrs. Frances R. Gideon, of 681 Razorback Road, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Captain Roffe's mother preceded him in death on December 14, 1950.

Memorial services were held for him at the Post Chapel, Fort Sam Houston, on March 4, 1954. This was Worrell's natal day.

Captain Roffe was a young man of serious purpose in life. I have known him since his infancy and, along with his many other close friends, have watched his growth into young manhood, and his development into a mature and responsible young officer.

Never the boisterous type, he was normally even-tempered and unassuming, extremely conscientious, determined, and persevering. He was a good student of psychology and human nature — splendid characteristics indeed for an officer.

As a youth, his consideration for children smaller or younger than himself, and his sincere and genuine respect for his elders were other admirable characteristics of Worrell Roffe, Jr.

I also recall how he loved the out-of-doors and his fondness for animals, dogs and horses especially. Even as a youngster, he was an excellent horseman.

His fine attitude toward his family, his thoughtfulness of others, his independence of thought, his invariable courtesy, his quick sympathy for the weak, and his quick defense of ideas in which he believed, were personal qualities that have impressed through the years.

—*Hobart R. Gay,*
Lieutenant General, USA (Ret.)

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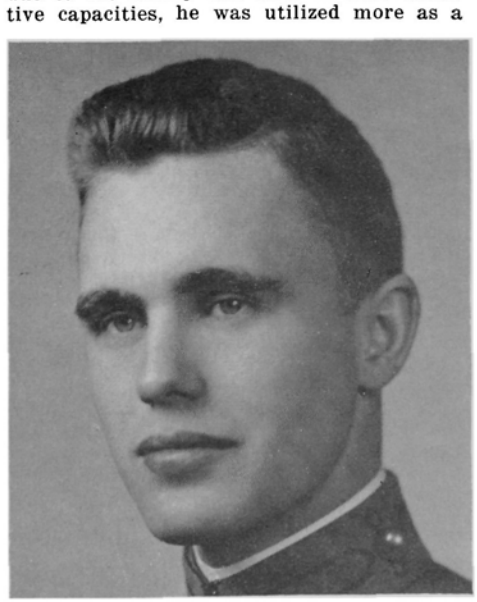
Charles William Brosius

NO. 16061 CLASS OF 1946

DIED OCTOBER 13, 1953, AS A RESULT OF AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT MARCH AFB, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AGED 28 YEARS.

CHUCK was born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, on March fifteenth, 1925. He attended grade and high school in Kittanning, and enjoyed the warm home life and activities that are associated with those delightful years in any small town. During high school he conceived the dream of attending West Point. Upon graduation he entered Columbia Preparatory School in Washington, D. C., and realized his dream when he received an appointment and entered West Point in July 1943. While there he participated in many activities, following particular interests in lacrosse and debating. His sense of fun and strong understanding of human nature brought him many friends. His first class year he met Marion Burkhart, the girl he married the November following his graduation in 1946. From graduation he was sent to Enid, Oklahoma, then assigned to the 97th Bomb. Group at Salina, Kansas.

I shall always feel that Chuck found his true calling when he came to March A.F.B., California, and started flying B-47 jet bombers. Previously at Salina and El Paso, due to his ability and skill in administrative capacities, he was utilized more as a



staff officer than as an Aircraft Commander which he much preferred. However, in 1951 the call went out in SAC for volunteers to become crew members on the sleek new jet bombers. Chuck heard the call and was one of the first to be accepted. After a year's intensive training to become qualified as a Navigator, Bombardier, and Radar Operator, he joined the 22nd Bomb. Wing at March AFB, California. When we received the new airplanes it was love at first sight for him and the B-47. He enjoyed flying them tremendously and became one of the outstanding pilots in the Wing.

In the intensive training period to become combat ready, we were required to fly frequently. However, no one in the Squadron flew as he did. Day after day he volunteered for flights in the airplane he so enjoyed flying. As his skill increased, it was recognized and he was made one of the first Instructor Pilots in the Wing in the new aircraft. He was as completely happy as any man I have ever known . . . with Marion, and their three lovely children, Jan, Peter, and Gretchen.

As busy as he was he still found time to teach a Sunday School class, and during the week before the accident had worked helping "break ground" for the new Lutheran church.

On a local transition flight Chuck was instructing two other officers, one a classmate, Earl Poytress. The refueling portion of the mission was completed uneventfully and they returned to the field to make touch and go landings. The aircraft was light and in apparently good condition as no discrepancies were called in to the tower. After three normal touch and go landings, a fourth was made. The landing was normal and go around initiated. The aircraft took off, climbed two or three hundred feet, started a left turn and crashed about two miles from the field. The three men died instantly. The accident board was subsequently unable to determine the cause of the accident.

In Chuck's passing the service lost a fine and promising officer, his fellow officers a splendid friend, and his family a tender and devoted husband and father.

—*William Reed,*
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF,
West Point, 1946.

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Samuel Grier, III

NO. 15888 CLASS OF 1946

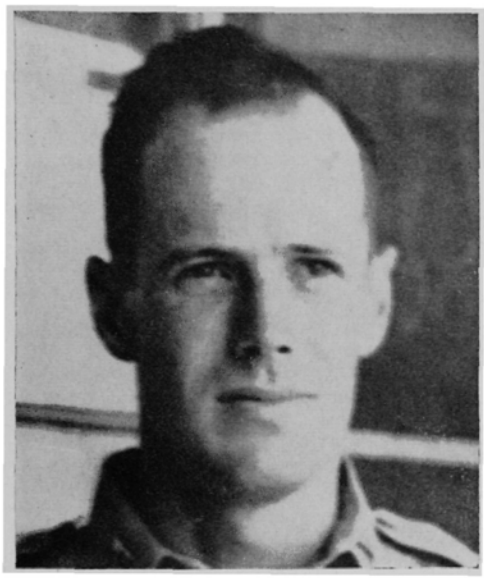
DIED DECEMBER 19, 1955, IN AN AIR ACCIDENT IN TAMPA, FLORIDA, AGED 30 YEARS.

JUST before Christmas I received a phone call from McDill Air Force Base in Florida. Sam Grier had answered that last roll call. Following a mid-air collision, his and another B-47 crashed on the outskirts of Tampa, Florida. After the initial shock had passed, thoughts of my association with Sam through the years passed through my mind.

I first met Sam plebe year, rather unhappy with New York winters after spending his life, until that time, in the tropics of the Canal Zone. No, he was not an Army Brat. His father, who died only a couple of months before Sam, had gone to Panama when the canal was being built and had stayed on to raise a family of two boys and a girl. Sam was the youngest of that family.

Yearling year started our deep friendship and my respect and admiration for Sam because it was then that we became roommates as well as classmates. At this time, I obtained an insight into Sam's character and the thoughts and dreams that ran through that young cadet's mind. His association with government service and the Army convinced him that a Military career was what he wanted. He tried for several years before successfully receiving an appointment to enter the Military Academy on July 1, 1943 with the class of 1946. He was truly proud of this accomplishment, of the Corps, and his being part of the Corps. Academics were merely a means of passing time until he could reach his next goal, to receive a commission in the

Regular Army. During this year an opportunity was offered to the class to join the Air Force at graduation by taking flight training at the end of the year. Sam and I talked this over—Sam's opinion was that he knew he liked the Army but he wasn't too sure about the Air Force. He wanted more time to think about it. The opportunity was always there should he change his mind. I believe that it was at this time that Sam started to think seriously about the Air Force because when those cadets who selected flight training returned to West Point, Sam was more than ordinarily curious as to their reaction, both those who found they liked flying and those who did not. It was also during this year that I first heard the name Brooke Smith, a high school girl in the Canal Zone.



First Class Year was uneventful. His approach to academics was the same, but he enjoyed Cadet life even more than he had the previous year, and if possible was even more proud of being a Cadet. Cadet Sergeants stripes and the position of guidon bearer for E-1 Company meant much to Sam during this year. More and more often Brooke Smith's name came up in conversations—only now it was fortified by a picture, and Sam's proudest possession.

Just before graduation, he and I had a talk about West Point. His ideas were; yes he was happy to graduate and eager to get out into the army and practice what he had learned, because he had planned on it so long, but during his stay at the Academy, he had grown to love the place and had a sincere hope that he would return some day for at least one tour of duty.

At graduation he chose Field Artillery for his branch and received orders to the basic course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Before this course was completed, Sam was engaged to Brooke.

Soon after my arrival overseas, I received a letter from Sam in Japan asking me to be best man at his wedding. It was during this visit that the Air Force again came up in conversation. Sam had just about made up his mind. Soon after his marriage, he transferred to the Air Force as a ground officer. While in Japan, John Kenyon Grier was born, the first of Sam and Brooke's three children.

After his return to the United States, he applied for and received flight training. This step had been well thought out through the years, starting back in his Yearling year and it was something he wanted to do just as eagerly as becoming a Cadet and graduating had been. During the Korean Conflict he flew his combat missions in B-29s based on Okinawa. On his return from the war, he went to school and was qualified to fly B-47s. He was then assigned to McDill Air Force Base, an ideal assignment as far as he was concerned. The climate resembled that of the Canal Zone, his parents had retired to a nearby town and Brooke's parents, Colonel and Mrs. J. K. Smith, had also retired nearby. This ideal assignment lasted all too short a time, for it was here that the tragedy occurred.

The following is a portion of an editorial from a Tampa, Florida newspaper following the accident:

"The crash of the two B-47 bombers on the outskirts of Tampa left some $4,000,000.00 worth of airplanes scattered over the countryside, but that figure does not begin to represent the loss in terms of lives taken in such a stunning disaster. Eight well trained men died—men who specialized in flying the world's most important aircraft, men who left sorrowful families behind to suffer a loss that is far beyond the calculations of dollars and cents. . . There is nothing that can be said to ease the anguish caused by the crash. But the public can be thankful that such men as Grier, . . . lived. Thankful for men who would rather probe the Stratosphere with the gleaming nose of a B-47 than rest securely on the ground."

Sam returned to West Point for his last long tour on December 2, 1955. His infectious grin won't be seen any more, but it will always be remembered by his family and friends along with the thought that there was a person who truly lived the motto: "Duty, Honor, Country", and who loved and was proud of both his work and his family. A happy, contented man.

Sam was survived by his wife, Brooke, his son Ken, aged seven, his daughter Patty five, and Kitty aged one month.

—*John D. Gillespie, Jr.*

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Robert Frank Niemann

NO. 18149 CLASS OF 1951

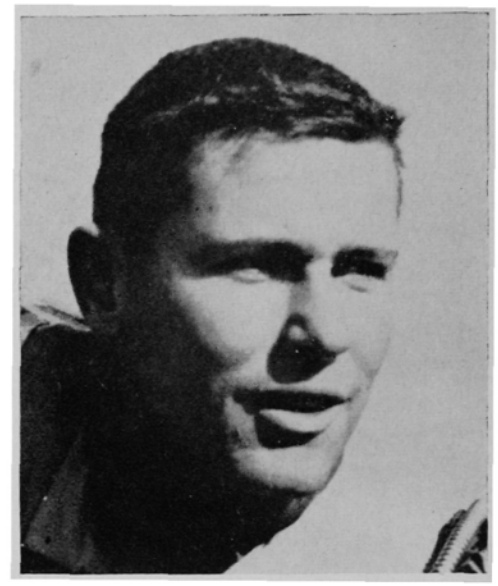
DIED APRIL 13, 1954, IN KOREA, AGED 26 YEARS.

IT has been said that man's intellectual ability is always more developed than his ability to express himself. The truth of this premise becomes readily apparent when a mere human, with his full complement of inadequate words and platitudes, attempts to capture the living spirit, the driving force, and the warm humanity of a man such as Bob Niemann. To pause at some quiet time, in fond recollection, and to assay the qualities and intangibles that permitted Bob to enrich the lives of us who knew him, is a process which must begin at the beginning, as all things do.

There is first the city of New Ulm, in the state of Minnesota, where Bob was born. A bit of Old Germany transplanted to the United States, New Ulm is a city of friendly, happy people, proud to welcome the visiting newcomer to the sights of their beautiful community; to their polkas and German bands; to the fine German beer brewed right in New Ulm; to their myriad fraternal associations and societies, which seem to have as their mission the furtherance of good fellowship and camaraderie. Laura and Frank Niemann are major contributors to the truly friendly, relaxed way of life that is New Ulm. The warm, truly genuine principles by which they live were unmistakably passed on to Bob, as a part of his upbringing.

In New Ulm there is room for a boy to grow, room for the roaming of fields and forests, and room for the dreams that need dreaming. Bob's dream, conceived in the clear, clean atmosphere of his birthplace, was that of flight. A private pilot's license, earned while yet in high school by hours of plane washing and airport odd jobs, was an early indicator of this young man's desire for a future in the skies.

During a year at the University of Minnesota, studying aeronautical engineering, the chance at an appointment to the Military Academy showed itself and Bob quickly accepted. Right then and there he knew that he could combine his work and his pleasure in one situation—as a pilot in the Air Force. While the close confinement of Academy life was not particularly pleasing to Bob, he accepted it as another step toward his silver wings. Scholastically, Bob could be counted upon to be exactly where he wanted to be at any given time. The



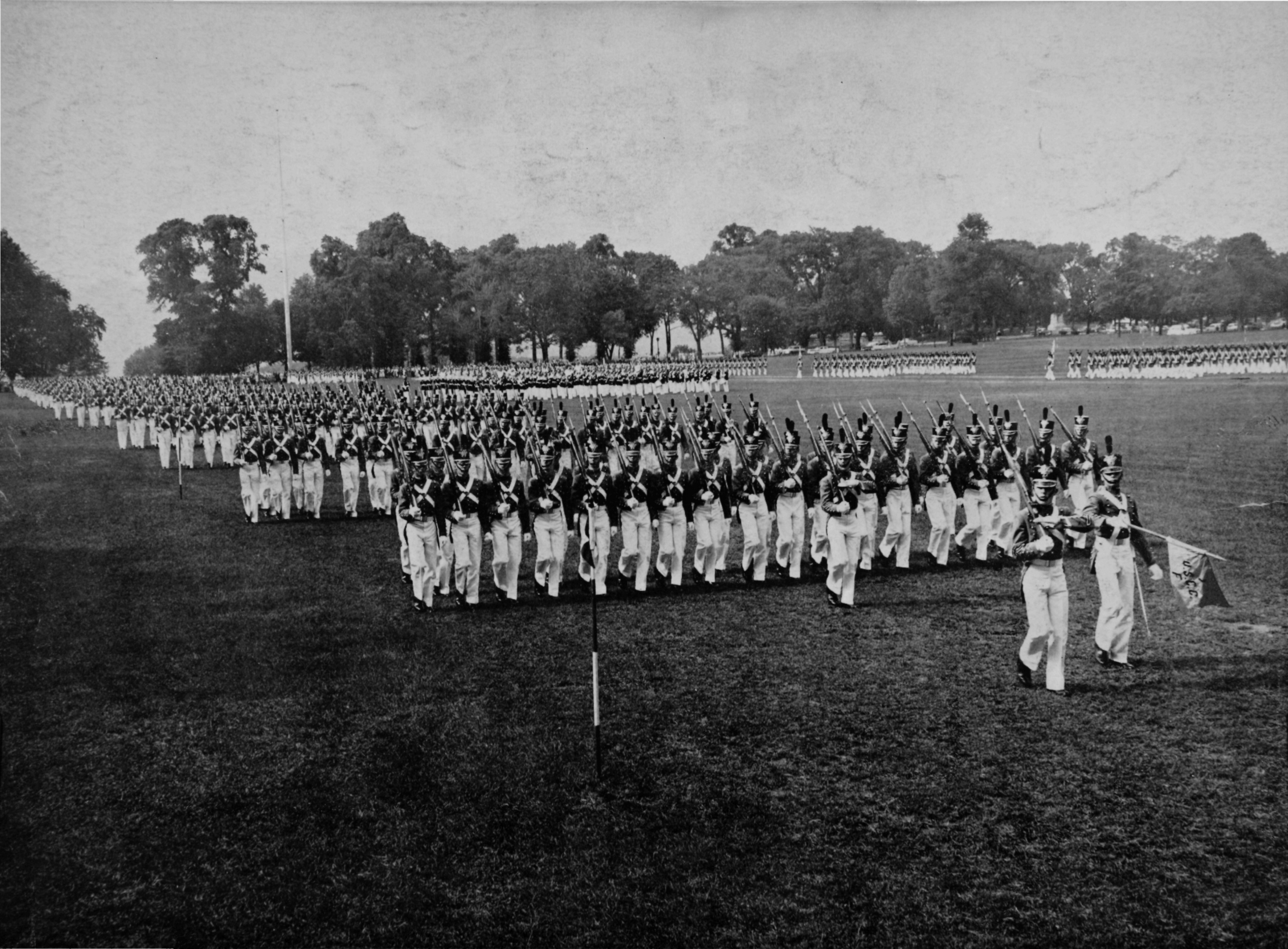
ease with which Bob could ascend to the top of any class was a constant source of amazement. Not a scholar for the sake of scholarliness, but a true individual who did well the things that he desired to do, and at the same time had the ability to recognize and relegate to places of lesser priority the unimportant things. Neither the academic grind nor the monastic life of the Academy could, in any measure, reduce or allay the "hail fellow well met" attitude that so well typified Bob Niemann. Through it all, Bob was a man whose company was sought by others, whatever the situation might be.

Graduation, and within the month another dream come true. His bride, Thelma, provided the rare complement of disposition that made her and Bob such a wonderful pair. Life was good, in the year and a half that followed. Preflight, primary, advanced, transition, gunnery school—all the makings of a first class jet fighter pilot. These things came easily for the man who was, above all, completely at home with his hands on the controls of a high speed aircraft.

April of 1953, and MIG fighters in the cold North Korean skies. A laughing, blonde guy named Niemann, flying wing on such as Fernandez. Appreciated for his airmanship and excellent combat judgment, it was the one in thousands chance that put Bob Niemann's Sabre Jet into an enemy pilot's gunsight. That one freak chance took from us who remain a cherished son, a husband and a father whose loss can never be measured, and a comrade to be remembered always. If it had to be, it was altogether fitting that Bob Niemann should spend his final hour in the center of his elements. He is gone and his passing leaves a gap. We grieve.

—*W. D. Farrington, '51.*

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the April 1956 ASSEMBLY

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Henry D. Alexander	Ex-1889	March 2, 1956	Daytona Beach, Florida
Joseph S. Hardin	Ex-1891	April 3, 1956	Columbia, South Carolina
George B. Pritchard, Jr.	1895	June 3, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Frederick T. Arnold	1897	April 26, 1956	Tripler Army Hospital, Hawaii
Joseph C. Kay	Ex-1900	April 1, 1956	Middlebury, Vermont
Clarence H. Knight	1901	April 3, 1956	Clearwater, Florida
Jerome G. Pillow	1901	April 7, 1956	Atchison, Kansas
Benjamin E. Grey	1903	March 19, 1956	St. Paul, Minnesota
George R. Allin	1904	June 2, 1956	Fort Ord, California
Charles F. Thompson	1904	June 15, 1954	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Thomas H. Lowe	1905	May 19, 1956	Chevy Chase Country Club, Chevy Chase, Maryland
William S. Weeks	1905	May 24, 1956	London, England
Albert L. Loustalot	1908	January 19, 1956	Veterans Adminstration Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana
Charles T. Richardson	1909	April 17, 1956	U.S. Veterans Hospital, Lake City, Florida
Gregory Hoisington	1911	June 16, 1956	Santa Barbara, California
Earl B. Hochwalt	1912	April 20, 1956	Port Angeles, Washington
Adrian Weeks	1912	December 28, 1955	Moorestown, New Jersey
William H. W. Youngs	1912	December 25, 1955	Waco, Texas
Roland L. Gaugler	1913	March 5, 1956	Veterans Administration Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida
Oscar L. Welch	Ex-1913	June 20, 1955	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Stephen H. Sherrill	April 1917	June 28, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Henry A. Barber, Jr.	August 1917	April 29, 1956	Winter Park, Florida
Wilson G. Bingham	August 1917	May 15, 1956	Los Angeles, California
Walker G. White	August 1917	May 14, 1956	New York, New York
Hugh M. Wilson, Jr.	June 1918	May 7, 1956	Santurce, Puerto Rico
Oscar A. Saunders	1919	May 30, 1956	Sebring, Florida
James F. Howell, Jr.	1924	February 19, 1956	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Richard H. Crinder	1926	May 23, 1956	Phoenix, Arizona
Leslie H. Wyman	1928	June 13, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Richard F. Reidy	1931	June 13, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Converse R. Lewis	Ex-1937	March 20, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
Fred B. Park	Ex-1938	April 21, 1956	Henderson, North Carolina
Geoffrey Lavell	1939	February 8, 1951	POW—Korea
James C. Fry, Jr.	1948	February 12, 1956	Drowned in a boating accident on the Potomac River, Washington, D. C.