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From the Superintendent:

FELLOW ALUMNI:

It is difficult to describe adequately the feeling of pride and of gratitude with which I assumed command of "our kind old Alma Mater" last July.

Each of you, on the occasion of every return to the Academy, must have experienced similar deep emotional reactions of affection and of gratitude for the many happy hours we enjoyed here, the lasting friendships we made and the fine moral, mental and physical attributes that were instilled in each of us, qualities which have stood us in such fine stead since graduation, regardless of our individual destinies.

I am equally certain I share with each of you a well-justified pride in all that West Point symbolizes in service to country. Never has she failed to meet every period of crisis or need through the efforts of each alumnus, whether graduate or loyal foundling. The collective effort traditionally has been incomparable, and always will be. It can truly be said that the graduates of West Point constitute one of our country's greatest assets. To be responsible, even though for a brief period, for the destinies of an institution that has produced so well, I consider a solemn trust indeed. You graduates, however, are the real trustees of that reputation, I your executor. Each of you I am sure is intensely concerned for the continued ability of the Academy to serve our country in traditional manner in any future emergency.

So, I consider this different from the normal military assignment. In addition to my official responsibilities for the Military Academy to the Chief of Staff, I feel that I also have a moral responsibility to you, our alumni, to keep you informed so that you will continually know what the modern West Point is like, so you will be aware of how the Academy is evolving to keep pace with these complex and rapidly changing times and, particularly, so you will understand what measures are being taken to preserve the time-honored customs and traditions that have stood the Academy and our country in such good stead for these past 154 years. Also, I am anxious for you to know the areas in which you Alumni can assist us in maintaining and improving the quality of our graduates. To permit me to do this, the Association of Graduates has granted me the privilege of publishing a quarterly letter in *Assembly*. This is the first of these letters. It is intended to describe my initial reaction to today's West Point as I, a graduate returning after a long absence, find it. Particularly am I anxious that you know of the Class of 1960, the Plebe class, which entered here 765 strong and which is just beginning to lay the foundation necessary "to follow close order behind you, where you have pointed the way".

How young they look as the perspective of added years lengthens. But how fine. It seems strange to see them drilling on The Plain in black helmet liners and field green fatigues (battle dress) instead of the familiar grey. But it is reassuring to see their chests well raised and their chins well back in traditional manner under the persistent "suggestions" of the detail. They are taught the old (pre-World War II) close order drill because we feel that it better promotes discipline and leadership than the current mass type of formation. Now their days are carefully planned and completely scheduled, not only from before six each morning until supper, but also after supper until shortly before taps. Their life is every bit as rigorous and every bit as hard as that of any group of beasts I can recall (including the honorable Class of 1930, for which I was King of Beasts!).

The significance, requirements and inviolability of the honor code should be abundantly clear to the Class of 1960, and its members can be expected to develop the same deep devotion to it which we all share. Their indoctrination in our code of honor started with their first day in Beast Barracks. The honor indoctrination is formally scheduled in accordance with a carefully planned program presented in one of the academic lecture rooms. The formal periods are supplemented with informal question and answer periods held between supper and tattoo in a dignified setting, generally on The Plain. The second lecture in the group is by a retired graduate; General Gatchell this year. He explains the significance of the system from the graduates' viewpoint and our devotion to it. The remaining lectures are presented by members of the Cadet Honor Committee. All are well conceived and present our code clearly and completely. The presentations I have heard were given in a most effective manner.

In addition, General Bryan, in his welcoming talk to the class, and General Throckmorton, the Commandant, and I have impressed upon them the meaning of our code and the reverence with which we hold it. The class has the foundation to join the rest of the Corps in keeping "the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied".

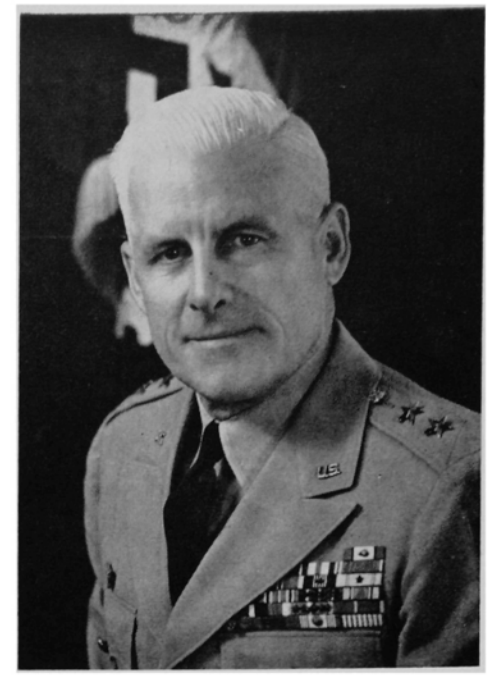
Motivation toward a lifetime of service in the Regular Army is also started early in Beast Barracks, in a programmed but less formal way. In every manner possible, we are striving to sow the seeds of pride in the unusually high quality of performance for which we strive in everything we do at West Point, morally, mentally and physically and in the achievement of our graduates in the service of our country. Our President, General Crittenberger, gave an inspiring talk to the class in this regard.

In addition to observing the Plebe training closely, I devoted most of the summer to learning about the military training and physical education of the other classes, since these are the principal activities going on here during the summertime. Both exceed in scope, concept and quality of presentation any similar instruction I have ever seen at the Academy.

The military instruction is broad, complete and detailed, and designed to provide each cadet practical experience at the platoon, company and, to a lesser degree, battalion level in each of the combat and combat support arms. It is realistic in design and presentation. The Yearling training is conducted, for the most part, as a competitive endeavor. The training is most arduous and the competition is extremely keen.

First Classmen who are not assigned to the Beast Detail act as leaders for the Yearlings at Camp Buckner or as instructors of recruit training at the Army Training Center at Fort Dix. One is most impressed by the poise and presence of the First Class. This seems to be a trait more universally developed to a greater degree than I can remember it existing in the Corps before. It stems, no doubt, from the increased emphasis that has been placed on leadership and the consequent greater responsibility placed on the First Classmen, with each having responsibility for leadership of one kind or another thrust on him. Their easy conversational ability, knowledge of their trade and their alert enthusiasm for their profession make you proud to talk to them.

I have been quite impressed also with the



physical development program. It is no longer merely a physical training procedure concentrated principally on the Plebes, but a four-year program of physical education designed not only to put the entering cadet in sound physical shape, but also to preserve that condition throughout his four years. It goes beyond muscle building to provide the cadet with the opportunity to develop mental attributes of attitude and character, which contribute materially to his growth as a leader. What is equally important, it develops in him the habit of keeping phyiscally active so that he can preserve his physical condition throughout a lifetime of service, as well as providing him with the ability to conduct a sound physical program in all its aspects for his troops.

Since academic work has not started as I write this, I must reserve observation on that element of our mission for a later letter. This summer, we bade a fond farewell to General Harris Jones who rendered such distinguished service to the Academy for sixteen years as successor to old "P" Echols and, as Dean of the Academic Board, for the last nine years of his service here. We also welcomed General Dodson Stamps of '17 as our new Dean. I am looking forward expectantly to working with him.

Finally—and perhaps I should have mentioned this first—the Academy, still operates on the time-honored principle of equality of opportunity for every cadet in everything. I intend that it will continue to do so.

I should also mention one factor that is very noticeable, and I know this is not restricted to West Point. This is the pronounced dedication of the officer and enlisted staff and faculty of the Academy. I find them all keenly interested in their work, setting fine examples for the Corps, and continually and energetically striving to improve their own performance, as well as that of the cadets.

I hope you have found these impressions interesting. Certainly Babe Bryan maintained the standards of the Academy at a very high level and turned over to me a command of which he can be extremely proud.

I will place additional impressions before you when next I write in January. In the meantime, just think, this tour I don't have to make my football decisions until Monday morning. And I'll never be wrong!

My best to you all.

Sincerely,

Garr Davidson

General Harris Jones Retires

On July 31, 1956 Brigadier General Harris Jones retired as Dean of the Academic Board, United States Military Academy. During the past twenty-five years he has made an inestimable contribution to West Point, both as an officer and as a scholar.

General Jones' career, which culminated in his appointment to become the second Dean at the Military Academy, began at Harvard University, where he studied on an engineering scholarship from 1911 to 1913. In 1913 he was appointed to the Military Academy from Clayville, New York. He soon earned through his scholastic achievements the nickname of "Prof" and the undying gratitude of the many cadets who profited from his assistance in tutoring in mathematics. At graduation he was ranked first in the order of merit in the class of April 1917, a class which includes such famous names as Joseph Lawton Collins, Matthew Ridgway, and Mark Clark.

The first assignment of Second Lieutenant Jones after graduation was to command Company D, 6th Engineers. With this organization he went to France in December 1917; and in February 1918, reported to the British Fifth Army for bridging operations on the Somme River. In March and April, his company saw combat before Amiens, as part of an improvised force under command of Major General Carey of the British Army. During this period Captain Jones earned the Distinguished Service Cross with the following citation:

> For extraordinary heroism in action at Warfusse-Abancourt, Somme, France, March 27 to April 3, 1918. Captain Jones, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, courageously led his men during this period, repeatedly passing from trench to trench encouraging his men, while under enemy machine gun and rifle fire. On March 30, 1918, when all other officers of his company became casualties he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while going from the front line trench to the strong point, about 100 yards in front, in order to keep the machine guns in action, and directing the reconstruction of the trenches after the enemy bombardment had partially destroyed them. This splendid gallantry and leadership displayed by Captain Jones, and his utter disregard for his own personal safety, was a great inspiration to the men of his command.

In June 1918, his unit joined the American Third Division on the Marne River to the east of Chateau Thierry, where he took part in the Second Battle of the Marne and subsequent fighting north to the Vesle River.

After a brief period in command of the 2d Battalion, 6th Engineers, he returned to the United States in the fall of 1918. At this time he was ordered to duty at West Point as instructor in the Department of Mathematics. During this tour he married Hannah B. Humphreys of Whitney Point, New York. In 1922 he earned a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His next assignment was a three-year tour of duty at Fort Bliss, Texas, on the staff of the Eighth Engineer Battalion of the First Cavalry Division.

In the summer of 1926, he was transferred to Washington, D. C., to serve as Assistant Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capitol, Assistant Coordinator of Motor Transport of the District of Columbia, and Executive Officer of the 343rd Engineers. From February 1928, to June 1931, he was stationed in Paris, France, on duty with the American Battle Monuments Commission, under the chairmanship of General Pershing. While in France, he was notified of his nomination as Professor of Mathematics at West Point, the duties of which office he assumed on October 1, 1931.

Colonel Jones served for sixteen years as Head of the Department of Mathematics. His leadership in that department has been best expressed by a former instructor of Mathematics who worked under his surveillance:

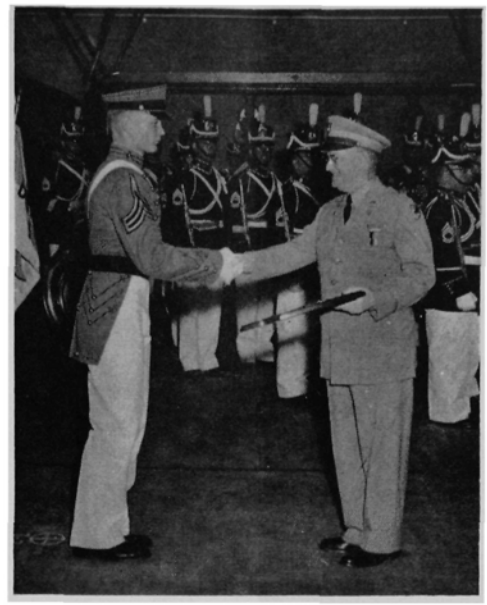
> In general, the qualities which I consider most characteristic of him were mental brilliance, emotional stability, unfailing common sense, and extraordinary precision of expression. He had an unusual talent for seeing issues clearly, and his considered statements always proved unshakable in the light of scrutiny and analysis. His advice was given only after careful thought, and was characterized by a precise avoidance of over-statement combined

with an equally precise avoidance of under-statement. At the end of important group discussions his opinions and recommendations seemed invariably to stand out as the best ones. All-in-all, those who worked with him at West Point would be likely to summarize their impressions with two words—accuracy and soundness.

As for personality, the officers of this Department always found him sincere, friendly, thoughtful, and responsive. I would say that his most outstanding peronality trait was a keen and subtle wit, expressed most frequently in the form of sophisticated and original puns. His humor was invariably graceful and his repartee swift and sharp, as anyone can testify who ever heard him deflate some silly or pompous utterance.

In 1947, Colonel Jones was appointed to succeed Brigadier General Roger Alexander as Dean of the Academic Board, a position which had been created under the superintendency of General Maxwell D. Taylor. During his tenure as Dean, General Jones initiated many policies which have resulted in improving the academic standards of the Military Academy. The annual West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament and the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs have featured the participation of representatives from leading colleges and universities throughout the country. One of the most important changes in academic policy has been the substitution of the College Entrance Examination Board tests for the traditional West Point Qualification Test formerly required of all candidates for admittance to the Military Academy. Another innovation has been the presentation, each term, of the Academic Achievement Award Plaque to the company of each regiment which is most outstanding in academic achievement.

In addition to his duties as Dean, General Jones served as an important member of many policy committees at West Point. As senior member of the Athletic Board, he played an important role in establishing and maintaining the athletic standards of the Military Academy. Under his wise guidance the intercollegiate program of the Military Academy has operated fully within the rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. West Point holds an enviable position among American colleges and universities for its high ethical standards in the field of sports. As Chairman of the Post Planning Board, General Jones guided the planning of the increase in the physical plant at West Point during



General Jones presents Academic Achievement Award Trophy to Cadet Bradford.

the last nine years. Additions to Washington Hall and the Hotel Thayer, a complete new sewage disposal plant, dozens of new quarters on the post, development of new roads, and improvement of the post educational facilities are among many of the projects planned and completed during his tenure with the Planning Board. The most fitting monument however, to the years of planning, which have preceded new construction is the new academic building, which will be completed early in 1958. This beautiful new building, rising from the shell of the old Riding Hall, will be named Thayer Hall. Generations of cadets in the years to come will reap the benefits from the facilities to which General Jones devoted so many hours of thought and work.

Needless to say, in any period of evolution and development differences of opinion and conflicting points of view are bound to arise. Instigators of new ideas and proponents of change are a vital factor in any dynamic institution. But committees of this caliber need a member who is respected by all, a moderating influence who can correlate policies with basic principles and can lead antagonists to understanding and agreement. General Jones has filled that role. As mediator, he has contributed sage advice, patient understanding, and firm, but gentle, guidance. His calm voice and steadying influence have prevented the hasty adoption of occasionally unsound proposals. Yet his support of many worthy projects, which otherwise might have died an untimely death, has contributed to the improvement of the academic standards of the Military Academy.

But it is not so much because of the achievements and record of his career that we shall remember the influence of General Jones as Dean. We shall remember, of course, his brilliant analytical mind and his efficient manner of dealing with people. We shall remember his unmatched devotion to West Point and all of the high principles for which West Point stands. We shall remember most of all his inimitable personality. To his exalted position General Jones brought a warmth of understanding, a well balanced sense of humor, and a ready wit.

Although he had attained one of the highest positions at the Military Academy, the Dean never lost the common touch. His tremendous popularity with the cadets was primarily due to this quality. Repeatedly he was asked to address them at their social functions, such as the annual Ring Hop Dinner. No one who has ever heard him at these occasions will ever forget his brief, but stimulating comments. In one of his addresses to the graduating class, he expressed the desire that each member of the class might possess a sense of humor, a sense of proportion, and self-confidence, Little did he realize that he was unwittingly characterizing his own personality. These cadets, like their predecessors, knew him as a gentleman, a gentleman devoid of rancor, whose inherent self-discipline would never permit an outward display of indignation or impatience.

General Jones's dry wit was well known and appreciated by those who knew him well. On one occasion he was asked to write a short summary of his military career, including the period during which he had earned the Distinguished Service Cross. In a typical display of humorous downgrading, he wrote,

> In World War I, I made my military reputation by leading a company of the Sixth Engineers, attached to the British Fifth Army, in the most precipitous retreat of American Forces since Bull Run. Thereupon, the powers that be decided that as an army officer I would make a good school ma'am and sent me back to West Point to work for P. Echols.

On another occasion he outlined to a group of cadets his definition of a dean: "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach; those that can't even teach become Deans."

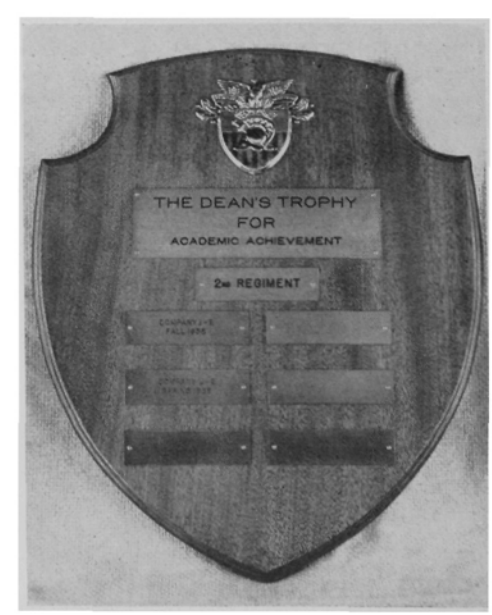
His words always made a lasting impression. A high-ranking officer, invited to deliver the graduation speech at a large university, wrote General Jones to ask for his help:

> The only address that I have ever heard at graduation anywhere, that I and everyone else listened to and enjoyed was the one you gave in the mess hall at the graduation dinner in June Week of 1954. . . Could you dictate that talk to your secretary and give me . . . permission to use it. . .?

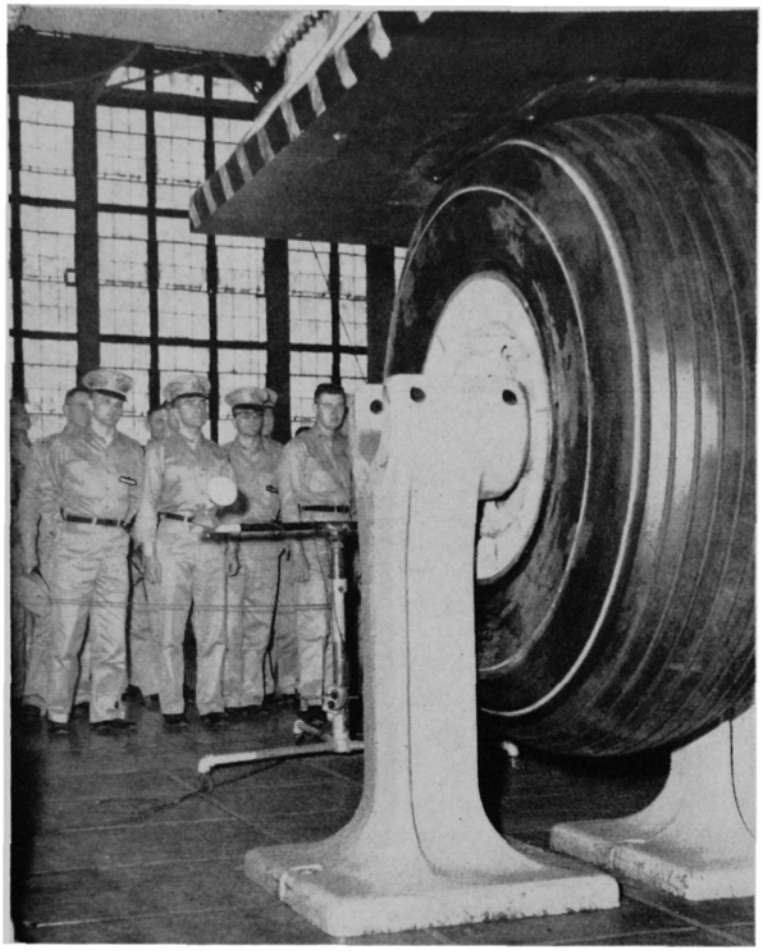
The Dean complied with the request.

But General Jones himself would be the last to want further accolades regarding his character. We do not desire to embarrass him in our attempt to honor his distinguished career. We do honor General Jones, however, as a valiant officer, erudite scholar, lover of the fine arts, and a devoted son of West Point.

—*C. E. Covell,*
Lieutenant Colonel, Arty.



First Class Summer Training Trip-1956



WRIGHT-PATTERSON A.F.B.—Cadets view aircraft tire test display.

A long line of weary trucks wheeled slowly onto the apron, rolling to a stop before the row of sleeping C-124s. An early morning sun glinted silver and gold and flaming red off the all metal aircraft, bringing a promise of a burning, feverish forenoon.

The time . . . 0730, 6 June. The place . . . Stewart AFB. The start of the Combined Arms Trip, 1956 version.

We had been First Classmen for a little less than twenty-four hours, and were already embarked upon this, the last of our cadet summer trips. Before we had time to reflect upon the dizzying speed with which we had found seniority, however, we were loading onto the planes and were off in a thunder of exhausts and a rush of wind as the heavily laden birds lifted gracefully into the air and pointed west, toward.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

. . . where we were to receive an indoctrination in the missions and functioning of the Wright Air Development Center. The first of our flights arrived at noon, and were met by buses at the flight line, to be rushed to billets. Our provisional regiment was composed of two battalions, and it may be said that the first of these really struck a gold mine, being quartered in an ultra-modern BOQ. The three-man rooms here were complete with adjacent bath and a refrigerator, which was thoughtfully stocked with ice cream and cokes. The "other battalion" was billeted in very comfortable permanent type barracks.

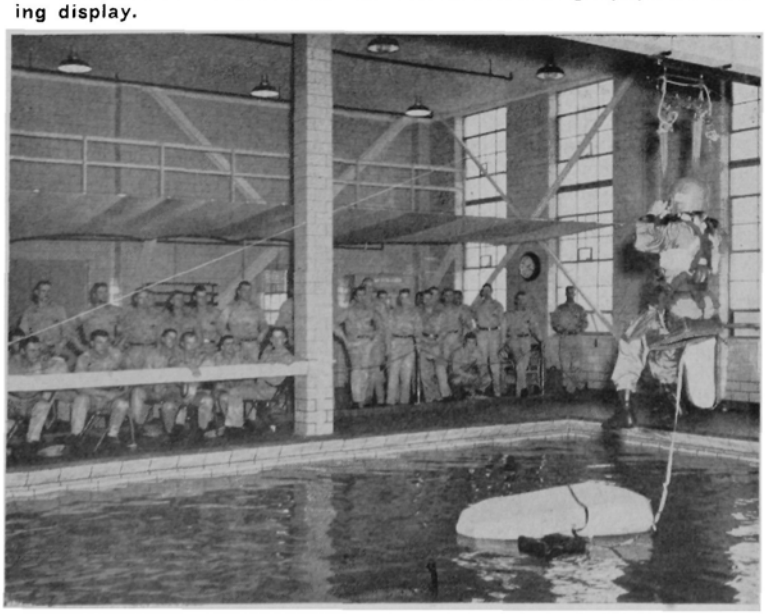
The Dayton Chamber of Commerce rolled out the red carpet for us. Besides scheduling hops at the Biltmore Hotel, they also arranged for 50% price reductions on meals in certain restaurants throughout the city. It certainly was appreciated by all of us, and our only regret was that we could not adequately thank these kind people.

This was, of course, a training trip, and so, bright and early the next morning, we boarded our buses and commenced training. Wright Patt is the headquarters of the Wright Air Development Center, and it is fittingly coincidental that the Air Age was born in Dayton, just a few miles from the center. There, around the turn of the century, the Wright Brothers, using available tools and equipment in their modest bicycle shop, built the first successful powered heavier-than-air craft. During our two-and-a-butt day visit, the center instructed us in everything from atomic power to electronic miniaturization.

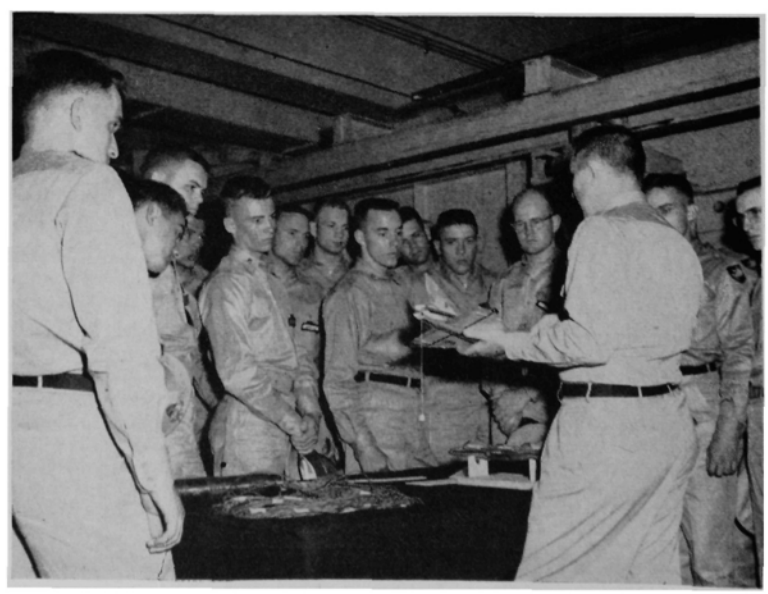
The class was divided into ten training groups for administrative purposes as we toured the laboratories and wind tunnels and testing facilities which make up this multi-million dollar facility. We were amazed at its complexity, and gained a new insight into the capabilities of applied science. We were impressed with the quiet competence of the men who daily design and test mechanical and aerodynamic monsters to fly faster, higher, and farther than ever before. We were astounded by some of the problems they have tackled . . . problems which we did not know existed. Some of us returned from this tour wishing we'd paid a bit more attention in "fluids" and "solids" and "juice".

On Saturday morning we loaded onto the faithful old buses which had carried us all over the post for a brief drive to the airstrip, where we witnessed an aerial panorama, demonstrating the performance capabilities of such varied aircraft as the F-102, the B-52, and the H-19. It was a sight most of us will never be privileged to see again, as these sleek silver birds knifed through the clear Ohio sky. The Air Force files got a vicarious thrill as the 102 rumbled down the runway, sounding like a thousand painmaddened banshees in an echo chamber, lifted its many tons of airframe, engine, and weapons gracefully into the air, and climbed out so fast that, in the blink of an eye it was no more than a speck against the high-soaring cumuli. The entire show was part of the center's flight testing program, and data as taken from every aircraft that flew . . . man, that's efficiency.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON A.F.B.—Cadets witnessing equipment testing display.



WRIGHT-PATTERSON A.F.B.—Cadets viewing instructional models of aircraft.



FORT SILL, TEXAS—Private Reeves points out some interesting angles to shoot from.

FORT SILL, TEXAS—Officers and cadets wait for Nike missile firing demonstration at WSPG range.

When the last plane had touched down and rolled to a stop, our class president, Bill Ellis, presented the center with a plaque expressing our gratitude for our pleasant stay there, and, within minutes, we had boarded our planes once again, strapped ourselves in, and settled down for the six hour jaunt to. . .

Fort Sill

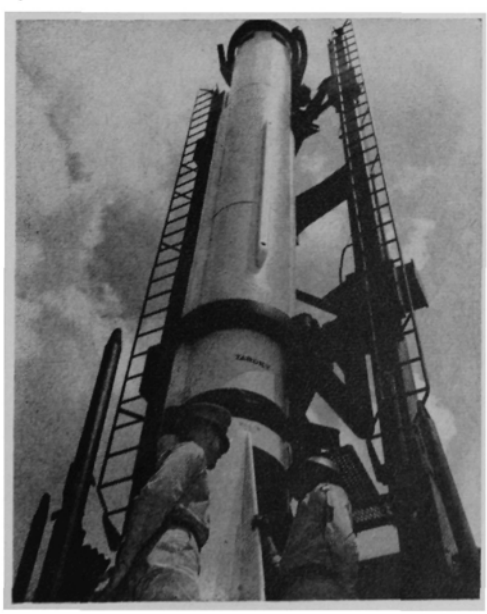
. . . situated in the rolling plains of southwestern Oklahoma. Here, some 87 years after General Phil Sheridan first chose the spot for a cavalry outpost, the class of '57 learned why the field artillery has earned for itself the title of "King of Battle."

Before settling down to learn about the Artillery, however, we were permitted to take weekend leave. As usual, we scattered to the winds, with the largest concentration of cadets being in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Lawton.

Bright and early Monday morning we embussed and started our highly concentrated indoctrination course. Once again we were broken down into small, easily handled groups for training.

Things started out with a real bang, a deafening demonstration of the field artillery's tried-and-true (and new) guns. Perhaps the most impressive thing about this demonstration was the high degree of mobility attained by this branch in the era of nuclear warfare. Their great 105 and 155 milimeter howitzers sport their own self-propelled armored chassis, and can be fired within seconds after stopping. The mightiest gun, of course, was the gigantic 280 mm gun, "Atomic Annie," fired as a grand finale. Even this hulking monster is readily transportable and can be covering the enemy with deadly nuclear blast within minutes after being on the road.

FORT SILL, TEXAS—Explaining the purpose of the Tail Fins.



Later in the day we were given the details on our "Biggest Inches," the guided missiles. Main emphasis was on the two surface-to-surface rockets: "Corporal" and "Honest John."

A highpoint in the day's training was the emplacement of a 105 Howitzer Battery by helicopter. Here was a practical example of how the artillery, if and when the occasion arises, can deliver a holocaust of fire anywhere at anytime. Within 31 minutes of the time that the first recon chopper flitted down with the battery commander for a look-see, these men had set up two firing sections, a fire direction center, laid the pieces, and fired a mission. A complete battery, consisting of two other firing sections, could have been delivered with no further loss of time, but for the purposes of the demonstration, these were not needed.

That same morning we had a fly-by of various liaison-type aircraft. Maximum performance takeoff of the L-19 and L-20 were demonstrated, bringing a choked, wondering gasp to everyone's throat as the little mosquito-like planes broke ground almost immediately and climbed like an elevator over a 25 foot obstacle at the end of the foreshortened runway, hanging, so it seemed, always on the edge of a stall. In addition, an H-23 helicopter demonstrated its maneuverability by dancing, pushing a 50 gallon drum around with its downwash, nodding and shaking its head.

The non-military side of Fort Sill was fascinating, too. The Lawton Chamber of Commerce treated everyone by inviting us to their traditional *Saut-a-Tee-a-Cup* or Buffalo Barbeque. The meal was delicious, but the real treat came later as we were privileged to witness the Plains Indians of the reservation dancing around the campfire in all their colorful regalia. There were many hearty laughs as some of us were invited to join the Indian girls in a "circle dance," the Comanche version of our Square Dance.

A group of Apaches, directly descended from Geronimo, did their special Fire Dance for us, and we felt very honored, for they do this dance only on the rarest of occasions.

Full of buffalo meat and pleasant memories, we said goodbye to these wonderful people and headed back to the post for some last minute packing before moving on to . . .

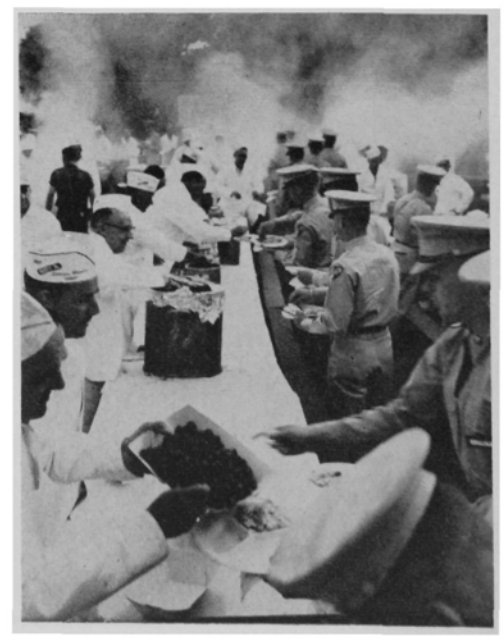
Fort Bliss

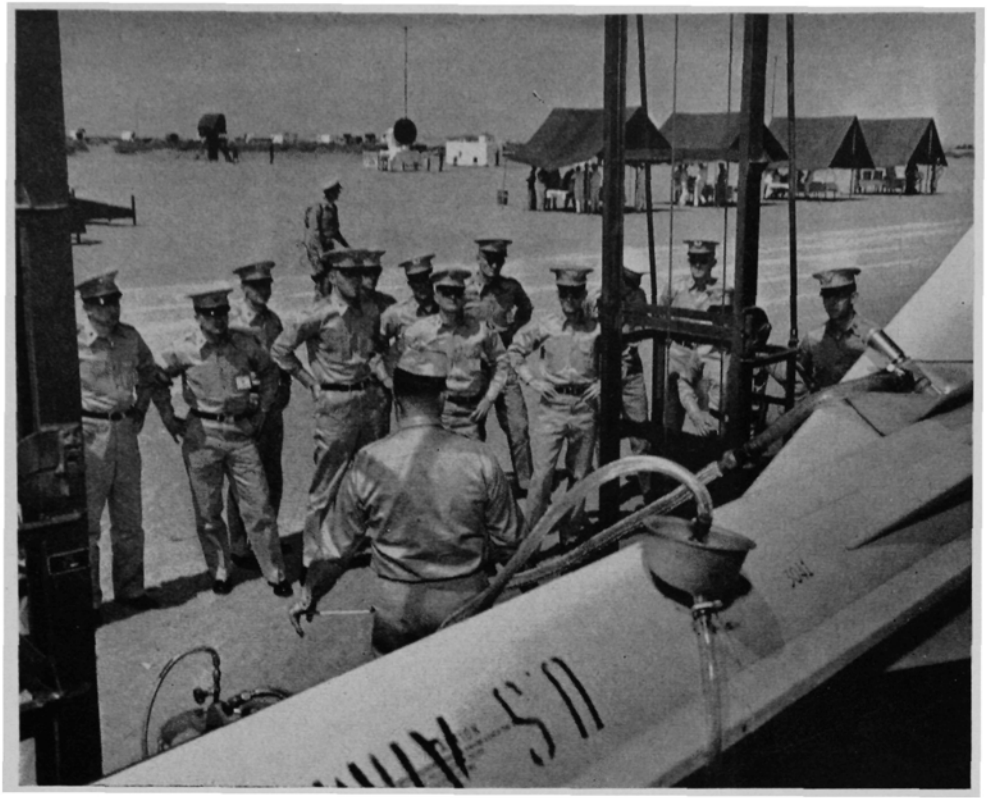
. . . the next day.

That certain something in the air made El Paso distinct . . . heat waves, they called them. It was here that '57 looked at Fort Bliss, home of the AAA. "The challenge is here," a slogan frequently displayed at Bliss, became meaningful to '57 before we were very deep in our look at AAA.

The Nike and the Corporal were introduced to us the first afternoon, and it was a fairly complete rundown, from "assembly" to "care and cleaning," presented in the form of static displays. We saw the Corporal close up for the first time here. The missile

FORT SILL, TEXAS—Serving charcoal broiled buffalo steaks at Lake Parker.





FORT BLISS, TEXAS—Demonstration showing the refueling of a Nike missile.

was explained to us with frequent reference to "juice" and "fluids." School troops erected a Corporal to the firing position the first afternoon, but since we were to see it fired at White Sands the next day, no launching was scheduled here. We had a similar look at the Nike, with which we were by now fairly familiar. A complete rundown of the operation of the Nike battery proved of interest, nonetheless. On Wednesday, 13 June, the Class of '57 took the scenic desert trek to White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. The morning began with a pre-shoot briefing on Corporal. This came off quite well, but the shoot did not. Difficulty with the missile made it impossible for us to watch the "bird" fly. Later on we did see Nike fired, however, and the experience was enough to inculcate us with the spirit of the "new" AAA. A pair of Honest John rockets were fired that afternoon, and we sat in on this launching as well.

With this shoot, our day at White Sands was over, but our training was not, for on the way home we got a chance to watch the conventional AAA weapons (120 mm, 90 mm, and 75 mm guns, and assorted smaller weapons such as the twin 40 and the quad 50) being fired. This demonstration, a little less spectacular than the rocket firing, perhaps, was nonetheless absorbing. Several target drones, known as RCATs, were destroyed by the batteries, much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Probably the only thing about the trip to Bliss that doesn't change every year is the opportunity for after duty entertainment and '57 was no slower than other classes to discover these opportunities. Most of us agreed that Texas women were very, very pro, and almost everyone agreed that the visit to Juarez was a unique and rewarding experience.

Saturday morning dawned hot and dry, as does every morning there in the border country, and, with the rising sun, we were off on our longest plane ride of the trip, to . . .

Fort Knox, Kentucky

. . . where they never let you forget six little words: "Armor, the Combat Arm of Decision." There is little doubt in our minds as to what these words mean . . . Armor showed us.

We were fortunate in having a swimming pool immediately adjacent to our barracks, and consensus is that the mess halls at Knox were the best we'd seen to date.

What really impressed us, though, was Armor (*not, as they kept reminding us,* just tanks, but Armor). We got right to work on their equipment, and spent that first morning driving light and medium tanks over "tankable" terrain. One of our number, who shall go nameless, experienced a short, unsuccessful venture into "untankable" terrain, and thereafter was marked as the man who could not get a tank out of a ditch. We climbed all over the M-48, and spent the rest of that morning firing its beautiful 90 mm gun. The percentage of first round hits attained with us at the triggers has probably never been lowered by any other group, but we managed to make as much noise and stir up as much dust as a group of the most experienced gunners could.

The second day was split into two presentations. The first was the ever popular static display, with an occasional 30 minute "break" for a lecture. And then midst the rolling clouds of dust we spent our final hours at Knox watching a combat team made up of tanks, infantry, artillery, and planes work over and take an objective. It was spectacular, and very instructive. It even gave the Air Force files, something to look at, as snarling F-84s slashed in from above to work over hostile tanks and troops with a rocket, machine gun, and napalm combination. Quite a show, but the tanks again regained the center of the stage and '57 got a new insight into Armor—the Combat Arm of Decision.

FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA—Cadets witnessing a water supply section demonstration.

FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA—Explaining the helicopter procedures to a cadet.

Next stop on our itinerary was the "Pick and Shovel School," the Engineer center, located at . . .

Fort Belvoir

. . . within minutes of Washington.

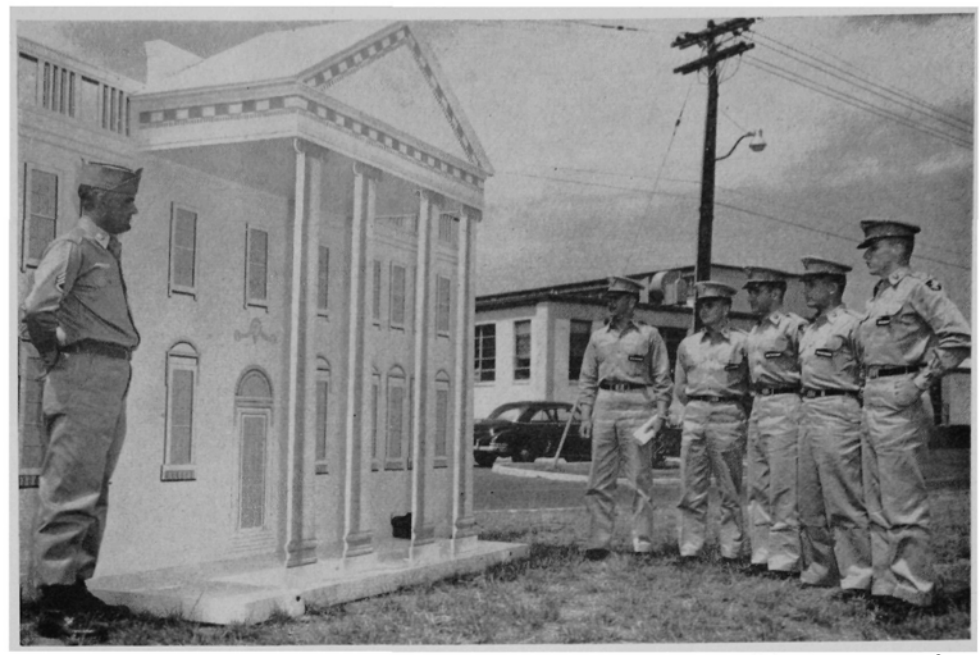
We arrived there about 1600 on Saturday, and were greeted briefly by the Commanding General. Immediately afterwards, we were authorized to depart on weekend leave, and by suppertime, '57 had depopulated the post, enjoying the friendly hospitality of nearby Washington and Alexandria. Some cadets made it as far as Philadelphia and New York, and as usual, there were the unfortunate few for whom time ran out several miles from the post on the return journey.

On Monday we rose early for a full day's training, which included a look at the Engineers' research and development work, bridge building equipment, and a demonstration of the fine old art of camouflage. This last was excellent, being, in the opinion of most cadets, the finest bit of instruction we have ever received. That afternoon we witnessed a very realistic demonstration of a combat river crossing. Withal, we were quite impressed with the Engineers and their equipment, and some of the hives made goo-goo eyes at the opportunities for advanced education in this branch.

Our stay here was all too brief, however, and almost before we had fairly settled ourselves, we were off once again, for the last stop on our trip, at . . .

Fort Monmouth

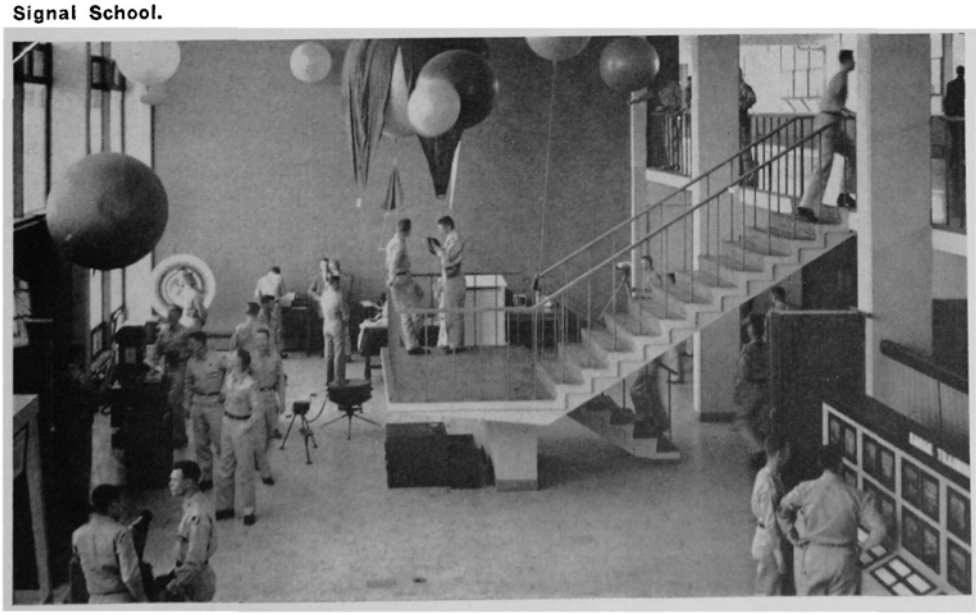
. . . near the fabulous Jersey shore. Here we saw the Signal Corps in a graphic three hour series of demonstrations. We learned of the vital importance of a battlefield "nervous system," or communications net, with today's emphasis on mobility and dispersion. We learned something of what the Signal people are doing to meet this need, particularly in the fields of single-sideband techniques, small personal battlefield radios, and combat ready television. We were told of the fire control systems, mortar locators, and other electronic gadgets. We watched wire laying and antenna raising, saw a message center, teletype and telephone central being erected. Perhaps the most impressive part of the demonstration was a series of stations showing how a soldier, huddled in his front line foxhole, could, if he desired, talk to the President himself in the White House, using a series of communications equipment ranging from field telephones to 100 KW short wave transmitters.



FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY—The Signal Corps adage of having communications from the soldier in the foxhole to the White House is being demonstrated.

The class presented a small plaque to each installation it visited. . .

FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY—Meteorological Exhibit in Myer Hall of the Signal School.



Free time at Monmouth was well spent in Asbury Park. In addition, many pleasant man hours were spent on Post's beautiful 18 hole golf course (although many of us didn't get past the trap on the first hole) and in the theatre.

We had a good time at Monmouth, and an instructive one, but by Thursday morning most of us were ready to return to West Point. We had been gone for about three weeks, had seen many many things, had lived from weekend bag to B-4 bag, and now longed for that simpler existence which would soon be ours; for half of us, the summer details; for the rest, leave, and 29 days to let our hair down.

We had gained a great deal from the Combined Arms Trip. We saw, at first hand, the missions, capabilities, and opportunities of each branch, giving us basic data to make a mature, logical choice around Branch Drawing time. Above all we learned that the Army is not a group of separate branches, but rather it is a team of combined arms and supporting services,

Second Class Summer Training Trip - 1956

The West Point Class of 1958 were on their own for the first time when they departed West Point by bus on 6 June on the first leg of their second class summer training trip. They boarded the *USS Tarawa* (CVS 40) at Pier 88 in New York City and received their first Navy commendation for the "smart, seamanlike manner" in which they boarded their first ship. Thirty minutes later the entire class assembled at Flight Deck Parade to witness the ship's departure from New York Harbor.

The next few days were spent in adjusting themselves to the strange new life at sea, and in searching their way through the maze of passageways in their floating hotel. Gradually, floors became decks, and bulkheads replaced walls in their vocabulary. They no longer went "upstairs", but "up a ladder top-side". Many "flanker" scalps were creased before they became accustomed to ducking when double-timing through the Navy's water-tight hatches and doors.

The cadets soon made friends with the crew who made them the butt end of "Seabat" jokes on board, but who took pride in coming to their assistance on shore leave. Many pleasant hours were spent swapping sea stories with the Marines on board on the relative merits of Boot Camp vs Beast Barracks.

Seventeen fortunate cadets had the opportunity to become "carrier qualified" in aircraft take-offs and landings on the Tarawa as four hundred of their classmates packed every squad inch of the island superstructure to witness their first carrier operation. Two other cadets also became airborne as they were passed by highline to the tanker Neosho during refueling operations at sea. Six other cadets won the privilege of spending four days on board the submarine the USS Cutlass. They were highly enthusiastic about the submarine service at the end of their brief stay. During this same four day period, two companies of cadets lived aboard six destroyers which were escorting the Tarawa.

The focal point of interest for most of the cadets on ship was the Combat Information Center which was filled day and night with sea-going cadets learning the mysteries and intricacies of the radar control systems.

The first Army-Navy athletic contest ended in a decided victory for the Black Knights of the Hudson as the cadets engaged the ship's crew in basketball, baseball and softball. However, in subsequent contests, the competition stiffened and the cadets were fortunate in splitting the remainder of the games with the crew of the Tarawa.

The last day at sea, the cadets crowded on board the flight deck to witness an aerial demonstration of carrier based weapons and aircraft including strafing, low level bombing, and dive bombing and napalm drops.

The last night on board, the cadets attempted to repay the crew for their hospitality by presenting a smoker for the ship's company consisting of two hours of vocal and variety acts high-lighted by a performance of the Second Class Glee Club. As honored guests at their show were Rear Admiral Dudley (Com Car Div 18), Marine General L. M. Sheppard, and approximately fifty other flag and general officers of the Inter-American Defense Board. Since the establishment of the second class training trip, this was the first time that the cadets had ever put on a performance aboard ship, and it was highly successful.

During the cadets' stay at Norfolk, they visited other types of ships including destroyers, submarines, the Battleship Wisconsin and the Newport News, Destroyer Flagship of the Sixth Fleet.

Taking their leave of the Navy's surface elements, the cadets departed for the Amphibious Training Command Center at Little Creek, Virginia, where they spent the next two days absorbing tactics and techniques of amphibious warfare. They were fascinated by the most elaborate array of training aids they had ever encountered. These, coupled with superbly prepared lectures, kept the cadets interested and attentive and hoping for an opportunity to see the real thing. Since Little Creek is situated so close to Virginia Beach, the Cadets took advantage of the opportunity and chartered buses both nights. The fact that the Virginia finals for the Miss Universe Contest were being held there was an added incentive.

On departing Little Creek and en-route to Fort Eustis, the class made a brief stop at Oceana, one of the Navy's master jet stations, to witness a jet demonstration. That afternoon the cadets arrived at the Transportation Command Center at Fort Eustis, Virginia. They were all in general agreement that it was good to be back on dry land again. That evening, the officers' club was turned over to the cadets for a hop, beautifully decorated by one hundred and twenty very "pro" girls from the local area. Sunday was spent relaxing at the various pools on the post, on fishing trips, and tours to surrounding scenic spots such as Williamsburg. Monday they were introduced to the problems of transportation and logistics in combat by being privileged to witness the very expertly staged Combat Support Problem No. 21. The cadets were very impressed by the proto-types of new equipment. The long anticipated baseball game with the lauded Fort Eustis 9 was called because of rain as was the tennis match, thus leaving the mythical championship to be decided by the class of 1959. The one athletic contest scheduled, a softball game, ended in Army's favor 6-4.

From Fort Eustis the class traveled to Fort Lee for a brief stay with the Quartermaster Corps. That night they were treated to a hop at the Officers' Club in which dates were provided for 291 cadets.

Early the next morning the cadets began their quartermaster training. They were most impressed with the Quartermaster Research and Development Field Evaluation Agency (QMR&DFEA). That afternoon they trounced the Fort Lee softball team 19-0.

Thursday morning the cadets boarded 6 C-124s for Fort Rucker, Alabama. They arrived that afternoon and shortly thereafter were shuffled off to a barbeque and hop which lasted until 2300. The next day they received one of the fullest days of in-

struction of their entire trip thus far. They received individual instruction on helicopter flying, a flight briefing, and then actually piloted small reconnaissance type helicopters. They also went up in the L-19 "Bird-Dog" fixed wing aircraft. Many files were "boned" for Army Air before the close of that day. That night the Fort Rucker Baseball, Softball, and Volleyball teams took advantage of their exhausted condition as they defeated the cadets 8-9 in baseball, 4-0 in softball, and two matches to one in volleyball. This ended the first phase of the summer training trip.

On Saturday, June 23, the class, 600 strong, arrived at Fort Benning, Georgia, for a two weeks' stay at The Infantry Center, home of the "Queen of Battle". Nearly all of the cadets arrived by bus, but 85 lucky "Cows" who had arrived late at Fort Rucker and were held over there for an extra morning of instruction flew to Benning in a convoy of Army L-19 aircraft. By late afternoon of the 23d, all of the cadets were established in modern, comfortable student officer billets at Benning and were free to take advantage of the many and varied recreational facilities of the Post and the surrounding community of Columbus, Georgia.

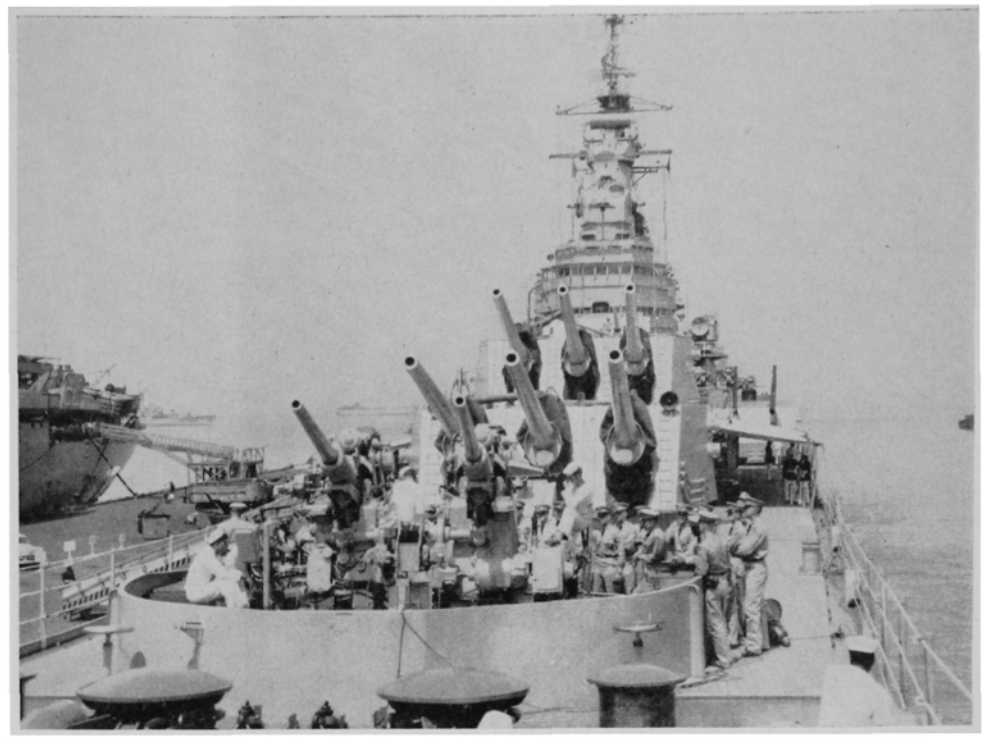
The Fort Benning Officers Club placed all of its many facilities at the disposal of the cadets, including the air conditioned main club, several branch clubs, two swimming pools, numerous tennis courts, a modern well-equipped skeet range, and one of the finest 27 hole golf courses in the Army. The Columbus Country Club, with a beautiful clubhouse, swimming pool, and 18 hole golf course, also provided the cadets with guest membership cards. All of the remainder of Benning's facilities—theaters, post exchanges, athletic facilities—were likewise thrown open to the cadets.

On Sunday, June 24, the class marched in All Whites to the Main Post Theater where protestant church services were held. The rest of Sunday was "open time" for athletics and recreation.

On Monday, June 25, the class settled down for two weeks of intensive combined arms training, the real purpose of this phase of the trip. At an orientation at the Post Theater, Colonel Julian J. Ewell, Assistant Commandant, USCC, introduced Brigadier General Robert L. Cook, Assistant Commandant of The Infantry School, who welcomed the class to Fort Benning and described briefly the program of instruction planned for the Class of 1958 by The Infantry School. Following the welcoming addresses, the cadets were given an orientation on Ranger training and a briefing on future trends in Army tactics and organization. Monday afternoon, a live firing demonstration of the tremendous volume, effectiveness and accuracy of the firepower organic to the Infantry Regiment impressed and interested the cadets. Following the demonstration, the cadets were permitted to fire the new T-44 and T-48 rifles. This demonstration introduced the cadets to the high standard of instruction and military skill which marked all of their training at Benning.

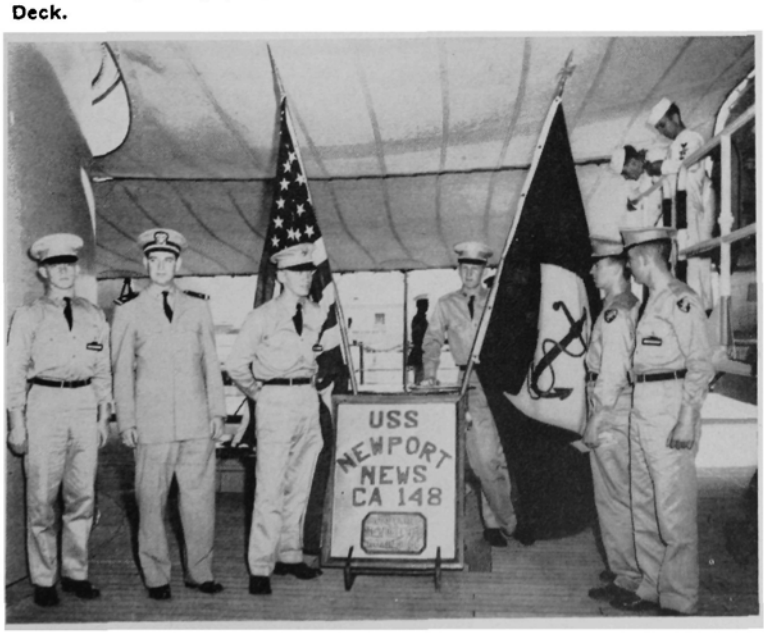
On Tuesday, June 26, "Go Airborne" was the keyword for an entire day of instruction, demonstrations, and practical work with the Airborne Department. Highlight of the demonstration phase of the Airborne program was a parachute drop of a reinforced rifle company and numerous items of heavy equipment. For the remainder of the day, the cadets were given a sample of the type of airborne training which many of them expect to take after graduation when they qualify for their Jump Wings. To many, it seemed like "Beast Barracks" all over again. Each and every mistake had to be paid for with "push-ups" or "squat-jumps", executed under the broiling hot Georgia sun. At the end of the day, the cadets had progressed from the "Mock Door" and were taking the plunge from the 34 foot jump towers with commendable spirit and skill. It was a hard day of work, but each member of the Class of 1958 at least received some idea of how the Airborne troops in the Army have gained their reputation as superb and spirited fighting men. As an added attraction, the Airborne Department let the cadets ride on the 250 foot "Buddy Seat" tower during free time at Benning. This ride was very popular with the cadets.

Despite the vigorous day with the Airborne Department, Tuesday night found the



Cadets on bow of USS Newport News. View of gunmounts.

Cadets pose by plaque on USS Newport News with Officer-of-the-Deck.



Cadets on LSO platform.

FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA—Cadet Hop with 120 very "pro" girls.

FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA—A ride in the "Whirly-Bird" was given to each Cadet.

FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA—Cadets get a laugh from the joke that the instructor has just told.

class eagerly attending an official Reception and Hop at the Officers Club. "Blind Drags" from Columbus and vicinity helped to make the occasion an enjoyable one for the cadets. The orchestra was top notch, and the evening's entertainment was topped off by crowning "Queen of the Hop", Miss Shirley Meadows of Columbus.

The program of instruction for the remainder of the trip was a varied and interesting one. It included training at the individual, platoon, and company level, and was carried out through a minimum of conferences, a smattering of demonstrations, and a large amount of practical work in the field.

At the individual level, the Leaders Reaction Course—a fairly new type of training at The Infantry School—was especially interesting and challenging to the cadets. Here, in a series of 12 problems, each individual cadet was given a chance to exercise his leadership ability and to test his mental and physical reactions to obstacles and tasks which a soldier can expect to meet during combat. Most of the cadets felt that this was one of the most interesting parts of the program.

Platoon-level training included field exercises involving an Infantry-Tank team in the attack, a night relief and night firing problem, a rifle platoon in the assault, and a night combat patrol. The latter was carried out over extremely rugged terrain under conditions designed to approximate as closely as possible those experienced under actual combat.

A Helicopterborne assault was the highlight of the company phase of the training. The cadets, organized as an Infantry rifle company, were moved by H-19 and H-34 helicopters from an assembly area to the objective area in a very realistic training problem.

A demonstration of the supporting fires available to the doughboy from the Artillery and Tactical Air Force gave the cadets a comprehensive view of this important part of the combined arms team. The cadets also saw the effective fires of the Heavy Weapons Company of the Infantry Battalion and the final protective fire of a reinforced rifle company in the defense at night.

At the last period of instruction, Continental Army Board Number 3 brought the cadets up to date on the latest weapons and equipment available for the doughboy.

The aggressive spirit, interested attitude, miliary fitness, and military knowledge displayed by the Class of 1958 at Fort Benning helped to establish a fine reputation for the class at the Infantry Center. The Infantry School instructors were especially impressed by the show of enthusiasm and determination to succeed exhibited by the class. In turn, the Class of 1958 appreciated the opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment afforded by the whole-hearted effort of all agencies of the Post.

The cadets participated in many social and athletic activities with personnel of the Post. The class Glee Club, sang at the annual Fort Benning Fourth of July Festival Program. The class softball and baseball teams played games with local teams, and the class tennis team played a match with officers of the post.

Prior to their departure by air on Saturday, July 7, for the Air Force Phase of the Trip, the class paraded in "All White" for post personnel and the general public. As a final token of their appreciation for the splendid treatment given them by the Infantry Center, the Class of 1958 presented the Commanding General of the Infantry Center with a plaque.

The Class of 1958 received the Air Indoctrination Course during the period July 7 through July 21. The Air University at

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA—Cadets finishing a training problem. Center cadet is carrying a 57mm recoilless rifle.

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA—Three members of the Class of '58 prepare to open fire during a training problem.

Maxwell AFB conducted the course assisted by other major Air Commands. The Air Indoctrination Course was designed to increase the knowledge and understanding of the mission, organization, capabilities, and employment of the Air Force so that the Cadet would be better prepared to accept and discharge his responsibilities as an officer, whether commissioned in the Army or the Air Force.

The class was divided equally into two groups. One started training at Eglin AFB while the other began at Maxwell AFB. At the end of the first week, the two groups changed bases, flying in C-124 aircraft with loads of 75 cadets each.

Cadets attended instruction at both bases by flights which were comprised of approximately 12 members. To each flight was assigned a competent young Air Force career officer who acted as the flight instructor, briefed the flight, monitored small group activities, and conducted discussions and daily critiques.

After the class was organized and oriented, it was exposed to an impressive Air Firepower Demonstration at Eglin AFB on Tuesday, July 10. This show was witnessed by some 3,000 spectators including the 600 members of the Class of '58 and the Commandant of Cadets. It emphasized the capability of the Air Force and the quality of new super-sonic aircraft, armament, and support equipment. Though the acrobatic show by the "Thunderbirds" was limited due to poor weather, the maneuvers that were performed in their F-100's were the utmost in aerial precision. Toss bombing technique and the breaking through the sonic barrier in level flight by F-100 "Super-Sabres" demonstrated the potent weapon carrier that a fighter has become. Napalm, rocket, and strafing runs showed the value of having air supremacy. And, of course, the emptying by a B-36 of its entire bomb load over the range of two miles is the ultimate in concentrated aerial firepower, as was demonstrated.

While at Eglin AFB, cadets toured the huge Climatic Hangar in which AF equipment is exposed to extremes in temperature in order to test its competency for work under any global climatic conditions.

Cadets learned about individual survival training first hand at Dinghy Drill. The "Mae West" life jacket, one man life raft, and six-man life raft were all demonstrated and then tried out by each cadet in the salt water of Postl's Point Beach at Eglin. Air-Sea Rescue operations, involving amphibian aircraft, helicopter, paramedics, and crash boats were dramatically demonstrated.

The high point of the flight training and flight support portion of instruction was the flight by each cadet in a T-33 jet trainer at Maxwell AFB. After a briefing on the flight demonstration, the basic aircraft instruments, the principles governing the pressure chamber and ejection seat, and the use of parachute and oxygen masks, cadets had only to mention the word "acrobatics" to his pilot to experience the total thrill of being a fighter pilot for a day. Techniques and importance of navigation were pointed out in a navigation problem that culminated in a flight in a T-29 Navigation Trainer.

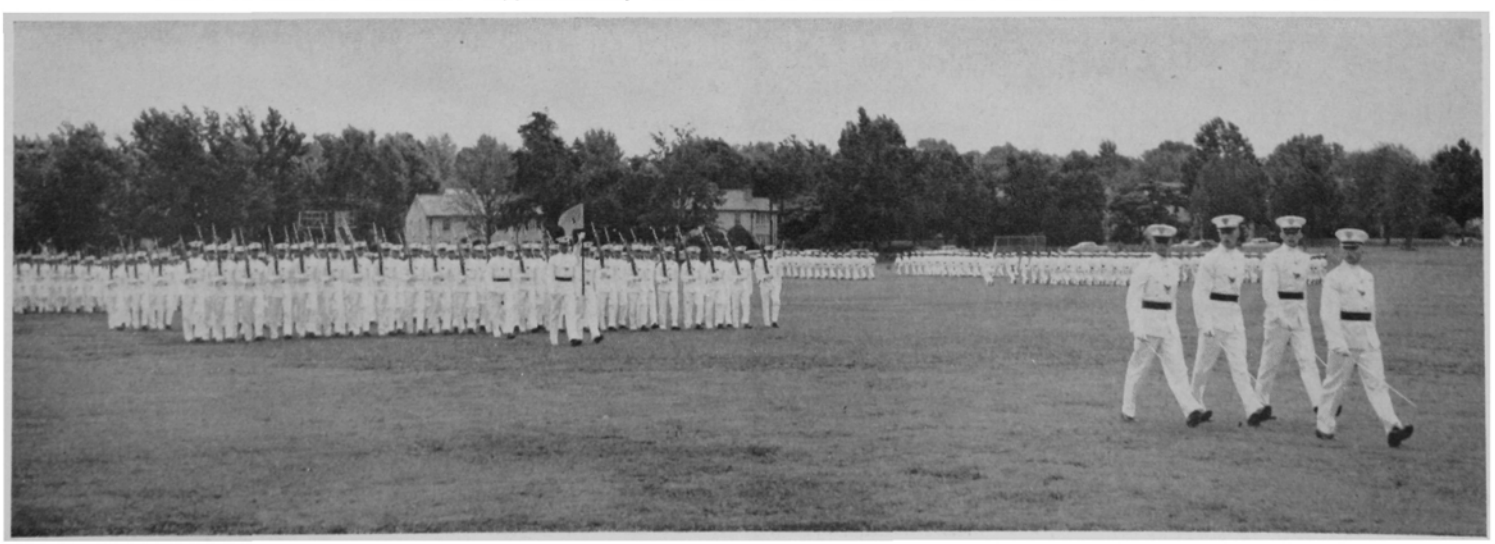
The Air Defense Command presented its organization, concepts, and theories by lecture and seminar before showing an Air Defense Unit in action at Tyndall AFB. The instruction included a control and direction center, and a simulated "scramble" of interceptors.

The Tactical Air Command in action was vividly portrayed by Captain Pete Fernandez, jet ace of Korea with 14.5 kills. He showed his gunnery film while narrating some of his exciting adventures in the skies South of the Yalu. Also, cadets watched air-to-ground combat action during their visit with a TAC squadron undergoing training in air-to-ground gunnery and rocketry.

Cadets planned a strategic bombing mission and observed a SAC pre-flight briefing. The huge tankers which are used to refuel SAC bombers in the air were given preflight checks by cadets. The over-powering thought of the destruction carried by the huge fast bombers employed by SAC intensified interest in the lectures on concept and plan of Strategic Air Command.

The Military Air Transport Command demonstrated some of its newest aircraft

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA—Approximately 600 cadets of the Class of '58 stage a colorful farewell parade.



FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY—Cadets watch operator in demonstration of field telephone switchboard.

and presented films and lectures covering the world-wide operations of MATS. A film on the radar control of aircraft demonstrated advances in control equipment which has made safe flight possible in all types of weather.

The Air University provided many interesting lectures. These included Major General Reeves, Director of Personnel, AF Headquarters, who spoke on Air Force career possibilities and Dr. Strughold, Air University, who discussed the problems of space flight.

Many recreational facilities were provided for the cadets. A swimming pool was located in the camp area at Maxwell, while a fine salt water beach could be enjoyed near the camp at Eglin. Equipment was provided for such sports as water skiing, golf, tennis, football, and softball. A day room in each camp area allowed the cadets to enjoy such indoor games as table tennis and pool.

On Saturday evening cadets enjoyed a hop held at the Maxwell Officers' Club. "Blind dates" were arranged for those cadets desiring them. The two recreational high points at Eglin AFB were a barbecue held at Postl's Point Beach, and deep sea fishing trips in the Gulf.

Probably a more favored recreational facility was the base bus, which transported the cadets into Montgomery, Fort Walton, etc., to enjoy their evening off-post privileges.

During the Air Indoctrination Course the Class of 1958 observed and participated in many Air Force activities. They saw the men, equipment, units and methods used to accomplish the Air Force mission of discouraging our enemies from precipitating war, or, if war does occur, to destroy the enemy's capacity and will to wage war.

The Class of 1958 arrived at Fort Belvoir by air from Maxwell and Eglin Air Force Bases on Saturday afternoon, July 21. After a brief orientation the cadets were granted weekend leave.

Monday and Tuesday were scheduled as two days of Engineer indoctrination. After a cordial welcome by the Post Commander, Major General David H. Tully, the class was divided into several sections to facilitate instruction. A typical group received demonstrations on the construction and uses of heavy bridging and the use of camouflage and deception. These cadets were given an excellent insight into the duties of the Engineers in various combat support roles. This demonstration also served to exhibit some of the newest Engineer Corps equipment now in field use.

The following day more interesting classes consisted of tours to the Mechanical and Technological laboratories and then to the Engineer Research and Development site where the cadets were shown new developments in the equipment field, both experimental and operational. There were also very good classes on military topography and special weapons.

The cadets' indoctrination was concluded Tuesday afternoon by a well coordinated and realistic river assault crossing. Following this the Cadet Regimental Commander, Cadet Olin A. Brown, presented General Tully with a plaque of appreciation for the fine training and wonderful hospitality that the cadets had received while at Fort Belvoir.

On Tuesday night the class was given a dance by the Engineer School at their officers' club, MacKenzie Hall.

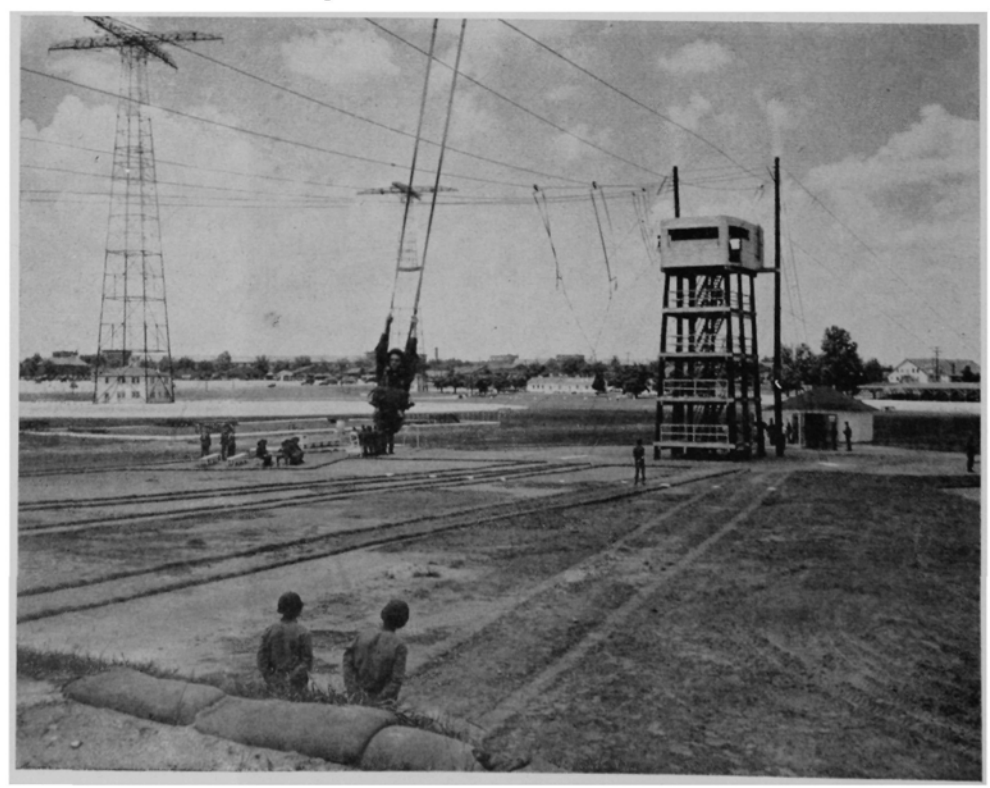
Early Wednesday morning the class proceeded to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey with a brief stop for lunch at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. That evening Major General Victor A. Conrad welcomed the cadets during a reception and dance at Gibbs Hall, the Fort Monmouth Officer's Open Mess.

The signal school began their training with demonstrations given by the Student Drum and Bugle Corps and the Student Drill Team and a display of floats portraying the missions of the Signal Corps. Following this and the presentation of a plaque to the Commanding General by the Cadet Regimental Commander, the cadets were given a tour of the various types of combat communications centers. Later they received lectures concerning the missions of the Signal Corps in combat.

On Friday, the last day of training for the trip, the cadets received a series of lectures on various phases of Signal Corps developments. Subjects included radio, avionics, meteorology, and radar. These were followed by a display of Signal Corps equipment and finally by a lecture on electronic data computers.

Anxiously the class returned to West Point Saturday morning. After an orientation and a brief talk by the Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Throckmorton, the cadets departed for summer leave.

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA—Cadet is sliding along a cable after jumping from the 34 foot airborne training tower.



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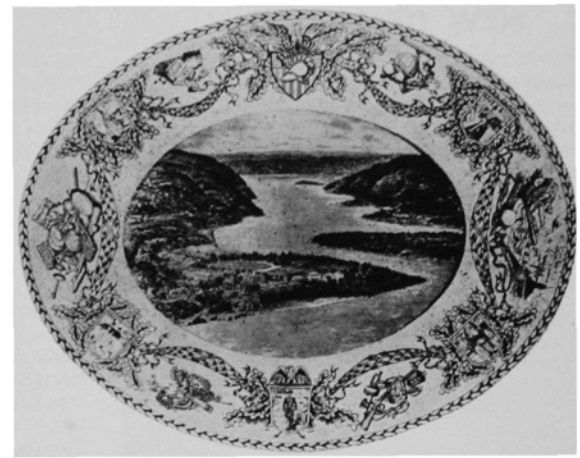

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BULLETIN BOARD

NEW DEAN, U.S.M.A.

Colonel T. Dodson Stamps has been appointed Dean of the Academic Board, effective August 1, 1956, with rank of Brigadier General, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Brigadier General Harris Jones.

General Stamps is a graduate of the University of Texas, of the Military Academy (Class of August 1917), and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

During World War I he served with the 32d Division in France and Germany. Subsequent troop assignments were with the 8th Engineers at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the 1st Engineers at Fort Dupont, Delaware.

While on civil-works duty with the Army Engineers, General Stamps was assigned to projects on the Lower Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. He was later in charge of the construction of the American Embassy buildings in Tokyo and the Consulate in Yokohama.

After a tour in the Office of the Chief of Engineers he attended the Command and General Staff School, from where he was transferred to the Military Academy. He was Professor and Head of the Department of Military Art and Engineering from 1938 to the date of his appointment as Dean.

General Stamps has been a Trustee of the Association of Graduates for 13 years. In 1954-55 he served as Executive Vice President.

NEW COMMANDANT OF CADETS

John Lathrop Throckmorton was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 28, 1913. Graduated and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry from the U.S. Military Academy on June 12, 1935, he served successive tours as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Armored Unit Commander and Assistant S-3 of an Armored Regiment.

In 1941 General Throckmorton returned to the U.S. Military Academy as an instructor in the Chemistry Department. In 1942 he became Assistant G-1 at the Replacement School Command in Birmingham, Alabama. Twice during this assignment, Colonel Throckmorton attended courses at the Command and General Staff College.

In 1943 General Throckmorton served as 75th Infantry Division G-3 and as an observer with the 3d Army (Camp Polk, Louisiana), the 5th Army (Mediterranean Theater), and the 6th Corps (Mediterranean Theater).

From November 1943 to May 1946 Colonel Throckmorton was Assistant G-3 First Army, as it moved from the European Theater to the Asiatic Pacific Theater to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

General Throckmorton returned to West Point in June 1946, initially as S-3 in the Tactical Department, and then as Commanding Officer of the 1st Regiment, USCC. It was during this tour that Colonel Throckmorton graduated from the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a qualified parachutist.

From August 1949 to April 1951 Colonel Throckmorton served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team, both in Hawaii and in Korea; initially as a Battalion Commander and later as the Regimental Commander.

In June 1951 he was Aide de Camp to the Chief of Staff, General J. Lawton Collins, and remained in that position until August 1953 when he attended the National War College.

After a tour of duty in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, General Throckmorton was assigned to West Point in July 1955 as Chief of Staff. On April 19, 1956 he assumed his present post as Commandant of Cadets.

During World War II General Throckmorton was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Commendation Medal and the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre. For his outstanding service in Korea he received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

General Throckmorton is married and has four sons: Mrs. Regina H. Throckmorton, wife; Thomas B., 17 years; Edward R., 14 years; John L., Jr., 9 years; David K., 3 years.

Promotions

Temporary: Captain, September 8, '40; Major, Feb. 1, '42; Lieutenant Colonel, December 10, '42; Colonel, August 9, '45; Lieutenant Colonel, June 1, '46 (WDR December 10, '42); Colonel, November 28, '50; Brigadier General May 18, '56.

Permanent: Second Lieutenant, June 12, '35; First Lieutenant, June 12, '38; Captain June 12, '45; Major, July 15, '48; Lieutenant Colonel, March 27, '53.

New Chief of Staff, U.S.M.A.

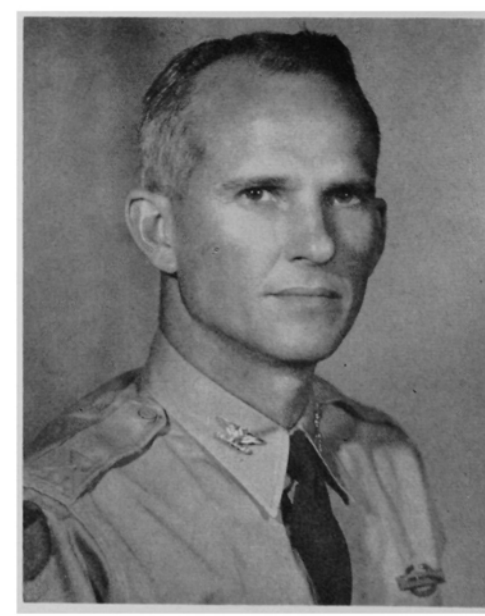
Colonel Charles M. Mount, Jr., Infantry, has just been assigned Chief of Staff, USMA.

Colonel Mount was born in Atlanta, Georgia, January 6, 1916. He was graduated from the Academy June 12, 1939, and assigned to the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, as his first station.

During World War II, Colonel Mount served in various capacities with General Eisenhower's headquarters in Europe. The major portion of his time was spent as liaison officer between SHAEF and the Army Group headquarters.

In 1946 Colonel Mount joined the Department of Tactics, USMA, where he served as Company Tactical Officer for three years. Upon leaving West Point in 1949, he was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division in Japan as Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 32d Infantry. He took the battalion to Korea landing in Inchon on September 18, 1950. He assumed command of the 32d Infantry Regiment in 1951.

Returning to the United States in 1951, Colonel Mount was appointed PMS&T, University of Kentucky. In August 1953, he entered the Army War College, graduated the following June and was assigned to the Staff and Faculty, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth. In July of this year he was appointed Chief of Staff, USMA.



Colonel Mount's decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star.

New Head of Department of Military Art and Engineering

Colonel Vincent J. Esposito succeeded Brigadier General Thomas D. Stamps as Head of the Department of Military Art and Engineering on August 1, 1956 upon the latter's elevation to the position of Dean of the Academic Board. Colonel Esposito is a member of the Class of 1925. After var-

ious troop and river and harbor assignments with the Corps of Engineers and attendance at service and civil schools he came to West Point in 1939. He served here as instructor and assistant professor until January 1943 when he was transferred to the Engineer Amphibian Command. In April 1943 he was ordered to the Operations Division, War Department General Staff where he served until 1946 in various capacities in the Division and in the Combined and Joint Chiefs of Staff organizations. He attained the rank of brigadier general during the war and served as War Department General Staff logistics advisor at most of the international conferences. Just prior to his appointment in 1947 as a permanent professor, Colonel Esposito was a member of the initial faculty of the National War College. Since his last assignment to West Point he has lectured at the National War College, The Industrial College of the Armed Forces, The Air War College, The Air Command and Staff College, and the Canadian National Defense College. From early 1949 to the end of 1953 he served as special consultant to the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1954 he was one of a small group selected to study and report to the President on National Security Problems. He holds an engineering degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has graduated from the Basic and Advanced Courses, The Engineer School, The Command and General Staff College, and the National War College, and has been granted constructive credit for attendance at the Army War College, The Armed Forces Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Colonel Esposito has served since 1947 as second professor in the Department of Military Art and Engineering, acting as Deputy Head and Director of the Course in the History of Military Art. He was a Vice President of the Association of Graduates in 1955-56.

New Professor of Military Art and Engineering

On August 3, 1956, Colonel Charles H. Schilling reported to the Department of Military Art and Engineering for duty as Professor. This appointment follows varied experience and assignments in his previous service.

Upon graduation from USMA in 1941, Colonel Schilling was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. After initial assignments in armored engineer battalions, he commanded during World War II, the 165th Engineer Combat Battalion. This was a separate combat battalion attached to XV Corps in the ETO with the mission of providing close engineer support to infantry and armored divisions. After assignment to Headquarters, Army Ground Forces and to the University of California, he returned to Germany in 1947 to command the 831st and later the 862nd Engineer Aviation Battalions stationed at Rhein Main Air Force Base near Frankfurt, Germany. During this assignment Colonel Schilling participated in the Berlin Airlift and in the modernization of airfields in Germany, particularly

Rhein Main. Upon graduation from Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1951 he was assigned to USMA as instructor and then as associate professor in the Department of Military Art and Engineering. From July 1955 to July 1956 Colonel Schilling was Area Engineer, Eastern Ocean District, Corps of Engineers, with duty station at Keflavik, Iceland. In this capacity he was responsible for all military construction in Iceland. This constituted an annual construction program of approximately 15 million dollars for Army, Navy, and Air Force units with the major portion of work being the development of Keflavik Airport.

Colonel Schilling's educational background includes attendance at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina from 1936-1937; U.S.M.A. 1937-1941; University of California, Berkeley, California 1946-1947 where he was awarded the degree of Master of Science, Civil Engineering. In 1954 he was licensed as a Professional Engineer in the State of New York.

This appointment fills the vacancy created by the appointment of General T. D. Stamps as Dean and of Colonel V. J. Esposito as Head of the Department of M.A.&E.

USMA ON NEW TV SERIES

(This is a News Release from West Point dated September 18, 1956.)

The US Military Academy at West Point, New York, will be featured on a new weekly television series starting Friday evening, October 5th, at 8:00 P.M. over the CBS-TV network. The series, being produced by ZIV Television Programs, Inc., of New York City and Hollywood, with the cooperation of Department of Defense, Department of the Army, and the Military Academy, has a commercial sponsor.

As now planned, the series will consist initially of 39 one-half hour shows. Much of the filming with professional actors and actresses taking the lead parts and with cadets in the background, is being done on the grounds at West Point, thus assuring authentic and realistic action for the programs. Each show is a complete story in itself.

Since the US Military Academy is a national institution attended by young men from all sections of the country and from all walks of life, it is fitting that the new TV series about West Point should be shown on a nationwide basis to the American people, giving them a clearer understanding of the objectives and accomplishments of their National Military Academy. These programs, while providing drama and entertainment, will give an authentic portrayal of what it means to be a West Point cadet; will depict many of the little-known aspects of cadet life—the moral, scholastic, and leadership training given young men at the Academy in preparation for their roles as future leaders of the Nation; and will help explain to the American citizen (the real stockholder in USMA) how West Point trains each member of the Corps of Cadets for his chosen career of service to his Country.

Scripts for the series have been reviewed by a nine man board headed by Colonel Elvin R. Heiberg, Professor of Mechanics, and including representatives of the Academic and Tactical Departments, the Registrar, and the Public Information Office. The board has attempted to insure that the scripts are authentic and accurate. However, at places in the various stories, some license has been granted in order to sharpen the dramatic interest. The board believes that this will be necessary from time to time to insure that the TV sets of the 25 million viewers will be tuned repeatedly to what is hoped will be a very long series of programs.

The Technical Advisor for filming done on the West Coast will be a recent graduate who has been brought to West Point for orientation. ZIV officials have been so desirous of securing advisors satisfactory to USMA that they have paid the expenses of flying officers to West Point on two separate occasions.

During the filming of the first eleven scripts, ZIV has indicated a sincere desire to portray the life of the cadet, and others at the Military Academy, in as true a light as possible. Their manner of operation has encouraged the type of cooperation from USMA which should provide an end product of the highest caliber.

BOOK REVIEW

WEST POINT YEARLING. By Colonel Russell P. (Red) Reeder, Jr., '26. New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1956. 241 pages; 8 vo; $3.00.

Reviewed by

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

Boys, both young and old, who read "West Point Plebe," will welcome the appearance of the second book of the series on cadet life, "West Point Yearling." By the former they were led to expect great things from "Red" Reeder; and the latter certainly lives up to expectations.

Red's leading character, Clint Lane, football player and "Army Brat", with his two classmates, Chugwater Austin, trick-roping champion from Texas, and Joe Flynn, son of a Maine lobster fisherman, has at last been recognized. Presumably they have had their summer leave before this installment opens, for the action starts with a tactical problem at Camp Buckner.

Our hero and his friends find that being a yearling is a great improvement over plebe year, but it isn't all gravy by any means. Summer training is tough but rewarding, academics are tough but not as much so as last year, and the contest with the tacs still goes on with somewhat wider possibilities than fourth-class shackles permitted.

Yearling life is truly and fairly depicted. The account does not minimize the difficulties nor does it over-emphasize them either. Effort is the price of success on the maneuver field, in the classroom and on the playing field. There is a just proportion of all three in the story. There is also a goodly amount of humor.

This reviewer thought Red would surely run out of funny episodes by the time he finished his first book, but he under-estimated the Reeder nose for a good story and its ability to trail it. Red has the cadet viewpoint, a wide circle of cadet friends and a personality that encourages them to tell all. Consequently, most of the incidents really happened to one cadet or another.

The football and baseball scenes are particularly well done, as one would expect, but there must be some secret knack to building up suspense and sustaining it when the reader knows the game is fictitious. Perhaps part of the success must be due to the restraint with which the hero's part is described. He is good, but not too good. He has his defeats as well as triumphs; and his triumphs are not big enough to stagger belief. Also, in Reeder's book, our team can lose a game. The result of such treatment is convincing realism.

The book itself has the same, pleasing appearance as its predecessor. The maps of West Point and Camp Buckner are helpful in following the events of the story. The jacket depicts, in full color, a handsome yearling in full dress grey under arms, who will no doubt become the ideal of many an aspiring, future West Pointer.

To sum up: highly recommended to the jaded graduate and his not so jaded young son's set.

59 WEST POINT MEN (GRADUATES OR EX-CADETS) WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF ONE OR MORE U.S. OLYMPIC TEAMS FROM 1896 TO 1956

(This list was compiled by John V. Grombach, Ex-'23, author of "Olympic Cavalcade of Sports," hard back $2.75; paper back 35 cents).

Class	*Name*	*Event or Sport*	*Olympic Year*	*Highest Rank*
1898	Guy V. Henry	Riding	1912	Major General
X 1902	John A. Barry	Riding	1920	Colonel
1903	John C. Montgomery	Riding	1912	Colonel
1903	Ephraim F. Graham	Riding	1912	Colonel
X 1904	Scott D. Breckenridge	Fencing	1912	Civilian-Pro
1904	F. W. Honeycutt	Fencing	1912	Brigadier General
		Fencing	1920	
1905	William W. West	Riding	1920	Colonel
1905	Berkeley T. Merchant	Riding	1920	Colonel
1907	Sloan Doak	Riding	1920	Colonel
		Riding	1924	
		Riding	1928	
1909	Robert Sears	Mod. Pent.	1920	Colonel
		Fencing	1920	
1909	George Patton	Mod. Pent.	1912	General
		Fencing	1912	
1910	Edgar W. Taulbee	Riding	1924	Brigadier General
1910	Harry D. Chamberlin	Riding	1920	Brigadier General
		Riding	1924	
		Riding	1932	
1912	Harold M. Rayner	Fencing	1912	Colonel
		Mod. Pent.	1920	
		Fencing	1920	
		Fencing	1928	
1912	Karl Greenwald	Riding	1920	Colonel
1916	Dean Hudnutt	Shooting	1936	Colonel
1916	Alexander M. Weyand	Wrestling	1920	Colonel
1917	John T. Cole	Riding	1932	
1917	Ernest N. Harmon	Mod. Pent.	1924	Major General
August 1917	Frank L. Carr	Riding	1924	Colonel
		Riding	1928	
X June 1918	E. Y. Argo	Riding	1928	Colonel
		Riding	1932	
June 1918	Cornelius C. Jadwin	Riding	1936	Brigadier General
November 1918	Eugene Vidal	Track & Field	1920	Civilian
1919	Joseph Cranston	Boxing	1920	Brigadier General
1920	John W. Wofford	Riding	1932	Colonel
1920	George H. Bare	Mod. Pent.	1924	Colonel
1920	Frederick Pitts	Mod. Pent.	1924	Colonel
1920	Sidney R. Hines	Shooting	1924	Brigadier General
1922	Earl F. Thomson	Riding	1932	Colonel
		Riding	1936	
		Riding	1948	
1922	LeRoy J. Stewart	Riding	1932	Brigadier General
1923	Lawrence V. Castner	Fencing	1924	Colonel
X 1923	John V. Grombach	Boxing	1924	Colonel
1924	Peter C. Hains	Mod. Pent.	1928	Brigadier General
1924	Carl W. A. Raguse	Riding	1932	Colonel
		Riding	1936	
1924	Andrew A. Frierson	Riding	1932	Colonel
		Riding	1948	
1925	C. Stanton Babcock	Riding	1936	Colonel
1925	John M. Williams	Riding	1936	Brigadier General
1925	Audrey S. Newmann	Mod. Pent.	1928	Brigadier General
1925	Milo H. Matteson	Riding	1932	Colonel
X 1925	C. F. Coulter	Track & Field	1924	Univ. of Iowa Civilian
1926	Richard W. Mayo	Mod. Pent.	1928	Brigadier General
		Mod. Pent.	1932	
1926	Brookner W. Brady	Mod. Pent.	1932	Colonel
1927	Raymond W. Curtis	Riding	1932	Colonel
1928	Clayton J. Mansfield	Mod. Pent.	1932	Colonel
1929	Thomas J. Sands	Fencing	1936	Colonel
1929	Louis Hammack	Wrestling	1928	Colonel
1930	Franklin F. Wing, Jr.	Riding	1948	Colonel

Class	Name	Event or Sport	Olympic Year	Highest Rank
1930	Frederick R. Weber	Fencing Mod. Pent.	1936	Colonel
1931	Gustave M. Heiss	Fencing Fencing	1932 1936	Colonel
1933	Alfred Dodd Starbird	Mod. Pent.	1936	Colonel
1933	Frank S. Henry	Riding	1948	Colonel
1935	Charles F. Leonard	Mod. Pent.	1936	Colonel
1935	Charles A. Symroski	Riding	1948	Colonel
1938	Charles H. Anderson	Riding	1948	Colonel
1941	George B. Moore	Mod. Pent.	1948	Colonel
1944	John W. Donaldson	Mod. Pent.	1948	Major
1946	Richard L. Gruenther	Mod. Pent.	1948	Captain
1946	Hale Baugh	Mod. Pent.	1948	No Data
1946	Guy Kent Troy	Mod. Pent.	1952	Captain

West Point Olympic Team Members By Sports

1.	Riding	27
2.	Modern Pentathlon	19
3.	Fencing	9
4.	Shooting	2
5.	Track & Field	2
6.	Boxing	2
7.	Wrestling	2
		63

Break Down by Thirty Year Periods

1896-1926—1st 30 years	40
1926-1956—2nd 30 years	19
	59

Reasons for count of 63 but only 59 men is because 4 men doubled in both Fencing and Modern Pentathlon—

(1) Patton was on both Fencing and Modern Pentathlon in 1912.
(2) Rayner was in 1912, 1920 and 1928 Fencing and 1920 Modern Pentathlon.
(3) Sears was in 1920 Fencing and Modern Pentathlon.
(4) Weber was on both Fencing and Modern Pentathlon in 1936.

West Pointers Who Have Served As Head Football Coaches At Civilian Colleges

Compiled by
Alexander M. Weyand, USMA, '16
Author of THE SAGA OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL (Macmillan) and THE OLYMPIC PAGEANT (Macmillan)

Farnsworth, C. S., '87	North Dakota, 1895-1896
Nelly, H. M., '02	West Virginia, 1911
Philoon, W. C., '09	Montana, 1912
Milburn, F. W., '14	Montana, 1926-1930
Eisenhower, D. D., '15	St. Louis College (now St. Mary's University), San Antonio, Texas, 1916
Van Fleet, J. A., '15	Florida, 1923-1924
Britton, W. H., '16	Tennessee, 1935
Neyland, R. R., '16	Tennessee, 1926-1934, 1936-1940, 1946-1952
Sasse, R. I., '16	Mississippi State, 1935-1937
McEwan, J. J., April '17	Oregon, 1926-1929; Holy Cross, 1930-1932
Jones, L. M., August '17	Louisiana State, 1932-1934; Oklahoma, 1935-1936; Nebraska, 1937-1941
VandeGraaff, W. T., '19	Colorado College, 1926-1939
Blaik, E. H., '20	Dartmouth, 1934-1940
Oliver, G. A., ex-'22	Arizona, 1933-1937; Oregon, 1938-1941, 1945-1946
Graves, B. C., ex-'23	Sul Ross Teachers College, 1924-1940
Farwick, A. W., '25	Arizona, 1932
Cagle, C. K., ex-'30	Mississippi State, 1930
Due, K. O., '41	Northeast Oklahoma State College, 1951-1952
Dobbs, R. L., '46	Tulsa, 1955 to date
Sauer, J. E., '46	The Citadel, 1955 to date

NOTES

Hill, R. C., '07 appointed head coach at Ohio Northern University for 1917, was prevented from serving because of World War I.

James Temple, head coach at South Dakota State, 1901-1904 and 1912-1917, is sometimes credited to West Point. He trained the Army football team but he was never a cadet.

BOOK REVIEW

THE WEST POINT STORY. By Colonel Russell P. (Red) Reeder, Jr., '26 and Nardi Reeder Campion. Illustrated with drawings and photographs. New York. Random House, 1956. 174 pages, plus index; 8 vo; $1.50.

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

"The West Point Story" is an entirely different sort of book than that which Red Reeder and his siser, Nardi, turned out when they wrote "Bringing Up the Brass." It is a boys' history of West Point, aimed at those of scout age.

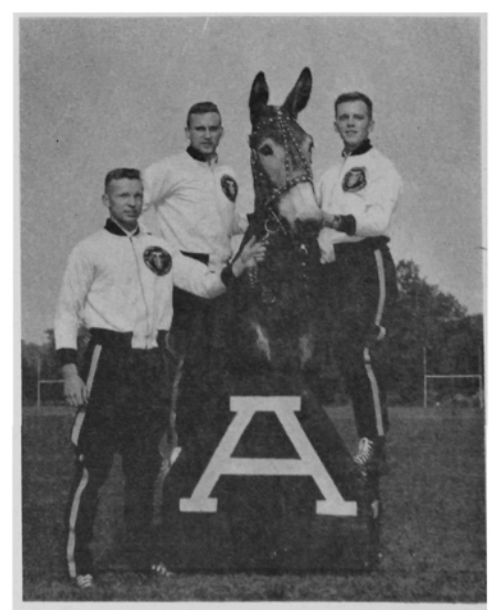
The information is authentic and the story interesting. The Reeders have the knack of selecting the characters and incidents best calculated to get attention and hold it. Their language is simple, yet vivid, the kind that appeals to boys.

To have presented the best features of a story 154 years long, in 174 pages is an achievement; yet this book does it successfully.

The West Point Story is the latest of the well-known series of "Landmark Books" for young people, published by Random House. Its inclusion in the series insures it a large circulation. It should, therefore, exert a wide and favorable influence on American boys, prompting many of them to seek appointments.

The physical appearance of the book is exceptionally attractive. The dust jacket features an inspiring picture of the Cadet Color Guard in full dress "fifty-fifty", followed by the Corps passing in review. Type is large and clear. Chapters are short, and each is headed by a pen-and-ink drawing, typifying the contents. A section of 17 well selected photographs lends a feeling of realism that the drawings alone could not achieve.

West Point Societies will find this book useful to recommend to school librarians, and to mention when addressing groups of boys. Needless to say, it will make a good Christmas present for a young relative; and there are facts in it that even a graduate may not know.



July Meeting of Executive Committee

Most of the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee of the Association of Graduates (Crittenberger '13, President, Danford '04, Peckham November '18, Kyle '22, Renfroe '34, Johnston '31, Secretary and Treasurer) are held in New York City but for the continuance of close contact with the Military Academy, periodic meetings are

Kyle, '22; Danford, '04; Davidson, '27; Crittenberger, '13.

held at the Association's Headquarters in Cullum Hall.

Such was the case for the July meeting which was moved to West Point for the express purpose of greeting the new Superintendent, Major General Garrison H. Davidson, and conveying to him the pledge of assistance of the Association.

Following the formal meeting of the Executive Committee, a small reception was held at the West Point Army Mess in honor of General Davidson whose term as Superintendent had commenced just twelve days before the meeting. This was a favorable time to acquaint the new Superintendent with some of the recent activities of the Association and to exchange ideas.

The new Superintendent gave his enthusiastic accord to one of the long range

Heiberg, '26; Throckmorton, '35; Peckham, November '18; Blaik, '20.

projects which had been discussed in the Committee meeting, i.e., presenting Sylvanus Thayer as an Educator to the College of Electors of the Hall of Fame of New York University for election in 1960. Comprehensive working plans for this program are being developed and will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the November 3rd meeting which will be held at West Point prior to the Army-Colgate Football Game.

Jones, April '17; Crittenberger, '13.

The year 1958 will mark the sesquicentennial of Sylvanus Thayer's graduation.

Those who attended the reception for the Superintendent were as follows:

Robert M. Danford, '04
Willis D. Crittenberger, '13
Harris Jones, April '17
Howard L. Peckham, November '18
Earl H. Blaik, '20
Charles N. Branham, '22
William H. Kyle, '22
Charles P. Nicholas, '25
Elvin R. Heiberg, '26
Russell P. Reeder, '26
Garrison H. Davidson, '27
Robert D. Johnston, '31
John L. Throckmorton, '35
George E. Wear, '44

General Foods Corporation Is Host At Television Premiere Dinner

General Foods Corporation, sponsors of the new television series, WEST POINT, held a dinner at the Hotel Thayer on Friday, October 5th, to celebrate the show's premiere. George Hampton, Director, Executive Vice President, was host for the evening. In addition to several executives of General Foods, special guests included the President of CBS-TV, J. L. Van Volkenburg; ZIV Television Programs' President, John L. Sinn; and William R. Baker, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Benton & Bowles, the advertising agency for the series.

Major General Garrison H. Davidson, Superintendent, was among the guests from West Point who attended the affair. Others from the Academy included the Commandant of Cadets, the Superintendent's Television Board members, and representatives from the Army Athletic Association, the Tactical Department, the 1st Regimental Combat Team, and USMA Headquarters Staff.

Prior to having dinner, the party observed the first show of the new series over three television sets provided by the Columbia Broadcasting System for the occasion.

In his brief remarks to Mr. Hampton and the other visitors, General Davidson stated, "We are very grateful to all those responsible for this new television series, WEST POINT. It provides an unprecedented opportunity to bring the Military Academy intimately to the people of the United States."

The visitors made a behind-the-scenes tour of West Point on Saturday, which included a visit to the Cadet Mess where they observed food preparation. Later they watched a review of the Corps and had dinner with cadet escorts in Washington Hall. After attending the Army-Penn State football game at Michie Stadium, they departed West Point.

General Davidson and several members of the Superintendent's Television Board attended a press preview of the television series in Washington on October 2nd. In addition to members of the press from the District of Columbia and New York, other guests included: Lieutenant General Walter L. Weible, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel; Major General Guy S. Meloy, Jr., Chief of Information; Major General Paul D. Harkins, Asst Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations; and numerous Defense Department officials including General Counsel Mansfield Sprague, and Director of Information C. Herschel Schooley.

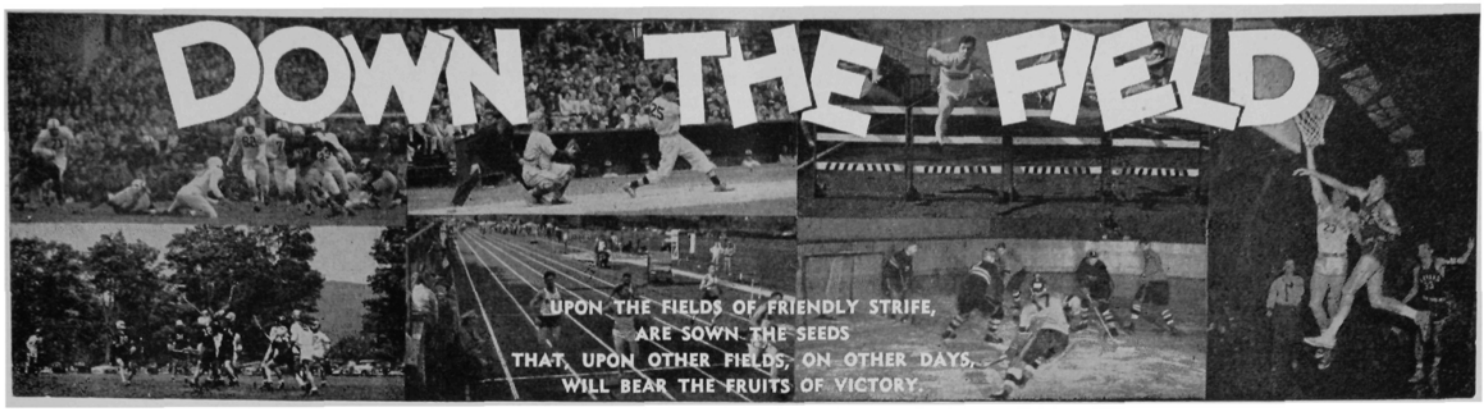
Press reviews and the initial response to the series has been most favorable. The letters received to date have been highly complimentary, and have expressed the great satisfaction of the writers in being offered the opportunity to learn, through the series, more about the Military Academy.

Approximately one-half of the material used in the series is filmed on location and the rest done in Hollywood at the ZIV Hollywood studios. As one of the most successful companies in the television film business, the company has several series currently being shown. They include: "Dr. Christian"; "Highway Patrol"; "A Man Called 'X'"; "I Led Three Lives"; and "Cisco Kid". ZIV has begun a series at Annapolis, which is due for release soon.

Generally, the exterior shots and all the large interior scenes are filmed here at the Academy, while the majority of the interiors are done on the stage in sets that, in every respect, duplicate rooms and locations at West Point. Success in recreating interiors has been clearly demonstrated in the pilot film, in which all aspects of the Superintendent's and the Commandant's offices are reproduced. The pictures on the walls and the organization charts which actually appear in these two rooms can be seen in the film.

As *Assembly* went to press, the producers, ZIV Television Programs, Inc., had completed eleven shows and were scheduled to return to West Point on October 20th to film four more. In the future, plans call for a four-picture trip once each month in order to stay well ahead of the telecasting schedule.

Just a reminder—the WEST POINT series may be seen on your local CBS-TV channel every Friday evening.



By Joe Cahill

Without as much as putting on a cleat, Army found itself the proud possessor of a lofty ranking among the nation's top ten football teams. A few of the players have likewise been accorded all-America or all-Sectional honors. This is all well and good except that I know of at least eight teams who are expecting sixty minutes of heated action to disprove it.

However, without running the risk of putting the hex on the Black Knights, it is the opinion of the writer that they are about as equipped to justify the platitudes that have been heaped on them as at anytime since 1950.

The line is a senior, seasoned aggregation. With one exception it is the same forward wall which took the play away from Navy in the climactic game of the '55 season. Though the backfield is virtually an entire new combination, it has both the speed and experience to deliver.

The keynote of the season prior to the opening game has been, of course, the newest experiment. This centers around the switch of Bob Kyasky from halfback to quarterback. A tremendously fast and capable halfback, Kyasky has had nothing but hard luck in his two previous seasons. "Only the coaching staff realizes his true potential" Coach Red Blaik has said on several occasions, "since Bob's best days have been on the practice field."

An indication of Kyasky's athletic ability can be gleaned from a glance at the record book. He has tied Glenn Davis' mark for the 100 yard dash with a clocking of 0:09.7; holds undisputed title to the Academy 220 yard dash mark of 0:20.6; and is also co-holder of the Academy broad jump mark of 24 feet 2 inches with another former halfback Winfield Scott.

It is not so much that he is brittle, but rather that he does not know a second speed. He goes all out on every play and this has proved costly in the way of injuries. Twice he broke his collarbone and last season tore the cartilage in his right knee. A knee operation in January appears to have been a success. He is running with much the same abandon as he did as a yearling, if just a mite slower. He has demonstrated a genuine aptitude for the signal-calling post and in the course of three short weeks appears to be the answer to the '56 Black Knights prayer.

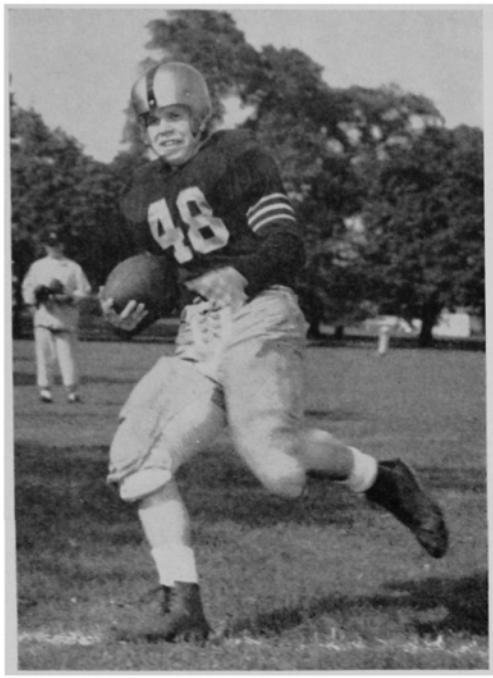
As the opening game of the season approached, the starting line was composed of Art Johnson and Dick Stephenson, at the ends. Johnson is a veteran of three seasons. Stephenson is too, but the last two campaigns he started at center and tackle, respectively. Manning the tackles were Flay Goodwin and Fred Wilmoth. Goodwin is also a three year varsity player, having alternated between guard and tackle the past two seasons. Wilmoth, a 235 pound transfer student from the University of Illinois, has been filling in for the absent Loren Reid throughout the early going. Reid, who has been pounding the area is not slated to see action until the Michigan test. At the guards are Stan Slater and Dick Fadel. Slater is a strong favorite to make the all-America and has still another year of eligibility remaining. Fadel has been plagued by injuries the past two seasons, but has appeared strong physically thus far this season. Captain Ed Szvetecz, one of the finest line backers in the East, is back at center. With the exception of Slater, this is an all-senior line. Principal alternates include Jim Kernan, center; yearling Bill Rowe, and firstie Joe Bishop, guards; and Bill Saunders, who lettered at end.

The first backfield, barring injury, will probably go all the way in the role of starters. This quartet includes Kyasky at quarterback; Gene Mikelonis and Dick Murtland, halfbacks; and Vince Barta, fullback. Mikelonis was a standout with the Plebes last fall and figures to be the only yearling able to break into the starting lineup with any consistency. Murtland came into his own with a thrilling performance against Navy after Kyasky was injured. He has been an effective runner and receiver, and figures to spearhead the T-attack. Backfield alternates to keep in mind are Bob Munger and Joe Cygler, halfbacks; Dave Bourland, quarterback; and Harry Walters, fullback. Munger and Cygler each had a year of experience. Cygler missed a season with a broken ankle. Walters, a yearling, is short on experience, but should improve as the season develops. Bourland, who was heir-apparent to the quarterback post vacated by Don Holleder during spring practice, has shown definite improvement and will be a suitable replacement for Kyasky.

This is an interesting squad. Like its predecessor, it averages only twenty years of age, possibly the youngest major college squad in the country. Nine of its members are on the Dean's list, and three wear the gold stars of Distinguished Cadets. Three are cadet captains.

The schedule is geared to test the full potential of this squad. Michigan and Syracuse, both of which defeated Army in '55 are stronger. Syracuse surprised by walloping a powerful Maryland team in the season's opener. Pittsburgh is ranked as the top team in the East and one of the best aggregations ever developed by the Panthers. With no pressure from pre-season high rankings, Navy is sitting back smug-

General Douglas MacArthur and Coach Colonel Blaik, with Bob Kyasky (42), Dick Warner (60) and Captain Ed. Szvetecz (54).



DICK MURTLAND—Back . . .

ly with a squad that will come close to matching the brilliant group of last year.

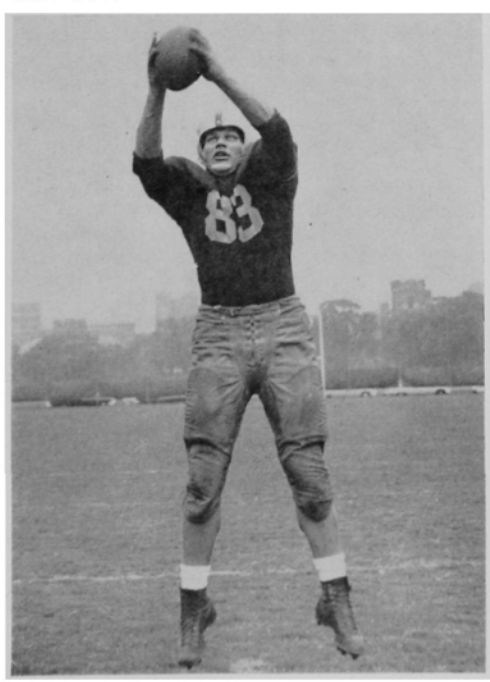
Corps spirit continues to run high as it did last year. Cadets have been following the progress of the squad at the practice sessions and the Rally Band has occasionally visited the field, decked out in the usual conglomeration of B-robes, mixed uniforms, and the like.

An interesting sidelight to this season is the return to the Academy of General Gar Davidson as Superintendent. A successful coach during his tenure here from 1933 through 1937, his teams won 35, lost 11, and tied 1.

General Douglas MacArthur, Army's No. 1 football fan, paid an informal visit to the Military Academy for the express purpose of getting a first hand glimpse of the Black Knights at practice.

Upon delivering a stirring talk to the squad in the musty confines of the training room, the General then moved out to the field and remained until the last block was thrown some ninety minutes later.

ART JOHNSON—End . . .



General MacArthur stressed the value of winning football, not only to the Corps and the squad, but also to the troops scattered throughout the world. He told the squad that Army victories are a constant source of pride to the troops, and provided to a major degree the only relaxation they were able to enjoy during the war.

The General has always followed Army football fortunes closely. Even during the dark days of the war in the Pacific, he never lost touch of the situation. He carried on continual correspondence with Coach Blaik, and also studied game films when these were available.

Two of the General's messages to the Corps and the squad will not soon be forgotten. The first he wired following Army's great win over Navy in 1944: "The greatest of all Army teams. We have stopped the war to celebrate your magnificent success." Another came in a message which was read at the Navy game rally in 1949: "From the Far East I send you one single thought, one sole idea — written in red on every beachhead from Australia to Tokyo — there is no substitute for victory!"

Finally, there is the world famous couplet which every West Point man for more than three decades will readily recall. Composed by General MacArthur, it adorns the entrance to the gymnasium, embedded in stone for posterity:

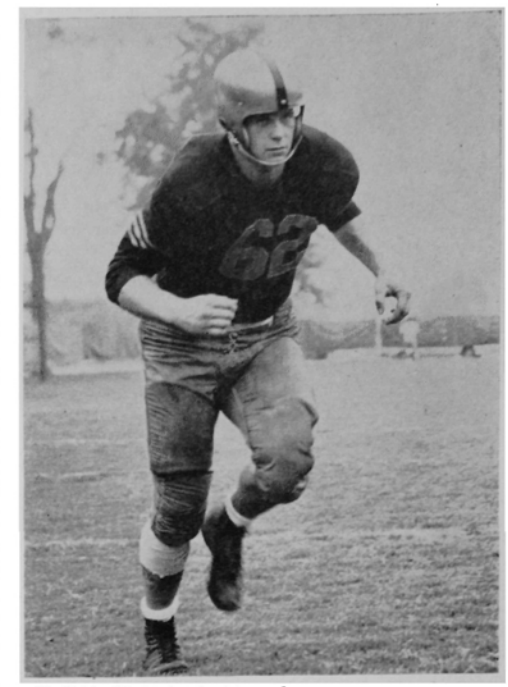
"Upon the fields of friendly strife,
Are sown the seeds that
On other fields, on other days,
Will bear the fruits of victory."

'56 IN REVIEW

The Black Knights broke from the barrier with a convincing 32 to 12 victory over VMI. Demonstrating a well conceived and beautifully executed offense, the attack rolled up five touchdowns while scoring at least once in every period. However, there were some glaring errors committed on pass defense which had Coach Blaik and his staff working overtime in preparation for the Penn State game.

In the opener, the performance of Bob Kyasky at quarterback, was almost as important as the score. Playing in the signal-calling role for the first time, Kyasky comported himself like a veteran. He completed three of six passes and averaged five yards per carry. Some of the gloss was taken from the victory with the loss of Gene Mikelonis, yearling halfback, who suffered torn knee ligaments and is out for the season. Mikelonis was the finest back on the field, gaining ninety yards in 11 tries.

In the 14 to 7 victory over a rugged Penn State team, Army demonstrated considerable improvement on defense. The Nittany Lions, boasting their finest squad in recent years, were tough and may well be one of the best teams on the schedule. Two touchdowns in the opening twelve minutes proved decisive. With Kyasky looking more impressive with each outing, Army again showed that it can move the ball effectively both on the land and in the air. Kyasky ran 24 yards on a roll out play for the first score. He then connected with a 62 yard pitch to Art Johnson to prove that Army has not strictly a ground attack. Dick Murtland scored from the six yard line for the other touchdown. A brilliant defensive maneuver by Kyasky saved us from a tie in the fourth period. With Army leading 14 to 7, Bruce Gillmore, Penn State halfback broke into the clear with a blocker in front of him. Playing safety, Kyasky hand-fought the blocker and forced the ball carrier out of bounds on the Army 40 after a 54 yard run.



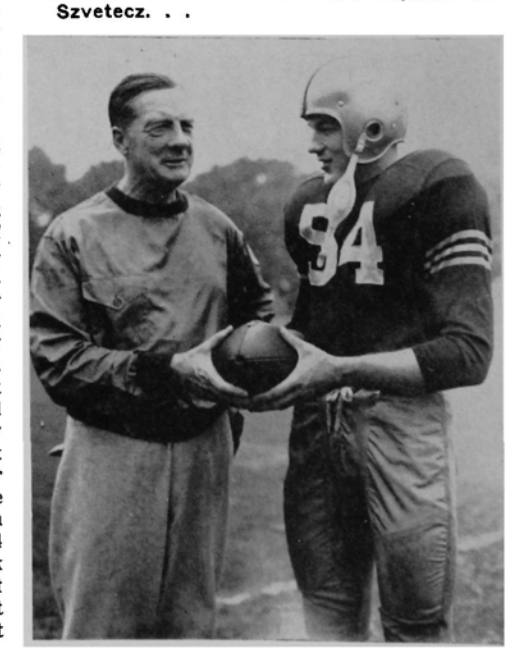
STAN SLATER—Guard . . .

ON OTHER FIELDS

The soccer team has been playing under an extreme handicap. The Booters lost three key players before the season opened. Bruce Turnbull, and Wally Summers, have been declared ineligible due to previous college experience. Captain Charlie Heinze resigned from the Academy during the summer. Consequently, Coach John Kress, who had figured on having a strong starting aggregation, is in the same stage of rebuilding as in 1955. The Cadets split the first two games, defeating Panzer 3 to 1, while losing to Ithaca College 4 to 1.

The cross-country squad, likewise split in its two opening dual meets. The harriers bested Providence College and then were subdued by St John's University. Coach Carl Crowell has a nucleus of six lettermen on hand around which he hopes to build a contender for the Heptagonal title. The best of the group appears to be Steve Quatannens, the team captain.

Coach Colonel Earl Blaik and Captain Ed. Szvetecz. . .



U. S. M. A. FALL SPORTS 1956

(With Scores to Include 20 October)
(All Contests at West Point Unless Otherwise Indicated)

FOOTBALL

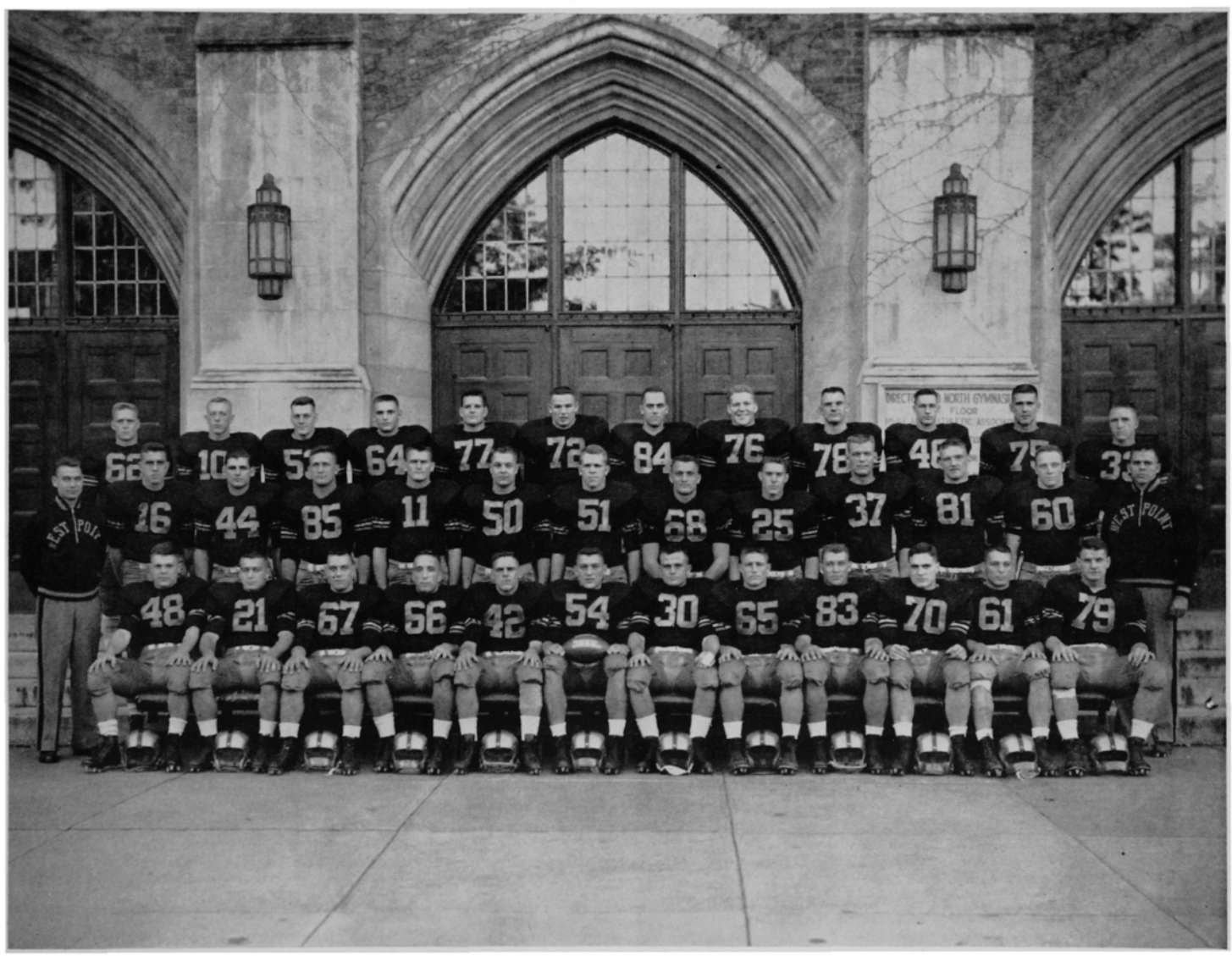
Date	Opp.	Army	Opp.
Sept. 29	—Virginia Military Institute	32	12
Oct. 6	—Penn. State	14	7
13	—Michigan—At Ann Arbor	14	48
20	—Syracuse—At Syracuse	0	7
27	—Columbia—At New York	....	....
Nov. 3	—Colgate University	....	....
10	—College of William & Mary	....	....
17	—Pittsburgh—At Pittsburgh	....	....
24	—Permanently Open		
Dec. 1	—Navy—At Philadelphia	....	....

SOCCER

Date	Opp.	Army	Opp.
Sept. 28	—Ithaca	1	4
Oct. 5	—Panzer College	3	1
12	—Colgate	4	1
19	—West Chester State Teachers	0	1
24	—C.C.N.Y.	....	....
27	—Yale—Away	....	....
Nov. 2	—Brockport State Teachers	....	....
10	—Penn. State Univ.—Away	....	....
17	—Univ. of Pittsburgh—Away	....	....
24	—Navy	....	....

CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Opp.	Army	Opp.
Sept. 28	—Providence College	25	36
Oct. 5	—St. John's Univ.	40	15
12	—New York Univ.	24	37
20	—Syracuse Univ.—Away	43	17
27	—Cornell Univ.—Away	....	....
Nov. 2	—Univ. of Pittsburgh	....	....
9	—Heptagonal—At New York	....	....
19	—IC4A—At New York	....	....
24	—Navy	....	....



ARMY FOOTBALL SQUAD - 1956

First Row (left to right): Dick Murtland, Joe Cygler, Tom Shuff, Joe Bishop, Bob Kyasky, Ed Szvetecz (Captain), Glenn Allen, Dick Stephenson, Art Johnson, Flay Goodwin, Dick Fadel, Mike Petruno.

Second Row: Glenn Andrews (Equipment Manager), M. Charles Darby, Mike Morales, Milt Ewanus, Dave Bourland, Tom Looney, Jim Kernan, Ernest Lenart, Tony Munger, Vince Barta, Bill Saunders, Dick Warner, Mark Heath (Manager).

Third Row: Stan Slater, Pete Dawkins, Charles Lytle, Bill Rowe, Maurice Hilliard, Bill Melnik, Charles Millick, Fred Wilmoth, LeRoy Greene, Gil Roesler, Don Tillar, Harry Walters.

New Members

We welcome to our membership 23 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 13,800.

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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1895

Our late classmate, E. H. Schulz, was honored recently when a traffic circle in front of MacKenzie Hall at Fort Belvoir was dedicated in his memory. A permanent brick monument with a bronze plaque was unveiled by his widow, Katrina.

During the ceremony Major L. W. Prentiss said of Schulz; "It was through his vision and determined efforts that Fort Belvoir is the well-laid-out place of beauty it is today."

Present at the ceremony were also his brother, John W. N. Schulz and wife, a daughter and two grandchildren. Also R. C. Langdon of '96.

Herron continues quite active in West Point and civic affairs around Los Angeles and Dixon reports he lives quietly with his daughter's family at Moscow, Idaho.

Good reports were received from Miles and Nissen.

—*L. M. N.*

1897

The class was shocked and grieved by the news of the death of our beloved Class President, Major General Edgar T. Conley. He died at his home, "Green Ridge," near Silver Spring, Maryland, on August 20th, 1956.

Affectionately called by his classmates "Sheriff," Conley was elected Class President at our first class meeting and has held that office faithfully ever since. He was retired in 1938, after serving as The Adjutant General of the Army, and has lived at the old family home at "Green Ridge," where his classmates in and around Washington have often enjoyed his hospitality.

This is no place to state General Conley's distinguished service. Suffice it to say here that he was a Christian gentleman.

He was buried on August 22d in the family lot at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Fairland, near his home, where he had for many years been a vestryman and senior warden.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clare M. Conley, of "Green Ridge," Route 2, Silver Spring, Maryland; two sons, Brigadier General Edgar T. Conley, U.S.A.; and Mr. Reginald G. Conley of Silver Spring; and one daughter, Mrs. Thomas M. Watlington, wife of Major General Watlington, U.S.A.

—*C. D. Roberts.*

1899

Our classmate, John Long is about making a noise like a young rooster, having recently emerged with flying colors from a bout with the doctors at Walter Reed. His health record is remarkable, he having been hospitalized before but once in sixty years and that for one day only. But perhaps Moseley is as remarkable, for Colonel Robert McDonough, now retired to Atlanta, reports him as "astounding", in both mental and physical activity. Moseley writes that he hopes no one of the class will come to Atlanta without looking him up. Jesse Nicholls up in Ithaca when seen last summer, said the same thing. Like most of the rest of us, Nicholls grows deaf, but unlike us, he keeps his figure and fine set-up. Mrs. Nicholls continues to pursue her long-time passion for antiques.

Those who remember Nina Romeyn will regret to hear of her passing. Daughter and granddaughter of the Old Army, like her brother Charley, she was born in a frontier post and grew up accustomed to war's alarms and to hardships and discomforts that would seem excessive to the present generation. She never married and her career was in the State Department.

Merry has been in Washington visiting his Navy daughter, but is back again in Texas.

The Herrons, after circulating last summer through New England and to points west as far as Indiana, are back again in their Bethesda home.

Mai Carter, after a brief siege with the doctors, is again her breezy and buoyant self.

—*C. D. H.*

1901

Our "55" reunion was fine with the Lahms, Maguires, Shinkles, Brownes, Frances Keyes, Ann Peek, "Jim" West, Reese Bettison, Billy Tidball, Bobbie Beck present. The men in barracks and the ladies in a lodge at the Bear Mountain Inn. I have heard from all of them since and they seem to be enthusiastic.

Had our reunion dinner at the Club Saturday evening with all present and three guests from other classes. Also had dinner and luncheon together with nearly all present both Sunday and Monday.

The highlight of our reunion was a cocktail party given us by General and Mrs. Bryan at the Superintendent's quarters Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Bryan was Catherine Dearmond, the daughter of a classmate. Needless to say we were all present and enjoyed every minute of it.

We are coming on as to seniority et cetera. Had one number in the rear rank of the first set of fours on the march from Cullum to the Thayer Monument.

Several had planned and hoped to be there but had to give it up. Willing intended to drive up from New York for at least one day, but the rainy weather prevented. The Larkins and Dinsmores were not well enough for the trip from California and Abe Cooley decided not to try it from Michigan. Dent and Kent could not make it. Neither could the Sherrills and Spaldings. Pat Newman is quite ill at Miami Beach.

I am glad to report that the luncheon gang still operates in Washington every Wednesday. The regulars are Guy Kent, Elliott Dent, "Jim" West, Dick Jordan and Bobbie Beck — Beverly Browne once or twice a month and Reese Bettison once or twice a year.

There is not space to record the letters we have received from others. They all showed interest and desire to keep in touch with each other through the *Assembly* and occasional bulletins.

—*Beverly F. Browne.*

1902

This first paragraph must be filled with inexpressible sadness. "Kid" Hannum has suddenly left us. He passed away at Letterman Hospital, August 14th. His body lies in Arlington. The deepest class sympathy goes to May Hannum, in San Francisco, and to her family—the son, Colonel Warren T. Hannum, Jr., an instructor at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, and the daughter, wife of a Navy Captain, now on sea duty out of San Diego.

Frank Bell's wife has sailed with her sister to spend a couple of months in the British Isles. Frank, not wishing to be separated so long from his editorial desk with the *Military Engineer*, compromised on a ten days motor trip with his niece during July around Lake Huron.

Foley, Frankenberger and Griffith, other members of our travel club, have made trips also. Foley's experience with the sizzling heat of Detroit and Chicago made him more appreciative of the coolness of his Tacoma home. Frankenberger on his way to visit his sister in West Virginia stopped to see the Mahaffeys in St. Louis.

The Rodneys spent the summer in Maine, where Mabs and I expected to go if the August weather in Washington had not turned unexpectedly cool. We have saved the money for a winter trip to Florida.

Johnny Pegram and Gwen, our veteran travellers, sailed from New York the middle of August for a year in Europe.

Gilbert Stewart's wife and sister were involved in a motor accident, in which they were severely shaken up but fortunately suffered nothing more serious.

The Longleys spent the summer in their attractive Cape Cod home (on a tidal estuary of the Bass River) which they have named "Wenoit", in answer to the repeated encomiums of admiring guests.

John Franklin and "Beef" Miller, far from the cannon's roar, oversee their farms, one in Alabama, the other in Virginia.

The Troup Millers' oldest granddaughter, the daughter of the Brigadier son, was married in May at Burtonwood, England, to First Lieutenant Daniel J. Tobin, 22d Infantry (Class of 1954, U.S.M.A.). The Tobins will be stationed in Germany. Brigadier General Troup Miller, Jr., his wife and two other daughters, having returned home from the command of the Northern Air Material Area of the United States Air Force in Europe, with headquarters at Burtonwood, England, are, after three years abroad, visiting the senior Troup Millers in Atlanta, Georgia.

Razzle Dazzle reports that though his memory has revived with the years (as reported in the last issue) his hair is getting much thinner and his vision is decidedly poor except when stimulated by the sight of a pretty girl.

Sigmund Albert is prosperous and enjoying the two fold pleasure of a garden and the seashore, in his country home in Elberon, New Jersey.

Amerine, in striving to improve the political, racial and economic situation in the South, has become a pamphleteer. In these disturbed times, and the world in need of reconstruction, we hope his philosophy may work for the public good.

—*W. W. E.*

1903

His classmates will be distressed to learn of "Benny" Grey's death in the Miller Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota, on March 19th last, of an internal carcinoma. He was buried in a cemetery in Columbus, Kentucky, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Abby Weed Grey formerly of St. Paul, Minnesota. Our deep sympathies to her, as we share her sorrow and bereavement. Who will ever forget Benny's famous charge, when in beast barracks drill of the Seps the command "Charge" was given for the first time and he in his cadet school uniform rent the air with a real *Rebel Yell* and cleared the drill ground of all hostile opposition! Any one who has any special recollections of him or has knowledge of his activities since retirement in 1942, please write to our Class Chairman, William H. Rose.

Pope, A. M., and his wife and daughter have succumbed to a travel virus, which impelled them to a voyage to Ireland, Scotland and England; and now more recently on their annual visit to Williamsburg they met there Julian Schley and Fred Smith and Bonny. Mrs. Schley could not leave Washington because of the work on her Committee on Arrangements for visitors' day at the embassies.

The following day the group assembled at Fred Smith's beautiful home in Hampton, Virginia. Fred is a horticulturist *par excellence* and impressed his visitors with having a learned name for every flower and shrub in his fine garden.—Now the Popes are planning to visit New Hampshire soon, and then go on to be with their son and his family in Altadena, California, where he is administrator of the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Los Angeles.

Speaking of horticulturist, Julian Schley is a master gardener as well as designer of gardens. His own garden in Georgetown, D. C., is his *Chef d'oeuvre*, has been written up in garden magazines and is one of those show places open to the public every year.

A fine letter from Turtle tells us that the sight of one of Maida's eyes has been saved, that they are living along as happily as the afflictions of oncoming age permit, and are getting much pleasure out of listening to good music. With a steel skewer in one leg, he is worrying as to whether water will rust what iron constitution he has—a serious thought for such a conscientious teetotaler.

"Pat" and Mildred Lynch visited the Roses in Bradenton recently, which both families enjoyed.

A letter to "Rube" Taylor in University City has been returned marked "removed". Information as to his present address will be gratefully received.

—*U. S. Grant, 3rd*

1904

Golden, writing from 51 Chambers Street, New York 7, New York, tells of having visited Maine recently and of having "been on the go with sixteen grandchildren scattered all over. Saw Tom Crystal at a distance. Looks good." On retirement, he says, he feels in the pink and promises that when he gets down to D. C. again he will try to see the classmates there. They all remember the last luncheon he attended at the Army and Navy Club when he said farewell with a round of champagne!

Jensvold's address is still Krisan Farm, Sterling, New York. He says "I missed our 50th Reunion on account of arthritis—which I still have. A friend of mine—also a victim of arthritis—has been greatly relieved by Cortone tablets which I am just starting to take. I would like very much to come to Washington for the monthly class luncheons—also to attend the Army-Navy game. Such trips seem a bit doubtful.

"I used to play a lot of poker—scrabble—canasta—pitch—and now I have fallen back on solitaire. At that game, I always win. I start out with certain rules—When it appears that I will not win, I change the rules—so I always win. Can you think of a better way to kid yourself?"

He sends best wishes to classmates.

Wheeler sends best regards to all from Cavendish, Vermont, where the temperature was 48 on the June morning when he wrote: "A few days ago I drove down to Boston, calling on Hooper on the way. Like me, he spends much of his time during the summer months coaxing something out of the reluctant soil of New England, a pastime of our ancestors. Among other things, he raises an unusual tulip which is much admired. He also keeps his pleasant home in Andover with its spacious grounds in tip top shape. As for me, I have been growing hybrid blueberries, which are unusual in these parts, and caring for my forestry holdings. This is still satisfying to me but I find that it is best for me to cut down on my activities—old age and a little hypertension at times. Hooper tells me that he is cutting down his plantings for the same or similar reasons. I think that Hooper and I are carrying our years quite well. The old Yankee breed holds out as long as any."

—*William Bryden.*

1905

Another member of 1905 has been called Home.

En route to Walter Reed General Hospital August 7th for treatment, Louis A. Kunzig died on the train near Monroe, Michigan, forty minutes after leaving Detroit. It is reported his death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services were held on the tenth at West Point. In addition to members of the family, Jim Curley and your scribe represented the Class. Dorothy Kunzig expects to remain at the home, 8120 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit 14, Michigan, until November first. Our deepest sympathies go to her great bereavement.

Case had another sojourn in Walter Reed but is home again and is improving nicely.

Our sympathies go also to John Lund whose wife Kitty died last July after a brief illness. They celebrated their Golden Wedding last year and the many happily married years together makes his loneliness all the more poignant now. His present plans are to remain at his home, 234 Stanton Avenue, Springfield, Ohio.

Doc and Edna Lentz have been visiting their family in Denver, Colorado.

Clifford and Harriet Early are scheduled to arrive in New York on September 25th from an eight month tour of the Mediterranean and European countries.

Mrs. Otho V. Kean passed away after a lingering illness in a rest home in Washington, where her son, Rev. Charles Duell Kean is rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Her son officiated at the funeral service as he had at Otho's services sixteen years earlier.

The Ramseys were happy to have had a very pleasant but all too short visit from Abby Endress in August. Her new address is 14817 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland 20, Ohio.

—*Norman F. Ramsey.*

1906

On my desk here at Dillard are many letters, prompted by the Golden Reunion of 1906, last June, largely indicating what a grand party it was, both for us who were there, and those who read McKew Parr's story of its events.

Earl McFarland has distributed the photographs of the men and women, and *Assembly* contains the photograph of the men alone. Both are available by writing to the White Studio, West Point, New York at $1.25 each, including mailing charge. Earl and Edith are enjoying the Washington summer season with the children nearby to keep them cheered up.

McKew Parr is still writing his enthusiastic elation over the plaque or scroll that we gave him at the Reunion. It was a pretty one thanks to Charlie Rockwell, who engineered it from his farm at Paoli, Pennsylvania.

Joe King thinks he might have made the Reunion but that Charlotte did not think so and took him back home, like a good wife should when there is danger. He hopes to be in Miami this winter and we hope to see him, Charlotte and Julia, their daughter, at Hoonanea on Normandy Isle.

John Merrill from San Antonio, says son, Lieutenant Robert A. Merrill, AFR, came to West Point with his family, but had to turn back with a sick son, who has now recovered. John is getting along well now.

George and Christine Morrow are up on the peninsula west of Puget Sound at Geoff Bartlett's Log Cabin Inn, Quilcece, Washington, due back at Daytona Beach in October.

Walter Wheeler used a good line in his letter, "emphasizing the fraternity forged on the anvil of Beast Barracks."

Jim and Gene Riley will be at Nabejibi Island, Patten, Maine till October. Red and Christine Hoyle were with them a while for a grand rehash of Reunion doings and other matters.

Mick Daley sends a clipping from the Times-Union of Albany showing son Jack getting his Major General stars at 45 years. This Daley family just cannot be held down. Congratulations Jack and Mick.

Henry and Helen Finch have a new home going up at 1175 Baughman Drive, Claremont, California. Hap Green and Julie went to Haywards Bay, Spirit Lake, Iowa, for the summer and contemplate Florida this winter. We are expecting to see them at Hoonanea. Annelie Loving says they are enjoying the class picture, but not so sure of the faces or names after so many years at San Clemente, seeing so few of the class. Bob White believes that a fellow in the Class of 1915 will carry Missouri this Fall. Earl McFarland attended the dedication of the memorial plaque in Wainwright Hall at Fort Myer, last July 9. Jack Wainwright and his wife were there. The program carried a fine photo of Skinny on his horse.

Letters from Crittenberger say nice things of 1906. He has taken up the class resolution about Crozier Hall and Maxwell of 1912 is also looking after a home for the Association of Graduates. Maxie brings up the matter of vacancies at West Point through failure of congressmen to fill their vacancies, so check yours. You may find a place for a future general.

We have sold our home at Dillard and we'll soon be back, watching the pelicans, and old Hukilau, the tall gray crane, stalking on the seawall, along Biscayne Bay. Hoonanea, the name of our house on Normandy Isle, translates from the Hawaiian, "Tranquility Together." That's the way Jimmy Ulio makes it. Kind of pretty, what? Come on down.

—*Charles G. Mettler.*

1907

It is none too early to start making plans for our 50th reunion next June. Several members of the class have already announced their intention of returning and Roger Alexander has appointed a committee to formulate a program for the occasion. Don't be surprised to get a questionnaire some of these days.

Sunny Jim Martin wrote that somewhere enroute home from the June week festivities at West Point he picked up a highly infectious cold germ and spent sixteen days at home before getting back to his office.

Shortly after graduation Lucian and Louisa Booth made one of their periodic visits to West Point to see their daughter, Leila, and her family. We have enjoyed seeing them when they have been here and only regret that these visits will probably be discontinued as Leila's husband has been ordered to Fort Leavenworth.

Ruth and Jumbo Watkins spent two months this summer in the North Carolina mountains at Waynesville. It is a beautiful spot, most comfortable and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Earl Findley, Editor of the U.S. Air Services magazine, an intimate friend of Ben Castle's, passed away in Washington, D. C. on July 11, 1956. He will be warmly remembered by all who were back for our 45th reunion as Ben's guest. Members of the class will remember his interesting and amusing account of the reunion entitled, "A Civilian Visits West Point", which was mimeographed and enclosed with the class book. The U.S. Air Services magazine contained many wonderful tributes to him and his many years of faithful service on behalf of aviation. Everyone who attended the reunion will be sorry to learn of his passing and will extend to Ben sincere sympathy at the loss of such a good friend.

We were pretty desperate for news until Paul Larned came to our rescue and we are indebted to him for most of the following: "Cecilia and I took a six weeks trip into New England this summer and had a most delightful time. We found a converted barn half way up Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest mountain, famous for skiing, and shared it with a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. It is simply magnificent country and we enjoyed open fires and plenty of blankets the whole time. On the way up we visited the Boones in their beautiful home, and were impressed again with the wide scope of Dan'l's oratory and speechifying before all sorts and conditions of gatherings—he talks both on political and international subjects. We renewed friendships with our friends in Hartford and Burlington in both of which places I had served.

"The following regarding the Washington contingent may be of interest: Jim Steese recently left Washington to proceed to Montreal by way of Los Angeles! After returning to Washington he will be off again on one of his globe encircling trips. In the last *Assembly* Johnny Jenkins was quoted as saying they were about to leave for Washington, D. C. to make their home. So far they have not arrived but we are ready to welcome them whenever they get here. Andy Lang continues about the same —he shows a wonderful spirit and keeps up his membership in the West Point Society of Washington and the Army Athletic Association. The Collins are on a three months trip to Germany, France and Italy, and if conditions warrant, a motor trip through Yugoslavia to Greece. Michael is a jet pilot with the American Air Forces in Germany. The Booths visited the Earl McFarlands and we had a nice visit with them—they were having quite a motor trip. Ray Hill and Toot were here for a short time but we did not have time to get together. Ricky White tells me he is paying his farewell visit to his old station at Plattsburg Barracks. The Sullivans went to Florida to be with their son who was about to go to Korea and the Glassburns have been up to Walter Reed for treatment of their young son. Rutherford and his daughter plan a trip to his home town in northern New York to get a first hand look at the St. Lawrence waterway. While at the Boones I had a very pleasant experience. The Boones gave us a supper party at their club and among the other guests we met the oldest living graduate of the USMA, General Hodges, and his sister. He is 96 as you may know, but I was astonished at his keen mind, his interest and the way he enjoyed everything. He remembered my Dad and even said he could recall seeing me running around the post as a small kid when he came back as an instructor. I wonder if any of '07 will do as well as he".

Ben Castle was selected to deliver the principal address at the Annual Meeting of the Gold Star Mothers at Arlington Cemetery September 30.

We received a most welcome letter from Lettie Shedd confirming the fact that she is now living at 2231 California Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Her son, Bill, is an instructor at Leavenworth. He had a year at Fort Bragg where he commanded the tank battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division. He took all the jumps with his outfit and qualified for his wings. George has a lovely home in Mobile and a fine job in the furniture business. He has a little boy just a year old. Lettie saw the Bruce Clarks recently and reported that Bruce seemed quite well though unable to get out much. She is also planning to attend the 50th runion next June. It will be her son Bill's fifteenth reunion also. She expects to leave Washington in November to spend Thanksgiving with Bill in Leavenworth and Christmas with George in Mobile, thence on down to Florida for the rest of the winter, returning to Washington in March.

Skinny MacLachlan wrote that he had "nothing of interest to report. Mildred and I are leading a quiet life in a comfortable home adjacent to the Stanford campus. We hope to make it to West Point in June".

Babe Chilton reported that "at the beginning of the last semester at the college here, the Board of Regents promoted me from the rank of Associate Professor to Professor of English. It flattered my vanity to think that I could retire as an emeritus professor and finally take rank along with P. Wood of the Old Days. And retire I did at the end of the semester. Every student that I had taught who could crowd in was in the classroom for my last session. I tried to say something, but for once, Chilton was unable. He could only wave his hands and leave before the breakdown was complete. Omira hopes that this retirement—the third —will now be permanent and that we shall have a little time to do what we think we want to do. We are going to Denver at the invitation of the new Superintendent to have a look at the new Air Force Academy. Thereafter, we have no plans, except that we have taken counsel together and mean to cultivate the knack of doing nothing without feeling guilty about it. Omira insists that I make plans for West Point next June. I hope to be there provided that I 'spring out' from the coming winter, as they say in Vermont. Until then, saludos and best wishes".

—*Hayden W. Wagner.*

1908

It was a shock to learn of the loss of the youngest member of 1908, Gibbes Lykes, who died as the result of a heart attack on August 30th, while at lunch with friends and relatives near his home at Lykesland, South Carolina. He was born at Lykesland

August 25, 1887, and so had just passed his 69th year of age at the time of his death. Burial took place on August 31st, with graveside services, at the old Mill Creek Cemetery at Lykesland, where his father and mother and numerous ancestors and relatives lie buried. John Kennedy, who lives at Columbia, South Carolina, represented the Class at the funeral. Lykes is survived by his son, Lieutenant William F. G. Lykes, U.S. Navy, Yorktown, Virginia; and by three granddaughters, two sisters, two brothers, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He served in his early years at various stations in the United States and the Philippines, and with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during the first World War. After his resignation in 1920, Gibbes was in Russia on Herbert Hoover's American Relief Expedition in 1922 and 1923 and later was with the Chicago & Alton Railway from 1925 to 1932.

Bunny Goethals reports that, on the way east from their home at Las Cruces, New Mexico, for a summer visit at Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, he and his good wife stopped for a glimpse of Johnny Johnson at his beautiful farm near Lexington, Kentucky. Bunny reports that Johnson "looked fine" and was busy remodeling the principal house on his acreage for his daughter and family to use.

Clarence Sturdevant and Mrs. Sturdie, whose home is at Silver Spring, Maryland, in suburban Washington, enjoyed a fine motor vacation in July, visiting Nova Scotia and eastern Quebec Province.

Harry Crea reports a change of address, to Holiday Tower, Madison at Wellington, Memphis, Tennessee. In a recent submission of biographical information for the Class files, he includes some interesting accounts of his family, with three daughters carrying on in the Army: Ann Crea Fritsche, Fort Bliss, Texas, the wife of Major General C. F. Fritsche ('28), two daughters; Jane Crea Adams, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, the wife of Colonel Robert H. Adams ('34), a son and two daughters; and Rosemary Crea Yarbrough, Indianapolis, Indiana, the wife of Colonel S. K. Yarbrough ('34), two daughters.

It is reported that Helen (Mrs. Rodney) Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Shelby Y. Palmer, Jr. ('38), and granddaughter, Shelby Smith Palmer, are now living at their new apartment at 105 New England Avenue, Summit, New Jersey.

—*J. W. N. S.*

1909

Frank S. ("P.D.") Besson died in July at Holladay Park Hospital, Portland, Oregon. He had been in poor health for several years. Services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church, with temporary commitment in Portland, pending burial at West Point. His survivors include his widow, Jean Sharp Besson; two sons, Major General Frank S. Besson, Jr., SHAPE Hqs, Paris, and Lieutenant Colonel Robert Besson, Heidelberg, Germany; a daughter, Jean Besson Adams, Laredo A.F. Base, Texas; a brother, Dr. John H. Besson, Portland, and 11 grandchildren.

Edward L. ("Mike") Kelly died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage on August 13 at his home in Venice, Florida. He had been in ill health for the past few years. He is survived by his widow, Mary, and by a brother, Brigadier General Paul B. Kelly, Retired, living at 17 E. Hygeia Avenue, Phoebus, Virginia.

Bob Sears has collected some news from our Pacific Coast classmates. He has talked with Gramp Hunter, who is very cheerful altho confined to a wheel chair. —Eley Denson underwent an operation last December from which he has completely recovered. His wife, Florence, is convalescing from a heart attack suffered last April. Their daughter, Mrs. Chas. H. Morhouse (wife of Colonel Morhouse, Air Force—Medical) has just returned from four years in England with her son and daughter. They will be stationed at Eglin A.F. Base, Florida. Eley, Jr., is a captain in the Transportation Corps at Fort Eustis, Virginia. —Barney Oldfield is still active with Boeing Aviation and makes frequent trips to the East.—Clare and Betty Partridge left for Europe via Washington on August 20. They plan to tour Europe by auto for a year or two.—Rodney Roberts reports that life has been routine in his ménage, except that Elsa broke her wrist during the past summer.—Bob and Margo Sears want to do some more traveling but are waiting to see where their son Bob will be sent on his next foreign service tour. Meanwhile they play golf three or four times a week.

—*G. L. VanDeusen.*

1910

During the past summer the 1910 Scribe has received very little news from the Class outside the vicinity of Washington, so this time we will tell something of ourselves who live here in the Nation's Capital. Joe and Gladys Leonard were away at their summer place in West Winfield, New York. Pappy and Gertrude Selleck escaped the heat at Lake Dunmore, Vermont. (However, the summer in Washington was exceptionally cool and pleasant.) Charlie and Lowella Hines were in central Massachusetts near Princeton. Mick and Helen Miles went to Maine. P. D. and Julia Uhl were home all summer but went on a delightful fishing trip in September to Chaffey's Rocks in the Rideau Lake region of Canada. Bo Lewis and Kay motored around quite a bit visiting Rehoboth Beach and dropping in for a few days on the Leonards at West Winfield, New York. The Franks, Millikins, Torreys and Wilsons stayed at home for the most part except for short trips. Snakey Dunlop and Ruth went to Charleston, South Carolina in May, attending the annual convention of the National Sojourners and going on to Florida they visited Snakey's brother, Sam, in Miami and Ruth's relatives, the Rickey Rices, in Clermont.

Fritz Strong was in Washington on a business trip in August and attended the Class luncheon. In July Carey Brown phoned. He was in town for a day or two and reported everybody fine at Rebel Hill Farm, Scottsville, New York. Jim Muir, up from his farm in Easton, Maryland, was also here for a few days in August and we had a good phone call from him.

If classmates would drop Snakey a letter or postcard more often whenever they have news of themselves or their families, it would help materially in writing up the Class news for the *Assembly*.

—*Robert H. Dunlop*, '10.

1911

Directive received 8-31-56 governing copy for October *Assembly* prescribes: " * closing date 10 September * 400 word limit * ". Evident base, relative class size. Means carry-over of many items. But keep data current for our FIFTY YEAR BOOK, not limited to "hard news"—we may be forgetting by '60-'61. "Thirty" for January *Assembly* probably 5 December.

Poignant word of Nick's bereavement on June 15 was included telegraphically in July *Assembly;* but the deaths of Gregory Hoisington June 16, and Carl Ballinger August 6, were not known in time. Lola Nichols sleeps in the cemetery at The Presidio of San Francisco, her last duty station. Joining Nick and the 1911 "Incs" at Fort Monroe in 1911, she is gratefully remembered by them as they learned the Army life she knew so graciously. Our president deeply appreciates your sympathy.

Greg succumbed to the grievous malady progressively worsening for fifteen years since its inception, considered incident to the pre-foreign-duty yellow fever inoculation tragic for many contemporaneously receiving it. He joins Lieutenant Gregory Hoisington, Jr., Infantry, USMA '38, Graduate 11111, who died in a traffic accident September '41. But his line continues with Colonel Perry Hoisington, AF, USMA '39, Major Elizabeth Hoisington, WAC, GS Hq. Sixth Army, and Captain Robert Hoisington, Infantry, USMA '50.

In June Week, Greg, Baade, Ballinger, Lawrence, all of Santa Barbara, California, had telegraphed reuning 1911, regretting their inability to join. A week before his death there of cerebral hemorrhage, on August 6, Carl Ballinger had written lamenting Greg's answering his last call: "We were plebes together, roomed and tented together; and he settled here at my urging." Carl, with us as a plebe, rejoined as an Infantry lieutenant in 1912; retired of disability in 1922, and eventually, in his third return to active duty, as a lieutenant colonel, in December 1945. In retirement he had served his community conspicuously in its military activities and occasions. His Service line continues in his son, Commander Ballinger, USN. Tommy Lawrence suffering a long-standing pulmonary disability, Paul Baade acted for 1911 at Santa Barbara; and all of the 1911 classmates, at Arlington, for Greg's interment. Josephine Hoisington and Edythe Ballinger have expressed deep appreciation to the Class.

Bagby reports son Jim has just finished his Army service. Colonel C. K. Bagby, USMA '36, resigned in '49; but Carrol and Dorothy, anticipating their eighth grandchild, see no likely break in the Long Grey Line.

Booton, Executive VP, WPSofNNE, urges upon the Graduates Assn. espousal of his Group's interest in placement of premature retirees in economic utilization. John reports arrival of a fourth grandchild.

Calvert continuing in Florida realty despite his "not liked 71", reports Bobby Clarke's eyesight very bad. Colonel Parker Calvert, USMA '37, Retired (Bataan '41-'45: 2SS, LM, CI, PH), with Jay and Trudy at St. Petersburg *Beach*, has virtually recovered from his protracted, severe breakdown.

Dave Cowles, hopefully recovered from the deafening effect of long-suffered Meniere's Disease, entered Letterman Hospital September 11 for the first of two cataract operations at six month intervals. The respite from his devoted care of his beautiful roses should better his comprehensive rheumatoid arthritis.

Crawford too has double cataract; but expects to complete his decennial on Alabama Polytechnic faculty September '57 and join the California coterie. Characteristically, he writes that Earl Blaik told him last June "Army will be good depending on QB facility." Although disgruntled by the Giants' performance, Jim was in fine fettle at July Class luncheon, Washington, having delivered the address at his Fiftieth Reunion, DeWitt Clinton HS.

Hardigg's new home, supplanting the April '56 Class List address, overlooks the Ohio from a 400 foot eminence outside Madison, Indiana, P.O. Box 78. Despite circulatory and digestive difficulties interfering with his country squire's life, as they did at Reunion time, Bill's serenity glories in 15-year-old Bill, Jr., and 12-year-old Jack;

both high ranking Scouts and 4-H winners, husky, good students, and (wryly) good swimmers; both headed for USMA. From our Class god-son, Colonel Franklin Kemble, USMA '34, to Lieutenant William Hardigg USMA '62: 1911 carries through!

The Ladds sailed September 9 from two months in Europe incident to visits with sons, Major Jonathan, X-USMA '43, DFC, BSM, 4AM, CR, PH, and Captain James, USMA '46, DSC.

Larned's son Bill, USMA '43, BSM, has resigned from the Army for electronics and writing. While "the line that has persisted since 1864 is broken", Major Larned continues in the Reserve. Senior Bill's community activities belie his dead-beating claim.

The last of our Ben's long Army line, Lieutenant Cherry Lane Lockwood, AMS, has just been placed on the Temporary Retired List, consequent to protracted vertebral disk disability.

McCleary, 34 years retired, idyllically engrossed in archeology, stamps, garden, and the stock market, reports son, Captain Robert H. (BSM, AM, CR), a student at C&GS College.

McNeal "retires this year from HS and GI College teaching"!

Our treasurer, Shek, has suspended annual dues, and has dispatched refunds due; our surplus is presently adequate and has been invested in bonds, the interest from which will suffice, if we don't fade away too fast. For a stirring appreciation of Haig as Director of ANCHA and "the first Armenian-American to graduate from West Point" see pp. 105-106, September Readers Digest.

Lieutenant General Spec Wheeler newly heads WPS of Washington, D. C. Contact him for luncheon dates at Fort McNair, January 7 and May 6, and Founders Day dinner, Sheraton Park Hotel, March 27, '57.

Also checking-in: Batson (inviting to Poplarville, Mississippi); Blunt (now riding the Potomac and Chesapeake in his 35-foot sloop Venture—out of bumping range; and winner, with Polly, of the '53 "Most Persistent Skipper" Trophy and the '55 Shipkeeper's Trophy); Sid Foster; Gilbreath; Hatch (plays nine holes thrice weekly, and regrets he didn't foreswear tennis twenty years sooner); Homer ("all mixed up in Civil Defense, and enjoying it"—Jack heads Chicago area).

And our X-es: Kunneke (invites visiting Service Academy men to Louisville monthly luncheon fixture, second Fridays; Mooney '12, but 1911's indispensable Washington host and correspondent (Jim's LLB, Cornell '47, aligns him with our other lawyer —Peterson resigned as a plebe to complete his law at Syracuse, and now highly positioned at the Miami bar); Nollman (recently injured in a traffice accident can now get about without the cane used at Reunion; also a Floridian, he summers in Asheville); Nalle '12 (expecting to resume full manorial activities circa Culpeper, with Lucy's recovery soon from a back injury suffered since March); Adrian Weeks '12, with us Polhemus, died December '55 at Morristown, New Jersey; interment, Arlington; failing heirs, Polly left his estate to the Salvation Army.

—*J. R. N. Weaver.*

1912

Allen, H. B.: In mid-August Swede Anderson and Bunny Hobson enjoyed a visit from Farmer Beecher when he visited his sister, Mrs. Smith, who lives on the Monterey Peninsula.

Anderson: Swede and Ann are beaming over the arrival of a new grandchild, Miss Kathryn Glover Hall, born May 22, 1956 and adopted on August 2 by Mr. and Mrs. Hall (Cornelia Anderson) of Houston, Texas. (Kuldell please note.)

Arnold: An early start toward the Christmas Bulletin of 1956 is indicated in the postcard recently distributed to all members of the Class by our faithful Class Secretary, Arch Arnold, asking for co-operation in the matter of material for the yearly bulletin. This project was started soon after the Cranberry Lake camp was opened up by Arch on his European safari. It is up to all of us to co-operate and show Arch that we are all solidly behind him. Arch reports that son "Chinky" (Treat) is the proud father of Chink Jr. "with more hair than his father or grandfather."

Barrett: Margaret reports that she and Leonard spent a delightful summer vacation at the famous Lake Tahoe and that Leonard has had published his mathematical treatise "Engineering Applications of Vector Analysis" and that this will soon be followed by another book. (Shades of P. Gordon's mystifying equations in our course on "Sound and Light".)

Barton: Bunny Hobson and Tubby Barton enjoyed a most satisfying long distance telephone conversation late in July while Bun was inching westward through Georgia. Latest reports indicate that Tubby Junior, Class of '48, now a member of the faculty of the U.S. Air Force Academy, is establishing a service record of which we can all be proud.

Bennion: From latest indications Howard and Marion, following their trip to Europe during the summer have now settled down in Salt Lake City to a life of retirement where he will be free to devote much of his time to his important duties as Patriarch of his church (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints).

Bingham: Bun Hobson found Big Marge and Little Marge in high spirits at their Arlington Towers apartment as they were awaiting the arrival of Budge (Colonel Sidney V. Bingham, Jr.) who is on duty at the Army & Navy War College in Washington. Bun also visited daughter Dot Bingham (Mrs. J. C. Wooley) at their Santa Fe, New Mexico, home while en route to California.

Brown, A. E.: Burfy and Jess closed their home in Asheville for the summer and were busy putting their summer home near Highlands, North Carolina, in final condition with a view to selling it. "Too big for two old folks", opined Burfy.

Chamberlin: It is rumored that Steve lost his gall bladder in a bout with the surgeons at Walter Reed in August and that he is in good shape and left the hospital early in September.

Chynoweth: Chen continues to set all of us a good example of active participation in worthwhile civic affairs in his community. His summary of the Berkeley Cragmont School Report Case is of great interest to those of us who are interested in modern education.

Crawford, R. C.: Following his release from Walter Reed early in the summer Red enjoyed the cool breezes of Lake George, New York, in August before returning to his Washington, D. C. Home.

Crittenberger: An AP dispatch dated August 6 reported that Critt is to take office on October 1st as President of the Free Europe Committee, Inc. Son D. J. Crittenberger, Class of '50, is now a Junior Aide at the White House.

Deuel: Earth-preserved skeletons of four women and one man who may have lived from 8,000 to 12,000 years ago near what is now Modoc, Illinois, have been uncovered. They were buried some 22 feet under the present ground level in the Modoc Rock Shelter, now in its second year of archeological study under the direction of Dr. Thorne Deuel, director of the Illinois State Museum. We hope to learn more about this discovery when Thorne relates the circumstances to us at our 45th reunion next June.

Devore, L. S.: Leland S., Jr., now a Major on duty in the office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington, is a dead ringer for his old man, according to Bun Hobson who spied him in line at the Officers' Club at Fort Myer, Virginia in August.

Edwards, B. D.: Following in the legal footsteps of his distinguished father, our Duke, Joseph H. B. Edwards, according to an announcement by the law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould, 1 Federal Street, Boston, has become a partner in that firm. The elder Duke, when visited by Colonel Snow at his summer home in Barnstable, Massachusetts, appeared to be in fine fettle and hopes to join the group at our 45th reunion next June.

Faymonville: When Katherine and Maxie Maxwell arrived in San Francisco on their return from a trip to the Orient on July 30 our genial host Phil, the Grover Whalen greeter to all classmates arriving in San Francisco, tendered them a class party at the Olympic Club. Classmates present to welcome them were the "Monk" Lewises, Mallons, Sullivans and Barrets.

Flynn: "Mick" Flynn (formerly "Huck") has changed residence in Farmington, Connecticut, from Waterville Road to 10 Main Street, where "Colonel" Snow found him in fine fettle, complete with Bushmill's, on his recent visit to our class artist whom he had not seen since our 1912 graduation.

Gorrell: The Class sends hearty congratulations to "Pete" (Edgar S. Gorrell, Jr.) and his bride, formerly Miss Helen Dolores Cerise, who are at present residing in Carbondale, Colorado.

Hobson: Following their arrival in New York early in the summer, Bunny, Frances and Mary motored casually westward, stopping en route to visit all classmates who happened to live on the route to be followed. As usual Bun bubbled over with enthusiasm and is endeavoring to convert some of our backward classmates to a renewal of class spirit in anticipation of our big get-together next June at the Point.

Hyatt: Bob is still busy trying to pry loose some photographs of the "old crocks" as he styles his classmates. The going seems to be painful but Bob is persevering and hopes to assemble a creditable album in time for our 45th reunion.

McDonald: Joe's sister Lila (now Mrs. Gordon McPherson of London) was a gracious host to the Bunny Hobsons during their visit there. She and another favorite cadet girl friend of many yearlings in our class (Estelle Crane), now the widow of Mr. F. G. McGregor, formerly of the British diplomatic corps, have been warm friends over the years. Their memory of members of our yearling class and of events that took place during that summer camp was astounding, and their continued interest in all 1912 was heartwarming.

McLean: Henry's sister, Mrs. Anita M. Lummis, of Tuxedo Park, New York, the last of a family of eight, was a gracious host to the Hobsons as they passed through that beautiful area where Henry is buried.

Morrissey: Slats and Charlotte report a most delightful visit with Squab Whiteside and his sister Ada and her husband at Whitey's summer home at Cascade, Colorado, during the mid-summer.

Nickerson: Nick's widow Frieda writes that she is looking forward to a trip east next summer and that she hopes to attend our 45th reunion.

Rayner: Josephine is another class widow who is looking forward to being with the 1912 group next June. According to Bun Hobson who called at her new home in Montclair, New Jersey, she was away on a motor trip in connection with the sale of

her Adirondack camp in northern New York.

Robertson: Lorene writes from her Carmi, Illinois, home that she is feeling better after a long siege under her doctor's care.

Thomas: You've got to see it to believe it—Tommy Thomas looking as if he'd turned the clock back ten years after the reconditioning job they did on him at Walter Reed last winter by chopping out his aorta. A salute to the surgeons and congratulations to him for going almost over the river and then finding his way back to a happy landing. As Bunny Hobson passed through Washington Tommy whipped up on short notice a small class luncheon in his honor. Present were Haislip, Drake, Jones, B. Q., Mooney, Thomas and Hobson.

Walker: A high light in the Hobson trip to Europe via the Panama Canal was finding Johnny's son Captain Sam Sims Walker, 33rd Infantry, reporting for temporary duty to Bun as his Aide, escorting them all around the Zone.

Weaver: Bill and Dorothy Weaver spent about a month at the President Hotel in Palo Alto, California, during August and September.

Youngs: Helen writes from Kerrville, Texas, that she would just love to come to the reunion next June but due to the removal of a cataract some time ago she is still stumbling around and is not able to focus too well.

—*R. T. Snow and W. H. Hobson.*

1914

This will have to be a short letter since little news of the class has come in. One piece of news of deep concern to all of us came today from Skimp Brand, and here it is. Art Harris sailed for Europe in May, landing at Barcelona, Spain. He planned to travel northward to Sweden, and then to tour through Switzerland and Italy, returning home in September. On September 5th, Skimp received the news that Art has lost the sight of one eye, which had to be removed, and that on that date he was still in a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland. Skimp is trying to get further details, but that is all the information he had when he wrote me.

I got a nice letter from Jim Bradley, who is still living in Rolla, Missouri, in order to take care of his mother. Jim sent me the newspaper account of the marriage on August 3rd of his daughter, Mildred, to Mr. Conrad Walter of Berkeley, California. They were married in the Post Chapel of the Presidio of San Francisco and the wedding reception was in the ball room of the Presidio Officers Club. The wedding guests included Tom and Clara Monroe.

Mrs. Mitchell Waldrop, a lifetime friend of Jim and his family, flew from her home in San Antonio to act as hostess for Jim at the rehearsal dinner he gave at the St. Francis Yacht Club prior to the wedding, and to stand with him in the receiving line at the wedding reception. Jim was stationed at the Presidio when he was Chief of Staff of the Sixth Army, Western Defense Command, and he has a wide circle of friends in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In my last news letter I wrote that Ike and Lilian Gill had driven up to Rhode Island to spend the summer at their cottage on Jamestown Island. This was correct, but they remained there for only a short time. They had been tentatively planning a trip to Europe, and when the opportunity came to board a transport they grabbed it and were on their way. I received a post card from them, written as they were passing the cliffs of Dover. They should be returning by now and we stay-at-homes in San Antonio are looking forward to stories of their trip when they return.

Elmer and Bebe Adler drove from San Antonio to Colorado Springs for a cool three-week vacation this summer, but the rest of the San Antonio contingent — the Reeses, Downs, and Carruths—remained here. It was a very hot and dry summer, and we're all glad it's about over.

That's all, fellows. And now that vacation trips are ending and we are all settling down, how about loosening up and sending in some news for our next letter. The deadline will be December 10th. Don't forget that any real news that is of interest to you will be of interest to your classmates. So let me hear from you anytime. My address: 241 Claywell Drive, San Antonio, Texas. So long, and best regards to all.

—*John Carruth.*

1915

I give it as my fixed opinion that the July issue of *Assembly* was the best I've seen in many a moon. The reports were factual and interesting, the well illustrated story of General Hodges was fascinating and the class notes were newsy and interestingly written. I was amazed to learn from President Crit's report that only 65% of the Academy's graduates are members of the Association. Those non-members are missing a vital link in the chain of events affecting their Alma Mater. I hope that Crit will use his uncanny ability in applying turpentine in proper amounts to appropriate parts to up that percentage materially.

Congratulations to our classmate Ike on his nomination and our compliments for the wonderful speech magnificently delivered when he accepted the nomination. Nice going Ike.

The monthly class luncheon seems to be *the* social event of Washington. At the July luncheon Tom Larkin blew in from Paris (France—that is), Sidney Graves graced the table after a long period of absenteeism and Blister Evans, apparently not hurt much after his bout with the Surgeons, shook and poured. Fifteen additional local yokels attended. According to Jack Davis: "the chit chat went at such a rate that one could scarcely get in his own 'bon mots'."

The Minnie Menohers and the Duke Millers breezed through Asheville in July and tarried long enough to have lunch with the Wogans. All looked in the pink. Minnie was his usual jovial and rotund self and told us how he ran for Councilman of Southern Pines but was defeated by a non-segregated "cullud gem'man suh!" And that was "befoh" the Supreme Court decision too!

When Ike was taken to Walter Reed, the Menohers sent him a get well card signed Laura Lee and Minnie. In due time came the acknowledgment addressed to "The Misses Laura Lee and Minnie Menoher." Ah me, those secretaries!

The John Kahles wound up their European trip early in September. They visited Italy, Spain, and Switzerland. From Switzerland John wrote, "Hope we have enough money left to get home, 'cause it's a long swim". I should think so, especially if you're a Walri, John.

With deep regret I announce the death of Lou Busbee on August 15 at Walter Reed Hospital. Our sincere sympathy to Charlie.

Jim Van Fleet has recovered his rugged health after undergoing an emergency operation for a gangrenous appendix at a general hospital in Gainesville, Florida. His home is now at Hobe Sound in Southern Florida.

Doodle Harmon received his third D.S.M. upon leaving the Air Force Academy as its first superintendent. Secretary of the Air Force, Donald A. Quarles made the award. Congratulations Doodle.

Joe McNarney has been named National Management Man of the Year by the National Management Association. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Association. Congratulations to you, Joe. There seems to be no end to the honors which keep coming to the members of our class.

The sons of 1915 are now attending the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, which is by way of saying that we have reached another milestone along the road of Old Crocks. My informant tells me that Bill Parker, the P. J. Mueller's son-in-law, and Dorothy Benedict's son, have orders for this year's class.

P. D. Parkinson came home from the hospital for a trial visit recently. Reports are that he is doing quite well.

Clesen Tenney writes that the wedding of his daughter was a success. Says Clesen "the setting was lovely, the ceremony impressive and the reception enjoyable." Clesen maintained a discreet silence as to the bills which inevitably follow such events. But why should a banker worry? He saw Midge and Bob Strong while in Tucson sometime back. Later the Strongs left for Ottawa and apparently were itching to get there as it seems traces of uranium had been discovered in the vicinity of their summer place in Canada. I hope by now Bob is an Uranium "Typhoon". Too bad Tenney has not subscribed to *Assembly* and will not be able to read these tid bits about him. Maybe Bob can sell him a subscription.

My remark about our "one and only Bill Boots" in the July *Assembly* got a reaction in the form of a lovely letter from Bill. He says "last year at the request of Doodle Harmon I attended the inauguration of the Air Force Academy at Denver and had a very enjoyable visit. From Denver I proceeded to fly around the world and spent a very interesting four months." Reminds me of the story of the man who came to dinner and stayed ten years.

Following moves and changes of address have been reported:

Duke Miller, P.O. Box 1118, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

C. "Air" Jones, 142 Baltic Circle Davis Islands, Tampa, Florida.

Venus Small is moving soon from New Hampshire to a place near West Point, New York. No definite address yet.

The Tom Hanleys will move from D. C. to their winter home in Florida about the end of October. My deah, this is just too too divine!!

I hope you noted in the July *Assembly* (pp 20-21) that Stringfellow is president of the West Point Society of Alabama, Cochran president of the W.P. Society of Florida West Coast and Monk Ritchel President of the W.P. Society of Louisville, Kentucky. More presidents in this class. Whew!

G. Hume Peabody was on time for once with his clever patter but made so many insulting remarks about your scribe that for a bit I seriously considered not even mentioning his name. Could a worse fate befall anyone? He says he is secretary for the Board of License Commissioners and must hold office hours every Monday morning. Gosh what a strain! He says this one-more-quarter-employment will enable him in the far distant future (?) (when he is 65) to draw his social security pittance as many doddering old men of the class are now doing (can you imagine such insolence). And then to cap the climax he relates how at the class luncheon there was the usual differences of opinion except on one subject i.e. "we must never let the news dry up to such an extent that Wog is re-

duced to writing poetry." (I call Hume, George from now on).

And just to let youse guys know that I *am* somewhat of a poet, I shall quote a bit of doggerel I wrote many years ago when I presented a good friend a pair of silver stars upon his promotion to Brigadier General:

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder if you are
Going to make out of me
A gentleman or an S.O.B."

Aurevoir, mes amis, Que dieu vous bénisse.

—*Wog.*

1916

After all the excitement of our biggest Reunion, it's hard to get back to reporting the everyday routine news but here we come with what we know of the summer's happenings.

Delp and Doe Styer motored back home to California, visiting the Black Hills, Jackson Hole, Yellowstone, Lake Tahoe and Yosemite enroute. Holland and Marian Robb, after leaving West Point, motored up through Canada, ending up on the Gaspe Peninsula, which is about as far east as you can go unless you trade a car for a yacht. They are now back home in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Doc Reinhart and Jeanette also made West Point and the Reunion just a stopping point on a motor trip. They looped out through the middle west to visit one of their married children before returning to Hendersonville, North Carolina. Dixie Bonfils and his wife stopped in Washington on the way back to Denver. They planned to make a trip later in the summer to the wilds of northern Wyoming and western Montana. The Paul Parkers also stopped off in Washington returning from the Reunion for a brief visit with the Stanley Scotts.

The Cockrells have been enlarging their country home on their tobacco plantation in Prince Georges County, Maryland. They divide their time between the plantation and their town house in Washington.

Craigie Krayenbuhl's daughter, Marie Louise, was married in Washington, D. C. on July 26th, to Major Harold R. Kurth, U.S.M.C. Another wedding of a Class junior was that of Parker Kuhn's youngest daughter, Margaret. She was married at Bedford Hills, New York to Mr. Godfrey Rockefeller on August 4th. After a trip to Europe during the late summer, they will live in Dallas, Texas.

There are several changes of residence that have been reported by the class this summer. Shortly after their daughter's wedding, the Krayenbuhls gave up their home in Alexandria, Virginia and moved permanently to Winter Park, Florida. The George Andrews have decided to change their permanent home from Vermont to DeLand, Florida. Andy says this merely means that he will own his home in Florida and will summer in Vermont, instead of owning in Vermont and wintering in Florida. Word also came from San Antonio that Joe Tully has accepted a job which will take him to Turkey for an indefinite period. We hope to get more definite news about what he is doing soon.

We have also had some European travellers. After a long wait for space on a transport, Calvin and Marjorie DeWitt sailed in August. Bill and Boots Spence from San Antonio also pulled out for the other side at about the same time. He had expected to sail shortly after the Reunion in June but his reservation was deferred for more than a month and that upest his Reunion plans. Both the Spences and the DeWitts are expected back this fall. Gallagher has also written from Rome, Italy that he and Helen expect to return to Washington late this summer or early fall. When Ferdie returns to the retired list there will be no members of 1916 left on active duty.

Among others whom we heard from this summer are Britton, Kane, Irvine and Woodward. They all expressed regret that they had been unable to make the 40th Reunion and promised to do better for the 45th. McCullough and his wife made a weekend visit with Brig Bliss in Washington. Mac is living at Haverford, Pennsylvania. Ham Maguire as usual spent the summer months at Bluemont, Virginia. Willie Shipp, the Country Squire of the Class, seems to spend his time between the hunts and horse shows of Northern Virginia but takes time out to attend a Class luncheon now and then with the gang in Washington.

Before sending this to meet the dead line, your news gatherer would like to express his appreciation of the letters received complimenting the Reunion arrangements last June. He is human and subject to flattery but feels that these kind remarks must be passed on to the team that cooperated to make the affair a success and that means the whole Class of 1916 and the ladies, God bless them all!

April 1917

The following members of the class were present for the West Point Society of Washington luncheon at Fort McNair on September 12: Leo Erler, Bill Eley, Francis Macon, Burnett Olmsted, Harry Schroeder, and Cowper Smith.

The best wishes of the entire class go to one of our most popular classmates, Louie Ford, and his bride, the former Mrs. Taylor Burke, of Alexandria, Virginia. They were married on June 9th of this year, and are making their home at RFD 1, Easton, Maryland. Louie reports that they are very happy. They spend considerable time at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, where they have a summer home.

Bill Harrison, now Commander in Chief, Caribbean Command, is in Washington on a selection board for two weeks. (September.) When Bill retires next March, he will be the last member of the class to leave active duty.

Those of us living in the Washington area are pleased to know that Vivian and Fred Irving are purchasing a home on Fort Scott Drive in Arlington, Virginia.

Whit Whitcomb writes that he will be in Washington during October.

Gladys and Joe Collins are still in Europe, but plan to return in October. While they were in Switzerland during September, they were joined by their daughter, Nancy Rubino and her husband, Michael, who came from Berlin, where Mr. Rubino is stationed as a representative of our State Department. While Gladys and Joe were in Italy, they talked on the telephone with Jack Nygaard. Jack expects to bring Anna Maria to our fortieth reunion.

Dorothy and Lawrence Mitchell are still touring Europe too. Their daughter Barbara flew over during September to join them in Vienna. Barbara is with the American Express Company here in Washington.

Mary and Cowper Smith have returned from their three-month tour of Europe, and report that they had such a wonderful time that they want to go again soon. While over there they visited their son, Major Robert Smith, Class of 1944, who is with Headquarters V Corps Artillery in Darmstadt, Germany. They plan to visit their other son, Major A. Cowper, Jr., at Fort Leavenworth at Christmas time, then go on to Texas to visit Mary's relatives.

Gay and Kewp Yuill are back home in Washington after spending the summer with relatives in Texas.

Chuck Gerhardt, who has been very active in the Episcopal Church in Winter Park, Florida, sends in this note:

"At the Fourth Provincial Meeting for Laymen, at the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee, Gerhardt, C. H. and Nisley, H. A. roomed together for the four days. Spec is Vice President for Central Tennessee, of the Episcopal Church, and Chuck is Diocesan Chairman for South Florida."

Jule and Bill Heavey have moved into a new apartment at 4000 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. He and Leo Erler both have offices in the Cafritz Building.

We were all saddened by the death of Steve Sherrill, who has done so much for the class, including the preparation of these notes for many years. Dot is continuing to live in Washington, D. C.

Jeanette and Jack Jackson spent a large part of the summer visiting their three children and four grandchildren, who live in Ames, Iowa, St. Petersburg, Florida, and Dover, Massachusetts.

Jack Jackson has agreed to take over these *Assembly* notes. Please remember that, although you may be reticent about sending in personal news, we all would enjoy hearing about you: your family, your trips, your jobs—or if you just go fishing, we'd like to hear about that too. So send your notes to Brigadier General Harold R. Jackson, 814 Albany Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia.

—*H. R. Jackson.*

August 1917

All classmates were proud to note the appointment of Dodson Stamps as Dean of the Academic Board. This was well merited recognition of his many abilities and accomplishments. We know he will do a grand job.

Ed Leavey has received additional recognition of his talents. Fortune magazine honors him with a photo and a full page. Forbes magazine features him with a cover photo.

We are happy to note also that the Air Force Association, at its annual meeting in New Orleans, cited Jules Schaefer for "distinguished public service through his dedicated and effective efforts on behalf of the men and women of the Armed Forces to make military service a more attractive and respected career".

Pop Goode was honored recently. At a luncheon in the private dining room of the Secretary of the Army, Pop was presented with a plaque inscribed as follows: "In peace and war, you have served your country as a distinguished member of the United States Army and have earned the lasting respect and admiration of all members of the Army who have known you." Among those present were Mr. Brucker, General Max Taylor, General Haislip, General Hull and General Magruder.

Des O'Keefe has been re-elected city manager of Chevy Chase Village, an indication of the high regard in which he is held by members of this community.

O'Keefe further reports hearing from his brother in Tokyo that Pat Mahoney is doing a great job as a consultant to the Corps of Engineers in Japan.

Pinkie Rolfe joined the Washington Group for its regular luncheon in September, and brought us up to date on our Florida brethren. Kit Carson gets his degree at the

University of Florida and will hang out his shingle as a C.P.A. in Gainesville, where Kit has bought a home. Pinkie also advises the unwary that Kit has knocked many strokes off his golf game. Anderson, G. H. is doing well with his motel at Daytona Beach and has quite a reputation as an expert fisherman. Pink says that low-pitched voice of Andy's call them in. Bill Jenna was one of the speakers at the West Point dinner in Miami and did a grand job. Timberlake is a successful real estate operator in Naples and is very active in civic affairs. Pinkie had luncheon with the Timberlakes in their beautiful home. Timberlake recently sold two lots facing the golf course to Frank Meade. Meade has retired from business and will move to Naples this fall. Pinkie says he has not seen Reinburg, McGregor and Garity up around Bradenton in the past year but says the report is that the first two are in good health and Garity is continuing to make slow recovery from a stroke. Over at Pinkie's home grounds at Winter Park, Pinkie has had a regular weekly golf match with Eddie House and Morgan, until Eddie was laid low with painful cuts sustained in a barbed wire entanglement. Eddie has just acquired an Arabian horse to resume his equitation and was attempting to fence a field for the animal.

Otto Jank has moved to the Washington area and has bought a new home in Sumner. He is still with the same company, but on a consultant basis, which gives him more time to socialize. Otto says he was in Texarkana four and one-half years and not a single classmate came through the town, and he, therefore, quit the place.

Red Shaffer has given up his job with Underwood as of September first and is now devoting himself to his several hobbies.

Henry Gantt writes from his home at Gloucester Point that he, Rachel and their four daughters are enjoying the pleasant life in southern Virginia. He enclosed a photo of himself and twin daughters in colonial costumes taking part in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the building of their historic old Church. Henry is a vestryman in the Church and attended an Episcopal council meeting in Leesburg. While in Leesburg he visited Lowell Riley and his family. Henry took a course at nearby William and Mary College in physiology last year. His eldest daughter, Sally, is a sophomore at Radcliffe, while Ann, Lynn and Jean are still in high school.

This has been a rough year in the family of Jules Schaefer. First, his stroke, then Catharine's thyroid operation and then their son Bob was stricken with polio (non-paralytic) in late July. Jules advises all are on the mend now. He puts several hours a day in at the office.

Jules, our most faithful correspondent, forwards a letter from Froggie Reed. This contained a clipping from the Los Angeles Times—an entire column of praise by the sports editor on Frankie Carr and his accomplishments as a trainer of thoroughbreds. He had twelve head in training at Del Mar. Last winter, at Santa Anita, he saddled three winners in a row, a feat never before accomplished at that track.

Froggie make a quick trip to Europe covering trade fairs in England, Germany and Sweden.

The Washington contingent is looking forward to the promised visit by Jack Knight in November.

Jack has named Leo Conner interim class treasurer. He has also appointed Stamps, Counts and Jones as the Reunion Committee. We are very fortunate in having Dodson and Jerry on the ground to make our Fortieth the best ever.

Swede Sarcka writes that he had an unfortunate fall which hospitalized him with serious back and spinal injuries. He is convalescing nicely, but he will have to give up the school which he and Betty have operated so successfully all these years.

Phil Day, after eight months touring Europe, is back in Bluemont, Virginia. He came to Washington for our August luncheon and tells us that he is building a second home in Winter Park and plans to divide his time between Virginia and Florida.

To complete our list of addresses, anyone knowing the location of Moomau or Saunders, please advise the undersigned.

—*L. Mc. Jones.*

June 1918

It is a shame that our allotted space will not permit the reproduction in toto of the grand letters received from Charley Lifsey and Tenney Ross.

Charlie's, dated July 12, reports on his trip through the far west. He left Atlanta on the first of April driving first to Denver. There he was checked at Fitzsimons for Emphysema, "a six-bit word for shortness of breath." The medicos assured him he was rugged enough to undertake the extended motor trip he had planned. So he covered about 15,000 miles, going through New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah. Spent a week at Colorado Springs doing the sights under the guidance of Betty and Harry Sherman. Two days at Las Vegas—lost only $3.00. On to Los Angeles to visit a niece. Looked up Carroll and Anne Tye at their home in Tarzana—both looked fine. Saw John Haleston at Hermosa Beach—his leg is still giving him difficulty. Dorr and Mildred Hazelhurst, at Long Beach, were in the throes of preparing for their daughter's wedding. At San Francisco lunched with Hans, who looked as indestructible as ever in spite of a heart attack last winter. Alice K. had just returned from the hospital so did not see her. Jim Pichel joined them after lunch. Jim now has two law offices. Phoned Mack Monroe. On to Seattle to visit a nephew, then headed back east, via Salt Lake City. Passing through Denver again called Wynot Irish but found him giving a dinner party so did not see him. July fourth found Charlie at Kansas City visiting a niece and helping her with picnic and fireworks for her two children. This prevented him from seeing Murray Neilson, who was helping his daughter to get out her wedding invitations. Spent a night in St. Louis, called Tenney several times — no answer (see below). Then, like a horse headed for the stable, home to Atlanta. Now Charlie is thinking of Europe or South America.

Tenney, lamenting the dearth of news coming in from the midwest, and knowing Murray Neilson was too busy raising children, undertook to furnish some news. Finding himself idle, on June 9 he and Marian loaded up Marian's Ford (known locally as "Grandma's Wheel Chair—GWC for telegrams") and headed east. At Washington was godfather for William Ross Thomas, son of Captain (Ret.) W. G. Thomas. Bill, Sr. was Ten's roommate in class of '48 and was himself badly wounded in Korea. The young godson is called Ross in memory of Ten. Had some grand visits with Adelaide and Heinie Baish and enjoyed seeing some of their children and grandchildren. Heinie, still teaching math in high school and doing graduate work at American U, "looks young and rotund." Saw Louise Dean, Sylvia Shattuck, and Blan IV. Blan goes to USMA as a tac when he finishes at the Signal School. Inquired for Sam at OCE but found Sam in hospital convalescing slowly. At OCE ran into Reg Whitaker on the same errand—dapper as ever; he is in charge of the Baltimore office of a prominent engineering firm. Pat Tansey was helping Mike with his math which took till Pat's bedtime, so did not see him or Jody. Avoided the Pentagon so did not see Gene Caffey. Tenney's father celebrated his 85th birthday while Tenney and Marian were there. Spent some time with their younger daughter Katherine. Headed for Canada via West Point and were on time to congratulate Dodson Stamps, August '17, on his star and appointment as Dean, and Harris Jones, April '17, on his retirement. Visited Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and the Gaspe. Strength and money having sunk to a low level, did not "do" New England but headed home, arriving in time for a visit from daughter Marian, her husband Sam Karrick, '43, and their two daughters. Tenney wishes classmates coming through St. Louis would "sweat it out with him."

C. Page Townsley III was married to Natalie (Nan) Shannon on July 21 in Dallas. Her father-in-law gained anoher delightful daughter. C.P.T. III is now back in the New York office of Cunard Lines.

Alice Anne Offley was married on July 24 to Mr. Henry R. Walther at San Antonio. Bob, from last reports, is still making his home at Hauula, Hawaii.

—*C. P. Townsley.*

November 1918

"MAKE A DATE FOR FIFTY-EIGHT"

Plans for our 40th reunion are beginning to jell. At a small meeting at which Howard Peckham presided, a temporary committee was discussed to consist of Peckham, Chairman; Holbrook, Vice-Chairman; Badger, Finance; Van Voorst, Correspondence, Publications and Promotion; and Conrad, G. B., dog robber. This temporary committee has been making preliminary plans. The big private dining room and private bar at the Bear Mountain Inn have been engaged for one evening party, and two "lodges", which will accommodate 12 couples have been tentatively reserved. Howard Peckham now plans to retire in October '56 and settle in Florida. He feels that he will be too far away from West Point to serve as chairman of the committee after moving to Florida. We owe him a great debt of gratitude, however, for what he has done so far in giving impetus to advance plans for June '58. Please send any suggestions, including volunteers for committee service to Brigadier General Marion Van Voorst, 601 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

Elmer and Dorothy Barnes have just completed a list of names and addresses of forty Classmates and four Class widows in the Washington area. I am sure that Elmer has a few extra copies for those interested. Hastings, QMG; Ogden, I.G.; Schow, Deputy Director of Intelligence; Stokes, Military Historian, are still on active duty. All the others are retired.

"Hansom" Harry Hillard writes from Shreveport, Louisiana, signing up definitely for June 1958.

Pinkie Williamson, now yachting and otherwise desporting himself with Helen in the St. Lawrence-Lake Ontario area, says that they too will come to our 40th. He also writes: "We have just returned from a short trip to the mountains, and I should report the fact I saw Mollie Molitor. The Molitors live in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and have built a lovely house high up on the side of a mountain with a grand view. They are both very busy with upkeep and improvement problems. In spite

of the fact that Mollie works very hard as gardener, carpenter, etc., he manages to keep up with his golf game. He has rigged up a canvas contraption into which he drives 250 to 300 balls every day. This intense concentration to practice apparently brings results as Mollie admitted to me with modesty that he shoots in the seventies, frequently below 75, which is good enough to beat most of the young men around the club. The next day we went on to Asheville, North Carolina, where I attended our Division (6th Inf.) reunion. As Jesse Graham lives in Asheville I tried to get in touch with him but was unsuccessful."

Fred Pearson writes: "Andy March's eldest daughter, her husband and their children spent the month of June with them. Andy says there is nothing like being grandpa. The Class will be glad to know that the Docs on their last checkup found Andy to be in the best physical condition since his retirement. Willie Webster was out on the coast this summer visiting his son who has entered the University of California on a scholarship for his doctorate. The Duke Dunklebergs had a busy July. Their daughter, Judith, was married to Lieutenant Gordon Gray, Jr., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church here at San Antonio. It was a beautiful wedding. The young couple spent their honeymoon on the west coast and will be stationed in England. W. E., Jr. and family from Springfield, Ohio, were present for the wedding and for a visit with mom and dad. Alex Mackenzie and family recently returned from a vacation at Galveston. Our son, Jack, graduated from Texas A&M in May, is getting married on the 5th of September to Miss Sheila Nelson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Nelson, (Colonel MC, Ret.). He enters the Air Force as Second Lieutenant Res. on the 14th of September. Babe Gullatt in his busy schedule gets in to San Antonio frequently. He is so rushed we don't get together often, but he gives me a call and a roundup on the latest Class news."

A splendid letter has just come from Reed Yeager, who has just settled at 11515 N.E. 6th Avenue, Miami 28, Florida. He writes: "We bought a cute little modern house here in Miami last January after living in Southern California for two years while working for Lockheed at Burbank, California. At the West Point dinner last March I saw Lovett, Sam Walker and Mike Jenkins. Mike's son, as the youngest graduate, made a very good speech. Will be very glad to see any Classmates down this way. This area is getting to be quite a summer resort. In fact, Miami Beach has more visitors this summer than last winter. People with children and medium-low income groups come in the summer. The weather is cool if one is on the water. Congratulations on your two arrivals! Had dinner recently with Bonner and Dorothy Fellers with the Mayers (former organist —they plan to settle in Florida). Bonner says he will retire from his present job this fall and go to Europe to see his daughter, Nancy, and her two children."

Alex McCone, who writes rarely but well, contributes from 44 Sherrill Heights, Little Rock, Arkansas: "My face is as red as it should be. Right after your letter arrived we moved. Letter got mislaid. Two weeks later I broke into the Army-Navy Hospital. Spent a couple of weeks there. Recovery uneventful. Wish you could get out here and inspect. This is getting to be quite a place for broken down Gunners. George Kayser and "Red" Colbern have dug in up in the north of the state. I manage to while away the time helping Nancy build a jungle behind the house—less cobras—and teaching Spanish to incipient padres at the local seminary; also from time to time working towards a Master's degree in philosophy. Not bored. Mary writes that she had quite a fling with you and yours but it is a long time since the summer of '17. Nancy sends her best and I join her. Sorry I couldn't find your ADC. Being without my 'operatives' cramps my investigative style."

"Jake" Baker writes from 811 N. Palisades Dr., Signal Mountain, Tennessee: "Received your card yesterday. The address is correct, except for the minor matter of the spelling of the word 'Palisades'. That seems to be a troublesome word to most people somehow. Enjoyed hearing from you. We'll try to 'Make a date for '58,' and may see you then. If you are ever down this way, be sure to stop and visit us."

"Hunk" Holbrook relays letters from Johnny Sherman and Hill: "You may be interested in the following which I received from John B. Sherman. He is now at 1475 Grove Terrace, Winter Park, Florida: 'Many thanks for your letter. I certainly appreciate it. I don't have much news of interest to our Classmates, except central Florida is a good place to visit or live in. There are a good number of retired graduates in this area. I bought a new house on a small lake at the above address about two years ago and hope some of our Classmates will stop by if in this area. This summer I have been in and out of a couple of hospitals. You know I retired for 100% disability over 4 years ago and have to take it very easy. Pinkie Williamson has passed through here a couple of times and we learned a bit of you through him. Understand you have a most successful business. Congratulations! By the way, Swift, Babbitt and Hinds are here now. Mabel joins me in sending best wishes to Helen and you.'"

And from J. H. C. Hill: "You don't know how I appreciated your letter telling me about our Class party in Washington with 53 present. I would have answered you sooner, but I still have not been able to get well. I am incapacitated a lot of the time. It would be a genuine pleasure for me to attend one of my Class reunions, and know it would do me good if I were well enough to get there. One wonders what his Classmates now look like. When I was young and thought anybody 40 was old and over 50 ancient, I used to attend annual dinners and thought some of the ancient ones had more hair on their jokes than they did on their heads. Speaking of bald men, I never have figured out when they wash their faces how they know where to stop. I wish you would tell each and all of our Classmates that you say 'hello' from me, and don't count me out because I am down physically. I still have hopes of full recovery. I had hoped to go back to Florida this last winter but could not make it because of health. I understand the east coast of Florida was so crowded last winter the cops stopped giving out tickets for parking and started giving out medals instead. I certainly appreciated hearing from you and do hope that my health will improve enough to let me come to one of our early Class conventions."

One hot afternoon toward the end of August my telephone rang. It was a very welcome and familiar voice from the past—Harry Crawford. He was visiting friends in Warwick and had come over to West Point for the day. We foregathered that afternoon under the maple trees at the Squirrels overlooking the Hudson and refought our wars and other engagements. Harry was in splendid shape and I must say looks younger than most of us. He is now back in the old home town, Waynesville, North Carolina.

"Puss" Stokes is leaving Washington this fall and going to San Francisco to be an additional Deputy Army Commander, prior to retiring next year.

Gene Vidal writes that he tried to get hold of me (Conrad) a few weeks ago to go to Saratoga. Apparently he joined Jack Curtis, who can always be found at Saratoga or Belmont whenever a big race is on. The Vidals plan to be at West Point for the Penn State game, so by the time this comes out I hope we will have had them here for lunch on that day.

Dave Griffith has accepted a job to supervise some dam construction in Iran.

1919

What with the absence of your scribe in Maine for a month's leave and the general apathy of the rest of you as correspondents there is very little to report this quarter. While at our summer cottage in my podunk and birthplace, Castine, Maine, Helen and I attended a cocktail party at the residence of Fred and Marian Dodge. They have done a beautiful job of remodelling and redecorating one of the fine old houses on the town's main street. Fred says retirement agrees with him to perfection.

I am informed that Harris Scherer, retired as a B.G., is to teach English at Sullivan's School in Washington beginning this September. Bill and Janice Regan have visited West Point a number of times this summer, driving up from their New York apartment at 8 Peter Cooper Village.

Kyke Allan is the source of the remainder of the news in this column. He states that he called on Roger Evarts while in Brattleboro, Vermont, last summer. Roger was in good health and spirits, and much interested in classmates activities. His address is Brattleboro Retreat, Brattleboro, Vermont. A fine commendation of the work of Willie Palmer as Vice Chief of Staff is spread upon the Congressional Record for July 5 by Representative Brooks of Louisiana. The same issue of the Record contains the promotion of Fred Makinney to the grade of Major General in the National Guard.

The following is an extract from an opinion of the A.G.O. in response to a query as to whether a member of the Class heretofore retired at his own request was eligible for Social Security credits on reaching age 65:

"The social security military wage credits have been granted for two periods—the World War II period from September 16, 1940 to July 24, 1947 and the post World War II period from July 25, 1947 to March 31, 1956. Each is a separate and distinct period. The deciding factor in determining if military service wage credits may be granted for either period is whether service in that period was directly credited in establishing eligibility for Army retirement pay or in computing the amount of the payment. Military wage credits would be precluded for a particular period if any part of service in that period was directly credited in establishing eligibility for the retirement pay or in computing the amount of the payment.

"Personnel with service subsequent to September 16, 1940, retired under the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of July 31, 1935, as amended (service prior to November 12, 1918), and personnel retired by reason of physical disability, who had World War I service prior to November 12, 1918 or who elect to receive retired pay computed on percentage of disability, may be entitled to military wage credits as retired pay is not then computed on years of service.

"The passage of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, which raised the pay of active

duty military personnel and retired military personnel, indirectly caused a number of retired officers to lose their eligibility for social security credits. This Act (Section 511, Public Law 351, 81st Congress) provided that if the pay of a retired officer would be greater by having his retired pay recomputed on the basis of years of service at the higher pay rates authorized by the Act, rather than 75% of his base pay at time of retirement as authorized by Public Law 612, 76th Congress (World War I Provisions), then his pay would be recomputed on the 'years of service' basis.

"Since your retirement pay was recomputed under Section 511, Public Law 351, you are not eligible for the military wage credits. However, in the event you have acquired coverage through civilian employment you would be eligible for social security based on such employment.

"Of course this information is advisory only, as social security benefits are administered by the Social Security Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the Department cannot make final determination in such matters."

From the above it would appear that unless members of the Class were retired for physical disability, or elected to receive 75% of base pay at the time of retirement, or have Social Security credits acquired through civilian employment since retirement, they will not be eligible for Social Security payments after age 65. (The foregoing opinion was sought before the passage of P.L. 881, The Survivor Benefits Act. This act will certainly affect those retiring in the future, if not those already retired.)

—*B. W. (Brick) Bartlett.*

1920

The USMA Class of 1960 contains four sons of 1920 graduates. They are George Peter Bare, Presidential Appointment; Francis William Farrell, Jr., 2d District, Missouri; Peter Ivins, 3d District, Florida; and Henry Dillon Lambert, Wyoming.

Several members of the Class have visited West Point during the summer or have indicated that they will return during the fall. Bob Kreuter, accompanied by his wife Betty and children, Nancy and Bobby, visited the Academy on August 1st. Bob is retired and lives in Santa Monica, California where he is employed as head of the Public Relations Department of the Hughes Aircraft Corporation. Young Bobby hopes to enter the USMA in a couple of years.

For a part of the Labor Day weekend, Frank and Anne Farrell were at West Point visiting their son Frank, Jr., USMA '60.

George and Rosalie Doolittle have promised to drive up to West Point on Sunday, September 23d, prior to their sailing for Europe in the ensuing week on a pleasure trip. The Doolittles reside in Albuquerque New Mexico. Geo ge is president of the Albuquerque Lumber Company and has long been active in the business and civic affairs of the southwest.

Bowling Green, Virginia has had a new mayor since September 1, 1956. This Very Important Person is none other than Colonel Julian E. ("Bugs") Raymond, USA, Ret. who, with his good wife Millie, has resided there since September 1954. Congratulations, Mayor Raymond!

In a letter dated August 29th, Lloyd Reese informed me that his dear wife Ginny had passed away on August 5, 1956. In his letter he said in part: ". . . We had a short married life but it was full of happiness and wonderful companionship. . . I am most happy that Ginny attended June Week a year ago. She enjoyed it so very much. . . . I am grateful that I have three granddaughters, still very young, but the years will go by soon and I shall be escorting them to West Point, to hops, with grandsons of my classmates."

Ginny Reese died at Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, August 5, 1956. In addition to Lloyd, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Winifred Burns of Berkeley, California; sisters Mrs. Charles J. Kendrick of Albany, California, and Mrs. J. Arnold Owen of Berkeley, California; stepsons Captain Robert M. Reese, USA, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Major Lloyd W. Reese, Jr. of Elida, Ohio; and brother-in-law Major General Kingston E. Tibbetts, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

—*E. C. G., Jr.*

1921 and 1922

It must have been a quiet summer because news is so scarce.

One can keep up with Max Taylor's goings and comings from the newspapers. He was at West Point for a while in late August, then visited Canada before Labor Day and Brazil after Labor Day. He was reported in the reviewing stand for the Independence Day parade in Rio on September 7. While he was at West Point he spoke to the football squad and left the job of beating Navy up to them on December 1 because he'll be busy elsewhere.

Harry Bodine stopped off at West Point during the course of a fast-moving trip in June.

John Uncles is wearing his third star now. Numa Watson plans to retire soon and to do a little travelling in Europe before coming home.

Murphy and George Stephens (honorary '21) happened to draw adjoining rooms in the hospital at Valley Forge this summer when both of them broke in for what was fortunately in each case a brief stay.

For the first time in a number of years there is no Oriole son in the plebe class. But Steve Lombard's son (MA '51) reported this summer as an instructor in Math, so there will be some continuity.

That's the news but here's a repeat: Keep that big red mark around the dates of the 35th reunion next June.

—*C. J. Barrett.*

1923

On the 26th of July, as we were returning from our holiday, we stopped by to see Woppie White and his wife at Pittston, near Gardiner, Maine. Woppie says he enjoys retirement more and more. He serves on various local committees, reads a lot of books he always intended to, and spends a lot of time just sitting on his porch, surveying his acres and watching the cattle and deer. During the season last year he shot a deer which he put in the deep freeze. He is so thoroughly happy, healthy and contented that he should live to be a hundred at least.

During our absence on holiday the Babe Bryans left (July 15) for Hawaii. My son on the First Class Camp Buckner Detail reported that the farewell review was held out there. It rained buckets until about two minutes before assembly and then a brilliant sun came out. He said the cadets were really glad it did, because they admired Babe very much and wanted to give him a proper send-off. He described him as "a real soldier and a great guy."

My cadet son, Richard, spent his leave seeing Scandinavia with three of his classmates. He contacted Larry Barroll, who was just about to embark on a trip with his family. However, Larry went all out in making arrangements for them. He got them hotel rooms in spite of the tight hotel situation in Stockholm. He had a member of his General Motors staff give them a conducted tour of the city. He also provided four beautiful blonde drags for them. In short, Larry gave them something to dream about the rest of their lives.

Bill Biddle, who is still Chief of MAAG (Japan), was at West Point for a few hours on September 8, escorting Mr. Keikichi Masuhara, Vice Director of the Japanese Defense Agency. He asked to see me and we had a pleasant, though brief, chat. He had prepared a short note just in case he might not be able to see me. In it he wrote, "In Japan, I have recently seen Jeff Binns (stationed in Korea as C/S, Army Forces Far East/Eighth U.S. Army) and Wong. The latter is still in Tokyo, on duty with the Psychological Warfare Detachment, AFFE/8 A (Rear). He still hopes to come to the United States and gain American citizenship. More power to him!" Bill inclosed a photograph of himself, taken at Noboribatsu Spa, Hokkaido, Japan, June 13, 1956. Bill is in field uniform against a background of snow, and beside him stands a big, brown bear, whose head Bill is scratching with his left hand.

Deke Stone wrote from La Jolla, "About the 21st August I had a keen supper visit and chat at Carlsbad (30 miles up the line) with Dave Dunne and his attractive wife, who had asked me to join them and their guests, "Moe" and Mrs. Cavender ('23) . . . The Dunnes have a fine home with an attractive patio and 4 mallard ducks to keep the snails down. "Ike" is the grandest of the ducks. Oh yes, they have a giant Airedale also. Dave is teaching adult high school or junior college; math. His "customers" are largely Camp Pendleton marines."

Agnes Garrecht and her youngest daughter, Mary, visited us over the weekend of August 24th. They had just returned from a tour including Rome and the gardens of France. Art writes that he is still with Consolidated Steel and hopes to remain active until 1965. Mike Buckley, he says, is a calculus prof at Santa Clara University.

Freddie and Arleen Phillips came by one afternoon while the Garrechts were staying with us. Their daughter attends the cadet hops rather frequently.

Bill and Anne Longwell spent about a week at the Thayer Hotel over Labor Day. We had the pleasure of having them and Mrs. Keyes with us one evening. Bill has a magnificent Irish setter that rides around in the back seat of his convertible and looks regal. The dog is perfectly trained and is the holder of two blue show ribbons.

Frenchy Grombach has just published another book entitled "Olympic Cavalcade of Sports." It looks interesting, though I haven't had a chance to read it, having recently been swamped with compulsory reading matter. Frenchy is on the Olympic Advisory Committee for boxing, so his book is very timely. It is published in both hard and soft covers.

We had hardly heard about Pinkie Dorn having a one-man show of his paintings in Paris than we read in the *Journal* of August 4 that he is Technical Director of Universal International Pictures, which is in Tokyo to film "Joe Butterfly."

According to the best information I have, the following is the list of class sons in the new plebe class: Robert E. Bryan (son of Blackshear M.), M. W. Gilmartin (son of Austin F.), R. N. McInerney (son of James C. B.), Elwyn D. Post, Jr. (son of Elwyn D.), William Raymond (son of Allen D.).

—*Bill Morton.*

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The annual meeting of the Class Association will be held at the Officers' Club, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C. at 7:00 P.M. on Friday evening, October 19, 1956. Notices of the meeting and ballots for Class Officers for 1957 were mailed on September 1, 1956. A report of the meeting and a new address list will be sent to all members of the Class about November 1, 1956.

Emerson Cummings received his third star on July 20, 1956 and will continue as Chief of Ordnance. Emerson Itschner has been appointed Chief of Engineers effective October 1, 1956. Bill Sexton retired on August 31, 1956 and has bought a home at No. 2 Waltonway Road, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia, where he says he intends to relax and take life easy. Dick Stephens is President of the Army Council of Review Boards in the Pentagon and has moved into quarters at Fort Lesley J. McNair. Bill Liebel is due to leave Portugal this fall with orders for Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Dick Prather is leaving Thailand and due to report at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Ralph Glasgow has moved to Apartment 1116, 4000 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 16, D. C., and is now working for the National Academy of Sciences on the National Research Council. Bill O'Connor retired this summer and is gainfully employed.

The heartfelt sympathy of the Class is extended to Cy and Hallie Caywood. Their fifteen year old son Banks was killed September 1st when he slipped and fell off a ledge as he and three other youths were descending the precipitous boulder-strewn slopes of 14,310 foot Mount Blanca, Colorado, after a successful ascent. The Caywoods bought a home earlier this year at 1134 Del Mar Parkway, Aurora 8, Colorado—just outside Denver. Cy wrote on July 29 saying that he had succeeded in landing a job with the Marsh Steel Corporation, and was starting to work the first of August.

Charley Summerall reports that he and Julia have been living in Belmont, Massachusetts since they retired in July 1954. Son Charles P., the third, was graduated Cum Laude from the Harvard Medical School with a degree of M.D. in June 1955 and since then has been interning in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, and has been granted an assistant residency in medicine at that hospital for a year commencing July 1, 1956. On May 12, 1956 he married Kathleen Glover of Charleston, South Carolina. Daughter, Judy, married John C. Smith, II, son of Ted Smith, Class of 1924, in April 1953. They have a 20-month old daughter and a son born June 22, 1956. They have moved from Rochester, New York to Boston where her husband will be on the staff of the Boston Lying-In Hospital.

George Lightcap reported in late June that he planned to go to the annual sales meeting of his company in San Diego—leaving Manhattan, Kansas, about July 14 and going via Barksdale AFB, Biloxi, and New Orleans with the hopes of getting together with Martin Hass and indulging in shrimp, gumbo and Ramos gin fizzes in New Orleans and Biloxi. We had hoped to have the details of George's trip to include in this issue—but so far we have not heard the results. He said that he and others were working on plans for a trip East about Army-Navy Game time and if all works out, he would be in Washington at the Army and Navy Club in late November. We just can't write this column without referring again to the support George always and readily renders the Class Association in answering appeals for help in locating Classmates who have moved and forgotten to send in their new addresses. He covers the middle West to the Rockies and Charlie Stevenson and Pat Pasolli are our informants for the East and Sam Strohecker for the Pacific Coast. Of course, there are others, too, who have been most helpful and as a result our address list is pretty complete and accurate.

Gene Meister confirms that his correct address is 735 Clarkson Street, Denver 18, Colorado. He writes that they journey to the mountains now and then during the summer to cool off. They are planning on driving to Cascade, Colorado, to see Zar and Dorethe Parmly. Gene reports that the West Point Society of Denver has some fine regular meetings each month.

Sandy Goodman, "Dean of Women", Monticello College, Alton, Illinois, reports that everybody got a raise in salary, except himself, instead he received a new title "Director of Operational Services". He gave us news of Dan Hundley who is an Associate Professor of Business Administration at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Sandy returned the end of August from a most delightful trip to the West Coast and states that the highlight of all the trip was a long visit in Palo Alto, California, with John Archer and Fran Stewart and Keg and Pat Stebbins. Sandy reported that he and his wife had enjoyed a visit over the Labor Day weekend from Mark E. Smith, wife and daughter Sandra — and hoped that the latter might be enrolling in Monticello College. Sandy and Keg Stebbins are gathering material preparatory to writing Jim Howell's obituary for *Assembly*. Jim died in February 1956. If anyone can contribute any information for this purpose Sandy or Keg Stebbins would appreciate receiving same, or send it to Class Headquarters and we will forward to them.

Bill Maglin has been unanimously selected for the William Freeman Snow Award for 1956 by the American Social Hygiene Association for "Outstanding Service to Humanity". The medal will be presented at a meeting of the Association in New York City on October 10, 1956. In 1940—General John J. Pershing was the recipient of this Award. Our congratulations to Bill on this honor being bestowed on him—we are all justly proud of our distinguished Classmate. Bill was in San Antonio, Texas, in August and reports he had a fine get-together with several of the Class.

Ed A. Robins advises that his new address is Butler Hall, 400 West 119th Street, New York City, 27. He is still with the same company—Griscom-Russell Company, New York City, and is doing engineering work.

George Smythe suffered a slight heart attack on Formosa in July. He was moved to the Army hospital in Tokyo and from there evacuated by air to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. His wife, Susie, accompanied him. George says he is getting along fine and expected to be released from the hospital in early September and after a month's convalescence leave he had no idea what the medicos would decide to do with him.

Charlie Landon has written to the Class a note of appreciation for flowers sent to him by the Class during the time he was in Walter Reed Hospital in July and August—he said it was nice to be remembered. Charlie is back home as of the date these notes are written (September 10) and is getting along nicely.

Ganorski Griffiths who retired in March 1956 is temporarily residing at 4441 Wyoming Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and is looking for a job. In his letter of August 30 he said that he had several possibilities lined up.

Lowell Limpus on August 15 submitted the following for this column: Three of our Classmates received considerable attention in the 24th intermediate report of the Congressional Committee on Government Operations, covering "Civil Defense for National Survival" which was transmitted to the Speaker of the House on July 27th and or-

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General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army pinning the Third Star on Lieutenant General E. L. Cummings, Class 1924, Chief of Ordnance assisted by Lieutenant General C. B. Magruder, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. Ceremony held in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

dered printed by the Government Printing Office. They were Pat Partridge, O. L. Nelson and Charlie Stevenson. The Committee evidently was impressed by Pat's testimony as head of the Continental Air Defense Command that by 1959 the Soviet bomber force will be able to penetrate our defenses; by Otto's opinion that civil defense might be the critical deterring factor against the outbreak of a war and by Charlie's explanation of what was wrong with the 1955 practice alert. Anybody interested can get a copy by ordering House Report No. 2946 of the 2nd Session of the 84th Congress. Limpus continued his report to the effect that one of the Class sons surprised his parents by getting married in the Catholic Chapel at Fort Benning, Georgia, on August 12th, the day before he reported for duty. The bride was Miss Diane Connor, of St. Petersburg, Florida, the groom, Lieutenant John Stevenson, of the Class of 1956 and the surprised parents, Charlie and Mair Stevenson.

Limpus has a new assignment, growing out of a newly-formed partnership between the New York News, by which he is employed and New York University Press, for the publication of a New York City Almanac and Guide. Wampus is in charge of the News end of the project and is now operating at New York University. His office is room 4, 7th floor, 4-6 Washington Place, New York 3, New York.

William L. Richardson reported on August 8 that he and his wife, Georgia, had recently bought and moved into a new home in Haddonfield, New Jersey and that it looked as though they had settled down for a while. Their new address is 900 Mount Vernon Avenue, Haddonfield, New Jersey. Rich retired two years ago as a Major General and moved north from his last assignment at the Air Force Missile Test Center in Florida to take a position as Chief Planner for Defense Electronic Products, which is the operating unit of RCA which develops and produces electronic equipment and weapon systems for the Army, Navy and Air Force. Rich is actually working in Camden, New Jersey on this new job. He reports that as for his children, one daughter, Patricia Zmolek, is living in Ontario, California and has two children. The Richardson's son, William L., Jr., (Bud) is a jet fighter pilot in the Air Force (USMA '51) and is on his way to the Air Force Academy from Columbia University and will be an instructor in History. They also have two children. The Richardson Seniors youngest daughter, Janet, is married to First Lieutenant E. T. Andrews, Artillery, (USMA '53) and this family has just returned from Germany to Fort Carson, Colorado, and they have one red headed gal named Jana.

Dennis Mulligan, after three years as assistant to the General Manager of Wright Aeronautical Division of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, retired from that job the end of 1955 and he and Major General E. M. Powers, USAF, retired, have formed a company of their own with the name of Powers and Mulligan at 427 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey. They are in the business of Industrial Consultants, working mainly in the aircraft manufacturing industry. Recently they have become the Eastern representatives of W. C. Heath Associates of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which is a Management Advisory Service to presidents of smaller companies. Pat Pasolli is the one who advised us of Dennis' new venture and Mulligan writing to us the end of July said that the day that Pat stopped by their new offices in late June, they went out for lunch at a nearby restaurant and came upon George Finnegan returning from an early morning engagement in Manhattan to his home in Mountain Lake, New Jersey. Apparently a reunion took place. The Mulligans have their home at 42 Normal Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Dennis has promised us that if he makes a trip to Washington he will try and make it on the second Thursday of the month so as to get together for the Class luncheon which is held always on that date.

Ken Strother confirms that his daughter Joanna Strother who graduated Cum Laude from Middlebury College, Vermont, this past June, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa will enter Government service in Washington this fall. We picked that item up from the Army-Navy Journal, and as a result had a nice long letter from Ken in which he said that he is still with the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California. They live at 739 19th Street, Santa Monica, California. He added that Wally Hastings had joined the corporation there last fall and is now living in Santa Barbara, California. The Dean of 1924, according to Ken, in his area, remains Briant Wells who he sees at least once a year at the West Point Dinner. Briant is hale and hearty and busy in Alumni affairs and has passed on some of his chores to Jack Riepe (Board of Governors, Los Angeles, West Point Society). Jack lives in Pasadena. Ken also said that he had seen Frank Gillette but unfortunately Ken has to work so hard that he doesn't have time to see much of the Class between USMA dinners. He also added that Harry Van Wyk is an official in the State Office of Civil Defense, or at least he was when Ken encountered him a few months ago and that also in Sacramento, California, is Onto Bragan who stopped by to see the Strothers on his way to Mexico this past spring. Apparently Onto is leading a tough life, resting and fishing, according to the report Ken rendered.

Bob and Madelaine Miller have left Washington and moved to New Mexico where their new address is 424 San Antonio Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Bob promised us that Madelaine would be back in Washington the early part of September and would give us the latest news of the Robert L. Miller family. As of this writing we have not anything further to report.

W. K. Dudley has just sent in a fine letter with lots of information concerning himself and family and says that upon his retirement in 1954 he was fortunate in finding a job at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, where his title is Commissioner of Buildings and Land, and his job is sort of a combination of post engineer and city manager. Dud says that he is working hard and feels that he is making a contribution to the Universiy but that he only wishes that he had been an engineer officer for he feels that he could then do much more so much more easily. The Dudleys extend a cordial invitation to any of the Class traveling to Tennessee to stop by and see them. He said they are located just six miles southwest of Monteagle, Tennessee, which is on highway 41 between Chattanooga and Nashville. In addition to Dud, his wife Gladys and daughter Joan, currently compose the welcoming committee. Joan is spending a few months with them, having graduated from the University of Colorado in 1955 where she was a member of the Beta Gamma Chapter, Alpha Phi. She was Assistant Bridal Consultant at the Rich, Swartz Store in Nashville, when a pernicious virus overtook her, however a fine summer has put her back on her feet and shortly she may be leaving the welcoming committee.

Dud also gave us news concerning George Millner who is in a home he built shortly after his retirement and moved into about eighteen months ago at 405 West Hill Road, West Hills, Knoxville 19, Tennessee. George is with the Polio Foundation. Don Hundley, Dud reminded us, is teaching in Washington University, St. Louis, and his home address is 7201 Kingsbury Boulevard, University City 5, Missouri. This confirmed the information Sandy Goodman had furnished us previously. Craig Alderman is also with the Dudleys at the University of the South where Craig is Superintendent of the Military Academy part of the University. Hey Roberts maintains a home a short distance from where the Dudleys are and teaches Graphics at V.P.I. Dud also reminded us that Steve Ackerman is in the Episcopal church and doing a splendid job at Toccoa, Georgia, where his address is St. Mathias Episcopal Church, Toccoa, Georgia. Incidentally, we just received a card from Steve Ackerman saying that after October 7, 1956, his new address will be 1289 Beech Valley Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

John Archer Stewart, 1611 Portola Avenue, Palo Alto, California, writes that Shorty Keeley is in Letterman General Hospital being treated for a throat infection. John Archer says that he and Ray Coombs call on Shorty occasionally and that he looks fine and feels fine. George Smythe had reported earlier that on his way through Honolulu, he had tried to get in touch with the Keeleys at 2723 Aolani Place and had learned that Shorty was in Letterman. Stew said that at a recent party he had seen the Elliotts, the Malins, the Coombs, the Rules, the Ray Robbins and the Stebbins. Also he added that he had seen Joe Kielty at Moffett Field a short time ago. Other news from the Stewarts was to the effect that he had heard from Fritz French from Denver and that Fritz advised that he was buying a home there. Fritz had been to a golf tournament in San Antonio and had stayed with the Kochs while there and also had attended a Class party. Ganorski Griffith had written to them saying that he had a yen to settle in California and wanted to get back in the banking business again. John Archer also reported on the visit of Sandy and Joe Goodman and how much they had enjoyed it. Stew added that he and Frances are fast becoming accomplished baby-sitters as their grandson grows older, and that he keeps busy with his insurance and realty work.

Sam Smithers' stationery bears the heading "Member Million Dollar Club The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the US" and writing from Columbus, Georgia, Sam says that in the Columbus area there are several Classmates and their families and that he and Martha see Andy Foster and his family from time to time and Willy and Margaret Shaefer. Willy is interested in the Military Order of World Wars and also keeps his eye on the stock market and is active in community affairs as a whole. Dinty Moore, according to Sam, has done exceptionally well in his real estate business, dealing primarily with military personnel at Fort Benning. The Moores have a beautiful home in Esquiline Heights, and Charlie, their young son, keeps them busy. Dinty and Sam have been active in the organization of a proposed National Bank at Fort Benning. Sam who is a booster for Columbus, Georgia, says that the community is in a boom period with the forthcoming Three Rivers development and that his own personal business has been very fine although he indulges in a little fishing from time to time and in general is enjoying retired life thoroughly. He said that he sees several sons of the Class of '24 at Benning in the new B.I.O.C. and mentioned the names of Mike Cavanaugh, Mike Conrad and John Stevenson. He added that young Jake Claybrook had just moved back from the Mountain Ranger camp and that he, Sam, felt sure that there were others in the Third Division, but that he had not seen them as

of the date of his writing. Sam suggested that if any of the Class of '24 should show up in the Columbus area he would appreciate it very much if they would give him a ring.

Pete Day, writing from Headquarters, US European Command, APO 128, New York City, New York, gave news of the six of the Class of 1924 in his general area. He said that at the semi-annual MAAG Conference held in Paris in May, there were five of the Class of '24 in attendance, namely, Haydon (Bull) Boatner, Chief JUSMG, Greece; Bob Dewey, Chief JAMAT, Turkey; Bill Liebel, Chief MAAG, Portugal; Pete Lee (J-1 EUCOM) and himself. Pete Day is J-3 EUCOM. He said that all were in fine fettle except Bill Liebel, who was slightly under the weather but that it had turned out later to be a chronic appendix which he had removed in Germany in July this year. Pete had spent Armed Forces Day in Berlin (representing EUCOM) where he had a nice visit with Charlie Dasher (Berlin Commander, US). He said that being in the iron curtain country had not affected Charlie's golf game and that he was still getting around in the high 70's—low 80's on the very fine course that they have there. Pete said that his own game for some reason, seems to be improving with old age (57) and that he had recently broken par on the sporty St. Germain course just outside Paris by shooting a 72 with par being 73. He also had spent an interesting ten days in Madrid in July in connection with the US-Spanish-Portugese planning talks where he had headed a delegation from EUCOM. Bill Liebel was supposed to have been there but was having his appendix out at the time.

Camille Duval has been Adjutant General of the Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia for the past 4½ years and is scheduled to retire on October 31, 1956. On September 18 he is leaving on a 44 day leave to enter San Francisco State College with a view to securing a Master's Degree in Education so as to qualify to teach science at the high school level. Camille was awarded a Ford Foundation Scholarship in connection with his forthcoming work. His wife, Elizabeth, who has been an ardent member of the "Wives of '24" in the Washington area is setting up a new residence at 2221 19th Avenue, San Francisco, California. Their son, Richard A. received a B.S. in chemical engineering from M.I.T. last June and is now on active duty as a Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers at Fort Belvoir. Their younger boy, Ronald W. who is 14 will enter high school in California this fall. We certainly will miss the Duvals in the Washington area.

Clem Dabezies and his wife Ann have moved to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and it is a great loss to all of us here in the Washington area. For years Dab had headed up the entertainment committee and had really done a wonderful job in organizing the Class luncheons and other parties. We miss his help and direction very much.

Jim Willis has sent us his new address as being 284 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Your scribe and his frau, while visiting in Niagara Falls this past August had a most enjoyable evening with Roby and Mary Robinson aboard their cruiser "Ybor" (It had to be explained to me that "Ybor" is Roby spelled backward).

—*F. J. G.*

1925

The big news as this column goes to press is the long-anticipated arrival of the West Point 1925 Thiry Year Book. Congratulations to the Class Organization in Washington, and more specifically to The Committee On Thirty Year Book and Announcements, on a job superbly done! This book is the most interesting reminiscence I can recall reading—ever; and the sad parts are more than offset by the glad parts and by roles played by classmates in the big events of history.

From now on, news in this column must always refer back to the Thirty Year Book as a line of departure; and by referring to the foot of page 74 I find that my news on Ax Devereaux and family is even more up-to-date than that in the Year Book. Subsequent developments are that the Devereaux's have announced the marriage of daughter Carolyn to Charles Wesley Thomas, Ensign, United States Naval Reserve, in Columbus, Ohio, on the fifteenth of last June. The bride and groom are to reside in Monterey, California, where the groom will attend the Navy Post-Graduate School of Aerology. Ax and family are still residing at 2131 Iuka Avenue in Columbus; and their son Alfred Boyce, Jr., is a USMA Cadet, Class of '59. Ax Junior is a cadet to be proud of, as would be expected: for my office records here show that he had a firm place on the Dean's list as a plebe, and now (as a yearling) he is high in the upper sections of mathematics, batting like Mickey Mantle.

One of the pleasantest surprises we have had in a long time at West Point was a visit last summer from Robert and Shirley Lobsiger, the son-in-law and daughter of Harry Jean Harper. The story of Jean Harper's part in the defense of Bataan and of his brave death after suffering hardships as a POW is known to all of you. For years his daughter Shirley had wanted to visit West Point and see the place her father had talked about so much. When she and her husband came here last summer it was the first visit for both of them; and I have never more thoroughly enjoyed showing this famous Academy to visitors. In addition to the usual interest shown by guests seeing West Point for the first time, there was the extra factor of a daughter's devotion to the memory of a gallant father; and I am sure that Jean Harper would be proud to see what an ardent West Pointer his daughter is.

In mid-July I had a telephone call from Don Mitchell, just passing through and stopping long enough to say hello. He was on leave from Headquarters, USAFE, where he has a civil service position as Chief of the Utilization, Disposal and Claims Branch under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations. The latter, as you know, is our own Colby Myers. Don was on military status during the war, and taught Military Topography and Graphics at West Point during that period. Don says that one of his most active thesis at present is that more energetic measures are needed to persuade young officers not to resign from the service. Noticing how many young lieutenants and captains are turning in their suits these days, I think he has hit on an important subject there! Sounds like 1928, doesn't it?

If you haven't seen Red Reeder's latest two books, get in touch with your bookseller and ask for Red's WEST POINT YEARLING (Duell, Sloan and Pearce), and THE WEST POINT STORY (Random House), written jointly by Red and his sister, Nardi Reeder Campion. Both are written for young people of the pre-West Point age. The first continues the story of Clint Lane, first introduced in WEST POINT PLEBE, and takes the reader through two Navy games which are as good as any I ever saw. The second (WEST POINT STORY) is not fiction, but is rather authentic history, and is one of the famous LANDMARK books for young people. Red and Nardi deserve the thanks of all Alumni for placing in the hands of Young America these books which—in addition to being intensely interesting—are scrupulously accurate in their portrayal of West Point. I

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Members of the Class of 1926 just after a retirement review in their honor at the Presidio of San Francisco. They are from left to right, Colonels Robert S. Nourse, Brookner W. Brady, John A. McFarland, and Alexander R. Sewall.

strongly recommend both books for every youngster of your acquaintance who looks like a good prospective candidate for a professional military career.

—*Nick Nicholas.*

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Reaction has set in after our 30th reunion, and the Class has become strangely quiet. Of course, most of them are now busy looking for new homes and new jobs, or are engaged in the task of hanging curtains in an abode which, for the first time in their lives, they can call their permanent home.

A few of those who have remained in the service have made the papers, but news in general has been scarce. Notable recent events are the promotions of Bill Baker, Rod Smith, and George Hickman to major general. Congratulations, and don't stop just because you have reached that lofty grade!

In the picture near this article, you will see the handsome faces of four illustrious classmates who were recently accorded a retirement review at the Presidio of San Francisco. Brook Brady now resides at 47 Miller Avenue in Sausalito, California. He is attending the San Francisco State College where he is preparing himself for a teaching position under the San Francisco Board of Education. Bob Nourse has established his family and self at 106 Bretano Way, Greenbrae, Marin County, California. He is now the new Commandant of Cadets and Professor of Military Science and Tactics at San Rafael Military Academy. Alex Sewall has settled in Phoenix, Arizona, where he his residing at 125 East McLellan Boulevard. Mac McFarland has taken up residence in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and he has accepted a position as a teacher at the North Idaho Junior College. Roy Herte has bought a home in Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York. Bill Hawthorne is now at 243 Angela Drive in Los Altos, California and Bill House is at 135 Palmetto Lane, Harbor Bluffs, Largo, Florida. How they have scattered!

In the civilian world, we hear that Ray Maude has joined the Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, an outfit which supplies electrical equipment to the armed services. Ray's home is at 46 Richland Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Trooper Doyle has been named Vice President of the Greenville-Evans Company of Plymouth, Michigan. This firm modernizes old freight cars. Sparky Baird is now Executive Vice President of Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. He is also the editor of "Signal". Sparky's home is at 1113 Beverly Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Ken McNaughton has been named a Vice President of the Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corporation. He will have his headquarters at the company's Los Angeles office. Matty Matthias has sailed to Ankara, Turkey with his wife Charlotte and son Peter, where he is to supervise some construction projects for the firm of Tippets-Abbett-McCarty-Stratton, Engineers. His Honor Dick Mayo has been named City Manager of Gloucester, Massachusetts. This is no small task as Gloucester, which is situated about 30 miles north of Boston, has a population of 25,000. Our classmates are really taking over!

The Roosma's have proudly announced the marriage of son Johnny to Dianne Alicia LaMothe. The ceremony took place at Cornwall, New York last August, and was witnessed by a large gathering including West Point's new Supe, Gar Davidson, and '26's illustrious writer, Red Reeder. Red, by the way, is still pushing the creative pencil in a big way. He has now co-authored a book with his sister entitled THE WEST POINT STORY. This book has been selected by *The Young Readers of America* (Book of the Month Club). Not content with that, Red has also written THE SHERIFF OF HAT CREEK which will appear in January. His name should be *Writer* not *Reeder!*

Please let me hear of the job you now have, the address which you hope to call permanent, and any similar information you may have of classmates. It is awfully easy to lose track of a lot of the Class during this Operation SCATTER, so give the Class records an assist by sending in your mailing address. Also send in some news so we can have a bigger column next time. Remember that a lot of the previous information came from service journals. Now that you are out in the big civilian world, we have greater difficulty in learning of your activities.

Some heartening information about the Class Sons in the Corps is repeated here with considerable pride. Young Tony Smith (Rod's second young West Pointer) has emerged from yearling year standing *first* in the class. That has never happened to anyone else connected with our Class except to old Bill Baker himself. To add to our class laurels, young Powell Hutton (Church's second son in the Corps) stood *two* in last year's plebe class. Both of these youngsters have shown up their respective dads who did well at West Point, but not that well. The new make list announced Jay Stanton as color corporal, and also named Bowen, Collins, Gary Roosma, and Tony Smith as corporals. Congratulations to all of the proud dads of the above named kaydets!

—*Vald Heiberg.*

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Apologies to Lawton Butler, Jr., and Howell H. Jordan, Jr., both USMA 1957, whose names were omitted through error from list of cadets in the last issue.

Please add the following to your reunion list as published in the July *Assembly*: Trapnell who is under orders to the Pentagon for duty with Dep/Ops from Fort Bragg effective October 1; Warren Hendricksen of the A. O. Smith Corporation, Milwaukee; Blair and Dorothy Garland—their son Donald "Jake" Garland is a First Lieutenant RA currently studying Japanese at ALS, Monterey, California, and has one daughter Robin, age 2½. Sandra Garland, age 21, is the wife of Mr. Glen Miller, Bucknell 1954, and lives in Frankfurt, Germany, where her husband is stationed with Army Security Agency; Jean and P. D. Ginder; and Howell and Mona Jordan who will be present of course with daughter Gladys, age 19, Duke University 1958, and Susan Lynch Jordan, 2 years, to see Howell Junior graduate.

Bus Howard writes from retirement at 2213 Terrace Road, Augusta, Georgia, that he and Hetty will be present if possible. Bus, Jr., USMA '50, has three children—Frances, III, age 3, Michael, age 2, and Kathleen, age 1. William E. Howard, UVA '52, has a daughter Melinda, age 4, and a son William, B., age 1; and daughter Hetty married Captain R. G. Cox, Transportation Corps, and has two daughters Hetty, age 2, and Mary Catherine, age 1.

Larry Shaw retired on his own application March 31 and has a fine position with the Personnel Department of Melpar (Westinghouse) in Falls Church, Virginia. Larry and Sue are permanently settled at 767 26th Place, South Arlington, Virginia.

Evalyn Bixel, and daughters Gay and Dabney visited Carlisle Barracks and Washington in July and then on to Niagara Falls and Canada for a vacation trip in their new Buick. "Bix's" Korean tour with UNCMAC ends this December, and his next assignment has not been disclosed at this writing.

Mone Asensio reports that "Ruth and I went to Europe this summer and saw Mono (M. J. Asensio, Jr.), First Lieutenant, 11th Airborne, Class of '52, stationed at Augsberg and still a bachelor and Joan Jay and her Air Force family (Lieutenant Colonel L. S. Norman, Class of '44) who are in Madrid with our two little 'Spanish' granddaughters, Joan Jay and Kerry Lynn."

Bill Chamberlain of 13500 Justice Road, Rockville, Maryland, writes—"Movie and TV commitments will keep me away from home during much of the coming year. I was fortunate to sell a story to MGM for a very nice price in May and two of my novelettes will appear in the Saturday Evening Post this fall. Best regards to all—Bill."

Chester and Mary Lee Dunham have settled at 1353 Whitacre Drive, Clearwater, Florida. Please add Chester to your reunion list. Fred and Ruth Kunesh are located at 580 N.E. 172d Street, N. Miami Beach, Florida.

Recent additions to the Washington Chapter—Lin and Orrin Grover, 1003 Tod Street, Falls Church, Virginia. Orrin is chairman of the Joint Middle East Plans Committee. The Grovers have three youngsters—Orrin L., III, 8 years; Teresa, 6 years; and Margaret, 2½ years; and Frank and Dorothea Ostenberg, 412 Argyle Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. Frank is chairman of a special screening board in Dep/Pers. The Ostenbergs have two children, Jane Frances, age 18, a freshman at Loretto Heights, Colorado, and Frank Thomas, Jr., age 16, a junior at St. Joseph's Military Academy, Hays, Kansas.

Chuck and Mary Ewing entertained the Fort Monroe contingent at their quarters on August 6. The occasion was a visit by your scribe and wife Katherine. After a lively cocktail party at Chuck and Mary's during which there was much reminiscing, we all drove down to the ever popular beach club for a chicken dinner. Chubby and Margaretha Doan, Nellie and Meta Fooks, Belle and Ham Hunter, Charlie and Frances Wesner, Freddy and Marge Day, and the Tom Counihans, USMA 1928, made up the party. We enjoyed our visit with the Ewings and also the opportunity to see our daughter Laura and three of our grandchildren, Stephen 6, Laura 4, and Alan 1, at their home in nearby Hampton. Son-in-law Captain Benjamin C. Murph, USAF, is assigned to the 48th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Langley Air Force Base.

Woody and Marianna Burgess proudly announce the birth in September of two new grandsons, John Maxwell, son of Mary Liz Maxwell, Heidelberg, Germany, and Greg Burgess, son of Captain George Burgess, USAF. Ann Burgess enters Stephens College this fall.

Your correspondent enjoyed a pleasant dinner and evening at home with the Smylys at Fort Meade, Maryland. Jim and Mazie made an extended reconnaissance for a retirement site this spring and have purchased ten acres in the Twin Lakes Area of the Arkansas Ozarks, where they will build starting next summer. Jim loves hunting and fishing for recreation and both he and Mazie are charmed with the location they have selected.

Dike Deichelmann is on his way to UNCMAC Korea from Commandant, Air Force ROTC at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and may miss the reunion. He and Louise were planning on attending, and we hope Louise will be there even if Dike can't make it. The Deichelmanns have two sons, Samuel 18, and Stephen, 12.

Election of new class officers for the Washington Chapter will be held September 1-15 so the results are unknown at this writing. Suffice it to say that you will have a new Secretary for future *Assembly* notes. To all those who have contributed so generously, many thanks for your help in reporting the Class.

—*R. G. Lowe.*

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Our Class sons who started their academic work on September 4 are Charles Heiman, Michael Lane, W. T. McNamara and John Reber.

Dave Heiman who is in Washington now spent Labor Day weekend with us while visiting with his son.

The papers in many parts of the country last week had quite a story of Harry Wilson's retirement on August 31 from Mitchel Air Force Base with a review in his honor. The account did not mention what he was going to do or where—Drop us a line Harry with your new address.

Our Washington news is not in yet as our deadline is met. Guess "Mac" is on vacation so we should have a big account in the next issue.

We have heard from active sources that Sirmyer is on his way to Japan. Paul Gavan is now Asst. Commandant, The Artillery and Guided Missile School and Mercer Walter Commanding General of troops at Fort Sill. David Watt is Inspector General, 6th Army.

Tom and Beulah Rich with their two daughters Sally and Suzanne were on a Caribbean Cruise in June and on the 23rd dropped in to say hello to the "Joe" Potters at the "Governor's Palace," Balboa Heights, Canal Zone. Joe and Tom had not seen each other since graduation. As Joe had arrived in Panama only three days before Tom's visit the Riches were his first States visitors. Tom also told us Harvey and Stannye Wilkinson are now in Puerto Rico where Harvey has taken a teaching position. Their address is Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

Blondy Saunders son Richard was married on September 1 to Doris Lutgen in his home town of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Alan McCutchen retired on July 31. He has taken a position at Clemson College, Clemson, South Carolina.

Hope to see you who are nearby at the football games this fall.

—*Pete Calyer.*

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The "third annual 1929 class picnic" (says Jupe Lindsey), took place on August 12 at Fort Meade. View of those attending and some items of continuing interest to the class (note utensil grasp of Fenn Sykes and also Miller Baby Cup) are set forth in the pictures sent to the Editor trusting that he will find space to print them. The ladies of the class continue as good looking as their daughters, but I fear the same cannot be said for some of our male associates; look at that back row again.

Jupe is off to be DC/S for Operations at 5th Army.

With the motto "Go like 60" the new fourth class starts out with high esprit, due undoubtedly to nine sons of '29 therein. They are Clarke, Dwyre, Hubard, Johnson, R. C., Lasher, Poinier, Schannek, Sladen and Wilson, W. K. The fathers of six of the nine are still on active service, two are deceased and one is retired. With five sons in the Yearling Class, three in the Second Class, ten in the First Class, this gives '29 a total of 27 sons now in the Corps. I recall at least two (Person and Keeler) are newly made cadet captains.

Army Armstrong now PMS&T at Harvard, has spent two weeks attending a course in American Military History put on by Department of Military Art and Engineering. Jim Evans is just back from being Military Attache in Viet Nam, and has spent a couple of weeks with his wife's family in Highland Falls before going on to 6th Army. Jim has seen an inexperienced people move a long ways in the past three years.

Rand Kutz is the new Chairman of the faculty at the Army War College—sounds almost like a Dean doesn't it?

Slim Vittrup is off to Japan where Herb Vander Heide has just gotten his second star as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 for army forces in the Far East. Bob Ward goes from commanding Fort Dix to the Far East.

The recent new generals list carried the names of new BG's Rindlaub and George Coolidge.

Your scribe is in receipt of a summary of Bob Cook's address to the Second Class, USMA, in his job as Assistant Commandant of the Infantry School. It is a good address to the 600 cadets beginning their Benning training period, but this column settles for publication of the picture of Bob, Johnny Throckmorton ('35), and Red Reeder ('26), with the hope that the published picture will reproduce accurately the shine on everybody's shoes.

Gus Herndon continues as senior army member of the Naval War College faculty. Tom Sands and Renee have been seen in the vicinity of West Point and were even kind enough to come and call on the Lincoln family. The Deputy Chief of Engineers for Construction, Weary Wilson, is taking a laudable interest in the building of the new academic building officially known as Thayer Hall, well-known as the Riding Hall to our readers.

Bob Cook, Assistant Commandant of Infantry School, Johnny Throckmorton, Commandant of Cadets ('35) and Red Reeder ('26).

My thanks to those who have sent in class news. There is a lean ration of in-

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Top Row (Left to Right): Wiegand, McKenzie, Sykes's son, Daddy, Weary Wilson, Nichols, Nesbitt, Stevenson.

Second Row: Harkins, Theimer, Vittrup, Bowyer, Miller, Griffin, Conner, Bush.

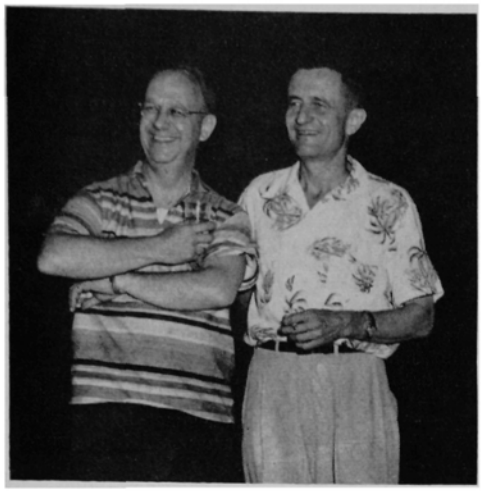
Third Row: Samuels, Chard, Nesbitt, Jr.

Fourth Row: Mrs. Rasmussen, Kai, Nesbitt Jr.'s Date, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Wes Wilson, Wes Wilson and son.

Fifth Row: Lindsey, Mrs. Samuels, Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. Theimer, Mrs. Harkins, Mrs. Mackintosh, Mrs. Chard, Mrs. Nichols.

Sixth Row: Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Bush, Miss Stevenson, Miss Nesbitt, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wiegand, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Vittrup.

Last Row—Miss Wiegand, Miss Bush, Jerry Miller, Gregory Miller, Linda Miller, Janet Miller, Miss Sykes, Master Sykes, daughter and son of Weary Wilson. Miller Baby Cup.



Honor and Anchor Man (also papa of latest baby), 1929, Fenn Sykes and Whitside Miller.

formation this time to pick from and so this column closes with the hope that some classmate, or better still his wife, will put pencil to paper, or even to a post card, and give us something for our next column.

—*Abe Lincoln.*

1930

After all this time (five issues of *Assembly*, and no news of 1930) your scribe can only say he apologizes. You may well expect better service henceforth. Sandy Stone, just arrived as C.O. of Fort Lesley J. McNair, D. C., has agreed to resume the monitorship of class affairs, effective immediately. You are urged to send all the news you can manage to Sandy so that we all may get caught up on the fortunes of the members.

Now, about that twenty-fifth reunion last year. You who were there know what a success it was. Over the three day period we had an average of about 50 classmates aboard including a sizeable contingent from Europe, and, of course, Bromby.

Julia and Joe Haskell got the festivities started off in most fitting manner at the lovely estate of Julia's mother, Mrs. Benjamin, in Garrison. Their cocktail party on Saturday was a genuine success, raising the party spirit to a high level where it remained almost to the last. That same evening a steak party was held at the Lodge at Bull Pond. Extremely well attended and livened by a fine orchestra out of the USMA Band, it was one for the records. Sunday evening was spent at a cocktail buffet at the WP Army Mess and a very nice affair it was.

The wind-up of scheduled events came at a dinner dance at the Thayer. By the opening of this event, the old age of us old grads began to be in evidence. Of the 33 who appeared, scarcely a soul was around by 12:30 a.m. Nice party nevertheless. It must be recorded here that Johnny Murrel with his unbounded enthusiasm insisted on Santa Clausing much of the frivolity, unbeknownst to the managers. As a result, our class fund is measurably healthier.

Photographic coverage of some of the parties was quite good. If your patience has held out, you who ordered prints may still expect to receive them. This naturally leads to the subject of the 25 year reunion book, which was started off with a flourish but suddenly lost steam. Final decision on whether or not the project at this late date will be continued or abandoned will be made as Sandy Stone takes over. If abandoned, refunds will be made to those who sent their checks.

The vote last year on the class gift for graduating sons of classmates was overwhelmingly in favor of the silver tray. Accordingly at a small ceremony preceding the June Week party at the Army Mess last year inscribed trays were presented to Roy E. Gunderson, James T. Darrah, Jr., and Gerald Lewis. The presentations through the class of '56 will soon be made and the project carried on from here.

For the por performance during the past fifteen months of absolute inactivity there can be no excuses. Sandy, old boy, carry on!

—*R. C. B.*

1931

The Class of 1960, largest to be admitted since July 1950, entered on July 3, 1956, 765 new Cadets, including seven sons of '31: Berry, John A. III; Boyd, Richard K.; Burns, Robert A.; Chandler, Clark P.; Herman, Dean A., Jr.; Herrick, Curtis J.,; and Wilson, Daniel H. This Class also includes singles, Gordon C., a turnback.

In addition to these men we have 19 upperclassmen as follows: *First Class:* Buck, Champlin F.; Houser, Houston P.; Maloney, James E.; and Moses, Charles C., (a Cadet Captain). *Second Class:* Brown, Glenn A.; Daley, John M.; Densford, Charles; Guenther, Frank J.; Haynes, Ashton M.; Reidy, Richard F.; Saint, Crosbie E.; Timberlake, Edward. *Third Class:* Carroll, David R.; Dick, James S.; Hightower, Louis V.; Lehrfeld, William; Markham, Harrison; Passarella, P. F.; Thomas, Marvin L.; Train, William F.; Turpin, William P.

We received a note from Maggie McGee enclosing a picture (see cut) of Dutch Spangler receiving the "West Point Cup."

Ed Messinger reports that the Class of '31 has the land of Poi, Hula, Okolehau and Liquid Sunshine well in hand. He goes on to say, "Last night the McGee's assembled all the Class of '31 stationed here to say goodbye to Van Bond before his departure for duty with the 1st Division in Kansas. Van leaves here about the 5th of September to attend the Management Course at Belvoir, after which he reports to the 1st Division for duty as Assistant Division Commander. Those present at the party last night were the Bond's, the Carlmark's, the McGee's, Chappell's, Spangler's, Messinger's and Ted Walker."

Elmo Mitchell tells us about having dinner with Amby Hughes and Fletch Cole. Gordon Cusack took a trip to California where he saw Coolidge, Roller, and Ondrick, all happily located at the Presidio.

Our congratulations go to the newest Major Generals: Jack Daley who is in Research in the Pentagon; Ted Parker, who is with the NATO Standing Group in Paris; and Tricky Troxell, in Psychological Warfare in the Pentagon, where the battle is hottest.

The latest Brigadier Generals are Coburn Smith, at Fort Carson, Colorado; John Davis, in Korea; Curt Herrick, at Fort Bragg; Dick Steinback, at Fort Louis; and Jack Leary in Korea. Best wishes to all of them. Although the Air Force has 13 Major Generals versus nine for Army, Army leads overwhelmingly in Brigadier Generals, 28 to 4. Doubtless there is some significance in this, if we could only find it.

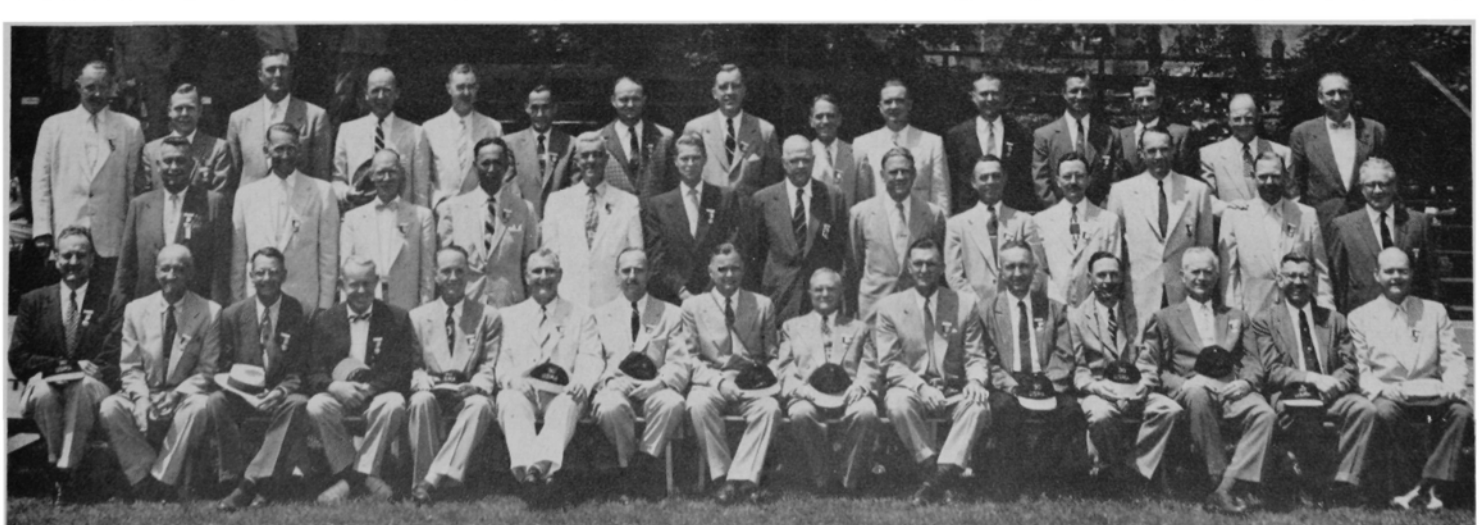
Following is a list of General Officers of our class, subject perhaps to an oversight or two:

Major Generals

Army: Carter, M. S.; Daley; Dick, W. W.; Harris; Messinger; Parker, T. W.; Schomburg; Troxel; Waters. *Air Force*: Beebe; Blake; Bogart; Callahan; Eaton; Hutchinson; Lee; Mooney; Moore, E.; Stuart; Strother; Timberlake; Yates.

Brigadier Generals

Army: Barclay; Berry; Bethune; Bonesteel; Brown, E. A.; Brown, R. Q.; Caraway; Carlson, G. C.; Casevant; Cassidy; Duff; Easterbrook; Hackett; Hauck; Herrick; Hightower; Hoy; Leary; Magee; McGee;



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Forty-three members of the Class of 1930, as they appeared at their 25th Reunion, June Week, 1955.

Pachler; Perry; Russell; Smith, C. C.; Stayton; Train; Walker, E. A.; Woodward. *Air Force*: Bowman; Chappell; Dougher; Rodenhauser.

Dick Jewett sends word that MacLaughlin has been assigned to the QMG in Washington, D. C.; Howard to the Army Audit Agency, Washington, D. C.; Malloy to the Office of the Inspector General, Washington, D. C.; Mansfield to Heidelberg, Germany; Jewett to the 5th Army as Engineer; Inskeep to Camp Wolters, Texas in Army Aviation; Barclay to the Army Ballistics Missiles Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Sam Smellow says that Schomburg is now Assistant Chief of Ordnance for Research and Development, wearing a second star. Big Swede Carlson is the Assistant Chief for Programming Coordination, having recently received his first star. Powell is on the staff of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and Purnell has retired.

Buck is C.O. of the Mt. Ranier Ordnance Depot; Sams is Ordnance Officer, 4th Army; Cave is Deputy President of the Ordnance Board at Aberdeen Proving Ground; Barclay is Deputy Commander at Redstone Arsenal. Del Campo has retired and is with Westinghouse in Pittsburgh. Ted Decker has reported to the Judge Advocate General's Office in the Pentagon. Smellow was observed in the Pentagon Dispensary having his neck stretched in hopes of alleviating a recurring pain therein, the source of which doubtless goes back to his wrestling days.

On the Air Force side of the house, a quartet of two-star, 1931 cadets occupy important positions in the Air Staff. They are Gordon Blake, in Operations, Dan Callahan in Programming, Frank Bogart in Budget, and Jake Smart, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. In these key spots, their coordinated impact could be great.

Elsewhere in the Air Force, we find that Beebe is coming to Washington from Germany to be Air Force Member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee; Eaton commands the 10th Air Force, Selfridge AFB, Michigan; Hutchinson is Deputy for Operations of the Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Virginia; Bob Lee commands the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force, Triers, Germany; Jim Mooney is Deputy Commander, 15th Air Force, Strategic Air Command, March AFB, California; Mickey Moore is Vice Commander, MATS, Andrews AFB, Maryland; Doc Strother Commands the Air University at Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Ted Timberlake commands the 9th Air Force, Tactical Air Command, Shaw AFB, Georgia; Don Yates commands the Missile Test Center at Patrick AFB, Florida; Apple Knocker Bowman commands an Air Defense Division at Albuquerque; Judy Chappell commands the 7th Air Force in Hawaii (nice work if you can get it!) Bo Dougher commands a division of B-47s in the Strategic Air Command, and Jerry Rodenhauser says La Civilisation Francoise is all it's cracked up to be as he helps General Gruenther with his chores in Paris.

On our civil side, here in Washington, Hunter, long retired, finds great satisfaction in teaching high school children how to read faster and more effectively (would somebody had taught us!); and Fred Warren helps keep General Dynamics on the path of the future. Out west Dick, P. V., deals in many things including metal scrap. He would have liked to remove a bronze mortar from Trophy Point during the Reunion. He says McAleer has retired in Vancouver, Washington and plays a lot of golf. Down in Fresno, Taul, having multiplied his original stake many times over in the wholesale plumbing business, says all he did was get in at the right time and ride the trend.

Be that as it may, back here in Arlington, Virginia, our president Dan Callahan can be seen of an evening strolling about with his two year old daughter and dog. Dan has just visited Bob and Phyllis Fulton who are on the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, and finds the family (all eight of them plus a new son-in-law) doing well. He also reports that he visited Bill Jones in Wheeling, West Virginia, a short time ago and enjoyed a brief visit in the beautiful hilltop home of our department store executive who is preparing the Twenty-fifth Reunion Book. Dan and Bill urge us all to send the pictures and the poop to:

W. S. Jones,
Stone and Thomas,
Wheeling, West Virginia.

What you should send is a biographical sketch, narrative style, about one-half page single spaced, together with a glossy print of a family photo not less than 5 inches by 7 inches. (Anything less will not reproduce well.) A photo of yourself alone will be better than nothing, as will a check for $5.00 made out to W. S. Jones. In this connection, it would be a good thing if every one of us phoned a few nearby classmates and inquired whether they have sent the stuff. The book is going to be a fine one, but to get it with all of us in it requires that each of us writes and forwards the wherewithal. DO IT NOW!

Anent our class award project, Dan Callahan reports that a committee appointed by General Crittenberger, President of the Association of Graduates, headed by General Devers with the work being done by Lieutenant General Wheeler and Fred Warren, is considering a plan to initiate a *WEST POINT AWARD on Founders Day*, March 16. This is subject to a favorable committee report and favorable subsequent action by the Board of Trustees.

So much for now. Send the poop to Jones.

—*Bob Alan.*

1932

It seems that whenever the time arrives to turn out this literary Mickey Finn I am under great mental stress, which may account in part for the content. This time we have just emerged from THE WEDDING. I know that this field has been thoroughly plowed in "Father of the Bride", "Last Days of Pompeii," and other horror stories, but until you have actually gone through the nerve-shredding experience play by play, you simply cannot realize the effect on the human (male) system.

I can make the flat statement for example, that nothing reasonable has happened in our house for the past six weeks. Pat and Kay talked in some kind of a code from which an occasional word like "Garfinckel's" or "limousine" emerged in the clear, but for the most part it was an involved discussion of where the church janitor should stand with respect to the maid of honor, or merely rhapsodizing over a fingertip illusion veil. (This latter is apparently one that is just long enough to reach to the knee-deep cancelled checks.)

I got into the act just once when in a moment of impulsive cooperation I generously announced that I was going to pick up a new creation at Benny's Tie Bar especially for the occasion. Well, sir, after the smoke from the ensuing meeting engagement cleared, I had not only invested $219 in a new uniform but had renewed the old familiar pledge;—never, but never, volunteer. On with the dance.

The Beach Organization has arrived in town and taken over a nearby housing development. Oldest daughter Ann resumes at Vanderbilt and Sandy (a wonderful appellation when taken in conjunction with the surname) is still a cadet in good standing. As of now, it seems that Dwight, who was Director of the Conarc Office of Special Weapons Development (at Fort Bliss), will head up a newly established Directorate for Guided Missiles under the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. After being on the job a week, Dwight made the mild comment that it would be nice to see what the outside of the Pentagon looks like in daylight—an understandable reaction that occurs quite often in people during their first tour in Washington.

Another DCS/OPS boy, Bus Wheeler (Director of Plans), added a new distinction to the class when he appeared on television

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Presenting the "West Point Cup" of the West Point Society of Hawaii for proficiency in Military Drill, is Colonel Thomas Aaron, November 1918, (Retired) to Colonel Richard S. Spangler, PMS&T, University of Hawaii, in office of Major General Edwin J. Messinger (right), Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division and Schofield Barracks. Looking on is Brigadier General John H. McGee (extreme left), Assistant Division Commander.

last Sunday as part of the Georgetown University Forum. This is a program which is invariably composed of heavyweights in their respective fields and carries considerable authority here at the seat of the government. This particular one consisted of a Navy Rear Admiral, a prominent University Professor of Political Science and Bus, who was introduced as a 1932 graduate of West Point.

Discussing the subject, "Are Our Armies Obsolete", Bus handled himself as though he had been on TV all his life and did not even have to plumb the depths of his aplomb. Spicing his remarks with such items as a quote from Big Abe Lincoln, "America can afford to survive," he summed up his answer to the question by putting it very neatly at the end, "if I thought they were, I wouldn't be sitting here in this uniform".

The only way it could have been improved would have been to have had Betty on the program in her latest chapeau but then no one would have looked at the participants.

Two very popular nominations to B.G. since the last issue; Bill Ellery and Pop Duncan; drew loud cheers from all. Pop, incidentally has gone to the very important job of C.G. of the Berlin Area and, stop me if you've heard this one before, his family is scouting around for another Boxer. Don't haunt me, Bonzo, this is where I came in.

The Paris edition of the New York Herald Trib says that Leo Dahl erstwhile C.G. of the Spain Air Materiel Area, was given a whirl of international send-off parties as he left Madrid for his new job as Comptroller of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Pat. Not the least of these was a large picnic given by SPAMA which I trust is the title of their organization and not the Spanish translation of the supper's piéce de resistance. Leo also picked up a silver cup for winning the SPAMA (see above if you're a devotee of quick-reading) golf championship, as he took off for a circle tour of Europe on his way home.

It says here that over in Naples, Italy, Dort Fisher is (understandably) a member of SWEET. This is not a personal description, however, but stands for "Special Women's Emergency Exercise Team" which was formed to make NATO's Allied Forces Southern Europe more combat ready by being prepared to continue the work of the Public Information Division if the latter must take the field in an emergency. If you need a broken-down hack, keed, just pull me out of this five-ply bombproof.

Lou Truman has just left Naples, incidentally, to take up his new job as Chief of the MAAG in Karachi, Pakistan. In the Springfield, Missouri, Leader-Press a good sized picture shows Lou shaking hands with the Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces Southern Europe as Marge pinned on his second star. Why he is looking at a four star Admiral while blonde Marge was in the room was not explained.

Bob Scott, Director of Information Services of the USAF has announced that Bob Scott has been given command of the 3600th Combat Crew Training Wing at Luke AFB, Arizona. Sounds like dealer's choice to me.

Still another loss from the home front occurred when John Ackerman went to Clark Field in the Philippines last month to command the 13th Air Force there. For the time being, Faith will mind the tennis court, swimming pool, and the other accouterments of their Virginia snuggery and probably join John around Christmas time.

On the credit side, Cy Dolph has joined the Joint Chiefs of Staff, assignment as yet unknown, while Jim and Pat Boswell—assets in anyone's book, especially mine, have come from Athens, Greece, to Fort Monroe. Moreover, Roy Moore, has just returned from the thriving city of Unpronounceable, Cambodia, to take his place with the elite on the faculty of the National War College.

Since the last issue, we have heard of two retirements: Bob Williams for p.d. and Merle Williams at his request. No further details except that Merle, who was formerly Director of Procurement for the ARDC's Wright Air Development Center in Ohio, expects to become a consultant in the field of finance, management and contracts.

It was also with considerable regret that the class learned of the death of Frank Besson's father, USMA 1909. Frank, who was their class godchild, flew back from Paris for the interment which was at West Point. Pete Hinshaw represented '32 and placed the wreath at the funeral services.

Out at Fort Sill, Red Seaward, who commanded the 93rd F.A. group there, has been named Director of the Department of Communications-Electronics in the Artillery and Guided Missile School, a position of considerable importance.

Johnny Bowen who was assistant CG of the 101st Airborne Division has been transferred to the 82d Airborne at Fort Bragg. I'm sure it had nothing to do with an article in the "Army Times" to the effect that there were several critical personnel shortages in the 101st, (*all jump qualified*) e.g., M.O.S. 022 Baritone or Euphonium player, 042 Bass Drummer, 043 Pianist, etc. No further announcement has been made yet as to Johnny's job in the 82d but the former C.G. has been transferred to a new station. Cross your fingers and make a wish.

News of the juniors continues to be interesting, particularly with respect to the three academies. Dick Coiner, Jr. is prepping hard for the Air Force Academy next year, sons of Jim Godwin and Bill Powers are new plebes at West Point, while Bill and Dossie Davidson sent a plebe to Annapolis to join the Gilmer youngster who is a youngster.

The more detailed news has been circulated in Bill Davidson's excellent and uninhibited monthly news letter, where he operates at greater length and without the blue pencil of Damocles hanging over his head. The reason that his letters are so successful, of course, is that they generate a great deal of correspondence, so try your hand at it early and often. He really runs a valuable information service and if you are not getting a copy, write him a letter and find out why.

As you all know, the big emphasis now is on the upcoming 25th reunion this June, our last while most of us are still on active service. Everything is well organized and there are already indications that individuals are planning to come from a considerable distance to make it. It was never truer that people make the party, so if we have a big representation it will be fun. You'll get more poop later but start planning your time and travel now, and when you get the committee's questionnaire, answer it early.

So much for business—now.

On a trip to Europe last month, ran into quite a cluster of classmates. Moose Mussett is the Deputy Chief of Staff for Administration at EUCOM and Bill McCawley, Chief of the Joint Projects Branch of the Military Assistance Division in EUCOM. Bill, incidentally, gave the visiting JCEC VIP's a very comprehensive briefing on the MDAP program.

Steve Mellnick was the Acting J-2 at EUCOM, but has since taken command of the 34th AAA Group just outside of Heidelberg. In Heidelberg itself, was Jack Weber, who since his promotion has been Ordnance Officer of USAREUR, a most authoritative job in very congenial surroundings. Rounding out the European mob is Bob Schucraft who recently took over in Frankfurt as Chief of the ASA, Europe. Right now he is probably leaping into the hybrid bucket-lift/guillotine that they use for elevators in the fabulous Farben building.

Finally, in case you haven't been to France recently, everything is normal and just as you left it.

The Folies Bérgere were of the same superb quality and would have been just like old times if only Patty had been there to mutter "defense de toucher" in my ear. The furriers across the street from the hotel featured a pink mink that was a steal at $200 the square foot or approximately the cost of Miami Beach. But most intriguing of all, I hadn't been in the country 10 minutes when I read in "France Soir" that a truck had run into a parked car and pushed it through a plate glass show window.

No one was hurt except a plumber who fell to the street from a ladder atop the roof of a six story building a block away while trying to stick his bazoo into the act. A trivial incident, perhaps, but something that kept me from concentrating on business for the rest of the day.

Just what *was* a plumber doing on the roof (on a ladder, remember,) in the first place?

—*Ken Zitzman.*

1933

Results of the election were announced at a class luncheon in the Pentagon, September 17—election of officers for the 1933 West Point Society, that is. Here's the new team: president, Ted Conway; first vice, Roy Reynolds; second vice, Ole Olson; secretary-treasurer, Bill Calhoun.

Contributions from the field reporters were mighty slim this quarter, so here's a little reminder that news items must arrive here by the fifth of March, June, September, December. "Here" is: Weapons Systems Evaluation Group, Room 1E 871, Pentagon, addressed to the undersigned. News items are *gratefully* accepted from free lancers, as well as from the "official" reporters.

Jimmie Polk, Whipple, and Johnny Shinkle are now wearing stars, and "Pop" Risden is confirmed for his. By the time this is in print "Pop" should be wearing his star and be on his way to Formosa to join John Scoville and Ted Ashworth in the MAAG.

"Solly" Solomon had a rough go of it for a while at Walter Reed and is currently on sick leave with prospects of returning to duty in October. "Solly" is assigned to the Office of International Security Affairs (OSD). Dick Park was also on "deadline" for about two months, but he is now looking chipper and is back to duty with the intelligence lads of JCS.

Some time ago, Russ Broshous asked Ray Corum why he changed careers, and Ray replied that "the grass looked greener." Ray is now with RCA, and mail will reach him at 619 King's Highway, Moorestown, New Jersey.

Tom O'Connor retired in March and Paul Gillon followed suit in July. Paul is now with Carborundum Company, Niagara, New York. (Your reporter would like to hear from both of you).

Butch Baumer scribbled a brief note in reply to Neil Wallace's dun sheet for dues: "Good to get this notice. All goes well with the Baumer clan of 7. Our oldest goes off to Marymount College, Tarrytown, New York, next month—so I expect she'll be meeting some classmates' sons. In addition to my Community Relations job, I'm up to my neck in civic endeavors as head of four different organizations, such as President,

New Brunswick Chamber of Commerce. A typical suburbanite!"

Chet Dahlen reports from Spain, August 17: "I arrived here with family on the 2nd of July and I am now fairly occupied in the functions and responsibilities of my assignment as Deputy Chief for MAAG—Spain. I must confess that I am still not accustomed to the daily routine — office hours from 9 to 1400 and 1600 to 1900 with dinner anywheres from 2000 to 2400. Also the language barrier is causing me some difficulty, having had only the one-year after lunch (siesta) at WP, but I am taking lessons three times a week and have high hopes that eventually I may understand and be understood."

Gordon and Puddy Bartlett have folded their tent in Saigon, Vietnam, and are now in the Washington area. After leave, Gordon will plunge into his new duties with the Army Security Agency at Arlington Hall Station.

Don Cubbison says: "Guatemala is a truly picturesque place and worth a stopover for anyone coming through on the way south. The latchstring is always out for classmates."

Adrian Hoebeke reports from ProvMAAG-K, Korea, that his job as Senior Advisor to the Korean National Defense College is "new and * * * for a non-scholar like me it's quite a novelty." He is looking forward to the arrival of "T-bone" Bowen.

Fred Zeirath reports from Fort Benning, August 29: "Charlie Chase is the Assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; he and Bill Thompson get together for PT workouts as members of the same volleyball squad * * * .

"At Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Phil Pope commands the 56th Field Artillery group and has a son and daughter enrolled in the Fayetteville High School * * * .

"Bob Speiser is serving with the Div Arty of the 82d Airborne Division. Bob has moved out of the novice jump class by completing his 50th jump. His son * * * is currently taking The Infantry School training, including airborne and ranger, and reports to the 4th Infantry Division next spring.

"Ivan Parr just arrived at Fort Bragg to assume the position of Post Quartermaster. Ivan just completed a tour on the staff and faculty at the Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth. His eldest son graduated from college in June and is beginning a 2 year active duty tour as a second lieutenant of artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

"At the Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama, Johnny Shinkle is Deputy Commanding General while Dunc Hallock is the Engineer Officer and Pat Patterson is the Chief of the Army Staff for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. Pat is acquiring some reknown for his cooking ability and devotion to Isaac Walton pursuits. * * * .

"Dunc is bending his efforts toward getting contracts let for new quarters and since his eldest offspring graduated from the Georgia Military Academy this year, he faces an 11 year stretch of maintaining at least one college student. Can anyone match that? * * * .

" 'T-bone' Bowen has just completed a tour of Civilian Component duty at Columbia, South Carolina and heads for Korea the first week in September. His family will be pretty well scattered with Isabel and Robert living in Washington, Claude attending college in Chattanooga and Bill in Asheville, North Carolina. We heard that Jim Boswell is being ordered to Columbia, South Carolina, to take over the job as Chief of the South Carolina Military District.

"Ebe Downing is the District Engineer at Memphis, Tennessee, and has a daughter attending the University of Arkansas and a son finishing his last year of high school with Academy ambitions. * * * .

"Alton Denton and his charming wife dropped in to Fort Benning during his change of stations for a short visit. He has spent three years at Burtonwood Air Force Base in England and his next station is Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio. Al brought back with him a new Jaguar and it is quite a dreamboat. We are all looking forward to the 25th reunion."

Russ Broshous came through with a report on June Week '56 for the last issue of *Assembly*, but my copy had already gone to press. Here are the highlights: Two sons of '33, Clayton S. Gates, Jr. and Robin G. Speiser, graduated with the class of 1956. Fran Gates Mueller and Bob Speiser were present to lead the applause. Fran Gates, now the wife of Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Mueller, Class of 1940, is residing in the Washington area. Bob Cyr, Howie Webster, and Gordon Eyler kept the old homesteaders, Russ Broshous and Buck Pohl (Cornwall, New York), in line during June Week. Dave Gray stopped by on the second of June on his way to the Catskills for a week of fishing.

George and Helen Chapmans' lovely daughter, Mimi, is engaged to marry a young petroleum engineer, Evan Jones of Austin, Texas. The ceremony will take place in the Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Virginia, on October 31, 1956.

Bill Fritz, now holding the money bags in Second Army, has been keeping me informed on area news with an assist from Bob Leslie. Bob is leaving the Army War College after four years, one as a student and three on the faculty. After six months at the Army Language School, he is headed for a tour in Mexico City with the Joint US-Mexican Defense Commission. Johnny Armitage and Mo Edwards are remaining on the AWC faculty for their second year and will be able to orient Ed Doleman in his new job as Assistant Commandant. Pete Clainos has left the faculty after three years and is on his way to Greece to join Norm Markle in the MAAG. John Brindley, George Carver, Chet DeGavre, Tony Kleitz, and Stan Lonning were all graduates of the AWC Class of 1956.

Doug Gilbert, after three years as PMS&T at West Virginia University, is on his way to Korea. His family will remain at their present home in Fairfax, Virginia. Bill Daniel is PMS&T at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Jake Messersmith is Chief of the First Transportation Zone with office in Pittsburgh. After doing a fine job as Second Army Engineer, Paul LaDue is now getting oriented in Europe. Bill Fritz is happy with his job as Assistant Comptroller, Second Army, and hopes to stay there for awhile.

Dick Montgomery has recently been assigned to Barksdale AFB for duty as Deputy Commander of the Second Air Force. Dick has just completed 5½ years with the Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, where he has done an outstanding job as Chief of Staff, SAC. Vansant is currently with SAC headquarters in the Armament and Electronics business. Van reports that his son is now a yearling.

"Tex" Hetherington is boss of the newly activated 379th Bomb Wing at Homestead AFB, near Miami, Florida. Van says: "I haven't had the opportunity of visiting him but will take the liberty of advising '33 he has some fine facilities for visitors in the Florida sun."

—*Harry Sweeting.*

1934

Tom Hayes, new Secretary-Historian of the Class Association in Washington, has been burning up the mimeograph machine during the past few months, with the result that everybody in the class must be pretty well oriented as to the whereabouts of almost everybody else at this point. Tom's listing of the entire class, dated July 18, 1956, is a masterful job, right up to the minute, and a real service to us all, especially your correspondent. Not content with this contribution to class solidarity; Tom visited West Point on the last weekend in August, with his family, and entertained the new "1934 sons of the Class of 1960", who were just back from their Plebe Hike.

Included in the information forwarded by Tom during the summer was the new line-up of the Washington group, as follows: Class President—Edson; Vice Presidents—Lou Walsh and Dale Smith; Treasurer—Martin; Secretary-Historian—Hayes. Tom McCrary, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has also been very helpful in forwarding information, including the following: Tom Hayes and Jim Snee left the Joint Staff early in the summer, leaving McCrary and Pop Gould as the only '34 representatives there for the time being, but the subsequent arrival of Harry Hillyard, as Deputy Secretary of the JCS, and the assignment of Ken Kenerick to the Joint Strategic Plans Group have bolstered our strength again. Hank Sebastian is a new member of the Joint Military Transportation Committee, JCS, and Cy Betts, home after a year in Germany, is in the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Guided Missiles. Tom Hayes, by the way, moved over to the Weapons System Evaluation Group.

Tom McCrary also reports that it has been decided to present each class son graduating from the Military Academy with an engraved silver cigarette box. By applying some involved formula the Committee arrived at 66 as the number of class sons who *may* graduate from USMA, carrying their estimates up to 1980 as something of an outside figure!

The most important news of the class to come out of the summer had to do with the promotions of Bill Tank and Bob MacDonnell to BG. Congratulations, Generals! Bill Tank has the Pacific Terminal Command of the Transportation Corps, at Fort Mason, San Francisco. Bob was first ordered from Carlisle Barracks to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, as Assistant Chief, but he ended up as Assistant Commandant of the Engineer School, at Fort Belvoir, a job which shouldn't be hard to take!

The Class of '34 is carrying on in the Corps of Cadets this year through its latest crop of second generation cadets: three members of the new Class of 1960. They are the sons of Pop Gould, Bert Spivy, and Charlie Wood. When last heard from, they had weathered Beast Barracks and were all set to hit the Academic year hard. In the meanwhile, the most advanced group of '34 sons—six members of the present Second Class—continued to shine as Dan Brookhart received academic stars for the second straight year and moved up to second position in the Class of 1958! Incidentally, Dan's Dad, our own "Ace", has just been assigned as PMS&T at the City College of New York.

The Jim Walsh family visited West Point over the Labor Day weekend to spend a little time with their yearling son before taking off for a new assignment in Germany, at USAREUR. The Spivys, newly arrived from Albuquerque, also made a rush trip up at the same time to see how their lad had come out of Beast Barracks; they then

returned hastily to Washington, to get settled in time for Bert to report to his new job in the office of the Deputy C/S for Military Operations.

At the Presidio of San Francisco, on July 19, Bob Erlenkotter was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for his meritorious service as Deputy Commander, 136th Engineer Aviation Brigade, at the time of the disastrous floods at Marysville and Yuba City, California, in December 1955 and January 1956. His citation reads in part: "Through his superior performance of duty and exceptional resourcefulness, the command was credited with saving countless lives and untold property loss. . ." Congratulations, Bob!

Ralph and Ruth Bucknam have spent September and October traveling to many of the Latin-American countries, where Ralph is expanding his activities at a patent attorney. . . Paul Turner and his family attended an insurance conference in Canada in June, stopping by West Point briefly on their way back to Gainesville, Georgia. . . Craig Smyser is reported to be engaged in an engineering project in connection with the St. Lawrence Waterway, in the Thousand Islands area.

George Gerhart moved during the summer to Norfolk, where he is now on the faculty of the Armed Forces Staff College. The Gerhart home address: 7461 Tapley Avenue, Norfolk 5, Virginia. . . Herb Andrae was reported functioning as Acting Chief of Staff of Third Army during the summer. . . Charlie Johnson, according to fairly reliable rumor, is Chief of Staff of the new 101st Airborne Division.

In on the "ground floor" of the recent move to train a number of higher-ranking officers in Army Aviation was Hal Edson, who finished his course at Fort Rucker, Alabama, in July and is now at Army Aviation Headquarters in the Office of the Deputy C/S for Military Operations, the Pentagon. Following in his footsteps—or wingbeats — is Dan Heyne, who was due to start his flight training in Setember and should, by the time this appears, be more than a mere fledgling.

During the month of July, on a flying visit to the West Coast, your correspondent checked up on Dale Huber, in the Los Angeles area, and found the old boy still going strong, despite his overwhelming responsibilities as father of four small girls. Dale and Madelyn, with all the vigor of youth, were about to take off with the entire brood for a two-week station-wagon jaunt to Nebraska and back! Returning eastward, I stopped by Fort Leavenworth for a couple of days to check up on Heck Davall and Johnny Franklin. They were both holding down responsible jobs at the College, Heck as head of a department of instruction and Johnny as Secretary of the College. They and their good ladies were very hospitable. A visitor to the post at the same time was Jack Shuck, who, with his wife Helen, was on leave from Wright-Patterson AFB. Also seen at Fort Leavenworth was Thelma Durfee, who, with her two big boys, is temporarily settled in the town of Leavenworth while Don puts in a hitch in Korea. Don is presently US advisor at the Korean Military Academy but is due back soon.

We close with special thanks to Tom Hayes and Tom McCrary for keeping the info flowing in this direction!

—*Renfroe.*

1935

One item of particular interest to the Class was forwarded by Ken Bergquist. A Brigadier General Jack Roberts Memorial Trophy has been established by the Eighth Air Force of the Strategic Air Command to be awarded for outstanding achievement in Eighth Air Force bomber stream missions. (See picture.) Bomber stream mission is the term applied to normal training missions which are designated by the Eighth for competition. There are two categories of winners, one for B-36 and

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another for B-47 crews. The trophy will be placed in competition about nine times yearly. Winners' names will be inscribed on plaques mounted on the trophy. The trophy can be enlarged to accommodate added names after present plaques are exhausted. This is a fine and fitting tribute to an outstanding airman and classmate and a tribute we are all happy to see made.

The normal schedule of the class events in the Washington area has continued with Class luncheons each month. A Class picnic was held at Cameron Station on the 18th of August. Don't forget if you come to town let one of the Washington gang hear from you so that you can make these functions if they fit your schedule.

Now for a few individual news items. Kelly, B. M., has retired and is a wheel in the New England Cable Company. He lives at Route No. 1, Suncook, New Hampshire. Fred Hall III entered USMA July 3, 1956. Mack Peeke is in Ankara. Fred Cummings is in Germany. Jimmy Adams is in Sixth Army. Frank McGoldrick is CO of the 1st Guided Missiles Group. Norm Skinrood and Jack Rhoades were in town slumming. Jack is at Leavenworth cogitating about the future of the Army. Jack Davis is at Norfolk. Art Fickel and family are in Germany and report seeing Seneca Foote and tribe in Venice. Jim Alger reports having seen Ralph Haines and John Cole in Heidelberg; Tommy Lang, Frank Murdock, and Kim Brown in Paris; and Jack Williamson and Walt Bryde in Madrid on a recent trip. Don't forget to keep the news coming to Mitchell, C. B., Route No. 3, Box 507, Fairfax, Virginia.

1936

Still there are reminiscences of that grand Reunion in June, but by the time you read this I'm sure football will be a main topic. My thanks to you who sent in the deficit for the June-week parties. I know there were some gripes, but next time I hope everyone gets billed in advance and for *more* than he owes—then you'll all feel good when we send you a dividend. It has also been noted that subscriptions to the *Assembly* are up about 20%. If this indicates more interest in class affairs, I trust that class activity measures up to your individual expectations. It is my assumption that young Jack and Bill are respectively "Bumb-john" Barlow and "Do-willy" Sievers, class of 1960 Usmay. My heartiest congratulations to these lads from the class. And there may be other new plebes; but some parents must be ashamed to let me know about it! Frankly, I think the *Assembly* prints a better picture of a new cadet than the Podunk Gazette or the Army Register.

Abe snuck in and out of our Atlanta headquarters one day in September and not one of our eight classmates here saw him. According to Al McCormick, Hank Benson is at Ord and has taken command of the 20th Infantry. Hope Hank gets the feel of home cooking for a while—since he was "batching" for a good while in Japan. Bernie Bess is in Chief Signal Office, Washington. It would be right considerate of him if he could provide all those class photos I'm missing and that you-all conviently forget to send me. Dave and Betty Chaffin are other 'mates stationed at Ord, according to informants McCormick and Jacoby. George Champion is in Paris attached to SHAPE.

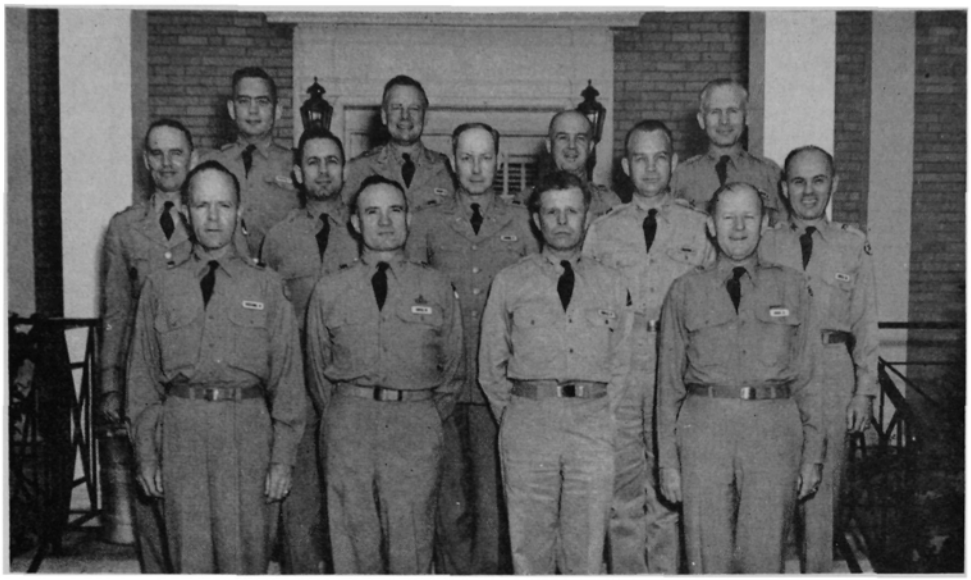
Got a real newsy and particularly amusing letter from Marge Chappelear. There are some small compensations after all, in this job; and Marge-type letter are most of them. The expurgated news was that Marge had had an operation after she got back to California from June-week; that she couldn't remember the first five days after leaving West Point; and that Louis was busy while in New York investigating a new job conservatively estimated to make him a millionaire.

Another potential source of gratification I "might" enjoy in making up this column —and I'd be willing to guarantee it would increase subscriptions—is printing Miss America candidates' pictures. Chick Childs' beautiful little daughter Polly was a candidate who participated in Atlantic City in September. Congratulations to the Childs' child (how can anybody print a pun like that?).

Don Christensen is at Monroe in Combat Development Section of CONARC. Roy Cole left Washington and is a student at Imperial Defense College, London. Jack and Nan Daly this summer reportedly took a trip out to the West Coast, thence up to Canada, and back home to Sill. Got a nice account of classmates and their jobs from Ken Dawalt at Leavenworth, who is Chief of the Academic Staff. Those there are Connor, King, Dunn, and Buynoski. Low left in July and retired—I know not where.

"Deadeye" Dickson pooped out when he wrote me about a four page letter last year. Now all I have is a change of address card indicating he's moved "across the street" at Annapolis. Josh Finkel wrote from Boston stating that he was going to be with the Hick's Corporation in that city. His information was so early that he has not commented on the type of work or how he likes it. Furphy's new Washington job is with R&D. I think he and Grace have bought a house in Alexandria.

Sam and Harriet Gooding arrived to fill the Quartermaster job at Third Army the latter part of August. In the past I have indicated locating problems when classmates have come to Atlanta. Sam tried a new one. He wrote ahead from Memphis and had an ad run in the papers for a place to rent. In the meantime two other classmates arrived, got settled and moved in and the Goodings were still looking. A



CLASS OF 1936 20th REUNION AT CARLISLE BARRACKS
Front (left to right): McCabe, Cato, Ripple, Pack. Center: Palmer, Tiffany, Layne, Landrum, Bess. Top: Kieffer, Hahney, Lynch, Swain.

month after his arrival, now he has a place; and I trust he will be in sufficient good humor let me suggest that he try his hand at writing the class notes. Got a nice letter from Ronald Gooding and also one from George Sibert. Both young men wished to thank you for "calling them out" during June week. And I want to thank Edie Safford again for having them up at her luncheon.

Phil and Helen Greene arrived at McPherson for station from Tallahassee the latter part of August. They seem to like it here and are settled. Phil is in Army G-2. Received a nice letter from Nick Grothaus at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver. Eve Hahney is at Artillery and Guided Missile Center at Fort Sill. Heard that Wright Hiatt had kept his youth to the degree that he was invited to represent Germany in a tennis tournament back in the States. Just before he was to fly over here, the medics grabbed him off the plane and "grounded" him from playing anymore tennis. I don't have any further specific details, but certainly wish Hi's health is fine—except for possibly playing tennis — after all when you're forty; you feel forty. Doris Hiester has written several times. Sent pictures taken of Wagners and Cairnes after ICAF graduation last summer. Doris says they are stationed at Fort Wayne, Detroit on the river and under the Detroit Edison Company's soot. Mohleres are there too. Received a large number of very good pictures taken at Reunion at Round Pond from Gordy Holterman. In return I sent him some not so good movies I took at West Point. You Washington people will see both, I'm sure. Hear that Langdon Jackson is post commander at Fort Hamilton, New York. Art and Dale Jacoby and two small children arrived at Atlanta the last part of August. He, for a change, is not stationed at McPherson. Being the District Engineer, he has offices a block from me, and has found a nice apartment up in the north section of Atlanta. Hope they will like Atlanta, will stay here a long time, and that we shall see each other a lot. Kinards left Fort Bragg in July and went to student AFSC, Norfolk. Karl Klock unconfirmedly left PMS&T in New York and went to Omaha for change of station. Art Kramer will leave Chicago and also go to school in Norfolk, but next February. Bill Landry and family are at Ord.

Just in case anyone were curious as to how news gets into this column, "Dig This"—I received a small family picture of the Laurion family dated Christmas 1955. This picture was presented to our ever faithful Doris Hiester in Detroit by a godparent of the Laurions. Then I got it. If correspondence improves at this rate I'll be getting letters concerning the class in the nineteen-seventies which was mailed by "sea-bottle" mail in 1950.

Al and Maddy McCormick are the senior class members at Ord and have written several times on matters of personal and class business. Grapevine news indicates that Michaelis will come back from Italy in November and be liaison between Congress and D.A. Sis and Eddy Miles are at Hill AFB, Utah. Ace and Jean Miller have arrived and are settled in the embassy at Rome. Jean should have been visited by the stork early in September. Ace visited Mary and Mike and Steve Holderness at Veronna in August, which I presume is SETAF headquarters.

Paul Oswald sailed for Europe the first of August, destination unknown. Charlie Pack is at Army Intelligence Center, Fort Holabird, Maryland. T. C. Rogers left Luke AFB and has reported to Hq AF ROTC at the Air University, Montgomery, Alabama. Another potential Usmay cadet may be James Romlein who was sworn into the Army at Paris back in July. Willie Ryder is assigned to R&D in Washington.

Karl Schwering writes that he entered a new job in June, General Engineering Laboratory of America Machine and Foundry Company Incorporated. Very best of luck and it is greatly hoped that the size of the salary is in proportion to the firm's name. Karl and family also moved their residence from Cheshire to New Canaan, Connecticut. George Sibert wrote that he spent a nice summer with his parents in Germany (it's unusual that I haven't heard from Bill himself these past three months; and I don't think I said anything I shouldn't about him and the "baby-sitter" in the last issue).

Ike Smith started War College in August. He was in R&D, Washington, formerly. Steve Smith and Jane visited the Hiesters at Fort Wayne in August. Haven't seen Norm Spencer in person since he's been in Georgia, but saw a picture of him getting some money,—he must be like the rest of us; it's so unusual to get any cash that such an occasion calls for photography to memorialize the event. Norm is still at Robins AFB, Macon, Georgia. Fred Walker has left Washington for Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Bud Warfield is attending AFSC, Monroe next February. He is currently at Fort Baker, California.

Hope a bunch of the class are able to get together for the Army-Navy game—and wish I were to be among them. Have a good time!

At popular request, "2128 Belvedere Drive, N.W., Atlanta" is my address, but you don't need it; if you lose it, it's no excuse for not writing!

—*Phil Gage.*

1937

The July column rather shortchanged some of the Army War College graduates.

CLASS OF 1936 20th REUNION AT 5th ARMY, CHICAGO
Front (Left to Right): Sullivan, Norman, Kramer, Drain.
Top: Prosser, Hay, Meany.

The following can be added: Ed Scherrer completed the course and was assigned to the 4th Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Coy Curtis has been assigned as Deputy to the Chief of Army Reserve and ROTC Affairs, and John Cone has been assigned to the Far East; specific details unknown. I hope this completes the record of assignment of graduates of this year's AWC class. I apologize to any I may have missed.

Ray Cheal has been transferred from the 65th AAA Gp in the Canal Zone and appointed PMS&T at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Sounds like a nice assignment Ray. George Leist has also been placed in an academic atmosphere or at least contiguous to such circumjacency. He has been appointed Commanding Officer of the Army's Office of Ordnance Research which is located on the Duke University Campus. George has been Comptroller of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Since leaving the Pentagon I find it hard to keep up with all the changes in assignment. Among the more recent ones is the sudden transfer of Obie Oberbeck from the JCS to Fort Bliss, Texas. The position he'll fill is an important one and maybe Obie will soon be able to take the stars off his old cadet collar and put them on his shoulders. (Supposition only, not even rumor.) With Obie's departure we lost the class Treasurer and martini mixer. Marshall Gray was temporarily drafted by Bill McDonald to make sure Obie left all class funds behind. He did such a good job that he was nominated by acclamation at the last class luncheon to become the Treasurer for the rest of the administration.

Speaking of luncheons, we have one the fourth Thursday of most months at the Army Navy Country Club. Anyone in Washington at such time will receive a good welcome and we would like to see them. We'll take you with or without notice. Call Marshall or Bill McDonald at the Pentagon or me at McNair and we'll even arrange some transportation. Milt Clark made a surprise visit from Redstone and made our last one. He and Phyllis consider themselves lucky to be on the Post at Redstone since quarters are few there.

George and Ray McDowell have moved to their home on N. 25th Street, Arlington. They supplemented the news the other night. Dick Fellows has moved in near them and has been assigned to the Office of Assistant for Programming at AF Hq. I wonder if he is as fair game there as the beasts and fish he was after in Newfoundland per last column. John and Mary Eriksen are reported rocking their fourth boy, Steven, at Dayton where John is Deputy Chief of Air Technical Intelligence Service. Dick and Madelaine Klocko traveled by gypsy caravan with their four girls, a boy and a dog from Kelly AFB to assignment in Europe via Brooklyn Port. A. B. Robbins recently left Wright-Patterson AFB for Middletown AMA (PA) where A. B. is assigned as Director of Supplies.

Ed Broadhurst has been reported in Washington off and on during the summer on TDY. He and Vi have recently left Fairchild AFB (Washington) for transfer to Omaha where Ed is taking over the job of SAC IG.

Fred Campbell's orders to NWC were cancelled and Fred remains in the Pentagon as Chief of the Progress Analysis Group of the Office of Chief of Staff.

We were extremely sorry to hear of Ray Rumph's death late in July. A memorial service was held for him in the Chapel at West Point. You may recall Ray was retired only last April.

Joe Chabot has been reassigned within the Pentagon. He is being relieved as Chief of Reserve Component Division, ODCS PER and is becoming Chief of the Reserve Personnel Policy Division in OSD.

A fall party is being planned tenatively for November 16, and probably at Fort Myer Club. Any non-Washington members who can attend please contact E. Y. Burton at the Pentagon or Luke Hoska at NWC, Fort McNair. Every effort will be made by the committee to contact personnel in Washington. Let's have a big turnout so that we can get accurate statistics by impartial judges as to whether we have more bald headed or more grey-headed members.

—*E. J. I.*

1938

Dear Classmates:

Now that summer vacations are but a painful memory in the bank account and the chaos of post changing has subsided, we can report new arrivals and recent assignments with a reasonable probability of being correct. In the Pentagon, we find among the recent arrivals, Frank Norris, Jeff Irwin, Ken Wickham, Johnny Jannarone, Charlie Denholm, Fred Teich, Al Sights, Wally Ford and Dick Sims. Swede Swenson arrived before FY 57 after a tour at Fort Bliss and is the big missile man in the Office, Chief of Research and Development, DA. Nev Howell, Jerry Folda, Dave Byars and Henry Huglin are students at the National War College and Nick Chavasse, Al Weinnig, Bill Latta and Don Williams are students at the Industrial College. Incidentally, Bob Dernitz is a member of the Faculty of the Industrial College and Paul Davis is a member of the faculty of the AWC. Mark Brennan has returned from Iceland and has assumed command of the famous Third Infantry at Fort Myer. Willie and Marge Langford are taking language training in the Washington area in preparation for an attache assignment in Brazil. Michelet reports that Hube Strange visited briefly at the Pentagon enroute to the Army War College and Bill Vail, the same, enroute to the Air War College. Ken Wickham reports that on his way back from Japan last year he had a very interesting chat with Tony Chanco who is now Chief of Engineers, Philippine Army. Nice going Tony. John Damon, Dixie Gillivan, Bill Smith, Buck Buckland, Dick Bromiley and Mish Michelet have just recently been plucked from their mundane 8 to 5 jobs and assigned to the JCS. Bob and Grace York and three children, returning from a 3½ year tour in Singapore as the Army advisor to the Consul General, had a very pleasant visit with Buckland on his farm at Middleburg. Bob and family were on their way to their new station at Fort Benning, Georgia. All were reported to be in the pink of condition. Your faithful, and I might say only foreign correspondent for this issue, John Corley, reports from Hq 7th Army that Ed Bailey left the 1st Armored Division at Hood to matriculate at the AWC, Pat Patrick left his Comptroller job in Hq 6th Army for an assignment in Hq USAREUR at Heidelberg, and George Rhyne is assigned to Hq 3rd Armored Division. John further informed us that Bill Lynn is in Hq Southern Europe (Leghorn), Bob Kasper is assigned to Chinon Engineer Depot in COMZ (France) and Joe Kujawski was headed for the Base Section, QM, COMZ. Thanks, John, for the info.

—*E-busch.*

1940

Aside from "Betsy" who waltzed across this island in August the only other visitor of note was Len Orman on a trip out of Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. No long reports this time, only short letters from classmates and an assist from the Army Home Town News Center, Kansas City Missouri by way of the Association of Graduates.

Here is what the news center reports: Ray Renola is now executive officer of V Corps Artillery in Darmstadt in Germany; Jack Harnett and Pete Clapsaddle graduated from the Army War College but new assignments not available. Oglesby graduated from AWC and assigned to USMA. Page Smith also graduated from AWC and assigned to office of Psychiatric Warfare in the Pentagon. (I thought it was the office of Psychological Warfare but the poopsheet says Psychiatric and I am sticking with that. Past experience has shown me the folly of denying the poop sheet. Cibotti, LaRose, Mike Kuziv, Freddy White and dozens of others would be disappointed if I were to turn my back on the written word. Psychiatric it is then).

Dean Benson graduated from AWC and assigned to the University of Minnesota. Dick Belt goes to Headquarters Seventh Army in Germany and Vic Hobson appointed to Staff and Faculty at Fort Leavenworth. Sam Goodwin to the Pentagon and Freddy Schmaltz takes over as Port Quartermaster at the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation.

Walt Winton now assigned as Chief of Third Army G-3 after graduation from National War College at Fort McNair. Bengston working with the Navy in the Pentagon. Ben Delamater moved from Europe to Fort Sam Houston. He reports that George Bayerle, Ed Lucas, and Woodie Smith are still in Stuttgart but that Harry Stella has left for Div Arty Hq 10th Div. Andy Budz finished three year course of Russian study at Oberamergau and is off on a new assignment. Thad Floryan with I Corps in Korea and is waiting for an assignment in the states to get him back in time for the Navy Game. He reports Bill Bennett recently rotated to G-1 CONARC and that Manzolillo commands an Infantry Bn. in the 24th Div. Fuller and Wilderman are both commanding Arty Bns. in Korea. Tony Wermuth to Korea for assignment to an Infantry Division. Judy and Tony, Jr. stay in Washington. Galbreath rumored to be in Korea. Anyone seen him?

Lou Mendez expecting the tenth child soon. Lou easily is the champion of the class as others are not even close. Larry Legere busy assisting an assistant to the President. Sid Fisher is Director of Information for USAFE in Wiesbaden, Germany. Don Yeuell gets last minute assignment to AWC and Freddy Yeager going to Princeton for course in International Relations.

Lee Cagwin writes from Benning that Jake Roberts has been ordered to Alaska. Gleszer, Roedy, Meszar, and Fitzpatrick remain with TIS at Benning. Cagwin now student at National War College. Strock and Rizza have completed jump school and have been assigned to 101st Abn at Campbell. Munson, no longer a bachelor, commands a regiment in the 11th Abn. Bingham at the National War College. Dick Abbey an instructor there.

Walt Lavell graduated from the Air War College and assigned to London. Bud Horton in the same class and now in the Pentagon. Deems and Gillem on the faculty of the Air War College. Repeat . . . Gillem

is a faculty member. 'Tis only for me to report not to comment.

Bardolph Vanderhoef, one of the oldest living inhabitants in the Pentagon must have arrived by now for duty with JUSMAG, Thailand. Making the trip were Jeanne Anne, Craig, Lee, Christa, Pruno (Great Dane), Yorick (Scotch Poodle) and Tucky (white cat). Boomba Lotozo assigned to the 67th AAA Gp in Ohio.

J. B. Bonham is slowly getting back the use of his throat after a long illness which started in Saigon over a year ago. He writes from Ripplemede Farm in Greenville, Virginia. Expects to be fully recovered and go to duty in November or December. Cameron through Benning for a refresher course before assignment to an RCT in Italy. Jack Wright is with Dep Log and Hackett on way to assignment with Viet Nem. Aaron Cook XVIIIth Abn Corps at Bragg. Harry Lee Wilson still in Morgantown, North Carolina. Charlie Balthis with G-1 Section 8th Army.

Ivan Sattem has been named Manager of Organization and Methods Planning at the Federal Telecommunication Laboratories, Nutley, New Jersey. This is a division of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

Elizabeth Anne Clement arrived on June 26th, 1956 to Martha and Wally Clement.

This is the last call. Anyone who paid for a fifteen year book and did not receive it get in touch with me. My address: Room 302 Professional Building, Santurce, Puerto Rico. Please also send news to the above address. My next deadline is December 1.

—*Hank Brewerton.*

1941

Black, Bald, and Grey, our fifteen year book, will be in the mail by the time you read this. I hope you like it. I'm grateful for the help and encouragement you all have given me. The Class of '41 is something special. Everyone recognizes it and admits that the recognition is deserved. Not that we killed more Japs or drank more whiskey than any other class, although we could make a good case on either score; '41 just has that little extra that makes people take notice. I hope the book in some small way reflects this wonderful intangible —the spirit of '41.

Charlie Schilling added another honor to the class record by being chosen to become a Permanent Professor in the Department of Military Art and Engineering. Hats Off and all best wishes, Charlie. Other items of good news: Born to Butch and Jeanne Rising, a son, Harry Niles III, August 22. Born to Pat and Justine Tansey, a son 7½ pounds, Victor Edward, August 18.

Getting back to the book. I did not intend to convey the fact that the book project was in the hole. The Reunion fund did wind up in the hole and the brethren stationed at West Point pro-rated the loss ($8 per man). I had originally hoped that the $12 cost per copy of the book would not only buy 320 copies and pay for all the postage of the poop sheets, but leave a little surplus which would go to fatten the usually thin balance in the Class Fund at West Point. There remain 15 books unsold and 66 members of the class who have not bought a book. I have enough money for the total bill so each of the remaining 15 that is sold will represent a $12 donation to the class treasury.

To save money on packaging and mailing the company agreed to deliver the book in lots to a single addressee in areas where several were assigned. Accordingly there will be a local distributor in each of several areas as indicated below. Please let me know if your book does not arrive by the end of October or address a note to the company direct: American Yearbook Company, Hannibal, Missouri. They plan to ship the books the week ending September 29.

Tokyo: Bill Clifford who will deliver the books to the Nippon Chapter, reports that Ken Kennedy has returned to the Office of the Dist. Engr., 420 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri. John Van Hoy has joined the Engr Section of AFFE/8A, APO 343 SF, and the rest of the gang consists of Clint Ball, Jim Carroll, Lew Elder, Boots Gilbert, Dick Levy, Bill Pratt, Joe Silk and Barney Woodruff. Clint wrote that he and the kids like it so much, "We never want to go back". He also reported that Fox Rhynard passed through headed for his new command, a Fighter Wing in Korea. Knox: Mal Johnson, Army Maintenance Board checked in; Gregg McKee is still at the Gold Vault. Hickam: Ted Sliney completed his tour in Korea and got "rotated" to the land of the hula where he renewed his teenage acquaintance with an ancient Hawaiian burial cave. Paul Ramee is at Shafter. Heidelberg-Manheim: Bob Detwiler agreed to be the local distributor for Charlie Harris, Sam Barrow, Frank Gerig, and Bill Purdy. Totten: Art Meyer dropped a note from the 66th AAA Missile Bn. Picatinny: Pat Tansey sent the good news on both new arrivals above. Fort Carson: Al Moody has exchanged the mountains of Bavaria for those near Pike's Peak. West Point: Jack Christiansen has moved his famous bar to Washington; instead of running the C Store he is now running the JCS. Ralph Upton has taken over from Jack; Pete Tanous is straightening out Post Headquarters, Bob Panke and Ralph Kuzell are busy with the Form 1, Potter Campbell is doing "Right About, Ho" with his tanks across from the Thayer, and Chuck Cannon, Danny Danforth, Dick Delaney, Jim King, Herb Richardson, and Bob Samz will soon turn in their old Post license plates for new ones with lower numbers. They all ganged up recently and voted New Professor Schilling in as Class Representative, thus providing an incumbent as Jack C. put it "for the next 27 years". Cheyenne: Bob Kercheval writes from 5113 ASU Box 498. Norfolk: George Stalnaker agreed to pass the books to fellow instructor, George Pickett, and to students, Howdy Clark, Ed Kisiel, Jim Strain, and Frank Stainback. Stuttgart: Biss Moore and Charlie Maynard recently greeted Mike Greene as Sec. to the Gen. Staff. Leavenworth: Buck Miller says he, Bob Borman and Howard Felchlin are the only permanent party and that Wire Coakley will be the only student. Berlin: The commander of the crack Bn and liver of the good life is Tom Cleary. Benning: Stan Ramey is the newcomer to the Mecca of Doughboys. Ace Bailey has departed for Hq Area Comd, 7909 AU, APO 403 New York. Others present are Lloyd Salisbury, Bill Linton, George Welles, Mills Hatfield, Roy Hendrickson, Harry H. Ellis and Jock Adams who will drop the books in a parapack.

Fort Lewis: Joe Gurfein says Sam Magruder took off for Cambodia, Army Section MAAG 74 Box C, San Francisco. Mike Aliotta left for Office Dist Engr, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Joe took over Mike's command the 116th Engr Group (C). Paris: George McIntyre, USRO/DEF-6 APO 230 has agreed to act as distributor for Joe Reed, Walt Molesky, Andy Anderson, Pappy Calloway, John Richards, Ed Rowny, P. C. Day, Burnside Huffman, and Duck Deyo. Bragg: Tuck Brown says Jim Carroll has a new address, Engr Section Hq AFFE/8A (Rear) APO 343 San Francisco. Mort Birdseye, Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, George Adjemian to Army Section MAAG Formosa APO 63 San Francisco and Tom Sharkey to Army War College, Carlisle Barracks. That leaves Tuck and Joe Myers in the sand dunes. Denver: Cuz Dillard looks forward to the twentieth reunion from the Security Life Bldg. Maxwell: K. O. Dessert and Andy Evans recently greeted Air War College Students, Jack Bentley, Tom Fisher, George Hicks, and Ben Mayo. A. Wray White had his orders changed at the last minute and is en route to Washington, Apt 11-C, Pres. Andrew Jackson, Presidential Gardens, Alexandria, Virginia. Tom Fisher sent all this poop and added that he had recently seen Matt Harper who is selling insurance and training salesmen at the U of Alabama, 1227 University Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Bill Hershenow retired recently and left Maxwell for his new home 1518 30th Avenue, San Francisco 22, California. Carlisle: Wally Lauterbach reports that he, Buck Buchanan, Bob Lanigan, Dick Rastetter, Tom Sharkey, and Max Tyler are in the student group at the Army War College. Monroe: Lyman Faulkner says he, Paul Gray, John Michel, Bob Elsberry, and Jim Stigers are representing the class at Hq. CONARC. Heidelberg: Ren Keleher writes that he is being rotated to Fort Meade and that Goober O'Connell is coming over to take his place among the beer drinkers. Cliff Cole departed Norton recently to became the AF Plant Representative at Lockheed in Burbank; his new address: 1632 Hillcrest Avenue, Glendale. He leaves George Pittman and Fred Baker. Other new addresses include: Walt Mullane, 105 Benet Circle, Huntsville, Alabama; George Johnson, 319 Roberta Avenue, Syracuse 4, New York; Bill Cummings, Hq NEAC APO 862 New York.

New Britain: Don McMillan, Commander 63rd AA Group says, "Curt Chapman lives near here. I called John Henschke at Westover the other day but did not see him. Ken Moyer is a NG Instructor in Hartford and I see him occasionally. Saw John Locke at Colorado Springs a month ago. Paul Gray, Michel and Faulkner are still at Monroe".

Washington: The latest roster of the D. C. Chapter reads like the class drill roll: Ahern, Aldridge, Atteberry, Avery, Boatwright, Brooks, Brown, E. V., Brown, G. S., Burtchaell, Canella, Christensen, Clinton, Cochran, H. W., Corbin, Curtis, Deane, DeJonckheere, deSaussure, Dixon, Forsyth, Fowler, Gauvreau, Gelderman, Gerace, Goodell, Green, J. O., Gurnee, Grygiel, Hall, Harrison, Harvey, Hauser, Heaton, Hoebeke, Johnson, R. P., Jones, M. M., Kelsey, Ledford, Linnell, Marsh, Manley, Mitchell, Moucha, Redmon, Root, Roton, Sawyer, Schnittke, Scott, Seawell, Seneff, Skowronek, Smith, B. J., Smith, C. L., Spiller, Tarbox, Thompson, C. A., Thompson, J. D., Watson, Whitaker, Woolwine, Yates, and Lucy Cooper, 3351 N. Dickerson, Arlington, Virginia. Also Ex-'41er Lieutenant Colonel William F. Ahern, ACSI, 2E529 Pentagon. Brad Smith reports that Gelderman, Dean and Gurnee are students at the Industrial College, that Brown, G. S., Corbin and Brooks are at the National War College. Jack Norton and Spec Powell are at the Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Arnie Thomas departed for the 237th Engineer Combat Bn, APO 225 New York. Wendy Knowles is en route to Hq Caribbean Command. Dan Salinas to the US Army Mission to El Salvador, Department of State, Washington. Jack Camp to Hq & Hq Co (7675) APO 168 New York. Bill Gribble the Alaska Dist Det. I (9839) APO 949, Seattle.

Doris Walter, 333 Nautilus Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida wrote to say that she is settled with children at this address. Margaret Willes wrote to ask me to thank all the classmates who attended the Arling-

ton services and all of those who sent flowers. She has purchased a home at 1235 St. Paul Avenue, St. Paul 16, Minnesota.

The Army Home Town News Center states that Al Muzyk, Commander of the 553 Bn left in July via Operation Gryoscope for Germany. The Journal shows the following orders: Tom Collison to 44 AAA Msl Bn, Fort Niagara, New York. To the Senior Service Schools next August: Roy Watson to the National War College; Butch Berger to the Air War College.

The leaves are starting to fall even in Southern California. It's time to start thinking about the kind of sheets we are going to hang out to help the Rabble pull a repeat performance at Philadelphia this year. BEAT NAVY!

—*Burt Andrus.*

1942

Our 15th Reunion is rapidly approaching. Jack Deane and Ted McAdam here in Washington have been planning and corresponding with Tom Rienzi and Bill Zimmerman at the Point to get the plans rolling. Tentatively, at least one class function is planned for each day of June Week—cocktail party, dinner dance, picnic, wives luncheon, etc. I understand that the West Point contingent, because they are closer to the problem, are making the detailed arragements, will estimate the costs, and disseminate the poop. Tom Rienzi reports $15 for 15 years; however, I think he had his tongue in his cheek when he arrived at this figure. The publication of a 15 year Book similar to Threads of Grey was discussed here in Washington, but it was decided that this should not be attempted. Influencing this decision was the time element, status of the class fund, and the recommendations of the committee that did such a superior job on Threads of Grey. They recommended a 20 year book. However, a mimeographed poopsheet of biographies, similar to our Christmastime News Letter, was recommended as an inexpensive way to accomplish an acceptable substitute. But again the ugly problem of money reared its head. The idea of charging $1 for the initial copy and 50 cents for each additional copy was bandied about. But a decision on this will have to wait until the new officers take over here in Washington next January. Anyway, these are our thoughts on the 15 year reunion. We would appreciate any ideas or recommendations you may have.

I know you are all interested in the class fund. The latest report from the treasurer, Charlie Fishburne, 113 West Greenway Blvd., Falls Church, Virginia, indicates that we have only a little more than $100 in the treasury and will need funds badly after publication and mailing of this year's News Letter and Address List. So all of you who have not already contributed your two bucks, please make out your check to "Class Fund of 1942" and mail it to Charlie. Initially, responses to our previous pleas in this column were encouraging. Now, however, donations are nil. So don't delay, mail it today. Concerning the Address List and News Letter, post cards requesting the needed info were mailed to each classmate during the first week in September. So if you haven't received one and returned it already, please write a card to me at 303 Princeton Blvd., Alexandria, Virginia, so that we can bring our listings up to date and disseminate the June Week Reunion poop to you.

Jesse Lewis sent me the list of classmates now at the Point. Twelve of us are in that vicinity: John Baker, Lee Cage, Ec Cutler, Luis Flanagan, Jesse Lewis, Doug Murray, Tom Rienzi, Fran Roberts, Al Thompson, Bill Zimmerman and George Rew and Ernie White at Stewart Field. Jesse wrote also that Clementson visited there on USAF Academy business and joined in a class luncheon, and that the class there was having one of those famous boat rides on the Hudson. Wish we all could have been along.

Here in Washington the latest big social affair was a picnic-swimming party at the Fort Myer Officers Club. A cold front tended to dampen the swimming spirit of everyone except Bill Hamilton; he survived but only after much wailing and moaning. Bob Evans and Don Bolton were the planners and hosts did a wonderful job at it. Other Washington news of interest includes the arrival of Crittenberger in DCSOPS, Halpin in OCS, John Short in ACSI, Duffie and Hunter playing schoolboy at Georgetown. Offley is scheduled to arrive soon in ACSI and Roecker is coming to Infantry Career Management about October 1.

Jim Hottenroth wrote from the Far East that he had run into several classmates there: Pete Bonasso, Pierce Doyle, Jack Barnes, Don Fiskin, Dick Gaspard, Jack Rose and Jerry Snow. Apparently Larry Adams, Larry Caruthers and Jay Hewitt are there also. Jim is scheduled to leave Japan in October and hopes for Hawaii—Dreamer!

"Old Faithful" Joe Cannon wrote, as usual, that he leaves Aberdeen in September to fly with family to Germany. His new address is Mannheim Ordnance Depot, APO 166, New York. Joe reported that Ben Hill is the only class representative remaining at Aberdeen and that Dixie Howell, fresh back from France, is now with G-2, Second Army, at Fort Meade. Joe should be elected honorary class scribe or something; he is the only one of us who can be counted on regularly for class news. Thanks Joe; the man who writes this column always appreciates your efforts.

Please send me your current address and news of your job and family if you didn't receive my card for the annual address list and news letter.

Have you made out your check to "Class Fund of 1942" and mailed it to Charlie Fishburne?

January 1943

The summer has come and gone; the new First Class has sewn on its chevrons; and Bill Wade has left. For the latter reason, the customary high standards which you have enjoyed in the past in this column are now in a state of slight collapse. The normal Class Meeting of the contingent on the Hudson was held a few nights ago; all hands managed to get about 20 minutes' worth of business done in several hours. Joe Benson, with a view to the number of wires at his disposal, was elected President. Bob Marshall was handed the records as Secretary. In accordance with an ancient custom that those unable to attend should be saddled with responsibility, Jim Michael was elected Treasurer. And in what was perhaps the most undemocratic election which it has been my privilege to witness, the undersigned was "selected" to edit this year's version of gossip, news and rumor.

Certain people around here keep saying that our class representation should be dying out by this time, but we exchanged 5 for 5 to retain the same T/O strength. You already know that Bill Wade has left us for the Big Red One at Riley; I suspect he was greasing the skids when he asked that poop on your biographies be sent me. Bill Starnes, after a short tour as Regimental Commander, has moved complete with family, cars, and Hammond organ, to Bronxville or thereabouts. He will Engineer between New York, Bluie West (Sp?), and other attractive stations. Hensel and Batson are by now deep in the green sheets at Leavenworth. (How does it feel to be on the other end, Prof.?) Walt Hogrefe, as may have been mentioned, was yanked for the 101st Airborne whatever-it-is (these new organizations confuse me).

New arrivals here are the ex-Junior Baritone Horn Champion of Nebraska (Tom Griess), Les Harding, and Rex Minckler—all to Military Art and Engineering. Tom and Rex are boning up on Napoleon and Stonewall Jackson, while Les is fighting engineering problems. Bill Talbott has replaced Walt Hogrefe as commander of the Engineer Section of the Combat Arms Detachment of what is now called the 1st RCT. And Jack Armstrong finally broke loose from the Military Academy of Vietnam, and is now the Tac of Co. D, 1st Regiment (old B Co.). Most of the aforementioned with *kinder* seem to have settled in the north area of the post, except for Jack and Jackie A. who expect another recruit shortly.

The news from Fort Leavenworth is a little confused, but this is a summary of what we have been able to extract by rumor and fourth-hand conversations about destinations. The long course was not enough for some. Dee Armstrong is going to be studying at Princeton, as Bill Neale is at Georgetown—both learning the jargon of the international politicians. Yours truly, doing this at night envies them slightly. Wray Page is taking some sort of comptroller course at Syracuse. Jack Norris is redeeming himself for having taught at Knox by reporting to Fort Sill. Jim Kelleher, with his 8 gals (wife included), is now at Springfield for a degree in muscles, then to report to the PE Department here in '57.

Joe Conmy's orders have been changed *again*: now he is going to EUCOM Headquarters outside Paris, instead of either SHAPE or Gyroscoping Germany. The only thing which consoles him is the St. Germain Tennis Club rumored to be across the street from the Headquarters; young Conmy has been demolishing the junior tennis opposition in the neighborhood as a sort of transient member of the West Point Junior Tennis Team. Al Saari is alleged to have made it back to Paris with EUCOM as well. Emmett Reynolds will take a signal battalion in Germany, while Hank Greenberg is disappearing into the wilds of Korea. MAAG Formosa has laid claim to Pete Pavick and family, while Ralph and Sally Hofmann are on their ways to see if Fort Hood is really different from Italy. John Healy is going to Colorado Springs to protect our classmates who fly airplanes and things in that area. Howard Wehrle and Stew Meyer are both joining the group at CONARC (formerly known as Norfolk). Ralph Truex transferred from Triple-A a few years ago to Ordnance, and is now with same in the Pentagon. Sam Karrick is to have a battalion in the 82nd, Tibby Anderson is on his way to Fort Ord; while the Army's original infantryman, Ray Ruyffelaere, is on his way back to Fort Benning. Lastly, Honolulu is calling Mac Hatch, who will represent the San Francisco District as Resident Engineer (how do you hear about such jobs?).

A few congratulations are in order. Our own Bob McDermott has been made Dean of the Air Force Academy. He had been acting Dean for some time, and everyone here is delighted to see him receive this recognition for the job he is doing. In the same line, our atomic tanker, J. Gray Wheelock, has done the Army equivalent of breaching the sound barrier, and is the

first Army member of the class to appear on a recommended list for full Colonel! Ted and Muriel Ardery announce their fourth child and second daughter, Joan,—a new arrival at Fort Devens where Ted is Post Engineering. And a recent PIO blurb shows Hugh Mease receiving his General Staff certificate for his service in the Missiles and Air Defense Division in Washington.

Jack Wood has sent us a list of hundreds of classmates in the Washington area, none of whom seem able to write. Jack manages to find time from polo playing and keeping Congress on the straight and narrow to head up the Washington chapter. Jim Cobb is wheeling in the AEC and simultaneously VP'ing the organization for the class. Pappy Wilkes' experience in something called OVC/S (please send a program with names and number next time) is balancing Army programs and handling the class funds there. Ace Elliott, whose experience with a chain hoist has parleyed into a locked room in AFSWP, is called class secretary. Perhaps we should hit him for poop. Considering the ever-increasing size of the Pentagon contingent, and the ever-decreasing size of the small group here, serious consideration might be given to the day when we move class headquarters forward to the battle line there. Other classes have had to follow this course of action.

Other miscellaneous blurbs from Washington report Don Thompson to be retired and with the Atomic Division of Westinghouse in Pittsburgh. How about a line, Don? John Nickel and Art Grace have both left Washington for the plains of Kansas, green sheets and the 20th Infantry Division. Flip Fenili is reported to be taking the marines' version of Leavenworth. Fly Flanagan has moved up (or perhaps it's "out" to E-Ring) to SGS, where Elvey Roberts was already reported. Got a recent communication from Phoeb Foote which shows him still the country squire on one of these ten year tours in the upper echelons of the Air Force. More on Wasington next time (I hope).

During the last June Week, I spent several days with the Class of 1906 during their 50th Reunion. It was interesting to note that some of the most active members of the class organization are men who were unable, for one reason or another, to complete their full curriculum here. One such member of the Class was presented a special certificate in view of his wonderful service to West Point and to the Army. This jogged me into doing some research, and I have some information on ex-members of our class who are still in the service. I will shoot this to the Register, whose information on most of these people dates from World War II. I list it here in hopes that some of you in the area might look them up.

There are five in the Air Force. The two Colonels are Dick Bender, now with the 1134th Special Activities Squadron at Arlington, and George Thorpe with the 5th Air Division at APO 117. Two are light colonels: Wade Robert is with the Deputy for Operations of the Air Force, and Joe Lattshaw is with something called the 7351st Flying TNG at APO 61. My ex-tentmate, P. P. Adams, is a Major in Ottawa in Canada. Some seven appear to be now with the Army. Hank Cronin transferred in 1951 from Artillery to Armor, and should now have reported to Washington for duty with the General Staff . Harold N. Gilbert is a Major with the AG in Washington. Randy Foster is with the 4th Armored at Fort Hood, while J. F. Ladd, also a Major, is in Iran with the MAAG. Eugene Landrum is also a Major but on the Staff and Faculty at Sill. J. J. O'Hare is a Captain with the 54th F.A. Battalion at Knox. Emmett Weakley is a Warrant Officer in the Air Training Command at Scott Air Force Base. If you have any more information on the whereabouts or activities of ex-members of the class, please send it to me. It is of definite interest to the Association of Graduates, and to those who knew those particular men.

I close with the usual frantic plea to send in the scoop. We will try to get out some sort of needle to those from whom we have not heard in some time. But don't wait for us—drop us a card! Even a few lines help the column. We particularly need news from overseas bases where address changes are difficult to obtain. Reluctantly we turn back to taking tenths.

—*Bill Knowlton.*

June 1943

Only the old master weaver of fun and fury, "Wick", could so cleverly have engineered the switch in the preparation of our class column from West Point to D. C. Craftily waiting until many of our number at USMA and in the Pentagon were on leave, he announced that there were but six of our class at West Point while sixty were eager for work in the Washington, D. C. area, hence the column should hereafter be prepared in D. S., QED. He follow-up his announcement so promptly with an official document to the Chairman, USMA group, June '43, with info copies to the Association of Graduates and another to me, Arch Hamblen, who happens to occupy the USMA desk, Office of DC/S for Military Operations in the Pentagon, that the deed was over and done in a wink. His diabolic scheme completed, Wick departed West Point carefree and gay for combat duty at C&GSC. Suffice to say we now carry the torch. I make a motion and second it that we give Wick the large vote of thanks he has earned for his conscientious and fruitful efforts in preparing our class column lo these many moons.

Enroute to Leavenworth, Wick stopped off in Alexandria, Virginia, long enough to toss a party to get even for flinging us the torch. For identical reasons—pending or recent population increases—three files were present without their wives. These files swapping baby yarns were Charlie Pence whose Mary Sue presented him with his fourth daughter in August. Charlie enjoys his CIA work and his healthy glow proves it. The Pence's recently moved to 5048 37th St. N., in Arlington, Virginia. Bob Mathe also was all smiles for Eleanor had blessed him with son William on July 21. That makes one femme and three fellas for the Mathe's at 523 Eppard St., Falls Church, Virginia. Bob works at City Hall, no less, in Washington, D. C. where he is an Assistant Engineer Commissioner. Since his strong suit is housing and slum clearance for the District, a controversial subject at best, we frequently read about Bob in the local press. Finally Bethel Edrington was picking up pointers from the experts since he and Joan are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their first in a couple of months. I noted that Wick, the perennial bachelor, wouldn't even enter a room where babies were being discussed. Bill and Marie Calnan, Ray and Barbara Blatt, and Gus and Lynn Brill rounded out those wishing Wick well. I learned that Barbara Blatt and her June '43 Wives Club are busy preparing a new list of addresses and phone numbers for all of us in the D. C. area. Since the last count indicates over seventy here, it is no small assignment.

This summer quite a group left the D. C. area, for other and we hope greener lands. Bill and Ginny Brier plus Joe and Norma Weyrick are C&GSC bound at Fort Leavenworth. Al and Fran Shipstead bought up every electrical device known to modern science just before they left for Thailand this summer. Al is Assistant Military Attache in Bangkok. His address is MAAG Thailand, Box B, APO 79, c/o PM, San Francisco. Hank Rosness, still tall, dark and single, completed his Master's degree in International Relations at Georgetown and has reported to McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kansas, where he is now Wing Personnel Officer. Teague and Ginny Harris are enjoying Navy hospitality in Norfolk, Virginia, where Teague is attending the Armed Forces Staff College. Buck Coursey leaves his job as Chief Personnel Branch, AF personnel in January for the same school. Hank Romanek informs me that Archie Hill, who has been in the G-2 Section of Second Army, left Fort Meade on September 1, '56 with Shirley and their five youngsters in a new station wagon for Fort Bliss, Texas, where Arch will attend the Guided Missile Officer's course. He will be in good company since Sterling Francisco will attend the same course. Grumpy Steele departed his Hq USAF Comptrollers' shop in midsummer for B-47's and SAC in Wichita, Kansas. Billy Moore ended up in FEAF.

Dick Snyder, who is still ably assisting Admiral Radford, has recently returned from a three week tour in the Far East. He saw Frank Ball briefly in Taiwan, Formosa where Frank is with the Air Force part of MAAG, Taiwan. In September, Dick, Frankie and their oldest boy are taking a two week vacation in the Canadian North Woods in search of great Northerns and muskies.

Clyde Earnest completed the Marine Corps Senior School (Marine equivalent of Leavenworth) at Quantico, Virginia, in June and is staying on as the Dept. of Army Liaison Officer at Quantico.

Marian Roos tells me that Bill will be returning to his job in the Aviation Branch, Office Chief of Engineers in September after completing helicopter training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Bravo! With four youngsters at home, Bill took drastic action to avoid changing diapers.

Johnny and Joyce Stockton have recently moved to Georgia where he is flying with the 3d Infantry Division Combat Aviation Company at Fort Benning.

There were many new arrivals in the Washington area this summer: Fresh from Leavenworth, Ken and Helen Sawyer now are living at 3014 Lakota Rd., Alexandria, Virginia. Ken is the Chief of the Assignment Branch, Office Chief Engineer's—never has he been so popular with our Engineer classmates. Bernie and Ann Rogers have recently come from Fort Lewis, Washington, where Bernie had a battalion in the 2d Division for nine months. Bernie's new assignment is with the Office, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army. They live at 6053 Essex Ave., Springfield, Virginia. Coming from tough duty in Canada, Pat and Colby Hurley are new here (Pat to be Deputy Chief of Colonels Assignment Gp in USAF). Coming from the staff at the Air Univ., Jack McGregor has reported into AF Personnel Procurement and Training.

Our classmates who graduated from Leavenworth in June '56 have really been spread to the winds. Bill Ray is now studying for a degree in Business Administration at Harvard. After staying for the Special Weapons Course at Leavenworth, Eddie McCabe and Tom Johnston have joined the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations where Ed Blount, Harry Schroeder and Arch Hamblen already hold forth. Ed Geaney is busy in the manpower control business in the Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, (Jack Kidder already there to keep Ed company). Ed and Dor-

othy call 6000 Craig St., Springfield, Virginia, home now, but Ed leaves shortly on TDY for a couple of months' Manpower Control Schooling at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Bill Bibby now works with Al Metts in Development and Training for the Comptroller of the Army. Bill and Corinne now own 908 North Lexington St., Arlington, Virginia. Bud and Fran Bolling had concurrent travel to Formosa. (Please check into the net Bud and be our Far East correspondent). Wen and Sue Van Auken also are Formosa bound. Both Bud and Wen can be reached at Army Sec MAAG, APO 63, San Francisco. John and Peggy Lucas waltzed into a plush setup — the Army's Southeastern Task Force in Northern Italy; Frank and June Dirkes stayed on at Leavenworth with Staff and Faculty (Wick note — a friend in court). Bill and Cecile Cover are keeping a flexible schedule. Bill stays at Leavenworth for the Special Weapons course, then comes to D. C. in November for the Strategic Intelligence treatment after which he is Monterey bound to learn Arabic. Eventually, the fiendish plan is for them to end up in Cairo, Egypt. Bill hastens to add he did not volunteer for the job.

Mike Davis goes to Fort Bragg as the 82d Abn Div Engineer; Fletcher Veach reports to CONARC at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Norm Pehrson to USMA; Bob McCanna after taking the Leavenworth Special Weapons Course will tour the Far East until he finally settles down in Korea; Hal Dunwoody has been assigned to the 11th Armd Cav Regt at Fort Knox, Kentucky; Bob Dwan is managing Armor Careers in CMD in the Pentagon. 2705 South 13th St., Arlington, Virginia, is home for him now. Bill Falck is now cooling it at Limestone AFB in Maine. An address that would get through to him is 9801st TU New England Div., 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Massachusetts. Max Talbot is stationed in Chicago on National Guard duty (5102d SU Illinois NGUS ADGRU, Springfield, Illinois will reach him). After completing the Special Weapons Course at Leavenworth, Clare Farley sent Jane and the kids out to Sandia to visit Pat and John Buyers where John is an instructor. Then Clare cancelled his leave, flew to Germany on August 6 and quickly rented a German apartment, enabling his family to join him in September. Clare is forced to face the rigors of overseas duty in Heidelberg with Hq USAREUR Engineer Div. (APO 403).

Here's the lineup at Leavenworth for the 56-57 course: Infantry—Bill deBrocke and Bill Peak; Artillery—George Alexander, George Campbell, Les Hardy, B-Dog Spaulding, Don Spiece, John Vordermark, Joe Weyrick, Wick Wickert; Armor—Clarke Baldwin; Engineer—Rolo Brandt, Jesse Fishback, Glenn Ingwersen, and Gordon Schraeder; Signal Corps—Gary Black; Ordnance—Charlie Benson.

Dick and Jean Orphan are making with the happy smiles at 2308 N. Upton in Arlington, Virginia, for Miss Barbara joined them on July 15. That's two gals and one guy. Dick is in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in atomic energy business. Harry and Ann Schroeder also are rightfully pleased with their second youngster, another boy, Tom, born February 3, '56.

DA Research and Development is corralling a number of our bright lights in the Pentagon—Bill Brabson, John Bond and Nick Parker have just joined Sunny Jim Miller (still happily single), Bill Calnan, and Art Surkamp in their search for the more potent mouse trap.

We were delighted to learn that DA has officially recognized the fact that among our Army classmates there is at least one "truly outstanding" officer. Yes sir, Hal Parfitt has been selected on this exalted basis for temporary promotion to full colonel—our first ground force brother to be so honored. Congratulations Hal, we're proud of you.

Jim Bower recently took a short TDY trip on Hq USAF Installations business to Europe where he reports Ted Watkins, Paul Steinly, Bill Snavely and Dave Schwartz are still with the Krauts.

Dale Sweat, exec to the USAF Director of Military Personnel, tells us that Felix Kalinski, who resigned his commission (Eagles yet) this year, has been promoted to the number three spot in the engineering firm of Pereira and Luckman in Los Angeles. Anyone needing an airfield constructed see Felix. Recent AF PCS's list the Al Brown's as having just reported in to McGhee-Tyson AFB in Knoxville, Tennessee, from Japan. Al will be ADC-ing in F-86 Dogs. T-2 Jackson is "Blue Flaming" from ROTC to Roswell. Bud and Dorothy Hough have checked into ADC at Colorado Springs from Hawaii for another overseas tour in the ZI.

An article in the AF Times recently indicated Deacon Childs poopin' the Group as Group Commander at Luke, home of the Acro Jets. Ralph Hallenbeck (Chief, General Offices Branch, USAF) and Harvey Latson are to be congratulated for their selection to the August '57 Air War College class.

A few random Engineer notes: Dave Conard, just in from Fort Benning is now with the Office Chief of Engineers, and lives at 900 N. Daniel St., Arlington, Virginia. Bruce McDowell, living in Atlanta, Georgia, is with the South Atlantic Division Office, coordinating military construction; John and Wanda Bell will remain in Greece (USASG, APO 206 c/o PM, New York) until the summer of 1957. John is the senior US Engineer officer advising the Greek Army.

During the summer visiting "troops in the field", I saw Ron Grady at Fort Meade. There as a Bn Exec in the 504th Abn on summer duty at Meade, he was all America's dream, a lean, brown, stalwart leaper-trooper. Dutch Umlauf, another veteran windblown type, knows how to take good care of visiting classmates—I know. He's a wheel in G-3 Section of XVIII Abn Corps at Fort Bragg, where he continues to exit from an aircraft in flight with ease, grace and incidentally pay.

For a while we were worried our class would be without an entree into the odoriferous mystery that is Bagdad; however, at last we are assured by career management that since Danny Cullinane is about to leave this oriental splendor, Hal Neil is just the boy to take Danny's place. Hal is getting briefed for the job in DC now.

I know we are all sorry to learn that in July L. D. Pavy was placed on the temporary disabled retired list.

Duane and Harriet Tenney and their four kids are busy in Kaiserlautern, Germany, where Duane is Assistant Engineer of the Western Area Command. He tells me he has a strong back and the Army has his soul until at least 1973. His address: Headquarters 7812 AU (Engr) APO 227, c/o PM, New York.

Bob and Carol deCamp came visiting the Surkamp's over Labor Day weekend. They were wined and dined at a gay affair where the Rogers', Mathe's, Bucher's, Keck's, Surkamp's and Schraeder's marvelled at Bob's stories of his Business Administration course at Harvard. He spoke of enjoying a few weeks this summer in a Ford executive's office ($32,000 a year calibre). Bob has a year to go for his Masters degree.

After a rugged three years at Texas A&M, Dale McGee stopped over in Washington in late August to chat enroute to Germany where Dale will serve with the 10th Infantry Division. Helen and the youngsters join Dale two weeks after he arrives in Germany. Among those from 4th Army Hq., who had bird-dogged Dale at A&M were Les Hardy then with G-2 (now at Leavenworth) and Joe Eastmead from G-3.

On August 2 at Manchester, Vermont, our own Roger L. Conarty took unto himself a bride, lovely Anna Mae Campbell. Bill deBrocke was best man and Al Metts one of the ushers. Their Bermuda honeymoon now over, the happy ones will be at home in the Quebec Apts, 4014 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia. Our best for long happiness.

Johnny Johnson, here in DA Logistics business, heard from Johnny Cobb who is spending his third year at Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg, Kansas. The Cobbs are planning to attend the Navy game.

Ed Cleary, Sonny Griffin and Ham Carter are still in DA Intelligence during the day. Ham irons at night. Bob Campbell is sleuthing in ASA. He and Mary Lou live at 411 Greenhill Ave., Laurel, Maryland.

My sage and trusted compadre Allen Burdett continues as the Army Liaison Officer in the Com's Office at the Air Force Academy in Denver. Allen is mighty busy with cadet weapons instruction. Quoting from one of Allen's recent letters "Tom Oliver has reported for duty with the Academicians. I believe he will teach Juice. Lee Hogan, Ben Cassiday and Bud Holderness are still the wheels of the COM shop. Christy Munch has gone to the Philippines on TDY —apparently when he was there on his last tour he became so involved in a legal deal the government can't get along without his services, hence, his temporary departure. Frank Taylor is going strong in the Department of Graphics—I worked with him on one of our Freshman Map Reading problems for summer training".

Wally Magathan still instructing at Leavenworth, states that Peggy is back on the track again—in 1946 their first born was a boy, then followed four girls, but now alas, another boy this summer. Muy muy bueno.

Others not previously slandered in this poop who are drawing pay in the DC area include Marty Martin, Tom McCabe, Sy Silvester, Doug Deal, Ted Connor, Leo Brooks, L. B. Smith, Bob Hoffman, Bill Dudley (getting a Masters at GW), Jim Harrold, Craig Teller, Bill Scott, Bill Deekle, Gabby Ivan, Bob McClure (PCS-ing to England in November '56), Bob Hersberger, Bill Glasgow, Lorry Thomas and Bill McKenzie.

Augmenting our forces at the "Rock" are the following recent arrivals: Dep't of MA&E; Norm and Ruth Pehrson and Jim and Helen Phillips; Dep't of Law: Karl and Lola Wolf; and 1st RCT: Caleb and Ruth Cole. Already departed from West Point are Jesse and Jane Fishback and "Wick" the Wickert one, now at Leavenworth; and Dave and Kay Galas, now residing at Wright-Patterson. Bill Greenwalt remains here till November when he departs for Saudi Arabia, leaving Dickie and family on the home front.

—*Arch.*

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"Here I've gone and spent thirty-five hard-earned dollars for a slightly used typewriter to help get out this column but I have a paucity of material from which to type. The quarterly deadlines for my submission of news to *Assembly* are the 10th of the months of December, March, June and September. I have fairly regular news from Washington and West Point but hear very seldom from bases scattered around the country and particularly from overseas. If some one of you at each post, base or overseas station would just up and let me

know what's happening maybe we could get the ball rolling again. How about a few more volunteer correspondents?

"There is a young Air Force Major stationed at Victoria, Texas who practically wrote an entire column himself in a letter to me late last month. A small bit of his news we'd had before and some is a bit old but I enjoyed his letter so much I pass it on to you verbatim:

" 'Roy and Sylvia Bahls were in Columbus, Ohio as of last Christmas with SAC B-47s. Jim Bandy is chief neutron chaser of the 461st Bomb Wing (TAC) at Blytheville AFB, Arkansas. He could hit Memphis with a long number 2 wood shot—maybe this will stir him up. George Blanchard still in Formosa so I guess that's why things have quieted down over there. Bottomly last heard of in the Pentagon where he could be heard between floors belaying the Navy in the JCS briefing room. Haven't heard from Doc Boutwell lately. That means Lucy Carl is with him and has everything under control. Bill Bradley is at Montgomery, Ohio. He and Jimmy Stewart are prepared to act as mouthpiece for any and all class members who get crossways with the law.

" 'Johnny Calhoun last seen as a Prof at USAFIT at Wright Field and the 'host with the most' for wandering and hungry fighter pilots. Got a rumble from MATS Hqs. that Gene Callaghan in the Body Shop there. Thunderbird Clayton last heard from as chief buster of spot-promoted crews on the B-36 Standardization Board at Carswell. He has more time with lost engines than I have in the air. Fat Jack Combs? We all know where he hangs out.

" 'Beef Courtney is in SAC but does anyone know where? Jim Cowee left TAC Hqs. couple of years ago for Clovis AFB, New Mexico and then slipped quietly overseas. Cumberpatch last heard of as an Air Force Plant Rep. in the Los Angeles area. Czapar reported to have been cohosting General Twining and party in Moscow where he is Asst. Air Attache. De la-Mater supposed to be at March AFB, California. Dick Dennen is at Edwards AFB testing our latest super-something aircraft. Ace and Joanie Edmunds are still in France with the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing where he commands the 72nd Squadron. Eisenhower at Belvoir according to the papers. Surely John would have news for a column.

" 'Fitton believed still at Stewart with EADF. Some say there is a need for him in TAC. Bill Fullilove supposed to have left Maxwell early this summer for duty at the Pentagon. Guess he made it. Lou Gamble back in harness in B-47's via a second-hand report. Gregory now at Wright-Patterson after returning from Germany. Think Joe Hale is still at Eglin where the reports have seeped out of a job mighty well done. Rog Hempleman I think is still at Roswell where he seems to have become a permanent fixture. Lou Hendrickson at Hq. Air Rescue Service at Orlando, Florida. Dave Henderson receiving national recognition for the Air Force policy encouraging officers to teach in public schools during off-duty hours. Dave is still in the office of the Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, and reputed to be a top-notch speech writer.

" 'Think George Ingersoll is back at the Pentagon again. Johnny Johnson back at West Point after a fine job in Tactical Recon at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. Wonder where Johnny Kincaid and Johnny King are these days? And Shady Lamp? Bill McGlothlin is Senior 'Pawade Rest' at Air Force Academy. There in addition to Bill are Frank Merritt, John Robinson, Jug Williams and Bob Reagan. George Maxson still has the same pipe and waistline but has changed jobs and is now at the Pentagon. Johnny Moore can well be proud of having been picked from the Air Command and Staff School to join the Air War College Evaluation Group doing top-level policy studies.

" 'Chuck Mullin is a civilian in Ohio—check in. Nealon last heard from with Boeing in Seattle. Art Nelson last heard from in Temple Univ. Med School but don't know where from there. Louie Norman in Spain at last count—wonder if Al Norton is still there? Parsons, our first author, should check in so he may receive congratulations. Dusty Rhodes at Langley and Dusty Rivers is Air Attache in Switzerland. John Sanders supposed to be going to Air C&S this year. Bob Sellers soon to cease swiping tenths from cadets and head out this Fall. Where to, Bob? Stahl last heard from as Sqdn. Commander at March AFB. Steffes is somewhere in SAC (that's a big place). Bill Steger with a B-47 wing at Tucson. Howie Tanner now at the Pentagon after a short time at Maxwell and prior to that an outstanding job as Commander of the RAF's first Hawker Hunter Squadron. Wilhite a wheel with Delhi Oil Corp. in Dallas.'

"By the way, Audrey and Lee Smith are happy at Foster AFB in Victoria, Texas where Lee is working with F-100's and refueling problems.

"Our class had quite a contingent graduate from 'Leavenworth this June. Don't know where they went from there but among those leaving after graduation were: Fred Black, Bob Conant, Frenchy Cyr, Bob Daly, Charley Davis, Bob Drake, L. C. Ellis, Tom Flynn, Hank Grace, W. C. Harper, John Kimbel, Hank Kutchihski, Frank Moore, George Pickett, Jack Pollin, Steve Smith, John Sullivan, Vitullo, Dick Ware and Bev Snow. Bev has since transferred to Office of R&D in the Pentagon and lives at 125 N. Fillmore in Washington.

"George Hoffman is a new arrival in Washington along with Fullilove, Tanner and Snow mentioned earlier. The Partridges have a third girl, Laurie Gail, making a total of four small ones now. Bob Daly also reported to the Pentagon after Leavenworth—duties unknown.

"Let me hear from some of you so this typewriter won't go to waste. Would be a shame to have to write about myself.

—*Buford Norman*,
1748 Vinton,
Memphis.

1945

At the rate the news coming in to us is steadily falling off, we'd probably be able to cram more names into these quarterly sessions by musing a few columns worth of, "Wonder whatever became of so and so." Herewith one last (I promise) friendly reminder that your faithful, but increasingly discouraged scribe, is supposed to be able to let you know all that from time to time; but no can do without help from you. Change of subject.

Most rewarding vein of news nuggets continues to be in the baby department. R still has its P so will start with First Captain Bob and the beautiful Geraldine who welcomed Christopher Francis on August 2nd. Gerry's note also volunteers that he is as blonde as his two brothers. Over yonder in Deutschland, those inseparables the Bob Burgesses and Bert Baileys kept abreast of each other inasmuch as Alice and T-Lou gave birth to baby daughters only two days apart; Susan Elizabeth Burgess, on June 24, and Linda Lou Bailey on June 26. Betty Lou and Ted Adair made it two and two with the arrival of a baby boy sometime in the Spring. They were so busy moving into their recently purchased house in Larchmont that they never did get off birth announcements. But when we saw them last year at the Navy Game (Let's do it again! Beat Navy!) there were certain indications that the lovely Betty Lou might shortly make news so we followed up via the grapevine. Here in D.C. the Andy Favrets have recently enlarged the family to in-

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clude a baby boy. And in August Nancy and Harry Shaw added a baby girl to the fold before departing for Leavenworth. The Tom Drakes did it the other day, Pat having the baby at Leavenworth in May before she and Tom took off for D.C. here, date of young Shelley's arrival being May 30. Also understand the Gordy Allens', also now with us in D.C., had a young 'un of the male variety while they were at Leavenworth early last Spring sometime. News of Margie and Paddy Driscoll's 3rd child, 2nd boy, was whispered in on the current from Japan where they now are. But before we leave the young fry, a late Summer picnic here in the D.C. area might deserve mention. Four classmates showed up with 18 kids among them. Joan and Frank Kane's 6 gave them a numerical superiority over Katie and George Dexter, Jean and John Bennett, and Pat and Tom Drake who were at that time in a three way tie for second place with four apiece. However there is every promise that one of those couples will soon make it five to cop the runner-up spot so be sure to renew your subscription to keep posted!

As you are all doubtless aware one more class has absorbed the gospel of C&GS out there in the corn belt of Kansas and has been let loose again amongst us uninitiated. Here in Washington we are endeavoring to absorb a number of them. Have mentioned Tom Drake who is with Office of the Comptroller, and Gordy Allen who is in Dep Log. John Murphy is with Intelligence. Tommy Maertens is with R&D in this his second trip around the squirrel cage. He and his universally admired better half, "C. B.", have already enlivened several clam-bakes in the area and we look forward to their presence as a stimulus for many more. We hear that Merry and Jim Hunt left Kansas for an engineering detail in Detroit where they may run into the Bob Tongues who left for there in early Summer. Bob to be with OTAC. Alice and Jim Herbert should be drinking well frosted beer and frozen daiquiris up in Alaska when you read this. Cliff White is in a considerably warmer spot with CINFO in the Pentagon, an office in which you'll also find Jerry Briscoe these days.

Wanted to set off Jim Root and also Bill Stuckey in a separate paragraph for they are the foot in the door we now have in that section euphemistically referred to as "Career Management"; conveniently enough Bill is Arty and Jim is Infantry and you other branches are just out of luck! So you all just let Bill and Jim know whether you prefer West Point (That's for me) or Hawaii (O.K. for second choice) for your next station and then sit back and see what happens because it probably will! Already Bill tells me he is hearing from classmates, "buddies", he thought were dead! Come to think of it, one of them should surely take over this column. They MUST hear from more of you than I do!

The flow of traffic through the Pentagon continues. I don't see them all by any means, but usually hear after they've passed through. Two civilianized brethren found themselves back at the same old stand for their two weeks active duty this summer. In fact they were in the same office and missed each other only by a couple of days. Harle Damon and Bee AND Cindy journeyed East from Chicago and had left only a few days before Dick Wallsten arrived from Panama City, Florida where he is getting started in the real estate game there. Makes it sound like an ideal place to retire some year hence. Will append addresses for both for the record: Harle's is 201 Kedzie Street, Evanston, Illinois; and Dick's is Box 2021, Cove Station, Panama City. Other passers-through included John Boleyn who stopped over en route to Massachusetts on leave from Fort Leonard Wood; Bob Fye on a trip away from Bliss; Jim Ingham from same Southwest station was making a swing of the Eastern Labs; and Ray Clark up from Patrick Air Force Base. Bates Burnell isn't exactly a visitor since he is attending SIS preparatory to an attache assignment in Austria.

Recent changes of assignment have brought the Harmelings, Alice and Jack, here to Fort McNair and sent Sylvan Salter and Don Kohler from Bliss to Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama. John Martin is now in that unspeakable place in the Far East, but at least he was fortunate enough to arrange for the kids and wife to be shipped to her home in England to wait him out there. John just left LaSalle in Philly where he'd had an ROTC assignment. Barbara and George Benson will be frantically trying to hear the big game by short wave radio in Indonesia about the time you read this. Have had word of the wonderful pre-Leavenworth vacations of Joyce and Pete Spragins in Florida and Theo and George Bush fishing up in the Michigan lakes. The Maertens jaunted up to Indiantown Gap over Labor Day weekend for a reunion of CCRAFE, Tommy's unit in Korea. There they saw Nancy and Mac McGovern who had come down from West Point for the occasion.

Now here's a surprise. We were getting tired of announcing resignations, though we have a few of those in a minute, but here's one returned to the fold. Learned today that George Carman has returned to active duty and is now stationed at Fort Devens with the 76th FA. Welcome back man! On the other hand, just as we had discarded that dog eared page of the address book with its umpty ump different ones for Jean and Doug Kenna with the seemingly certain conviction that they were in Jackson to stay, we get the word that they're off again. Seems Doug had one of those too good to pass up offers from Westinghouse in Mansfield, Ohio, so they're back in the deep north again. Ya know they've moved more than most of us who stayed in the army! On the other hand Bill Snow assures me that he and Margaret have definitely decided that Sumter, South Carolina is IT and they ain't gonna move no more. Bill is with Boyle Construction Company there. Reports that Bill Craig is nearby at Shaw AFB. Incidentally Rabbit Burgess jotted a few lines on their birth announcement to inform that McAlister, Nacy, and Zeller were in his general vicinity in Germany, they with the 3rd Armored Div. Also says Al Roth is in the area with a GM battalion.

Have had news, previously unreported, of the resignations of Ren Fortier, Rey Eckstrom, and Bob Herron. Happier tidings for those of us who hate to see classmates leave our midst is that of the marriage of Gene Gasior to Mary Jo Garrett at the Presidio of San Francisco on June 8. Bob Ives was best man, his assignment currently being as aide to General Young, CG of Sixth Army. Gene is CO of Sixth Army Honor Guard.

All for now. Couldn't wring out another small item were my life to hinge on it. Come on and make it easier next time, will ya??? Hope to see large numbers of you at the annual unpleasantness in Philly when on the fields of friendly strife we sow a few seeds and reap them later, same day. It wasn't a classmate who spoke in those terms but he said a mouthful all the same. However I can say it shorter with just BEAT NAVY. See ya on the 50!

—*Jim Alfonte.*

1946

REMINDER—Quite a few members of the class still have not paid the balance of $4.50 for their copy of the Ten Year Book. We must have the entire amount of $7.50 credited to each member before the book is mailed. So if your name appears in the list below, please mail your check to the Ten Year Book—1946, Box 146, West Point, New York. Also, for those who failed to order a copy of the book, there may still be time, if a check covering the entire amount is mailed to the above address.

1946 TENTH REUNION GROUP AT GOHRA HOTEL, JAPAN

First Row: John Dwyer, Jan Evans, Bill and Nancy Schneider, and Jan and Jack Clifford.

Second Row: Ben Evans, Jeane and Jim Carbine, Irene and Pappy Hewett, Larry Ingham, Bill Horton, Connie Sterling, Barbara and Frank Richter and Ann Horton.

Standing: Bud Sterling and Bob Eichenberg.

The latest information from the printer indicates that we should expect the book around the middle of October. Be sure you have sent us your latest address so that you will not experience any further delay from improper mailing.

Adams, L. S.; Anderson, G. E.; Arnold, R. E.; Ashby, William; Ashton; Badger; Baisley; Baker, C. P.; Barth, John; Barthol; Beasley, Rex; Bodie; Bowen; Boyd, R. R.; Buckingham; Buckley; Burgess; Burke; Buzhardt; Carbine; Carlisle, C. C.; Carnright; Caruso; Cassidy, J. C.

Chase, Ben; Chynoweth; Cohen; Colladay; Coller; Conner, S. L.; Cramer; Cucolo; Culpepper; DeMoya; Dessert; Devens, Geo.; Dickson, Robt.; Dockstetter; Douthitt; Edwards, S. O.; Elliott, James; Elmer; Evans, Ben; Feibelman; Finley, Joe; Friend; Fryberger; Fuller; Futrell.

Gannon; Gavin; Gee; Ghrist; Gilham; Giza; Gordon; Gosling; Griffith; Hall, Charles; Halloran; Hamilton, F. F.; Hamilton, Milton; Harper; Hawley; Hazzard; Hearnes; Heiberg; Bibbard; Hirschfield; Horne; Harold; Hughes, Robt.; Humphreys; Jaco; Jank; Jones, Edward; Jordan, C. E.; Joseph; Kelly, P. A.; Kopald, Kinney; Kurowski.

Ladd; Lamp; Lane; LaRock; Lawson; Leavitt; Lee; Leve; Longarini; Lusk; MacDonald; Malley; Marberger; Mattox; McCarty; McCollam; McCormick; McPhea; Minnich; Morris; Muir; Nelson; Newell; O'Connor; Otte; Paden; Parker, William; Parsons; Patterson, Robert; Patterson, Richard; Pence, Arthur; Petrie; Plank; Pomerantz; Provenzano; Reeder; Richards, Marion; Robinson, C. L.; Rovis; Schneider; Serotta; Shade; Sharkoff; Stanfield; Sterling; Stirling; Stroud; Strudwick; Tharp; Thomas; Torgerson; Trimble; Van Auken; Wayne; Weinstein; Weiss; Wheat; White; Wirrick; Withers; Wolf; Zeh.

June 1956 may have been our 10th reunion, but our class has not stopped graduating. On June 15, 1956, the following men were graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas: Major Bert David, Tom Gaines, Jim Wirrick, Charlie Daniel, Paul Barthol, Rolland Dessert, Jim Loome, John Thurman and Bill Humphreys. These men are part of a group of 621 U.S. and Allied officers completing the regular ten-month course at the Army's senior tactical school. Bert David, whose wife, Shirley, and son are with him was last assigned as operations and plans officer at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Jim and Helen Wirrick with their children were last at the University of Santa Clara, California, where Jim was assistant professor of Military Science and Tactics. Paul and Lois Ann Barthol with their children were last at Fort Benning where Paul was assistant logistics officer at The Infantry Center.

Fort Eustis, Virginia—Jim Coleman was recently graduated from the officers advanced course at the Army's Transportation School. Jean was with Jim while at Fort Eustis. Fort Gordon, Georgia—Don Beyer graduated from the military police officer's advanced course at the Provost Marshal General's School recently. Nancy stayed in Washington, D. C. during this period.

Fort Lee, Virginia—Bill Bigler recently was graduated from the officer advanced course at the Army's Quartermaster School. Bill's previous station was at Fort Lee, so he didn't have to move for this assignment. Troy, New York—George Hagedon received an M.S. degree in Math. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on June 8, 1956. Last but not least Larry Cahill received an M.S. degree from The State University of Iowa on June 8 also.

Received from Patty Hickey a very nice note of appreciation mailed to her by Mrs. Barth. As you all remember Mrs. Barth was a guest of the class at the Sunday evening dinner dance of which Dan was chairman. Mrs. Barth desired that her appreciation be made public, so that I am doing. I know we enjoyed having her as our guest as much as she enjoyed being with us. Since by now Dan is in Korea Pat has gone to San Francisco where she will be at 1533F Pinkering Drive, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

With IBM, Bill Kenney has been promoted to Special Representative in the Banks and Brokerage Special Department. Bill has been with IBM since 1950 in the New York area.

Elisha and Norma Fuller are in Germany where he is staff officer in the Supply and Logistics Division at Hdq. U.S. Army Europe. Ben and Ellison Boyd are also in Germany where he is an administrative officer at same headquarters. Ben has been over since September '55. S. H. E. and June Johnson have been in Heidelberg, Germany since August '54. He is a staff officer in the supply division's services branch at headquarters.

Seoul, Korea—Bob Frantz, whose wife, Suzanne, lives at 112 Blue Ridge Rd., Indianapolis, recently was admitted to the Bar of the Republic of Korea in Seoul. Bob is a trial counselor in the judge advocate section of the 24th Inf. Division's Hdq. and has been in the Far East since July '55.

Dick Bresnahan wrote me a letter this August discussing arrangements for the Army-Navy game evening class party. He pointed out that last year Charlie Baker made arrangements at the Adelphia Hotel. The big question is: What will happen this year! Since you will read this sometime in late October or November you will no doubt want to know what the poop is. As I understand Dick the class at West Point will act as a clearing house for arrangements which as of now are not made. If you don't get word till game time ask around and ye shall know!

Our classmates in Japan had a "Little Big Ten" reunion lasting 3 days and held at the Gohra Hotel. Those present were Ben and Jan Evans, John Dwyer, Jim and Jean Carbine, Pappy and Irene Hewett, Bud and Connie Sterling, Bob Eichenberg, Larry Ingham, Bill and Ann Horton, Jack and Jan Clifford, Frank and Barbara Richter.

That's it for this column. Now that everybody has recuperated from tenth reunion let's hear from you. I am at 3 Spruce Lane, Verona, New Jersey.

—*Samuel E. H. France.*

1947

Your correspondent is still quite handicapped with regard to available sources of news about you and you. I realize that the appeal published in the last *Assembly* reached you too late for your news to get to me prior to the September 10 deadline for this column, but don't let that stop you! The next deadline is almost upon me!

The class held its first regular luncheon meeting on Tuesday, September 4. Frank Boerger assumed the chair and noted the presence of the following new arrivals: Dan Herring, Hq Co, 1st RCT; Merlin Anderson, MP&L, and Pete Karter, Physics. Don Dexter was not present, but he has also arrived and is assigned as S-3, 1st RCT.

Jim and Kay Johnson have departed for Stanford University; Jack and Jill Faith to the 6th Armored Cav in Germany; Bob Curtis has bought a house in Highland Falls where Lenore will stay while he is in Korea; Dick and Barbara McAdoo off to C&GS at Fort Leavenworth; and Fred and Yvonne Knauss have gone to the Air Force Academy.

Jim Egger, Chairman of the 10th Reunion Committee, presented the following tentative plans for June Week, 1957:

Friday Night—Room at club w/bar for informal get-together.

Saturday Night—Formal Dance at Cullum (we hope).

Sunday—Picnic at the Pavilion at Camp Buckner.

Monday—Wives' Luncheon (we go to Alumni Luncheon?).

Monday Night—Dinner at Bear Mt.

Frank Boerger, Editor of the Ten Year Book, is still looking for a lot of questionnaires which have not been returned. So far he reports about 140 replies, which means we have not hit even 50 percent yet. The Committee is going ahead with plans to print the book. Another questionnaire soliciting necessary information for the preparation of the book will be forthcoming in the near future. Meanwhile, all of you who have forgotten, overlooked, or who missed out entirely on the first questionnaire please communicate at once with Ten Year Book Committee, Class of 1947, Box 147, West Point. *Act now!*

We have selected a new steering committee to direct and coordinate all of the activities of the class for the coming year. Jim Edington, Chairman, is ably supported by Hal Richardson, Doug Weaver, Pete Karter, Jean Burner and Forest Crowe.

Received a long letter from Tex Hightower. Tex and Lois are in Wiesbaden, planning to come home in September. He reports three youngsters, Gail, Don and Ross. Tex says that Lee Christensen and Ted Mock are in Wiesbaden. Chris is also due home in September. Kit Larsen and John Piepenbrink were with Tex but both have now resigned. Piepenbrink's address: 2667 Pittsfield Blvd, Pittsfield Village, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mark and Bobby Kinevan at Tacoma, Washington—Mark the base legal eagle.

Those always dependable supporters of this column, Jack and Lannie Dunham, render the following report assimilated at a party at Fort Belvoir this summer:

Jack and Betty Schuder in Military Plans Division, OCE—2 girls.

Don Helling and wife in the office of the AF JAG—1 girl and 2 boys.

Mel Rosen (Shirley in Massachusetts) in Army Reactors Branch, AEC—1 girl and 2 boys.

Jim and Ginny Fraser in Engineer AOC at Belvoir—3 girls and 1 boy.

Pete and Betty Boerger in OCE—1 girl and 1 boy. Frank reports that Phil is spending the month of September traveling around the world with the new Chief of Engineers to be. Itinerary includes Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Formosa, Hongkong, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Tripoli, Casablanca, and *of course* Paris, while Betty is pining away with Tom and Judy in their newly purchased home in Alexandria, Virginia.

Don and Mary Burton in Rand D—3 girls.

Goose and Maryanne Gossett in OACSI—1 girl and 3 boys.

Roger and Jeanette Bate in Mathematical Computation Division, National Damage Assessment Center, Office of Defense Mobilization (whew!)—1 girl and 1 boy. The Bates are living at 1004 Tenth St., Alexandria, Virginia. Roger expects to be assigned as a student at the Canadian Army Staff College, Kingston, Ontario, effective January 1.

George and Hazel Bland—1 girl and 1 boy. George on 90 days TDY with OACSI prior to station in Tokyo. Hazel will be at 1012 E. Wakefield Dr., Belle View Apts., Alexandria, Virginia.

The Burners report Bill and Jeanette Grant and 4 at 7631 B Mt. Vernon St., Fort

Knox, Kentucky. Also there: J. J. Sullivan and Frank and Sue Taylor who visited the Dunhams this past summer. Bill West, starting his second year for Chrysler in Frankfurt, Germany, just finished a trip through Scandinavia and waxes enthusiastic over all the "peach-cakes." Bill reports Al Haig in Frankfurt. Wally and Pauline Veaudry and 2 girls in Heidelberg. Wally in G-4 Div, Hq USAREUR, APO No. 403, New York. Bill and Muriel Webb visited the Burners the end of June on their way to Leavenworth, address: 7 Harbord, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Tom Benson just returned from Fort Benning where he spent an enjoyable summer learning how to fall out of airplanes.

Dick Steinborn is reported at Qtrs. 2870 B, Pacific Hts., Fort Ord, California. The Steinborns are expecting a second child in October.

Paul Curry in Deerfield, Illinois, reports a third child born in May.

A news release from the Assn of Grads indicates that Kermit Reel has Battery C, 11th FA Bn, 24th Div. He just got a commendation for good shootin'. Marie is now at 2606 W. 19th St., Lawton, Oklahoma.

From the same source, John Kennedy has just completed a tour as Asst PMS&T at Furman and is on his way to the Artillery AOC at Sill.

Jim Kennedy has just been awarded the MS degree in Civil Engineering at Cal Tech.

Bill McGee has just graduated from the Transportation AOC at Fort Eustis, Virginia. The release says that Dorothy is at 404 E. Main, Carlinville, Illinois.

John and Gloria Lauterbach just finished at C&GS at Fort Leavenworth.

Bill Coghill got his Masters degree in Public Administration from Harvard in June.

John Gerrity, at Fort Monroe, visited John and JoAnn Paules this summer.

Bob Keck is reported with Boeing at Seattle, Washington.

Our congratulations to Arnold and Pat Tucker, the proud parents of Patricia Louise, born September 2.

Got a pleasant surprise just before press time — a letter from Bill Carpenter. I thought Bill and Flip had gone into permanent exile down in Salyersville, Kentucky —Now hear this! Bill, Flip and three little ones are located at 1719 Peniston St., New Orleans, Louisiana. Bill is now an Asst Veep with the Whitney National Bank there —quote "if you want to put your money in a good safe place bring it to the Whitney." We now have a headquarters for the Mardi Gras!

Bill and Annabel Smith spent a couple of days with Louise and Hal Richardson last week. Bill starts Ordnance AOC next week and Sue Ellen starts the first grade. They will be located at 113 B Garden Drive, Aberdeen, Maryland. Bill reports that Don Steininger and Hank Paul will be classmates at Aberdeen. I understand that Steininger has just managed to get a PhD from Penn State *and* a wife all in the same month!

Smith says that Don and Lea Schnepf at San Dia for another year, Willie Clark and Willie Knipe at White Sands for another year and Lou Rachmeler at Redstone for another year.

Hal Richardson informs me that congratulations are in order for Bill and Bunny Nairn—Laurie Jo born June 23 in Germany.

Congratulations also to Hank Emerson who became a field grade type just a few weeks ago.

Brent Scowcroft got a letter from Ross Toomer last week. Ross is a company commander in the 327th AIR, 101st Div at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His address: 53 F Wherry, Fort Campbell. Ross reports that he is just finishing six weeks in a body cast with a broken back—a crystal clear indication of what happens to people who fall out of airplanes.

This is all the news available at press time. For those of you who have not found your name in this column recently—the solution is a letter or postcard addressed to the undersigned—we are all interested in where you are and what you are doing so *WRITE!* (In addition, it makes my job easier and I'm for anything that does that.)

—*John Hoover.*

1948

Summer musical chairs are just about over for the year. Everyone with a new assignment is settling down and no doubt wondering where various deserving classmates landed! Your faithful correspondent, Tom Cormack, also "rotated" to retirement after valorous (it was a fight all the way) and outstanding service to '48. Yours truly will hold forth for the coming year and then toss the pen to another lucky lad stationed here at West Point. We do owe Tom a note of thanks and a pat on the back for his columns. For lazy correspondents such as myself he saved the day!

I shall save my appeal for news and without additional words pass on what scraps I have. If there is repetition, please be patient—it's for those who didn't read the last issue!

Tom Cormack and Ennis Whitehead finished their jump training and came back looking like tigers. They report that Jim McCray, Chloe Swearengen, Jim Dingeman, Bob Kirwan, and Joe Meyer were also upholding the honor of '48 in the same class. Jim, Chloe, and Jim Dingeman went on to take the Ranger Course. All are then destined for the Far East, probably Korea. Al Alfonso was also at Benning taking the Ranger Course before leaving for Europe. Bob Ward is due to start the Advanced Course this Fall after finishing the Ranger Course.

Chris McCray brings us up to date on several of the flock with a newsy letter. "Stub" Clark was married in Ohio in June. Congratulations, Stub, only wish we had your wife's name! *That* calls for at least a postcard from you. Ann and Tom Ware are going back to Europe where Tom is gyroing with the Fourth Armored Division. Willie Bertram is in Thailand. Lois Hatch is living in Clearwater, Florida, while Jay is in Korea. Thanks to you, Chris, for the news.

"Punk" Hartnell came through with a gem from Europe which didn't arrive in time for the July issue so I shall gladly pass on his news. It seems that Punk is now in the "sneaky two section" of VII Corps (Punk's quotes). Pete Peterson is now in G-3 Section, V Corps. Peterson's recently had a boy, their third child. Details, Pete! Phil Day is still in Frankfurt as are Jesse and Anne Kelsey. Buckleys are in Heidelberg and had a gala cocktail party before the last Founders Day get-together. Tom Bowen is now with the 57th Tnk. Bn., so he and Betty are living in Mannheim. Tom and Selma Hazard are to be found in Heilbronn where Tom is with the 60th Infantry. If this news is not fresh after the summer, I apologize. Thanks for the letter, Punk. Give it a whirl again before too long.

Switching now to the Far East, Les Carter scratched out a welcome letter from Vietnam. John Milton is at a training center about 45 minutes from Saigon. Les and Glen Wilhide are advisors to the Vietnamese Military Academy and living very well (at least as well as one can without the family). Ginny is in Arlington, Virginia near the Army-Navy Country Club,—visitors are welcome! From Clark Air Base in the Philippines, Ben Eakins writes that he is isolated from any classmates. However, living conditions are excellent and the family flourishing so that is compensation anyway! Nancy has a maid to help with Kathy (5) and Wynn (2½). Wouldn't mind trying that again myself! Jumping over to Taiwan (Formosa) Jim Walk writes that Betty and son joined him in March. Living conditions are only fair but Jim expects improvement. He finished his MA work in International Relations from the College of the City of New York just prior to his present assignment.

Received a "locator" report from Jerry Medsger, who was resident engineer on the construction of a small isolated radar station off the coast of Labrador. Jerry is now at Cal Tech taking graduate work in civil engineering.

A change of address card came from Ken Barber too later for the last issue. Ken is now in the Military Training Department, USAFA. Good luck, Ken! See if you can extract some news from that silent crew up there.

Junior '48ers are still arriving with regularity! Lee and Johnsie Doyle became the proud parents of a son on May 26th. Johnsie also noted their departure for Europe in July. Tupper Hawthorne Dorsey arrived in June. Father Joe is bursting his buttons. "Eddie Cantor" Scott passed out cigars at the recent class picnic to celebrate the birth of Margaret Ann born September 2. Scottie and Dusty now lead the class with six. Jack and Marie Capps announced the arrival of Caroline Kate on August 3. Marie and family join Al in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February. I'm sure visitors will be welcome!

Here at West Point the clan gathered for a Labor Day picnic laid on by Bob Cushing and Ennis Whitehead. We also had some welcome visitors. Talked with Gene and Lois Bierer, now living in Livingston, New Jersey. They report one boy and welcome mat out for visitors. Taylors, Conovers, Sternbergs, and Halls also made it up. Bev and Jim have moved to Berwick, Pennsylvania, Rd. No. 2, Martzville Road. Door is always open. Your correspondent spent the evening doing "guess what" and was rewarded with some additional news from the lads and lassies in attendance. Frank Cancelliere is reported to be in the G-4 Section, Berlin. Frank completed his master's work at Georgia Tech. in textile engineering. Ditto Al Cerrow from Lowell Institute. Al is in QM research and development and presently located just north of Boston. How about a card, Al? Ken and Marge Pressman are now located in the San Fernando Valley. Ken is working in the Personnel Department of North American Aviation. Reuben Anderson joins Bill Caldwell and Jack Miller in the Regular Course, Command and General Staff School. Hank Perry ran into Bruce Buechler on Long Island. Bruce and family are presently statoined at Suffolk AFB, Long Island.

Also found out that Norm Robinson is with the 21st Infantry in Korea. Ennis Whitehead ran into Stan Thevenet currently at Wright-Patterson and working on an MA in business administration. Tom Clark reports seeing several stalwarts in the Washington area and futile efforts to contact others. News is much the same as previously published. Larry Hoyt and family are settled at Belvoir so Larry can now offer a few pearls to the Engineers! Claron Robertson is now at the Advanced Course at Belvoir (from OCE). Bill Cook showed up at the Brattons for one night stand as part of a business trip for Good-

year. Bill Kaula is still teaching in the Topo Department at Belvoir.

Recent visitors at West Point include Ed and Mary Nelson, Rachel and Bill Thomas, Jack and Mary Ella Waggener, Joe and Massie Dorsey, and probably some I've missed. Enjoyed seeing them all, with or without news! Don't forget to drop us news items when you pass by. Every bit helps!

Just uncovered my last sources of information and noted a letter from Ed Klett. Ed is still with the DuPont Company and living with family in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Incidentally he expects to attend the Army-Navy game this year and asked about planned festivities, if any. Pierce and Barbara Gaver with four children stopped by the Kletts on their way to Palo Alto, California. Pierce resigned and will be working with the Stanford Research Institute in the guided missile field.

A tardy press release of last May revealed that Walt Plummer fired second place in the rifle division of the Second Army commanding general's small arms matches at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

A letter from the Dow Chemical Company to the Association of Graduates contained news of "Vin" Lewando. He is now in their sales department after finishing Harvard Business School this year.

That just about finishes ye olde bulletin for this quarter. I expect plenty of news coming up. Don't forget the Army-Navy game is not far away. In fact the football season is just about here and I should be able to interview a few distinguished '48ers at home games. Remember we are interested in what you are doing so drop me a line c/o the Dept. of Mechanics so I can pass on the latest news gems to the class.

—*Johnny Egbert.*

1949

I hope that all of you have had a very nice summer as we have and I assume that everyone is certainly looking forward to the football season. I hope some of you will be able to make the Army-Pitt game as we will be there.

Til and I spent one weekend at Canada Lake in New York State with Jack and Jean Albert and the Griffiths.

On July 7th, the new Third Class Club at Camp Buckner was dedicated by the Commandant of Cadets as Coursen Hall in honor of San Coursen, who as you all know, won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The Forty-niners' summer cruise at West Point was a very nice affair. Two Transportation Corps launches took the group up the Hudson to Newburgh and back to Constitution Island where a very nice picnic was held. A party was sponsored by the outgoing West Point class officers: Lee Suret, Bob Olson, Dick Rumney and Doc DeCorrevont. In attendance were the following: Jack Albert, Ray Battreall, Brad Bradley, Tom Bullock, Frank Clarke, Doc DeCorrevont, Dean Dickinson, Hillman Dickinson, Avery Fullerton, Harry Griffith, Alf Hale, Bob Kemble, Gil Kirby, Hal Lombard, Phil McMullen, Hayes Metzger, Bob Meyer, L. P. Monohan, Bill Nordin, Bob Olson, Bill Rank, Bob Rose, Dick Stauffer, Lee Suret, Ted Swett, and George Sylvester. Also on the passenger list were Goble Bryant from Newburgh, Matt Lampell from Poughkeepsie and John Poulson from Wright Patterson.

Lee Surut has informed me that John Krasko was married to Frances Ruth Heinen in University Heights, Ohio on August 11th. Lee ran into Bruce Carswell at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Bruce is in training at Fort Belvoir prior to his assignment to the Military Attache's Office in Warsaw, Poland in 1958. Bruce Peters has been added as a candidate to the U.S. modern pentathlon squad at Fort Sam Houston for training for the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia. The Monohans' and Hansens report new baby girls and the St. Clairs have recently added a future cadet.

Recently, I met Bill Stemple in Philadelphia and over a few drinks received all the news from Bill. He was recently married to Anne Gutekunst from Philadelphia. Bill has received a nice promotion as superintendent of Rhom & Haas Company. Tom and Bea Bullock have reported to West Point on TDY for the football season. Anyone requesting a list of those stationed at West Point can either contact me or Lee Surut.

Bill Bumpus has recently received a promotion as manager of the Washington, D. C. district sales office of Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation. Bill has been senior field engineer at the company's Atlanta district office.

The following have received master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from Cal. Tech: Streett, Kirby and Hugh Jenkins.

A few weeks ago I was in Dayton and called on Hugh Kinney, who is with Hdqtrs. ARDC at Wright Field. Also, at Wright Field are Tom Marsh, Bill Shields, Frank Hinchion, Bill Durkes and Ed Heesaker.

Hope to see some of you at one of the football games this Fall.

—*John I. Saalfield.*

1950

Greenport, Long Island, New York, September 8, 1956.

ODE TO '50

I wish that I could only see,
A letter now and then from thee,
With news that I could then transcribe,
To fill the space which is prescribed,
Without your help I must resort,
To idle chatter—NO REPORT!!!

Now get your pen without delay,
And write some news to me this day,
If you'll respond now to my Plea,
Such corn as this you will not see. . .

(The above is intended to carry a message and also can be sung, in part at least, to the tune of "TREES". Try it!!)

At any rate, on to the letters from Eddie Ramos, Bill Mastoris, Al Crawford, and Jack Magee. Eddie is with the G-3 Section, HQ II MA, Philippine Army, and is engaged in the internal war against the remnants of the HUKS. Boyd Bashore, Aiding General Harper in the Philippines, had an opportunity a few weeks ago to observe Eddie's boys in action. No reports from Boyd yet. Although there have been few classmates in that area, Eddie keeps in touch with most of the service families there through his wife, Ming, who teaches in the American school in Manila. Ed did have a visit last November from Dick and Gigi Slay on leave from Guam. Dick is now at Hanscom AFB, Bedford, Massachusetts. Quite by accident Dick and I ran into each other in Westport, Connecticut last June. He was enroute to Bedford, Massachusetts and I was still home on leave.

Bill Mastoris recently finished Paratroop training at Benning and immediately signed up for Ranger School. He said that on five of his jumps he had a good pusher behind him—Jack Murphy. Bill added that the man behind Jack was a good pusher also!!!

Al Crawford writes from Palo Alto, California where he, Grady Banister, and George Fullerton recently finished their graduate work in Electrical Engineering. All three were given a three month assignment at Stanford Research Institute prior to assignments at Fort Huachuca for Al; Philadelphia—Army Signal Supply Agency for Grady; and Washington, D. C. for George. They'll be involved in the field of electronic computers and data processing. Al added that John Wassenberg is also going to Huachuca; Jim Ross to Juice Dept, USMA; Joe Buccolo to Japan; and Bob Leary has been at the Army Signal Supply

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Left to Right: Surut, Monahan, Metzger, Battreall, Rose, Fullerton, Griffith, Kirby, Kemble, Dickinson, D., DeCorrevont, Albert, McMullen, Hale, Swett, Sylvester, Rank, Olson, Clarke, Bradley, Nordin, Stauffer, Lampell, Poulson, Meyer, Bryant, Hansen, Lombard, Dickinson, H., Bullock.

Agency in Philadelphia for some time now.

Jack Magee jotted down a few helpful items; he is enroute from Williams AFB to Harvard Business School; Don Novak is instructing Japanese students in Japan; Don Payne is Head of Fighter Gunnery Standardization Board at Williams; Don Coscarelli is enroute from Luke AFB to Purdue for graduate work; Chip Kaseman, Bill Fuller, and Iwo Kimes are still at Luke; and Frank Borman recently left Luke for graduate work at Cal Tech.

Several press releases this time. The following received MS degrees in Civil Engineering from Cal Tech. in June: Fred Hamlin, John Brinkerhoff, Dave Pettit, Leo Romaneski, Jim Kelly, and Art Blair. MS in Civil Eng from Princeton: Dave Cameron, Russ Glenn, Jim Lynch, Jack Maxwell, Andy Pick, Lou Prentiss, and Jim Tormey. Jim Tormey and his father, Colonel Bernard A. Tormey (Ret) USMA 1923 had the distinction of being classmates this past year at Princeton. Colonel Tormey received his MA in the Department of Modern Languages and will study for a year at the University of Heidelberg before returning to Princeton to write his doctoral thesis.

Ed Gradoville recently completed the Quartermaster Advanced Course at Fort Lee; Bill Stewart was recently employed by the Dow Chemical Company; and Al Fuller has joined McKinsey & Company, Inc., a management consulting firm in New York.

Miscellaneous note; Vic and Carolyn Cuneo visited us in Greenport before they departed for Naples, Italy. Bill DeGraf asks all those in the WP area to send him your address so that he can let you know of any class parties or get-togethers during the coming year.

No babies reported this quarter—one wedding however: Walt Adams to Shirley Young, Washington, D. C., June 30. Let's make the next Column longer.

—*Lou Genuario.*

1951

Johnson in for Harris—

Progeny: Cathy Ann Umstead (fourth girl out of four); Pat Markham (third girl out of three); Alison Barber (third girl out of three); and Robert Earle Olson (Good ol' Ole).

The Peter to Huff to Ming Foo to Huff to Peter supply line remains operational for those who unintentionally missed ordering their swagger sticks before June. Three dollars and a color specification (black or brown) mailed hastily to Captain Ed Peter, Department of Mechanics, West Point, New York, will do the trick.

Assorted assignments include: Ed Partain on M/R to the British Airborne Brigade; Joe Clemons teaching Pathfinders at Benning; Walt Steidl, Dan Sharp, and Sandy Weyand to The Advanced Course at Benning; George Psihas from Germany to ROTC duty in Detroit; Joe Rogers to Benning as an army type airman; Charley McLean to command of "B" Battery of the 595th at Fort Sill; Ole Olson enroute to Itazuki AFB in Japan; Frank Bashore with the Third Division at Benning; and Don Norton leben zusammen mit der 6th RCT.

"F" Company of the 504th Infantry Regiment summered at Camp Natural Bridge under the able command of Walt Russell * * * their mission: hazing prospective yearling doughfeet.

Miscellany: Bob Isaac and Jim Kintz earned the badge of the air to ground commuter early this summer under the watchful eyes of Dan, the man and Gil Stephenson * * * Tex Glossbrenner recently doffed Army Blue in favor of grey flannel * * * Charley Bryant of the Firestone Rubber Bryants has recently moved his money-making activities to Akron * * * Miss Elizabeth Ellen Jackson and Mr. James Talbot Guyer attended the St. Edward's Church of Palm Beach together on Monday morning, the second of July—second mission exercise * * * Dave Betts is moving into the State Department's Foreign Service as a vice-consul, Bill Scheumann joined the research department of Monsanto's Plastics Division * * * Gabby Hartnett transferred to the New York City office of the F.B.I. * * * and finally Howie Williams is now with the Los Angeles branch of The Trane Company. I mention these last four items to emphasize our classes' influence in case any of you wish to solve an inlaw problem by ventilation, incarceration, plasticizing or deportation.

From a letter by Jim Brett: "* * * am heading, with the bulk of the '51 Armor group to Fort Knox for the Armor Advanced Course. As far as I've been able to find out, fourteen of us will be there—Joe Clarke, Ro Tausch, Duane Tague, Dick McLean, Stan Sheridan, Herm Vetort, Wally Steiger, John Haumersen, Louis Martin, Charley Knapp, Jim Phillips, John Buckstead and Tom Woodley. * * * I've only seen three (classmates) pass thru Camp Irwin in 18 months—Stan Sheridan, a bug snooper (Armored Development Advisor) from APG; Joe Sites, C.O. of an AAA Battery in L.A.; and George Meighen, an aide in 6th Army Hq. * * * I didn't fair too badly these last six months—I was TDY to Hollywood as a technical advisor to the new TV serial "West Point" which will be released starting October 5 (half hour program, nation-wide on CBS-TV, each Friday night at 8 or 8:30 P.M.) * * * The producers have done a bang up job so far * * * not * * * the flag waving approach * * * but more the human interest story type * * * I think the best one so far was a direct steal from the legendary activities of the 'Mole' * * * Those that are not completed will be overseen by some other W.P. graduate while I go to Knox." Get in line!

The West Point contingent of the Class of 1951 for the 1956-57 academic year will be as follows: Captains Henry Otten, Bruce Ackerson, Richard Swartz, Richard Buck,

1950

Members of the Class of 1950, Officers Boat Club, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, April 14. Front Row (Left to Right): Rene Wolf, Russ Preuit, Gerry Kelly, Mal Johnson, Ben Lewis, Bill Read, Lou Genuario, Ray Hansen, Al Breitwieser, and Roy Clark.

Second Row: Evelyn Osterndorf, Char Wolf, Jean Preuit, Helen Kelly, Fran Johnson, Malvene Lewis, Mary Ann Read, Rose Genuario, Mary Hansen, Judy Breitwieser, Joan Clark, and Charlie Osterndorf.

Third Row: Flo Skove, Myra Pritchett, Joan Lewandowski, Phyllis Ward, Carlotta Prichard, Eleanor Triem, Ann Kramer, Marcia Crockett, Kitty Driesenstok, Roxanne Ewan, Marty Rogers, Peggy Parish.

Fourth Row: Bud Pritchett, Dick Lewandowski, Ira Ward, Jim Fooshe, Paul Triem, Dick Kramer, Jim Skove, Manley Rogers (hidden) Ed Crockett, Toady Driesenstok, Dick Ewan, Jack Parish, and Jim Thompson.

Frank Waldman, John Hinton, and Harry Lombard; First Lieutenants Ed Markham, William Louisell, Ed Peter, Robert Isaac, Robert Johnson, Norman Dunlap, William Lackman, Dudley Thompson, William Lemnitzer, John Hook, Donald Van Metre, John Lewis, Tom Stumm, and

—*Russell L. Johnson,*
Box 242,
Cornwall, New York

For lack of a letter a classmate is lost.

1952

The news comes slow this summer, classmates; perhaps my moving around has not helped any but I expect to be in one place now for three years. Write c/o Dept. of Electricity, USMA. I am living in Cornwall, like my new job very much and find that the Corps has not.

Here at West Point are Warren Spaulding and Bill Geatches in the Mech Dept; Tom Ayres in Prep School Det; Bill Boyles in 1st RCT; Tom Cole, Jack Witherell and Dick Bullock in MT&G; Paul Brown, George Beiser and Bob Wright in Math; Bob Haras in Mod Lang; and Bill Snyder as Comm's Aide. John Bart dropped by to see us all in early September and has quite a job as reserve advisor in Illinois.

Before I left Purdue the crowd had swelled to include Tom Courant, Carl Dupke, Jay Luther, Art Stebbins and Jack Driskill and Don Weinert. The Stebbins' are new parents (a girl), the Dupke's, Stebbins and Courants are scheduled for WP next year. I hear Pappy Yocum and Drake Wilson are at Princeton.

Tom and Mary Ann Nelson (with John 3 years and Mark 20 months) arrived stateside from three years in Germany and Tom is now studying Physics at Iowa State in Ames. After 15 months there Tom goes to Oak Ridge. Also in school at Ames are the three Picketts (Dayton, Georgeanne and Mark) three Welchs (Dean, Barbara and David) three and 8/9ths McCrindles (Bob, Pat, Susan and it), Bob Ackerson and Charley Sell. The Nelsons informed me that the Mullanes are now civilian living in Garden City and Denny is in the insurance business in Long Island. Thanks for the news Nelsons!

Tom Rehm reports Fort Hood still under control. Dick Lang and Bud Lichtenwalter were there for camp with their respective ROTC units this past summer. Dick is at LSU and Bud is with TCU. Bud is proud papa to twins. John Claybrook is no longer a bachelor but has added a wife to his worldly possessions. Congrats to the new Mrs. Jim Tow is in the flight school at San Marcos while Gordo Carpenter and Jim Campbell have moved on to advanced training.

Leo Lennon has transferred from the greatest branch (INF) to QMC. Jack Lentz has transferred to Ordnance and I hear has subsequently resigned. Ralph Cline married Carol Schewe in Germany last January. Bert Stubblebine is aide to the CG 2d Div in EUCOM.

Ed Gilbert wrote in a few weeks ago to bring me up to date on Fort Meade. Ed is with G-2 Hq 2d Army, living on post at 1930-E Reece Rd. The first little Gilbert is due in December. Ed is permanent there after finishing Holabird, so classmates in the area descend upon him in hordes. Dan Hoge is S-2 of the 36th AAA at Meade, Al Thieme with ROTC at U of Virginia along with Jim Lehan who is a recent newlywed along with his new Mrs. (Nancy). Jerry Ruff, et al, are now at Fort Hamilton. Jerry finished first in his class at Holabird as did Skip Wensyel earlier. Hope to see you at reunion, Ed.

A letter from far away Brazil from Florie and George Tronsrue announces the arrival of a son George III on August 7. The new arrival makes one of each and reportedly shows great promise as a Red Boy artist. The Tronsrues left Japan last April and by June were in Brazil where George is studying Portuguese along with Bob Day prior to coming home to WP to teach that subject Bob was recently married to Gloria Beky. Harvey Perritt is in L Co 505th AI at Bragg. Appreciate the info George, try to make reunion.

A form letter from the Air Force Academy tells me they are looking for new Social Science instructors so all you air files in the top 1/3d of class write to Colonel R. F. McDermott, USAFA, Denver 8, Colorado.

Bobbi and Tom Brodin wrote in from Fort Lewis. They welcomed their second son, Drake Thomas, on March 23. Tom is CO of F Co, 5th Inf at Lewis and has been out to Bonners Ferry on Flood Relief and now is in a basic training cycle.

Jim and June Cain get our hearty congratulations for adding a daughter to the Cain household. That's one of each for the Cains. Janice was born at Tripler AH in Hawaii on May 26. Jim is Btry CO in 8th FA.

Gaylord Sluga has been assigned to 5th Div at Fort Ord. Frank Smith has resigned. Mel Young has finished Adv Inf School at Benning as a Captain (National Guard). Greg Parks got a commendation ribbon after his tour in Korea from General McGaw. Dick Haskell is enroute to Germany with the gyroscoping 553rd FA. Chuck and Deborah Yarbrough are with 1st Bn 35th Inf 25th Div in Hawaii. Chuck has been taking annual training tests.

That's it for this time class. Send some letters and I'll try to dig some news out of all the 52ers here. Try to make reunion because the people who come will expect to see YOU here.

—*Dave Lyon.*

1953

We are entering our fourth year since that June day in 1953 when our white hats were flung skyward signaling the launching of our careers. Much has transpired in these last three years. On the happy side —hundreds of families have been started and many new citizens have been brought into the world to enjoy the American heritage. A large majority of our Class have already seen foreign soil and a staggering number of miles have been traveled by members of the Class since graduation. On the sad side—four classmates have passed away creating gaps in our ranks which can never be filled. Fond memories remain of Sam Clay, Jack Pimental, Jim Effer, and Jim Selbe.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Class for the terrific support which you have given this article. In thumbing through the *Assembly*, I notice that many of the other articles are not nearly as well supported. It has been very enjoyable gathering the information together for the Class these last three years. I hope in the years to come that all of us continue to express this interest in the happenings of our Classmates.

I certainly have been receiving some good photographs. The one you see here was sent by George Egbert and was taken at a get together in Alaska. The photographer was Jim Bambery. Keith Born, Jim Bambery and George Egbert are now at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for a nine months' course in G.M. George said that they really enjoyed their stay at Fort Rich since the quarters situation is about the best in the Army, and Alaska is a sportsman's paradise. He thinks that the largest group which might not like the duty would be the bachelors! Bill Walker and Ed Smith still have a year to go up there. Jack Cooper has been gyroed to Fort Lewis, Washington. Dick Benz and Ken Faust have resigned and are now civilians. Spike Holman will leave for Fort Lewis in December. Bob Nagel left our Class plebe year and received his commission through ROTC. He now has four

CLASS OF 1953 PARTY IN ALASKA

Left to Right Seated: Joan Nagel, Joanne Egbert, Diane Smith, Jo Ellen Born, Caroline Van Duesen, Pat Faust, Dick Benz's Date, Mrs. Rip Rider, Joan Cooper, Spike Holman's Date, and Jim Bamberg's Date.

Left to Right Standing: Bill Walker, Bob Nagel, George Egbert, Ed Smith, Keith Born, Jack Cooper, Dick Benz, Spike Holman, Ken Faust, and Rip Rider (Class of '52).

children! Freddie Van Deusen has left Alaska and is now at Fort Lewis.

Tom McGregor sent news from Fort Benning, Georgia. He is commanding a Company in a test division which is trying out a lot of new concepts, so the duty is interesting to say the least. His brother, Rob Roy McGregor, was married in January to a Red Cross worker that he met in Korea. Her name was Beverly Mae Sullivan, and they are now in White Sands with the Signal Corps. Tom ran into Frank and Diane Gay when they were through Benning to visit Tom's neighbors Tom and Ruth Brain. Frank is a civilian now and has a position with Alcoa Aluminum. Others at Fort Benning are: Sam and Joan Fisher, Jim and Carol Appleton, Pat and Gail Luck, Don and Ann Davis.

I received cards in June and September from Bill Horton. The June card said that he and Dick Matson are now at Texas A&M graduate school working on a masters in Civil Enginereing. His September card came from Mexico City. Bill said that after 12 tough weeks of studying, he and his wife, Jo, decided to get a little relaxation by driving down to Mexico City. He reports that bullfights there are much better than in Juarez.

From the Sports Office at Fort Campbell, Kentucky came a "half-nelson" note from the wrestler in the Class—Al Paulekas. Al said he has still found a little time for wrestling in the last two years. He just coached the Fort Campbell team in 1955 to an undefeated dual season and the National A.A.U. team title. Last December when the 11th began gyroscoping to Germany, he left for Fort Dix and started the Army Wrestling Center there. His team only won the two National YMCA and two State AAU team titles! Al took time out to go to the Pan American Games in Mexico City and came home with a first place in the 191 pound category. Nice going, Al. He also took time out to get hitched in August 1955 to his Woo Poo O.A.O., Elaine. They had their first tax deduction in September. Bill Burdeshaw, Harry Halterman, Jack Young, Monte Speir, and John Stoneburner are in Germany with the 11th Airborne. Felix Liveoak is a Btry Commander at Fort Campbell, Joe Rears is there also as an adjutant in the 187th Abn. RCT. Craig Coverdale arrived there in June. Bill Safford is at Fort Lewis, Washington. Al Grum is loafing in the Nashville Dist. Engr. Office. John Angstadt is doing the same in the Pittsburgh Engr. Office. Hal Wheeler is on Okinawa with the Air Force. According to Liveoak, Hal has a terrific deal—chateau overlooking the sea, servants, etc.

Lucy Geer dropped a line to bring me up to date on the Geer family (see Baby Corner). Dick is flying F84F's in England. Guy and Betty Waller are in England with them, and Guy flies the same type of plane. Howard Hazlett is currently in Japan in a Hq. Co.

Joyce Friedersdorff sent me news from Mannheim, Germany, on their latest addition (see Baby Corner). Chad is with the 3rd AFA. Bn. in Sandhafen. Hal and Joan Myrah gyroscoped to the states and are now at Fort Meyer in Washington, D. C. Ed and Si Nerone are also back in the states. Classmates with the 3rd Armored Division which went to Germany are: Dave and Isabelle Horner, Cliff and Mary Lou Neilson, and John and Marilyn Seigle.

Bob White wrote of others in the 3rd Armored Div. who gyroscoped to Germany. Besides Bob there are Gene Currier, Hal Rhyne, Tom Williams, and Jim Donahue. All are married with Bob being the last to give in. He married Susan Greer last February. My little request for old used stamps triggered Bob to write and he sent some fine Swedish and Turkish stamps which he had collected. Thank you very much Bob, for letter and stamps. Bob is going to Motor Officer's Course, John Seigle commands a Company, Dave Horner is an Asst't. S-3, Cliff Neilson is an Executive Officer of a Co., and Tom Williams is Adjutant of 83rd Recon.

Molly Fuller wrote to tell of the addition to their family (See Baby Corner). Last December, she and Bert moved to Stuttgart from Augsburg where Bert has been Aide to General Dodge. He expects to return to troop duty sometime before the year is out. However, Molly thought the duty was fine since Bert had no field duty.

I received a nice letter from Patti McCarty the other day. Dyke is in Iceland and is due to remain until 1957. He is flying C-54's in Air Sea Rescue. Ed Davis is there also, but due to leave soon. Patti is living in Indianapolis while Dyke is away. Their daughter, Melissa, 17 months, is suffering from a rare and incurable disease called cystic fibrosis of the pancreas. Patti helped form an Indiana chapter to a foundation dedicated to find a cure for the disease. She says that many cases go undiagnosed every year, and she will be happy to furnish more information to anyone desiring it. Walter Parker (A Lost Classmate) was in Korea for 18 months, but should be in the states by now.

Gertrude Glauner dropped a line on a birth announcement to tell me that Fred is now C.O. of the Training Detachment at Fort Richardson in Alaska. They are not scheduled to leave until 1958. They are sorry to see so many classmates leaving, however new ones come all the time. She saw "Horace" Greeley the other day. He is with an Armored Unit up there.

Baby Corner

1. To Tom and Tardy McGregor, a boy, Arthur Paul (6-29-55, Fort Benning).
2. To Bob and Ada Scofield, a girl, Martha Kathryn (5-14-56, Germany).
3. To Dick and Lucy Beer, a boy, Richard Paul, Jr. (11-19-55, England).
4. To Chad and Joyce Friedersdorff, a boy, Louis Scott, (12-26-55, Germany).
5. To Fred and Mary Taylor, a boy, Douglas Sterling (6-9-56).
6. To Fred and Gertrud Galuner, a boy, Frederick William, Jr. (6-11-56, Alaska).
7. To Bert and Molly Fuller, a girl, Diane Elizabeth, (6-15-56, Germany).
8. To Shelly and Marge Lustig, a girl, Nancy Ellen, (7-12-56, England).
9. To Art and Pat Ackerman, a boy, Jonathan Emzy, (8-20-56, Fort Carson, Colorado).
10. To Al and Elaine Paulekas, a boy, Walter E., (8-28-56, Fort Campbell, Kentucky).

A long overdue letter from Fred Smith arrived the other day. Fred spent over a year in Korea where he was an aide to General Howze and later to General Fritzsche. In March of this year Dave Rice replaced him as aide and Fred returned to the states. Bob Thomas was in Japan at that time as aide to General Coverdale (Craig's father). Dink Whalen was also Japan bound when Fred left Korea. Dink is aide to General Ryan. After serious consideration, Fred resigned this summer and is presently a test and development engineer for Kaman Aircraft Corp. He felt that he could have more time with his wife, Judy and daughter, Debbie. They now own their own home in Windsor, Connecticut (that wonderful state), and Fred enjoys the work very much. He reports that Bob and Ellie Martin are getting ready to go to Europe with their new daughter.

Uncle Milty Chojnowski sent a note from Munich to let me know that he is alive and kicking. He said that Dale Davis has resigned and is waiting to return to the States with his family. Milt and George Haas made expert firing the M41 tank in northern Germany. Glen Otis was there also and made expert. Pretty good for a bunch of Infantrymen.

Cathy Pimental sent the sad news that Dave and Alice Rice lost their son, Jonny, in a drowning accident on July 24th. The Class extends its sympathy to Dave and Alice. Cathy said that Fred and Mary Taylor and their children stopped by to see her on their way to a new station. Fred is to be personnel director at Shaw AFB, Sumter, South Carolina.

Bob Bartlett wrote from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where he is now a civil engineer for the Steel Co. there. Rick Gilmartin and Gerry Lohrli are both with the New York Telephone Co. He said that most of the Class in Engineers are now back at school for post graduate work. The Rod Smiths, Rich Leonards, and Don Ramsays are at the University of Illinois.

I received a nice letter from Rolfe Arnhym. He and June had a daughter, Kathryn June, born in Frankfurt. Rolfe is still Commanding Hq. Co. of a Bn. in the 87th Infantry. He was best man at Dick Miller's wedding held in Stuttgart. Dick married June Lillard. Ushers were Chuck Neal, Don Hamilla, and Dick Fischer. Rolfe is looking forward to a vacation trip with his wife to Paris and London this fall, and I can't say that I blame him.

Way back in 1954 I announced that the Clements had a son. At the time all I had to go on was the name, Daryl Lynn. Two years later, Pete Clements' wife, Vivian, activated him to correct the error. Daryl Lynn Clements is a girl, a daughter born on October 16, 1954. Pete hasn't seen many Classmates in the last couple of years. Jim Elliott is about the only one. Pete is now at Cambridge, Massachusetts getting his masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering at MIT. I'm sorry Emily and I missed you all, Pete, when in Evanston. We started our vacation on that weekend. Pete is also in favor of the reunion book and is conferring with the Class Treasurer, George Williams, to get a run down of our finances.

Now for some short news: The Saffers are at Laon, France where Mort is flying B-57's; Frank Kincaid is in Germany; Graham Vernon is aide to General Partridge in Germany; Walter Cousland is at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as aide to General McGarr; Edward Bishop is at Fort Riley, Kansas.

THE LOST DEPT, which is a list of those individuals who have never been mentioned in over three years in this article is completed with this issue. I think it has helped to hear from more people and has triggered a little soul-searching, I hope. The list is: Riley, O. N.; Roderick, R. L.; Rohlman, R. C.; Rush, R. L.; Sarbocher, H. J., Schmidt, H. R.; Schuessler, J. M.; Smith, D. C.; Sonfis, T. G.; Speir, M. T.; Stepanek, W. F.; Thorpe, T. J.; Tompkins, H. K.; van denBerg, E. K.; Volker, G. A.; Weihmiller, W. W.; Wilkerson, F. S.; Young, J. H.

That's about all the news for now. I would like to thank you for your encouragements to me on this article. It certainly makes me feel that the project is worthwhile. My address is still: Bill Jefferson, 148 Clyde Ave., Apt. 2-B, Evanston, Illinois. Let me hear from many more of you in the next three months. Best of luck.

—*William J. Jefferson.*

1954

Greetings to all. Here's what the Class of '54 has been doing in the past few months.

Class Additions: Joseph, Jr. to Joe and Marilyn Feiler, April 13; Linda to Sam and Dee Greer at Bamberg, Germany, July 8; Mark Payton to Jim and Barbara Spruill in Germany, July 12; Mark Paul to Paul and Carolyn Jenkins at Fort Bliss, July 17; and Lanette Ann to John and Vivian Rogers at Bamberg, July 24.

To the Altar: Pete McCloskey and Rochelle Russell at El Paso, Texas, July 28; Ramon Aguilar Sanchez and Victoria Cristina Mogollon at LaGrita, Venezuela, August 5.

Celebrities: Bob Mischak and Mark McDermott are the first to return for a tour at West Point. Bob, on TDY from 6th Inf in Berlin, is coaching ends on C-Squad football. Mark is in the resident engineers office at the Point. Both are still bachelors and are sharing Apt 46 in the BOQ. But Bob's getting married in November, we're told.

Korea: Only a few months ago '54's engineers claimed that they had taken possession of Korea. But now it's a different story. One lonesome engineer named Jim Ransone writes: "The engineers who volunteered for Korea after jump school have all rotated back to plush assignments with district engineers in the States. That leaves behind the involuntary volunteers." But Jim does expect to get out of Korea by October. Right now he has H/S Co of 76th Engr Bn — "so for the last six months I've been doing nothing but housekeeping."

Jim relates a very sad tale about one of the Korea volunteers: "Virl Haas extended his tour in Korea for a month, calculating his wedding day back in the States very closely. But on his way home he got all fouled up in Japan and was held there about 15 days. I'm quite sure his wedding day was spent in transit."

But as the Engineers departed, the Signal Corps took over. And it arrived in Korea in the form of E. R. "Sleepy" Evans, Dick Grifenhagen, George LaCour, Jesse Martin, Bill Ovberg, Bill Paul, Yale Weatherby, and possibly others.

Dick Grifenhagen, Jesse Martin, and Bill Paul are signal operations officers with the Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG). Grifenhagen and Paul are also serving as advisors to the First Republic of Korea Army. Yale Weatherby is assistant S-3 of the 304th Sig Bn, and Sleepy Evans is with the 51st Sig Bn.

George LaCour has command of Co C, 8226 Army Unit, which is responsible for supplying communications from Japan to all of South Korea. The 100 men in his company and a number of Korean military and civilian laborers under his charge are scattered over several sites around Taejon. Keeping track of these, plus making regular trips to Seoul and Pusan, adds up to a lot of traveling. So George is strongly endorsing the Army's whirly-birds as having it all over Korea's rather primitive trains. George's wife, Jean, is living in Decatur, Georgia. She writes that she is "just waiting, as I feel I've been doing for years and years, for him to come home again." Jean says she would like to hear from the Studts and Lykenses.

Bill Ovberg has some surprising remarks about life in Korea: "I guess whenever anyone mentions Korea, the first thing you think of is barbed wire, fox holes, and the like. It's that way in some places, but it's certainly not like that where I am. I'm afraid I'm going to have to admit that I rather like it here. But I'm not going to say it too loud, or someone might think I've been here too long." Bill's been in Korea since January. He was a battalion adjutant for a while, and is now post signal officer of the Ascom City Area Command, 304th Sig Bn (APO 971). Bill goes on to say: "Ascom City and my signal office are right in the middle of the replacement depot, and I get to see all the sad faces arriving and all the happy ones leaving. . . This is really a number one job. I'm my own boss, in a good location, and no one bothers me. Now you see why I like it here."

Okinawa: Another Far Eastern stronghold of '54's Signal Corps is Okinawa. There we are represented by George and Patty Storck, Perry and Lois Studt, and Ronnie Lee. Ronnie writes that they are suffering through Okinawa's "habitual 500% humidity" with Hq Co, 8111 Army Unit, Sig Svc Bn (APO 331).

Perry Studt has all kinds of odd jobs on Okinawa, but still finds time for the hi-fi craze. George Storck "seems rather content in his little empire as telephone administrator. He says that he does not have much free time, but frequent trips to Japan keep his mind flexible." Incidentally, we're told that George Storck married Patty Storck (that was her name) in December 1954. George says "It's a real help to a goat."

Paris: Jim and Dolores Obendorfer are living it up in Paris, along with their one-year-old daughter Cindy. Jim has the distinction of being the lowest ranking officer in SHAPE. He is with the 7th Sig Bn and is the only '54 in SHAPE. Among those of an earlier vintage is Colonel McCaffrey, which might explain why Jim says he feels like he's a plebe all over again.

Jim and Dolores invite any of the class to stay with them in Paris. It seems that the cost of living there is high enough, not to mention the expenses of sightseeing.

Germany: With the 503d Abn Inf (APO 29) in Munich are Ed and Janice Pawloski, Bob and Marilyn Elton, Fred and Elsie Lindsey, Tiny and Dot Tomsen, Jack and Joanne Kincaid, and Frank Hicks. Ed Pawloski writes that he's quite happy with his anti-tank platoon. But leaves are even better. Ed and Janice have visited Venice and Amsterdam, and are having an interesting time in Europe's antique shops.

Andre and Gene Broumas skipped away from the 17th Armd Engr Bn (APO 42) to journey to England for a few days. The event was Dale Vesser's wedding to Valerie Catman at Oxford. Participants included John Bard as best man, and Ames Albro, John Purdy, and Andre Broumas as ushers.

Between maneuvers John and Ros Marcus are managing to see "most of the better parts of Germany"—as seems to be the story with the rest of the class over there. John is with the 32d Sig Bn (APO 175) at Darmstadt.

John Weiler went to Munich in August to do some more of his "special agent" work for the Air Force. The housing situation seems to be on the tight side in Munich, so Rosemary doesn't expect to be able to join John for a couple of months at least.

Couple of Forms DD 415 (change of address) arrived from Germany. Glen Stout has a job as an aide with Hq, 7th Army (APO 46), and Jim Hays is with the Engineer Section of 7th Army.

John Rogers' mother, Mrs. John F. Rogers, Sr., writes that John and Vivian and their two daughters are living in Bamberg. John is with Co B, 85th Inf Regt (APO 139). And as a footnote, let's add that this column is always happy to get news from parents and relatives of the class.

State-Side: Now that John Bard's college days are over, he and Marge are enjoying life at Fort Benning. John's taking an Infantry Officers Course now, but about February 1st they will head for Fort Campbell to join the 187th Abn RCT of the 101st Abn Div.

Bob and Terry Garwood and George Riess are stationed at Dover AFB, Delaware. When not importing silver, china, crystal, and liquor on his overseas flights, Bob spends his time as director of the base bridge club.

Bob and Rita Gross tore themselves away from the political scene at Washington to journey across the country to Fort MacArthur, California. Bob is aide to Major General F. N. Roberts, commanding general of California Military District and the post commander at Fort MacArthur.

Quite a few members of the class began in September a 30-week Surface-to-Air Missile Battery Officers Course at Fort Bliss. Some of the students there are Paul Jenkins, Bob Bullock, Don Geiger, Dick Grinder, Ed Judd, Pete McCloskey, Glenn Matsumoto, Art Sirkis, and Tom Stark. Paul and Carolyn Jenkins have been at Fort Bliss since April. Paul was adjutant of a training battalion.

Larry Willner is still pursuing the good deals that go along with shooting his pistol. This time it's as a member of the All-Army team competing at the national pistol matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. When he's not on the firing line, Larry is signal officer of Co C, 3d Inf Div at Fort Benning.

Haig Shekerjian writes some news of the Ex-'54's. For the past few years he has been teaching history in a high school at Concord, California. Haig says that Verne Troup lives nearby. Verne is a draftsman for Columbia Steel Corp and spends his spare time giving flying lessons.

Random Notes: Bob Riese is a resident engineer at an Air Force Base in Montana, and Marv Kortum is doing the same at Holloman AFB, New Mexico. Bob McPherson, still a bachelor, is enjoying his Nike work with 551st AAA Missile Bn, Palmdale, California. Joe and Dolores Gerda and Leonard and Barbara Lundberg are with 28th Regt at Fort Carson, Colorado; they expect to Gyroscope to Europe this fall. Jack Porter took a CBR course at the Chemical Corps School, Fort McClellan, Alabama. And some random addresses: John Hudachek is living at 706 North St., Leesville, Louisiana, and John Wisniewski at 637 Roberts St., DeRidder, Louisiana.

Memo to all of '54: If you're passing through New York City, don't forget to get in touch with the Plunketts. Just give me a call at McGraw-Hill or at home.

That's all for now. A lot of people took it easy this summer, and only a very few contributed to the class column. Now I can't manufacture the news—you have to furnish it. So, let's really hear from a lot of you sometime before December 1st. The address is the same: No. 1 Hawley Terrace, Yonkers, New York. Best wishes to all.

—*Jim Plunkett.*

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Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind

Although I am sure that by the time this issue reaches you, my forlorn little charcoal stove will be expending BTU's at an incredible rate, the chances are that many of you will still be enjoying Indian Summer. High on the "don't you wish" list for many of us away from the States during Indian Summer is the chance to see some good American football. I hope many of you are able to represent us at Philadelphia when Army beats Navy this year.

Fred Bliss, Chik Chikalla, and Dave Pemberton, are right in the season of things at

Fort Campbell, playing football for the 101st Airborne. Speaking of Fort Campbell, new faces of '56 at Fort Campbell are James Alan Bliss, to Dorothy and Fred on July 9; Susan Negaard to Bee and Nick in March; Cora Ann Cheesborough to June and Dick on April 3. Marion and Ron Cairns, Anita and Jerry Denman, and Nancy and Don Reed are still in the "shall we get pink or blue booties" stage at this writing. Campbell newlyweds in the year '56 were Carol and Bill Sietman (January) and Marie and Dick Fontaine (June). John Humphrey and Dave Pemberton are still in the running (or just "running" as the case may be).

From Hollywood, Roy Thorsen sends his greetings. Roy was forced to leave flight training last winter because of a chronically dislocating shoulder. He reported to Maywood AF Depot near Los Angeles in January for on the job training with the Office of Special Investigations. In April he went to Washington for a two week course; now is working for OSI as an agent. In Washington, he saw Bob and Anita Cummins and their daughter, Tina Louise. Back in Hollywood, Roy now rooms with Ted Perritt, formerly in our class, who has recently taken a screen test for Twentieth Century Fox. Roy himself has been able to meet several of the film world; his dates rate from 2.9 up. In June, Roy was best man for Hugh Quinn at his wedding in New Jersey to Ann Fritz. Paul Fetko and Bob Cummins were also there.

More of weddings: our congratulations to Helen Louise Scott and Howard Stone, married in New Orleans on September 15; and to Susan Smallridge and Norm Sparks, married at Sault Ste. Marie on June 18.

Ring Out, Wild Bells

D-2 has arrived in strength this issue. Bob Meisenheimer sends word of the Air Force at Greenville, Mississippi, where the class got their wings ("ring out") in August. He, John Pickett, Jerry Samos, Al Oppel, Dick Secord, Jim Johnson, Frank LeCates, Russ Hodges, Jerry Gilpin, and Roland Nordlie all are at Craig AFB, Alabama, now for instructor school, which ends in December. Al Rupp went from Greenville to Bitburg, Germany, and F-86F's. Rod Davis went to Portland, Oregon, and F-89's. John McDonald went to Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, hoping the F-100 will be available. Carl Cathey and John Leventis left for Phoenix and F-84 School. George Monyhan was sent to a similar school at Perrin AFB, Texas. Reb Young went *North* to Presque Isle Maine and F-89's. Walt McCrillis went to Bunker Hill and F-94's. John Lapham will be flying helicopters at Blythville, Arkansas. Jerry Greene was sent to Japan and F-86's. Bill Dickson, Dan Geran, Bill Hock, and Bob Wray went to James Connally AFB in Waco, Texas, and observer training for SAC pilots. From other bases, Bob says that Jim Heye and Bob Russell are at Phoenix F-86F School; Jim Keegan is there for F-84 School; Tom "Kid" Wilkinson is at Roul Roussiere, France and F-86F's. Jerry Hawkins and Bill Roth are flying F-86F's in Korea. Buck Riggs is at Perrin AFB at F-86D School. Greg Barras is at Nellis AFB, Nevada, at F-100 School.

Socially, "Meise" and D-2 classmates held a spontaneous rally in mid-June, collecting George Monyhan from Greenville, Frank Chura and Larry Michalove from observer training in Houston, Tom Wilkinson and Bob Russell from Laredo, and meeting at the home of Betty and Jim Heye (and Carol Heye who is still knee-high). Augmenting the D-2 crowd were Stan Harvill, Larry Herdman, George Kennebeck and a middie or two. The occasion was not disclosed, but it was apparently sufficient to keep many neighbors aware of its importance for many hours. Bob sends condolences to the D-2 few who missed it.

Pete Hornbarger's contribution from Reese AFB, Lubbock, Texas, completes the stratospheric news. Highlight of the graduation and graduation party in August was the presence of General and Mrs. Twining. Tony Hansell, their son-in-law, MC'd the party. Tony has been assigned to Lincoln AFB in Nebraska to fly KC-97's, after a B-29 transition course at Randolph Field. Dale Ward was the number one man in the class, and remained at Reese as an instructor. The Wards boast of a baby girl. Norb Glidden and Bill Goodwin also remained at Reese to instruct. Dick Wargowsky went to the 53rd Weather Squadron at Burton Wood, England, to fly B-50's. Cy Cassells went to MATS at Dover, Delaware, to fly the C-124. Duane Smetana was assigned to the 12th Weather Squadron at Stewart AFB, New York. Bob Blitch was assigned to fly the KC-97 at MacDill AFB, Florida, after several weeks of B-29 transition at Randolph AFB, Texas. Hank Klung, father of a baby girl, will be going to Hensley Field, Texas, to help train reserve pilots for Conac. Paul Martin, papa of Linda Kathryn, is going to Keesler AFB, Mississippi, along with Jerry Brown, father of a baby boy, and Bud Hall. Fred Knieriem, father of baby girl June, is assigned to Mapping and Charting Squadron at Palm Beach AFB, Florida, as is Durf McJoynt, whose child is his open sports car. Ed Rumsey went to Eureun AFB, France. Ron McNiven and Dick McCarthy were sent to the Troop Carrier outfit in Kyushu, Japan. Ken Wilson went to Hunter AFB, Georgia. Tom Turner, after the B-29 transition at Randolph, is assigned to Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. The Turners have a baby boy. Bob Pheiff, following training at McConnell AFB, Kansas, goes to Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona, to fly the B-47. Finally, Pete himself has been assigned to the Troop Carrier Wing at Dreva AFB, France. He and Barby will be celebrating their first anniversary in December. News from outside Reese: Al Worden, after graduating from Laredo, was sent to fly sabre jets in Florida. Dave Burroughs and Ron Weissenborn have stayed on at Laredo to instruct. Bill McWilliams is staying as an instructor at Bryan AFB, Texas. Al Buie and Reed Stone are flying T-29's at Harlingen AFB, Texas.

Song of the Chattahooche

Back on the ground again, Warren Jones writes from Georgia. He and Jim Grey are in the same company (A Co, 3rd Prov. Bn.), with Bill Bacon ('54) as exec. Roy Dunaway, Jim Devereaux, Al Coleman, Ray Gunderson, Ed Nidever, Bob Wiegand, and Irv Katenbrink round out the Infantry representation at Fort Benning. Dick Traut is there lending dignity for the redlegs. Bill Chambers left in June for Army Aviation School. Bill Welter is a pilot on the main post with Army Air, and says that John Wing is now in Texas with the 4th Armored Division. Bill Bottoms, in Observer School in Houston, has written of Jerry Gilpin's wedding in May. Kent Poore, ex-55, is now in a Nike battery in Wisconsin.

When I Was One-and-Twenty

Jim McIntosh writes from West Point, where he and Mike Stevenson have come from Fort Bragg to conduct artillery training for, of all creatures, the yearlings. Bob Camp also has strayed from Fort Bragg, to Washington as a general's aide.

Sea Fever

Now, in search of other classmates. Tanning rapidly in the ever-present sun between trips to the ocean floor with his diving mask, Fred Woerner reports the Hawaiian segment of the class healthy and contented. News item: daughter Susy to the Jim Brokenshires. Farther east, Sid Mason and Cliff Jones are finding the climate much less predictable, running from heat waves to typhoons. Cliff is RO in the 663rd FA Bn, a 280 mm. outfit. Sid is in the 65th AAA as Fire Control Platoon Leader. Sid's wife, Pat, and the new baby should be with Sid on Okinawa by the time of this issue.

In Korea, Tom Horst, who is executive officer of D Co, 3rd Engr Bn of the 24th Division, writes that Dick Gray and Doc Schow are also in his battalion. John Sloan is in Seoul at the 8th Army Engineer Office. John Van Den Bosch is with C Co of the 13th Engineer Battalion of the 7th Division. Don Hilbert has a mortar platoon in M Co of the 34th Regt. Hearsay puts Rex Perkins with the 34th also, and Marion Johnson with the 63rd FA Bn.

Dan Dienst was able to spend a few weeks with his son, Don Wayne (who was born on graduation day from Ranger School), and his wife, Doti, before reporting to the 17th Infantry Regiment in Korea. Doti's brother, Paul Jaenichen, formerly of '55, recently received his commission from OCS at Fort Benning, and now is an instructor at TIS there.

In August, Sam Lowry took over an 81 mm mortar platoon in his battalion of the 17th. He also has been acting as chief advisor on an airlift project.

Home Thoughts, from Abroad

And thence to Europe. First, a hearty welcome to you newcomers from the 8th Division. Let us hear from you.

Oxford: I talked briefly on the phone to John Hamilton during an August leave. Don Olvey, Mike Garn, and Marty McGuire were all away on the continent during holiday from school; John was about to depart. All remain enthusiastic about their studies and life in England.

The people nearest by seem to write the least, so most of the names from Germany this issue are only those seen by we Baumholderites in recent months. (A Baumholderite is a savage animal that inhabits the hilly country of the Lower Palatinate; it lives on rye bread and pine cones and drinks nothing but fresh rain water and nickel beer). Pete Fikaris was here with the 826th Tank Battalion. Jim Bergen, from the 57th Tank Battalion and Danny Dugan were the other tankers here. Artillerymen here this summer were Bruce Wilburn and Herb Finger of the 78th Field, Dave Finley of the 58th FA Bn., and Bob Chapman of the 97th FA Battalion. Frank O'Brien is with the 142d Signal Company in Bad Kreuznach. Walt Landers and Dan Malone have been here with the 12th AIB. Here in Baumholder, Chuck Gersitz has unclassified the announcement of his engagement to Miss Sally Green of Ferndale, Michigan. Marriage to take place on April 27 next.

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If you can possibly be there, plan to be at the Class gathering at Christmas time. I had hoped to be able to furnish you details of the event; but as of September they are not completed. However, tentatively plan on a reunion in or near Frankfurt during the holidays. By the time this is printed, I should have all the details; therefore, as soon as possible send me your address so I can forward the information to you. Also, please include the addresses of any other classmates of whom you know in Europe, and any suggestions you have for the party. Any of you elsewhere who are planning holiday parties or reunions, send us a full account and pictures if possible.

Thank you again, classmates and wives of classmates, for keeping us informed. If I were not so indolent, I would reply personally to each of your letters. But since I am, please be tolerant and keep supplying many newses. My address still is: A Btry, 14 AFA Bn, APO 34, New York, New York.

—*John Lovell.*

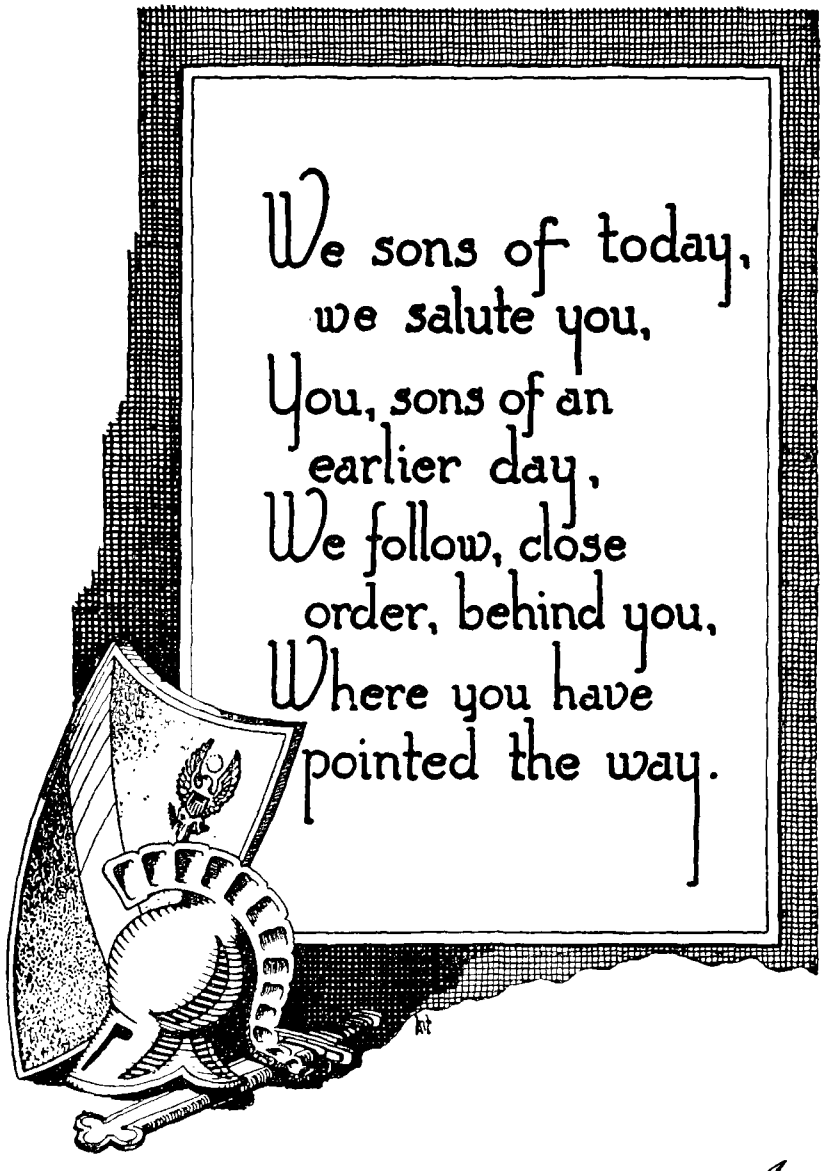
LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the July 1956 ASSEMBLY

Name	Class	Date	Place
Peter E. Traub	1886	September 27, 1956	Manchester, New Hampshire
William R. Sample	1888	September 12, 1956	Atlanta, Georgia
Charles B. Drake	1896	August 15, 1956	Rehoboth, Delaware
Edgar T. Conley	1897	August 21, 1956	Montgomery County, Maryland
Ira C. Welborn	1898	July 13, 1956	Gulfport, Mississippi
Prince A. Oliver	1901	May 20, 1956	San Jose, California
Warren T. Hannum	1902	August 14, 1956	Letterman Army Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, California
Ursa M. Diller	1904	September 16, 1956	Braddock Heights, Pennsylvania
Louis A. Kunzig	1905	August 7, 1956	Detroit, Michigan
Frank S. Besson	1909	July 19, 1956	Portland, Oregon
Carl J. Ballinger	Ex-1911	August 7, 1956	Santa Barbara, California
Dorr Hazelhurst	June 1918	August 19, 1956	Corona, California
Kenneth S. Stice	November 1918	August 11, 1956	Veteran's Administration Hospital, Danville, Illinois
Ray Warren	Ex-1920	May 16, 1956	Greensboro, North Carolina
George F. Bruner	1925	August 12, 1956	South Charleston, West Virginia
Dana P. McGown	1927	September 15, 1956	Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C.
John J. Jakle	1936	September 21, 1956	Plane Crash in Korea
Raymond W. Rumph	1937	August 21, 1956	US Naval Hospital, St. Albans, Long Island, New York
Chester K. Britt	1940	July 6, 1953	Veteran's Administration Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Charles G. Willes	1941	June 3, 1956	Near Hahn Air Base, Germany
John E. Roberts	January 1943	July 2, 1954	Korea
Raymond Janeczek	1944	February 23, 1956	Near Stewart AFB, Newburgh New York
Rollin W. Skilton	1946	December 31, 1953	Korea
William L. Green, III	1949	January 26, 1955	Turner Field, Albany, Georgia
Robert D. Willerford	1950	September 24, 1956	Tallahassee, Florida
John C. Daly, Jr.	1955	August 12, 1956	Near Greenville, Mississippi

Editor's Note: The report of the death of Converse R. Lewis, Jr., Ex-1937, published in the July 1956 LAST ROLL CALL was in error. It was Converse R. Lewis, Sr., who died.

In Memory



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DONWORTH, A. B.	1891	February 27, 1955	61
DUNSWORTH, J. L.	1909	January 12, 1956	67
FRY, J. C., JR.	1948	February 12, 1956	77
GAUGLER, R. L.	1913	March 5, 1956	68
GRANT, W. S.	1900	March 3, 1956	63
HALL, J. R., JR.	1950	September 7, 1955	77
HALL, T. B.	1933	December 31, 1953	72
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KILBOURNE, L. F.	1893	January 18, 1956	61
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Albert Bernard Donworth

NO. 3429 CLASS OF 1891

DIED FEBRUARY 27, 1955, AT GRACE-NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, AGED 87 YEARS.

ALBERT BERNARD DONWORTH was born in Machias, Maine, on April 11, 1867, the youngest son of Patrick Enright Donworth and Mary Baker Donworth. His earliest ancestor in America, Richard Baker, came to New England in 1635 and settled at Dorchester, now a part of Boston. Both of Donworth's Mother's grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War. It was a donation from a cousin of his Mother, Georgae Fisher Baker, President of the First National Bank of New York, which enabled Harvard College to establish its Graduate School of Business Administration.

Donworth's Father was a successful lumber merchant, owning his own timberlands and his own mill, and exporting the finished

product to the West Indies and to the Azores in his own ships out of the port of Machias.

Donworth attended the public schools of Machias, where he graduated from the high school at the age of seventeen. After teaching one year in the public schools, and attending one year at a preparatory school for college, he entered Bowdoin College in September 1886. While there he took a competitive examination for an appointment to West Point, which he won, and in June 1887 he entered the U.S. Military Academy, graduating in June 1891. Assigned as a second lieutenant to the 14th Infantry, he joined that regiment at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, upon the termination of his graduation leave on September 30, 1891.

As a young officer Donworth participated in the usual garrison duties of guard duty, drills, parades, court-martial duty, lyceum courses and practice marches, plus such incidents as the labor troubles in the Couer d'Alene mines in Idaho. At a large post like Vancouver Barracks, where there was also the Headquarters of the Department of the Columbia, plus the attractive city of Portland across the river, there was naturally much social activity. This Donworth enjoyed in the quiet, unobtrusive and moderate way in which he entered upon other lines of endeavor. A friend writes of him that he did not go in for athletics; that he was a studious type; that he never obtruded his opinions; that he was a better listener than a declaimer; that everyone liked "A.B.", but that he was too reserved by nature to make very intimate friends; he had a high sense of responsibility and all of his duties were performed with conscientious loyalty.

Came the Spanish-American War, and with it Donworth's promotion to First Lieutenant. While at home in Machias on leave following the hostilities, Donworth made the decision to become an attorney-at-law, and he resigned from the military service as of September 9, 1899.

He was admitted to the bar in Maine in 1900, and later to that of Massachusetts. He practiced law in Aroostook County, Maine, for thirty-five years before retiring. During most of this time he served as legal counsel for the American Agricultural Chemical Company. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States on March 23, 1932, and in July 1932, he was delegate from Maine to the International Congress of Comparative Law held at the Hague. During his years of practice at Caribou, Maine, he served as trustee of the Public Library, town counsel, chairman of the town Board of Health, and chairman of the Republican District Committee for the Third Congressional District of Maine. He specialized in commercial and corporation law, and was the local representative for the principal commercial law associations of the country. In December 1906, he argued the Taylor Tax Case and the judgment for his client settled the law of the State of Maine regarding taxing money at interest. Numerous services on local boards marked him as an enthusiastic and public-spirited member of the community in which he resided, giving generously of his time and abilities for the benefit of his fellow citizens. From 1938 on he was Judge Advocate of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Maine.

Donworth was married to Marian Louise MacIntyre, of Houlton, Maine, on July 19, 1905. Their only child, Mr. John Scott Donworth, born December 19, 1909, resides in New Haven.

After Donworth's retirement from active practice, he and Mrs. Donworth travelled extensively, visiting Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland in 1934, the Carribean countries in 1935, and in 1937 he travelled through the Panama Canal and visited a number of South American countries, including the passage of the Straits of Magellan. After the Second World War, Mr. and Mrs. Donworth moved to New Haven, where Mrs. Donworth departed this life on March 11, 1951. Donworth then moved to the Graduates Club in that city, where he resided until his death on February 27, 1955.

Donworth made a number of ventures into the realm of authorship. While still a second lieutenant at Vancouver Barracks he wrote an article on "Gymnasium Training in the Army"; in the American Legal News, 1908, he wrote of the "Benefits of the Commercial Law Leagues"; and in more recent years he wrote "Why Columbus Sailed", and a volume on "Gravitation" in 1954.

Among some notes of recollections left by Donworth is a description of the visit to West Point in the winter of 1888 of the Irving and Terry company then playing in New York. Too long to reproduce here, it tells of the memorable occasion when the entire English troup played the Merchant of Venice in an improvised theater in the mess hall. Their reception by the officers and the Corps was so enthusiastic, that in his closing remarks Henry Irving remarked: "The joy bells are ringing in London tonight, as it is the first time the English have taken West Point". Donworth also mentioned a visit of the Corps to New York in 1889 for the celebration of the Centennial of Washington's inauguration in 1789. As the Corps stood rigidly at the "present" near Madison Square, ex-President Cleveland and General Sherman passed on the way to the reviewing stand. The Corps was much pleased when General Sherman waved his arm to us and cried: "Those are my boys"!

—*L. S. S.*

Lincoln Fay Kilbourne

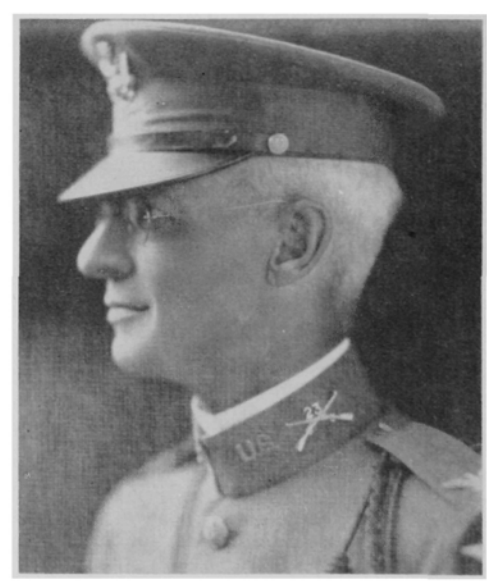
NO. 3551 CLASS OF 1893

DIED JANUARY 18, 1956, AT SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK, AGED 86 YEARS.

FAY was born February 27, 1869 at the Presidio, San Francisco, the first son of First Lieutenant Charles Evans Kilbourne, Class of 1866, and Ada Coolidge Kilbourne. He attended public schools wherever his father was stationed, the last being at Saint Augustine, Florida, where he reached the age of seventeen.

Having obtained as much education as was offered in Saint Augustine, and being of an independent spirit, Fay wrote to Columbus, Ohio, (the home of his grandfather, two uncles and an aunt) and obtained a position with the Kilbourne Jacobs Manufacturing Company. Later his father was detailed as military instructor, Ohio State University, and the family reunited.

Like the sons of many Army Officers, and particularly those of West Point graduates,



Fay's ambition had been to go to West Point. This ambition was realized when he obtained an appointment from President Cleveland and entered the Academy in June 1889. His friendly and helpful spirit and happy disposition soon won for him the respect of his classmates and a position of leadership. He was beloved by all his classmates and remained so throughout his Army career. I knew him well and cherished his friendship and a close association with him. The authorities at West Point also recognized his leadership qualities and

selected him to be a cadet sergeant in his second class year and a lieutenant in his first class year. In the exercise of these positions he was strict but just, and his less fortunate classmates were not envious but proud of his success. General Jamerson, a classmate, writes; "Among his well known characteristics were modesty, calm self-control and unruffled demeanor, kindly disposition and keen sense of justice. Those of us left will truly miss him and mourn his going."

He spent his second class furlough at Fairfax Court House, Virginia, where his family were summering, his father then being stationed in Washington. Accompanying him was his classmate, Gordon Heiner, later brigadier general. These two created quite a sensation in that quiet little village when they turned out for dances in cadet full dress. Both were handsome (even without the uniform) and even a deaf man could hear the fluttering of many a young lady's heart. But at the end of their furlough, they returned to the Point uncommitted.

On graduation in June 1893, he was assigned to the First Infantry with station at Angel Island, California, and had the normal experiences of a second lieutenant until the Spanish War, when his regiment was assigned to the Cuban Expeditionary Force and sent to Tampa. While at Angel Island, he was married on April 15, 1898 to Lilian Valentine Miles, daughter of Colonel Evans Miles.

His first promotion came in April 26, 1898. There also came to him at this time a keen disappointment for, while at Tampa, he was detailed to escort recruits to the west coast. No doubt his Colonel thought he was doing a kindness, for Fay's wife, father and mother, and two brothers were in San Francisco. However, Fay feared the regiment might sail for Cuba before his return, and he asked to be relieved of the assignment with no success. His fears were realized, for the regiment sailed before his return. On its return from the Santiago Campaign, his regiment was rehabilitated and returned to Cuba where Fay served at Pina del Rio and Guanajay until he was sent home on sick leave, and arrived in time to see his wife before her death on May 11, 1899.

In June 1899, he was transferred to the Third Infantry and joined that regiment in the Philippines. There he was given command of a company stationed at Bigaar. It was during the frustrating period when the Army was trying to establish local democratic governments and restore tranquility. He taught the residents of his town to assemble and use voting methods, but the elected governments were still loyal to Aguinaldo while pretending allegiance to the United States. A large detachment of our soldiers would be met with smiles of welcome, while a small one was liable to attack, and night raids were frequent. Fay gained much valuable experience in these trying conditions and took part in suppressing attacks, repelling raids and, at the same time, winning the confidence of the Filipino people. The confidence and esteem of his troops he had without stint.

In February 1901, he was promoted Captain, 26th Infantry, and served with that regiment in the Camarines, Southern Luzon, until 1903 when he returned, with the regiment, to the United States to be stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There he met Maud Metts and they were married August 16, 1904. Their son, Charles Evans, was born there April 16, 1906. The regiment had another tour of duty in the Philippines as Provost Guard of Manila. Here Fay, his wife and son were quartered in the Ermita District, and it was probably the happiest period of his life.

During these years, and after the regiment's return to the United States, he served as Adjutant, Quartermaster, and Commissary of the regiment and in command of the 2nd and 3rd battalions. In February 1913 the regiment, which was then garrisoning Forts Brady and Wayne, Michigan, was sent to Texas City for duty with the 2nd Division to prepare for possible operations in Mexico.

Fay was promoted to Major in February 1916, and detailed in June of that year as instructor of National Guard Troops at Brownsville, Texas, and was placed on the Detached Officers list. His mimeographed training instructions were considered masterpieces for the character of operations anticipated.

He was promoted Lieutenant Colonel May 15, 1917, and assigned to the 1st Division preparing for service in France. Here he was again disappointed in his hopes for immediate action. At a review, a horse kicked him and broke his leg so he was unable to accompany the Division overseas. In August he was appointed Colonel, National Army, and assigned to the 335th Infantry, 84th Division. He trained his regiment well and they sailed for France in September 1918. Shortly after arrival, however, as the end of the war was in sight, the Division was disbanded and the troops assigned to the 2nd Depot Division at LeMans. Kilbourne commanded the first Provisional Training Regiment at D'Avours until March 1919, and then was on duty at the American Embarkation Center until June 30, 1919 when he was returned to the United States.

During the remainder of his active service he was in the Inspector General's Department; commanded the 23rd Infantry and the 3rd Brigade of the 2nd Division; was in charge of National Guard Affairs of the 8th Corps Area; Supply Officer, Military Bureau, Washington, D. C.; and again in charge of National Guard Affairs, 8th Corps Area, until his retirement at Fort Sam Houston February 28, 1933. He was a graduate of the Army School of the Line 1910, and of the Infantry School Field Officers' Refresher Course 1923, and was on the General Staff eligible list.

After retirement, he and Mrs. Kilbourne made their headquarters in Washington, but spent several winters with many friends in and around St. Petersburg, Florida. During this time, Fay always looked forward to trips to West Point for class reunions which he thoroughly enjoyed. Maud became an invalid in 1952 and they both went to Schenectady, New York, to be near their son and his family. She died there in July that year and was interred on a gentle hillside in Schenectady.

Fay spent his remaining years with his son's family, enjoying their company, but missing his beloved Maud. In June 1953, he proudly attended the sixtieth reunion of his class at West Point. He was in good health until May 1955 when he suffered a heart attack, and was confined to his room except for a few special occasions when he felt fit enough to be up and around. He passed away quickly of a second heart attack on January 18, 1956, and by his request was buried beside his wife.

—*K. W. W.*

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Dennis E. Nolan

NO. 3719 CLASS OF 1896

DIED FEBRUARY 24, 1956, AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AGED 84 YEARS.

WHEN Dennis Nolan died in New York City, on February 24th, of this year, there passed to The Long Grey Line one of the last of a distinguished generation of graduates pre-emminent in the transition of the Army from the small Regular establishment of the Spanish-American War era to the then unprecedented National Army of World War I. During more than one half of his active service General Nolan was, in a variety of important policy-making positions, a directly important force in the development of the victorious armies that fought at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne; and of the greater armies of World War II and the Korean conflict. For, prior to World War I, in addition to distinguished combat service as a company and squadron

commander in Cuba and the Philippines, he played an important role in the preparation of the National Defense Act of 1916; and during that war he organized and directed the military intelligence activities of Pershing's armies in Europe. As the first professional General Staff intelligence officer he was truly the father of our present military intelligence system. Following our first European conflict he was, successively; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff; a brigade commander; a division commander; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, of the Army; Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army; the Commanding General of two Corps Areas; and the first peacetime commander of the illustrious First Army.

Dennis Edward Nolan was born in Akron, New York, on April 22, 1872, the eldest son of Martin and Honora Cunningham Nolan, who had come to America in 1861, from County Clare, in Ireland. He received his grammar school and high school education in Akron, and entered West Point in September 1892, by virtue of winning a competitive entrance examination. He graduated 51 in the Class of 1896, which at graduation numbered 73 members, among

whom were his later associates on the General Staff and in the American Expeditionary Forces; Charles McK. Saltzman, LeRoy Eltinge, Johnson Hagood and Merch B. Stewart; and E. R. Stuart, his roommate, later Professor of Drawing, USMA; and George T. Summerlin, who resigned from the Army to follow a notable diplomatic career.

During his cadet days Nolan played football three times against Navy, winning his letter in football in 1893, 1894 and 1895; and his baseball letter in 1895 and 1896. During his First Class year he was a cadet lieutenant. He returned to West Point in 1901 as an instructor in History and Military Law, and as an assistant football coach. He became head coach in 1902.

Because Regular vacancies did not exist for his class on graduation Nolan was commissioned an additional second lieutenant of Infantry, and remained in that category until he was assigned to the 1st Infantry in August 1896.

During the Spanish-American War Nolan won two brevet promotions; to first lieutenant and to captain; and two Silver Stars for gallantry in action at El Caney and at the siege of Santiago, in Cuba. In the Philippine Insurrection he commanded a squadron of volunteer cavalry for two years. It was during this service that he first came to the attention of his later chiefs, General Pershing and General Harbord.

With the organization of the nation's first War Department General Staff in 1903 Nolan was one of the few captains selected for that body, which included such distinguished officers as Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, Colonel Enoch H. Crowder, Major George W. Goethals and Captain Peyton C. March. Tours in the Philippines and Alaska followed his relief from general staff duty in 1906. In 1915 he returned for a second detail in Washington and was one of the principal officers charged with the preparation and the presentation to the Congress of the important National Defense Act of 1916.

With our entry into World War I General Pershing selected Nolan as one of the original members of the General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces, which sailed for France on the S.S. "Baltic" in June 1917. A year later Nolan became a brigadier general, and continued a general officer for the remainder of his active service —eighteen years.

Except for ten days during which he commanded the 55th Infantry Brigade of the 28th Division in the Meuse-Argonne battle, Nolan was Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, G.H.Q., A.E.F., from the organization of that headquarters until its demobilization. For his services as Commanding General 55th Infantry Brigade he received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in repulsing a German tank attack at Apremont; and for his services as Chief of Intelligence at Pershing's headquarters he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and was decorated by France (Commander of the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with Palm), by England (Commander of the Order of the Bath), by Belgium (Commander of the Order of the Crown), and by Panama (Order of La Solidaridad).

Following his return to the United States in 1919, Nolan served briefly as an instructor at the Army War College; and for a year as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDGS. Upon his promotion to brigadier general Regular Army he was assigned to command the Artillery Brigade of the 2d Division. In June 1922 he became Commanding General 2d Division and served as such until December 1923, when he returned to Washington as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, WDGS. From September 1924 to March 1926 he was Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army. He received his promotion to major general in 1925.

In March 1926 General Nolan was named Chief of the U.S. Army Mission at the Preparatory Disarmament Conference, at Geneva, Switzerland. He remained in Switzerland for a year. For his services in Geneva he was made a Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown by Italy; and a Grand Officer of the National Order of Merit by Chile. Following his return from Switzerland General Nolan commanded the Fifth Corps Area for four years, and the Second Corps Area for five years. For his last two years at Second Corps Area headquarters he was also Commanding General First Army. On April 30, 1936 he retired for age, being at that time the second-ranking officer of the Army.

From his retirement until his death General Nolan lived in New York City. Immediately following his retirement he became Chief of the Department of States Participation in the New York World's Fair. In 1940, when the Fair's activities terminated he was appointed the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Citizens' Budget Commission of New York City, an organization for studying and analysing the financial resources of the city. He remained Chairman of the Commission until 1951, and thereafter served, until his death, as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a member of the Commission's executive committee. At various times General Nolan served as an officer and member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, and at the time of his death was an Honorary Trustee.

General Nolan married Julia Grant Sharp, in San Francisco, on August 21, 1901. They had two children; Dennis Edward, who died at the age of ten; and Ellen Nolan Young, who resides with Mrs. Nolan, in New York. Colonel Daniel A. Nolan, Jr., USMA 1939, is the son of General Nolan's brother.

As a Staff Officer Dennis Nolan has had few equals in our Army. When he became Pershing's Chief of Intelligence our intelligence organization was ineffectual and amateurish. By the time of the Meuse-Argonne battle it was the equal of that of any of our more experienced allies. He never lost his interest in the development of military intelligence, and he was always greatly admired, not only by his military associates, but also by a group not generally given to adulation of military celebrities—the professional journalists who had formed the nucleus of the World War I "Stars and Stripes", which was organized and published under his direction. Each year until his retirement he gave a dinner for his old friends of the press; Edward James, of "the New York Times"; Alexander Woollcott and Harold Ross, of "The New Yorker"; Walter Lippman, Frederick Palmer, George Patullo, Mark Watson, and many others whose names are well known in American journalism. These associates of his World War I days admired him for his honesty in his dealings with them; and they loved him for the paternal protection that he gave them in a military world that most of them scorned and mistrusted.

On August 10th of this year commemorative services were held on Governors Island to pay tribute to the memory of Dennis Nolan. Mrs. Nolan unveiled a bronze tablet, placed in the small park that fronts the house where she and the general spent the last five years of their active service. The Commanding General First Army, Lieutenant General Herron; and a former Army Commander, Lieutenant General Crittenberger, the present President of the Association of Graduates, spoke briefly of General Nolan's career; and an order was published designating the area of the ceremony as Nolan Park. This is a fitting memorial to a great soldier who will be long remembered for the efficient military intelligence service which he organized and perfected; and for his association with the First Army, in which he won a Distinguished Service Cross in 1918, and of which he was the outstanding peace-time commander in its training for its victories of World War II.

—*C. V. A.*

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Walter Schuyler Grant

NO. 3957 CLASS OF 1900

DIED MARCH 3, 1956, AT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 78 YEARS.

WALTER SCHUYLER GRANT, son of Chauncey Lewis Grant, Jr., and Martha Schuyler Grant, was born in Ithaca, New York January 24, 1878. His mother was the sister of Brigadier General Walter Scribner Schuyler a graduate of the Class of 1870, U.S.M.A., who died February 17, 1932 with a record of distinguished service in both the Regular Army and Volunteer Forces of the United States.

Walter attended the public schools of Ithaca and graduated from its High School in the class of 1894. He received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from New York and entered West Point in June 1896 as a member of the Class of 1900. Preparatory thereto he had attended "Jimmy" Braden's School at Highland Falls, New York, and among his associates there had gained the esteem of those who subsequently were admitted to West Point with him.

Here his fine character and outstanding leadership soon became evident to all of his classmates and he was chosen Class President and retained by them in that honored position through the four years of their cadet service and subsequent to graduation until his death.

In his academic courses Walter Grant maintained a consistently high standing never but one year lower, and then only slightly so, than in the first third of his class which without "turn backs" numbered upon entering 108. At graduation he stood 18 in the then class of 54.

In his Yearling summer camp in 1897 he was turned out among some thirty drill masters for the Plebe Class then entering, and for the ensuing year was the second ranking Cadet Corporal of the twenty in the Battalion Organization then comprising the entire Corps of Cadets. Successively he was a Cadet First Sergeant in his second class year, and a Cadet Captain from the date in February 1899 when the Class of 99 graduated, until the fateful 12th of June during First Class Camp when, with other leading men of the class, he was reduced to the ranks, a victim of the Class protest against the stringent orders that had been issued with a view to preventing "interference with new cadets."

To the Class these seemed to threaten some of the most cherished traditions of

the Corps. Although he lost his chevrons with many other classmates, he retained the high respect in which he was held by all the fellow cadets of his own and the other classes. At the time it was understood also that but for the interest and sympathy of view of a group of commissioned officers on duty at the Academy who were able to interpose in its behalf, 1900 might have suffered unjustly more severely.

Walter Grant was always interested in and participated eagerly in the activities of the Corps. He took part in the Color Line and Hundredth Night Entertainments, the former in 1896 and 1897, and the latter in 1897 and 1900. At the New Years' banquets he responded to the toasts to "The Class of '99" in 1899 and "The Corps" in 1900. He played football on the "scrubs" in 1898 and 1899. On one occasion he even seemed to look upon golf with some favor. "Ned" McEnany in the Cadet Store had loaded up on assorted golf equipment which among cadets did not move with any great popularity until fortuitously the presence of scarlet fever imposed a quarantine of the Corps in Summer Camp then located alongside of and just to the west of Fort Clinton. It has always been believed that "Ned" McEnany had something to do with the placing of that quarantine. Soon teeing off in the company streets became a popular pastime. Walter participating only as an observer standing at one end of a company street, unconscious of the hazard of his position, was hit squarely between the eyes and for some days wore the most lustrous pair of "shiners" probably ever seen at West Point. Horsemanship and horsemastership of which he became a skillful devotee certainly thereafter must have been much more to his liking.

Upon graduation on June 13, 1900, Second Lieutenant Walter S. Grant having selected the Cavalry was assigned to and joined the 6th Cavalry in September 1900 in the China Relief Expedition, and thereafter in active field service in the Philippines. During this service he captured the Insurrecto Brigadier General Cabrera in August 1901.

Promoted to his First Lieutenancy on February 2, 1901, he returned later to the United States, joined the 3d Cavalry to which he had been assigned and during 1903 and 1904 served with it and as Aide-de-Camp successively to Brigadier General William A. Kobbe and Brigadier General Camillo C. C. Carr until November 1905. There followed a second tour of duty in the Philippines with the 3d Cavalry and later appointed Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General Charles L. Hodges, Lieutenant Grant returned to the United States with him serving in this capacity until March, 1911, when he received promotion to his Captaincy. There followed Border Duty in Texas with the 3d Cavalry until September 1913.

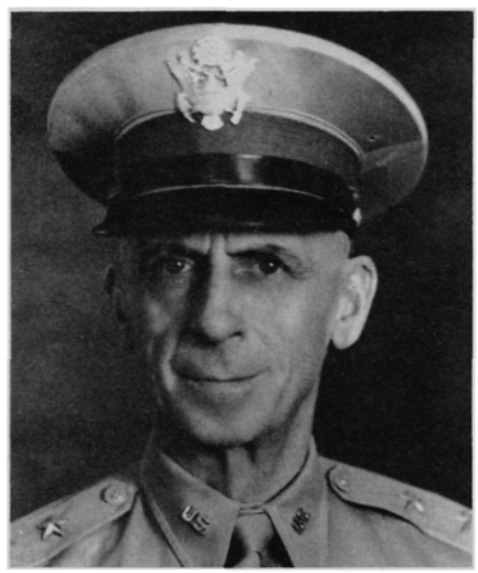
Detailed as a student officer at the Army School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he was graduated as an Honor Graduate in 1914. After short periods of service with the 9th Cavalry at Douglas, Arizona, and the 3d Cavalry at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he returned to Fort Leavenworth in the fall of 1914 to pursue the course at the Army Staff College there graduating in 1915. There was more duty on the Border until July 1916 when he was detailed in the Signal Corps, commanding first a company in, and then the 1st Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps (Motorized). After going to duty in February 1917 to New York City as Assistant to the Department Signal Officer, Eastern Department, in June 1917 he was relieved from detail in the Signal Corps and was detailed to the General Staff Corps at the War Department. Here he served on the Operations Committee of the War College Division.

Promoted temporarily to Major and Lieutenant Colonel August 5, 1917, and sent to France, he served in the Operations Section, G-3, G.H.Q., A.E.F., until August 1918. During this service and incident to his G-3 duty, he was present at the Battle of Cantigny, was with the 2d Division, A.E.F., at Chateau Thierry, the 42d Division in Champagne, and the 1st Corps during the advance to the Vesle.

When the 1st Army, A.E.F. was formed in anticipation of the St. Mihiel Offensive, he was assigned to G-3 at its headquarters during the preparation for that battle.

August 27, 1918, he was promoted Colonel of Cavalry, U.S.A., emergency commission. He participated in the St. Mihiel battle and was then appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, 1st Army, A.E.F., and served in that capacity throughout the Meuse-Argonne Offensive until the cessation of hostilities.

Following the Armistice in November 1918 Colonel Grant was on duty as Chief of



Staff 1st Corps until January 1919 when he returned to the United States for duty with the Operations Division, War Department General Staff in Washington. For his services as Deputy Chief of Staff of the 1st Army, A.E.F., and Chief of Staff 1st Corps, Colonel Grant received the Distinguished Service Medal with the following citation: "for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services as Deputy Chief of Staff of the First Army, by his high professional attainments and ability he rendered valuable assistance in the staff work preparatory to and during the St. Mihiel and Argonne-Meuse Offensives. As Chief of Staff of the First Corps, he displayed the same tact, zeal and energy which marked the previous character of his services."

In March 1920 he was honorably discharged from his emergency commission and reverted to his status of a Major of Cavalry, Regular Army, promoted July 1st following to Lieutenant Colonel.

In the summer of 1921 he was relieved from duty in Washington and in August reported at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for duty as Instructor at the school there, and was assigned as Chief of the Command Section and as Assistant Director of the General Staff School.

He pursued the course and served as an instructor at the Army War College during the year 1923-1924. Upon graduation in 1924 he was assigned there as Director of the Command Division until July 1926, and then as Director of the War Plans Division until June 1927.

Duty at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont with the 3d Cavalry and as Post Executive then followed. While there he received a 1st Corps Area Citation for effective work done in connection with flood relief as follows: "During the period November 6-December 3, 1927, when that garrison was engaged in flood relief work, the successful carrying out of the many delicate tasks imposed upon it was largely due to his excellent judgment, tact, energy, and efficiency."

January 15, 1929 he was promoted to Colonel of Cavalry. During the summer of 1929, he commanded Fort Adams, Rhode Island, and the Citizens Military Training Camp there. After returning to Fort Ethan Allen, in the late summer of 1929, he was in command of the Red Forces in the field in the 1st Corp Area Maneuvers.

Transferred in September 1929 to the 13th Cavalry, Colonel Grant joined and assumed command of his regiment at Fort Riley, Kansas, remaining at that station until 1931. July 1, 1931 he was detailed on general staff duty with troops and served as Chief of Staff of the 1st Corps Area.

In April 1935 he was assigned as Assistant Commandant of the Army War College, and upon the appointment in October of the Commandant, General Malin Craig, to be Chief of Staff of the Army, Colonel Grant, promoted to Brigadier General of the Line, March 1, 1936 became Commandant June 24, 1936 and continued in that capacity 1936-1937. Appointed Major General October 1, 1938, he commanded the Philippine Department 1939-1940, and the 3d Corps Area 1940-1941.

Retired from active duty January 31, 1942, by operation of law—64 years of age (Act of June 30, 1882) while serving on the Secretary of War's Personnel Board, he was immediately recalled to active duty and continued on this service until May 16, 1946, receiving the Legion of Merit therefor. Meanwhile on February 21, 1946, his retired status was changed to Disability in Line of Duty under the Act of June 29, 1943.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, General Grant was also awarded the usual service medals for participation in the Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion in China, the Philippine Insurrection, Mexican Border, and World War I, the last with four battle clasps. He also received for his World War I service the French Legion of Honor and the Belgian Order of Leopold, both in the grade of officer.

Walter Grant, then a First Lieutenant of Cavalry, was married March 29, 1910 in the Borough of Brooklyn, New York City to Marjorie Commiskey, daughter of Francis W. and Margaret Commiskey, nee McCormick. At the time of his death he was survived by his widow Marjorie Grant, and their four children Walter Schuyler, Jr., Francis Commiskey, Marjorie Louise (Mrs. Hugh M. Exton), Philip Schuyler Grant (Major—Infantry) the last a graduate of the U.S.M.A. in the Class of 1944.

This summary recital of Walter Grant's service assignments and citations discloses the official recognition of his outstanding professional competence and performance of duty in positions of responsibility, many times great, throughout his military career as a cadet and commissioned officer. Thor-

oughly grounded in a knowledge of his profession, sound in judgment, positive in decision and action, in his official and personal relationships he commanded the high esteem of his superiors and received the respect and loyalty of his subordinates. His standards were high and while in his leadership he was exact and exacting as well with himself as with others, he was always just and considerate in maintaining them. Personally among his associates he was a delightful and lovable companion, and in his family a devoted husband and father.

Afflicted in the last years of his life with an incurable disease which confined him to Walter Reed Hospital during the last several of them, he bore the ordeal uncomplainingly and reconciled to the outcome of which he was fully aware. On March 3, 1956 he died quietly alone with Marjorie who had attended him devotedly and virtually daily, during his hospitalization.

On March 5, 1956 a Requiem Mass was offered in the Fort Myer, Virginia Chapel for the repose of his soul and later accompanied by his immediate family and in fulfillment of the desire he had expressed, his body was taken to West Point for burial in the cemetery there in the shadow of his Alma Mater which he honored and loved so well, amid the hills of the Hudson River Valley in his native state of New York which he had represented so conspicuously.

The surviving members of the Class of 1900 cherish the memory of Walter Grant as their beloved Class President and as the able officer and courtly gentleman which he so faithfully exemplified.

May his soul rest in peace.

—*Upton Birnie.*

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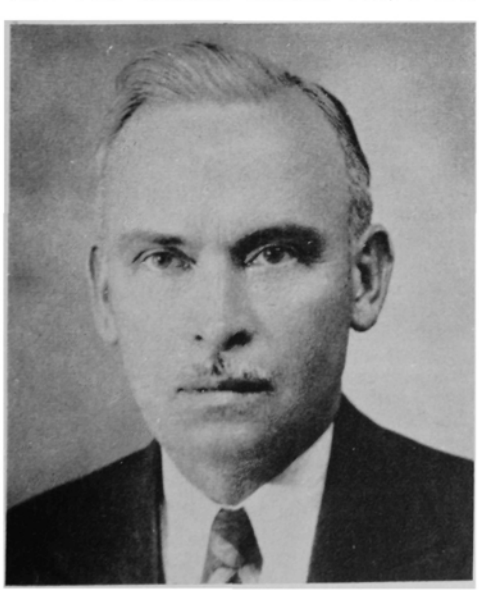
Clarence Hollister Knight

NO. 4007 CLASS OF 1901

DIED APRIL 3, 1956, AT CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, AGED 76 YEARS.

CLARENCE HOLLISTER KNIGHT was born in Akron, Ohio, February 28, 1880. His parents were Clarence Richard Knight and



Lucy May Hollister Knight. With their four children they moved to Florida in 1886, the father to take the position of Chief Engineer of the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railroad, now part of the Atlantic Coast Line. He came at the request of H. B. Plant, and built the many large bridges on the railroad. They pioneered in seventeen different places in Florida, in pine woods, construction camps, villages, and were several times refugees from yellow fever.

Though there were seldom any schools, they saw that the children received the best education possible, often tutoring them themselves. Clarence attended Duval High School in Jacksonville two years, and spent two years at the East Florida Seminary, now part of the University of Florida, in Gainesville. His summers were spent at San Pablo, on the Atlantic, or travelling to Ohio and Michigan.

His appointment to West Point was by competitive examination. He entered June 18, 1897 and upon graduation was assigned to the Engineering Corps. In 1904 he married Jane Gilson Brewster, of a prominent Pennsylvania family.

His army record shows him serving in various places,—Fort Barrancas, Pensacola, Yellowstone National Park, and as Military Governor of Mindanao, Philippine Islands, after the Spanish-American War.

At the close of the First World War he was in Bordeaux, France, sending back to the United States unused engineering supplies. And during the Second World War he was at the War College in Washington. He retired from the Army in 1920, honorably discharged, as Major in the Chemical Warfare Service.

After the death of his wife he made his home with his sister in Tampa, Florida. He spent much time on the Gulf Coast beaches with his many friends there, fishing, golfing and sailing.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church, several patriotic societies, and active in everything that developed better citizens. He died April 3, 1956, in Clearwater, Florida, after a brief illness. His funeral service was conducted by his nephew, Rev. Wm. Knight Thompson, the American Legion Post of Indian Rocks Beach assisting. His burial was in Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Tampa, beside his parents.

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Jerome Gray Pillow

NO. 4032 CLASS OF 1901

DIED APRIL 7, 1956, AT ATCHISON, KANSAS, AGED 80 YEARS.

JEROME GRAY PILLOW, son of Jerome B. and Jennie H. Pillow, nee Hargraves, was born at Columbia, Tennessee, August 7, 1875. His boyhood was passed in Arkansas. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Arkansas as a member of the Class of 1899. He later became a member of the Class of 1900, and, on account of serious illness which required an extended sick leave he joined the Class of 1901, and graduated with that class on February 18th of that year. He was a very popular member of each of his classes and each one counts it an honor to carry his name on its roster. As a cadet officer he became senior Cadet Lieutenant of "A" Company. He was always welcomed at social affairs and was one of the Class Hop Managers.

He loved West Point and appreciated its code of conduct, because the requirements as to character and behavior at the Academy were so much like those that were instilled in him. He embraced cadet life wholeheartedly and carried the West Point code unfalteringly throughout his life, both in the Army and in civil life after retirement.

An Army record, no matter how brilliant, does not express the part of himself an officer gives to his duties and to his associates. Jerry Pillow, as he was known affectionately by his associates, was never satisfied until his duties were performed

to the last letter of efficiency, and, always in a manner that exemplified the endowments of a gentleman. Off duty, no person was a more welcome companion and his quiet dignity and charming personality won him many dear friends.

General Douglas MacArthur, upon hearing of Colonel Pillow's death, said in part: "Jerry and I were boys together at West Point and our friendship never faltered over the years. He was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known, and my admiration and affection for him were unbounded. He was a gifted soldier and a model for what an American Officer should be."

Colonel Pillow was commissioned in the Cavalry. He helped organize the 14th Cavalry and later served in the 7th, 13th, 4th, and 11th Cavalry regiments. He served with the 14th Cavalry in the Philippine Islands in 1903-1905. During that service he was three times in the field against the Moros, including participation in the Taraca expedition under General Wood.

The 13th Cavalry became his favorite regiment and he went with it to the Philippine Islands in 1909. It was during this tour that he served as Aide-de-Camp to General William H. Carter, a renowned cavalry officer, who at that time commanded the Department of Luzon. In 1913, he again served as Aide to General Carter, who was organizing a division at Galveston, Texas. Colonel Pillow accompanied the General to Honolulu and served with him at the Hawaiian Department.

Colonel Pillow spent the greater part of his career on duty with troops, in command or on staff assignments. He served as a Squadron Adjutant, Regimental Adjutant, Post Adjutant, and, Division Adjutant of the 89th Division.

During World War I, he served as a General Staff Officer on the Staff of the 32nd Division under General William G. Haan. General Haan was a very active commander

and required efficiency plus from his staff. He knew well sound planning and tactical sense, and Colonel Pillow was the member of his staff he depended upon in those categories. General Haan, in his own way let him know how much he thought of his work by addressing him as "Ludendorff", this, almost with affection. Ludendorff to General Haan was The expert on strategy and tactics.

Colonel Pillow was chiefly responsible for the planning of the operations of the 32nd Division in the Aisne-Marne Offensive, and Oise-Aisne Offensive and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, all of which were very successful. For this excellent service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the citation reading in part: "He displayed marked ability and high professional attainments, rendering immeasurably valuable services in the operations of his division."

The 32nd Division, by its fine showing in active operations, was selected as the only National Guard Division that made up the vanguard on the march into Germany after the Armistice. Pillow deserved much of the credit for the honor bestowed upon the 32nd. He also planned the march of the Division in the vanguard. The entire Division had to cross a bridge over the Rhine in a single column, ready for action, making the approach thereto on several roads. The crossing was made with clock-like precision to the admiration of those who witnessed it.

An AP correspondent, Jim Howe, who covered World War I and was on the Front with Colonel Pillow during combat says of him: "Folk who have known kindly Jerome Pillow for many years could not picture him as a fighting man. But a real soldier he was in war and in peace. I knew him for more than 50 years in Atchison, Honolulu, San Francisco, Washington, New York, and in World War I. Even in the thick of battle Jerome was always the wonderfully poised officer and gentleman, and so miraculously considerate of the other fellow. Under shell fire it is often excusable when one becomes excited and loses his head. Somehow Jerome always managed to maintain his composure. Doughboys as well as generals loved him." Those who were with him in the 32nd Division during such circumstance subscribe wholeheartedly to the description just quoted. Especially was this true of General Haan, his Division Commander.

Colonel Pillow earned the distinction of being named on the Initial General Staff Eligible List, an honor coveted by many, but granted to few. The List bore the names of those persons who showed general staff qualifications during actual operations in World War I. After the Armistice he served as a General Staff Officer on the staff of the the III Army Corps, A.E.F., and upon return to the United States served on the War Department General Staff in Washington. He also served as Officer in Charge of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the Ninth Corps Area Headquarters at San Francisco and later as Chief of Staff of the 79th Division, Organized Reserves, at Philadelphia.

The gracious hospitality that was always present in the Pillow home, together with the quiet dignity and soldierly appearance of Colonel Pillow and his wide experience, fitted him well for duty as Military Attache with the American Embassy at Rome, to which position he was assigned in 1933. His duties at Rome brought him in close contact with the royalty of the Mediterranean countries and also with Mussolini, who at that time was performing wonders for the Italian people before he had been brought into Hitler's orbit. He carried out his duties as Attache in the distinguished manner that characterized his entire military career. Upon being notified of Colonel Pillow's death, Breckinridge Long, former Ambassador to Italy, under whom Pillow served as Attache, said of him: "He was a grand officer of the Army and a respected official of the Government abroad." The King of Italy awarded him the Order of the Crown of Italy for his outstanding service.

In addition to the medals already mentioned, Colonel Pillow was awarded the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor (French) and campaign medals pertaining to the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and, the World War I medal with four battle clasps.

Colonel Pillow graduated from the General Staff College, AEF, the School of the Line, and the General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. He was an instructor at the last two named schools and served as Executive Officer of the Post of Fort Leavenworth and the schools thereat. He graduated from The Army War College in 1927. He then served two years as Executive in the Office of the Chief of Cavalry.

Colonel Pillow was married in Atchison, Kansas, February 14, 1903, to Mary Louise Hetherington, daughter of Webster Wirt and Lillie Miller Hetherington. After his retirement for disability in 1938, the Pillows resided in Atchison, where Jerome became a working member of the community. An article written in the City paper upon his passing said in part: "Colonel Pillow was a devoted communicant of the Trinity Episcopal Church, and a former member of the church's vestry. He was a member of the Rotary Club in Atchison, and a 35 year member of the American Legion. He was a former member of the Atchison Hospital Association's board of directors, and former chairman of the Salvation Army board in Atchison.

"Taking a real interest in the community, Colonel Pillow worked in the interest of many projects and was called upon often to speak on behalf of various programs. His manner was characterized by an unaffected and natural dignity and he was known for his friendliness, approachability and great personal charm". To those who know him in the Army it is no surprise to learn his remarkable characteristics fitted into civil life as honorably as they did into his military career.

Colonel Pillow died quietly at his home, April 7, 1956, and was buried in a beautiful spot in a lovely cemetery in Atchison. The pallbearers were officers and directors of the Exchange National Bank, of which Colonel Pillow was a vice president and director.

Jerome loved West Point and the high ideals of the Military Academy. West Point did not forget him when he was laid to rest. Major General Garrison H. Davidson, Commandant of the Command and General Staff College and Fort Leavenworth attended his funeral services with a group of seven younger graduates of the Military Academy. General Davidson brought with him the Color Guard from the College and a small Guard of Honor and a firing squad, and gave him a complete military burial. General Davidson said of Colonel Pillow: "He was the oldest living graduate in this area and spoke at our Founder's Dinner a year ago last March. He was a distinguished officer and gentleman and an inspiration to all who heard him on that occasion. We were very sorry to learn of the passing of another member of 'Long Gray Line', who added so distinctly to its incomparable record."

Mrs. Pillow and the Class of 1901 are grateful to General Davidson, and to the group of officer graduates and to the enlisted men who honored Colonel Pillow so appropriately. Jerome Gray Pillow was a most beloved husband and Classmate, and a loyal servant of his country, who gave unselfishly, for its good, the fine qualities of manhood with which he was endowed by his Creator.

—*R. Mc. B., Jr.*

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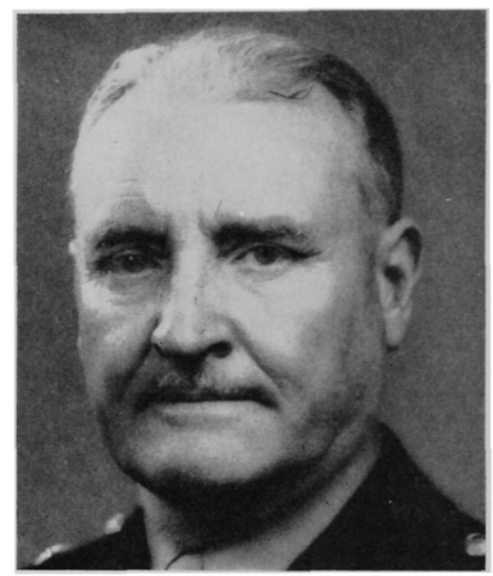
Rodney Hamilton Smith

NO. 4665 CLASS OF 1908

DIED MARCH 10, 1956, AT HIS HOME IN SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY, AGED 71 YEARS.

"A MAN of ideas—one whom it will be hard to replace", is the tribute paid by his Chief in appraising his efforts in behalf of the Civil Defense of New York State, a service in which he died in harness, the last of our class to be engaged in work of a military application of this magnitude.



He was born in Jamestown, New York, November 20, 1884, the younger of two sons of General George Rodney Smith (Class of 1875) and Corinne Barrett, natives of the same city. Following the checkered schooling of the typical Army boy he early attended Horace Mann High School, New York, and Ithaca High School, New York, from which he entered the University of Wisconsin in September 1903 for one semester in the College of Engineering, averaging a "B" grade in Mathematics, French, Chemistry, Mechanical Drawing and Gymnastics, while also a member of the freshman football team.

With an appointment at large, he entered U.S. Military Academy, June 16, 1904, graduating February 14, 1908, number 24 in a class of 108. Academically he might have stood about where he pleased, with his unusual quick ability to grasp a new subject. To illustrate, his roommate reports that he prepared his law lessons by tearing the pages for the day out of his text book, carrying them to the mess hall in his hat, and holding them to read in his lap under the table at odd moments during dinner. This proved sufficient preparation to give him a standing of 6 in the subject. In the battalion he was a clean-sleeve, save for acting sergeant in first class camp. In athletics he was captain of our football team and an outstanding halfback, and member of the basketball, and class track and gym teams.

Assigned to the Coast Artillery upon graduation, he saw service with troops variously around our harbors and in the Philippines and Hawaii. During a tour at West Point in the Department of Modern Languages, when he also assisted coaching the football team, he went to Spain for one summer to master the language. He was equally proficient in French. In World War I he was with the QM Corps at Tours, France, principally in charge of Animal Drawn Transportation. In World War II he advanced from command of the Harbor Defense of New York to that of the Anti-aircraft Artillery for the entire Eastern Defense Command, the last year of the war finding him in Washington as Chief of the Program and Policy Branches of G-4, War Department General Staff. Part of this assignment took him to France in 1945 to study and initiate redeployment of supplies from the European to the S.W. Pacific theatre. Between times he graduated with high rank from the Coast Artillery School, Fort Monroe; the Naval War College, Newport; the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth; and the Army War College where his thesis drew the commendation of "exceptional excellence."

His assignment by General MacArthur as Chief of the U.S. Military Mission to Brazil from 1934 to 1938 deserves special mention. It followed outstanding work as Chief of the Latin American Section of the Intelligence Branch of G-2, General Staff. Since World War I the Brazilian Army had been trained by a French Military Mission headed at one time by the noted General Gamelin. However, in France, the coast defenses were not under the Army, so Brazil turned to the United States for training in a branch in which our country has always excelled. The mission of three officers headed by Rodney, coming from a small peace time army, was first regarded with skepticism by the Brazilian military authorities, as well as by the larger French Mission. But soon all began to take notice of his newly organized "Escola da Artilleria da Costa", his practical methods of instruction, his insistence on discipline, and his self-acquired knowledge of Portuguese sufficient to lecture to the students in their native language. Any doubt of the authorities turned to high respect and admiration, while he won the affection of his charges —so that at the end of the two year contract, Brazil asked for a like period renewal. Rodney was commended in person by the President of the United States for "conspicuous success of the Mission". He was decorated with Brazil's Order of Military Merit and the National Order of the Southern Cross, and commended by the Minister of War, the Chief of Staff, and the Chief of Artillery. He was promoted to Brigadier General during this service by treaty between the U.S. and Brazil.

Upon final retirement in 1946, he assisted in the organization of the Metropolitan Motion Picture Theatres Association of New York, having to do with advertising and play allocation control, his most important civil work until the organization of the New York State Civil Defense Commission which he joined in March 1951, first as a consultant, and a year later to become Deputy Director for Supply and Transportation, a post held until his death. To complete the tribute which heads this article, General Huebner adds:

> "Under his guidance railroads, airlines, trucking, petroleum, food and other industries have come to understand Civil Defense and have made substantial progress in organizing and planning to meet any emergency. . .
> He prepared plans for Civil Defense that are used as models in many other states. His untiring efforts have contributed greatly to making those plans effective in New York State".

Rodney and Helen Florence Rogers (daughter of the late General Harry L. Rogers, Q.M.C.) were married in Washington, D. C. on December 26, 1912. There were two daughters, Helen Corinne, born December 30, 1913 and Jean Hamilton, born March 16, 1916.

Among his U.S. decorations are the Purple Heart (C. in C. Citation); and the World War I Victory Medal with two battle clasps; and the World War II Legion of Merit, and Victory Medals; together with four theatre service medals.

The record shows the hard work he put in to his last day;—efforts which no doubt contributed to the heart failure which came upon him unexpectedly on a quiet Saturday evening at home, following what his associates describe as a week in the office devoted to a particularly knotty problem. The funeral services were held simply in the Old Chapel at West Point with burial in the Post Cemetery, near the graves of his classmates, Coiner, Shiverick and Sumner. He is survived by his widow; by an older brother, Barrett; by his younger daughter, now the widow of Lieutenant Shelby Y. Palmer, Jr., (Class of 1938); and by his only grandchild, Shelby Smith Palmer, born June 7, 1941, and to whom he was truly in loco patris, after her own father's untimely death in a plane crash.

Rodney was deemed one of the most solid, dependable members of his class. He excelled in whatever he cared to apply himself. He could not be swerved from direct candor to curry favor, or to compromise. Once when higher authority requested his opinion regarding a proposed successor for one of his important assignments, he reported adversely; without doubt this delayed his attainment of a star until promoted to Brigadier General, A.U.S., ranking from January 20, 1946, those then in power at last recognizing his long, able service.

Devoted to his family, his great stoical fortitude was tried to the limit at the tragic loss of his elder daughter in March 1933; yet his unconquerable spirit won and, only a year later, enabled him to represent his country so ably in Brazil.

If his vocation was scientific, his avocation ran strongly to the classics by contrast, in which his reading and ability to quote were as wide as his memory was tenacious. He was possessed of a strongly sarcastic sense of humor, both as to events and persons, but it was always so directed and tempered as to make any individual object chuckle with him rather than to take offense.

As a friend he was firm as granite. He gave his full confidence to few, but once gained it was rarely withdrawn. To be among his close friends was a prize in human relations.

We all esteemed him as classmate and friend; we salute his achievement; we mourn his loss.

Classmate.

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James Leo Dunsworth

NO. 4778 CLASS OF 1909

DIED JANUARY 12, 1956, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGED 68 YEARS.

JAMES LEO DUNSWORTH, affectionately known to his West Point classmates as "Dunny," was born at Carrollton, Illinois, February 6, 1887, the son of James W. and Kate Carmody Dunsworth, both deceased. Son Jim was the youngest of five children, all of whom were reared in a devout Christian atmosphere, in the Catholic faith. Half-orphaned in early childhood by the death of his father, Jim's rearing devolved upon his mother and his sister, Maie. His sterling character, his high ideals and his loyalty and devotion to his country, his church, his family and his friends witness the success of their efforts.

Following a happy and normal boyhood in Carrollton, where he attended the public schools, Jim, in 1905, graduated with honors from Carrollton High School, intending to enter Illinois University that fall, to study law. However, coincident with his graduation from high school, he was honored with a Congressional appointment to West Point, for immediate entrance. This he gladly accepted and entered West Point on June 26, 1905.

As a cadet he was admired for his keen intellect, his tranquility, his ready wit, his unfailing good humor and his easygoing ways. Failing to impress the "Tac" Department, he never attained stripes and, along with others of our class, won his A.B. degree in our plebe year. He was musically gifted, played a variety of stringed instru-

ments and was a member of the Glee Club. He was also an accomplished boxer and an ardent sports fan. From the start he acquired high scholastic standing with a minimum of application to his studies and could, I believe, have ranked among the top ten of our class had he wished to do so. However, he preferred not to make the effort and was content to graduate No. 29 in a class of 103.

It was my good fortune to room with Jim for more than three of our four years at the Point. His considerate, cheerful and helpful companionship cemented a friendship which endured until his death and resulted in memories which can never be forgotten.

Upon graduation Jim was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps and from 1909 until December 1912, served at Fort Dupont, Delaware, and at Fort Winfield Scott, California. Then he returned to West Point as an Instructor in the Department of Chemistry, on which duty he remained until May 1916.

From June 1916, to June 1917, he was at the Signal Corps Aviation School, San Diego, California. While there he became a Major and Junior Military Aviator.

In January 1917, Jim went to Columbus, New Mexico, where he served with the 1st Aero Squadron in the Mexican Punitive Expedition.

From May until July 1917, he was sick in hospital and on sick leave, following a crash the effects of which were, several years later, to cause his retirement from active service. Upon his return to duty he was assigned to duty at the Signal Corps Aviation School at Rantoul, Illinois. In October 1917, after commanding Chanute Field for a few months, he sailed for France as a member of the Air Service, A.E.F.

From October 1917, until after the Armistice Jim served with the Aviation Section at various stations in the A.E.F., commanded the 96th Day Bombardment Squadron, and commanded the First Day Bombardment Group during the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne Offensives.

From December 1918, to March 1919, he was Assistant Inspector of the Angers area. Then followed almost a year of duty at Paris: as Adjutant General of the District of Paris; Adjutant, Office Headquarters Commandant, A.E.F., and Assistant Adjutant General, American Forces in France.

Jim returned to the United States in the early part of 1920 and during the school year of 1920-21 was back at West Point as an Instructor in the Department of Electricity.

In the summer of 1921 Jim was relieved from duty at West Point, returned to Paris and on August 13, 1921, in that city, was married to Miss Germaine Priolet, a very attractive and charming Parisienne.

With his bride, in September 1921, Jim reported for duty and station at Fort Strong, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, once more a Coast Artilleryman. There, until their quarters were readied, they were our house guests and there Germaine began her struggle to learn and speak English. After an all-too-short tour at Strong, Jim was transferred to Fort Terry, Long Island Sound, New York, from which station, on June 29, 1922, in the grade of Major, he was retired from active service because of physical disability.

Upon his retirement Jim elected to make Los Angeles, California, his home and settled in Whittier, California. There Jim taught mathematics in the Whittier Union High School District from 1923 to 1931.

In the summer of 1931 Jim and Germaine returned to Paris. There, Jim, following two more years of study, received, in 1933, a degree from the University of Paris.

In the summer of 1933 they returned to Los Angeles and Jim resumed his teaching of mathematics, this time at Abraham Lincoln High School, Los Angeles. Except for his military leave of absence during World War II Jim held this position until his retirement from teaching, in 1950. In 1935, in nearby San Marino, Jim and his wife built a home of their own planning, but unfortunately Germaine did not live to enjoy it. She died in the fall of 1936 only a few months after its completion. Their marriage, though short, was a very happy one and the loss of his lovely wife was a blow from which Jim never fully recovered.

Following Germaine's death, Jim persuaded his mother and his sister to make their home with him. His sister, Maie, died in 1951; his mother died in 1954, at the advanced age of 94.

On a military leave of absence from the Los Angeles City Schools, Jim returned to active duty in December 1942, in the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, AUS. He served as a Director and as Commandant of the Preflight School at the Santa Ana Air Base until September 1943, when he became Inspector General of the Western Flying Training Command. In April, 1945, Jim was promoted to Colonel, AUS, and on June 29, 1948, was designated a Colonel, USA, Retired. He reverted to the retired list in April 1946. His decorations included the Victory Medal with 4 battle stars, the Mexican Campaign ribbon, the Order of Prince Danilo I of Montenegro (Commandeur) and La Medalla de la Solidaridad, 3d Class (Republic of Panama).

In September 1946, Jim resumed his teaching position at Lincoln High School, Los Angeles, where he continued until June 1950, when, at his own request, he was honorably retired. At that time he wrote me that he was beginning to feel the need of a prolonged rest. The Los Angeles City Board of Education paid Jim this tribute: "Colonel James Dunsworth was highly regarded as a teacher and well liked by the hundreds of students whom he taught and counseled during his years at Lincoln High School."

Following the death of his sister, in 1951, Jim assumed full care of his aged mother until he, in 1952, suffered a coronary occlusion. From then on Jim was faced with the possibility that he might not survive his mother. Yet, in spite of his doctor's warning that he, because of his heart condition, must take life easy, Jim carried on as usual until his mother's death, in October 1954. Then he could and did, according to him, "take up resting in all its forms."

In January 1955, unaccompanied, Jim drove East to fulfill certain last requests of his mother and to visit relatives and friends. He surprised and delighted us with a visit of several days in May of that year. At that time he looked and said he felt very well. Reaching home, in San Marino, California, after only six driving days, still unaccompanied, he wrote me that he had experienced no ill effects from that strenuous feat.

On January 3, 1956, following an illness of several weeks, first with a virus infection and then abdominal pains, Jim entered the Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, for a series of tests and X-rays. There, on January 12, 1956, while undergoing an emergency operation to repair a ruptured aorta, Death mercifully and painlessly claimed him. On January 21, 1956, in Calvary Mausoleum, Los Angeles, where his mother and sister are also buried, with appropriate military honors, Jim was laid to rest beside his beloved wife. He left no immediate relatives.

At the time of his death Jim was president of the West Point Society of Los Angeles, and a member of Pasadena Council, Knights of Columbus, as well as the Holy Name Society of St. Philips Church, Pasadena.

Soldier, educator and good citizen, he will long live in the hearts and minds of those fortunate enough to have really known him. West Point and the Army can well be proud of Jim Dunsworth.

—*M. J. Hickok*, '09

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Roland Louis Gaugler

NO. 5140 CLASS OF 1913

DIED MARCH 5, 1956, AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, AGED 68 YEARS.

IT was a deep shock to all of us to hear that "Sinbad" had passed away at the Bay Pines Veterans Administration Hospital at St. Petersburg, Florida on March 5th. Roland had a serious tendency to asthma or "horse heaves" he once told us, and was taken to the hospital under oxygen on January 17, 1956, from his nearby home at 6021 First Avenue N., St. Petersburg, Florida.

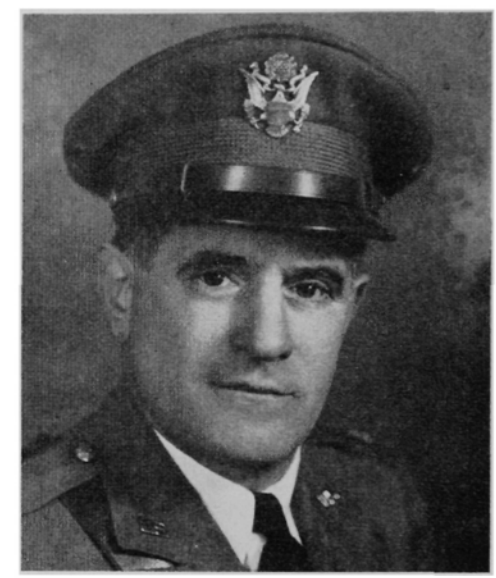
He was buried at Arlington on March 13, with military honors and with many of his classmates present.

Roland Louis Gaugler was appointed to the Military Academy from the 6th District of New Jersey. His home was at Paterson, New Jersey. His parents came from Basel, Switzerland. He was the eleventh of twelve children.

We called him "Sinbad" because he prepped at Buck Wilmers, Annapolis, Maryland, and went to sea as a marine cadet, while waiting to enter West Point.

"Sinbad" was an enthusiastic cadet, an ardent horseman and a devotee of "bunk fatigue" when the occasion offered. He was a cadet sergeant on the 1916 Plebe Reception Committee.

Following graduation, Roland joined the 4th Cavalry on October 13, 1913, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. After two and a half years as a troop officer, he was assigned to command the Machine Gun Troop of his Regiment, with additional duty as Squadron QM. Machine guns aroused his interest in Ordnance, to which branch he requested a detail, reporting on August 28, 1916, at the Ordnance School of Application,



Sandy Hook Proving Ground, New Jersey, whence he graduated in 1917. Thereafter, practically all his service was with the Ordnance Department.

Along with all his Classmates, Roland was promoted to First Lieutenant on July 1, 1916, and to Captain on May 16, 1917, thence to Major of Ordnance, National Army, in January 1918. WWI brought him duty with the military section of a projected American Ordnance Base Depot in France, then mobilizing and training at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Late in February 1918, he was transferred to Camp Hancock, Georgia, where he organized and commanded an Ordnance Training Camp of some 10,000 men and 300 to 400 officers. In October 1918, he was switched to Camp Penniman, in Tidewater, Virginia to organize a camp for 5,000 Ordnance men. Here, as he reported in our *Ten Year Book*, "Sinbad" put the bang in Whiz Bang, meaning he loaded high explosives into shells. When the Armistice came he had the negatively delightful task of demobilizing personnel and material and of cleaning up the mess.

Watertown Arsenal called him in February 1919, where he served some twenty months, first as superintendent of the projectile department, next as superintendent of the gun plant, with additional duties of Executive Officer of the Ordnance School of Technology, Disbursing Officer, Adjutant,

PXO, et al. Promoted Lieutenant Colonel of Ordnance, N.A. in August 1919, demoted June 30, 1920 along with all of us; transferred to the Ordnance Department July 1, 1920. Late in November 1920, Roland was dispatched post haste to Camp Benning, Georgia, as Camp Ordnance Officer; a most delightful assignment, as he had a 1913 Class group of Cheadle, Fuller, "Lil" Lyman, "Oiseau" King, Bill Jones and Lovell to enhance his off duty hours.

In February 1922, Roland took command of the Savannah Proving Ground where he much enjoyed the hunting and fishing offered in that region. Next, came duty at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey, midst powder and high explosives. Fortunately, he had moved to duty with the Organized Reserves of the Third Corps Area before the Lake Denmark explosion, so same could not be blamed on our "Sinbad."

From 1928 to November 1931, Roland was Ordnance Officer of the Fourth Corps Area, with station at Fort McPherson, Georgia, where he found Duvall and Herwig also on duty at Corps Area Headquarters, and Fuller serving as Post Executive at Fort McPherson. In our *Twenty Year Book*, Roland reports this tour as the most delightful in all his experiences. From November 1931 to August 1935, came four years as an Additional Member of the War Department General Staff in Washington, D. C., thence to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, whence he graduated in 1936.

Then a tour at Rock Island Arsenal, followed by foreign service in the Philippines, where Roland was Ordnance Officer of the Philippine Division. In October 1941, he returned to the States, serving as Ordnance Officer of the Fifth Corps Area, later redesignated as the Fifth Service Command, at Fort Hayes, Ohio, from November 1941, to September 1942.

Next came his big WWII assignment: Commanding Officer of the Atlanta Ordnance Depot, which he held through August of 1944. This was followed by a special assignment at Rock Island Arsenal as "expediter" of Ordnance material to the South West Pacific Area. In October 1945, Roland applied for retirement and in November began his "terminal leave," retiring on February 28, 1946.

Coronado, California, was his first selection as a place to enjoy retirement, but he later decided that Florida would be healthier, so he moved to Pass-A-Grille, close by St. Petersburg.

"Sinbad" loved horses! Even as an Ordnance officer, he never forgot his first love —the Cavalry! In 1931, while at Fort McPherson, Georgia, he organized one of the largest Atlanta Horse Shows ever held. The burden of the ring, the stables and the arrangements were under his charge. General Frank McCoy and Colonel Fitzhugh Lee both wrote letters of appreciation and commendation of his efficient work done for the Corps Area.

"Sinbad" married Miss Fay Carpenter Milburn of Durham, North Carolina, in Honolulu on March 16, 1914. They had three daughters, the first dying in very early infancy. The next, Yancey Anne, who married Major John Sobey. The Sobeys, presently stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, gave the Gauglers seven grandchildren. Their third daughter, Leonora, was married at Rock Island Arsenal on November 1, 1945, to Lieutenant John Francis McClure, who later resigned and entered the advertising business. The McClures live in Westport, Connecticut, and have one child.

We who remain mourn the passing of such a colorful Classmate: the "Old Roman" as he was known to some, was always ready for a laugh. He was an efficient officer. He kept the West Point faith and heritage. God bless and keep him until we all meet again.

—*Joe Viner, Doug Green, Cooper Foote.*

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Henry Anson Barber, Jr.

NO. 5771 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

DIED APRIL 29, 1956, AT WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AGED 59 YEARS.

HAL BARBER, Army born and bred, was the son of a cavalry officer who himself, one blistering hot day of long ago, had charged up San Juan hill. To speak of Hal Barber, is to speak of one where superlatives fail to do justice, for here was a soldier who could do everything, do it well, and all with innate modesty. His service varied from that of company command in the First World War where he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism to that of Assistant Division Commander in the Fourth Di-

vision in the Second World War. Between wars he served two tours at the Military Academy and there are men, now wearing stars, "his cadets", who remember him as the beau ideal of a soldier. He was not only a troop leader; as the head of the North American Theater of the Operations Division of the War Department General Staff, he assisted in planning the Adak expedition that was to successfully recapture the first land lost on this continent for a hundred years and he assisted in planning the landing of the Fourth Division, a matchless task in the greatest amphibious operation the world has ever known. He headed the Latin American Theater where he exercised not only his wide military knowledge but also displayed diplomatic skill in delicate operations with the proud people of Brazil, at a time when our relations with our neighbors to the south were not always on the present friendly basis. He served as the Military Attache to Cuba and Head of Mission to Colombia and his last military duty was with the Army Field Forces until he retired in 1951.

When trouble started in Korea, Hal came storming back, asking for active duty in what would have been his third war. Under the policy then in vogue, his offer was not accepted but if the Department of Defense could not use him, the State Department could; his last duty was Special Advisor to the Ambassador in Spain until his tour expired and he again retired in 1955.

I always think of Hal as the perfect soldier, competent, modest and courageous, one it was a joy to see. I remember him best for his bright blue eyes, eyes that had stared death in the face unafraid and sparkled with the joy of living as he talked to you.

His passing is a grievous loss, not only to the Army but to the country. We shall miss him and the many who loved him, mourn him deeply.

—*Colonel Paul R. Goode, USA, Rtd.*

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Wilson Gunning Bingham

NO. 5818 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

DIED MAY 15, 1956, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGED 59 YEARS.

"BINGIE," as we affectionately called him during cadet days, was born on December 26, 1896 at Columbus, Ohio, and appointed to the Academy from his native state. However, he spent most of his boyhood days in Washington, D. C., where his father was in business, and his grandfather, Edward Franklin Bingham, was Chief Justice of the then District of Columbia Supreme Court until retirement in 1903. Wilson attended the Force School, Western High School, and prepared for the Academy examinations at Shadman's Preparatory School.

Wilson's love of life and people, and the enthusiasm he put into every association or activity, whether work or play, has made him a symbol of class pride and spirit beginning with cadet days and lasting throughout his life, even though fate and the fortunes of war deflected most of his life from a military career. In spite of becoming a civilian shortly following World War I, Wilson was always stamped firmly in the minds of all who served with him in the Corps and elsewhere for his ability to radiate good cheer and humor in the right situation, especially when a boost in somebody's morale was in order.

It has been my good fortune over the past 20-odd years to be a fellow-resident of Los Angeles with him, and be in a position to enjoy the friendship of Wilson and Emily and observe the building of his successful business career on the one hand and his battle for health on the other.

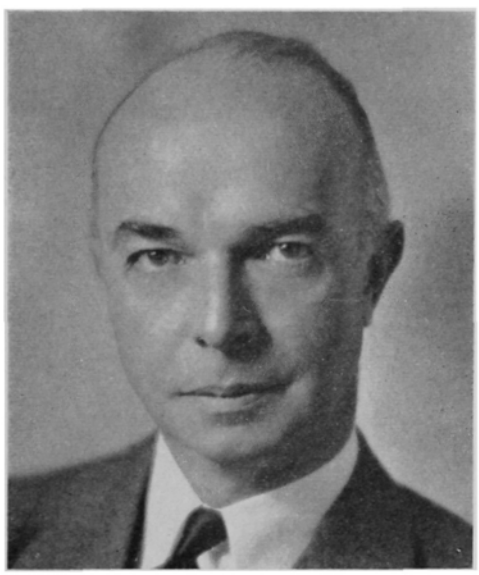
Upon graduation he was assigned to the 22nd Infantry at Fort Hamilton, New York, which regiment was shortly transferred to Frankford Arsenal. In March 1918 he accepted a transfer to the 6th Infantry of the Fifth Division, which was ready for Camp Merritt and overseas duty. At Merritt he was assigned to special duty in charge of Casual Companies until the division sailed for France on April 9th. The month of June was spent as a Student Officer at the Infantry Tactical School, Chatillon-sur-Seine. Following front line duty in the Alsace and St. Die sectors in July and August the division was engaged in the St. Mihiel Offensive from September 12th to 15th, followed by the Meuse-Argonne Drive in October. On October 9, 1918 he was promoted to Captain in time to lead his company in assault, until wounded and gassed on October 14th.

Following five months of hospitalization in France and in this country he was discharged from Walter Reed Hospital and assigned to the 63rd Infantry in March 1919, commanding Company "A" at Curtis Bay and Madison Barracks.

On June 18, 1919 Wilson and Emily Randolph Kutz, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Charles W. Kutz, were married at the home of her parents in Washington, D. C. In attendance as "best men" were classmates Cooper Barnes and Walker White, whom he so closely follows in the long grey line.

On October 1, 1919 two more months of hospitalization was decreed. From December 1919 to September 1920 he served with the 12th Infantry at Camp Meade, Maryland. Then came his assignment to Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, to January 1921, followed by transfer in the same capacity to the fast-growing Southern California Branch of the University of California now known as UCLA, to assist in organizing the R.O.T.C. Unit there. In December 1922 he recognized the opportunities in the Southern California real estate boom, resigned from his military career and began his successful career in the realty business. In 1934 his status was changed to a Disabled Emergency Officer with rank of Captain, Retired.

When the Federal Housing Administration was formed in August of 1934 Wilson



accepted the Assistant Directorship for Los Angeles. In 1936 he became Director serving until November 1943, when he resigned to set up his own realty brokerage firm. Over the thirty-four years of his civil career his name became high on the list of Southern California realty authorities, as evidenced by his being appointed by the Governor of California and Mayor of Los Angeles to serve on many top commissions and regulatory realty groups including: the Industrial Committee, Los Angeles Realty Board; Board of Directors, Los Angeles Realty Board; and the Los Angeles Board of Zoning Appeals.

On May 15, 1956 Wilson's long and courageous fight for life ended. The lung condition known as emphysema, which had been gradually taking its toll on his health since that day in October 1918 when leading his company in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive he was badly gassed and wounded, finally won the battle. During the past five years the fight had been a crucial one. Only his indomitable will and courage, and the devotion of his wife, Emily, carried him through many a crisis during these years.

The host of friends Wilson acquired in his civil career has never transcended his devotion to, and interest in, classmates and army associates of earlier days. Keeping up the latter contacts was one of his prime interests. West Point and the Army always remained close to his heart. He was one of the most active members of the West Point Society of Southern California until illness sentenced him to a shut-in life. During these past five years the monthly luncheon and meetings have not been the same without his cheerful and enthusiastic presence, and life for us who have had the opportunity to see and visit with him frequently will have suffered a broken link. Our prayers and deepest sympathy go to his wife, Emily, and her family, and to his brother Miles in far away England.

An overflow attendance at the services in the Sawtelle Veterans Administration Chapel in West Los Angeles prior to interment in the Bingham plot in Columbus attested to what sentiments I have tried to express above. Harold Cooney, Kay Barnes, Katherine Reed, Frank and Gretl Bertholet, and Bob Bringham were in attendance representing the Class of August 1917.

—*R. A. B.*

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Francis H. Oxx

NO. 6541 CLASS OF 1920

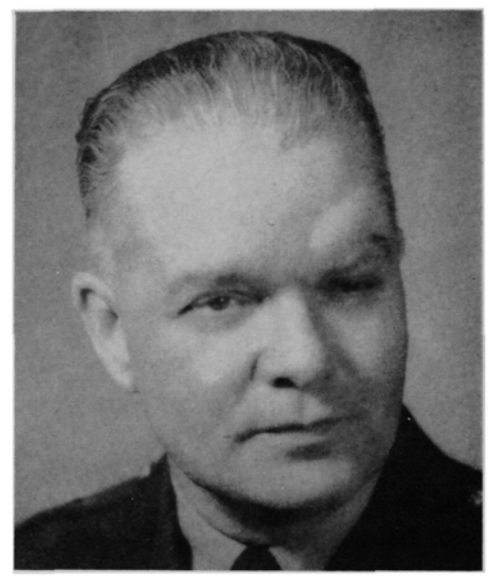
DIED FEBRUARY 15, 1956, AT FREDERICK, MARYLAND, AGED 57 YEARS.

WITHIN a day or two after a coronary thrombosis caused the sudden death of Frank Oxx on February 15, 1956 at his home in Frederick, Maryland, messages of condolence and sympathy began pouring in from all over the world. A former comrade-at-arms had seen the news dispatch in Zurich, Switzerland. An English friend read the sad news in a London paper. From California, New York, Florida and every other point of the compass came expressions of grief from internationally prominent people as well as from obscure persons of humble occupation, for people from all walks of life had called him friend. Yet curiously enough Frank was not a person who made friends easily. He was reserved, in fact, diffident. But once the initial barrier was passed, he had the rare inner warmth that bound people to him in lifelong loyal friendship. As his military and civilian careers unfolded, each experience was enriched by new friendships.

Frank came to West Point from Newport, Rhode Island where he was born and raised. After graduating near the very top of his class he had the usual routine experiences of an engineer officer for the next twenty years broken only by two tours of duty back at West Point, one from 1924 to 1929 as an Instructor in Mathematics and the other from 1936 to 1940 as Associate Professor of Mathmatics. During this period, in fact throughout his entire life, he had an avid love of sports and followed his West Point teams as if he were on them. In the early years after graduation he continued to participate in many athletic activities though horsemanship was perhaps his greatest enthusiasm. This interest proved almost fatal, for in 1930 while playing polo at Fort Humphreys, he suffered a severe head injury which hospitalized him in a critical condition and ended his active participation in the more strenuous sports.

The outbreak of World War II found Frank District Engineer of the Kansas City District where his duties turned out to be excellent training for what was to become a brilliant overseas war career. As Engineer Officer and later as Chief of Staff of the Atlantic Base Section in French Morocco, he pioneered some of the early overseas engineering feats that became so characteristic of the American Army. However, it was in Italy from October 1943 until after the end of the war, first as Chief of Staff and then as Commander of the Peninsular Base Section, that his great organizing, administrative and executive ability was most fully demonstrated. His Command was charged with the support of the U.S. 5th Army and the U.S. Air Forces in Italy. In carrying out this mission he was responsible for the employment of some 200,000 personnel including U.S. Army troops, Italian troops, Italian and German prisoners of war and Italian civilians in an area extending along 300 miles of the western coast of Italy. They were involved in a wide variety of activities such as reconstructing the ports of Naples and Leghorn, assembling trucks, rebuilding engines, providing and maintaining hospitals, constructing roads, railroads and pipelines, building and operating huge supply and maintenance facilities, and setting up and operating staging areas capable of handling divisions.

Frank's approach to his herculean war task was both direct and forceful. He could do a prodigious amount of work in a short time disposing of a mountain of documents



requiring his approval, making command decisions, initiating new projects, reading reports, etc. His precise and orderly mind demanded a sound, clearcut and integrated program. Every decision he made fit just as neatly into an overall plan as an individual piece fits into a jigsaw puzzle.

Though Frank was a stern taskmaster during these war years, accepting nothing less than perfection and that forthwith, never was it said of him that he could not relax and enjoy life. He faced each day as a new adventure and met its problems head on. His favorite form of relaxation was an informal evening with convivial friends. Frequently he invited a few members of his staff to dinner. Discussion of official business and problems were forbidden and the evening devoted entirely to pleasantries. Often, one of these was Frank's famous rendition of Whittier's "*Barbara Fritchie*" with appropriate change of voice for each character and eloquent gestures to accompany the action.

Frank succeeded in molding his staff into a smooth running team capable of handling any and all jobs from the routine to the fantastic. And there were many of each. He began with a heterogeneous group of officers. A relative few were Regular Army officers, including a half dozen of his own classmates; some were National Guard Reserve Officers; others were specialists

commissioned direct from civilian life. He gave no thought to a man's background; he was concerned with only one criterion —could he do the job? This approach, together with his complete and outspoken confidence in those whose performance merited it, inspired a fierce loyalty in his staff that was frequently the subject of envious comment by other commanders.

After the war Frank remained overseas to serve as Assistant U.S. Deputy High Commissioner for Austria in charge of military government sections and divisions administering the American Occupation Zone. During this period he also served as Military Advisor to General Mark W. Clark at the Austrian Peace Treaty Conference of Deputy Foreign Ministers in London and as a Military Adviser to Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, at the Council of Foreign Ministers at Moscow in 1947.

In 1951 while serving as Deputy Chief of Staff, Army Field Forces, at Fort Monroe, Virginia, a severe heart attack halted his military career and caused his retirement. Upon his recovery in 1952 he became associated with an engineering firm which was engaged in contract work for the Army Chemical Corps at Fort Dietrick, Frederick, Maryland. This is how he and his wife, "Josie", found themselves in this quiet town in the rolling hills of Western Maryland. The people of Frederick took Frank and Josie to their hearts, and after 33 years of roving he had found a place that he could really feel was home. In 1954 they purchased a lovely home near the beautiful Hood College Campus and settled down to enjoy community life.

His death leaves a great void in the hearts of many people. He is survived by his wife, Josie, and four daughters of two previous marriages.

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Ray Warren

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1920

DIED MAY 16, 1956, AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, AGED 59 YEARS.

A TRIBUTE TO RAY WARREN, 1896 1956

IT was a sunny Spring day. Saturday traffic in downtown Greensboro had lightened since the early morning rush. Down the block south of the newspaper company building, Negroes emerged from a cut-rate meat market. Two or three "howdy-ed" a man swinging along with a jaunty step. Men coming out of the Labor Union Temple greeted him as he passed. As he crossed the street, he was hailed by a reported, "Hi, Ray, what's new with the new housing project?"

It was Ray Warren, executive director of the Greensboro Housing Authority since 1941. "We're making up the specifications for grading and the architects are working up plans, but there's not much story there yet. About the latter part of July, things ought to be far enough along for some kind of story. I'll give you a ring."

Hardly ten days later, May 16, this year, Ray had died from a heart attack; so the next story which mentioned the Housing Authority was the one relating Ray's death and his work with the authority.

Ray had ended a service record of more than 30 years to Greensboro and the nation.

Born in Washington in the Eastern part of North Carolina, Ray grew up in the carefree, easy-going atmosphere of one of the state's oldest cities. He attended the public schools and finished precollege work at Randolph Macon Academy. After a year at Marian Military Institute, he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point and was a member of the class of 1920.

He returned home to become engineer with the Washington-Beaufort Land Company, a post he left to take the engineer-inspector position with the City of Washington.

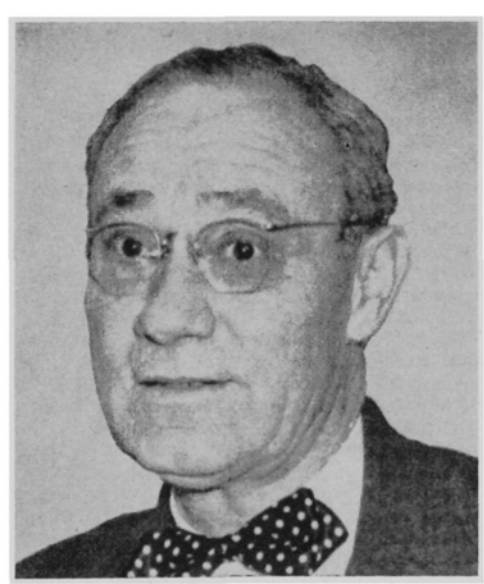
In 1922, Ray began his work in Greensboro. During the next two years, his work concerned million-dollar storm sewer and street paving projects. From 1925 to 1928, he supervised a project involving the elimination of 14 major grade crossings within the city. That endeavor is considered one of the most progressive steps taken by the city in this century, for it provided for major advances in traffic safety.

His work in designing reinforced concrete bridges blazed fine paths of broad streets through residential areas in the western part of the city. The beautifully-landscaped boulevard providing the western access to the city stands as a lasting tribute to his foresight and engineering ability.

Following his service in World War II, he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel.

In recent years, Ray became best known for his Housing Authority work. He was personally interested, not only in seeing that the 800 apartment units for low-income families were built sturdily, but in the larger, humanitarian purpose they would achieve. They would provide a sanitary, attractive environment for pepole who had dwelt in miserable hovels. They would result in the removal of Greensboro eyesores and the re-creation of areas of spacious respectability.

Ray brought a personal feeling to his job. He built self-governing organizations within the negro and white housing pro-



jects and the crime rate showed an appreciable reduction. He was loved, because he always had time a-plenty to hear the heart stories of his tenants. He listened as a kindly father to accounts of sick babies, wayward husbands, and hard times. None were turned away with an excuse he couldn't be bothered.

So, when Ray Warren died, the City Council passed a resolution of high praise for his work as a city engineer and as the housing authority leader. But the bigger tribute to him lies in the grateful hearts of the hundreds of people he helped, the people who left his office with a boost to their self respect and a faith in the goodness of God and His people.

—*Wm. Rhodes Weaver,*
Greensboro (North Carolina)
Daily News Reporter.

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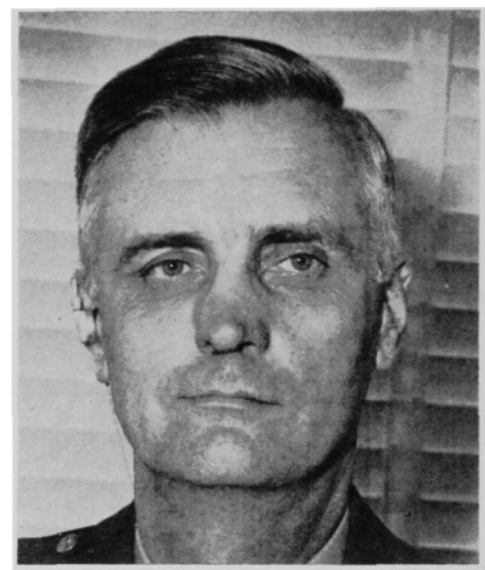
John Rutherford Noyes

NO. 6970 CLASS OF 1923

DIED JANUARY 30, 1956, IN NOME, ALASKA, AGED 53 YEARS.

MY long acquaintanceship with John Noyes began in the nineteen twenties, when he arrived in Juneau, Alaska as a recent graduate of West Point to join the old Alaska Road Commission, an agency of the Corps of Engineers which had charge of the building and maintenance of roads, dog sled trails and shelter cabins over the



largely unpeopled area of this vast Territory. General Steese, a brilliant Army engineer and a man of great force, was chairman of the Commission; and that the "Cheechako" (newcomer to Alaska) Noyes met the demands of the hard-driving Steese in this arduous field of work shows the stuff of which Noyes was made.

Noyes developed a great interest in varied and outstanding natural phenomena of Alaska, such as its lofty snow-capped mountains, great glaciers discharging ice into the sea, the network of deep fiords along its south coast, its wilderness game herds and its Arctic and Subarctic vegetation. An added feature of interest to him was the physical and mental characteristics and mode of living of its Eskimos and Indians, some 35,000 people of primitive culture.

As a forester engaged in outdoor work over large sections of the Territory I also was interested in these things, and Noyes and I immediately joined forces in studying them. During the many years of his absences from Alaska on assignments over the world for the Corps of Engineers, we kept up a correspondence relative to these matters of mutual interest. Our long range contacts were augmented by personal discussions on several occasions during and following World War II, when he was able to get back to Alaska for short periods on military assignments.

Noyes supervised important construction projects in Alaska. He made extended re-

ports in recent years on plans for highway systems and railroads, to promote settlement and development of this huge Territory. He served in conferences with Canadians to discuss coordination of tidewater, railroad and highway transportation facilities to serve the vast portion of this North Country which forms one economic unit, although crossed by an imaginary line that splits its administration between two Nations.

Noyes' high thinking on these matters was a pleasure to observe and a source of great satisfaction to those of us in this Northern Frontier who are concerned with its development along the proper lines—i.e., for the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run.

In his wide range of interests, from vegetation on the seashore to international treaties to permit development of hydro power sites with a million kilowatts of potential energy for use in new industries, Noyes showed the utmost enthusiasm and worked aggressively to get the facts and present his conclusions clearly and concisely.

With his military background and love for and knowledge of the North, it came very natural for me to appoint him Adjutant General of Alaska on his retirement from the Army Engineers after 30 years of service. Furthermore, I had in mind his value to me as an economic consultant and advisor due to his interest in the economic development of Alaska.

His appointment was well received by the public generally and the National Guard personnel, but especially, I think, by the units of Eskimo Scouts of the National Guard whose homes are on the shores of the Arctic Ocean and Bering Sea. He knew of the manner in which they differed in thinking from more sophisticated people and he appreciated the good qualities, which they abundantly possess and which make them excellent soldiers for service in their own northern environment.

On a tour of these Eskimo National Guard units, General Noyes lost his life in the crash of an airplane caught in a midwinter blizzard on the shores of Bering Sea, north of Nome, Alaska.

A boy from Oneida, New York had become an enthusiastic Alaska "sourdough." His high intelligence and prodigious capacity for work were contributing tremendously to the growth and welfare of our Territory. That contribution has now come abruptly to an end. In addition, I, and many other Alaskans, have lost a good friend.

We plan to commemorate his public service in Alaska by having some outstanding geographic feature, possibly a mountain, named for him.

—*B. Frank Heintzleman,*
Governor of Alaska.

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Leslie Haynes Wyman

NO. 8302 CLASS OF 1928

DIED JUNE 13, 1956, AT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 51 YEARS.

BILL WYMAN sometimes gave a false impression to a new acquaintance. The casual observer would think that Bill was easy-going, considered everything in a routine manner, and seldom sought problems that would present a challenge to him. People close to him over a period of years knew differently.

He entered West Point in 1924 from Damariscotta, Maine, after spending two years at Colby College. He was able to keep in the upper third of his class without undue effort, and to participate in many extra-curricular activities in the meantime. His good looks, dark complexion, soft voice and debonair manner required a moderate amount of resistance on his part to the crowds of weekend drags. He was a good lacrosse and hockey player, but riding became more and more interesting to him.

Bill chose the Cavalry for several reasons. He loved horses and riding, he ranked it, and he had an older brother in that branch. The Presidio of Monterey was his first station as a second lieutenant. It was a lonely life for Bill, and among the 3.0 femmes that he had dated, Jo was missed more than any other. So he married Jo and brought her to Monterey, but that only solved one of his problems. He found that a second lieutenant had many administrative duties which could not be done on horseback. "I am going to transfer to the Field Artillery,

where they really ride horses", Bill said,—so he did.

Riding a horse was not easy for Bill, and it was a constant challenge. In 1935, he rode a young horse from Fort Myer to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, where he and his battery were to participate in a big maneuver. The horse was nervous and difficult to handle all the way. Bill arrived rather bruised, but still mounted. The next day, the 76th Field Artillery was ordered to return to Fort Myer, the artillery participation in the maneuver having been cancelled. Bill received some help in order to mount, but back to Fort Myer he rode.

Yes, he loved to ride horses. In 1938, he graduated from the Advanced Horsemanship Course and would have participated in the 1940 Olympics, had not the war caused their cancellation.

World War II found Bill at West Point as an instructor in the English Department and, like every other officer there, very desirous of obtaining a combat assignment. Before leaving, however, he spent a great amount of time and effort on the publication of the first issue of *Assembly*. His assignments during the war included the 12th Armored Division, the 77th Division and the 11th Airborne Division. Bill had been thrown from horses so many hundreds of times that landings with a parachute should not have been too different. However, on one jump he was seriously injured and never fully recovered.

The Army Chief of Staff has been quoted as describing the qualifications for a member of an overseas military mission as "a photogenic, linguistically-gifted cosmopolite with a distinguished military record, a polished drawing-room technique, a pleasant manner with the press, and a capability for holding his tongue and his liquor". Bill and Jo were ideally suited for such duty, and in 1946 they went to Cairo, and in 1954, to Karachi. They enjoyed every minute of their duties, and Bill again was able to mount a horse occasionally.

However, Bill suffered a severe coronary attack in Pakistan and, upon returning to the United States, was retired in December of 1955. He and Jo had sold their lovely home in Maryland when they had left, less than two years before.

Retirement, a known bad heart, and no place to live, was just another world to conquer for Bill. He bought a home in Chevy Chase and entered Georgetown University for graduate work in political science. He hoped to combine his experience with a little more education and enter the teaching profession.

Bill was driving down to school one morning when he realized he was having another heart attack. He calmly pulled over to the curb, scribbled some information on a scrap of paper, and asked a total stranger to drive him to Walter Reed Hospital. To the casual observer this, too, must have appeared to be a routine event, rather than a critical moment in a man's life. This was the final challenge which everyone must face,—one which even Bill could not overcome. He died that same night.

Left behind were his wife, Jo, his two fine children, Leslie Ann and Samuel Haynes, of whom he was justly proud, two brothers, three sisters, and thousands of close friends and admirers.

The statement under his picture in the 1928 Howitzer was prophetic:

> "At the end of the rainbow, whether it lie in the smoke of battle or in the humdrum of peace, success as a soldier will be his".

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Thomas Burns Hall

NO. 9639 CLASS OF 1933

MISSING IN ACTION, FEBRUARY 11, 1951, IN KOREA. PRESUMED DEAD DECMBER 31, 1953, AGED 43 YEARS.

ON the 12th of February 1951 when news that Tom Hall had not returned from a night intruder combat mission over North Korea was received, every one who knew him felt that if anyone could survive a crash, and walk back, then Tom could. This belief was not only due to his physical condition and hardiness but to the determination and strength of character that so typified him.

His presence aboard the B-26 was an example of the type of leadership for which he was noted. Tom had served as Commander of the 3d Bomb Wing in 1950, during combat operations, had flown his missions and had been re-assigned to command a base in Japan. His loyalty to his former outfit which I know was returned in full measure by those who were in that unit, prompted him to participate with them again in their hazardous night intruder missions.

I served in the 9th Air Force with Tom during World War II and the reputation of his group was outstanding. I remember that he was a proponent of the long bomb run as a means of improving his bombing accuracy. Heretofore, most bomb units took evasive action from enemy flak (the Martin B-26s flew at 10-12,000 ft.) and straightened out for a bomb run of about thirty seconds or so before releasing their

bombload. The length of the bomb run did increase appreciably the accuracy of the group's bombing. His stability under pressure was one of the characteristics that made him such a fine leader. The extended bomb run is an example of his ability to analyze the objective, set his goal and to attain it despite the many difficulties.

Lieutenant General Samuel E. Anderson who commanded the 9th Bomber Command during World War II had this to say about him:

"I would like to say that Tom was one of the finest commanders it has ever been my good fortune to have serve under me. He was a great leader, both in combat, in the air and on the ground. He personally led more than 50 of the most dangerous and difficult missions his group flew during World War II. That his group, the 344th had one of the best records, both in combat and otherwise, in the Ninth Air Force during World War II was very largely due to Tom's inspiring leadership, and exceptionally close attention to all of the multitudinous problems which confront any commander in time of war. When I heard that he was missing in Korea I felt that

the Air Force had lost one of the finest young officers and one of its most promising commanders."

In re-reading the "Howitzer" and recalling my own associations with Tom and in talking with many of his classmates and friends, I am struck by the universal respect and devotion with which he was held. His even temper and pleasant amiable personality won him his many friends. His steadfastness and devotion to his principles earned him their admiration and respect, even though, in some cases I know of, he pursued a course which was not the easy one or which was contrary to their ideas. This respect and devotion has been stated succinctly and well by General Thomas D. White, Vice Chief, USAF:

"The first time I saw First Lieutenant Thomas B. Hall was aboard a ship when he arrived in Rio de Janiero, Brazil to become a member of the Air Mission. The last time was when a lone P-51 with Tom as pilot, saluted my B-17 against the background of Fujiyama, as I was departing Japan for the ZI. In those intervening years I learned to respect, admire and love Tom Hall as I have few people in this world."

Tom was born on the 26th of September 1910 in Chama, New Mexico. His grade school days were spent at the Public School in Chama and at The St. Agnes School in Los Angeles, where his parents had a winter home. He went to Regis High School in Denver, Colorado. To quote from the Regis Alumni Bulletin after Tom was missing: "Colonel Hall attended Regis from 1924 to 1928. Colonel Hall wasn't just a run-of-the-mill student, but was a three time honor student and football player." From Regis, Tom went to New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell where he won the championship medal in boxing in his weight group.

Tom entered the Military Academy in July 1929 where he proceeded to make a host of friends. He played football and lacrosse and did some wrestling. The short biographical sketch in the "Howitzer" contained a statement which I have heard said so many times that it has become almost axiomatic, "The Corps possessed no better hearted man." Tom chose the airplane over the horse and the year following graduation was spent at Randolph and Kelly. After he got his wings, he spent a couple of years in the Canal Zone and several more at March Field. In August 1940, Tom went to Brazil as a member of the U.S. Mission. Upon his return to the U.S. in 1942, he was assigned as group executive and finally group commander to the 394th Bomb Group, MacDill Field. In February 1944 he took the group overseas to the E.T.O., where his intensive training and exacting standards paid off in bombing results. Following the war, he spent two years as assistant professor of Portuguese at the U.S. Military Academy. In August 1948 Tom went to Japan where he served as CO of the 314th Air Division until the outbreak of the Korean War. For a while he was Director of Joint Operations, 5th Air Force and from May 1950 to August 1950 as Commanding Officer, 3d Bomb Wing in combat operations against North Korea. Following his combat tour, he returned to Japan as CO of the 35th Fighter Interceptor Wing. It was while he was commanding the Base at Johnston Air Base that he returned to Korea to visit his old outfit and while on a mission with them that he was lost.

His meritorious service was recognized by the State of New Mexico in the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

WISHING GODSPEED FOR THE SAFETY OF COLONEL THOMAS B. HALL BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

WHEREAS, the people of the State of New Mexico have been grieved by reports that Colonel Thomas B. Hall has been missing in action in the Korean Theater of Operations and WHEREAS, the family of Colonel Thomas B. Hall has brought distinction and dignity to the State of New Mexico and WHEREAS, his personality and disposition has won for him a host of friends and universal respect in his capacity as an officer of the Army of the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO in session assembled, do hereby express on behalf of the people of the State of New Mexico, to the beloved wife and mother of Colonel Thomas B. Hall, their most sincere hopes for Godspeed of the early return of Colonel Thomas B. Hall, husband and son, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of this House be and he hereby is instructed to mail certified copies of this Resolution to the beloved wife and mother, respectively of the said Colonel Thomas B. Hall, and to the superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Alvin Stockton,
Speaker, House of Representatives
Lilburn C. Homan,
Chief Clerk.

Approved by me this 30 day of
January 1953
Edwin L. Mechem,
Governor of the State of New Mexico

It has been observed by all of us that sometimes the most objective and realistic analyses of commanders come from the officers and airmen who served under them. For that reason and because it shows the affection and respect with which Tom was regarded, I am closing by quoting from an airman who was closely associated with Tom for many years. Master Sergeant Beaith says:

"During the time I worked for him, I found him one of the most thoughtful, understanding and fair men I have known. If things didn't turn out as he expected, he didn't blame me or lose his temper.

"From men who have served under Colonel Hall, I have heard very high praise. They have said and I know from my own observation, that he took the initiative and didn't expect his men to do things he wasn't willing to do himself. He was a leader in the true sense of the word, and always had the welfare of the men in mind.

"I miss Colonel Hall very much but I am thankful that I knew him as long as I did. My life has been richer for having associated with a person of his character. . ."

Tom's services in peace and war were recognized by the following decorations:

Purple Heart; Legion of Merit; Silver Star; DFC (OLC); Air Medal with Silver OLC and 3 Bronze OLC; Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem; French Croix de Guerre; Belgian Croix de Guerre, 1940 with Palm; Brazilian Southern Cross, Grade of Officer; Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Emblem.

When Tom was reported missing, the Chaplain of his unit wrote the following to his wife: "Whatever the outcome, your husband is in the hand of God. He was not only the finest officer but the finest man I ever met. He saw life in relation to eternal values and, while advancing to positions of responsibility in his chosen profession, he always recognized as paramount his allegiance to Our Lord."

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Harry John Harrison

NO. 10246 CLASS OF 1935

DIED NOVEMBER 17, 1944, AT WILTZ, GERMANY, AGED 34 YEARS.

HARRY JOHN HARRISON, known to his friends as "Honest John" was born in Braddock, Pennsylvania on January 23, 1910. After graduating from Braddock High School in 1927 he enlisted in the Army and competed for the Army appointments to West Point. Here he made an outstanding record both in athletics and academics. Many of us will remember him as an All American Lacrosse goalie—intercepting a Navy shot and running the length of the field to score for Army.

After graduation he, along with eleven classmates, reported to Fort Monroe, Virginia. Harry was the first "Ink" to be selected to command a battery with two classmates as battery officers. The performance of the unit in their annual target practice was considered for the Knox Trophy Award. His next assignments include Fort Story and the Philippines. Here he commanded the Mine Planter "Harrison." Returning to the United States in 1940 he served with the 3rd Coast Artillery and was selected for Leavenworth but the war brought about the cancellation of his orders since he was one of the few officers

qualified for Mine Planter duty. However, the inactivity of commanding a Mine Planter was not for Harry—he volunteered for jump duty and was assigned to the 508th Parachute Regiment and, after a series of events including the D-Day jump in Europe, was killed in action on November 17, 1944. He is buried in the Gettysburg National

Cemetery beside his brother who was killed in action in Africa.

In 1937 Harry married Catherine Carswell, daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. R. M. Carswell, United States Army. They had three children; Selma Stewart, Harry Clifford, and Robert Bowen. Catherine married Mr. Richard Thompson on July 1, 1955 and the family is living at 1006 North College, Claremont, California.

During his service Harry made a host of friends and proved that he was a sincere, kind, and loyal officer, husband and friend.

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Joe Reese Brabson, Jr.

NO. 11318 CLASS OF 1938

KILLED IN AN AIR ACCIDENT JANUARY 1, 1945, IN THE PACIFIC, AGED 30 YEARS.

JOE REESE BRABSON, JR., the son of a distinguished Artillery Officer, was born in Manila on the 13th of December 1914. As an "Army brat", proud of his heritage, he grew up on Army posts including Fort Sill, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Bragg.

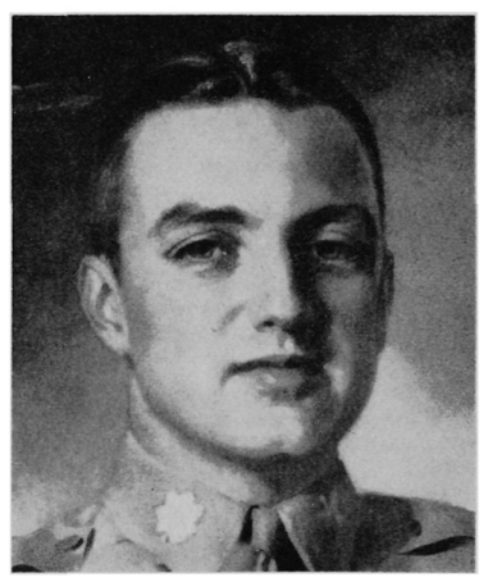
Few people achieve a singleness of purpose as young in life as Joe did. His one driving and lasting ambition was to become a combat pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He achieved this goal without once altering his course and gave his life to his Air Force doing exactly what he wanted to do—flying in combat.

Joe's whole life was wrapped up in aeroplanes. As a small youngster he made model planes and as he became older he began his study of Air Force planes that never ceased to fascinate him. He collected album after album of photographs of the new military aircraft of that day and spent endless hours along the hangar line and in the shops at Langley Field and at France Field in Panama.

So great was his preoccupation in flying and aeroplanes that he endured grammar schools on Army posts and graduated from Western High School in Washington with his eyes still in the sky. He attended Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall and entered West Point the following year. In 1938 Joe graduated from the Military Academy with his heart and soul still dedicated to becoming a pilot. After graduation and leave, Joe went to Randolph Field, Texas and entered flying school as a Second Lieutenant.

Randolph began the realization of a life long ambition and a new world opened to Joe when he soloed and moved on to Kelly for Advanced School. He was completely exhilarated by flying and completely happy in this new found life. He often said learning to fly is like having a license to steal and that he would do it without pay if necessary. His devotion to flying made him a natural flyer and he was selected to be an instructor at Kelly Field's Advanced School after his graduation. As an instructor he tried to put the same fire of devotion into each of his students and often despaired of teaching some who had only a normal aptitude and devotion to flying. During his early career in Texas, Joe's love of life was so evident that it was a pleasure to be around him and he made many, many lifelong friends from among those attracted to him.

His first assignment after instructing at Kelly was to Perrin Field where he helped organize a squadron of his own at this new Air Base. In 1942 Joe married Jean Hoffman of Birmingham, Alabama and was well along on an Air Force career, having been promoted successively to Captain, Major and



Lieutenant Colonel during 1941 and 1942. Tours of duty at Barksdale and Shreveport followed and he became a wing commander of a B-26 wing.

His first overseas assignment came in 1943 when he was assigned as Air Advisor to Admiral Ingrum in the South Atlantic submarine offensive. Duty at Recife, Brazil was not Joe's idea of combat duty and he applied for service in a more active combat theater. In August 1944, he joined the 5th Air Force in the Southwest Pacific and was later transferred to the 13th Air Force. He flew as Deputy Commander of the 42nd Bomb Group and often said he knew the New Hebrides Island group like the palm of his hand.

His bomb group was flying B-25 "Mitchels" off of New Guinea on the 1st of January 1945 when Joe's plane, flying in the lead of his formation, struck the top of a 10,000 foot mountain on the small island of Ceram. A low level strike had just been completed and the formation was rising up through clouds that had gathered at the top of the mountain. Three planes were instantly destroyed with their crews.

Thus ended a young life dedicated to flying and to the U.S. Air Force. Surely the judge of those who know the vastness of the sky has said, "Well done; be thou at rest."

With the end of the war in the Pacific, extensive searches were made for Joe and for those who died with him, but it remained for an Australian party led by Flight Lieutenant Harry Belcher to actually recover the bodies. Joe and his comrades were finally taken down off the mountain and buried in Manila in 1947. Service in the Air Force had taken him nearly around the world, yet fate brought him back to his birthplace and he was buried there within one day of his birth date. In 1948, the body of Joe R. Brabson, Jr. was laid to rest beside his father in Arlington National Cemetery.

Joe is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. R. Brabson of Washington, D. C., and his brother, Major Kimberly Brabson. His only child, a son, Joe R. Brabson III, was killed accidentally at the age of two.

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Henry Hudson Norman, Jr.

NO. 12123 CLASS OF 1940

DIED AUGUST 20, 1955, IN AN AIR CRASH NEAR WENDOVER AFB, UTAH, AGED 39 YEARS.

HANK NORMAN was born March 3, 1916, in Memphis, Tennessee, the eldest son of Henry H. and Miriam Buford Norman. At an early age he displayed the traits of integrity, determination and imagination which characterized him to so remarkable a degree in later years. Once having determined the right course of action, there was no swerving for him; regardless of the odds, and they were frequently stiff, Hank could be counted on to come through with flying colors. The standards he lived by were very high, for he set them himself, and he was not given to self-accommodation. Whereas a lesser man in these circumstances would have found himself isolated, Hank never lost touch with others. In fact, he was one of the most warmly human, friendly and gracious men I have ever known. In a nutshell, here was a talented and intelligent leader, one to whom the motto "Duty, Honor, Country" was really a way of life.

Following his graduation from the Military Academy and subsequently from flying school, Hank was assigned to the 8th Pursuit Group at Mitchel Field, New York early in 1941. There, and in subsequent assignments to other fighter units in the East, he learned his trade well and rose rapidly. By the late summer of 1942 he was a squadron commander, in which capacity he took his P-40 squadron overseas and led it in the invasion of North Africa. A few weeks later, in December 1942, during an air battle, Hank was shot down and crash landed in the desert in enemy territory. Listed as missing in action, he reappeared back at his unit a few days later; he had evaded capture and although injured had walked many miles back through enemy territory disguised as an Arab.

After his return to the U.S., there followed a series of various staff and command assignments. In 1948, having graduated from the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell Field, Alabama, he was ordered to the Philippines as Commander, 18th Fighter-Bomber Group, one of the first USAF units overseas to be equipped with jet aircraft. Returning to the states in 1950, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. The following January he began a three and a half year tour as Director of Requirements, HQ Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Virginia. The Tactical Air Command was at this time in

the early stages of rejuvenation following several years of economy forced disintegration. Tactical air had languished almost to the vanishing point before Korea; now, belatedly, the years of lost time had to be made up, and quickly. Hank played a major role in the rejuvenation. The existence today of a fine stable of tactical

fighter and bomber aircraft, such as the F-100 and B-66, and of high quality tactical control equipment, is a testimonial to Hank's diligent effort and resourcefulness. Though these were three hard years in terms of work and travel, they were happy and satisfying ones.

Largely in reward for a difficult job well done, Hank's next assignment, in September 1954, was exactly what he had hoped for—back to a fighter outfit. As Deputy Commander of the 312th Fighter-Bomber Wing at Clovis AFB, New Mexico, he was in a choice position. Here was an opportunity to help mold a newly activated outfit, equipped with a fine airplane, the F-86H, which he had been instrumental in procuring for TAC, into a precision fighting machine. Less than a year later, by which time he had become commander of the wing, the 312th was well on the way to becoming a top notch outfit, in great measure due to Hank's qualities of leadership.

On August 20, 1955, while leading his wing team in the annual Tactical Air Command gunnery competition, the engine of his F-86 flamed out. In the ensuing forced landing, Hank lost his life. He died practicing his trade, doing what he wanted to do and what he did best. If there can be any solace, it possibly lies therein.

Hank was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Montgomery, Alabama, August 25, 1955. He is survived by his wife Nan and their three children, Henry H. III, Betsy Nan, and Cheryl Shannon, now living in Montgomery; by his parents, and brothers George B. and Walter M. Norman of Hardy, Arkansas; and by his sister, Mrs. T. E. Burrows of Little Rock, Arkansas. —*W. E. R.*

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Galen Person Robbins

NO. 12884 CLASS OF 1942

DIED MARCH 17, 1943, IN AN AIRCRAFT CRASH NEAR LAKELAND, FLORIDA, AGED 26 YEARS.

JEEP (or Robbie as he was known to many) was born in Portland, Oregon, on March 16, 1917. When he was three years old his family moved to Eugene, Oregon, which he was thereafter to know as home. He attended grade school there, and in 1935 was graduated from its University High School. For the next three years he attended the University of Oregon, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. During this period he attended both ROTC and CMTC camps, where he excelled in pistol marksmanship and where in 1937 he received the Pershing Award.

As a cadet, Jeep was quite active in sports and other activities. His company mates bestowed upon him the highest honor in their power to confer—election to the Honor Committee.

During flight training Jeep progressed with relative ease, and continued to display the same attributes which had won (and kept) the respect and affection of his classmates. He did a splendid job of flying, and along with it he was relaxed, fun-loving, and smiling. Shortly after winning his wings he was assigned to Westover Field, Massachusetts. On February 13, 1943, he was married to Mary Louise Kelly at St. Augustine's Church in Boston. Then Jeep's Group was assigned to Orlando, Florida. On March 17, 1943—the day after his twenty-sixth birthday—high in the air near Lakeland, Florida, Jeep's plane collided with another during a practice dogfight, and Jeep was instantly killed. With Hal Ogden

as escort officer, the body was brought to Boston and interred in New Calvary Cemetery after a Requiem Mass in the same church where Jeep had been married such a short time before.

Besides his widow, Jeep was survived by his physician father, Dr. Carl W. Robbins, who died in 1953; his mother, Alice B. Robbins; his sister, Mrs. M. E. Roberson; and by his brother, Carl W. Robbins, Jr., now a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. Jeep's widow remarried in 1951. In early 1956 Jeep's sister wrote: ". . . any word from those who were close to Galen renews our great pride in him. He was a wonderful brother." She went on to say "I have a young son, Galen Roberson, who is almost twelve. We have high hopes that within a few years he will have the desire and determination to apply for entrance into West Point. He looks so much like his Uncle Galen and we hope will be like him in many ways."

And so, Jeep's gone. In fact, he's been gone quite a bit longer than seems possible. No sentimentality should appear in this short tribute to him. The reasons for this are several, the chief one being that Jeep himself would heartily disapprove. He was too wise and had too much of a sense of humor to put up with either bombast or pathos. He was also too fine a man to scorn the feelings of his friends. So we know he'll forgive us the observation that when he went there was a real gap left in the lives of those who knew him well—a gap that will remain until we join the same Long Gray Line. When we do, may we have acquitted ourselves as nobly as he.

—*C. P., Jr.*

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Robert Fleming Carter

NO. 15618 CLASS OF 1946

DIED MAY 3, 1955, AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA, AGED 29 YEARS.

FOR Robert Fleming Carter entrance to the Military Academy was not an entirely new way of life. Preceded by three consecutive generations of officers in the United States Army, Bob was intimately familiar with the atmosphere and traditions of the Army and had ample opportunity to observe both the pleasant and the unpleasant aspects of a military career. Although never influenced in his choice of a profession, early in life he set the Military Academy as his goal and never considered any career other than the military service.

Bob was born on September 6, 1925 at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia where his father was then serving in the Sixth Cavalry. His boyhood years were spent on various military posts throughout the United States, the Philippine Islands, and the Canal Zone. These were wonderful, exciting years — travel to interesting places with the opportunity to make new friends combined with the stability of a close knit family group. Bob's youth was a full and happy period during which he developed many of the characteristics that were to remain with him in later years. He participated in a variety of activities, and everything he did, he did with all his energy and enthusiasm. He was intensely interested in athletics and although a keen competitor, never put victory above the principles of good sportsmanship. He was active in the Boy Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. While he especially enjoyed the companionship of his friends and was always ready for any game or group enterprise, he was also an avid reader who was easily entertained by a good book on almost any subject. In school he held many positions indicating the esteem in which he was held by both his teachers and fellow students.

Bob finished his high school studies at Phillips Exeter Academy and entered the Military Academy with the class of 1946. The same qualities and characteristics that had won devoted friends throughout his life were quickly noted by his fellow cadets. His cheerful disposition and friendly nature made him easy to know and to like. He took an active interest in all phases of cadet life. He was a member of the swimming team and received his letter in that sport.

The year following graduation, Bob attended the Basic Course at the Artillery School, Fort Sill. On completion of this course he went to Puerto Rico where he served with the 504th Field Artillery Battalion until 1949. Bob's service in Puerto Rico was a very enjoyable period in which he made a host of new friends and participated in the many activities of that area. In 1949 he returned to Fort Sill to begin training as an Army Aviator. He commenced his flying training with his characteristic zeal and vigor, and for this new career he quickly developed an intense enthusiasm and interest that increased as his knowledge and experience increased. Early

in his training, Bob visualized an increase in the future importance and use of aviation within the Army, and he determined that in addition to becoming a good pilot, he would become an expert in all facets of his new field. This determination never waned and he constantly studied to increase his grasp of the potential role of aircraft in the Army.

On completion of his training, Bob was assigned to the 30th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Bragg. While stationed at Fort Bragg, on July 7, 1951 he married Miss Ann Marchman, thus climaxing a romance begun back in Puerto Rico. He then returned with Ann to Fort Sill where he completed the Artillery Advanced Course.

In 1952 he went to Korea where he served with distinction as an Army Aviator in the 2nd Infantry Division and the IX Corps, taking part in three major campaigns and receiving the Bronze Star and Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

On his return to the United States in October 1953, Bob was ordered to Camp Rucker, Alabama to the 47th Division, which soon thereafter was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, and redesignated the 3d Infantry Division. During this period, the

3d Division began extensive training to test new concepts of organization and operation to determine what changes were required in the standard Infantry division to enable it to function successfully under the changing conditions of modern warfare. The need for increased mobility, battlefield dispersion, better communications all indicated an increase in the importance of aviation within a division, and therefore the aviation element of the 3d Division was carefully studied during these tests. In this division all aircraft, both fixed and rotary wing, were placed in a single unit known as the Combat Aviation Company. Bob was selected to command this highly important company, the first and only unit of its kind in the Army. The size and importance of the unit are indicated by the fact there were fifty-one officers assigned to this one company alone. Here was a challenge to be met with all his enthusiasm and professional skill—to weld this new company into an efficient unit, to train it as organized and at the same time to recognize and recommend changes to improve future aviation companies. How well this was accomplished is reflected in the fine record made by the Combat Aviation Company in Exercise "Follow Me," the field exercise held in 1954 in which the new organization of the entire division was thoroughly tested. Bob's outstanding job in training and leading the company through the exercise is indicated in the following extract from a commendation written to Bob by Major General H. L. Boatner, then commanding the 3d Division:

". . . Your obvious enthusiasm, thoroughness and efficiency with which you prepared yourself for the exercise of your duties as Company Commander, 3d Combat Aviation Company, Division Headquarters Battalion, is most gratifying. When you consider the potential military value of all the members of your unit, you can easily see that you have made a noteworthy contribution to the military efficiency of the U.S. Army. This Division, and I, are proud of your accomplishment. . ."

Twice Bob was questioned about new assignments which would have taken him from the 3d Combat Aviation Company and both times he requested that he remain in his present assignment until the changes, many of which he recommended, in the organization and employment of the Company could be tested in the next division exercise. His ability and vision will be felt not only in the 3d Combat Aviation Company but in any aviation company that may be formed in the future.

Bob died at Fort Benning on May 3, 1955 in the crash of an H-19 helicopter near the Wherry housing area where he lived. The crash resulted from some failure in the aircraft that caused the in-flight disintegration of the helicopter. It was not possible to determine the exact cause or exactly what happened in the helicopter, but an officer who witnessed the accident from the housing area noted ". . . it deliberately turned away from a congested housing area and crashed in the woods nearby. . ."

He is survived by his wife Ann and son and image Robert, Jr., who now live at 5890 S.W. 48th Street, Miami, Florida; his parents Major General and Mrs. Leslie D. Carter; and his brother, Captain Leslie D. Carter, Jr.

The nation has lost an able and courageous young leader whose brief career is indicative of the great promise that lay in the future. Certainly no words can express the sorrow of his family; but the many memories of his companionship, his laughter, his good nature, will live with those who loved him to the end of our days. For, while truly a part of us has gone with him, a part of him remains with us and gives us strength to carry on until we meet again.

—*L. D. C., Jr.*

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Earl Francis Poytress

NO. 15295 CLASS OF 1946

DIED OCTOBER 13, 1953, AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, AGED 30 YEARS.

IN chaotic times there are few men who can maintain a true sense of balance and see all aspects of life in their true proportions. Such a man was Earl Francis Poytress.

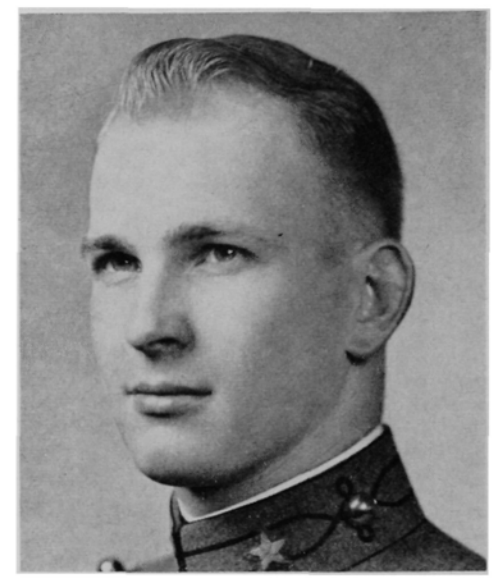
The many facets of his life became apparent at an early age. He graduated from junior and senior high schools in San Jose, California with highest honors. Aside from these honors and membership in honorary scholarship organizations, and American Legion Certificate award in Citizenship attested to the fact that he put his talents to work. His excellent physique he put to useful service as a swimming instructor in the San Jose Schools Recreation Department.

For Earl the mental and physical achievements were not enough. He also warmed people's hearts with music as a member of orchestras and instrumental trios. This part of his life reached an apex when he gave his own piano concert while still in high school.

At San Jose State College, he again achieved personal honors. Among them were memberships in Phi Upsilon Pi, Gamma Pi Epsilon, and Tau Delta Phi. He graduated With Great Distinction, and with honors in chemistry and mathematics. Here he also served his fellow students through participation in varied school activities and serving as president of his Junior Class.

From the account of his early life it can be readily seen that few men have entered West Point with better qualifications for a life of service to our country. Here was a life where achievement was readily honored. However, it is the measure of the man that the chance for personal glorification did not alter his marvelous sense of balance. His divers participation in Academy life, his devotion to duty as a cadet officer, and his willing assistance to others as academic coach and friend best attest to his personality.

Two traits which were to shape Earl's life began to be apparent while he attended West Point. One was his philosophical humor which made the most trying experience seem trivial, and the other was his obsessive love for flying. In the Strategic Air Com-



mand, after graduation from the USMA, these qualities made him a dedicated officer in the USAF, and an excellent Airplane Commander.

As his career progressed his good record in SAC, as well as his outstanding grades at service schools, foretold a brilliant future. This prophecy was somewhat dimmed, however, in 1947. At that time he contracted a supposedly incurable glandular disease while on maneuvers in Utah. During the ensuing six months at Brooks General Hospital he was offered a physical retirement. He turned it down to fight on. Fortunately the disease came under control and he was returned to active duty and to flying duty. He became a part of America's first line of defense, again, when he graduated from B-47 training and was assigned to March AF Base, California.

Here in his native state, living with his family (wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1946, and daughter, Suzy, born in 1948) he was close to his parents (Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Poytress) for the first time of his career. During this time of personal happiness, he helped weld our strategic air arm into the greatest offensive threat and deterrent to war that the world has ever known.

On October 13, 1953, the mortal body of Earl Francis Poytress drew his last breath. A B-47 in which he rode (in the observer's position at the time) crashed into a hillside near Riverside, California.

Though his life was short, by some standards, it was full of experience and living. His love lives on in the hearts of his family. His spirit lives on in the heritage he left to his newborn son (Earl) and to his comrades: a task well-begun, a dedicated example to follow.

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James Clyde Fry, Jr.

NO. 16772 CLASS OF 1948

DIED FEBRUARY 12, 1956 IN A BOATING ACCIDENT ON THE POTOMAC RIVER, WASHINGTON, D. C. AGED 30 YEARS.

THE tragic death of James C. Fry, Jr., occurred on Sunday, February 12, 1956, as a result of a boating accident on the Potomac River near Washington, D. C. Jim and a friend were returning from a boating trip

when their small two-man kayak was capsized by a wave.

Jim's untimely death comes as a great shock to all of his friends and associates. As one of his closest friends I am sorrowfully writing this article to inform those who did not receive the tragic news.

Born October 24, 1925, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Jim grew up and thrived on the pleasant life of an Army Brat during the late twenties and thirties. Like most Army boys, he cherished the desire to go someday to West Point, as had his father.

Although our fathers had once served together when we were children. I first came to know Jim at Sullivan's Preparatory School in 1943. After much effort and seemingly endless preparation we passed the exams and thereby started our careers in the army.

Jim's cadet career was an uphill fight ending with a triumphant and happy climax on June 8, 1948, when he received his diploma amid the cheers which accompany the chap who is responsible for "pushing" the class through. That Jim should have had that distinction is indeed a paradox, for his native intelligence was remarkable, and his ability to solve problems of all sorts was outstanding. His warm and sincere personality had won for him a host of loyal classmates and friends from the first. His brightness and keen sense of humor gave him an insight into life's myriad problems, while his interest and talents in art, music, good reading, and good conversation all contributed to his warm personality.

In 1949 Jim went to Austria, where we served together in the 350th Infantry Regiment. He had the distinction of being one of the first doughboys in our class to command a rifle company—Company F of the 350th Infantry, the regiment his father, Major General James C. Fry, had so gallantly led in Italy through most of World War II. Jim turned in a fine job in his capacity as company commander.

In April of 1950 in Vienna, Austria, Jim married Patsy Klotts of Columbus, Ohio. He was an outstandingly devoted father to their five children—Catherine, age 4, Ellen, age 3, James III and Patricia, twins age 2, and Virginia, age 1. Their permanent address is now 318 Ravenwood Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, near General Fry's residence.

In Jim's mind for some time there had been reservations about continuing a career in a profession where he could not wholeheartedly project his enthusiasm and talents. Accordingly, he resigned his commission with reluctance in 1951 to begin a civilian career. Jim's accomplishments in civilian life attest to his aggressiveness and enthusiasm. After a brief stint in sales engineering he entered the insurance field, where he was dramatically successful. Although out of uniform, he always remained deeply interested in West Point, in his classmates and their activities.

It is with deep sorrow that we say goodbye to Jim. Our whole class extends its sympathy to his widow, children, and parents. Speaking for many, I can say we had no truer friend . . . no comrade so loyal. His devotion to our alma mater may well serve as an example for us to follow.

—*David S. Mallett,*
Class of '48.

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John Richard Hall, Jr.

NO. 17585 CLASS OF 1950

DIED SEPTEMBER 7, 1955, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT STEWART AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK, AGED 28 YEARS.

JOHN HALL, the elder of two children of John and Lucille (Cary) Hall, was born July 18, 1927, in South Bend, Indiana.

Between 1927 and 1930 he lived in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Davenport, Iowa. In 1930 his parents moved to Muscatine, Iowa where he lived until entering the service in 1945.

Perhaps no better theme for John's life can be found than the phrase of his classmates in the Howitzer: "One did not have to know him very long to realize that he was a truly remarkable individual." The qualities of "efficiency", "quick thinking", "sincere purpose" and "sense of humor" which fill our memories of this friend are characteristic of John's whole life.

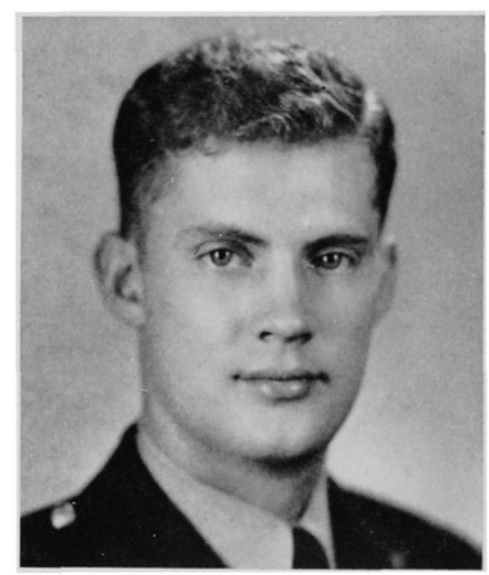
John determined the fine line between enthusiasm and zealotry. He was actively interested in many fields, both intellectual and athletic. In these pursuits, as in his leadership of men, he gained respect and affection by his example.

He was an insatiable reader, and his room in his Muscatine home was lined with books. He created a local sensation when, as a child, he exhausted the resources of the Muscatine Children's Library.

During his early school years John was an outstanding athlete, excelling particularly in basketball. He continued his athletics at the Academy, winning a major "A" in track. He was not a great runner, and at times it appeared that he might not make the team. But then, as a roommate has written, "his tenacity of purpose and determination won the victory." The continuing influence of athletics was revealed just the day before his death, when John happily told his wife that he had at last beaten George Vlisides in a tennis match.

Another trait of long standing was a quiet efficiency. His sister gives an example of one of John's earliest attempts at organization, "He ran his paper route so effectively that he didn't have to go collecting. He had his customers put their money in a certain place, and would collect it as he delivered the Sunday papers." As a Captain of Infantry, John still had this knack for simple organization and administration which he had first showed as a paper boy.

John was a Roman Catholic. He received his primary and secondary education at St. Mathias School, in Muscatine, where he graduated with the Class of 1945. The tender respect and love with which his former teachers honored his mortal remains was a fitting testimony to the impression which he had made. One of his teachers later wrote, "His faith was deep, and his character strong, even as a child." His steadfast holding to religion, demonstrated by his service as an acolyte, even to the time of his death, reflected the deep impress of his early training.



The life of a soldier had an early appeal to John. His sister writes that his three young nephews now play with the lead soldiers, "red and blue," which John had cast and painted. He also felt the lure of flying. As an eighth grader he entered a kite contest. His kite was huge, and covered with red cellophane with a tissue paper fringe. It won first prize for performance, and also for beauty. John's last flight was an attempt to further explore the mystery and exhilaration of flying: A first ride in a jet, which he anticipated with the same joy and enthusiasm that had gone into building his prize-winning kite.

In November 1953, John married Betty Jo Gregg at Fort Benning. This happy wedding, attended by a great party of classmates, was a fitting climax to a courtship which had started while John was serving in his first station at Puerto Rico. The excitement of the courtship never died, and John's two years of marriage were busy and happy ones. He never forgot the "little things which mean so much."

What tribute can we pay to this man? In the lives of his wife, his family and his friends, there is a gap which can never be refilled. But he has left part of himself with us. His fine abilities, his faith in others, and his personal example have left their mark on all who knew him. May we remember his example, and fill our lives with the joy and purpose which characterized his own.